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Webutuck High School's Ciara "C.C." Gray batted 2 for 3 against Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Thursday, May 2.

Webutuck softball falls to Housatonic

By RILEY KLEIN rileyk@lakevillejournal.com

FALLS VILLAGE — The battle for the border between Housatonic Valley Regional High School and Webutuck High School Thursday, May 2, was won by HVRHS with

a score of 16-3. The New Yorkers played their Connecticut counterparts close early on and commanded the lead in the third inning. Errors plagued the Webutuck Warriors as the game went on, while the HVRHS Mountaineers caught fire toward the end.

The sun was beating down as the game got underway in Falls Village. A cloudless sky led to a toasty match between these two teams with temperatures hovering around 76 degrees. Gnats were also hovering around.

Webutuck got off to a strong start. A line drive by Aria Griskauskus brought Ciara "C.C." Gray home. Housatonic responded with a run in the bottom of the inning to keep the game even through one.

Webutuck retook the lead in the second inning when Abby McEnroe logged an RBI on a bunt. The lead persisted until the bottom of

the third inning, when HVRHS

Fueled by powerful hitting and a series of errors by the Warriors, HVRHS added four runs in the third to pull ahead 5-2.

The score remained until the fifth inning when the Mountaineers climbed ahead. Haley Leonard got the inning rolling with a solo home run. Abby White sent Hadley Casey home on a single before Kylie Leonard brought White home

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Modest budget increases in 2024-25 for school spending face May 21 vote

By CHRISTINE BATES

Special to The Millerton News

A vote across New York State on Tuesday, May 21 will decide school district budgets, members of each district's Board of Education and special propositions.

The elections will be held in school gyms and cafeterias from Noon until 9 p.m. with mail-in ballots available.

A newsletter mandated by New York State law will be mailed to ev-

ery district resident on Thursday, May 9 presenting the candidates running for election on the school board and details on the district budget to be voted on May 21.

In the three school districts in eastern Dutchess County there are no seats on the seven-member school boards that are officially contested, although write-in candidates are permitted and have even won in past elections.

In Millbrook two incumbents David Lavarnway and Chris Labelle — will seek new three year terms. In Pine Plains there are three vacancies all for three-year terms to be filled with two incumbents Joseph Kiernan, current Board Vice President, and Jean Stapf and one newcomer, former school librarian Claire Copley of Stanford.

Asked why she is running Copley said, "I am running for School Board because our systems of education are at risk and our children

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Comptroller Pulver launches road salt alternative study

By ROBIN RORABACK Special to The Millerton News

POUGHKEEPSIE — Dutchess County Comptroller Gregg Pulver has launched a study to consider alternatives to using road salt on county roads.

Pulver said, "We are always looking to save taxpayer's money and launching environmentally friendly road salt is a great way to accomplish both saving your money and protecting our environment.

cantly reduce costs for our highway department while removing the harmful impact traditional road

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'The brine solution may signifi- Carl Baden, Pine Plains Highway Superintendent, shown in a photo last year with one of the town's trucks. A study is underway by Dutchess County Comptroller Gregg Pulver to determine whether using a brine mixture on county roads instead of rock salt for winter storms would help save both the environment and money for Dutchess County.

Amenia approves several key initiatives

By LEILA HAWKEN Leilah@Lakevillejournal.com

AMENIA — Resolutions approving progress on several initiatives including a new Town Hall gym floor, environmental assessments for a new town garage and engineering services for the water district all won unanimous approval by the Town Board at its regular

meeting on Thursday, May 2.

The need to replace the 2,436 square feet of flooring in the Town Hall gym has been under consideration for months, leading to a decision by the Town Board to utilize the services of local architect Tracy Salladay whose work will be to invite proposals from contractors for the project. The resolution indicates that the contractors' proposals will need to be submitted by Friday, May 31.

Underlying the layers of gym flooring is an original maple floor, but the overall condition is unknown. Part of the project will be to uncover and assess the condition with Town Supervisor Leo Blackman and the architect to determine whether restoration might be an option.

If the maple floor turns out to be in poor condition, then the alternative as explained in the resolution will be to install a rubber-base floor of Herculan.

Because plans to build a new town garage measuring 13,000 square feet with additional storage buildings would involve be-

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OUR TOWNS

NorthEast-Millerton Library offers free New York Times access

by CAROL KNEELAND Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Fans of news of all sorts now can thank the NorthEast-Millerton Library for free full access to The New York times through the library website.

Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson said, "for years, the only newspapers anyone ever asked for were The Millerton News and The New York Times."

The News — including archived editions dating back to 1930 — has been available at the library for sometime both in print or on microfilm. With a newly launched website, articles and photos from the paper edition and more are now available for free at www.millertonnews.com with print and digital replica editions accessible through

However, full access to the The Times presented more of a problem for the library and its patrons.

Leo-Jameson said, "Every few years we would look into subscribing, but the cost was prohibitive, especially since they could not guarantee same day delivery through the mail service."

Not to be denied, however, because "we always strive to provide the things our community is asking for" early in the budget year, Leo-Jameson began checking into the possibilities again. She learned that The Times was providing an online library subscription service "with the cost not out of reach for a community our size" and immediately began the sign-up process.

As a result, The New York Times online is now up and

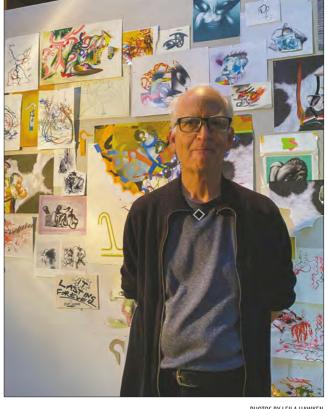
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running though the library site with free full access to everything in the paper from news to podcasts, games, athletics, and cooking literally at patron's fingertips.

Leo-Jameson says readers can come to the library and "sit and read to their heart's content" or access the paper from anywhere, including their homes.

They do so by signing up for a free account either through The Times site, which allows for a certain number of articles to be read each month or by creating one at the library. In either instance, if readers then access the paper through the library's account, they receive unlimited access with the ability to re-open the site every 24 hours.

To register, follow the directions on the library's website at nemillertonlibrary. org/nytimes or visit the main building at 75 Main St. For questions, call 518-789-3340.



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Open Studio tour

Mixed media artist Michael Gellatly displayed his works during the Art East Open Studio tour held on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5. The open studio event included 10 locations throughout eastern Dutchess County stretching from North East southward to Hopewell Junction. Joining Gellatly in showing their studios' works were Tilly Strauss and her father, Julian "Doc" Strauss.

Amenia Open House at Town Garage focuses on critical replacement need

By LEILA HAWKEN Leilah@lakevillejournal.com

WASSAIC — Residents were invited to the Town Garage on Borden Lane in Wassaic for an open house on Saturday, May 4. Doughnuts and coffee accompanied a tour of the facility to point out its worsening conditions and provide a view of conceptual plans for a new facility.

Hosting the open house were Highway Department Superintendent Megan Chamberlin and Finance Officer Charlie Miller. Conceptual drawings of the proposed new town garage facility were on display.

"We cannot stay in this building," Miller said, citing cramped quarters and dete-

riorating conditions. "The equipment should not be out in the weather."

Chamberlin recalled that she first joined the highway department in 2004, rising to the position of superintendent in 2017.

Constructed before 1955, the yellow cement block garage building measures a scant 80 by 50 feet and stands on a 2.5-acre parcel, along with a 2006 salt shed and a separate small pole barn for equipment storage. Road maintenance vehicles are larger today and the old garage does not accommodate their garaging and maintaining, evident to those attending the open house.

The Amenia Highway Department maintains the 31 miles of town roads, bridges and culverts, paving needs, tree and brush maintenance, winter plowing and sanding, and more.

A new facility is proposed to be built on five town-owned acres south of the Ten Mile River rail station next door to state DOT property. The new 16,000 square foot facility would offer a spacious garage with six double drive-through bays, a higher-capacity salt shed, fire suppression and generator.

The capital project costing an estimated \$6.3 million would be funding through grants, ARPA funds, and bonding, Miller said.

For more information about the project, go to www. amenia.gov/highway.



Residents were invited to an open house on Saturday, May 4, at the current town garage in Wassaic to view

conceptual plans for a new town garage. Finance official Charlie Miller, left, and Highway Department Superintendent Megan Chamberlin were present to show visitors the challenges of the old building and describe plans for an expanded, modern facility.

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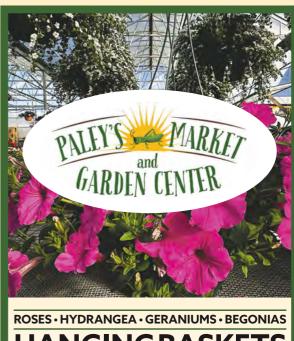
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OUR TOWNS

Saving the Night Sky: Dark skies and light pollution

By CLAUDIA STEVENS

Special to The Millerton News

HILLSDALE - Susan P. Bachelder, a resident of Egremont, Massachusetts, and member of DarkSky International, gave a presentation "Saving the Night Sky: Dark Skies and Light Pollution" at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library on Thursday, May 2.

Bachelder began the discussion by reminding the audience to Save the Date of Aug. 12 when the Perseids meteor shower will occur. Bachelder noted that meteors are best observed after midnight, when the they are moving in the same direction as the Earth's rotation.

Bachelder has been a member of DarkSky International (DarkSky.org) for more than 10 years. DarkSky, originally a small Arizona based nonprofit founded in 1988, has worked for more than 30 years to restore the nighttime environment and protect communities and wildlife from light pollution.

Light pollution, defined as "the inappropriate or excessive use of outside artificial light," is having serious environmental consequences for humans, wildlife and our climate.

DarkSky International is now comprised of more than 70 chapters worldwide. DarkSky International works to certify and help conserve starry sky parks, communities and other outdoor places. The group also certifies commercial, industrial and residential outdoor lighting with an aim to reduce light pollution by working with communities, governments and professionals to prioritize quality low impact, outdoor lighting.

The talk was comprised of two parts. First, the short



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Roeliff Jansen Community Library has a Dark Sky Explorer Backpack that can be checked out for two weeks.

film "Dark Sacred Night," a 15 -minute overview created by filmmaker Jared Flesher for the Princeton University Department of Sustainability. The film features astrophysicist Gaspar Bakos and his quest to reduce light pollution by raising awareness of the dangers of light pollution on the Earth and its inhabitants.

Filmed on location at Princeton University and the Las Campanas Observatory in the southern reaches of Chile's Atacama Desert, Bakos speaks of the necessity to direct lighting downward to protect the night sky.

