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Millbrook Names top 2024 scholars

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Hannah Ross

Hannah Ross Valedictorian

Excelling in academics while pursuing other school-based activities including athletics contributed to making Hannah Ross an outstanding member of the Senior class and earned her the honor of being named Valedictorian for the Class of 2024 at Millbrook High School.

Hannah's path toward recogni-

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Natalie Fox

Natalie Fox Salutatorian

Having begun her academic career when she was enrolled for Kindergarten in the Millbrook School District, Natalie Fox has excelled along the way and studied diligently, deserving of the honor of being named Salutatorian for the Class of 2024 at Millbrook High School.

"I have always enjoyed school and challenging myself in every-

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'Good game, good game...'

The Webutuck ACA Environmental Majors played the Red Hook VFW on Wednesday, April 24 at Father Carroll Field in Red Hook. Eli Milano, No. 3, leads the post-game handshake line. Webutuck lost 9-2 after six innings. More photos on page A7.

Sisters Hill Farm feeds multitude

By NATALIA ZUKERMAN
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STANFORDVILLE — As part of their mission to minister to the poor, the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul of New York hired David Hambleton in 1999 to be the farmer and Director of Sisters Hill Farm in Stanfordville.

The property, known as Hill Crest Farm in the early days of the twentieth century, was willed to the sisters in 1917. They oversaw the property until the 1940s when the land was left fallow. Since 1999, it has flourished under Hambleton's guidance, whose unique blend of skills and passions has reshaped the landscape, infusing it with innovation, sustainability, and a deep sense of purpose.

Reflecting the sisters' mission of reverence for the land, women, children, and addressing poverty, it was decided that Hambleton would develop a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program on the farm.

With a degree in environmental studies from Binghamton University and a background in carpentry and cabinet making, Hambleton brought his ecological expertise and a diverse array of practical



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

David Hambleton joined Sisters Hill Farm in 1999 and says "there's nothing more basic and elemental than feeding people."

skills to the task.

What began as a modest endeavor now feeds 400 families, while sharing 10% of the harvest with those in need.

The CSA runs from the last week in May until the first week in November. There is a drop off location at the College of Mount St. Vincent in the Bronx for about 60 participating families and the rest are locals who can choose from

a weekly or bi-weekly pick up on the farm.

"We used a sliding scale for years," explains Hambleton of their pay model, "but now people pay what they are able, so some people pay nothing, and some pay full price. And if you have a hardship, let us know what you can afford."

Hambleton grew up next to

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Pine Plains: A librarian's career holds Texas roots

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

PINE PLAINS — For Dee Ann Campbell, the new Director of the Pine Plains Free Library, an early love of books was cemented when her mother drove 35 miles every other week from their Texas home in order to reach the nearest library.

That converted Carnegie building had once been a dark, mahogany-clad bank, smelled of books with plenty of nooks and corners hiding the treasures she would find

there, including her favorite, "The Yearling," which she read at least five times.

As time went by, she continued her love by helping in each of her school libraries from elementary through high school. Her taste matured, encompassing a number of phases from horse books to science fiction to the classics, culminating in a degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin.

When she and her family were considering a move here, she re-

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Habitat for Humanity brings home-buying pilot to Town of North East

NORTH EAST — Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County will conduct a presentation on Thursday, May 9 on buying a three-bedroom affordable home to be built in the Town of North East.

The presentation will be held at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex at 5:30 p.m.

Any first-time home buyer interested should attend the information session.

The application for this pilot program home-buying opportunity must be made between May 1 and June 10.

Minimum household income for the pilot program is \$55,000 while maximum

income is determined by family size.

Applications are available at the North East Town Hall.

Habitat for Humanity describes itself as a nonprofit with global reach, working across the United States and in approximately 70 countries.

Millbrook hears proposal to upgrade 50-year old wastewater plant

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — An engineering proposal to provide a critically needed upgrade for the village wastewater treatment plant was heard by the Village Trustees at a special meeting on Wednesday, April 24, at the Village Hall.

The Village Board is in the process of considering proposals submitted by qualified engineering firms.

Presenting a proposal on behalf of the engineering firm of Tighe and Bond of Rhinebeck, New York, were vice-president for operations Erin Moore and engineer Daemian Foster, with 31 years of experience in engineering wastewater solutions. Providing information about the existing plant was Scott Osborn, of VRI Environmental Services, the village's water and wastewater operator.

Noting that the present wastewater treatment system is now 50 years old, the trustees noted that there is an

opportunity for the town to upgrade the facility and make it resilient to serve the community into the future.

"We have a deep bench for wastewater engineering," Moore said, noting that Tighe and Bond has a robust staff to support the process throughout the upgrade project, including support during complex grant funding procurement and management processes.

Engineer Daemian Foster spoke of the goal of eliminating current overflow problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"We need the operations to continue uninterrupted," said Village Mayor Tim Collopy of the project.

Osborn commented that the current plant operations use a lot of staff time to handle the present flow of 100,000 gallons daily, containing liquids and solids, and sometimes requiring hand-raking of solids that clog the system.

The first step in the Tighe and Bond process is to engage

in design studies of the present system and the community's needs.

Foster favored a "realistic approach trying to keep estimated costs down," suggesting repurposing some existing tanks.

A site plan displayed by Foster showed an upgraded system, adding possible headworks defined as pre-treatment systems to include the capture of troublesome solids.

"The headworks would act to remove the solids, things that don't belong in the stream, and then the system would treat the usual biological material," Foster said.

"How you take care of the wastewater determines the degree of odor," Foster added, addressing concerns about the presence of odor.

After the tank treatment is completed, Foster said, filtration occurs in steel tanks to be housed in a new building at the site.

Osborn said that the system proposed by Tighe and

Millerton Road fire extinguished

LAKEVILLE — The Lakeville Hose Company responded to a fire in a second-floor bedroom at 301 Millerton Rd. Thursday, April 25, around 8:50 p.m.

The first car to respond reported smoke coming from the second floor. A second alarm was struck, and fire companies from Sharon, Falls Village and Millerton responded, with Norfolk as backup.

No injuries were reported.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

The former Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Route 22 in North East will become the new site of Town Hall.

Bids sought for remodeling 'new' Town Hall

By JOHN COSTON
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NORTH EAST — The Town Hall on North Maple Avenue, built as a two-story home, dates to the early 20th century and no longer meets the needs of the community.

On May 16, bids will be opened for remodeling and reconstruction of the former Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Route 22 in North East to serve as the new North East Town Hall.

The town completed the \$430,000 purchase of the 3-acre tax-exempt property last July.

A resolution authorizing the solicitation of bids notes that Jeanne Vanecko, an architect and resident of North East, has donated architecture and design services and prepared a set of preliminary plans with a scope of work that is estimated to cost approximately \$390,000.

The Town Board plans to pay for reconstruction work at the new Town Hall with \$25,000 in budgeted funds as well as \$365,310 in surplus funds. It also plans for a reimbursement in the amount of \$200,000 from a New York State Local Community Assistance Program Grant.

The current Town Hall, which was purchased by the Town in 1974, will be sold after the move to reimburse the surplus fund account.

The new building at 5603 Route 22, which was built in 1990, is on a single floor and is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, while the current building is not due to a steep staircase and narrow hallways. It also offers more square feet (4,500) than the current location (2,700). There is a large open space that will accommodate 50 people, compared to the approximate 15 at the current location.

1st concert of the season May 4 at Smithfield Church

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AMENIA — In celebration of Cinco de Mayo, The Smithfield Church has scheduled the guitar and mandolin duo Handler and Levesque to perform as part of the Bang Family Concert Series, kicking off the season with a Latin flair on Saturday, May 4, at 4 p.m.

Connecticut-based musicians Judy Handler and Mark Levesque have titled their program "Fiesta!" performing Spanish and Latin American music.

The audience can expect a friendly and witty performance style, at once interactive, educational and entertaining.

Included in the program will be Mexican selections, flamenco dance music from Spain, a Peruvian love song, and syncopation from Brazil.

A meet-the-artists reception will follow the concert. A voluntary donation of \$20 will help support concert costs.

The church is located at 656 Smithfield Valley Road (Route 83) in Amenia.

Elm tree planted at Elm Drive School on Arbor Day

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — Students enrolled in Grades K-2 at Elm Drive Elementary School filed out to the playground on Friday, April 26, to help with the planting of an elm tree in honor of their school and the annual observance of Arbor Day.

Although the town had done the bulk of the planting work, there was still work to be done by the children.

Town Trustee Mike Herzog and tree grower Dennis Gendron, who had donated the straight and sturdy tree,

encouraged each student to shovel a bit of soil around the base of the tree. Gendron of Twin Brooks Farm has been donating trees to the town for 20 years.

