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Border collies herd sheep with an eye on the prize

By MIA BARNES and PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

MILLERTON — Border collies chased sheep about the hillside at Caora Farm in Millerton on Friday, June 28, in competitive herding trials.

The 112 dogs and 68 handlers came from at least eight states and provinces, with Quebec and Ohio the farthest-flung. Judge Neil McVicar is from Scotland.

Caora Farm co-owner Kathleen Weathers greeted a reporter as he pulled in, and provided some quick intelligence.

The event was sponsored by the farm and the Dutchess Land Conservancy (DLC), the contestants were mostly from the North East Border Collie Association and the United States Border Collie Handlers Association, and they've been doing it at the farm for about 10 years.

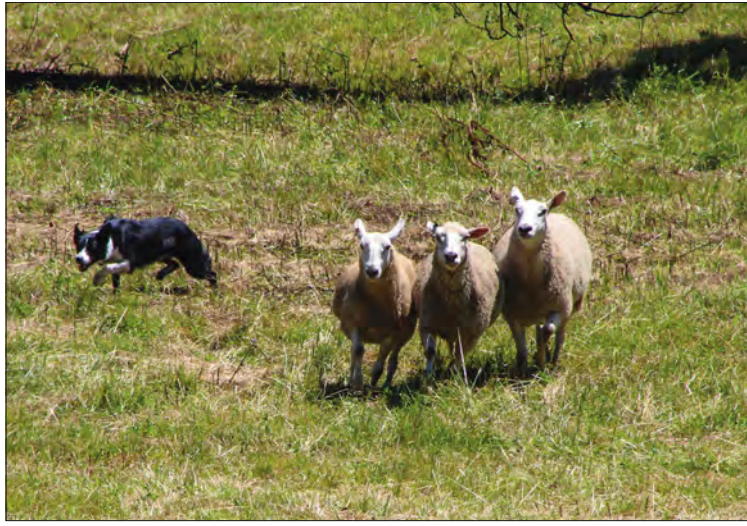


PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN.

Competitive herding trials were held at the Caora Farm in Millerton last weekend, drawing 112 dogs and 68 handlers.

The other owner, Michele Ferraro, steered the reporter to John Campbell of Virginia, who sat in the shade of a tent waiting for his turn with the dog Sadie.

A handler gave a command, and

a dog streaked up a long hill where three sheep waited placidly.

The dog then ran around the sheep, causing them to go this way,

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Barrett defeats primary challenger

By JOHN COSTON
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Veteran Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) defeated a Democratic primary challenge from Claire Cousin on Tuesday, June 25, by a vote of 2,328 to 2,019, according to unofficial results from the Dutchess County Board of Elections.

With 100 percent of election districts reporting, Barrett received 53.54% of the vote compared to Cousin's 46.44%.

The 106th Assembly District represents parts of Dutchess and Columbia counties from the Town of Poughkeepsie to New Lebanon in the north.

Barrett carried districts in the northern part of the 106th, including North East, Pine Plains, Washington, Clinton and Milan. Cousin showed strength in the Town of Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park, as well as in Stanford.

"It has been my greatest honor to represent the beautiful 106th Assembly District for the last twelve years, and I am so grateful to the many constituents, friends and supporters who helped us through



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Didi Barrett

out this long primary campaign.

"As we look to November and the very critical issues at stake, it's time to work together to protect our planet; ensure safe housing and food security for all our communities; codify our human and reproductive rights; and create career pathways in the new green economy by ensuring child care and transportation for those who need it. I thank the voters of Columbia and Dutchess counties for their support, and look forward to getting back to work for the Hudson Valley!"

Barrett has served in the state Assembly since 2012 and is in her

sixth term, having won the seat in a special election to finish the term of Marc Molinaro.

Tuesday's primary challenge from Cousin was a first for Barrett.

Cousin, a Hudson Valley native and member of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, launched her campaign last year.

In a statement released after the election, For the Many, a grassroots organization that backed Cousin, said: "While Cousin did not win

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PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Valedictorian Riley Morgan Thirlwall received her diploma from Superintendent Raymond Castellani as one of the 45 members of the Class of 2024 at the 70th annual Commencement at Webutuck High School on Thursday, June 27.

Webutuck graduates embrace the future at 2024 commencement

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Taking the first step toward living out into their future of wide possibilities were the 45 members of the graduating class of 2024 at their Commencement ceremony at Webutuck High School on Thursday, June 27.

A justifiable sense of pride in individual achievement was evident as well as the joy of sharing the experience with family, friends, and classmates. The weather, although breezy, was perfection for the event held under a huge tent filled to capacity.

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Colleen Flynn joins staff of The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Colleen Flynn, a 2024 Marist College graduate and former intern at The Millerton News, has joined the staff as a full-time reporter covering the Village of Millerton and the Town of North East.

Flynn, who was a communications major at Marist with a con-

centration in journalism, resides in Milton, New York, located south of Poughkeepsie.

"I have lived in Milton, New York, with my mom and two sisters for my entire life," Flynn said. "Starting as a reporter for The

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Colleen Flynn



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Village-wide scavenger hunt starts in Millerton

MILLERTON — Starting July 1, Millerton and Rhinebeck children will be searching for Waldo in a village-wide scavenger hunt sponsored by Oblong Books.

To participate in the scavenger hunt, children must pick up a Waldo passport at Oblong Books in Millerton or Rhinebeck. When spotting Waldo at any of the participating businesses, collect a store stamp or a signature.

Millerton's participating businesses include: Abode, Bes, Brick Block Auto Parts,

Candy-O's, Country Gardeners Florist, Demitasse, Designer Finds, The Elephant's Tusk, Gilded Moon Framing, Hair Modern, Harney & Sons, Hunter Bee, Irving Farm Coffee House, Mane Street Salon, The Millerton Inn, The Moviehouse, Northeast-Millerton Library, Oakhurst Diner, Oblong Books, T-Shirt Farm, Treefort Toys & Gifts, Wellness General Store and Westerlind.

After getting 12 of the possible 25 stamps in Millerton, bring them to Oblong Books

to claim a sticker and a coupon for any Waldo book, limited to the first 100 people. If you collect 23 stamps or signatures in Millerton, bring your passport to Oblong Books again, to enter in a drawing for a deluxe boxed set of Waldo books and other prizes.