According to Bakos, "80% of the U.S. has lost the vision of the Milky Way and light pollution has increased 50%

over the last 25 years...due to the conversion to LED lighting." While it has been observed that light pollution threatens many animal species, from migrating birds to hatchling turtles, the negative impact on humans is less well documented.

The interruption of natural sleep patterns in humans can easily be linked to light pollution. Bakos stated it has only been within the last 20 years that the effects of light pollution upon the Earth have only been studied. A 2016 study conducted on "Artificial Light at Night and Cancer" concluded "artificial light at night is significantly correlated for all forms of cancer including lung, breast,

colorectal and prostate cancers individually."

A 2020 study linked the "association of outdoor artificial lighting at night with mental disorders, including mood and anxiety disorders in adolescents."

According to Bakos, 40% of outside lighting is wasted. Lights point up into the sky, wasting about \$3 billion per year by converting carbon into photons. That is the equivalent of 21 million tons of carbon dioxide emitted every year. Bakos stated that light pollution goes unchallenged because the effects are generated far away from the source therefore there is a failure to connect the cause to the outcome.

According to Bakos, the solution to light pollution is simple.

 Exterior lighting should be useful, installed only when and where it is need.

Lights should be shielded so they only shine down upon the ground.

-Lights should be no brighter than necessary and when possible controlled by dimmers, timers or motion sensors.

Mostly importantly, outdoor lighting should be composed of warm colors, especially red light, rather the current use of harmful blue wavelength lights.

The second part of the talk featured Bachelder's discussion of the "Constellations of the Northern Summer Sky." . Bachelder started by asking who in the audience had observed the recent solar eclipse on April 8. An audience member stated that he observed the eclipse "but hadn't travelled to see it." Bachelder responded, "Luckily in this part of the country the eclipse was 97% observable so there was no need to go

anywhere."

Bachelder, an advocate of viewing the night sky with the naked eye, pointed to the constellations observable in our region and demonstrated how to navigate from The Big Dipper (observable in this region all year long) arcing down to the Constellation of Bootes (roughly the shape of an ice cream cone) to get one oriented in the summer night sky.

Bachelder explained that although we use the term "Constellation" as a standard, many star patterns are Asterisms. Asterisms are a star pattern that makes up part of a constellation or that include more than one constellation. An example of an asterism is the Big Dipper which is part of the constellation Ursa Major.

Bachelder, a classics major, is currently studying Persian star charts. She explained people in the audience are most likely familiar with Hellenic astronomy and the constellations named by the ancient Greeks (and their Latin counterparts). She introduced participants to the Persian named constellation, Al Thuraya, Al Thurya is a

bright constellation, clearly visible to the human eye in the summer night sky, and is represented by a woman with outstretched arms.

Bachelder ended her presentation briefly discussing the need for governmental agencies to regulate exterior lighting. Currently, exterior lighting is rarely if ever, regulated by site plan.

Dark Sky Backpack

Tamara Gaskell, Director of Roeliff Jansen, located at 9091 Route 22 in Hillsdale, introduced a new acquisition to the library: The Dark Sky Explorer Backpack. The backpack, donated by the Mid-Hudson Chapter Adirondack Mountain Club (www.midhudsonadk.org) contains everything needed for exploring the night sky. The backpack, which can be checked out for 21 days by Mid-Hudson library card holders, contains: sky quality meter in pouch and plastic case with Globe at night card; night vision LED flashlight: night sky planisphere; book Let There Be Light, book Lights Out; and instructions and brochures.

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TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE FOLLOWING TOWN **SERVICE: TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM FLOOR**

REPLACEMENT Proposals are sought and invited by the Town Board, Town of Amenia for a contractor to refinish or replace the Town's 2,436 square foot Gymnasium floor as set forth herein.

Proposals will be received by the Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner, of the Town of Amenia, until 2:00 PM on June 3, 2024. Electronic submissions via e-mail are highly encouraged. Interested firms should submit an electronic copy of their proposals with the subject line marked "Town Hall Gymnasium Floor Replacement" to townclerk@ameniany.gov. If you prefer to submit paper copies, please submit two (2) bound paper copies of your proposal in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Town Hall Gymnasium Floor Replacement" ". The proposals will be opened at a regular Town Board Meeting on June 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501.

Copies of the RFP may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk:

> 4988 Route 22 Amenia, NY 12501 (845) 373-8118 ext.125 townclerk@ameniany.

The Town Board expressly reserved the right to waive any irregularities in a particular proposal, or to accept any proposal or reject

any and all proposals, or to award on any or all items, as the interest of the Town of Amenia may require.

By order of the Town Board, Town of Amenia, New York. May 3, 2024. By: Dawn Marie Klingner,

Town Clerk Town of Amenia 05-09-24

TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER DISTRICT #1

Requests Qualifications are sought and invited by the Town Board, Town of Amenia for professional engineering services pertaining to Town of Amenia Water District #1 capital projects as set forth

Proposals will be received by the Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner, of the Town of Amenia, until 2:00 PM on June 3, 2024. Electronic submissions via e-mail are highly encouraged. Interested firms should submit an electronic copy of their proposals with the subject line marked "Engineering Services for Water District #1" to townclerk@ameniany.gov. If you prefer to submit paper copies, please submit two (2) bound paper copies of your proposal in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Engineering Services for Water District #1". The proposals will be opened at a regular Town Board Meeting on June 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501.

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By: Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk Town of Amenia 05-09-24



Webutuck Senior BBO

Above: Capping off the traditional Senior Class barbeque at Webutuck High School on Wednesday, May 1, some of the 46 members of the graduating class toasted marshmallows on the grill.

At right: The Senior barbeque hosted and produced by Webutuck High School chef Dan Trotter was a festive affair. Attending were the 46 members of the Senior class, administrators and teachers. Assisting with service was Cindy Thomas.

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OBITUARIES

Harold Posselt

KENT — Hal Posselt, 76, passed away in Connecticut

on Oct. 1, 2023. Hal was born in Sharon on April 5, 1947, to Oscar and Lisbeth (Griesser) Posselt, who both left Germany in 1930. He leaves his wife, Edith (Edie) Parker Posselt, and many nephews, nieces, cousins and good friends.

Hal grew up in Kent and attended Kent Center School, South Kent School and graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1965. He received a B.A. from the University of Connecticut in 1969. As a senior, Hal participated in UConn's first Urban Teaching Program in Hartford before student teaching and receiving Masters degrees in Counseling and Education.

Hal met his beloved wife, Edie, in 1977 when they both worked as guidance counselors in North Conway, New Hampshire. They married in 1980 and undertook a partnership of adventure and collaboration for forty-three years, welcoming family, friends and former students into their lives.

As a teacher and guidance counselor in schools in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, Hal was known as a caring and involved educator. Students sought his advice and guidance in planning for college and work and getting through the minefield of teenage life. He was an advocate for students and is remembered as kind and understanding. At the same time, he was direct and uncompromising regarding the need for commitment, hard work and planning. Hal wasn't judgmental or

opinionated but argued for a kinder, more inclusive view-

> point in general. Many of his former students kept in touch with him for more than forty years. After his official retirement, Hal tutored young refugee students in English as a Second Language.

Hal is remembered as having made a difference at Concord High School, Kennett Jr./Sr. High, Bow High School and Broken Ground School in New Hampshire and MacKay School in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. During his years as an educator, Hal lived in Fitchburg Massachusetts, and Snowville, Concord, Canterbury and Portsmouth, New Hampshire before moving to Storrs in 2020.

An enthusiastic outdoorsman, Hal loved being active and encouraged others to discover the joy of hiking, skiing, rock-climbing and biking. He loved traveling and enjoyed visiting relatives in Germany and the western U.S., and friends in Australia, Venezuela, Switzerland and elsewhere. Hal was a spirited UConn basketball fan and found pleasure in the music and other offerings of the college campus. He loved cats, Siamese in particular.

In addition to his wife, Edie, Hal is survived by his sister Catherine Posselt Bachrach (Bill) of Kent, their daughters Jaime Bachrach (Tim Clew) and Andrea Bachrach Mata (Keith Morse) as well as by nephews Theo Posselt (Doug Ng), Daniel Posselt and Abram Barker. His sister, Elisabeth Posselt Barker, and brother, Ted Posselt, predeceased him.

Dorothy Winder Okie Beach

CORNWALL — Dorothy Winder Okie Beach, born in 1927, died peacefully on Jan. 26, 2024, after a weeklong hospital stay that was rich with family, phone calls, laughter, tears and song. She managed to live all of her 96 years at home surrounded by the music, flowers, dogs and birds that nourished her soul.

Born in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, Dorothy was the cherished later third child (and a girl at that, with two older brothers) to her parents, William R. and Charlotte (Laird) Okie. She described a vibrant early life with relatives flowing easily in and out of her country homes, the second of which was inspired by 'Uncle Brog', whose 'Okie Influence' informed not only architecture at the time, but also the renovation of her own Irvington home; its wide floorboards and hand-beaded trim were a daily reminder of where she came from and what she loved.

Dorothy attended Baldwin School, Mt. Holyoke (Class of 1950) and American University, ultimately working as an inner-city librarian, but all the while studying as a pianist in what she had learned on the fly while accompanying her

friends in song when they

made their brief, thrilling appearances at home.

At 21, Dorothy married Brewster Yale Beach, Episcopal priest and later a Jungian analyst. They moved from Youngstown, Ohio to Basking Ridge, New Jersey, be-

fore settling in Wilmington, Delaware with their three children. For several years, she served on the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Seminary of the Caribbean in Puerto Rico. A family cottage in West Cornwall, part of the "Yelping Hill" community, drew them northward in the summer.

Divorced in her 40s, Dorothy forged a new home and a new life for herself in Hastings-on-Hudson and then Irvington, New York, becoming the long-time organist and choir director at Tarrytown's Christ Church. She ran Dial-A-Writer for many years, a writers' referral service that had her striding across Times Square to the 19th floor of '1501'. Matching writers to those with stories

big brothers and their college to tell was also a wonderful match for this curious and at-

tentive listener who loved hearing the intimate and often strange tales from her callers (one of whom, famously, was Oprah Winfrey!)

In what was a major accomplishment, she earned a place at Manhat-

tan School of Music in their master's program in piano accompanying. Playing for top-notch musicians, she featured many of them in the acclaimed Music for a Sunday Afternoon series which she founded in 1974.