"Arbor Day is the most awesome day of the year," Herzog told the children. "It's about trees," he explained.

The tree selected for the school playground perimeter is a Valley Forge Elm, a descendent of an elm tree that had stood at Valley Forge in the 18th century. Gendron noted that the tree is resistant to Dutch Elm Disease.

"This is a strong dependable tree being planted by the Village of Millbrook, but it's going to need your care," Herzog told the children who were attentive and willing to take on the responsibility.

After the ceremony Herzog commented on the recent tree removal work along Franklin Avenue, indicating that replacement trees will be planted. He said that there will be two elms and two red maples, both native varieties, and one Japanese Velcova that can withstand stresses represented by an urban setting.



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Elm Drive Elementary School pupils enrolled in grades K-2, assembled on the school playground to help plant a tree in observance of Arbor Day on Friday, April 26. Town crew members did the heavy work of planting the Valley Forge Elm tree that will provide shade for generations while doing its part to nurture the environment. The tree was donated by Twin Brooks Farm.

Correction

A photo caption in the April 24 issue about the joint Amenia/Millerton Earth Day celebration should have stated that a group, Food and Water Watch, opposes proposed expansion of a pipeline to increase gas delivery to New York City and Long Island. The caption incorrectly stated that the gas was destined for the Cricket Valley Energy Plant in Dover.




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Amenia Earth Day clean-up



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Above: Doing her part to tidy up Fountain Square during Amenia's Earth Day clean-up event on Saturday, April 27, was Holiday Eckstrom, who recently turned 8, and was particularly adept at weed pulling. A similar Earth Day effort was based in the Wassaic Village center. Volunteers received bright orange trash bags for roadside litter pick-up throughout the town.

At right: Volunteers for Amenia's Earth Day clean-up event were supplied with bright orange trash bags and safety vests before dispersing throughout the town on Saturday, April 27. Providing bags and helpful tips to volunteers Luke Capozzola and Alyssa Versace was Polly Pitts-Garvin, at left.



Prepared to distribute roadside trash collection bags and safety vests to volunteers helping with Amenia's Earth Day celebration at Fountain Square on Saturday, April 27, were CAC (Conservation Advisory Council) members Mark and Vicki Doyle. A similar starting point for litter pick-up was based in the Wassaic Village center.



Historical Society hosts talk on women's suffrage movement

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The women's suffrage movement of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as depicted in the design of penny postcards was the subject of a talk by author and historian Carol Crossed at the Amenia Town Hall on Sunday, April 28. The talk was sponsored by the Amenia Historical Society.

Titled "Vintage Tweets: Suffrage Era Postcards," the presentation bore the same title as Crossed's 2019 book explicating vintage postcards collected over the past 25 years. Penny postcards continued until 1945 when the postage increased from one cent.

"My obsession is collecting old postcards," Crossed said, noting that her husband's profession in Rochester, New York, had been converting old buildings into affordable housing units. Her interest developed as she sought old postcards depicting those old buildings in their prime.

Crossed is the founder and president of the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum in Adams, Mass. Anthony's later activist life was based in Rochester, where she made her home.

"Postcards were like telephones," Crossed explained, often used for simple everyday messages that might today be conveyed by phone or text. Only the postmark sets the date the postcard was mailed, not the date it was created or produced.

Between 1902 and 1909, some postcards were printed on soft leather with edging cut for easy piecing together into table runners or dresser scarves. Heavier cardstock



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Amenia Historical Society vice president Betsy Strauss, left, visits with author and historian Carol Crossed following a talk by Crossed on her book, "Vintage Tweets" that collected penny postcards promoting the women's suffrage movement in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

remained in use, Crossed said.

In all, 2,200 postcards were designed and printed to present the suffragist campaign. People in the U.S. supporting the suffrage movement were known as "suffragists," but mainly in Great Britain, they were known as "suffragettes," Crossed said.

A schoolteacher, Susan B. Anthony linked the women's vote campaign to related interests of women of the time, such as the temperance movement and the abolitionist campaign. Postcards would depict domestic life, sometimes with images of violence or repression, intimating that if women could vote, they would create a better world for families.

Many postcards showed the independence afforded to women with the advent of the bicycle and the changes

in fashion that the bicycle brought.

In 1858, Anthony began publishing a newspaper, "The Revolution," hiring Elizabeth Cady Stanton as the editor, Crossed said.

Issues of the day were suffrage for women and soon to be freed slaves, abortion and clothing reform. Suffragists were consistent in their opposition to violence, war and abortion, Crossed explained.

The earliest postcards did not have the line down the middle so that the message could be to the left and the address to the right. That innovation came about in 1909, giving today's collectors an easy way to judge the age of a postcard.

The Historical Society hosted a reception following the talk.

Our state and federal elected officials have spoken:

Nuvance must comply with the Office of Health Strategy's Final Decision to keep maternity open at Sharon Hospital. We therefore call on Nuvance to:

- Support current community ob/gyn physicians and midwives by offering fair pay comparable to what is offered at other hospitals
- Reverse the recent pay cut of \$10/hr for labor and delivery nurses and the >40% pay cut for community pediatricians who cover labor and delivery and instead offer fair pay comparable to what is offered at other hospitals
- Recruit full-time labor and delivery nurses, ob/gyns, and pediatricians by providing comparable recruitment support given to other Nuvance hospitals, including offering standard income guarantees to encourage new physicians to join local practices
- Publicize the positive birthing experience and the outstanding quality of care offered by the medical professionals at the Sharon Hospital maternity unit, using all media and methods currently employed to support maternity at other Nuvance hospitals
- Announce a public, long-term commitment to keeping maternity open
- Cease making disparaging comments directed at those who have worked to keep Labor & Delivery open at Sharon Hospital

A letter from our elected officials to Nuvance:



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March 20, 2024



UNITED STATES
CONGRESS

Dr. John M. Murphy, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer
Nuvance Health
24 Hospital Avenue
Danbury, Connecticut 06810

Dear Dr. Murphy:

In light of the recent announcement of the intention to merge Nuvance Health into Northwell Health, we write to express our concern about the status of maternal health services at Sharon Hospital, and specifically, Nuvance Health's compliance with the Office of Health Strategy's (OHS) recent final order denying the application to close Labor and Delivery at Sharon Hospital.

Sharon Hospital is a critical health care provider for Northwest Connecticut residents, and the importance of providing labor and delivery services at our state's rural community hospitals cannot be overstated. OHS did a thorough review of the Nuvance application to close Labor and Delivery at Sharon Hospital and found that it did not meet the conditions required to discontinue this vital service.

We are concerned about reports that Sharon Hospital does not have adequate staffing or contractual health services to meet the OHS requirement to provide services under the Certificate of Need. As a hospital system in good standing with the state, we expect that Nuvance will comply with the OHS decision and ensure proper staffing of the unit by commercially reasonable means, even while it chooses to pursue legal avenues to have that decision reconsidered. We may seek different avenues to meet these objectives, but hospitals, health care providers and state policymakers share the same goal: to provide excellent health care to the people of Connecticut.

We look forward to your response and continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
United States Senate

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United States Senate

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EDITORIAL

The coming of AI

Last weekend a group of us attended the New York Press Association 2024 conference in Saratoga Springs, New York, where editors, publishers, reporters, and advertising sales people gathered to take the collective pulse of the news industry and learn from each other. LJM Media, Inc., the new nonprofit umbrella for The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, was right at home with the hundreds of other organizations that wanted to scope out what lies ahead for our industry.

We've all heard the stories about the troubles facing the industry. What we don't hear enough is how much communities rely on a credible local news report to keep up with life in their own backyard. Studies tells us that readers are more likely to trust local news than national news and that has been the case for a while.

As we met in seminars and gathered together in the large hall of the historic Gideon Putnam resort hotel, it was readily apparent that the industry's future depends on preserving that trust in local news. Over and over the point was made that the default for news readers was for local news.

It came as no surprise that AI (artificial intelligence) was a hot topic among journalists and business leaders. Many featured speakers had been lined up to present seminar discussions on AI. Many of those same speakers also began by noting that at other recent engagements they had been drafted to cover the topic. A recent sampling of journalists across the board revealed that 28% of them are using AI right now. Another 20% plan to look into it. Surveys of news organizations show 60% of newsrooms have no policy in place on AI. Another way to put it is to say that most people are adopting a "wait and see" approach. However, some college professors at the conference said they believe the responsible thing to do is prepare their students for what's to come: more reliance on AI.

There's consensus that AI will likely provide new efficiencies in the workplace, Ten years ago the Associated Press began using AI to automate stories about corporate earnings, freeing up reporters and editors from the drudgery of repetitive work. There also was a consensus that AI definitely is coming. In fact, it is here. And there was awe at the pace that machine language is learning.