A Waldo celebration and prize drawing will be held on Wednesday, July 31, at 4 p.m. at Oblong Books in Millerton and Rhinebeck. The winner of the drawing must be present to accept the prize.



PHOTO BY COLLEEN FLYNN

Martha Schultz leads a discussion at the Senior Friendship Center at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex last week.

Millerton senior center nurtures a community

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — The NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex hosts the Senior Friendship Center weekly in the Annex.

Working with the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA), the Friendship center provides seniors free or reduced-cost lunch from Monday through Thursday. In addition to this, many different games and activities are offered.

Martha Schultz, OFA's Millerton Site Manager, said, "Studies have shown that participating in brain games

helps reduce the risk of Alzheimer's and dementia."

OFA creates a community that welcomes everybody who needs an extra helping hand. The activities that the Friendship Center provides include art presentations, holiday parties, concerts, movies, bingo and nutrition counseling.

OFA organizes the program in hopes of providing more resources to older adults. The office coordinates community-based services to people who may require assistance in the long-term care system to promote independence and quality of life.

OFA's next big community

event is its Summer Picnic that will be held on July 17 at 12 p.m.

Brian Jones, OFA's Outreach Coordinator, said, "That's when the OFA Summer Picnic serving older adults in Millerton/North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, and Millbrook [which] will be held at 12 noon at Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains. Assuming decent weather, we'll get 200-300 seniors."

The center is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is located in the Main room in the Annex, 28 Century Blvd.



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE BATES

Linda Quella of the Fair Pricing Pilot Program holds a dozen eggs next to a sign at the launch on Monday, July 1 of a new summer market pop-up with sliding-scale pricing operating in collaboration with the North East Community Center.

New pop-up summer food market launches at NECC

MILLERTON — The Fair Pricing Pilot Program is working with North East Community Center (NECC) to host Summer Market Pop-Up events selling local vegetables and protein on a "sliding scale."

On Monday, July 1, the market opened at the NECC location, 51 South Center Street, Millerton, and will be open every Monday in July and August. The program will be selling local vegetables, proteins, and more on a "sliding scale" to the entire community.

Customers pay 100% if

they feel they comfortably can meet all their basic needs; 75% if they mostly meet them; 50% if it's sometimes and 25% if it's difficult to meet basic needs.

Bags of produce offered on July 1 were heavy with scallions, cauliflower, radishes, chard — all fresh and everything is local.

The pop-up will be open Mondays from 3 to 6 p.m. and will feature Chaseholm Farm, Off the Shelf Farm, Rock Steady Farm, Overlook Farm, Genesee Valley Farm, Q Farms and Hudson Valley Fresh.



Bag of produce offered on Monday, July 1 at NECC.

Amenia Comprehensive Plan Review committee agrees to pursue planning grant

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The Comprehensive Plan Review committee, charged with updating the 2007 plan, met on Tuesday, June 25, and agreed to seek funding to hire a planning consultant to assist with incorporating sustainability initiatives into the plan.

Following the guidelines of the Climate Smart Communities program administered by the state, the commit-

tee agreed to pursue a grant through the state Consolidated Funding Application process to support the services of a consultant.

The remainder of discussion focused on following a phased approach to the review committee's work where the first phase will simply update factual data. As the committee has met, however, the need for a more substantial revision has become evident to the committee to create a more meaningful, useful plan-

ning document for the town.

The committee agreed to incorporate working notes suggesting areas that might need further development or information from other local town committees or groups.

Expressing unanimous praise for the valuable work of Paula Pelosi as a member of the committee, the committee acknowledged receipt of her resignation and initiated the process of asking the Town Board to name a replacement.

Millerton Business Alliance launches new info website

MILLERTON — The Millerton Business Alliance launched a new website last week to promote local businesses and events.

When going to www.visit-millertonny.com, the visitors

will be greeted with different available activities, upcoming events, news, and a blog page.

With this new website, people will be able to find Millerton's main attractions and stay updated on what

events are happening.

The MBA is asking businesses to send any details they would like to put on the website in order to maintain correct and up-to-date information.

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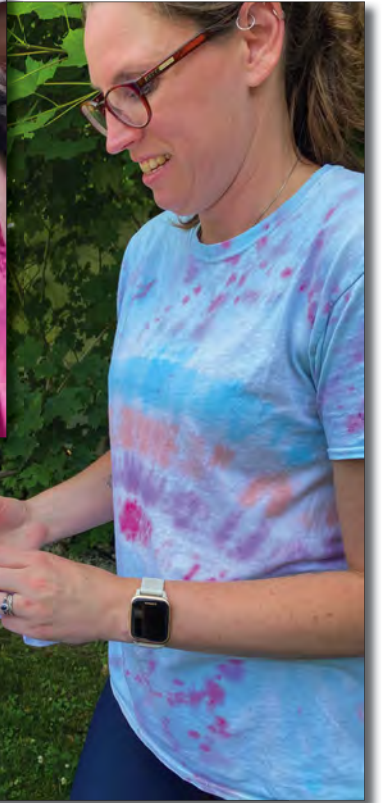
OUR TOWNS



Above: Instruction at the tie-dyeing workshop at the Amenia Free Library on Saturday, June 22 was provided by Beth Hale of the library staff, at right, who assisted with the process where needed. The event marked her last day as a member of the staff. Assisting with the event was newly hired program assistant Megan Marshall, at left, completing her first week on the job. She will be working with program assistant Hope Bruzzi on future library events.



Above: Diligently working on their colorful creations at the Amenia Free Library on Saturday, June 22 were, left to right, Ian Pelico, 6; Wilmer Pelico, 4; and Ashley Dota, 8, in foreground.



Below: Beth Hale demonstrated how to bind a tee shirt to prepare it for the next steps.

Colors to dye for at library tie-dyeing workshop

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Despite the heat, enthusiasts of all ages came to the Amenia Free Library to attend a tie-dyeing workshop on Saturday, June 22. The event was held on the patio to allow the youngest participants the creative freedom they might need when wielding the colors.