Dorothy possessed a deep contentment in connection, keeping close tabs on her many friends and her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews with frequent phone calls, loving notes and whimsical birthday poems. She delighted simply in being alive, whether she was making music or playing cards,

tending roses in her Irvington garden or surrounded by nature at Yelping Hill, lingering over breakfast while admiring the songbirds on the outside feeder or walking in the woods with a big stick and her 'current' beloved dog. When she was no longer able to garden, a kind landscaper entered her life, planting flowers around her yard that were an endless source of pleasure.

Imbued with a strong sense of home and family, Dorothy joyfully made the world her home and transformed every stranger she met into part of her family.

She is survived by her three children, Nancy Beach, Robert Beach (Dongxian Yue) and Louise Beach (Brian Skarstad), her four grandchildren, Will, Sam, Anna and Maya, and her two great-grandchildren, Vigo and Miles.

A private memorial service will be held for Dorothy in the spring at the church she grew to love, St. Barnabas, Irving-



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OUR TOWNS

Mixed-media art exhibit opens May 9 at NorthEast-Millerton Library

By CAROL KNEELAND

Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Poetry and mixed media collages are merging at the North-East-Millerton Library to provide a window into artist Deborah Macheski's world at "Daydreams and Moonlight Meditations," an exhibit that will be officially opened at a reception at the main building at 75 Main Street, Thursday,

May 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. Macheski's display consists of collages titled by lines which combine to create poems which she will read at the reception.

Each piece is framed in black with a black background so that as the viewer looks within to find the message, there are "no other dis-

She says that she generally creates without a specific plan, instead allowing pieces to grow "intuitively."

Macheski employs a combination of textures, shapes, sizes and colors garnered from various sources including nature, decorative papers and "public images," some from the 1400 and 1500's, adding other touches ranging from pencil to wax crayons to gold or silver ink to complete

the image. Occasionally, the work emerges as a whole and is immediately glued into position, but sometimes she lets creations sit, making changes until she is satisfied with the

Macheski's early love of art was nourished by her

mother, a fashion illustrator, who would take her to children's programs at a museum. At home Macheski would ignore bedtime, drawing in the dark or under the covers and later revising the work until she achieved

"what I wanted." That sparked a 30-year career designing jewelry and accompanying small boxes and trays. Ten years ago, a course at the Interlaken School of Art in West Stockbridge led her on her current parallel path which includes exhibits at farmers markets and the Copake Grange.

Macheski creates at home and with a group of artists who meet weekly. For more information call the Library at 518-789-3340.



PHOTO BY RHIANNON I FO- IAMESON

Mixed Media Collage artist Deborah Macheski prepares for an opening exhibit of "Daydreams & Moonlight Meditations" at the NorthEast-Millerton

Rock Steady CSA accepting new members

MILLERTON — Rock Steady Farm, a cooperative vegetable farm at 41 Kaye Road in Millerton, that is rooted in social justice, food access, and farmer training, still is accepting member sign-ups for the 2024 CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).

The CSA runs 22 consecutive weeks, from early June through early November.

CSA is a model that connects local farmers directly to consumers.

With several pick-up loca-

tions, including Saturdays on the farm, members get fresh, top-quality produce while connecting with the land and

farmers. This year also marks the return of pick-your-own flowers on the farm, which is queer owned and operated.

Sliding scale pricing and low-income options are avail-

To learn more and sign up for the CSA, visit www. rocksteadyfarm.com/share-

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who is responsible if a neighbor's tree falls onto your property and damages your house? It seemed logical that the neighbors insurance would take care of it as it was, after all, their tree. To our surprise, under CT law, this event is deemed as an act of God and one's own homeowners insurance policy would be responsible for any costs. The only way that the neighbor might be held liable is that if there was negligence on the part of the neighbor. For more information, please see the CT Gov website at: portal.ct.gov/ cid/searchable-archive/naturalcatastrophe-information/ homeowners-storm-claimsfaqs?language=en_US.

An issue came up recently of



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THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

The Riots: Real cause and effect

The general media right and left — denounce the student protesters at universities and only prove that no one in any newsroom is old enough. I lived through the riots on campuses in this country particularly UCLA and Berkeley in the late '60s through '70s. You have to realize that there is justifiable anger among the young which, yes, is quite often overtaken by people who have violence as a primary reason for existence.

However, most of the students have both a social, moral, and a political point of view they wish to express against the odds.

What odds? The military industrial complex — like it was during Vietnam — is pushing the notion that outand-out violence can solve anything. Politicians, today in Israel and in the '60s in Washington, took wrong turns and relied on those people who keep them in power, accepting their message of "domino effect" — whether it be Communism in the '60s or "Islamic Terrorists" today.

Let us be clear: Were Communist forces opposed to decency and democracy? Yes, absolutely. Are Islamic Terrorists like Hamas opposed to decency and democracy? Again, yes, absolutely. Shouldn't both have been thwarted before they became an unstoppable enemy?

Wishful thinking perhaps, but yes. Should they now be opposed even though corrupt politicians and ultra-rightwing pundits and religious leaders in Israel allowed them to thrive, only to look strong in now conducting blitzkrieg?

These are the questions students are asking. These are the issues they are protesting against. For years Israel — the state, the nation — has been an ally and partner for peace with the United States. In return we have armed them to the teeth with taxpayer funds. Should we continue to do so, surely the American public has the right to curb or at least protest their excesses against civilian targets in Gaza. This is not about anti-Semitism (or should not be allowed to become anti-Semitic), this is about right and wrong behavior by a people, a nation. Warfare in search of retribution for a terrorist atrocity and prevention has strayed into excess, overkill, which is horrible.

During the Vietnam War all the major news people "embedded" with U.S.

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE Peter Riva

troops had film confiscated that showed overkill. When freelance images started to emerge of napalm scorched little kids, the public appetite for such carnage undertaken in America's name and reputation started to line up with the students' protests. The National Guard shooting of protesting students at Kent State is about to repeat itself. At the time, 1970, many newspapers went so far as to blame the soldiers or the students... never the underlying causes. It took 10 years for Caspar Weinberger's real motives to be exposed.

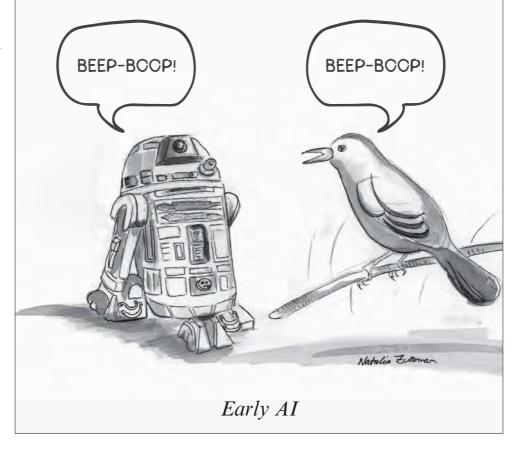
Were some of the protesters back then anarchists? Sure. Angry, searching for something to oppose a system that these angry men and women felt alienated from, they enlisted many students at Berkeley and UCLA and turned them from "peaceniks" into rock-throwing protesters.

Until you have stood in a mob of 25,000 students at UCLA, you have no idea how hard it is to remain true to yourself. Mob rule is not a joke. Neither is it fair to say everyone there is equally violent or lawbreaking. Police attacks only strengthen the anarchists' hand, much like Israel's overkill is strengthening Hamas' propaganda.

But until the media and the public come — once again 50+ years later — to realize that the few lawbreakers are not an excuse to condemn the protest, those who condemn all protestors as lawbreakers are just talking like Nixon, Reagan, and John Wayne. At UCLA those three stood at a "peace meeting" of more than 10,000 students, lecturing us as "pinkos," never caring if their rhetoric empowered the anarchists further. 99% back then were not against the USA or the soldiers being killed, and I would dare say that 99% of protesters now are not against Jews. But labeling them as such is a very simple argument for people who want to enforce control. That only leads to more riots.

They were wrong then and most of the media and "law breaking" comments are wrong now.

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now lives in



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From the archives headline

91 years ago: May 5, 1933

'Mayor Brewer Wants Millerton Cleanest Town in the Valley': If Millerton is not the cleanest town in the Harlem Valley by May 28, the fault will not be that of Mayor William J. Brewer. His Honor has just issued a proclamation setting aside the days of May 19 and 20, 26 and 27, as Clean-Up dates and urges all good and true Millertonians to renovate the town from top to bottom. [...] all in all, give the whole village such an appearance that when motorists pass through they will instinctively exclaim, "Oh, what an attractive town!"

'Call Issued for Vote on Prohibition': Tuesday, May twenty-third, is the big dayno matter on which side your feelings lie-when voters of New York State will decide on the thirteen-year-old question of repealing the Eighteenth Amendment.

'Pine Plains Church to Burn Its Mortgage': The Presbyterian Church ladies have completed their plans for the services Friday evening when

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the church mortgage will be burned. There will be speechmaking, after which refreshments will be served.

50 years ago: May 9, 1974

'Keuka Honors Miss McEnroe': Patricia McEnroe of Millerton was the recipient of the Pi Gamma Mu Achievement Award at Keuka College's Honors Convocation held on April 29, She is a member of the class of 1976.

'55 MPH Limit Still in Effect': State Police Superintendent William E. Kirwan reminded New York Motorists this week that there has been no increase in the state speed limit of 55 miles per hour.

"With the greater ease in obtaining gasoline," he said, "we have been getting complaints that many motorists are exceeding the speed limit outside of the presence of troopers."

Referring to the elimination by Governor Wilson of the odd-even gasoline distribution plan, the superintendent urged that motorists not interpret this "as a signal to return to the faster speeds of former days." [...]

25 years ago: May 13, 1999

'Millerton Honors Its Local, Beloved Miracle Worker Eugene Brooks': Millerton - Community service and citizenship will take center stage Saturday, May 15, at the opening ceremony for the Eugene Brooks Rail Trail Station behind the North East Community Center.

As a longtime and beloved local education administrator, Mr. Brooks believes every student should know an adult - not necessarily in his or her family - to say hello to. Judging by the way he skillfully and playfully works a crowd in Millerton, he is the type of person who instantly lights up a room when he enters. He is someone who takes pride in responding to people and their needs.[...]

Mr. Brooks always had an open door for students. Today he is so well known and respected around Millerton two of his neighbors wait outside his home to greet him every day. He is a person people rely on. [...]

"I'm deeply honored by the fact that I am being recognized for what I should be doing." Mr. Brooks said. "Volunteerism is what makes rural America tick."

And he said Millerton is full of examples of giving people.

"I can look at my neighbors and be glad at what I see," he said. "I helped do that."

