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### Little League trophy time

Junior Wagoner, 6, proudly displays his trophy awarded for his contributions to the T-ball team. For full coverage, turn to page B1.

## Amenia decides against pursuing grant, avoiding park-land forever status

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — Nine resolutions were considered at the regular meeting of the Town Board on Thursday, June 6, with eight winning unanimous approval, but one failing to pass by a vote of 3 – 2.

The failed resolution would have permitted the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for a grant from the Environmental

Protection Fund within the Parks, Preservation and Heritage program, a state-administered fund.

Early in the meeting, Town Supervisor Leo Blackman indicated his intention to oppose making that application that, if awarded and accepted by the town, could provide funding for the Amenia Green project described in a Master Plan to enhance the property surrounding the Town Hall for recreational use.

As explained by Blackman, the

grant program administered by the state parks system, would require that that parcel of town land would need to remain park land forever. He believes that the edges of the Town Hall parcel might one day be built upon as the commercial center might grow.

Blackman also indicated that residents should have more opportunity to consider the Amenia

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## Summer camp sign-ups sought in Millerton; Amenia cancels

By COLLEEN FLYNN  
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MILLERTON — The Village of Millerton is looking for children to sign up for its six-week summer program at Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

With the help from the Town of North East, the program is available to children from ages 5-13 years old, including both residents and non-residents. This

year's summer camp is planned to run from July 1 to Aug. 9.

Sebastian Bauer, the summer camp director, has said that so far they have had no sign-ups for the program. However, with the Amenia summer camp recently shutting down for the second year in a row due to low enrollment, Bauer is hopeful that those kids will make their way over.

The Village of Millerton is excited to show and use the park to

its fullest potential for the first time since Covid-19. Campers will have the opportunity to participate in arts and crafts, games, sports and field trips.

Parents are able to choose from full-time or part-time when registering their child for the program.

For residents, full time campers will be able to attend 4-5 days per week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for

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## Endangered red wolf pups born in Trevor Zoo

By GAVIN MARR  
 Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Six weeks ago the Millbrook School's Trevor Zoo celebrated the birth of four endangered Red Wolf pups, described as the rarest large carnivore in America.

Their birthday was May 2, and since that day zoo staff has left the pups in their mother's care, avoiding human dependency because the plan is to eventually introduce them to the wild.

Through the nonprofit Associa-

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PHOTO BY DANIEL COHEN

Red wolf pup, shown at about three weeks old, is one of four born at the Millbrook School's Trevor Zoo last month.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

### Detour in Millerton

The sidewalk on the north side of Main Street in Millerton is getting a refresh this month from Dutchess Avenue eastward. The work, which began June 3, was identified as a goal of the 2019 Comprehensive Plan.



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OUR TOWNS

# Rain gardens to reduce flooding in Dover Plains

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS  
Special to The Millerton News

DOVER PLAINS — When it rains these days, it often pours. And all that runoff from impervious surfaces such as roofs, parking lots, roads and driveways has to go somewhere.

All too often, that flooding ends up in lakes, streams or ponds, along with pollutants collected along the way.

To prevent this from happening, the Cornwall, Conn.-based Housatonic Valley Association recently teamed up with a Dover Plains business owner and other partners to celebrate the installation of two rain gardens aimed at reducing pollution entering Wells Brook, a tributary to the Ten Mile River and a significant warm-weather refuge for native fish.

The June 7 ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at the

Dover Plains McDonald's, where owner and operator Victor Wong thanked HVA's Ten Mile River Watershed Manager, Claire Wagh, for explaining why the streams surrounding his business are vital, in part because the carry water from Dover to Long Island Sound.

Also at the site, HVA installed interpretive signs in both English and Spanish describing the ecological diversity and importance of Wells Brook as well as the function of rain gardens and how they benefit local wildlife and communities.

"Providing an opportunity for environmental education in a diverse rural community like Dover Plains, in a spot as heavily trafficked as a McDonald's, is an exciting example of what equitable environmental education can look like," Wagh explained to those in attendance.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Housatonic Valley Association's Ten Mile River Watershed Manager, Claire Wagh, stands next to the newly installed rain gardens in Dover Plains.

The rain gardens, which are shallow depressions in the landscape and include native plants beneficial to pollinators, filter stormwater runoff from Route 22, as well as from

the McDonald's parking lot and roof, before it reaches Wells Brook, ultimately reducing flooding and improving water quality by removing pollutants.

This type of runoff has been cited by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a major source of pollution to the nation's waterways.

The rain gardens, which are prime examples of green infrastructure, were designed and built by Earth Tones Native Plant Nursery of Woodbury, Conn., with funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Long Island Sound Futures Fund and Iroquois Gas Transmission Systems, and in partnership with McDonald's and J.C. Wong Management.

During the unveiling ceremony, attendees were invited to tour the streambanks and learn how rain gardens protect rivers for the benefit of not only the environment, but also wildlife and humans.

The Dover Plains rain gardens are one of many projects HVA and its conservation partners are collaborating on across the Housatonic River watershed as part of its Clean, Cold and Connected Initiative. The program works to protect streams like Wells Brook, restore fish and wildlife habitat

and provide opportunities for people to learn about and enjoy the rich, natural heritage of the Housatonic River.

According to the University of Connecticut NEMO (Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials) Program, which was created in the early 1990s to provide information, education and assistance to local land use board and commissions on how they can accommodate growth while protecting their natural resources and community character, building a rain garden at residences can also reduce the amount of pollutants that leave yards and enter nearby lakes, streams and ponds.

The NEMO Program offers a rain garden app for designing, installing and maintaining rain gardens. To learn more, visit <https://nemo.uconn.edu/raingardens>

For more information on the conservation and education projects underway at Housatonic Valley Association (HVA), the only conservation organization dedicated to the entire tri-state Housatonic Watershed which acts to protect the natural character and environmental health of the region from the Berkshires to Long Island Sound, visit [www.hvatoday.org](http://www.hvatoday.org)

## Village of Millerton election for 2 Board seats on June 18

By JOHN COSTON  
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MILLERTON — The Village will hold an election on Tuesday, June 18, for Board trustee seats.

Three candidates are running for two upcoming seats.

Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori, who has served three two-year terms, is not run-

ning. In 2022 Sartori, a Democrat, also ran on the Republican party line.

Matt Hartzog, an incumbent in the 2022 election, is up for reelection and has been endorsed by a Democratic caucus.

Kelly Kilmer, a former Village clerk with a Republican endorsement, is running for the Board. Last year, Kilmer

unsuccessfully challenged mayoral incumbent Mayor Jenn Najdek.

Matt Soleau, a member of the Planning Board, also is on the ballot seeking a Board seat. He is cross-endorsed by Democrats and Republicans.

Voting will take place from noon to 9 p.m. at the Village Hall, 5933-59 North Elm Ave., Millerton.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, on Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 7:30 PM, or soon thereafter as possible, in the Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York, on the application of Michael and Amy Klein for a reduction in the required side yard in order to construct an addition to one-family residence located at 9 Willoughby Lane, Indian Lake Estates, tax parcel #7269-00-674830, in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing. Dated: June 10, 2024.

Julie Schroeder  
Chairman,  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
06-13-24

### NOTICE TO Prospective Respondents

A sealed proposal for: ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE & SALT STORAGE FACILITY

will be received at the following address:

**TOWN OF AMENIA  
4988 NY-22  
AMENIA, NY 12501**

until 2:00 PM local time on July 25, 2024. The proposals shall be opened and acknowledged by the Town Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501.

This project includes comprehensive design and engineering services including, but not limited to, evaluating, amending and/or implementing the facility identified in the existing feasibility study leading to the construction of a new Highway Garage and Salt Storage Facility for the Town of Amenia.

If the Proposal is received by mail or by hand after the appointed time on the date specified it shall be rejected, not withstanding that such Proposal may have been placed in a mailbox or other mail receptacle regularly maintained by the United States Postal Service before such time, and ordinarily in sufficient time to have been delivered on time.