An important message to everyone at the NYPA conference was to be transparent with readers about AI. If you are using it in your newsroom, tell your readers. The Pulitzer Board, which administers the Pulitzer Prize for achievement in newspapers, magazines, literature and music, required journalism entries in 2024 to disclose the use of AI in researching, reporting or presenting stories to readers. Five out of the 45 finalists had relied on AI in their work.

We don't use AI in our news coverage at The Lakeville Journal or The Millerton News. We're curious about its ability to offer efficiencies. But our stories and photographs still are produced by our very human staff. That approach now has a technical label: it's called human-centric. When and if we ever tiptoe into AI to help us do our job, we will share our approach with you. That, too, is a human-centric approach.

Love and romance: Part II

Bob Dylan wrote "The Times They are a Changin'" and that was certainly true in the dating world. I knew people who found a partner online, mostly 30 something's, and decided to give it a try.

I researched dating sites the way I used to research stocks, with the same confidence that I'd make an "informed" decision. I started with JDate and Our Time, but they were each too limiting — my religion is hugely important to me, but it only mattered that the man I chose respected it, and the "senior" dating sites were depressing — I didn't want age to be our common denominator.

I then did a "trial run" on Match.com and that seemed ideal for me though it was not totally reliable, not always credible, certainly not algorithmically accurate, but replete with SO many good selections.

It's challenging to create a profile, and I was wary of revealing too much but wanted to be clear about my negotiables (religion, career, education, widowed/ divorced, children) and non-negotiables (politics, sense of humor, motivation, compassion). I made sure my photos were recent

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Gwen Greene

and relevant and highlighted my career, travel, sense of humor, independence, focus on social justice, and total DIS-interest in sports. I provided my first name but was vague about other details (employer, alma mater) which would make me easy to Google.

Fortunately I was a salesman for 40 years and could handle rejection, because it came fast and furious. I initially contacted many men but so few got back to me; I reassured myself that it wasn't "personal" — they didn't even know me. It made me wary of continuing, (although I was in the City and had four dates the first week which felt like a good start, including two dates with one man). I recognized the challenges with online dating, encountering more problems than solutions: one man asked to see me again and when I readily agreed told me he had a girlfriend but she worked evenings; another had NO internet presence and implied it was because he worked for a

high level secret government agency. I realized quickly that I had to learn to manage expectations, and, as the saying goes, trust but verify.

A week later Covid started, I moved to the country, and everything changed — I could chat but not meet anyone. I learned to avoid crazies, phonies, predators, men who were unsuitable, and just took my time. I learned to ask last names so I could Google them, and insisted on FaceTime to confirm who they were. I expected to return to the City after Covid, and "met" a man who seemed perfect — highly educated, funny, sensitive, and we FaceTimed daily for months until we finally met in person. All the indications were perfect — we even predicted Match would use our narrative in their ads — but he was really tied to the City and had zero interest in the country — confirmed when he spent a weekend and couldn't wait to get on the train home.

After a few more dates (in the city!) I ended it.

I was clearly better off dating locally (and maybe Boston and DC), and that first summer primarily dated a retired engineer who had taken up watercolor painting — we had

wonderful dates visiting every outdoor sculpture park we could find, but having lived with a fabulously talented artist, I frankly couldn't "relate" to this man's work, let alone live with it.

I spent a year dating men from Match and never had a really bad date, but during online chats came across one fellow whose ex wife had a restraining order against him; another who described himself as a petroleum engineer and gemologist, and I discovered he was wanted for swindling a woman he met online out of \$75,000; one who turned blatantly anti-Semitic when I suggested we weren't a great match; one was described himself as "gender fluid" and told me if we were to meet he couldn't guarantee he'd come dressed as a man; and one who sent me home from our FIRST date with a draft of his autobiography. That said, I also met several lovely men who were just not what I was looking for.

Please reach out to Gwen with your thoughts or questions at GwenG@millertonnews.com

Gwen lives in Pine Plains with her partner Dennis, her puppy Charlie, and two Angus cows (who are also retired!).



The moment you realize you're not even remotely qualified to run away and join the circus.

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Dance craze, banning girls and the Circus

91 years ago: May 4, 1933

'Law Puts End to Marathon Dance Craze': This State is to have no more marathon dances, with fatigued couples dragging themselves over a ballroom floor until all but one drop from exhaustion - that is, if heed is given to the bill of Assemblyman Gimbrone, of Buffalo. Which the Governor has signed. It makes it a misdemeanor to conduct or participate in such an exhibition for more than eight consecutive hours.

'About Millerton': A small leather case containing two flat kays was recently picked up and brought to THE NEWS office. There are numbers on the keys, but we won't tell them, lest some expert safecracker claim them and then open the vault in the Town Hall. However, the keys really look quite harmless and if some reader who finds himself locked out of his chicken house or can't start his car will only come in and identify them with reasonable exactness, we will send him on his way rejoicing.

'Ad': Barn Dance at Merwin's New Barn Friday, May 12 On crossroad between Irondale and Spencer's Corners, 1 mile from Millerton. Music by Garrity's Refreshments admission 50 [cents] Dancing 9-1 D.S.T.

FROM THE ARCHIVES The Millerton News

50 years ago: May 2, 1974

'Little League Bans Girls from Teams': After trying out for the Millerton Little League team, Carol Crawford, age 11, was told last week by Manager Craig Summers, that girls were not allowed to play in the league. "At first, I was sort of disappointed," said Carol, "but we (the girls) just started our own softball team."

Mid-County Little League President, Phil Cunningham of Amenia, told The News, Wednesday, that "We're under the national organization at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and girls are not allowed to try out. I got a daughter and wouldn't let her play[...]" He added that if girls played they would not be covered by insurance through Williamsport. [...] The Little League team in Rhinebeck decided to accept girls and is starting its own team outside of the national charter.

'All About Outhouses': The tale of an old-time necessity, the outhouse, will be told by Henry Pitcher of Millerton at the next meeting of the North East Historical Society, on Monday, May 13. [...] His

favorite model is a brick one he saw in Patterson, NY, but he has pictures and slides of many varieties like the Dreadnought, the Non-pareil, or the Eureka[...]

'New Bill Gives Women Equal Credit Rights': Governor Willson has signed into law legislation recommended by him in his Message to the Legislature, which gives women the same standing as men in obtaining credit. The new statute makes unlawful discriminatory practice for any person to discriminate in the granting of any form of credit, on the basis of sex race, creed, color, national origin or marital status. Married women also are given, at their option, independent status in connection with credit history reporting.

"Although women in this state have made substantial progress towards equality in industry, in the professions and in the general economic life of the state," the Governor said in a memorandum accompanying his approval of the bill, "they have long been held back from full economic equality by the difficulties they have encountered in obtaining access to credit, a basic commodity in modern society."

25 years ago: May 6, 1999

'Quick Named New Director of Library': Margaret "Midge" Quick has been promoted by the Board of Trustees to the position of director of the NorthEast-Millerton Library, after two years as the assistant library director, responsible for the children's

program. [...] The prospect of managing the library, which has 18,000 volumes and two public computer terminals for access to the Internet, is "a little bit scary but exciting," Ms. Quick said. "I love books and working with the public. It feels like a really nice fit."

'Vidbel's Circus Coming': Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus will perform two shows here [...] The all-new 1999 edition of the circus features clowns, horses, aerialists, a lively circus band, trained dogs, jugglers, Russian Cossack riders and more. [...]

'Beanie Bargains': Representatives from the Webutuck Class of 2004 sell Teeny Beanie Babies in a class benefit Saturday during the annual Webutuck Community Day and Craft Fair at the high school.

'Hamilton Inn Focusing On Its Guests, Quests': Business at the Hamilton Inn has been bustling lately and renovations to the restaurant could add even more excitement to the dining experience there. Construction work on one side of the Hamilton Inn will be completed later this month, so the porch area, which sports a fireplace, can be used year-round. The area used to be screened in and could only be used in the summer.

The historic building on Route 44 was once a speak-easy and, in fact, a stomping ground for the likes of Al Capone, according to Michael Rossetti, an assistant to restaurant owner Lauren Simons.[...]

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OUR TOWNS

Volunteer service celebrated at The Fountains

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — More than 50 volunteers were celebrated at an annual recognition party held at The Fountains of Millbrook on Wednesday, April 24.

There were gift bags for each volunteer, along with an array of mid-afternoon refreshments, and just as important, there was dancing to

the beat provided by resident-favorite musician Frankie Keene. The place was hopping to oldie-but-goodie sounds, including ballads, rock 'n roll and even some Latin rhythms.

It was hard to keep from dancing, or at least toe-tapping. As soon as the music began, so did exuberant dancing as enthusiastic volunteers encouraged others to join in.