This was not the first such fabric-dyeing workshop. Others had proven popular and were worthy of repeating, explained workshop leader Beth Hale, noting that it would be her last day on the job.

"It 's been a great job, a great place to be. I am going to miss it," Hale said.

The planning for the event was apparent, with

an organized array of free white cotton tee shirts provided in all sizes from the smallest for children up to the adult sizes. And there were book bags, backpacks, and scrunchie hair elastics, all freely available for the dyeing process.

The dye chosen for the occasion was Basic Tulip brand, Hale noted. There were plenty of colors to choose from.

The youngest children were not shy about determining that they would need to combine several colors for their envisioned rainbow effect. Once the dyeing was done, the still-tied wet items were dropped into baggies for the trip home.

Also participating in the event was newly hired program assistant Megan Marshall of Stanfordsville, who

will work alongside program assistant Hope Bruzzi on a variety of future programs to be sponsored by the library. Marshall had begun her duties on Tuesday, June 18.

"I'm really excited to work with everyone," Marshall said, praising the library staff. She has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art and Creative Writing, and a Master's in

Library Science. She said that she does considerable work in arts and crafts, painting, mixed media, and pottery. And she has experience in volunteering to work with a range of age groups.

Marshall said that she is enjoying connecting with the community.

"It's really nice to talk with everyone when they come into the library," she added.

CT Olympians row in the wake of history

By RILEY KLEIN

Connecticut will be represented by boat rowers in the upcoming '24 Paris Olympics.

That statement holds as much truth now as it did a century ago.

While Paris gets set to host the Olympic Games for the first time in 100 years, so too do boat rowers with roots in Connecticut prepare.

Oliver Bub from Westport, Liam Corrigan from Old Lyme, Kelsey Reelick from Brookfield, Ben Washburn from Madison will each row in the 2024 Games. Team USA crews will also feature three alumni of Yale rowing: Margaret Hedeman, Kristi Wagner, and Mary Mazzio-Manson.

When the Olympic water contests begin July 27, these Connecticut rowers will be rowing into the pages of history. The last time Paris hosted the Games in 1924, a Connecticut-based eight-man crew won gold. The "Yale Eight" won in dominant fashion, more than 15 seconds ahead of silver-medalist Canada.

The legendary 1924 crew included several noteworthy oarsmen: James Stillman Rock-

efeller, great-nephew of John D. Rockefeller, attended the Taft School before going on to Yale; Leonard Carpenter, a graduate of The Hotchkiss School, went on to a successful career in the lumber industry; Benjamin Spock, famed pediatrician and author of "Baby and Child Care," rowed in the seven-seat.

In the archives of the National Rowing Hall of Fame is a letter from Spock to Rusty Wailes, seven-seat in the gold-winning Yale crew of the 1956 Olympics. In the letter Spock shares his experience of the Parisian Games.

The 1924 Yale crew was delayed in departing for France due to a late-season race against Harvard. The team traveled by boat across the Atlantic and Spock recalled their journey: "Four rowing machines were screwed into the boat deck where one of the life boats was swung over the side and we had two hard workouts a day on the rowing machines in addition to doing calisthenics. Gloria Swanson was on board but was not in our party. Our captain [James Rockefeller] met his wife on the boat and between these



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The 1924 Yale Olympic rowing crew pictured practicing in Lake Housatonic in New Haven, located on the southern end of the Housatonic River.

two extremes various other possibilities were considered."

Upon arriving at Olympic Village late, the crew found no available housing for them: "The only place we could get in were some huts right near the track and field stadium where we were with the extras of the various teams who had come in late. They were miserable quarters. Our nearest and dearest neighbors were Estonian weight lifters. The

beds were uncomfortable and the mosquitoes terrific. The representative of the Yale Rowing Committee, however, was very nearly murdered in trying to make us feel better by referring to the noise of the taxi horns outside his accommodations at the Ritz Hotel."

A July 3, 1924, edition of The Lakeville Journal recounts a different arrival for the American athletes who made it on time to Paris:

"Police Hold Back Surging Throngs Around Olympic Stars

Paris — Trim, alert and eager to be up and doing, the American Olympic team arrived in Paris on two special trains from Cherbourg. They presented a fine spectacle as they descended from the trains, and groups of French fans who assembled out of curiosity broke into cheers of enthusiasm as the young Americans [section damaged] the quays to the wailing cars. All are reported in fine condition."

Spock goes on to describe the medal race on the Seine River on a sweltering hot day just past where "the sewers emptied out." He ultimately recalls winning gold and angering the French by refusing to attend a champagne party. He

ends with words of encouragement for the 1956 team:

"Having seen your crew a week ago, however, it does not disturb me in the least to say that you must be a faster crew...Let me urge all of you to the extent that time permits to make a hobby of rowing."


Yale crews went on to win gold in the 1956 Melbourne Games in both Men's Eight and Men's Pair.

A Parisian summer awaits the current generation of Olympian rowers from Connecticut. Supporters of the stars and stripes will do well to echo the urge of Spock in hopes that the 2024 oarsmen "make a hobby of rowing."

Note: Connecticut will be represented by several non-rowers in the 2024 Olympics as well.

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The Connecticut Botanical Society was founded in 1903 and its purpose is to increase people's awareness of our state's native flora and to promote conservation to protect our resources. To find out more, please visit their website at: www.ct-botanical-society.org/. The Society is a great resource for identifying the native plants one should plant and what invasive plants, no matter how beautiful, to avoid. So if you are thinking of adding plants, trees or shrubs to your property, the Society has the following guide to our native Connecticut plants to consider: www.ct-botanical-society.org/gardening-with-natives/#tab-2085 Happy gardening!!!