The issuing office for the Proposal Documents is:

**Town of Amenia  
c/o Dawn Marie Klingner,  
Town Clerk 4988 NY-22,  
Amenia, NY 12501**  
Phone: 845-373-8118 ext.125

E-mail:  
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Please email the Town Clerk to obtain the Proposal

Documents, which shall be furnished electronically.

Attention of Prospective Respondents is particularly called to the requirements for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against due to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Town of Amenia, as Owner, reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Proposal received, or to reject any Proposal without explanation.

By Order of:  
Town of Amenia  
06-13-24

### TOWN OF PINE PLAINS DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Zoning Board of Appeals on the 25th day of June 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the area variance application submitted by Keith and Jeanine Sisco for property located at 10-11 Hoffman Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #134200-6872-00-350673-0000.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed action requesting a proposed lot to be less than the required 5 acres in the Rural District. The application is available for review at the Pine Plains Town Hall during regular business hours.

By order of:  
Scott Chase,  
Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals  
06-13-24

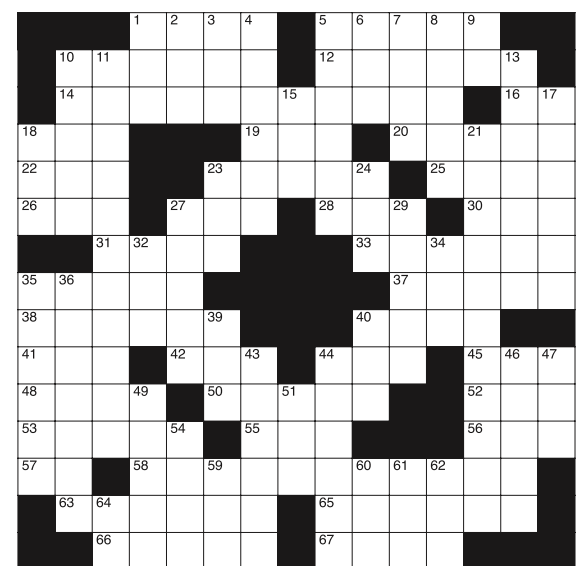
## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Native American people
5. Very long periods of time (Brit.)
10. Schoolboard accessory
12. Rods
14. One who renews
16. Sculpted body part
18. Chatter incessantly
19. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
20. Plates on a turtle's shell
22. University of Utah athlete
23. The world of the dead
25. Singer Redding
26. Former Yankee great Mattingly
27. Prefix indicating wrongly
28. Unhappy
30. Anger
31. Dark brown or black
33. Restaurants have a lot of them
35. Made a mistake
37. Damp
38. Type of gasoline
40. Actor LeBlanc
41. Perform in a play
42. One's mother
44. Prohibit
45. Swiss river
48. Part of a banana
50. Indian hand clash cymbals
52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
53. Agave
55. Noted journalist Tarbell
56. Computer firm
57. Type of record
58. Bacterium that can cause infection
63. Sheaths enclosing the spinal cord
65. A narrow opening (as in a rock wall)
66. Pattern
67. Very eager to see something

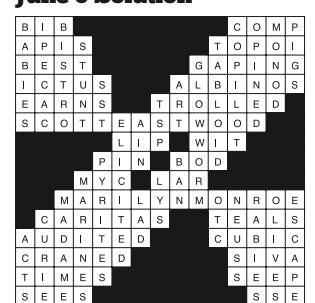
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3. Writing utensil
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6. Consume
7. Athleisure clothing brand

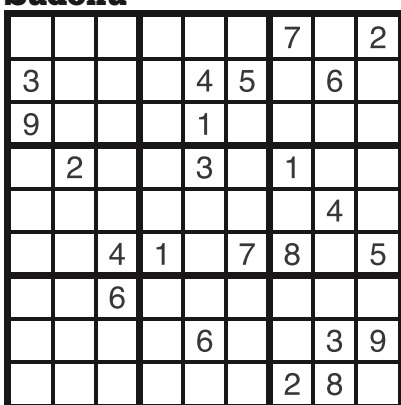


8. California town
9. Atomic #50
10. The Muse of lyric and love poetry
11. Creates anew
13. Humorous commentaries
15. Cool!
17. Most ignoble
18. Soggy dirt
21. Designed to be useful
23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
24. High schoolers' test
27. One-time internet accessory
29. City in India
32. Furniture
34. You have likely chatted with one
35. Pass or go by
36. Proof of purchase
39. A digital tape recording of sound
40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Building occupied by monks
47. Georgia rock band
49. Device that generates intense beam of light
51. State of agitation
54. Make by braiding
59. Local area network
60. Unit of work or energy
61. Indigenous person of Thailand
62. Liquefied natural gas
64. Distance to top

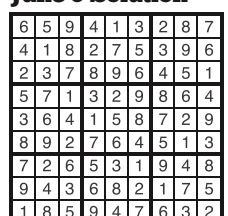
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# Taking action for an injured or distressed pet

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — Pet First Aid is essential knowledge for any person who cares for an animal and it is best to know in advance what to do in a stressful emergency.

On Wednesday, June 5, a two-hour class detailed Pet First Aid applications described by Paul S. McNamara, DVM, Chief of Surgery at Dutchess Highlands Veterinary Group in Hopewell Junction.

"The informational class was designed to help pet owners be a bit better prepared," Dr. McNamara said.

The program was sponsored by the Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County (MRC) and the Dutchess County Animal Response Team (DCART). In addition, the local Top Dog 4-H Club was collecting pet food for the Hudson Valley Animal

**Never feed your pet chocolate, grapes, raisins, or chewing gum, Dr. McNamara cautioned.**

Rescue. Representing the club was Maddie Santori, president.

While the program was free, the 150 participants who registered for the program were asked to donate pet food, and many did.

Speaking on behalf of the Medical Reserve Corps, Dr. McNamara said that the organization is full of people who serve during a crisis, working alongside EMS personnel. He added that DCART is now working with MRC at a community-wide level.

Dr. McNamara additionally provides training in tactical first aid for the canine partners in military or law enforcement applications where emergency first aid is often required.

Drug-sniffing dogs are at

risk if they inhale substances, McNamara noted. Two milligrams of fentanyl, a tiny amount, is sufficient to kill the animal, he said.

"Every person should carry Naloxone," he advised.

The class covered recognition and treatments including pet CPR, heat stroke, hypothermia, gastrointestinal issues, allergies, poisonings, burns, eye issues, injuries, wound care, and more.

"Never initiate CPR unless you determine first that no pulse exists," Dr. McNamara said.

Awareness of your pet's behaviors and personality is key to knowing when something is off, Dr. McNamara said.

"How does your pet act or look normally," is a question to ask in determining the

presence of a problem.

A first aid kit for your pet is an essential accessory to have on hand. Only include items that you know how to use, Dr. McNamara advised, adding that including the animal's medical history is a great idea. Always include a muzzle, no matter how docile your pet is usually.

Never feed your pet chocolate, grapes, raisins, or chewing gum, toxic both to dogs and cats.

"Nine grapes will kill a standard poodle," Dr. McNamara cautioned.

The program was organized by Wendy Cady, Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator for the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response. Volunteers are welcome to pursue medical or non-medical training to help in responding to a range of disasters. Pets and other animals are often victims needing attention.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Demonstrating one of the ways to carry an injured animal or pet was Paul McNamara, DVM, Chief of Surgery at the Dutchess Highlands Veterinary Group in Hopewell Junction. The program on Pet First Aid drew a large audience to the Amenia Town Hall on Wednesday, June 5.

## Millbrook Library holds 'old bottle' workshop

By GAVIN MARR  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Library held an 'Antique Bottle Workshop' and presentation led by Alex Prizgintas on June 5.

Prizgintas discussed the bottle-making industry, including techniques, types of bottles, and how to date them accurately. From apothecary bottles to saddle flasks, Prizgintas displayed his knowledge of distinct characteristics found in antique bottles.