'Library Displays Photographs Of Egypt': Like to see Egypt? Or have you been there and would love to go again? You'll find some enticing photographs of some of Egypt's ancient glories at the Northeast/Millerton Library through May.

The exhibit, entitled "Aswan Twilight" is a collection of large-format photographs taken by Millerton resident and photographer Andrew Reinhart Charlton and includes large-scale views of the Sphinx, the Giza pyramids, part of the colonnade of Amenhotep III's Temple of Luxor and a sunset view of graceful felucca vessels sailing on the Nile. Mr. Charlton has included helpful historical notes and comments to accompany each photograph to orient the viewer. [...]

'Rail Trail Association Seeks Public Input': Millerton —The Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association will hold a public meeting to discuss landscaping along the trail in the village of Millerton. The meeting is Tuesday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northeast Community Center, South Center Street. Dutchess County officials will be pres-

Construction will begin in coming weeks to extend the trail from Coleman Station to Route 44 in Millerton by late summer or early fall.

Ground Ball

A hard, deft swing of the bat brings delight

while leaping catch at the wall conjures surprise! Swinging for the stands

may be a strikeout,

but a well-placed bunt may win the series.

The ref may be doing his agonized best,

yet fail to meet your high expectations.

The pitcher may walk a slugger-batter,

as a double-play may save the inning....

Fans in the stands may be too excited

when the popcorn vendor juggles a spill.

The bald coach in the dugout has the stats on a legendary relief pitch-

Reporters play bloated hyperbole,

but the infield knows the real, lean story.

-Kevin T. McEneaney Verbank

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sharon Hospital excels again!

This time I was testing cardiology! Sunday morning at Church I developed symptoms of what family and EMTs present thought might be a mild heart attack and a visit to the hospital was in order.

The emergency room staff were at their best and detected a minor change in my status which then precipitated an overnight stay at the hospital for further testing. I was overwhelmed by the professional attention in the emergency room and then further impressed with testing from the cardiology department the next day.

To watch this 93-year-old

heart working away during the electrocardiogram was like watching something from outer space with color. The Technician loves his job and was so proud of the hightech equipment provided by the hospital and exceedingly patient with all my questions.

The Stress test was equally high tech catching my heart before, after, and during. The idea of a stress test can be daunting but the technicians involved were most considerate and encouraging.

Fortunately, the result of all this is that I am good to go but I want to sincerely thank the good nurses who are the backbone of the hospital and the sophisticated skill of technicians and doctors. We are so fortunate to have a hospital nearby where you have the

words, and excellent care. **Elyse Harney** Salisbury

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Fourth grade fun

Students in Mr. Hart's fourth grade classroom at Eugene Brooks Intermediate School (EBIS) were pleased to receive a visit by therapy dog Shasta who seemed to enjoy the occasion just as much. The visits to both EBIS and Webutuck Elementary School on Wednesday, May 1, were arranged through the Boots and Paws Program, **Guardian Revival of Dutchess County.**



Frank Szenher, volunteer fixer from Fishkill, working on repairing Sharon resident Linda Swenson's old stereo.

Repair Café returns to Amenia Town Hall

AMENIA — The Repair Café returned to the Amenia Town Hall Gym on Saturday, May 4, with fixers ready to repair many items — clothing, bikes, furniture and small wooden objects, lamps, small electronic appliances, as well as offering knife sharpening, antique repair and even a demonstration of seat weav-

The event was presented by Climate Smart Amenia and sponsored by the Conservation Advisory Council of Amenia. It will return again in the Fall.

Repair Café Hudson Valley events are currently held in more than 60 locations throughout the Hudson Valley, Catskills, Capital Region, and North Country. Each is independently organized and run by volunteers from the community.

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4/30—Deputies report the



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March April real estate sales closed in North East and Millerton

The Town of North East and Village of Millerton continue to offer a wide price range of homes, land and commercial properties. Village homes typically on smaller plots of land can be affordable and two Millerton homes sold during March and April for less than \$400,000.

Outside the Village in the Town of North East two homes were sold between \$500,000 and \$800,000 well over their asking prices of \$475,000 and \$599,000.

Properties currently listed for sale including 4 in the village ranging from \$189,000 to \$670,000 and 9 in the Town ranging from \$140,000 to \$2,950,000. Although there were no sales of land during these two months there are 15 parcels

PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This renovated Victorian house built around 1880 on 489 Mill Street overlooks Webutuck Creek and the Rail Trail and is situated on a large village lot of 1.44 acres. It sold quickly for \$367,000, or an estimated \$179 a square foot.

available from \$79,000 to \$5,215,000.

61 Deer Run Road — a 5,000 square foot, 3 bedroom/3 bath home on 5 acres sold for \$746,000 on March 4. It was originally listed for \$599,000.

116 Sharon Road — a 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home just outside the village sold for \$576,000 on March 14. It sold for 201% over its listing price of \$475,000.

3 Reservoir Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath Village of Millerton home on 2.3 acres sold for \$365,000 on March 20

489 Mill Street - a 3 bedroom/3 bath on 1.39 acres sold for \$367,000 on April 4

*Town of North East and Village of Millerton real estate sales from MLS services are listed as of date sold, not date recorded. These sales do not include private transactions between parties that are not publicly listed. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report 4/25 through

4/25 — Deputies responded to Route 44 in the area of Crescent Road in the Town of Washington for a car vs. bear Property Damage Automobile Accident. The vehicle was towed from the scene. The bear had left the scene apparently uninjured.

4/29—Deputies responded to the area of 5807 Route 82 in the Town of Stanford for a motorcycle versus car minor Injury Accident. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Jennifer A. Brangan (age 33) who was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. Brangan to appear in the Town of Stanford Court at a later date.

4/29—Deputies responded to 25 Scenic View Trailer Park in North East to Investigate a reported domestic disturbance. Matter resolved without further police investigation.

arrest of Steven Bishop (age 23) for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 2nd Dgeree subsequent to a traffic stop in the Town of Dover. Bishop was issued an appearance ticket returnable to Town of Dover Court at a later date Bishop was also found to have warrant for his arrest issued by the Town of North East Court (also for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the

2nd degree). Bishop arraigned in that court and released to appear at a later date.

4/30—Deputies responded to 118 Reagans Mill Road in the Town of Dover to investigate a report of a Past Occurred Burglary. Matter currently under investigation.

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

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office tip line at 845 605 CLUE (2583) or Email dcsotips@ gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS 1. It wakes you up

6. A place to sleep

9. Czech village 13. Appetizer

14. African country

15. Dark brown or black 16. Parent-teacher groups

17. Saturates

18. ESPN personality Kimes

19. Songs to a lover

21. Cavalry-sword

22. Begat

23. Patriotic women

24. Famed Princess

25. One who does not conform

28. Neither

29. Nigerian monetary unit

31. Body parts

33. Hit Dave Matthews Band

36. Depicts with pencil

38. Make into leather

without tannin 39. Plants grow from them

41. Alias

44. Fingers do it

45. More dried-up

46. Clod

48. Senior officer

49. A way to listen to music 51. The bill in a restaurant

52. Historic center of Artois

56. Poisonous perennial

region 54. Cyprinid fishes

plant

60. Scottish Loch

61. Heads

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63. Wings

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66. Small immature herring 67. Female sibling

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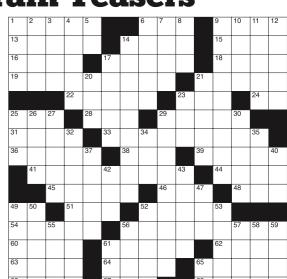
1. Vipers 2. Not on time

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4. Tears down

5. Professional designation

6. Noise a sheep made 7. Type of lodge



8. Speak poorly of 9. Ties the knot again

10. Apron

11. Studied intensively

12. City in Finland

14. One who monitors 17. 18-year astronomical

period

20. Trent Reznor's band 21. Takes to the sea

23. Split pulses

25. Valentine's Day color

27. Type of rail

26. Wyatt _

29. One from the Big Apple 30. Asteroids

32. Made more sugary

34. Change in skin pigment

35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese 37. Koran chapters

40. A place to relax 42. Young woman ready for

society life 43. Female horses



47. Half of Milli Vanilli

55. It's mined in mountains

57. Ribosomal ribonucleic

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52. Golden peas

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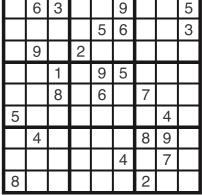
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SPORTS



Webutuck's Crown Energy players exchange game-over handshakes with the Taconic Brewers on Saturday, May 4.

Little League game day



Above, Webutuck players gather at the dugout and get ready for their next at-bat.

At right: Fast-thinking third baseman Tillman Perusse beats a runner from second for an out, leaping onto the bag.



Above: Webutuck's Andrew Ahearn hits to the outfield in late inning play on Saturday at Millerton's

Eddie Collins Park.

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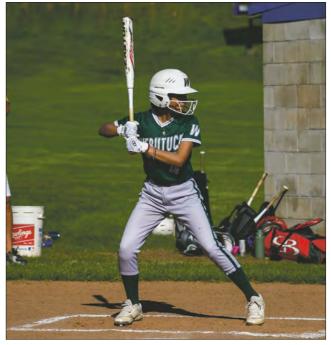
Webutuck scored its third run of the game in the top of the sixth inning. Olivia Wickwire hit an RBI double to bring the score to 8-3.

Housatonic responded by "finding the barrel," as Coach Pete Foley instructed from third base. The Mountaineers swung for the fences and tacked on eight more

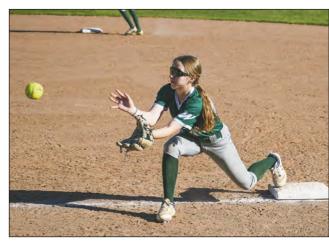
The game ended in a 16-3 decision in favor of HVRHS. The Mountaineers' record advanced to 7-5 this season while Webutuck moved to 0-8. The next day, on Friday, May 3, Webutuck beat Dover 6-2.

HVRHS was led offensively by Haley Leonard, who hit 4-for-5 at the plate and brought in three RBIs in addition to her solo home run. Grace Riva batted 3-for-5 with three RBIs, Kylie Leonard hit 2-for-3 with two RBIs, Madison Gulotta hit 1-for-4 with two RBIs, and Anne Moran hit 2-for-5 with two RBIs. Anne Moran pitched four strikeouts for the Mountaineers.

For Webutuck, Abby McEnroe went 2-for-4 at bat with one RBI, Aria Griskouskus hit 1-for-3 with an RBI, and C.C. Gray batted 2-for-3. Lyndsay Johnson threw three strikeouts from the hill.