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Planning Board on the 10th day of July 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 site plan and special use permit application submitted by Jack Meccariello for an auto repair shop located at 2698-

2700 Route 199, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #134200-6772-00-937422-0000.

Any resident of the Town of Pine Plains shall be entitled to be heard regarding said application. The application is available for review during regular business hours at the Pine Plains Town Hall.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Daniel Walley

BARNET, VT — Robert Daniel Walley, age 71, of Barnet, Vermont, found eternal peace on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Born in Bridgeport on February 24, 1953, Robert was raised in Stratford, and graduated from Bunnell



High School in 1970. Robert trained at the Culinary Institute of America, and worked in several restaurants and country clubs in Connecticut and New York as well as Park City Hospital in Bridgeport. After finishing his career in the kitchens of large meditation centers in Nova Scotia and Vermont, he thought he had retired, but found that he still had the desire to share his culinary gift with others. In addition to volunteering his time to care and cook for those with physical challenges, in Oct. 2019, he joined the Danville Senior Action Center Meal Site in Danville, Vermont as head chef, where he dedicated his time and energy to make extraordinary meals for his community's seniors.

"Pops," as he was known to his grandchildren, had a special talent of catching popcorn — tossed up to maximum height — in his mouth without skipping a beat. A kind, caring and generous soul, he had a smile and laugh with his bow tie and suspenders that lit up every room he entered, an unparalleled zest for antiques/junk, art and music, birds and gardens, all things outdoors, stacking wood and fishing, a cartoon alter ego, Carl from UP (who dearly loved his Ellie), and unique artistic ability that shined in many ways, including in his lovingly made omelets, ice cream, breads and gingerbread houses. A jack of all trades, skilled at carpentry, electrical and plumbing, Pops

enjoyed managing too many special projects, tinkering around his many creations, and sprinkling joy and laughter wherever he went.

Chef Robert is survived by his loving partner of six years, Catherine ("Ellie") Baker; his three children; Sarah Colbert (Richard), Corinne Tarullo (Keith), and Patrick Walley; Cathy's two children, Meghan Dewald and Dubhgan Hinchey (Misato); grandchildren Conor, Caedan, Ailean, Orhean, and Eilean; granddoggies; several cousins, nieces and nephews, including Cynthia Harrington, Jon Walley, Michael Walley and Jeff Walley, who loved him as "Bert" and dear friends, including Bob Abbott, Chris Kirk, Jen Stonecipher, Bill Brauer and Ella Reznikova, among the many others by his side until his final song.

Robert was predeceased by his loving parents, Daniel Walley, Sr. and Eleanor (Lesak) Walley (Sharon); brothers, Daniel Walley (Sharon), James Walley (Tucson, Arizona), and Michael Walley (Bridgeport); and aunts and uncles, including especially close uncle George Petrovich (Stratford).

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, June 30, from 2-4 p.m. at Knight Funeral Home, 903 Hartford Avenue, White River Junction, Vermont. A memorial celebration of Robert's life in Barnet, Vermont will follow in the fall. Memorial contributions may be made in Robert's honor to: Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging, 481 Summer St., Ste. 101, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819 www.nekcouncil.org/donate or the Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, CT 06069. act.audubon.org/onlineactions/VEbSrya40a0WJnDjr68Jw2?ms=giving_page_76

Lindsay Maria Waldron

SHARON — Lindsay Maria Waldron passed away unexpectedly on June 22, 2024, while residing in Sharon.

She was born in Poughkeepsie on Aug. 9, 1982. She was the loving mother of Lily Dolan, and the loving daughter of Garma Belter Waldron and the late David Waldron. She was the loving sister of the late Gared Waldron.



Lindsay grew up in Sharon and attended Sharon Center School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School and went on to receive her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Development from Dean College.

Her love of children began as a camp counselor at Camp Sloane in Lakeville. She was also a former assistant teacher with Extras in Salisbury. Her love for children moved her to compose two children's books. She later worked at Harney & Sons Fine Teas for six years where she enjoyed her job.

Lindsay loved animals, loved to dance, and share

time with family and friends. She was a vibrant gal and had an extraordinarily strong will to overcome many challenges when she was diagnosed with a medical condition 20 years ago. She was a miracle in her mother's and family's eyes and hearts.

Lindsay is survived by her mother, Garma Waldron, her daughter, Lily Dolan, her sisters Jennifer Waldron and Patti Lewis both of Savannah, Georgia, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends all of whom she loved greatly. She will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held on July 13, at 11:00 a.m. at the Sharon Congregational Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Sharon Volunteer Ambulance, PO Box 357, Sharon, CT 06069, and to Little Guild of St. Frances, 285 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Maria Francesca Duntz McCabe

SALISBURY — Maria Francesca (Maier) Duntz McCabe, 94, of 4 Grove St. died June 18, 2024, at Sharon Hospital, just 44 days shy of her 95th birthday. She was the wife of the late Roy Duntz II and the late Lyman Spalding McCabe. Born in Northern Italy, Maria was fluent in Italian, German and English. She was the daughter of the late Maria Maier. She was predeceased by her son, Richard Duntz.



Maria was affectionately known as a "trail angel," on the Appalachian Trail for over 30 years. She offered up her home to hikers who traveled the trail from Georgia to Maine. She thoroughly enjoyed learning about each and every person she met off the trail-learning their trail names and hearing their stories from home as well as their trips. She treated them like family and many came back to visit her year after year. She provided shelter, shared her food, and shuttled them to other locations off the trail. She kept many journals as a record of the hikers who visited with her.

Maria had many passions in life including thrift stores, her love of flowers, hummingbirds, and her family and friends. She was a fierce soul that will be greatly missed by all who crossed her path.

Maria is survived by her three sons; Roy Duntz III

(Diane) of Sharon, grandchildren Edward Duntz, Jennifer Majette (Raymond) and great grandchildren Cameron and Braydon, Ronald Duntz (Sue) of Torrington, grandchildren Ronald, great granddaughter Cascidy (Nathan) great great grandson Asher, Tina Maritano (Domenic) great grandson Anthony, Samantha Nelson (Joshua) great grandchild Maura, Brandy Duntz of Minnesota, great grandchildren Yamaha, Alexis, Tabbitha, Malik and Jerald; and Roland McCabe (JoAnn) of Lakeville, grandchildren Sue McCabe (partner Jim Martin), Bethany Reichert (Michael), great grandchild Carter, and Zachary McCabe, grandchildren Richard and Sean Duntz and great granddaughter Amaya.

Maria was able to live independently at home through help of family, friends, and caregivers, and enjoyed the company of local, long-time friends, Lorraine and Mary.

"As you were you will always be, treasured forever in our memory."