By analyzing mold seams and pontil scars, a mark left from the glassblower's rod located on the bottom of the bottle allows bottle owners to get an idea of when their



PHOTO BY GAVIN MARR

Assortment of old bottles on display at the Bottle Shop Antiques in Millbrook.

piece was made. Other qualities such as glass color, tool marks, and embossing are used.

Early mass-produced bottles tended to have rough qualities due to the crude technology of the time. As

the technology advanced they became uniform and shedded impurities present in earlier samples.

The talk emphasized educating about the historical and artistic significance rather than monetary value.

"Now, a lot of us might think of it as a beautiful piece of the past, but during this time, it's important to think that most of these, especially what's on display, were taken for granted...they were viewed as strictly utilitarian," said Prizgintas, pointing out the contrast between how antique bottles are viewed today and how they were used in the past.

### Realtor® at Large

We have a short window now to experience the Mountain Laurel blooming, which turns our woodlands into a Garden of Eden from late May to Mid June. For paddlers, I would recommend both Winchester Lake and Wood Creek Pond; both have State launches and their websites are: [portal.ct.gov/deep/boating/boat-launches/winchester-lake-boat-launch](http://portal.ct.gov/deep/boating/boat-launches/winchester-lake-boat-launch) and [portal.ct.gov/deep/boating/boat-launches/wood-creek-pond-boat-launch](http://portal.ct.gov/deep/boating/boat-launches/wood-creek-pond-boat-launch). For hikers, both the Blue Blazed Trails and the Appalachian Trail would be excellent, for more information please see: [www.ctwoodlands.org/explore-trails/interactive-map/](http://www.ctwoodlands.org/explore-trails/interactive-map/) and [www.outdoors.org/resources/amc-outdoors/destinations-travel/section-hiking-the-appalachian-trail-in-connecticut/](http://www.outdoors.org/resources/amc-outdoors/destinations-travel/section-hiking-the-appalachian-trail-in-connecticut/). Hope to see you out there to experience this magnificent display of nature's beauty.



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### Top essayists

Thirteen year old Maya Wakamatsu, left, daughter of Jen and Hiro Wakamatsu of Hillsdale won the \$250 first place award for her essay "Their Little Sister" in the NorthEast-Millerton Library writing competition with the theme of "Passions." The second place \$100 award went to Hayden Swift, 14, daughter of Casey and Dan Smith of Millerton for her entry on Field Hockey.

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### Correcting Errors

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OBITUARIES

Betty B. Bernoi

CANAAN — Betty B. Bernoi, 88, passed away peacefully on June 4, 2024, at Berkshire Medical Center. Betty was born on Dec. 17, 1935, in Cornwall. Betty moved to Canaan as a young girl, where she would become a cherished member of the community and a longtime parishioner of The Canaan United Methodist Church.



Betty dedicated her professional life to Bicon Electronics where she worked as a bookkeeper and eventually retired. She also worked in the family business for over 30 years, doing the books for Leno's Lawn Service.

Beyond her work, she found joy in baking, crafting, sewing, painting, gardening & family. She created many cherished memories with her family during vacations to Lake George, summers in Cooperstown and her weekly Sunday night family dinners. Betty was predeceased by her beloved husband, Leno Bernoi, with whom she shared 49 wonderful years of marriage. Her life was filled with love, laughter and a deep commitment to her family and faith.

She is survived by her daughter, Melody Dean and her husband Steve, her son Greg Bernoi and wife Laura; her grandsons, Tyler Dean and wife Candace and Justin Dean and wife Sierra; her granddaughter, Pyper Bernoi; her brother, Fred Baldwin and partner Barbara and

many nieces & nephews. Betty's warmth, kindness and devotion to her family and community will be remembered and cherished by all who knew her. She leaves behind a legacy of love and faith, touching the hearts of many throughout her 88 years.

A service will be held June 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Canaan United Methodist Church in Canaan, CT with burial to follow at Hillside Cemetery in East Canaan. Donations may be sent to Canaan United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT.

NORTH CANAAN — Mary passed away peacefully at home on May 21, at the age of 93. She was born at her parents' home in Sheffield, on Feb. 19, 1931, to Alice Delmolino and Dazzi Colli. One of five daughters, the family moved to Canaan, where Mary became a lifelong resident. She attended local schools and went on to marry her high school sweetheart, Douglas William Tyler Jr., on Feb. 22, 1952.

Together they raised four boys, Anthony, Larry, Michael, and Stephen during which time they established a business, Tyler Carpet, which flourished and became the "go to" destination for everything flooring related to the surrounding communities and beyond.

Mary always wanted to stay busy and once her boys became older, she took a part time cashier position at the local grocery store where she worked for over 35 years, Fin-

est, then Edwards, and now Stop & Shop.

Her greatest joy besides spending countless hours making her lawn and gardens immaculate, was babysitting her grandchildren. Pulling them around in her lawn tractor wagon, taking them to movies, McDonalds, shoe shopping and baking their endless cookies. She made overnights magical for them always making sure they had the newest released Disney movies and their favorite sugary cereal for breakfast.

As the grandchildren grew older and didn't need quite so much babysitting Mary immersed herself in caring for others by volunteering at Geer Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Canaan, along with doing private home health care. She also volunteered in various

events and activities at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Canaan where she was a lifelong communicant.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Douglas Tyler, her sister, Anna Smith (Norman), her son Anthony Tyler, son Larry Tyler (Tiela), grandson Brian Tyler, and former daughter-in-law Lauren Tyler. Mary is survived by her sisters; Elizabeth Zucco (Walter), Elsie Zucco, and Stephanie Togninalli (Lou); her sons Michael Tyler (Ellen) and Stephen Tyler; grandchildren Tanya Golden (Eric) Whiney Tyler (Ryan), Keith Tyler (Ashley), Joshua Tyler (Amanda), and Justin Tyler; great-grandchildren Amelia Rose Tyler, Avery Hutton, Mehali Kasimas, and Chase Ackerman. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank and make special mention of Mary's caregiv-

ers; Marcela, Michele, Crystal, Jane, Beverly, and Anne, most of whom have been with her over the last four years. This incredible group of women went above and beyond, adapting to Mary's ever-changing dementia to provide Mary with 24-hour care, allowing her to spend the final chapter of her life in the comfort of her own home with her beloved cat, Bella. They all shared a deep love for Mary and she for them. Together they shared countless laughs, stories, memories, good home cooked meals, especially spaghetti, Mary's favorite, and watching all the various wildlife visiting the patio almost daily! In Mary's eyes and heart they were her daughters and will be never forgotten.

Per Mary's wishes there will be a private graveside service for the family and caregivers in the near future. Any contributions in Mary's honor may be made to St. Martin of Tours Church of St. Joseph PO Box 897 Canaan, CT 06018.



Warren Asa Whitney

CORNWALL — Warren Asa Whitney, "Tucker" to those who knew him, formerly of Cornwall, Pleasant Valley, and Burrville, passed away at the age of 97, on June 8, 2024, at his home in North Stonington, amid his family.

Born Nov. 12, 1926, to the late Asa Jerome and Eunice (Smith) Whitney, he leaves behind his beloved wife of 72 years, Claire S. (Anderson) Whitney, and daughters; Susan (husband David Pianka), of North Stonington, Helen Whitney of Hyde Park, Vermont, and Nancy (husband Sanny Olimpo) of Kissimmee, Florida; grandchildren

Charles Pianka of North Stonington and Jennifer (Pianka) Watrous (husband Daniel), and 4 great-grandchildren, Julia, Alice, Owen and Cora Watrous, all of North Stonington, and several nieces and nephews.

He was a veteran, serving during the end of WWII as part of the occupational forces in the Philippines, Japan and Korea. When he returned home he worked in the Connecticut State Park and

Forest Commission, first as a forest ranger at Mohawk State Forest, then with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection as a Park Manager at People's Forest in Pleasant Valley, and later at Burr Pond State Park in Burrville.