Lisa Rieckermann, Community Life Director at The

Fountains, noted that during the pandemic, the volunteers fell away, but now, their numbers have expanded well.

Volunteers offer a variety of talents, including canine therapy, art tours, digital literacy, arts, plant maintenance or rejuvenation as needed, and even equine visits.

Kelly Lattin of the equine program said that residents enjoy pony visits that prove to be a benefit in promoting

community, and in the process reducing stress just pleasing people.

Two student interns were contributing to the event, both freshmen at Dutchess Community College, enrolled in Community Health coursework.

"This is one of the nicest places," said Riley Gemmel, one of the interns, adding that she finds more opportunity at The Fountains.



Volunteers and residents were cutting a rug at The Fountains of Millbrook on Wednesday, April 24, during the annual celebration of their talents and contributions to the senior community. Entertainment was provided by Frankie Keene.

Volunteers needed for Sparc Park rebuild in Stanfordsville — final phase through May 4

STANFORDVILLE — A new playground is sprouting here as hundreds of volunteers came together with Stanfordsville SPARC Park Playground Committee (SSPPC) from April 18 to 20.

Holes were dug, the site was framed and the base of the new playground that is designed with residents' input to be similar to the original playground that also was built by volunteers more than 30 years ago.

According to a press release, SSPPC has raised approximately \$505,000 for material and equipment. Local businesses and residents also have loaned and donated to the project.

SPARC Park draws families and children from Pine Plains, Millbrook, Milan and Clinton Corner/Salt Point.

"The support and encouragement that we've received from our community has been nothing short of remarkable. When the community builds the playground, the playground will build the community," said Julia Descoteaux, SSPPC General Coordinator.

The final phase of the community-led build of SPARC Park is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30 through Saturday, May 4. There will be 3 shifts daily starting at 8 a.m. with the final shift finishing at 8:30 p.m.



Stanfordsville residents Dave Lepard and Kate Blemler volunteering at the SPARC Park Rebuild on Saturday, April 20.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Vote on the Budget of the qualified voters of the North East Central School District, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the Webutuck High School gym, Haight Road, Amenia, New York, between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time,

when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

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

B. 2024-2025 Northeast (Webutuck) CSD Budget
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2024-2025 Webutuck School Budget in the amount of \$27,054,075 with anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$8,622,784 and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$18,431,291.

C. 2024 - 2025 Transportation Vehicle Purchase

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

D. Capital Reserve Fund
Shall the Board of

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

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that early mail ballots and absentee ballots will be available for this Election and Vote. Applications for early mail and absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk at the Webutuck High School building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York on school days during school hours, or

on the district's website at www.webutuckschools.org beginning March 1, 2024 but may not be returned to the District clerk any earlier than April 21, 2024, and must be returned to the District Clerk by May 14, 2024 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, May 20, 2024, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Early mail and absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the Election and Vote, May 21, 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

Therese M. Trotter
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OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITION
TOWN OF AMENIA is seeking applications for the following Volunteer Positions:
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05-02-24

Town of North East Board of Assessment Review
Pursuant to §508 & §525 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, shall hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 19 North Maple Avenue by appointment between the hours of 3:00PM-5:00PM and 6:00PM-8:00PM.

All complaints and related paperwork should be submitted prior to May 29th. Deliver complaints to: Board of Assessment Review, 19 North Maple Ave., P.O. Box 771, Millerton, NY 12546. For more information contact the Assessor at 518-789-3300 x605 or assessor@townofnortheastny.gov.

The Board of Assessment Review will then file a copy of the determinations with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.

Lisa Cope
Board Chairperson
05-02-24

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

Notices can be emailed to legalnotices@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to

The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039

Go to millertonnews.com/legalnotices to view current and past legal notices.

OUR TOWNS

January 2024 real estate sales recorded in Pine Plains

PINE PLAINS — In January the sale of two large parcels of agricultural land for the approved Carson Power solar field was finalized for a total of \$1,895,000, or \$10,800 an acre. Three transfers at 100 and 104 Prospect Hill Road were recorded by the county but at variance in terms of acreage, parcel numbers and price to the \$6,475,000 sale price with 103 acres quoted in online real estate sites.

Route 199 (parcel # 084941) - 66.32 acres of agricultural land classified as Field Crops sold for \$772,000 to Sola-REIT1 - ALLC
 454 Bean River Road - 108.4 acres of agricultural land classified as Field Crops sold for \$1,123,000 to Sola-REIT1 - ALLC
 36 Briarcliff Lane - 1,386 square foot 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home on .51 acres sold for \$275,888
 28 Victoria Xing - 3 bed-

room/2 bath ranch on 1.39 acres sold for \$480,000
 104 Prospect Hill Road Extension - a 4,465 square foot home built in 2003 with 4 bedrooms/3.5 bathrooms on 7.92 acres sold for \$1,755,000
 100 Prospect Hill Road Extension - 2 bedroom/2.5 bath 2,688 square foot single family residence on 5.19 acres sold for \$1,850,000
 100 Prospect Hill Road Extension - a home on 17.71

acres at the same address as above sold for \$125,200.
 * Town of Pine Plains real estate sales recorded as sold between January 1, 2024 and January 31, 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.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This contemporary ranch at 28 Victoria Crossing Road with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths sold for \$480,000. The house was built in 2003 on a vacant residential parcel of 1.4 acres which cost \$48,000 according to Dutchess Parcel Access.

Carson Power court hearing set May 3

By JOHN COSTON
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PINE PLAINS — The case of Preserve Pine Plains, a group of residents seeking a reversal of the town Planning Board's approval of a 10 megawatt solar farm to be built at Pulvers

Corners will be heard before a state Supreme Court on Friday, May 3 in Putnam County.
 Judge Anthony Mole has scheduled oral arguments at 10:30 a.m., giving parties ten minutes for their main arguments as well as some rebuttal time.

The case involves the approval last year of a project plan from Carson Power LLC of New York City. The Preserve Pine Plains filed an Article 78 action against the Planning Board and developers of the project, which envisions a Tier 3, 10MW

complex consisting of 24,000 solar panels on farmland at 454 Bean River Road.
 Since the petition was filed by Preserve Pine Plains Dec. 27, 2023, more than 120 documents have been submitted by sets of attorneys representing both sides of the case.

Repair Café May 4 at Amenia Town Hall

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — For residents who have something that is a bit the worse for wear or not functioning well, the town-wide Repair Café, scheduled for Saturday, May 4, is going to offer repair and advice. The hours are 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The last item should be carried in at 1:30 p.m.

Items can be brought to the Amenia Town Hall gym at 4988 Route 22 where repair coaches will be waiting to help with such services as sewing, sharpening blades, repair of small wooden items (small furniture and caning), minor bicycle repair, lamp repair and other small elec-

tronic problems.
 Experts will look at the item, diagnose the problem if it is not readily apparent, fix it on the spot or suggest a course of action to make the item functional again. Not everything can be fixed, but it is worth a try. Extra loose parts should be brought along with the item.
 The community event is organized by the local Climate Smart Task Force and the Conservation Advisory Council. In addition to returning a household item to a useful life, the advantage is that the item is not tossed into the waste stream.
 There is no fee for the repair visit, although donations are welcome.



Nico Rosales covers home on a slide score by Red Hook.



PHOTOS BY JOHN COSTON

Delivering hot stuff

Eli Milano pitched later innings for the Webutuck ACA Environmental Majors against Red Hook VFW on Wednesday, April 24 at Father Carroll Field in Red Hook.



Fifth-inning huddle on the mound with Coach Chris Milano.



Nico Rosales gets set on the mound as the game starts.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report 4/19 through 04/24.
 04/23—Deputies responded to 14 Smith Street in the Village of Pawling for a welfare check of a male subject laying in the driveway. A male subject was located and was determined to be highly intoxicated. Male transported to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital via EMS for evaluation.
 PLEASE NOTE: All sub-

jects 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 CLUE (2583) or Email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

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a dairy farm in Thompson Ridge, a hamlet located within the town of Crawford, New York.

"I played in the farm fields and in the woods, chopping down trees, damming up streams, building forts and all that sort of thing. This is kind of like that on the best days," he laughed.

Indeed, it does seem as though Hambleton is still playing. An engineer at heart, he has an eye for design and a knack for problem-solving which has led him to refurbish and create custom-built machinery. From a custom fertilizer drop spreader to refurbished tractors from the 30s and 40s, to mobile light tunnels that maximize space and efficiency, Hambleton's designs are meticulously crafted, a marriage of function and form. With an artist's sensibility and a farmer's pragmatism, Hambleton is constantly tinkering and innovating to improve efficiency and sustainability on the farm.