A celebration of Maria's life will be held on Sunday, Aug. 4 at the Lakeville/Salisbury firehouse at 1:00 p.m. Memorial donations may be sent to Salisbury Ambulance.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT.

Sandra Watson Schafer

SALISBURY — Sandra Watson Schafer, 90, a long-time resident of the Northwest Corner of Connecticut, passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 24, 2024, at her Noble Horizons cottage in Salisbury. She has joined her beloved dog, "Little Buddy," and her parents in heaven.



Sandra was born to Paul and Bernice Watson on Jan. 30, 1934, in Rochester, Indiana. She had many fond memories of time spent with her older sister, Yvonne, growing up on the farmlands and, later, at her family home on Lake Manitou, Indiana. Graduating from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, Sandra later earned a master's degree in Elementary Education from Connecticut State University. She was passionate about reading and education and was a beloved elementary school teacher in North Canaan and Falls Village. She was also a founding member and the first director of the Sharon Day Care Center in Sharon.

The Congregational Church of Falls Village was an important community to her, and Sandra made every effort to attend services and socialize with her church family. She was a supporter, fundraiser, and volunteer for many mission outreach programs, including the CROP Hunger Walk, Little Dresses of Africa, Warmth for Warriors, and The Prayer Shawl. She had a deep faith and quietly and spiritually touched all who knew her.

In her retirement, Sandra spent the winters in North Fort Myers, Florida, and summers at her home on Twin Lakes in Salisbury. She cherished the many family celebrations she hosted at her lake home, and the fond memories from those days remain with her children, grandchildren,

and friends.

She loved to garden, sew, and knit, and she was also an avid reader and an enthusiastic tennis and ping pong player. She was a gifted painter, and her many watercolor paintings will be treasured for generations. Once she became a member of the Noble Horizons community, she flourished as she met new friends, joined clubs, attended functions, and loved to "work it out" at the fitness center.

Affectionately known as "Nana," Sandra looked forward to attending family activities and celebrating holidays and special occasions. She is missed by her children; Charles Stair, Sheryl Knapp (Mark), Bob Stair (Ellen Eschbach), and David Stair (Debbie Bennett); her granddaughters, Keri Sullivan (Craig), Kelsey Markiewicz (Matt Easley), Erika Knapp, and Kaya Tilton; and her great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Yvonne Sowers, and her cousins, nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother-in-law, Air Force LT. Col. Richard Sowers.

The Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Sandra has been postponed from July 6, 2024, to a later date. There will be notification of the new date in the Lakeville Journal. Arrangements are entrusted to Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, Canaan, CT.

In lieu of flowers, Sandra asked that donations be made in her honor to the following: Falls Village Congregational Church (FVCC), PO Box 72, Falls Village, CT 06031 (<https://thefv.cc/>) or the Jane Lloyd Fund, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 North Main St, Sheffield, MA 01257-9503 (<https://www.thejanelloydfund.org/donate>).

Marsha J. Morey

CANAAN — Marsha J. (Balfour) Morey, 67, of 135 Sand Road, passed away on June 25, 2024, at Charlotte-Hungerford Hospital in Torrington. She was the beloved wife of the late Bennett Morey. Marsha was born on Aug. 1, 1956, in Winsted, daughter of the late William and Carol (Heller) Balfour.

Marsha dedicated her career to caring for others as a CNA and private duty caregiver, serving at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation and throughout Litchfield County. She was actively involved in the VFW Couch-Pipa Post 6851 Ladies Auxiliary, embodying a commitment to community and service.

Marsha is survived by her four sons; Matthew Gwinn of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and his wife Janet Gwinn, Damian Gwinn of Canaan and his wife Liz Gwinn, Larry Gwinn of Canaan, and Adam Lockwood of Sheffield. She is also survived by her stepsons; Bennett Morey and his fiancé Jessica Cassella, and Michael

Butler and his fiancé Erica Withers; stepdaughters Holly Morey, December Morey, and Asya Morey; significant other Michael Brodeur; stepmother Issy Balfour; brothers Michael Balfour of Eureka, California, William Balfour and his wife Sue of Torrington, and Brian Balfour and his wife Cathy of Lockwood, New York; numerous grandchildren and one great grandson along with numerous nieces and nephews. Marsha was predeceased by her husband Bennett Morey, brother Lee Balfour, and stepson Dana Cross.

A time of visitation will be held on Sunday, July 7, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St. North Canaan, CT 06018.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the VFW Couch-Pipa Post 6851 Auxiliary, 104 South Canaan Rd., Canaan, CT 06018, or to the American Association for Cancer Research, 615 Chestnut St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404.



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Happy 248th

"You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4th, not with a parade of guns, tanks and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism."

—Erma Bombeck

John Adams, ever cantankerous with tightly held views matched by genius, always contended that July 2nd was the birthday of the nation — it was the date the Continental Congress voted for independence from Britain. Yet a document, the Declaration of Independence, was approved and adopted by that Congress on July 4th and the 4th was thus deemed the official birthday. Though proclaimed a state holiday in Massachusetts in 1781, the Fourth of July was not declared a federal holiday until 1870, a paid federal holiday in 1941. John Adams though did accurately predict independence days going forward: "It will be celebrated with pomp and parade, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other."

Like Thanksgiving, the Fourth of July is truly an American holiday. Both these high holidays are celebrated by Americans in-country and out. Parks, backyards, main streets across the country are chalk-a-block with Americans grouped for pleasure, to cheer, to admire be they solo or generation-deep families. American embassies and individuals across the globe hold 4th of July celebrations — the ones I have attended were held outside with volleyball, dancing, lemonade, beer, fireworks, concerts, all casual and friendly. Both the Fourth and Thanksgiving are holidays centered on people, on families, friends, community — being joyfully together, gathered, celebrating. Nothing imperial, nothing stiffly military, not tanks tearing up asphalt, not marching troops sweltering in uniforms, in America rather everyone is in shorts, T's, flipping burgers, streaming red, white, and blue from trike or bike handles, lining streets, kicking back.