As per Warren's request, no funeral or memorial service will be held. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family in the Cornwall Cemetery.

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OUR TOWNS

Salisbury Housing Trust proposes affordable homes to mixed response

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

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SALISBURY, Conn. — The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the application from the Salisbury Housing Trust (SHT) on Monday, June 3. The hearing was continued to Monday, June 17.

SHT's plans propose building two affordable housing single family 3-bedroom homes at 26 and 28 Undermountain Road.

P&Z chair Michael Klemens began by saying that the commission had discussed concepts with the housing trust, but that concepts are not the same as plans in an application for a special permit.

He said that when the P&Z did an "8-24 review" to determine if the SHT's concept was consistent with the town's Plan of Conservation and Development, the commission found that building two homes at the site was consistent. Preserving the existing park is also consistent with the POCD, Klemens added.

Jennifer Kronholm Clark gave the presentation for the SHT.

She said consultant Pat Hackett had prepared two options. Option one keeps the informal parking lot in the front of the property, adds two houses, and has a small

open space in the rear. Option two removes the parking area off Undermountain Road and puts the first house there, with the second house and a larger open space in the rear.

She said the housing trust prefers the second option.

Public comment was mixed. Robin Roraback, who lives near the site, said the parking lot is used regularly by White Hart employees and during events such as the recent Salisbury Handmade artisans sale.

She said the housing would make the neighborhood more crowded and noisy. She also mentioned a pair of 300-year-old oak trees on the property.

Other neighbors were okay with the housing but concerned about the oak trees.

Another neighbor, Holly Leibrock, preferred "Option

three: Neither."

She said the parking is also used by the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service and the existing park should be expanded, not reduced.

Other residents expressed their belief that affordable housing is important to the town and favored the idea.

Klemens sent a memo to the housing trust with a list of additional information for the next session of the hearing. The list includes: an arborists assessment of the health of the two old oak

trees, confirmation that the two lots that make up the site have been legally merged and that there are no deed restrictions, an A2 survey, complete engineering details, 14 aspects of the site plan that need to be completed, a clarification on the special permit application, and a request to address the question of whether the existing parking area is impervious by compaction.

All of these materials are on the town's website under Planning and Zoning Meeting Documents.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to Rep. Pat Ryan

Two things have been troubling me lately. You can help.

It is far past time that the Israelis cease their invasion of the Gaza Strip. We who view this bloody pummeling from TV and newspapers and other news sources can't help but think of the Visigoths descending on farm villages, but armed by Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, and General Dynamics.

This is all about the Israeli military's failure to anticipate the horrible Hamas incursion (even though Hamas had been building tunnels, training, and importing arms for years), Netanyahu's desperate hunger to stay in power, and the rise of the Israeli settler ultra-right with the covert help of the Israeli military. The slaughter of innocent, subjugated (by Hamas) civil-

ians, and the smashing of their homes and neighborhoods to rubble may surpass even the most stupefying conventional-arms atrocities of World War II. And we supplied the munitions.

There is a clear difference between support for Israel in a hostile region and providing carte blanche encouragement for its zealots and militarists to exercise unchecked Old Testament vengeance.

I'd also like you to take more risks to reduce the climate crisis. It's a clear imperative that cuts across all class, race, ethnic, and political divisions in our society. This is a chance for leader-ship on an issue that most officials view with suspicion—even fear that it will cost them votes.

Leadership, as I believe you know, requires seeing what your public does not yet un-

derstand then persuading them that change is necessary, meanwhile anticipating and disarming attacks from the nuts, the self-absorbed, the grandstanders, the mindless shouters, and the truly insidious amoral calculators of political advantage.

If we don't slow and stop global heating—well, the record of species extinction due to climate change is as solid as age-old rock, and far surpasses the record of species survival. But we can do it, with leaders like you. It's simply a matter of popular will, which requires inspiration, and that's what leaders can provide.

Here's hoping you are reelected by a comfortable margin. I'll be working for you, trusting that you are the leader in DC we need.

Tom Parrett

North East

Critical of article on Barrett

John Coston's article, "Didi Barrett Faces Primary Battle in June 25 Election" is not news. The article does not mention any issues be-

tween the candidates; indeed the article doesn't even mention the challenger's name! Instead it simply recites all Ms. Barrett's campaign talk-

ing points. Good for Ms. Barrett. For your readers not so much.

John Forelle

Pine Plains

A vote for Barrett's re-election

I am writing in support of Didi Barrett's re-election to the New York State Assembly.

I am in my third term as Supervisor of the Town of Stanford, and Assemblywoman Barrett has been actively involved in not only supporting our community, but in supporting her entire State Assembly District.

Didi has aided our town financially in many ways.

She secured \$247,000 for the Stanford Fire District for an ATV and new firefighting equipment. She secured \$125,000 for our Recreation Department to resurface our derelict tennis courts.

She helped the Town of Stanford secure a grant of \$274,000 to renovate our extraordinary SPARC Park.

Equally if not more important, are the ways that Assemblywoman Barrett has advocated for our entire district.

A longtime environmentalist, she passed the nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), and led the fight to stop oil barges from docking on our beautiful Hudson River.

As a lifelong advocate for women and girls, and a former Planned Parenthood board member, Didi passed the Reproductive Health Act to codify a woman's right to choose in the New York State Constitution.

She passed the Equal Rights Amendment, which increased access to contraception and protections for providers and patients who receive repro-

ductive healthcare.

A champion of local agriculture, she passed pioneering Regenerative Agriculture legislation and helped protect Hudson Valley farmland.

Didi has consistently voted to raise the minimum wage, and ensured its continued growth by tying it to inflation.

As former Chair of the Assembly's Veterans Affairs Committee, she helped create the first executive level Department of Veterans Affairs in New York State.

For these and many other reasons, I voice my full support of re-electing Assemblywoman Didi Barrett to Assembly District 106.

Wendy Burton

Supervisor,

Stanford

Didi Barrett's 'admirable record'

Claire Cousin may have an admirable record as a community organizer and county official and her aspirations to higher elective office are understandable. However, I submit that someone truly concerned with the welfare of Assembly District 106's constituents would not challenge Didi Barrett for her position. Didi is as hard-working, dedicated and effective a legislator as one can imagine.

Didi has focused on communities' important day-to-day needs like road repairs,

education on tick-borne illnesses, funding for non-profit organizations servicing people at risk, and veterans' benefits. She has also supported important progressive legislation on issues such as women's reproductive freedom, mental health services, and the environment.

Claire Cousin's false accusation that Didi "pushes a dangerous polluter agenda" seems to be the result of ambition over integrity. Didi has a lifetime "A" rating and endorsement from the New

York League of Conservation Voters, has pushed for effective implementation of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, and co-sponsored the Climate Change Superfund Act.

Didi has won numerous elections in a district with a large Republican voting population. Why would Democrats risk losing a seat in the Assembly, especially when Didi has filled that seat so effectively?

Amy Rothstein

Pine Plains

Is your vote for sale?

State primary elections are typically low-turnout events, but this year's June 25 primary vote for New York's 106th Assembly District is an important one for Democrats.

If you read last week's letters to the editor, you saw that the Democratic machine is going all-in for the incumbent, Didi Barrett. When it came time to list reasons to vote for Didi, rather than challenger Clair Cousin, the only thing the North East/Millerton Democratic committee could think of was money.

Money is at the heart of the battle for AD106. While Didi has made sure that every state grant to our area has her name

on it, it's also true that every state legislator receives a share of state discretionary money and every state legislator distributes this money in their district. No "fighting" required.