As a member of the Collaborative Regional Alliance for Farmer Training (C.R.A.F.T.), a collaborative effort of local and biodynamic farms that offers opportunities for apprentices, Hambleton shares his knowledge and expertise with aspiring farmers. The paid position is open to just a few applicants and beyond teaching them by just working on the farm, Hambleton also offers private classes on everything from metal working and wood working to tractor mechanics, to finances and



PHOTOS BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Farmer David Hambleton at Sisters Hill Farm in Stanfordville where a CSA runs from last week in May to November.

bookkeeping.

There is also housing available on site, so the small group works closely together around the clock.

"We all get along really well and have a lot of similar interests," said Kiva Carman-Frank, one of this year's apprentices.

After the first few years living on site as well, Hambleton built his own house across the street from the farm, where he still lives with his wife and two sons. It offers him a bit of space from his work but for Hambleton, farming is more than a livelihood—it's a way of life rooted in a deep connection to the land.

As part of an ecological agriculture class in college, Hambleton visited a CSA and recalled that the farmer



David Hambleton with Assistant Farm Manager, Cole Freeman and apprentice Kiva Carman-Frank.

was, "living a life according to his principles and that was something I really wanted to do." Further reflecting on his work, he shared, "There's nothing more basic and ele-

mental than feeding people... and I wanted to do something basic and elemental and meaningful."

To find out more go to www.sistershillfarm.org

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tion began in Kindergarten in the Millbrook School District following in the footsteps of her two older brothers. She had attended preschool at the Millbrook Early Childhood Education Center.

The small community perspective was important to her success, Hannah said, offering comments on Sunday, April 21, and reflecting on the relationships she developed with teachers, coaches and staff.

Serving as president of the National Honor Society at Millbrook, Hannah was active in Student Council and the Yearbook Club. She has enjoyed tutoring students in the community as well.

Presently undecided about her choice of college, Hannah said that she plans to major in Kinesiology (the science of exercise) toward the goal of becoming a Physical Therapist.

"Make connections with your teachers," is Hannah's advice to Millbrook freshmen

beginning their high school years. "Having teachers that you can go talk to anytime or seek their advice is very important," she added, "particularly during your senior year."

"All you have to do is keep up with your work and ask questions to understand the material," Hannah advised. "And turn assignments in on time," she added.

Classes she enjoyed most within the Millbrook curriculum were math, science and engineering, Hannah said, along with economics during her senior year.

Outside of school, Hannah enjoys tutoring others, working at a local ice cream truck and serving as a line cook at the Millbrook Golf and Tennis Club.

"I am so grateful for the opportunities I have been given and I'd like to thank my teachers and staff for the constant support that has allowed me to be successful," Hannah said.

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thing I do," Natalie said on Tuesday, April 23, reflecting on her educational path and the present honor.

"Don't rush through high school," was Natalie's advice to young students at the dawn of their high school years. "It can be such a great experience if you take advantage of it," she added.

Throughout her middle and high school years, Nata-

lie said that she participated in several extracurricular activities and athletics, including basketball and volleyball. Outside of school, Natalie has pursued AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) competitive basketball and plans to continue in college.

Natalie will be attending William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia, with a major in marketing and business. Chartered in 1693, William and Mary is one of the oldest collegiate institutions in the U.S.

"The secret of my success was that I did all of my homework to the best of my ability. I never handed in work late or missed any assignments," Natalie said. "I also tried to finish as much work in school as possible. That way, I did not have work to do when I got home."

Outside of school, Natalie worked for the Town of Washington Recreation Department as a lifeguard and as a basketball referee.

"I am grateful for all the opportunities, experiences, and individuals that I've encountered throughout my years in the Millbrook schools," Natalie said, feeling prepared for what will come next.

Correcting Errors

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LIBRARY *Continued from Page A1*

searched the area and knew she had found a home when she learned that most of the small towns had their own libraries.

Not knowing anyone, she reverted to form and began volunteering in 2021 at the library as a way of getting to know people and connect to the community.

She did so believing that the situation would be very different from Texas where, she said, patrons loved their libraries, but politicians were stingy in their control of the purse strings.

Her faith was justified when Pine Plains recently passed a 70 percent increase in the funds allocated to the library that "confirmed how

much Pine Plains loves this library" with residents supportive of adding more programs and resources.

Because the children and senior programs are already strong, she feels the expansions will focus on needs "in the middle" encompassing suggestions from patrons including those from teens who attended a recent job fair. One is a newly implemented "exchange" with English speakers including students teaching and learning from speakers of other languages.

When the budget passed, Campbell was an active library volunteer, working mainly with children, and the library was being run semi-remotely as the previous director Alexis

Tackett, also a "Texas girl" was back home helping with a family emergency.

Campbell credits the excellent staff with managing the transition and being so helpful to her as she works to fill Tackett's "big shoes." She now "stands on her shoulders" with the support of all, including board members who originally suggested she apply for the job.

She spends much of her time now reading spreadsheets instead of books, but she is fine with that as keeping the library running is something of an extension of the business she ran where she helped customers to prepare written material from inception to publication.

Although she enjoys all aspects of her new job, her favorite parts are caring for patrons and finding and providing new books. The most complex part involves managing digital books whose circulation has gone up some 30 per cent.

In short, Campbell is a woman who loves her library and is "thrilled with the job!"



PHOTO BY ANNIE MAZZOLLI

Dee Ann Campbell, the Pine Plains Free Library director, appointed on March 18, stands in front of some of her much loved books at the library at 7775 S. Main Street.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

North Canaan health center plans May 11 open house.

Health center gets \$75K gift

NORTH CANAAN — Community Health and Wellness Center (CHWC) announced a gift for the launch of its new regional health care center in North Canaan.

The Northwest CT Community Foundation (NCCF) has awarded a significant multi-year grant of \$75,000 to aid in acquiring essential medical equipment for the center.

CHWC's new Regional Healthcare Center for the Northwest Corner will offer integrated medical and behavioral health services.

The initiative aims to address the pressing crisis in rural healthcare, including the lack of providers, limited access to care, and transpor-

tation challenges, impacting both financially stable families and those less fortunate.

In becoming a founding funder, The Northwest CT Community Foundation joins the State of CT, Foundation for Community Health, Sharon Hospital/Nuvance Health, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and BTCF's Fund for the Northwest Corner in supporting this transformational initiative.

Funders will be acknowledged at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 10, followed by a public open house on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

The artist called ransome

If you claim a single sobriquet as your artistic moniker, you're already in a club with some big names, from Zendaya to Beyoncé to the mysterious Banksy. At Geary, the contemporary art gallery in Millerton founded by New Yorkers Jack Geary and Dolly Bross Geary, a new installation and painting exhibition titled "The Bitter and the Sweet" showcases the work of the artist known only as ransome — all lowercase, like the nom de plume of the late Black American social critic bell hooks.

Currently based in Rhinebeck, N.Y., ransome's work looks farther South and farther back — to The Great Migration, when Jim Crow laws, racial segregation, and the public violence of lynching paved the way for over six million Black Americans to seek haven in northern cities,

particularly New York urban areas, like Brooklyn and Baltimore. The Great Migration took place from the turn of the 20th century up through the 1970s, and ransome's

own life is a reflection of the final wave — born in North Carolina, he found a new home in his youth in New Jersey.

Map fragments of North Carolina feature heavily in a large collection of eight-by-eight collage and acrylic paintings, sold individually but together mounted on Geary's wall resembling the stitched patterns on quilts, like the quilts by the late Black American artist Arlonzia Pettway. Along with artists like Annie Mae Young and Mary Lee Bendolph, Pettway was a renowned artist associated with the quilts of Gee's Bend, generations of women in the town of Gee's Bend, Alabama who preserved African American culture in beautiful and vibrant textile art with bold combinations of stripes, textures and colors. The

influence is also wonderfully clear in ransome large-scale collages and acrylic paintings like "Square Quilt painting" on display at Geary. It's a powerful symbol of Gee's Bend's legacy continuing on, even under a new artistic medium.

In the smaller works, called "Migration Collages," painted portraits are combined with pieces of floral and pastel paper, evocative of the tradition of "Sunday Best" splendor worn in Black churches in the South. "The women elders at my Baptist church often greeted each other that way on Sunday mornings when one hat was more elaborate, colorful, or wider brimmed than another," New York Times veteran Lena Williams wrote in her 1996 essay, "In Defense of the Church Hat." "It was traditional to put on one's newest finery for church, and in many historically black churches, the wearing of fancy hats by women carried both spiritual and cultural significance."

"The Bitter and the Sweet" is on view at Geary through Sunday, June 2.



PHOTOS BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

'Migration Collage' by ransome



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Hospitality, ease of living and just plain fun are rolled into one for those who are intrigued by the leisure-time Caravana experience at the family-owned Four Brothers Drive-in in Amenia. Tom Stefanopoulos, pictured above, highlights fun possibilities offered by Hotel Caravana.