Gissel Oros at bat for Webutuck against Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Thursday, May 2.



Maddy Krueger fields a put-out at first from the catcher.

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Webutuck coach Chris Osterman reassures Olivia Wickwire in the loss to HVRHS.



Webutuck's Xavier Pendergast makes a fast play at second early in the game against the Taconic Brewers.



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2024-25 School District Budget for May 21 Vote % OVER **AMOUNT AVERAGE TAX** PREVIOUS **RATE PER \$1,000 RAISED TOTAL** % INCREASE \$ PER **DISTRICT EXPENDITURE YEAR BY TAXES OVER 2023 ASSESSMENT STUDENTS STUDENT** Webutuck \$27,054,075 4.16% \$18,431,291 4.46% \$9.29 699 \$38,704 Pine \$37,689,744 3.50% \$27,021,126 3.24% \$9.39 803 \$46,936 **Plains** Millbrook \$34,575,075 1.69% \$27,074,236 805 \$42,950 3.22% \$15.28

need us to protect their rights to a future full of learning and possibilities."

In Webutuck one incumbent, Joanne Boyd, current Vice President, and one newcomer, Amanda Gallagher, will be seeking threeyear terms. Speaking to The Millerton News Gallagher explained her reasons for running for the school board. "I have three children in the Webutuck School District. One is graduating this year, one is going into ninth grade and the youngest will be in second grade. I'm running for the school board because I want

AMENIA BOARD Continued from Page A1

Amenia's Town Hall gym floor replacement was ap-

The other question asks for

feedback on the length of in-

dividual terms on the Town

Board. At present each coun-

cilmember serves a four-year

term, but the Town Supervi-

sor serves a two-year term.

Winters is seeking input on

whether the Town Supervi-

sor's term should also be four

ters at pwinters@ameniany.

gov to offer their thoughts

on the questions. He plans to

report results to the board on

mitting a preliminary draft

of possible regulations that

could support the town's

opting in to the state's regu-

lations governing cannabis

curement policy is assigned

to councilwoman Rosanna

Hamm for report at the next

be reporting on his effort to

define the scope of the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

the next meeting will be the

Wassaic Kilns and the pros-

pect of the town assuming

responsibility for the site.

Under discussion will be pro-

posed hours when the site will

be open for visitors, security,

changes to allow multi-family

housing will be another topic discussed on May 16. Once

the Town Board reaches a

consensus on a proposed

change, the discussion would

be passed on to the Plannng Board for their review in ad-

vance of Dutchess County

review.

Appropriate zoning

and maintenance.

Supervisor Blackman will

Also up for discussion at

Review of the town's pro-

Winters will also be sub-

Residents may email Win-

years in length.

May 16.

distribution.

meeting.

proved by the Town Board.

low-ground infrastructure

including a well, buried fuel

tank, buried propane tank

and a septic system, a state

environmental assessment

work had been completed

by LaBella Associates, archi-

tects, leading the Town Board

to vote unanimously to invite

that firm to proceed with the

environmental assessment

needs professional engineer-

ing services to assess the cur-

rent well systems and propose future capital projects. By

unanimous vote, the Town

Board agreed to move ahead

with seeking proposals for

those services. The engineers

would be charged with assess-

ing the entire water district

reviewing sources, storage

and distribution systems, and

to make recommendations

for capital improvements

along with potential funding

defined topics to be discussed

at its next meeting on Thurs-

day, May 16, assigning each

dents' comments that the

town should impose term

limits on elected positions,

councilmember Paul Win-

ters said that he would pre-

fer to poll public opinion in

preparation for his report

to the board. He said that he

would like residents' feedback

on two questions. The first

is whether residents feel that

elected officials should be

limited to a certain number

of consecutive terms total-

ing perhaps 12 or 16 years of

service in a given position.

In response to some resi-

topic to a councilmember.

The Town Board has also

The local water district

Preliminary planning

review process is required.

to be one of the forces to help kids have a better education. Webutuck is a good school district, but there's always room for growth."

Modest Budget Increases

Considering that the CPI (Consumer Price Index) for the last 12 months was 3.5%, all school budgets show modest increases in total expenditures from 1.7% in Millbrook to 4.2% in Webutuck. Spending per student ranges from a low of \$38,704 in Webutuck to \$46,936 in Pine Plains.

The accompanying chart compares the Webutuck,

Millbrook and Pine Plains School District budgets for the 2024-2025 school year that voters will be asked to approve. Tax rates are estimated with final rates not available until 2024 assessment valuations are completed.

School budgets are broken down into three major spending categories. The program budget includes teachers' salaries, special education, employee benefits and transportation, and administration and capital budgets, which include maintenance expenses, utilities, etc.

In Pine Plains 81% of the budget is expended on program expenses while in Millbrook it's 77% and 85% in Webutuck. Administration, all the people not in the classroom, constitutes 9.4% of

Pine Plains' budget, 10.3% in Millbrook and only 6.9% in Webutuck.

In addition to the budget each school district will separately ask approval of various propositions.

In Pine Plains voters will be asked to approve the purchase of three new 65 passenger school buses at an estimated total cost of \$462,000. Webutuck is looking to purchase two 20 passenger buses and to move ahead with installing air conditioning in all classrooms and cafeteria

Millbrook is requesting voter approval for a series of three bonds totaling \$77.7 million to finance the cost of deferred maintenance for the schools' physical plant and improve programing.

Webutuck school budget gets airing

By JOHN COSTON

The hearing, held in the high school's library, drew a small crowd that included five students who also were part of a presentation on a school program on climate

Supt. Raymond Castellani said that the budget, purchase of two, 20-passenwhich calls for an increase \$1,081,377, or 4.16% compared to last year, to \$27,054,075, aims to provide a full plate of educational and extracurricular activities for students while maintaining a balance with affordability.

Robert Farrier, business administrator for the District, presented a budget overview, explaining details related to the proposed tax levy (4.46%), which is lower than the maximum allowable levy of 6.02%.

Farrier also outlined revenue sources for the budget, including state aid, and he and Supt. Castellani noted that the budget includes additions to staff: two special education teachers, two K-6 teachers

due to increased enrollment, one math teacher and one teaching assistant.

The tentative tax levy is \$9.29 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, which is one cent lower than the 2023-24 levy. Farrier explained that final assessments from the towns will be forthcoming in August.

But based on the tentative tax levy, annual school tax on a \$200,000 assessed value would be \$1,858, according to Farrier's presentation.

Besides the budget approval, voters will decide on the ger buses and a pickup truck for the District at a cost of \$222,238. They also will vote on a \$4.5 million construction capital reserve fund approval to install air conditioning at Eugene Brooks Intermediate School and Webutuck High

There were no questions raised from the floor about the budget during the hearing. A vote on the budget will be held Tuesday, May 21.

In other business, the Board heard a presentation from teachers and students on School Climate and Culture. The goal of the program, instituted at elementary, middle and high school levels, is to increase student recognition and promote a positive atmosphere through activities, such as naming a student of the month and setting up a wellness day organization.

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AMENIA — The Board of Education of the North East (Webutuck) Central School District held a public hearing on the 2024-25 budget on Monday, May 6.

Noting that the District is required to stay at or below state tax levy threshholds, Castellani said: "We are below the tax levy level."

ROAD SALT Continued from Page A1

salt has on our waterways, roads, and soil in Dutchess County, not to mention the excessive damage it does to vehicles by prematurely rust-

Pulver said he has long been aware of the effects road salt can have.

"My parents well was contaminated from road salt years ago. Since then, I've always advocated for less us-

The inspiration for the study came from Rhinebeck where highway superintenden Bob Wyant saw a video on how to make a brine mixer.

The brine mixer churns salt and water to make a mixture, which when applied to winter roads has been shown to be more effective and cheaper than the traditional rock salt used now. It is also safer for the environment.

Once it is applied, the water in the brine evaporates, leaving a coating of salt which sticks to the roads. Traditional rock salt tends to bounce and roll off the roads and into waterways where it gets into drinking water and raises salinity, which can be unhealthy, especially for people with high blood pressure.

It also affects fish, plants, gets into soil, and affects ecosystems, according to "ROAD SALT, The Problem, The Solution, and How to Get There," a study by the Cary Institute of Ecosystems Studies in Millbrook.

Where rock salt must be applied right before or during a storm, brine can be applied up to forty-eight hours before a storm, which also can save on labor.

The Cary study recommends "a 23% salt brine solution to pre-treat roads before the onset of storms. Estimates suggest that road pre-treatment with brine can vield a 75% savings in total salt applied."

It is noted that brine, while a good solution, is not a perfect one.

Studies note winter rains can wash brine away and into waterways. Brine may not be as effective as rock salt in certain conditions. Rock salt is more effective on ice caused by freezing rain.

In Halifax, Canada, municipality spokesperson Erin

DiCarlo noted, "Conditions must be correct in order to apply this liquid chemical to a roadway and be effective. If the storm is forecast to begin with rain, the city may avoid using brine. Also, the temperature can't be too low, and the humidity can't be too high."

It is also more caustic than rock salt and can cause rust on cars and trucks.

As brine sticks to roads, it will also adhere to automobiles. It is recommended to wash cars periodically.

According to ADK Action (Adirondack Mountain Club), which has studied the effects of salt on the environment, particularly in the Adirondacks, brine should be used in conjunction with other methods of reducing salt use, such as precise application (computerized release of salt/brine), listening to RWIS (Road Weather Information System) to plan ahead for storms, making a map of sensitives areas (such as near waterways), upgrading equipment, improved training of plow drivers, educating the public, good storage and clean-up of salt, including the possibility of recycling water from washing plow trucks for the brine mixture, and monitoring and evaluating salt use.

Comptroller Pulver said, "We are putting together the scope of the study now and hope to have that complete early next week. I have already reached out for preliminary information from several sources including Cornell Local Roads Program and Washington County DPW. Once we get the facts, we will be able to make evidencebased recommendations on whether or not to proceed."

He added, "This is a brandnew study, we're going to begin immediately, and I'm not sure I can place an exact timeline on an implementation. My office provides oversight and official recommendations. It would be on the Department of Public Works to implement.

"And to clarify, this would be for county roads. We will of course share the results of our studies with local municipalities like Pine Plains, but I have no control over their decision-making process," he emphasized.