On the other hand, not mentioned in last week's endorsements was important information about where the candidates have been raising their campaign funds. Claire has raised all of her campaign budget from small individual donations (average \$60), and she's promised not to accept any money from lobbyists in this campaign or in the future. Didi has raised tens of thousands of dollars from

corporate interests, particularly the fossil fuel industry (Average \$600). Didi is on the record admitting that fossil fuel companies are supporting her campaign, and one of her first acts as chair of the Energy Committee was to introduce a bill that would undermine the NYS climate law that was prominently mentioned in last week's profile.

If you want to maintain business-as-usual in Albany, by all means vote for Didi. But if you're tired of duplicity and machine politics, please consider voting for Claire Cousin.

Bill Kish

North East



"Big deal. He can't even groom himself."

Dealing with a rattler; Village rec

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

June 15, 1933

F.L. Genung, of Millerton, has received some interesting letters from his son, Donald A. Genung, who enlisted four weeks ago in the Civilian Conservation Corps and who has been at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, but who expects to leave, to-day, for Sale [sic] Lake City. Genung, who was a post graduate student at the Millerton High School until he joined the corps, likes the conservation service very much.

'Kills Rattle in Dooryard at Wassaic': Mrs. Chas. Buckley had a thrilling experience during the past week. As she was in her yard, she saw a large rattlesnake crawling near the summer house. She was alone at the time and, knowing that the snake would get way [sic] before she could get help, she took a rake and struck the rattler a blow [sic] which killed him.

'Will Travel by Air to World Fair': Celia Menchetti, Theresa Brave, Alice Brady, Emily Ball, Anita Roveda, and Jeannette Benson are anticipating a trip by plane to the Chicago World Fair. They expect to leave the [sic] latter part of July.

June 20, 1974

Many Dignitaries...were guests at the open house at the North East Town hall in Millerton on Sunday, June 16. Standing in the front...U.S. Rep. Hamilton Fish Jr., State Senator Jay P. Rolison Jr., Town and Village Justice Sanford Kaplan, Dutchess County Sheriff Lawrence M. Quinlan, Village Board Member William Bradley.

Showing Samples...Irene Duxbury and Agnes Barret show examples of their hobbies. Mrs. Duxbury, who embroidered the flower pattern on her dress, is holding a case of calico buttons, which she collected, and a Hummel statuette. Mrs. Barret is holding [sic]

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Millerton News

a large figurine, entitled "First Love." These and many other items will be displayed at the Grange Hobby show.

June 17, 1999

'Village Rec Program Will Begin July 6': Millerton — The 1999 summer recreation program, which serves local youngsters ages 5 to 11, will rev up July 6.

The fun festivities will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Eddie Collins Park, through August 13. Sign up will continue until June 24.

"We're getting ready to roll," said Nancy Zerbatto, recreation director, Ms. Zerbatto said she is prepared to handle between 60 to 70 children from both the town of North East and the

village of Millerton.

The fee is \$15 per week (payable every Monday). Two children cost \$10 each, with \$10 for each additional child.

The program consists of 45-minute sessions in organized sports, games, arts and crafts and swim lessons at Denny Memorial Pool...

Alan Boeding Jack-Of-All-Trades: Millerton — Village resident world-renowned sculptor/choreographer and gymnast Alan Boeding is looking forward to being a big part of the local recreation scene. He will conduct swim and water safety lessons as part of the summer recreation program at Denny Pool in Eddie Collins Park.

"A lot of things are opening up," Millerton's sculptor-in-residence said.

Mr. Boeding makes a living as a painter. He is a self-taught carpenter and is not one to sit still. In fact, audiences are spellbound by his one-of-a-kind sculpture "Circle Walker," a metallic sphere used to showcase his athletic abilities.

Relief

We know it is close to something lofty. Simply getting over being sick or finding lost property has in it the leap, the purge, the quick humility of witnessing a birth—how love seeps up and retakes the earth. There is a dreamy wading feeling to your walk inside the current of restored riches, clocks set back, disasters averted.

—Kay Ryan

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**GRANT** *Continued from Page A1*

Green project design. Although public information sessions have been held in recent years with the landscape architect, he was concerned that attendance at those sessions was light.

When the resolution came to a vote later in the meeting, in addition to Blackman's negative vote, Councilmembers Rosanna Hamm and Nicole Ahearn also voted against it.

Hamm expressed her concern for the major projects coming before the town that

would need bonding to complete, including the new Town Garage, the water district and the wastewater project, and the potential for expense to upgrade Beekman Park's concession stand and septic system.

The cost for a grant writer to complete the application was also a concern.

"I feel that the town is jumping the gun on an application without a firm grasp on the details," said councilmember Ahearn, explaining

her reluctance to favor the resolution.

The other eight resolutions earned unanimous approval to move ahead on several initiatives.

The North East Community Center (NECC) will expand its services and have an office at the Town Hall, offering local residents a more convenient way to access those services.

Town Attorney Ian Lindars explained that the NECC will provide social services, in-

cluding possible after-school or senior programs, and the NECC will reinstate the Friday night Farmers' Market program.

Also approved unanimously was an expense of \$5,000 to fund an evaluation of the Beekman Park septic system, to be done by Crawford and Associates Engineering and Land Surveying.

Councilmember Paul Winters said that the study will create a drawing of the septic system, noting that in the

1970s the Amenia Lions Club had built the concession stand but no drawings exist. He reported that for many years, recreation programs were all volunteer driven.

Zoning text to regulate cannabis distribution will be drafted by AKRF Environmental Planning and Engineering Consultants at a cost of \$12,500. The zoning regulation amendment being drafted would regulate the sale of cannabis in the town.

Design and engineering services for a new Town Garage and salt storage facility took a step ahead as the Town Board voted unanimously to seek proposals for those services. Those proposals will be due by July 25.

The Amenia Green project to enhance the property adjacent to the Town Hall also moved ahead with a resolution to accept the Master Plan prepared by Didona Associates.

Councilmember Paul Winters explained that the Amenia Green project planning began two years ago and that the Recreation Department has spent \$20,000 to create the Master Plan at no expense to the town. He recalled that three public information sessions were held to collect input from residents.

To Councilmember Hamm's question about whether the Master Plan can be altered, Winters replied that the plan as written pres-

ents multiple options. Hamm was concerned about the drainage plans in relation to the wetland areas.

"When you displace water, it has to go somewhere. What kind of soil would be brought in," Hamm asked.

"I'm impressed with the document generally," Blackman said, but he felt that it does not indicate that there will be a public presentation.

Other resolutions allowed for funding for the Amenia Green design and construction documents, the next step in the project. \$15,000 will be transferred from the Cell Tower revenue fund to pay architects' fees. Added to that amount will be the town's acceptance of a gift from the Amenia Wassaic Community Organization in the amount of \$75,000, earmarked for the Amenia Green project's design and construction document preparation.

With the funding resolutions approved, the Town Board voted unanimously to hire Didona Associates to complete the design and construction plans for the Amenia Green project at a cost of \$89,500.

Councilmember Hamm asked whether any additional fees would be likely.

"Recreation has gotten this far without asking for funds. Recreation will pay for anything additional," councilmember Winters replied.

**WOLVES** *Continued from Page A1*

tion of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) program — known as SAFE (Saving Animals From Extinction) programs — the Trevor Zoo, along with similar institutions, has collaborated to prevent the extinction of endangered species.

The birth of the four pups exemplifies the effectiveness of breeding programs and demonstrates Trevor Zoo's commitment to wildlife conservation. According to the zoo's website, it currently holds eleven endangered species.

Recommendations from AZA paved the way for the zoo to receive a male and female from other facilities involved in the Red Wolf SAFE program. The wolves traveled by plane and car and were then placed into an off-exhibit enclosure to allow nature to take its course.

The pups were ultimately delivered in the "den," which is visible through one of the zoo's live stream camera feeds. It is a compact and dark cube with an opening to its enclosure.

Including the four new pups, the zoo currently hosts eight Red Wolves, which are among less than 270 in the world, mostly at AZA accredited facilities and a "small population in the wild in North Carolina," the web site notes.