LIFESTYLE: LEILA HAWKEN

Four Brothers ready for summer season

The month-long process of unwrapping and preparing the various features at the Four Brothers Drive-In is nearing completion, and the imaginative recreational destination will be ready to open for the season on Friday, May 10.

The drive-in theater is already open, as is the Snack Shack, and the rest of the recreational features are activating one by one, soon to be offering maximum fun for the whole family.

Tom Stefanopoulos, the second generation helping to guide the Stefanopoulos family's recreational complex, brings a deep understanding of hospitality and business sense in support of the multi-faceted enterprise, begun in the 1970s, that is now a mainstay of the town of Amenia, located on a corner in the heart of the commercial district. He paused for an interview on Friday, April 26.

Two luxury camping trailers, each with an attached wooden deck and fire pit, make up Hotel Caravana, and each

offers a different fun vibe, Stefanopoulos explained. The larger of the two, offers a California lifestyle, retro to 1967, although its modern where it should be. It can sleep four.

The smaller Caravana sleeps two and offers a lifestyle of the future dating to about 2041. It's a brand-new Airstream, Stefanopoulos noted. It also has an attached deck with firepit.

"We get a lot of New York City people," Stefanopoulos said when asked what sorts of people are apt to be attracted to Hotel Caravana. "They want to experience the upstate life," he added. The idea of sitting out on the deck while watching an actual drive-in movie appeals to them, as does room service offered by the restaurant.

The lobster rolls prepared by the Snack Shack, are served on brischoche hot dog rolls, either Maine-style or Connecticut-style, and the lobster can be topped with caviar. Four Brothers version is praised by customers for the generous portion of lobster in each, and the price is competitive.

Caravana guests may book for a single night, or maybe two, or even longer, taking advantage of the bicycles to pedal along the nearby rail trail, a local amenity, Stefanopoulos noted.

"We make our guests feel like movie stars," Stefanopoulos said of the hospitality. And, if they like miniature golf,

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'Square Quilting painting'



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FOOD: PAMELA OSBORNE

Sun all day, Rain all night. A short guide to happiness and saving money, and something to eat, too.



PHOTO BY PAMELA OSBORNE

FISH, BEAN, AND TOMATO STEW

8-10 servings

2 or 3 TB olive oil. A neutral oil is fine. I use Berio.
 2 TB unsalted butter
 2 sticks celery, halved lengthwise and very finely sliced, just a bit more than paper thin
 Some celery leaves from the center of the bunch, rinsed and dried
 4 medium shallots, peeled and quartered, OR
 1 medium onion—red or yellow—roughly chopped
 4 or 5 garlic cloves (small to medium), peeled and very finely sliced.
 And no, it won't taste too garlicky: it isn't smashed or pressed, which intensifies that.

1 1/2 tsp. fennel seeds
 A bunch of parsley, washed and dried. You will use the stems for the stew, the leaves for garnish. You want about 3/4 cup finely chopped parsley leaves. Medium chop the stems, 1/4" to 1/3" long.
 1/2 c. dry white wine. I used what remained of a bottle; it may have been a bit more than half a cup, and had been sitting in the fridge for several weeks.

2 28-oz.cans of peeled plum tomatoes. I use Cento, and you needn't buy the more expensive San Marzanos. With my washed hands, I take the tomatoes out of the can one by one and put them in a bowl, having removed the stem end and any stringy bits hanging from it, and any overlooked pieces of skin. Check the remaining tomato liquid for random bits of skin, too, before adding it to the bowl. All of these are indigestible, basically, and removing them improves the end product. But if you don't care about that, just dump in the can as is.

This stew, though served hot, is light, and fine for this still between-seasons time of year.

And, happily, you will find it to be easy and economical. If you are feeling pinched these days, you can leave out the fish and add more beans. In that case, you might want to add fish stock cubes instead of the vegetable stock cubes specified, for a bit of extra flavor. You can, of course, use fresh fish instead of frozen, but that defeats the convenience of having a pantry-available meal. Regardless, and by the way, this is more than good enough to serve to a table of friends, if you choose to do that, and no one, including the cook, will feel hard done by. Or, if it's just you or a few at the table, make a potful, dip out what you need for a meal, and heat it in the microwave for a few minutes. Keep the rest for an easy tomorrow, it keeps well.

both bought on sale, which were in my freezer. The scallops (and by the way, in the past bay scallops were considered a delicacy compared to sea scallops, and were much more expensive; the reverse is true now, go figure) were very good, but all cod would be fine, too. If you're not using fish, rinse and drain another can of beans, add that, see if one additional can is enough. This is not a thick stew, it should be a somewhat thinner, soupy one. Add another can if you think it might be a good idea. The beans will swell as they cook, and will thicken the broth a bit; so if you're uncertain, be conservative. You can

chopped vegetable stock cubes, which will dissolve. Add a cup of water, if things look too thick. Bring to a boil, turn down the heat, and simmer for about half an hour, stirring periodically.
 Add the fish pieces, nestled into the top of the stew. Reduce the heat to low. Cover the pot and let this cook for about ten minutes, no more, until the fish is opaque and flaking. If you are using bay scallops, add them later, cook only 3 to 4 minutes. Once the fish is cooked, you can stir it in.

This should be prepared several hours ahead, so that the beans have mellowed and the seeds have softened. If serving the same day, I leave the base on the stove, covered, and reheat it slowly at dinner time. In that case, don't add the fish until the base is hot, shortly before you're serving it. If you have leftovers, keep the casserole in the refrigerator, and dip out and reheat only what you will need at that time.

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always add more beans later.

Lemon wedges to serve, with Maldon salt and freshly ground pepper, and hot pepper flakes or oil

Melt the oil and butter in a large pan (a six or seven-quart Dutch oven, for example) over low heat. Add the celery, shallots, fennel seeds, and chopped parsley stems, with a pinch of salt. Cook slowly, stirring frequently, until the shallots and celery are very soft, but not browned at all. When they are nearly soft, add the garlic slices, being careful not to let them burn, and cook to soften. Raise the heat to medium, add the wine and let it simmer for 3 or 4 minutes, and then add the tomatoes, beans, and

Wrap the chopped parsley and celery leaves in waxed paper, wrap that in a damp paper towel, and wrap that loosely in plastic wrap. This will keep for several days in the refrigerator, and should be sprinkled over the stew. Serve with lemon wedges, etc., as above, along with some good bread. If you aren't serving this to a crowd, you will have some easy evenings ahead, with very little to clean up. Cheers!

Sun all day, Rain all night? A friend once told me he'd had a perfect childhood, and this evocative short description of it was the only one offered. So peaceful and simple, and a guide.

Pamela Osborne lives in Salisbury.

If you've been thinking that you have a constitutional right to happiness, you would be wrong about that. All the Constitution says is that if you are alive and free (and that is apparently enough for many, or no one would be crossing our borders), you do also have a right to take a shot at finding happiness. The actual pursuit of that is up to you, though.

But how do you get there? On a less elevated platform than that provided by the founding fathers I read, years ago, an interview with Mary Kay Ash, the founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics. Her company, based on Avon and Tupperware models, was very successful. But to be happy, she offered, you need three things: 1) someone to love; 2) work you enjoy; and 3) something to look forward to.

Like a lot of advice — to lose weight, for example, eat less and exercise, that's one I've heard a few times — this

is deceptively and falsely simple. It's pretty hard, really, to be lucky enough to enjoy your work day in/day out. And given divorce rates, it seems that someone to love can be a bit scarce on the ground, too, and so this category may need to be expanded to include whatever else you might be able to love. The last condition — something pleasing on the horizon — is, perhaps the one most able to be made to happen. Vacations on the high end, looking out the window or a good night's sleep on the low.

What Mary Kay failed to mention is how very difficult it is to have all three of these things working for you at the same time. It's tough. So best not to think about that too much, but instead just close our eyes and focus on what might be possible. Small small, that's the ticket.

Based on what makes some days better for me, and on what is realistic, here's a suggestion for a low key approach to

adding an attainable, achievable something to look forward to to your life. If there's one thing I don't look forward to, it's having to face an evening of standing at the sink and the stove at the end of a long day. Fast food and take-out fortunes have been made by people who figured out how to capitalize on this, to the detriment of neighborhood bank accounts everywhere. Much better to plan ahead, bothering in advance to fix something that's good and ready to eat at the end of the day, so that all that's needed is a quick heating up. Look at it as one step taken on the road to a happier few moments as shadows lengthen at the end of the afternoon. Works for me. Well, along with a toast to those who are with us, and to those who are not.