Our two secular American holidays are rapt with tradi-

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Kathy Herald-Marlowe

tions: foods — hot dogs and burgers on one, turkey on the other; on Thanksgiving reenactments of key events, on the Fourth a plethora of flags, bunting, red, white and blue everything, everywhere. American flags a plenty wave right side up, to code, outside of federal buildings, businesses, homes in all income neighborhoods. As per Johnny Cash: "On second thought, I do like to brag... 'Cause I'm mighty proud of the ragged old flag."

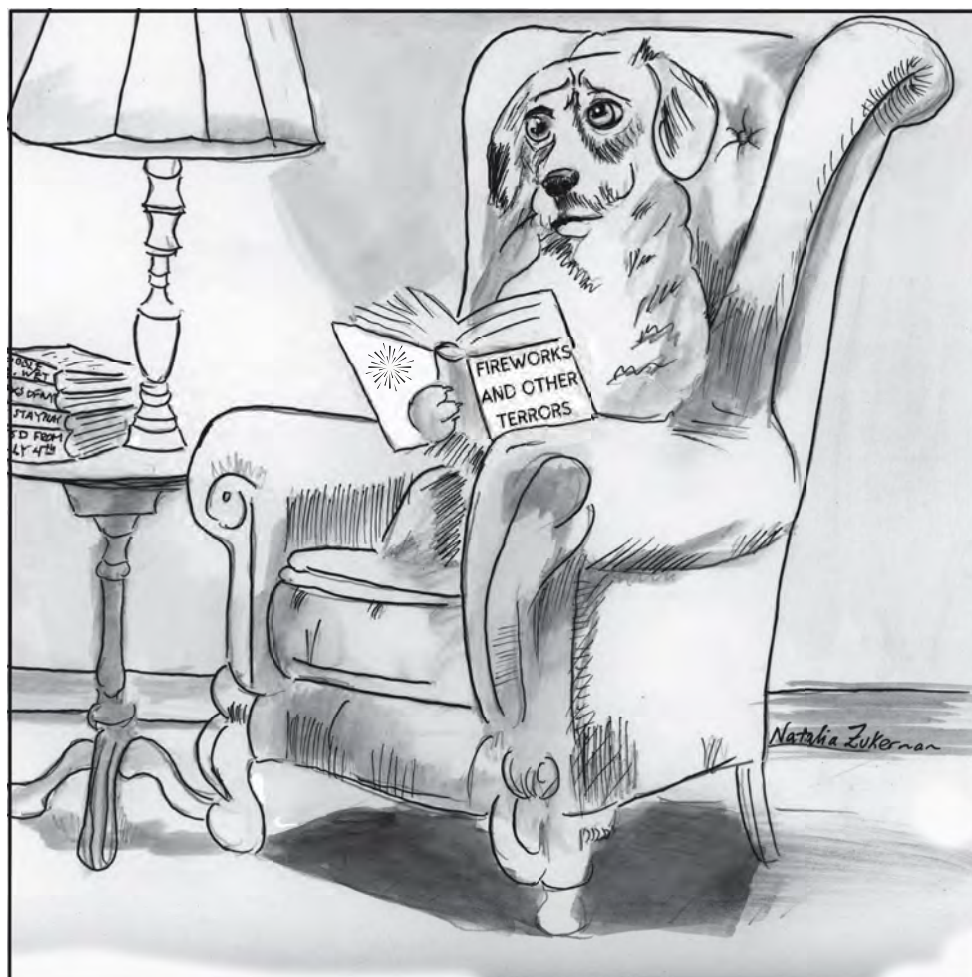
Symbols of America from flags to parades, to fireworks, to ball games, to the Statue of Liberty are revered and respected.

Whether in blistering heat, pouring rain, or following a raucous political debate, may the Fourth of July 2024 bring forth celebrative cheer and community for us all. Bite into a burger, chug a beer, sip ice tea, cheer a fond float, pound your foot to a local band — hail the good spirit of a nation whooping it up for its 248th birthday.

"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

— Abraham Lincoln

Kathy Herald-Marlowe lives in Sharon.



Independence — not to be taken for granted

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

INDEPENDENCE—such a simple, too often taken for granted word with such important meaning. Its import was the reason our Constitution was drafted by wise men with our country's future, best interests, welfare and security in mind. Independence (freedom from influence or control by others).

Our freedom seeking forefathers fought the Revolutionary War, a costly, human toll uprising against English tyranny and authoritarian control. American true-grit prevailed culminating into today's United States of America.

Often tested, often challenged and attacked, but always coming out on top. WHY? — because the majority

of our country's freedoms and independence by exploiting naive close-minded and easily manipulated individuals who accept repetitious propaganda as truth.

I personally define independence as being able to voice my own opinions, pick my own friends, spend my own time and money and plan my own future without fear of coercion or prosecution.

I am an old veteran. I support our military, veterans, first responders and defend our too often abused and challenged Constitution. I help my neighbors and those in need and proudly fly my American flag every day. It symbolizes something very

special to me and many of you readers. I am not overly religious but I absolutely know there is a forgiving and caring God, otherwise I would not be typing this today.

Patriots will always hold the line against those wanting to destroy our independence and freedoms. We will prevail through true grit and perseverance as we always have for over two centuries. God bless you readers and your families. Happy Independence Day each and every day to you all.

Town of North East resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam veteran and a member of both the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Conn.

More rattlesnakes; end of Millerton Days?; Softball in gear

July 6, 1933

'Campers Run Into Army of Rattlesnakes': Open warfare has broken out at the Civilian Conservation Camp at the Silvernail farm, near Boston Corners. The enemy is an army of rattlesnakes. Crews from the camp which have been working in the woods searching for pine blister rust have been encountering a large number of snakes, six, it is said, having been killed in one day and four in another. During dry weather rattlesnakes are found in places where normally they do not exist.

'Nature Study Camp On Mt. Washington': July first saw the opening for the eleventh consecutive year of the Northrup Memorial Camp on Mt. Washington. The site of this camp is the former home and property of Alice Roch Northrop. Mrs. Northrop was killed at the Boston Corners railroad crossing on her way up here with friends to find a

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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camp spot for New York children. After her untimely death her property was purchased by fiends who formed a society and now conduct this camp in memory of her.