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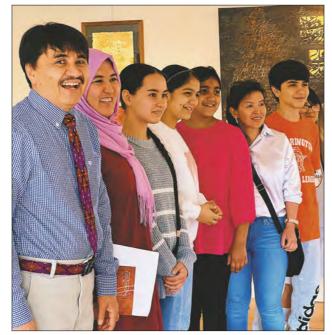
Afghan artists find new homes in Connecticut

The Good Gallery, located next to The Kent Art Association on South Main Street, is known for its custom framing, thanks to proprietor Tim Good. As of May, the gallery section has greatly expanded beyond the framing shop, adding more space and easier navigation for viewing larger exhibitions of work. On Saturday, May 4, Good premiered the opening of "Through the Ashes and Smoke," featuring the work of two Afghan artists and masters of their crafts, calligrapher Alibaba Awrang and ceramicist Matin Malikzada.

This is a particularly prestigious pairing considering the international acclaim their work has received, but it also highlights current international affairs both Awrang and Malikzada are now recently based in Connecticut as refugees from Afghanistan. As Good explained, Matin has been assisted through the New Milford Refugee Resettlement (NMRR), and Alibaba through the Washington

Refugee Resettlement Project. NMRR started in 2016 as a community-led non-profit supported by private donations from area residents that assist refugees and asylum-seeking families with aid with rent and household needs.

This is also not the first time two men have shown work in Connecticut together, as they both recently exhibited at the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury in an exhibit curated jointly by The Boston Museum of Fine Art, The Munson-Williams Proctor Arts Institute, and The Mattatuck Museum, which was on display from fall 2023 through spring 2024. The exhibition covered topics of diaspora, immigration, and displacement across the 20th century, including the Jim Crowera Great Migration, the plight of American Indigenous communities, as well as leading up to the international refugee crisis of the modern day. As the U.N. reported in 2023, "Afghan refugees are the third-largest displaced population in the world after Syrian and Ukrainian refugees."



PHOTOS BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

Alibaba Awrang, left, with family and friends at the opening of his show at The Good Gallery in Kent on Saturday, May 4.

Awrang and Malikzada, who both have young children, found themselves and their families whisked away from Kabul, the large capital city in the eastern part of the country, by the United States as chaos erupted following the Taliban's takeover in August 2021. The surge in instability and insecurity, as well as the threat of violence in Afghanistan, propelled their separate evacuations.

Malikzada's pottery, beautifully adorning the front windows of The Good Gallery, shows off both the craftsman's extreme precision this is not the "flaws and all" farmhouse style that has become trendy in the U.S. — and his strength in building up large, voluminous vases that finish on a delicate neck and slightly curved opening. As The Museum of Fine Art in Houston wrote, "Matin [has] revitalized a nearly lost art of symmetrical design and turquoise glaze derived from natural pigments unique to Istalifi pottery."

One of the most striking pieces in the show by Awrang is "Pomegranate Blood," which infuses the mediums of acrylic paint with watercolors and gold leaf to create an ar-

"Afghan refugees are the thirdlargest displaced population in the world."

resting blend of fiery colors and ornate textures woven into the paint like a poem. As the master calligrapher wrote in the show notes, "Kandahar [an Afghan city on the Arghandab River] is one the provinces of Afghanistan where pomegranates are famous for their sweetness. It is a time of celebration. When I was in Kabul, we had pomegranate parties every year at the house of a dear friend. For this reason, I see the pomegranate as the heart of all and it is blood sugar."

The show notes provide a journey for gallery viewers as they can travel from the Japanese ink painting "Through The Ashes and Smoke," noted as the last calligraphy piece Awrang did before leaving Afghanistan in 2021, up to more recent 2024 paintings like "Fall," a mix of intense pinks and blues that serve as his interpretation of the autumnal New England serenity that yearly envelopes the town he's come to call his new home.



Students presented to packed crowds at Troutbeck.

HISTORY: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Students share work at Troutbeck Symposium

he third annual Troutbeck Symposium began this year on Wednesday, May 1 with a historical marker dedication ceremony to commemorate the Amenia Conferences of 1916 and 1933, two pivotal gatherings leading up to the Civil Rights movement.

Those early meetings were hosted by the NAACP under W.E.B. Du Bois's leadership and with the support of hosts Joel and Amy Spingarn, who bought the Troutbeck estate in the early 1900s.

Students from Arlington High School in La-Grange, New York, Kara Gordon, Nicolas Giorgi, Justin Meneses Aquimo, Akhil Olahannan, and Sheik Bowden together with their teacher Robert McHugh, made the historical marker possible by pursuing a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation.

"We believe strongly that markers help educate the public, encourage pride of place, and promote historical tourism," said the foundation's research historian and educational coordinator.

The ceremony began with a land acknowledgement by students Kennadi Mitchell and Teagan O'Connell from Salisbury Central School who gave thanks to the Muncie Lenape, Mohican and Schagticoke people

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The crowd was then welcomed by Charlie Champalimaud who, with her husband, Anthony are the current owners of Troutbeck. Speeches were then given by Kendra Field and Kerri Greenridge, co-hosts of the event and founders of The Du Bois Forum, an annual retreat of writers, scholars, and artists engaged in historic Black intellectual and artistic traditions.

Field noted, "It is our genuine hope that the dedication of new historical sites, most especially this one, as part of our larger commitments, will make more complex, more diverse, and more complete the answer to the simple question 'what happened here?' and the closely related question, "what might happen next for generations to come?"

MaryNell Morgan enchanted the audience with her a capella renditions of several of Du Bois's "Sorrow Songs."

Du Bois used these songs as part of the presentation of his 14 essays in his seminal work "The Souls of Black Folk," first published in 1903.

A graduate of Atlanta University where Du Bois taught twice, Morgan sang a medley of songs explaining that the best way to understand "The Souls of Black Folk" is to understand the songs. In attendance at the evening event were also local officials, Amenia Town Supervisor Leo Blackman, and New

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"Pomegranate Blood" by Alibaba Awrang.

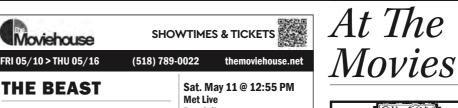
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Ann Kraus is an abstract landscape artist who grew up in Newton, Massachusetts. Her paintings represent her interaction with the natural environment and capture the essence of feelings evoked by a specific time and place. Her use of acrylic paint as the main medium allows an immediacy and vibrancy of color and texture. The exhibit will open on weekends from 11-4 until May 12th.



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The team at the restaurant at the Pink House in West Cornwall, Connecticut. Manager Michael Regan, left, Chef Gabe McMackin, center, and Chef Cedric Durand, right.

FOOD: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

The Creators

Gabe McMackin's ingredients for success

The Creators series is about people with vision who have done the hard work to bring their dreams to life.

Michelin-award winning chef Gabe McMackin grew up in Woodbury, Connecticut next to a nature preserve and a sheep farm. Educated at the Washington Montessori School, Taft '94, and Skidmore College, McMackin notes that it was washing dishes as a teenager at local Hopkins Inn that galvanized his passion for food and hospitality into a career.

Working at Sperry's in Saratoga, The Mayflower, Blue Hill at Stone Barns, Thomas Moran's Petite Syrah, Roberta's in Brooklyn, Gramercy Tavern, then becoming corporate chef for merchandising at Martha Stewart, McMackin learned the ropes from some of America's greatest chefs. His own culinary jewel, The Finch, so named for the birds that Darwin believed illustrated natural selection through their diversity, opened in Brooklyn in 2014. Ten months later McMackin was awarded his first Michelin star. In March of 2017, The New

Yorker reviewed The Finch favorably saying, "... it's the intrepid eater who will be most rewarded." After closing The Finch, due in part to the pressures of Covid, McMackin became Executive Chef at Troutbeck in Amenia.

This June, McMackin is coming home. He and his team are opening the Restaurant at The Pink House on Lower River Road in historic West Cornwall, just south of the covered bridge. Their opening date is to be announced. McMackin described his new endeavor:

"Our style and techniques are informed by cuisines from around the world, but the lens is very much focused on West Cornwall. The food that will be served is seasonal American food. It's what makes sense here and now, it's what we're able to get our hands on from people close by. It's casual first and foremost, but it can also be a little dressed up. We want people to feel excited to be with us! The Pink House will be a place for everyone in the community to celebrate, a place to meet friends, a place to feel well taken care of and well fed."

The Creators **Interview**

Jennifer Almquist: Tell us more about you as a young person, as a child. What were some of the inspirations that began this passion for cooking food?

Gabe McMackin: So

much about this time of year takes me to my origins. Springtime, to listen to new life happen around here, seeing different colors change. I loved seeing things come out of ground. As a little kid seeing what was happening in the garden, getting excited for those first things that I could eat like asparagus, or things that were wild. To make a salad out of wood sorrel and garlic chives, things that were not going to be super tasty, but I could make, was an exciting thing as a little person. Recognizing what different things tasted like felt natural. I liked this thing, I didn't like that thing as much; this one was bitter, and I didn't like it at all. I was not manipulating things as much as just tasting them, touching them, feeling them. Appreciating what a raspberry

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PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

York Assembly Members Didi Barrett and Anil Beephan. Closing remarks were given by Hasan Kwame Jeffries, Associate Professor at Ohio State University and one of the panelists for the Symposium.

Over the next two days, more than 200 middle and high school students from 16 regional public and independent schools converged to present and discuss their year-long research projects, uncovering the often-overlooked local histories of communities of color and other marginalized groups, answering the questions posed the night before, "what happened here and what might happen next for generations to come?"

Rhonan Mokriski, history teacher and educational director for the Troutbeck Symposium, emphasized the student-led nature of the forum by saying the directive was to "give it to the students and let them run with it."

Through visual art, documentaries, personal and historical narrative, photographs, and multiple forms of storytelling, students skillfully presented their findings, revealing truths— often difficult ones—in the tradition of their predecessors who did so in the very same location.

Said Jeffries, "It's one thing if the kids were doing research and then presenting in the, let's say, school gymnasium, right? But to be able to do it here at Troutbeck, it adds the power of place and makes it all the more powerful."

Student presentations ranged in topics from the Silent Protest of 1917 and its connection to the Amenia conference of 1916, the links between

Lorraine Hansberry, Langston Hughes and Nina Simone, to local families, Amy Spingarn's quiet activism, reimagining Du Bois's 'The Crisis' through a modern contextualization that included the recent Supreme Court action on Affirmative Action.

Jeffries and Christina Proenza-Coles, a professor at Virginia State University spoke after each set of presentations, responding to and contextualizing the students'

"These projects themselves are commemorations," Poenza-Coles said. "They are themselves peaceful protests that are pointing us to a more just future." Poenza-Coles emphasized the interconnectedness of past and present and stated, "Spaces that we would have thought about as white spaces, in fact, were also black and brown spaces from the beginning of history. Histories are completely intertwined."