This recipe can be put together from items you may already have on hand. You might want to give it a try, it's simple and good.

...Four Brothers *Continued from previous page*

it is just a few steps away from their Caravana deck.

Asked how and why the Caravana idea began, Stefanopoulos recalled that as the drive-in theater grew in popularity,

people were traveling from greater distances away. The last film of the night might start at midnight, he said, so the idea grew that Four Brothers might be able to offer an accommodation to stay the night.

In addition to Caravana, Four Brothers offers an alternative of two or

three tent camping sites.

Future plans may include a third Caravana, Stefanopoulos said. Also, there is a giant mastodon skeleton, presently in storage, that should be on display, he said.

"It's pretty big," Stefanopoulos added.

The playground might be enlarged in the coming seasons, and perhaps an old-fashioned arcade added for retro amusement.

The community that surrounds Four Brothers remains important to the Stefanopoulos family as they offer substantial summer employment opportunity. Stefanopoulos said that a goal is to contract locally for business needs, such as musical entertainment and advertising. The drive-in also schedules occasion fundraisers to benefit local organizations, including the Amenia Fire Company and area schools.

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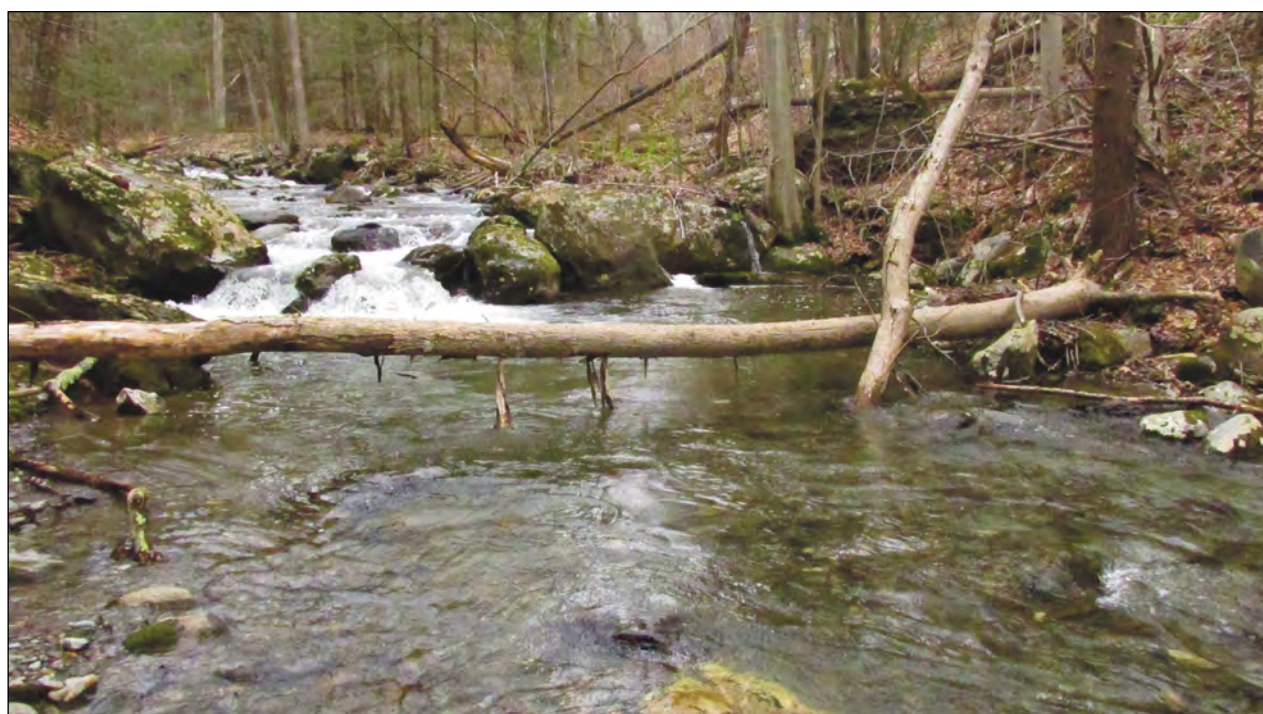
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The scene of innumerable frustrations over the years.

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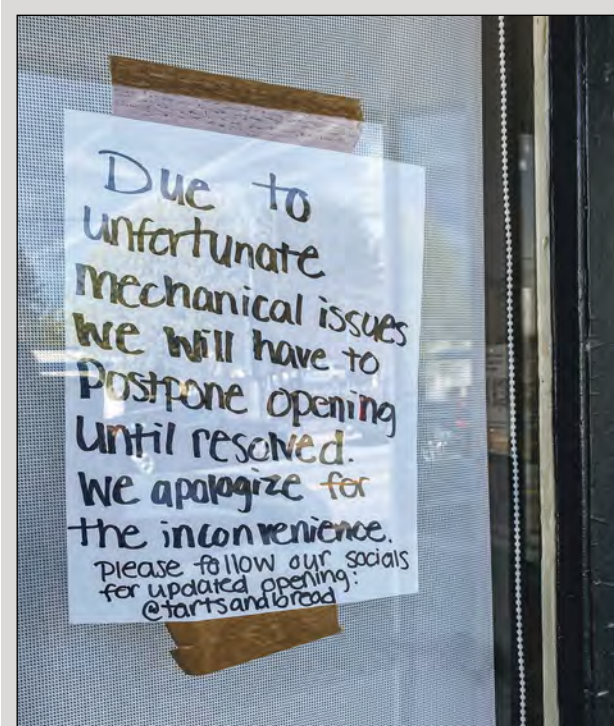


PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Area residents hoping to celebrate the Grand Opening of Tarts and Bread, a new bakery in Amenia, on Saturday, April 27, were disappointed to read that the opening has been postponed.

Tarts and Bread opening is now delayed

After months of preparation by owners of Tarts and Bread and anticipation by area residents eager to sample the pastries of the newest bakery in town, the Grand Opening planned for Saturday, April 27, has been postponed.

Last-minute problems with mechanicals had proven insurmountable. A handwritten door sign explained the cancellation.

Visitors to the bakery were greeted by Town Supervisor Leo Blackman and a Millerton News reporter. While there was definite disappointment, there was also understanding, and hope that the problems would be resolved, and that the bakery would open for business soon.

Back in the state-stocked stomping ground

SOMEWHERE IN NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT — As I type Thursday morning, April 18 it is raining again. Thank God for that. I was worried about the crops.

Q: What crops?
A: Any crops. I just like saying “crops.”

In what seems to be an increasing rarity, we had two days without hardly any rain, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16-17. (It did start raining Wednesday evening.)

I ventured into a brook in the lower reaches, where the descendants of state-stocked browns have taken firm hold.

The state stopped stocking the stream about 20 years ago, so these fish are — what, the fifth or sixth generation?

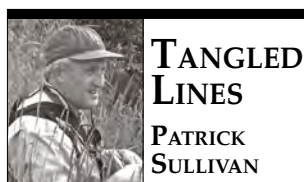
There are more of them in this small stream than you might think from a casual glance. And they are incredibly difficult to catch.

On Wednesday I used a little eight-foot Japanese Tenkara rod I forgot about. Not the greatest rod but it got the job done. I also carried the Dragontail Talon, which at a foot long when collapsed fits in the hand warmer pocket of my waders. It's 10 feet and change in action. And it's just a better rod.

(So have I gone all Zen weirdness? No, I use my regular rods all the time. I operate on 100% whim.)

In these new spots, I plucked not one but two wild browns from deeper plunge pools, and both were well over 10 inches. This doesn't sound like much perhaps, but the typical fish in here is four to six inches and could easily fit in a little rectangular can labeled “sardines.”

Fish were coming up for big dries, Stimulators (size 10) and Para-



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK SULLIVAN

chute Adams (size 10), but the big winner was Joe's Weenie. Unlike the ho-hum standard Green Weenie, Joe's Weenie is a darker green, tied on a jig hook and has a very heavy head. It sinks like a stone.

With regard to the photo of the large pool with the tree across it: This pool, which looks

incredibly inviting, is the scene of innumerable frustrations over the years.

The problem has always been the approach. The tailout is shallow, and the spooky fish could see me coming a mile away.

And while visible booted feet are bad enough, many is the time I have watched dark shapes scurrying away after being alerted to my looming presence by a) the looming and b) the waving of the rod.

But this tree fell just

right. It minimizes the looming aspect and seems to help with the waving rod bit as well. I can stand a few feet behind it and cast over it without mishap.

Upstream a 20-year old logjam finally blew out and completely changed the configuration of about 40 yards of stream.

This reminds me that rivers are not static systems. When one door closes, another one opens.

And he who laughs last gathers no moss.



Joe's Weenie is the superior Green Weenie.