July 3, 1974

'SAFE!': A member of McArthur's Porkchops [sic] crosses home base [sic], bringing in a run for team A at the Dutchfield League women's softball game on Sunday afternoon...

'Millerton Personals': Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kaplan celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at The Pond in Ancramdale on Sunday.

'The Nearly New Shoppe Needs Volunteer Workers': The Nearly New Shoppe in Millerton is appealing for volunteer workers to help out during the summer vacation season... Mrs. Reginald Pulver Sr., manager of the Shoppe, said, "We could certainly use teenage volunteers too"... All profits are used for the benefit of the Millerton Day Care Center.

July 1, 1999

'With Millerton Days Gone': MFD Tractor Pull Aug. 7: Millerton — The fourth annual Millerton Fire Department tractor pull will be held Aug. 7 at Eddie Collins Field here.

The festivities get underway at 6 a.m. with a hearty breakfast. Pulling will start at 11 a.m. and last until dusk. All

tractors are 1959 or older in a variety of weight classes.

Throughout the day there will be food and refreshment for sale as well as a pig roast. There will be two pigs roasted this year due to the sweet meat's popularity last year. There will be vendor booths, music and a fishing pond sponsored by the Millerton Gun Club. More activities will be listed at a later date.

It appears Millerton Days is no more. The newly organized chamber of commerce is planning a new community event this year along the lines of an Oktoberfest celebration according to Millerton Antique Center manager Stuart Miller, one of the organizers...

In the past few years, Millerton Days coincided with the tractor pull, which will go forward as planned.

'Millerton Softball in High Gear': Millerton — Seven teams have been battling it out on the diamond as part of the Millerton Softball League.

Right now, North East Muffler sits on top of the pack with a 7-0 record. North East's momentum is propelled by the pitching of Wayne Silvernail (7-0). On June 16, Silvernail allowed only 3 hits in a 6-0 win against Jack's Auto, a perennial playoff team that is struggling this year, according to Millerton Softball League President Bill Krasowski.

Other teams in the league include H & R Dichards, Millerton Card & Coin, Boices's Home Care, Broadway Pizza and Savage Masonry.

In a pitcher's duel [sic] for the ages, Silvernail locked horns against Bill Beattie, the pitcher for Millerton Card & Coin in a 4-3 nail biter won by North East Muffler June 22. Both men pitched great games. Bill Simmons and Jeremy Proper drove 2 runs a

piece[sic] in the win. Joe Farley had an RBI double. Steven Barton smacked a home run, and Bob Runge was 2 for 2 at the plate Millerton Card & Coin.

Beattie and Silvernail are the league's top pitchers, and they have a long history of pitching against one another, dating back 25 years to the old Wassaic League, Krasowski said.

In a 1988 tournament, for example, Silvernail was named most valuable player with 24 strikeouts, but Beattie also had 21 Ks [sic], according to Krasowski...

Krasowski said the teams in the Millerton Softball League are very competitive this year, and the margins of victory are getting slimmer. Scoring is down most likely due to the major modified pitching, a sort of sling-shot style that yields

60 mile per hour fastballs from only 45 feet away.

The league's big tournament comes to Millerton July 31 and Aug. 1 at Eddie Collins Field... The final game will be broadcast live on WQQQ FM radio in Lakeville beginning at 4 p.m.

'Botanical Gardens Tour Slated for July 23': The North East Community Center and the senior citizens "Get Together Program" invite the community to join them in a trip to The Berkshire Botanical Gardens in Stockbridge, Mass., Friday, July 23.

The day includes a guided informational tour through the colorful gardens. The gardens offer a boxed lunch for \$7, or you can bring your own and enjoy lunching on the grounds.

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Summer Moods

I love at eventide to walk alone
Down narrow lanes o'erhung with dewy thorn
Where from the long grass underneath the snail
Jet black creeps out and sprouts his timid horn.
I love to muse o'er meadows newly mown
Where withering grass perfumes the sultry air
Where bees search round with sad and weary drone
In vain for flowers that bloomed but newly there,
While in the juicy corn the hidden quail
Cries "wet my foot" and hid as thoughts unborn
The fairy-like and seldom-seen land rail
Utters "craik craik" like voices underground
Right glad to meet the evening's dewy veil
And see the light fade into glooms around.

— John Clare (1793-1864)

OUR TOWNS

Region's libraries offer summer reading regimens

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

As students through North East leave school behind for the summer, their teachers are hoping they will return in the fall with all their hard earned reading skills in tact.

But like most, NorthEast —Millerton Library Youth Services Director and retired Webutuck elementary school teacher Lynn Buckley knows that without some sort of intervention, the dreaded "Summer Slip" could take away some of that progress for too many students — particularly for those whose gains were hardest fought.

One solution? Enter the summer reading "Adventure Begins in Your Library," a statewide effort, The Collaborative Summer Library Program, which provides suggestions and encouragement for local libraries. Although working around the central theme, local libraries put their own spins on the topic as they hope to lure both enthusiastic and reluctant readers into their stacks and through their pages.

Library events are free and open to all with no card required although one is needed in order to check out books, DVD's and other material. Cards are free to residents of the areas served.

Details of all libraries in-

cluding addresses, schedules and programs are available on their websites. Highlights of the summer are as follows.

Amenia

Amenia children will be keeping their reading accomplishments close to their hearts as they wear a lanyard with a punch card record of their summer reading attached. Saying they want the children to have flexibility in their choices of books, Library Director Victoria Herow says "We're not prioritizing numbers" but are suggesting various categories such as adventure, animals, and more with prizes given for books read. The high points of the summer will be several visits by "The Nutty Scientist" who will "teach science in a fun way." In order to encourage more children to sign up for the library, the staff will be visiting camps in the area. Go to amenialibrary.org or call 845-373-8273 for more information.

Millbrook

Summer reading at the Millbrook Library officially kicked off with a party on Friday, June 28 from 3 to 6 p.m. with an ice cream truck, live music, lawn games, face painting, and food. Patrons may register for the program and pick up season schedules at the library.