Blake Myers, programming, marketing, and culture manager at Troutbeck spoke passionately about the community effort it takes to put on the event year after year. She said that while making sure the program is sustainable, "It really is a replicable model," and hopes to see other institutions, schools, and foundations adopt it as a teaching tool.

The rooms, walls, and wooded paths of Troutbeck reverberated for three days with stories, past and present, celebrations and revelations of untold narratives and marginalized voices.

Said Jeffries, "America is a product of decisions and choices that were made, and often those

were bad decisions and bad choices from the perspective of somebody committed to human rights and to equality. But that's our foundation, that's how we started this whole thing.

"So, you have that on the one hand, but then despite the systems of oppression that are designed to do just that, you always have people willing to fight against it and people who are willing to carve out spaces to preserve, promote and protect their own humanity."

Left to grapple with the complexities of historical memory and its implications for contemporary society, Jeffries offered, "The work that's being done here, connected with Troutbeck, it's not just about recovery and discovery, which is critical. But then the question is what do you do with it (the information)? How do we commemorate?

"What do we put in place physically so that we don't forget. Often, we think about history and this question of 'if you don't remember the past, if you don't remember the systems that are created, then we are doomed or bound to repeat it. But we're not going to repeat anything because most of the stuff, we never stopped doing."

There was some laughter from the audience and Jeffries concluded, speaking to the students, "But you're waking up, remembering, focusing, and bearing witness so that we can finally disrupt it. We can finally stop doing the things from the past that have created and generated inequality in the present by focusing on this community that is very much doing the work."



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World Migratory Bird Day

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2024's World Migratory Bird Day

By now, many of us have watched with rapt attention (or, if you're like me, with sweaty palms) movies or television series where zombies wreak havoc on planet earth in some horrifying apocalyptic scenario. They're usually graphic, disturbing, and unfathomably disruptive to human existence.

In some instances, as portrayed in the HBO series "The Last Of Us," there's an unsettling angle of how something in nature (in this case, a fungus) turns against us and it all just goes bad.

But what if a scary scenario like this wasn't caused by the mutation of something in nature, but the removal of it? Many of you have probably heard terms like "insect collapse" and "insect apocalypse" in reference to the steep decline in these animals during the



PHOTO BY JAMES CLARK

past half century.

Renowned entomologist and conservationist, E.O. Wilson, had a lot to say about the importance of insects in our global ecosystems and how those ecosystems would be impacted by

their loss. His apocallyptic scenario is just as harrowing as those we've seen on screen, noting that most plants and land animals would become extinct because of their reliance on animals like bees, butterflies,

moths, ants, and beetles. And not over a long period of time, either. Within a few months.

Whoa. Not just because these animals help pollinate our crops and allow forest plants to reproduce, but because they also form the foundation of our terrestrial ecosystems.

Any animal you can think of likely consumes insects at some stage in its lifecycle, whether it's a frog, a bear, a bird, or another insect.

One group of animals particularly reliant on insects is birds. Shorebirds, songbirds, wading birds, and even some birds of prey rely on these tiny animals in both their larval and adult stages. Perhaps you've observed your backyard Bluebirds plucking caterpillars off the ground, or watched acrobatic Tree Swallows catch winged insects in mid-air.

The degree to which the birds that we love rely on insects is profound. A single pair of Black-capped Chickadees, for example, was found to have fed 6,000-9,000 caterpillars to just one single brood of chicks during two weeks' time. And now, during this magical month of May that bird enthusiasts in Eastern North America anticipate, insects are an ever-critical source of energy to these birds as they make their incredible journeys, sometimes across entire continents, to the places where they will raise their young.

So if our insects are declining, what does that mean for our birds? A study published by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in 2019 concluded that we have lost 3 billion birds since 1970. May of the causes of this decline are attributed to the ways in which we have altered our natural environments to make them inhospitable toward insects, whether that's through shrinking the available spaces for insects, polluting them, or simply eliminating them altogether.

Thinking back to E.O. Wilson's connections between insects, healthy ecosystems, and even our own human existence, shouldn't we be preserving them?

Fortunately for us, this is the turning point in the zombie apocalypse film where we learn what we can do to save ourselves. And in our real-life scenario, for our birds and other wildlife, too. The choices we make in our own backyards can have real

impact, whether that involves eliminating pesticides, reducing our lawn and replacing it with native plants, or turning off unnecessary lights at night.

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Partnering organizations include Audubon Connecticut, the Sharon Energy and Environmental Commission (SEEC), Litchfield Hills Audubon Society, Lights Out! Connecticut, Homegrown National Park, The Xerces Society, Lindera, and more.

Bethany Sheffer is Volunteer Coordinator and Naturalist at the Sharon Audubon Center.

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tasted like as opposed to a blueberry, or a wild grape.

As I got older, I seemed to appreciate things less, I stopped paying close attention. I was still sensitive to things and food, but I stopped as excited about it. There were things that came back to me in waves, allowing me to see things in a fresh light. I might think about that in terms of food or in terms of hospitality, and it would affect my perspective.

I got a job in a restaurant washing dishes at the Hopkins Inn in New Preston when I was 17 and learned about how to wash dishes well. That's the foundation that every restaurant is built on. If you don't have a happy dish washer, if you don't take care of your plates well, you can't really serve your guests well. The rhythm being in that place was infectious.

JA: From your elemental experience of a raspberry, do you still seek pure essence in your cooking?

GM: If it doesn't taste like the raspberry you're missing that spirit, you're missing that essence of raspberry. If it's not there, why is it on the plate? If you are not using something well, you show the ingredient disrespect, plus you're not using all the magical things available. I love the idea of sticking to what is from here. The food that's going to make the most impact is going to be the one most full

JA: Is cooking like poetry to you?

GM: Yes, the best

words and the best order; it's the best ingredients with the least

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JA: Did you have traditional training in a culinary school? Have you been able to remain yourself, not too influenced by another style or chef?

amount done to them.

GM: I've been able to work for very talented people. My apprenticeships working with people informed my understanding of technique. Some chefs have palates that have amazed me. The way they think creatively about building flavors and dishes, telling stories in food has been very powerful. The education that I've gotten in food, or in hospitality, has not only been from restaurants, but it has also come from the world. I haven't done culinary school, but I know how to learn. I can turn that magnifying lens on a peach for the essence of that peach. I want to study animal butchery, I want to learn how to fix problems, or build a vinaigrette tolerant of high temperatures.

JA: It has been said of you that you remain an oasis of calm. How do you maintain that in a busy kitchen?

GM: I've had good mentors that helped me see the dance for what it is. To know each table has its own rhythm. If you are choreographing the whole dance, each table can be perfectly in sync with the other tables, with the kitchen, with the bar.

JA: Has there been a downside, a dark moment when you were against the wall?

GM: All the time.

Closing The Finch was a difficult decision. Covid forced me to make that choice. We did not want to pivot into being a different kind of a space, like a grocery store. Others chose that path to keep the lights on. I did not have the money to put into retooling, and didn't have the appetite to fight with the landlord I was always in conflict with. Getting a restaurant open is tremendous success, telling the story is tremendous success, yet we hold ourselves to the standard of existing forever and making tons of money. I worked so hard to make that restaurant profitable, that when we shut down it was in some ways a relief. The opportunity to be there was magic.

JA: Were you sad that last moment closing the door to The Finch?

GM: I was one of many people doing that during Covid. Yeah, it's still very hard.

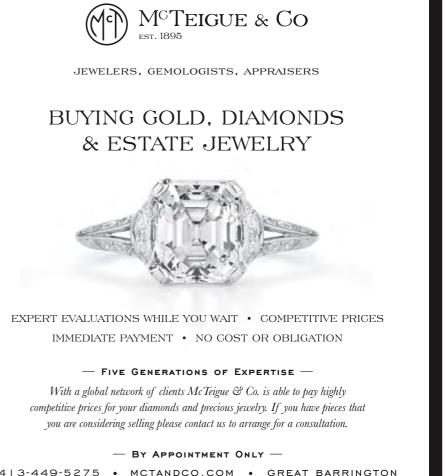
JA: They say you made something great from nothing.

GM: I took a tattoo parlor and turned it into a restaurant.

JA: Please share with us your farewell to The Finch.

GM: I am overwhelmingly grateful. We have gone beyond what we thought was possible in making this restaurant live. It has been an honor, and we are full of the memories you helped us create. But it is time to close The Finch and find a new path.

Full interview on www.lakevillejournal. com



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MAY 9

Poetry Reading: Irene Mitchell

Roeliff Jansen Library, 9091 Route 22, Copake, N.Y. roejanlibrary.org

On Thursday, May 9, at 6 p.m., The Roeliff Jansen Community Library will host local poet Irene Mitchell on Thursday, May 9. Mitchell will read from and discuss her most recent book of poetry, My Report from the Uwharries (Dos Madres Press, 2022).

Mitchell is a long-time teacher of English and Writing in inner city and rural New York Mitchell is the author of several books.

Formerly Poetry
Editor of Hudson
River Art Magazine,
Mitchell is known for
her collaborations
with visual artists and
composers..

MAY 10

It's Only A Play by Terrence McNally

The Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery at the Claverack Library, 629 NY-23B, Claverack, N.Y.

It's Only A Play by Terrence McNally - It's the opening night of *The* Golden Egg on Broadway, and wealthy producer Julia Budder is throwing an opening night bash in her Manhattan townhouse. Downstairs the celebrities are pouring in, but the real action is upstairs in the bedroom, where a group of insiders have staked themselves out to await the reviews.

The play will run on May 10, 11 and 12 and the following weekend of May 17, 18 and 19, 2024. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee is at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for Students & Seniors. Please call for Group Rates. For advance reservations visit www. The Two Of Us Productions. org or call 518-758-1648.

MAY 11

Salisbury Forum

Salisbury School, 251 Canaan Road, Salisbury, Conn.

The next installment of the Salisbury Forum, NUCLEAR ENERGY - A SOLUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE with Joshua Goldstein, PhD, will take place at Salisbury School May 11 at 6:30 p.m. Joshua S. Goldstein is an award-winning scholar of international relations who has written and spoken widely on war and society, including war's effects on gender, economics. and psychological trauma, and on peace and diplomacy. His book, A Bright Future (with Staffan Qvist) is on international responses to climate change, especially Sweden's success in rapid decarbonization using nuclear power. Visit www.salisburyforum.org for more info.

Health Center Open House

6-8 East Main St., North Canaan, Conn.