CORRECTION

In the Discover The Berkshires special supplement printed on April 25 the theater located in Pittsfield, Mass., was mistakenly given the adjective “great” to its title. It is simply called Barrington Stage Company.

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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

First Friday Music

UCC Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, May 3, at noon at 30 Main St., Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m. This month's program will feature Preludes and Fugues of Bach from the Well-Tempered Clavier. David Baranowski will play both piano and harpsichord, illustrating the differences between the two instruments. Free to the public.

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 to 6:30 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. at the 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 Great Falls to 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

May the 4th Be with You

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

Calling all kids and Jedi-in-Training! Join us at David M. Hunt Library for Star Wars Day on Saturday, May 4th at 10:30 a.m. After reading a Star Wars story, we'll practice our Jedi skills with a Jedi-in-Training obstacle course, a lightsaber making station, Star Wars crafts, and lightsaber pretzels. May the Force be with you!

¡FIESTA! Celebrating Cinco de Mayo: Music from Latin America & Spain

The Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia, N.Y. thesmithfieldchurch.org

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with music from Latin America & Spain for guitar & mandolin with Judy Handler & Mark Levesque at The Smithfield Church. Part of the Bang Family Concert Series. The event will take place on Saturday, May 4, at 4 p.m. Suggested Donation: \$20 at the door. Information: 518-598-8276.

Hotchkiss Philharmonic Season Finale

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

The Hotchkiss Philharmonic presents their season finale on May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Katherine M Elfers Hall of the Esther Eastman Music Center at The Hotchkiss School, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn. This celebratory program, *Vive le France!* will feature pianists Fabio & Gisele Witkowski and maestro Vahan Mardirossian.

The program includes works by Berlioz, Poulenc, and Saint Saëns. Admission is free.

Amenia Repair Cafe

Amenia Town Hall Gym, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, N.Y.

There will be a repair cafe at the Amenia Town Hall Gym on May 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fixers will be ready to repair your items!

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.



PHOTO BY ANNE DAY

Trade Secrets returns to Lakeville May 18

The renowned gardening event Trade Secrets is returning for its 24th edition on May 18 and 19, 2024. Trade Secrets is the primary fundraiser for Project SAGE, a non-profit domestic violence agency serving Northwest Connecticut and the surrounding communities in New York and Massachusetts.

On May 18, attendees will have the opportunity to explore six exceptional gardens curated to inspire both novice gardeners and seasoned enthusiasts alike. From Bunny Williams and John Rosselli's stunning landscapes to the pictur-

esque Millbrook gardens, discover a wealth of ideas and creativity to elevate your green space. Then, on May 19, Lime Rock Park in Lakeville will transform into a haven for plant lovers and garden aficionados. Explore over 40 vendors showcasing the finest garden antiques and rare plants, all while supporting Project SAGE's mission to end domestic violence and abuse.

"Trade Secrets is not just a garden event; it's a blooming celebration of community, resilience, and the enduring spirit of Project SAGE. I am inspired by the transfor-

mative impact of Trade Secrets on our mission. Over the past 23 years, the funds generated by this horticultural extravaganza have helped many, rippling through our community, fostering awareness, advocacy, and empowerment. Together, through Trade Secrets, we nurture gardens and the strength to cultivate safe, thriving communities free from domestic violence and abuse," said Kelly Rybczyk, Interim Executive Director at Project SAGE.

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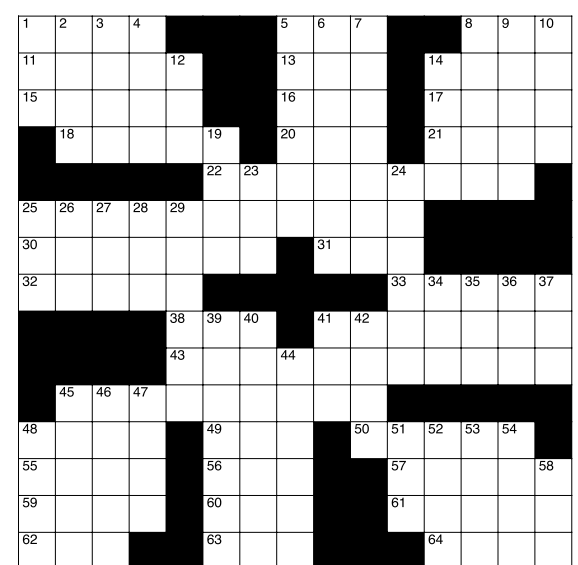
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Lions do it
5. In favor of
8. Rest here please (abbr.)
11. Pulpits
13. Leisure activity
14. Fertility god
15. Financial obligations
16. When you anticipate getting somewhere
17. Spanish river
18. Sporting events
20. Type of tree
21. Ceased to be
22. Persons
25. Synthetic resin
30. Relates to photochemical reactions
31. Father
32. Former Cowboys coach
33. City in Finland
38. Run batted in
41. Got through
43. They darken skin
45. In a harmful way
48. Form of weaving
49. City of Angels hoopster
50. Caucasian language
55. Syngman __, Korean president
56. Sun up in New York
57. Paddled
59. Fishes
60. Affirmative
61. Nimble
62. Doctor of Education
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. A small island

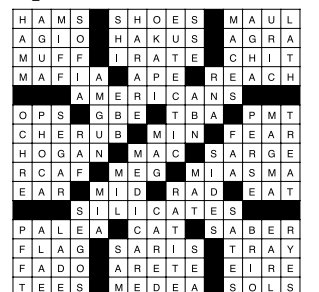
CLUES DOWN

1. Cool!
2. Hebrew unit of measure
3. Swedish rock group
4. College army
5. Favor over another
6. Called it a career
7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
8. Israeli statesman
9. Hurries
10. Slog

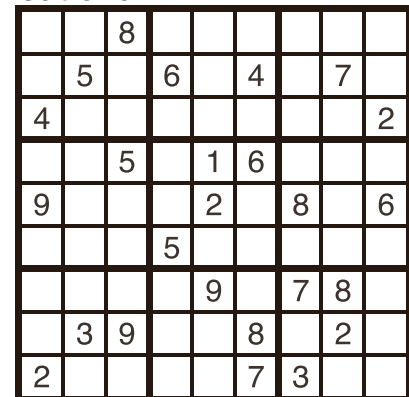


12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Benedictine monk
19. Self-immolation by fire ritual
23. Family of regulator genes
24. Surrendering
25. Political action committee
26. S. American plant
27. Long-term memory
28. Bark
29. Breathes in
34. Take hold of
35. Everyone has one
36. Valentine's Day color
37. Drivers' licenses and passports
39. Outer walls of castles
40. Enters with force
41. One thousandth of an inch
42. Deceased Chinese politician
44. Sugary secretion of plants
45. Expressed pleasure
46. Shelter
47. Utilizes
- 48 Forest resident
51. Fashion accessory
52. A sharply directional antenna
53. __ Kristofferson, actor
54. A bad place to end up
58. MLBer Gordon

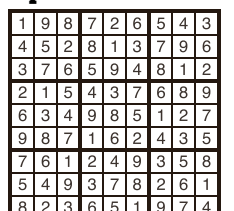
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No. 5 Engine passengers enjoy old-fashioned power.

'All Aboard' for Spring Startup

By LANS CHRISTENSEN
Special to The Millerton News

KENT, Conn. — Connecticut Antique Machinery Association (CAMA) opened its 2024 season April 27 and 28 with the Spring Startup.

Steam engine No. 5 offered happy riders a trip through the CAMA grounds situated on Route 7. The open-air museum was filled with displays of engineering antiquities for a weekend of

educational enjoyment.

Exhibitors brought a wide and fascinating assortment of engines. Both steam and gas powered, the familiar huffing and chugging sounds of the "one-lunger" motors echoed all day long.

Industrial Hall had favorites like the enormous T.M. Eagle and C.H. Brown engines, running smoothly alongside a large, new arrangement of antique gas engines.

The collection stretched into the "engine shed," where CAMA's Jack Hayward was busy overseeing and explaining the various machines. He said CAMA's "enlargement and improvement is huge this year" and that "the focus is making it more accessible, educational, and enjoyable for kids."

Hayward said this year, there will be a push to further educate how "power" was made and how it was used

in the past with an emphasis on the ties between industrial power and agricultural evolution.

Toward that end, a huge antique steam powered cider press engine is eagerly awaited and expected to arrive shortly.

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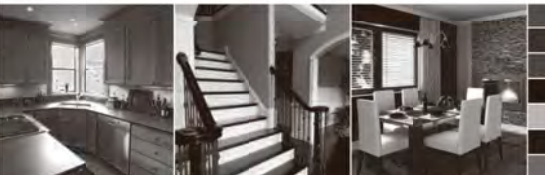
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