"You don't want them to be human oriented at all. So we really try to be hands-off other than getting them set up and of course, we have to bring them food, etc.

"But we're trying to do that in ways that minimize contact with humans so that should pups be born, they are listening to mom more than they are to us," said Alan Tousignant, Director of the Trevor Zoo.

Though the plan is tentative and based on the observed behavior of the pups, introduction into the wild would start at what is called a pre-release site. The site would be an enclosed location adjacent to their wild habitat. As hunger is a strong driver for the



**Endangered red wolf pups born at the Trevor Zoo at Millbrook School have minimal contact with humans to prepare them for eventual introduction into the wild. Live cam at [www.millbrook.org/trevor-zoo-home](http://www.millbrook.org/trevor-zoo-home)**



PHOTO BY DANIEL COHEN

**Red wolf pup gets a Q-Tip treatment.**

wolves, presenting live food and allowing them to feel out their new circumstances acts as an initiation for life in the wild.

In the United States, the wild Red Wolf population resides on the coast of North Carolina. Peaking in 2006, the Red Wolf population has been declining. For this reason preserving genetic diversity is vital to the survival of the species.

"These programs are trying to maintain high genetic diversity in the populations. That's really difficult when you're trying to work with a population that only has 30 individuals left in the wild," said Tousignant.

He compares the moving of endangered animals for breeding to a game of chess, where every decision affects the next, but instead of protecting the king in the case of a chess game, here the survival of a species is at risk.

The zoo has a long-standing history of conservation. Tousignant explained that the zoo was first accredited by the AZA in 1989, which allowed it to be involved in Species Rival Plans (SSP), the predecessor of SAFE.

Although Red Pandas are among the most recognizable endangered species protected at the zoo, another SAFE program focuses on the freshwater turtles inhabiting the wetlands around Millbrook School.

"As part of class, we can just get out of class and walk a quarter mile down the street

and we're in a wetland habitat.

"Campus houses a good if not thriving population of wood turtles and that's an endangered species recognized globally...in New York state [they are] listed as a species of special concern," says Tousignant.

The late Thomas Lovejoy, a renowned conservationist, got his start by studying biodiversity and biology at the Millbrook School. Lovejoy served on the environmental council for the Reagan, Bush, and Clinton administrations.

Lovejoy's efforts provide Millbrook and the Trevor Zoo a special connection to the world of conservation. After his death in 2021, Lovejoy's legacy lives on.

Semi-jokingly, Tousignant says his main job is to, "... find and motivate the next Tom Lovejoy."

Tousignant's hope aligns with efforts the zoo takes to get students as involved as possible in their time at Millbrook School.

"That's what I think we have the possibility to do is to continue to find students that develop that level of pas-

sion and it becomes their life's work. I certainly think that I've had advisees and students here at the zoo that are already in that role and are on path so we hope to keep doing that," he said.

With careful supervision, students are given responsibilities tending to the animals — a rarity for zoo programs. The zoo staff believes this is the way to foster a real connection and engagement with nature.

Through summer volunteer programs, the zoo seeks students interested in conservation activities and its academic program.

The Trevor Zoo draws family visitors, especially those with children. Go to: [www.millbrook.org/trevor-zoo-home](http://www.millbrook.org/trevor-zoo-home) for more information and live cameras inside the wolf den.

*Galvin Marr is an intern at The Millerton News. He graduated from the Millbrook School in 2022. Before his first year at Millbrook he volunteered at the zoo, and in his freshman year he worked with the Black and White Ruffed Lemurs.*

**CAMP** *Continued from Page A1*

\$100. Part-time campers can attend 1-3 days per week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or five days a week from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$75. Non-residents have the same guidelines, however the cost varies, full-time is \$150 and part-time is \$100. After June 17 there is a \$10 late fee for any child being registered.

Bauer is holding open enrollment hours to answer questions about this year's summer camp, and to assist with applications and payments. Bauer's next, and final meeting is Saturday, June 15 at the Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Applications can be returned by email to: [campsummercamp@villageofmillerton-ny.gov](mailto:campsummercamp@villageofmillerton-ny.gov) or dropped off at: Village Hall 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton NY 12546, their hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Amenia Cancels Summer Camp Program**

After months of planning, the Parks and Recreation Department announced that its summer camp program has been canceled for this summer due to low enrollment.

The camp would have run from July 1 to Aug. 9. Refunds

will be sent within the next four weeks to those who registered. Questions may be directed to the Recreation office at 845-373-8860, Ext. 124, or by email to [recdirector@ameniany.gov](mailto:recdirector@ameniany.gov).

In making the announcement, Park and Recreation Director Katie Sterk-Grassi indicated that the department welcomes suggestions from residents for program ideas going forward.

As an alternative, Sterk-Grassi noted that the Amenia Wassaic Community Organization (AWCO) is offering a summer camp program during the same dates. Information is available at [awcosummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:awcosummercamp@gmail.com).

*Leila Hawken contributed to this article.*

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# Webutuck Little League wraps up season with celebration and dedication in Beekman Park

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — Uniformly agreed to be a perfect day for celebration of a successful season for the Webutuck Little League players, coaches and families, participants in the program gathered at the Beekman Park Pavilion for pizza, snacks, music, and the awarding of trophies on Saturday, June 8.

Notable throughout the event was a sense of community and sportsmanship among the young players and their coaches, with all looking forward to the start of play again next fall.

Music was provided by M&M DJs of Amenia, with Chris Milano as emcee keeping things festively organized.

“They improved a lot,” said Scott Russo, players and pitching coach, as they progressed through the season. “These kids came a long way,” he added.

### Pitching and batting cage dedication

Newly completed pitching and batting cages were dedicated just steps away from Doc. Bartlett Field that stands in memory of Gabby



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Gathering to dedicate the completed pitching and batting cage at Beekman Park in Amenia on Saturday, June 8, were the “majors” of the Webutuck Little League program, along with their coaches. A plaque commemorates the gift of the cages by the Amenia Wassaic Community Association and the Silo Ridge Community Foundation.

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A plaque commemorates the new cages, indicating that they are a gift of the Amenia-Wassaic Commu-

nity Organization (AWCO) and the Silo Ridge Community Foundation.

“The AWCO has done great for Amenia and the

Little League,” said Webutuck Little League President, DJ Reilly, commenting on the recent gift.

“We’re grateful for the donation of the batting cage. They are working with us on some other projects,” Reilly added.

Also attending the dedication was Danielle Mollica, Executive Director of the donating organizations.



The Webutuck Little League program wrapped up its season with a celebration on Saturday, June 8 at Beekman Park in Amenia. Liam (7) of Millerton, above, a member of the T-ball team, is enjoying chips in the pavilion along with other players, right, while awaiting the awarding of trophies.



Following a pizza luncheon attended by players, coaches, and parents, team players received trophies for their participation throughout the season.



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 Spooner, 13, a Little Guild alumni, was rescued 10 years ago by his human, Sarah Kenyon from Mount Washington, Massachusetts, and won "Most Unidentifiable Mix" at this year's Great Country Mutt Show.

# Great Country Mutt Show thrives in year five

By NATALIA ZUKERMAN  
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SALISBURY, Conn. — The Little Guild's Great Country Mutt Show, held Sunday, June 9, was a resounding success, drawing dog lovers and their furry friends for an entertaining day of fun and festivities. This was the 5th annual event of this "Westminster-style" dog show which celebrates all breeds and the humans who love and care for them.

From 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Lime Rock Park was alive with the sound of barking, laughter, and live music. Dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds competed in a variety of charming categories under the big tent including Junior (for humans under 12), Most Unidentifiable Mix, Sweetest Pair of Dogs, Best Ears, Best Trick, Best Lap Dog Over 40 Lbs., Best Senior, Best Kisser, and Waggiest Tail. The event culminated in the much-anticipated Best in Show Parade, where every participating dog had the chance to strut their stuff.