Community Health & Wellness Center (CHWC) is thrilled to announce an Open House event for its

new Regional Healthcare Center in North Canaan on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event celebrates the grand opening of the latest addition to CHWC's network, providing comprehensive medical and mental health services to the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. The Open House provides a unique opportunity for the public to tour the new facility and learn about the range of services offered. Visitors are encouraged to meet the CHWC team (many of them local residents) and discover the comprehensive care available at the new

Copake Grange Flea Market and Bake Sale

center.

Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

From 8 a.m. to noon on May 11 there will be a flea market and bake sale at Copake Grange!

Are you Spring cleaning, getting rid of things you no longer want but are still in good condition? The Grange wants your stuff! Help us give your things a new home!

We are accepting kitchenware, household goods, art, linens, accessories, small furniture, gifts, toys, gardening tools and supplies. No CDs, DVDs or books. Items MUST be in good condition. Worn out or unusable items will not be accepted. Drop off times: Wednesday, May 8, 1 to 2 p.m.

Art Workshop

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

Join local artist Erika Crofut for a two-part "Book Bird Book Art" workshop on May 11 and 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. Erika will guide participants in different book art techniques using recycled books, folding, feather, paint and fun! We will work from an interesting pile of culled books along with some pre-cut patterns, templates, paints and more. Each artist will be able to choose their own book and using cutting, folding, fur, feathers and paint we will make an aviary! This program is designed for focused artists aged eight and up, children ages five to seven are welcome with an adult. Register by calling (860) 824-7424 or emailing the library dmhuntlibrary@gmail.

Art Show

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

On Saturday, May 11 from 4 to 6 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village (CT) will host an opening reception for A Star Danced: The Paintings of Mary Anne Carley and Theresa Kenny. The exhibition features the work of two Sharonbased painters who happen to be mother and daughter. Mary Anne Carley uses a multitude of media in her abstract and impressionist paintings and monoprints including

acrylic, watercolor, and

ink. The exhibition will be on display at the library during operating hours through June 7.

MAY 14

Film Screening

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

Sam Kassow, a leading historian of Polish Jewry and the Holocaust, and Stockbridge resident Aaron Lansky, the founder and director of the world-famous Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Mass. will be in a talkback after the showing of the documentary film "Who Will Write Our History." The event, a benefit for the Triplex, will take place on May 14 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person.

Reading of "Cucumber Sandwiches" by Leigh Curran

St. James Place, 352 Main Street, Great Barrington, Mass.

There will be a reading of "Cucumber Sandwiches" by Leigh Curran on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7 p.m., with Mimi Lieber and Leigh Curran, directed by Elaine Vaan Hogue, with stage directions read by Frances Roth. It will be at St. James Place, 352 Main St., Great Barrington, Mass, as a part of the **Great Barrington Public** Theatre's New Play Festival

Experience the first public reading of a comedy-drama about a life-long friendship between two well-heeled women that goes awry when deeply held secrets come to life. Make a reservation by emailing Tristan at Tristan. greatbarringtonpublic@gmail.com

MAY 15

Coworking on Main

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

Calling all freelancers, entrepreneurs, creatives, retirees, and anyone else seeking a change of scenery from your home office or studio! Enjoy the camaraderie of a shared working space while tapping into your individual workflow; wifi and coffee provided. Drop in anytime, but if goal setting and accountability is helpful to you, arrive at 9 a.m. to join a brief go-around where we'll share what we're each working on. The event continues until 1 p.m.

MAY 16

Around the World in 80 Gardens

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

The David M. Hunt
Library will present
"Around the World in 80
Gardens" with Professor
Richard Benfield on
Thursday, May 16 at
4 p.m. In this session,
he will show garden
enthusiasts and laymen
alike the different and
unique gardens and floral
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This program is free and
open to the public.

■ MAY 18

Plant Sale

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

Douglas Library of North Canaan will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vegetable plants, annuals, dahlias, geraniums and perennials will be available to name a few. The library welcomes plant donations; please leave any potted donations behind the building near the elevator entrance. Book sales will also be ongoing during this event. For further info, call the library at 860-824-7863.

Author Talk

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

Caroline Paul will discuss her new book, "Tough Broad: From Boogie Boarding to Wing Walking — How Outdoor Adventure Improves Us as We Age," at Cornwall Library Saturday, May 18, at 6 p.m. This is a live event. Registration is required on www. cornwalllibrary.org. A recording of the talk may be available a few days after it takes place.

Paint and Sip

Art Bar & Gallery, Union Station 2nd Floor, 1 Railroad St., North Canaan, Conn.

Paint and Sip at the Art Bart & Gallery in North Canaan Saturday, May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 and include all art supplies plus the first drink of the night. Limited spots are available. Contact Jessie at (860) 671-9818 to reserve a seat.

North Canaan Spring Fest

North Canaan, Conn.

The North Canaan **Events Committee** (NCEC) will host Spring Fest Saturday, May 18. Activities will include a vendor market in the municipal lot, a free movie at the Colonial Theater, a plant sale at Douglas Library, a paint and sip event at the Art Bar & Cafe in Union Station, rock painting with the Recreation Commission, and fun and games for kids. For times and info, find NCEC on Facebook or email northcanaanevents committee@gmail.com.

Art Festival

Lawrence Field, North Canaan, Conn.

The Litchfield Art
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May 19 from 10 a.m. to
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(at the intersection of
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art festival features fine
artists from seven states
both with functional
and non-functional art,
including paintings,

sculpture, photography, jewelry, glass and leather, etc. Free and open to the Public.

Noble Horizons Auxiliary Book & Tag Sale

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn.

The Noble Horizons Auxiliary in Salisbury will hold its semi-annual Book & Tag Sale, Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19 in the Community Room at Noble Horizons from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free on both days; on Friday only, EARLY BIRDS pay \$10 from 8 to 9 a.m.

This popular event attracts antique dealers, book lovers, and bargain hunters. In addition to hundreds of books, there will be a wide variety of furniture, china, glassware, jewelry, linens, and household and garden items.

Donations are needed and appreciated. Before May 11, bring used items (no clothing and electronics) to Noble's Wagner Reception Desk. Between Sunday, May 12 and Thursday, May 16, all items should be taken directly to the Community Room. For where and when to drop of bulky, large items, please call 860-435-9851.

Wassaic Project '24 Summer Exhibition

Maxon Mills, 37 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y.

Tall Shadows in Short Order is the Wassaic Project's 2024 Summer Exhibition. There will be an opening on Saturday, May 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. It will be on view Saturdays and Sundays through September 14.

It will feature 30 artists throughout all seven floors of Maxon Mills, with a focus on large, site-specific installations. These include an interactive outdoor site for rest and exchange of plant knowledge by Tiffany Smith, a thirtylanguage broadcast of the US national anthem by Daniel Shieh, a mountain range made from maps of the US and Argentina by Luciana Abait, a narrative wheel about psychic children in Vietnam by Petra Szilagyi, and, on the top floor, an alternate version of Wassaic in miniature from Cate Pasquarelli's Museum of Embellished History.

Home Grown Plant Sale

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

Homegrown Plant Sale on the weekend of May 18 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on

Sunday. Falls Village's own growers, gardeners, and CSAs will provide a wide variety of plants, including a large selection of tomatoes, vegetables, annuals and perennials, and houseplants including potted geraniums and hanging baskets from **HVRHS. Proceeds** benefit the Hunt Library and HVRHS. For more information, or to donate plants and pots, call the library at 860-824-7424 or visit huntlibrary.org.

Hike Cornwall

Hare Preserve, Popple Swamp Road, Cornwall, Conn.

Discover Hare Preserve with Terry Burke May 18 at 10 a.m. Enjoy a short hike in a magical wood of mixed forest, a small Brook running into two small ponds, a statue by Monty Hare and his poem for the Preserve. The Hare Preserve is also a very pleasant short walk from the village. Park at the Hare Preserve on Popple Swamp Road.

Book Talk

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

On Saturday, May 18, at 6 p.m., The Cornwall Library presents a book talk by Caroline Paul, author of "Tough Broad: From Boogie Boarding to Wing Walking - How Outdoor Adventure Improves Us as We Age," which is already the #1 best-seller in solo travel guides on Amazon. In her new book, Paul dives deep into the current research on aging, and interviews older women who exemplify the confidence and well-being that come from embracing the outdoors. Among them are 93-year-old hiker Dot Fisher-Smith; 80-yearold scuba diver Louise Wholey; and her own mom, Sarah Paul, who began bicycling later in life. This event is live only (no Zoom). Registration on the library website is required, at: cornwalllibrary.org/ events/

MAY 19

No Service: A Phone-Free Art-Making Space for Non-Artists

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

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Kiss the Ground Film and Panel Discussion with Berkshire Community Land Trust's Farmstead for Farmers

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

On Sunday, May 19 at 4 p.m. at The Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington, Farmsteads for Farmers presents Kiss the Ground, a film about regenerative farming and climate followed by Berkshire farmer's panel.

Considered by many to be the "Most Important Film You'll Ever Watch", Kiss the Ground draws a straight line from regenerative farming to offsetting climate harms. The screening will be followed by a panel moderated by Katy Sparks (Edible Natural World) featuring **Berkshire County** farmers Elizabeth Keen (Indian Line Farm), Anna Houston (Off the Shelf Farm), and Will Conklin (Sky View Farm/ Greenagers).



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Cinco de Mayo

The opening event for the Bang Family Concert Series at The Smithfield Church on Saturday, May 4, celebrated the festive Mexican holiday, Cinco de Mayo, with a performance by the popular husbandand-wife guitar duo, Judy Handler and Mark Levesque. Their program titled "Fiesta!" featured Spanish and Latin-American music performed on guitar and mandolin.



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"Flamingo" by Andrea Sanchez at The Art Bar.

Pink Flamingo and Cocktails

The Art Bar, the new cocktail lounge located on the second floor of Great Falls Brewery in North Canaan, unveiled a splashy series of paintings on its walls on Friday, May 3. Artist Andrea Sanchez is a Connecticut native with ancestral roots in the Caribbean Sea. With ties to Puerto Rico through both of her parents, Sanchez's acrylic on canvas works draw inspiration from the island's scenery and wildlife, and possibly from Puerto Rican artists like Raul Ortiz Bonilla, whose bold-colored scenes of nature are housed in the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture. For more on Andrea Sanchez, follow her on Instagram @kisstheheavens_art.

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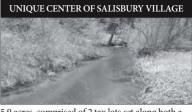
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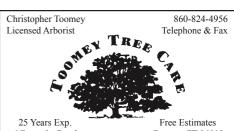
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