Bill Berloni, renowned animal behaviorist and trainer, served as the Chief Judge. Berloni, who has trained many animals for stage and screen, brought his expertise and warmth to the event. Nicole Nalepa, anchor of Connecticut's top morning newscast "Eyewitness News This Morning," added a touch of celebrity as the Mistress of Ceremonies, engaging the crowd with lively commentary.

Jenny Langendoerfer, executive director of The Little Guild, emphasized the importance of the Mutt Show for the community: "This event is free and open to the public. It's all about reaching out to the community and thanking them for the support they give us." She also highlighted The Little Guild's mission, stating, "We are a no-kill shelter with one of the highest save rates in the nation, over 99% this year."

Langendoerfer shared news about the future of The Little Guild and the construction of a new facility in West



Winner in the "Best Senior" category needed a nap during his competition.



Participants at The Great Country Mutt Show taking the category of "Dog That Looks Most Like its Owner" very seriously.

Cornwall. "In one year, we'll be up and running," she explained. "We were in a renovated home for the last 35 years. There's a lot of wear and tear, so this isn't a much bigger shelter, it's just a better shelter."

Outside the competition ring, attendees enjoyed live music from the Joint Chiefs, delicious offerings from local food trucks, and a raffle. Tito's Handmade Vodka, a sponsor of the event, added to the festivities with a specialty drink

tent and activities for both dogs and their owners.

More than just a dog show; the Great Country Mutt Show is a testament to the bond between pets and people and a celebration of community spirit.

Langendoerfer expressed her gratitude, saying, "The support from our community is overwhelming, and events like these help us continue our mission of rescuing, healing, and nurturing homeless dogs and cats."

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# 'Giddy up' for 18th Goshen Stampede

By RILEY KLEIN  
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GOSHEN, Conn. — Country-style competitions and confections filled the Fair Grounds for the 18th annual Goshen Stampede, June 7 to 9.

The three-day rodeo festival displayed a range of all-American contests including horseback riding, goat wrangling, barrel racing, monster trucks, quad racing, demolition derbies, live music, carnival rides, fried delicacies and of course, bull riding. Kids even got in the rodeo action with a sheep riding competition.

Pointy boots, ten-gallon hats and handheld fried or frozen foods met the eye at every turn. Guests moved through walkways lined with enticing games and vibrant vendors, all leading to the main attractions.

The Cowgirl Triathlon, held Sunday, June 9, showcased unique skills on horseback. Competitors began by lassoing a calf, moved seamlessly into the barrel race, and concluded by dismounting to wrangle a goat.

"The richest cowgirl triathlon east of the Mississippi" paid out \$705 to winner, Shyla O'Neil, who completed the three stages of the timed event with no errors in 30.28 seconds.

Cars wrecked in the demolition derby were lined up in the straight track to become



Step one of the Cowgirl Triathlon required competitors to lasso a calf. Step two was barrel racing.

part of the monster truck event. Customized pick-up trucks with massive wheels roared down the straight as crash-hungry spectators looked on with excitement in the stands.

An orange truck named "Terrordactyl" was fixed with 10 seats in the bed, offering monster truck rides to guests. A nine-step ladder brought riders from the ground up to their seats.

Stanley McGrath, renowned onion ring maker, has been attending the fair since it began in 2006. He said "it's the people" that keep him coming back.

Litchfield County Axe House set up an axe-throwing booth just beside the rodeo ring. Owner Joseph Kucia said his company has been attend-



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

ing the Stampede for the past five years.

"Litchfield County is super nostalgic," said Kucia, noting

the connection people in the area feel to the weekend's events. "They can kind of vibe off that... I think it's a comfort."



Three bullseyes won a free game of axe throwing. Below, goat wrangling.



Deep fried delicacies and big hats at every turn.





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## Educational financial grants for Ancram residents

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

ANCRAM — Ancram residents aiming to better their circumstances have a chance to get a hand up on the future thanks to Neighbors Helping Neighbors who are once again offering educational financial grants for the coming year.

Jack Lindsey, co-chairman of ANHN says the funds are open to all township residents and are based strictly on financial need with a simple application due by the end of June.

The form requires only basic information supplemented by a short letter explaining the goals of the applicants who are aiming at virtually any educational facility including vocational schools, training centers, colleges and universities.

Aid is available to everyone from recent high school graduates to those working on any degree, or to workers who are entering or re-entering the workforce, hoping to advance their positions, or need to retrain for a different career. The goal is to help residents to improve their job opportunities and therefore their financial status.

**During its 12 years, the program has funded some 80 residents with 6 to 12 grants being awarded each year, depending on the number of applicants.**

Grants range from \$1,500 to \$2,000, and recipients may reapply each year. Lindsey notes that a number of recipients have completed programs or graduated from college and beyond. During its 12 years, the program has funded some 80 residents with 6 to 12 grants being awarded each year, depending on the number of applicants.

Funds may be used for any educational related expense including tuition, books, housing, child care or transportation.

The program, initially begin in honor of ANHN founder Adrienne Citron is supported by private donations which also fund a number of unnamed scholarships.


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## ■ JUNE 13

### Op-Ed Writing Workshop with Laura Van Straaten

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

Do you have ideas or a call to action for our community? This workshop on Thursday, June 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. will provide expert guidances in writing an op-ed (opinion piece). Learn how to frame and shape your thoughts, incorporate research and evidence, and revise and edit for clarity, coherence, and persuasiveness. Registration is required and enrollment is limited. To learn more and to register, visit [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org). Event page, full description: [scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12515104](http://scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12515104)

### Love Always: Letter writing in Community

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

Do you keep meaning to write that card or letter? Do it in community with others who value the art of thoughtful expression. Stationary and stamps provided. Suggested donation: \$5. Ages 12+.

## ■ JUNE 14

### Summer Reading Kick Off Party

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

Jump into summer at the David M. Hunt Library's Summer Reading Kickoff Party on June 14 at 2 p.m. Join for ice cream, dancing, and more as we celebrate the beginning of summer and the library's summer programming. Families are invited to bring a blanket or chairs and hang out on the library lawn. Sign-ups for our summer reading program will be available from June through August for kids ages 5 and up.

## ■ JUNE 15

### Children's Art Workshop

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

Artist Erika Crofut will hold a workshop for children on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children will create and paint their own wooden flower for a yard or garden ornament. This event is free and open to children 6 and up.

Sign up is a must since supplies are limited. Please contact the library at (860) 824-7863 or email [douglaslibrary@comcast.net](mailto:douglaslibrary@comcast.net)

### Football Skills and Drills

Great Barrington VFW, 800 Main St., Great Barrington, Mass.

Great Barrington's Annual Skills and Drills event is back. Come have some fun, play some football (no tackle) or learn some cheers. Try it out from 10 a.m. to noon. Ages 7-14. Food to follow. Bring water and dress appropriately (no jeans or crocs).

### Art Exhibition

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

Opening with a reception on Saturday, June 15, 5 to 7 p.m., David M. Hunt Library (Falls Village, CT) will host an exhibition of abstract paintings by Robert Cronin, Serious Paintings, which will be on display through July 12.

## ■ JUNE 15

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

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

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## ■ JUNE 20

### Nutrition & Cardiac Rehab Class: What's New in Nutrition and Heart Health?

Sharon Hospital Board Conference Room 2, Sharon, Conn.

On Thursday, June 20, at 12:30 p.m. there will be a Nutrition & Cardiac Rehab Class titled What's New in Nutrition and Heart Health?

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### Honoring a Heroine: The MumBet Story

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

On Thursday, June 20 at 2 p.m., storyteller and museum educator

Tammy Denease will present "Honoring a Heroine: The MumBet Story" at the David M. Hunt Library in partnership with the Falls Village Equity Project.

The performance is based on the true story of Elizabeth "MumBet" Freeman, a young slave woman who won her freedom in court in 1781, citing language in the Massachusetts constitution: "all men are born free and equal." MumBet spent 30 years enslaved in the household of Colonel John Ashley of Sheffield, Massachusetts. Once free, she took the name Elizabeth Freeman, and was employed by the Sedgwick family as a nurse, healer and midwife. MumBet's case was a precursor to the 1783 decision that ended slavery in Massachusetts. This all ages program is free and open to the public.

## ■ JUNE 21

### Poetry Discussion Group with Mark Scarbrough

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

This summer, starting June 21, on third Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., join Mark Scarbrough on for an informal discussion of three contemporary poetry collections. Deepen your understanding of the craft for this most un-modern road: the contemplative path of poetry.

Registration is requested. To learn more and to register, visit [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org). Event page, full description: [scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12343566](http://scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12343566)

### Poetry Workshop with Sally Van Doren

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

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### Claude Monet and the Art of the Garden

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

A presentation by Ann Temkin, the Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis Chief Curator of Painting and Sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art, at the UCC, followed by a cocktail reception in a private garden. At Cornwall Library, June 21 at 6 p.m.

## ■ JUNE 22

### Cornwall Town Picnic

Hammond Town Beach, 37 Lake Road, Cornwall, Conn.

Park and Recreation will host the annual Town Picnic Saturday, June 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hammond Beach. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Please bring a side dish or dessert, Hurlburt burgers and Dolan hotdogs will be provided. Ice cream sundaes will be made by the Cornwall Agriculture Commission. Lifeguards will be on duty.

### Learn the Art of Block Printing

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

The Hotchkiss Library

of Sharon will present the opening of a new exhibition by artist Debra Tyler titled "Earth Scroll: Art Installation, Meditation, and Block Printing" on Saturday, June 22. Tyler will lead two block printing workshops, one from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and the second from 2:30 to 4 p.m. To register for this free program go to [www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org](http://www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org)

## ■ JUNE 26

### Women's Health Lecture Series: Women's Health 101

The Northeast-Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd. Millerton, N.Y.

On Wednesday, June 26, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Northeast-Millerton Library Annex there will be a talk as a part of the Women's Health Lecture Series: Women's Health 101, presented by Sharon Hospital and hosted by The Northeast-Millerton Library.

## ■ JUNE 27

### Book Talk with Peter Kaufman

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

Thursday, June 27, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., join Peter Kaufman for a discussion of How to Win an Information War: The Propagandist Who Outwitted Hitler, by disinformation expert Peter Pomerantsev. We will discuss Pomerantsev's account of propaganda methods used to undermine German's faith in Nazism and reflect on how such methods might counter disinformation in our own era.

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## ■ JUNE 29

### Author Talk

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

James Traub is an American journalist. He is a contributing writer for The New York Times Magazine, where he has worked since 1998. From 1994 to 1997, he was a staff writer for The New Yorker. Registration is required for this June 29 event beginning at 6 p.m. [cornwalllibrary.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/cornwalllibrary/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1289](http://cornwalllibrary.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/cornwalllibrary/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1289)

## ■ JULY 13

### July Fest

Cornwall Village Green, 24 Pine St. Cornwall, Conn.

Cornwall Park and Recreation's 2024 July Fest will take place on the Village Green from 4 to 6 p.m. on July 13. Music by Too Blue will be accompanied with food from Nibbles n' Noms, Crepe Royale, Hot Z's, Peter Doda's Ice Cream, and Great Cape Baking Co. Fun and games for kids will be provided.

## ■ JULY 20


### Pizza Party

Norfolk Plaza, Norfolk, Conn.

Norfolk's FREE "Party on the Plaza" returns July 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. with local Americana band the Joint Chiefs. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy live music outdoors on our historic downtown plaza against the backdrop of Haystack Mountain. Food and drinks available for purchase or bring your own snacks. Come hike, bike and explore Norfolk's local attractions then relax and party on the Plaza!

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This renovated contemporary ranch with an open floor plan sold for \$535,000. Pre-renovation it was reported as sold for \$150,000 in October of 2022.

## March, April and May real estate sales in the Town of Stanford

By CHRISTINE BATES  
Special to The Millerton News

STANFORD — Only five houses and two parcels of land were sold in the last three months in the Town of Stanford. The median price during this period of \$515,000 remains below last summer's high of \$600,000, while the number of monthly closed sales is far below the December's 2020 peak of 13. These three month results are a reflection of low inventory at the more affordable segment of the market. At the moment there are 25 single family homes for sale in Stanford and

only 2 are below \$500,000 with 7 over \$1,000,000.

6101 Route 82 – a 2 bedroom/2 bath house built in 1880 sold for \$405,000 on March 20

384 Willow Brook Road – 24.6 acres of land sold for \$355,000 on March 25

162 Conklin Road – 2.74 acres of land sold for \$130,000 on April 10

620 Hunns Lake Road – a 3 bedroom/2 bath renovated ranch sold for \$535,000 on April 12

5670 Route 82 – a 2 bedroom/2bath house on 2.1 acres sold for \$515,000 on

May 29  
2742 Salt Point Turnpike – a 2 bedroom/2 bath waterfront house on .75 acres sold for \$850,000, well over the asking price of \$645,000 on May 31

\*Town of Stanford residential real estate sales for March, April and May are closing date sales as presented in First Key Multiple Listing Service and do not include private transactions that are not publicly listed. Note that properties are listed by municipality, not post office or school district. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report for 5/30 to 6/05

5/30 — Deputies conducted a Traffic Stop in the area of 2862 Rt. 22 in the Town of Dover resulting in the arrest of Jonathan J. Marrero (age 30) for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a motor vehicle in the 2nd degree. Subject to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

5/30 — Deputies responded to 5 Hemlock Lane in Dover for a report of a "Pelican Tracker" kayak that was stolen from the bed of a pickup truck at that location. Matter currently under investigation.

6/01 — Deputies responded to 4 Summit Avenue in the Village of Pawling for report of an intoxicated male knocking on the door and walking around the neighbor's yard. Area checked negative for the male.

6/02 — Deputies responded to the area of 15/17 Gobblers Knob Road in the Town of Dover for a report of a bear possibly attacking dogs. Investigation revealed it was unclear if it was indeed a bear attack or two dogs fighting. No bear present at time of investigation. No serious injury to any dog.

6/03 — Deputies investigated a 2-car minor Personal Injury Automobile Accident

in the area of State Route 199 and Stissing Mountain Road in the Town of Pine Plains. Minor injuries were reported. Matter investigated without further police action.

6/04 — Deputies report the arrest of Rosales Jesus (age 30) for Driving While Intoxicated as a result of Traffic Enforcement on the SR 22 corridor in Amenia. Subject to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

6/04 — Deputies responded to 6180 Rt. 22 in the Town of North East for a report of a verbal Domestic Dispute occurring in a vehicle. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

## LaGrange man faces charge in burglary of local business

By JOHN COSTON  
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LAGRANGE — The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office arrested a LaGrange man on Thursday, June 7 following an investigation of a burglary at a local business.

Konrad Gumper, 46, of LaGrange, was located on the premises of the Vale Fox Distillery on Noxon Road at approximately 4:15 a.m. when deputies responded to an alarm at the location.

While checking the business deputies located a subject on the premises. The subject

fled on foot, leading to an area search.

"A short time later the subject, later identified as Mr. Gumper, was located in an area close to the scene and taken into custody," according to a Sheriff's Department statement.

Gumper is accused of forcing entry into the business and doing extensive damage. He has been charged with burglary in the 3rd degree and criminal mischief in the 2nd degree, which are both felonies.

After being processed, Gumper was arraigned before the Town of LaGrange Court

and remanded to the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center in lieu of \$10,000 cash or \$20,000 bond.

The arrest comes as the result of the combined efforts of the Sheriff's Office's Patrol Bureau, Detective Bureau, K-9 Unit, and Unmanned Aerial Support Unit (drones).

The investigation is continuing and more charges are possible at a later time.

As with any criminal case the charges described above are merely accusations and Gumper is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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