Children Literacy Coordinator Kate Anderson says that with special programs for every age group from babies on up, the library will keep its online calendar full as readers will win prizes their reading. For each book completed, they will also earn a token which will be added to a bucket at the main desk. At the end of the program, for each token counted, the library will donate a book to the United Way for distribution to families. Anderson says this is a way of "getting books into the hands of kids who don't have books at home ... to encourage kids who normally do not read." Go to Millbrooklibrary.org or call 845-677-3611 for more information.

Millerton

Buckley says shouts of BINGO will cap accomplishments of young readers at the NorthEast-Millerton Library as they complete their cards with boxes representing an accomplishment such as "reading a graphic novel or reading under your bed." Bi-Lingual cards are available and readers may complete as many as they like, earning a prize for each one. As a bonus, Buckley has added a special "word games" section to the June children's news letter which will keep participants of all ages occupied on even the rainiest day while building language skills. Throughout the six week session, there

will be regular story times for a variety of ages mixed with music, backyard adventures, and outer space puppeteers. Kickoff for a pirate themed Adventures of the Sea will be on Saturday, July 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with craft construction of a pirate hat or treasure map. Go to nemillertonlibrary.org or call 518-789-3340 for more information.

Pine Plains

With the goal of introducing more children to the Pine Plains Free Library, Assistant Director Amy Mallozzi said the library is partnering with the town summer camp, booking performers for the camp with the event open to the public. Campers will also visit the library on a weekly basis, both of which she says will "increase traffic." Mallozzi hopes those visits will show that the library is "more than just sitting quietly and looking at a book." Prizes will be given for the number of minutes read not just the number of books because as children read at different rates, they want to give them credit for the time they put in. Program registration is either in person or by phone. Mallozzi says no cards are needed as the program is "open to all. We don't check. We don't ask, we just hope people will come and participate." Go to pineplainslibrary.org or call 518-398-1927 for more information.



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Last year's summer reading program visit by the Two-by-Two Animal Haven shown here proved to be so popular it was repeated on Tuesday, July 2 at 10 a.m. at the Millbrook Library at 3 Friendly Lane in Millbrook.

Stanford

Stanford Free Library Director Christa Cerul says they will "have something for everybody," with reading logs as incentives leading to prizes including a raffle for four tickets to a Harlem Valley Renegades game with readers earning a ticket for each book read. Current focus is on story

times for separate age groups: babies, toddlers, pre-school and kindergarten, and grades 1-3 with times posted online and a baby sitting class July 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. Thinking of new patrons, Cerul says, "We always hope the summer reading draws them in." Go to stanfordlibrary.org or call 845-868-1341 for more information.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Located in a senior mobile home park not far from the Dover Metro-North station this mobile home sold for \$35,000 without land. Unit has central air conditioning, a generator, parking for two cars, and a spacious screened porch. The owner must pay monthly rental fees to cover services.

Town of Dover April and May home sales

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to The Millerton News

Dover's real estate market continues to exhibit a wide range of prices from mobile homes on small lots in parks to estates with views. There were only five sales in April and May which reflect that diversity of options ranging in price from \$35,000 to \$700,000. The current median price of a single-family residence in Dover of \$392,500 increased 78% over the last five years; however, Dover still remains below the of median Dutchess County price of \$441,075

Current listings in Dover include over 25 building lots and nine homes from \$400,000 to

\$1,495,000. At the end of June there was a bottle neck of 20 pending sales of single-family residences including Zephyr Farm, an estate with 39 acres with a listing price of \$4.2 million.

11 White Farm Road: 4 bedroom/2.5 bathroom home on .66 acres built in 1989 sold on April 3 for \$460,000

84 Old Pawling Road: 3

bedroom/2.5 bath home on 1.67 acres built in 2004 sold on April 24 for \$700,000

4 Stone Pine Lane: 4 bedroom/2 bath home built in 1993 sold on May 1 for \$425,000

3653 Pleasant Ridge Road: 3 bedroom/2 bath home built in 1870 sold on May 3, for \$385,000

72 Falcon Lane: 1 bedroom/1 bath, 532 square foot mobile home sold on May 31 for \$35,000

*Town of Dover residential real estate sales for April and May 2024 days 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. All property sales including private transactions are recorded by

Dutchess County but will only be published starting in July. We'll catch up with these later this summer. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

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Copake gets ready for Bicentennial season and Roe Jan Historical Society plans 50th

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE — A trip down memory lane with plenty of celebration along the way is part of Copake's season of history as the town marks its Bicentennial and the 50th anniversary of the Roeliff Janson Historical Society.

The observation was kicked off with three lectures at the Society, a musical "Your Town," and three historical lectures at the Copake Grange 935 with another planned for Saturday, July 20 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Coming events include a pre-registered children's Rail Trail Art Project on Saturday, July 6 from 10 a.m. at the Pavilion in Taconic State Park in Copake Falls.

An extensive three-month-long exhibit titled Memento, Maps and Milestones: Copake at 200 will open that day at 2 p.m. at the Historical Society at the old Methodist Church on 8 Miles Road in Copake Falls.

A "Come Home to Copake" picnic at the Copake Memorial Park on Saturday July 13 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. will be open to any Copake residents - past and present. It will feature live music, an art exhibit, a vintage car show, a hot dog eating competition and a dessert baking contests judged by Copake's Nancy Fuller of the Food Network. According to BiCentennial Committee Head Kellie Nardin, families may bring their own food or pre-purchase chicken Bar-B-Q from the Copake Fire

Department.

Aug. 17 will bring evening activities at Catamount following a 3 p.m. parade which Nardin believes will be one of the county's largest with seven fire departments and 25 floats and long time Copake supporters Flora Bergquist, Edgar Masters, Angelo Valantino and Vana Hotaling honored as Grand Marshals.

Beyond those day long events, the Historical Society exhibit will be open weekends through Oct. 6 with something for all ages. President Lesley Doyel said the exhibit, taking a year and a half to create, contains the Society's own collection of photos, paintings, and historic objects as well as numerous items on loan from residents, including Mike Fallon of Copake Actions and his family.

The exhibit also features painstakingly created commentaries of town's history beginning with the Mohican origins of the area including the name "Achkoopeck" which translated as Snake Pond. Eventually, the town was named Copake Iron in recognition of that key indus-

Nick Fritsch of the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society makes a last minute check of one of the exhibits of Mementoes, Maps and Milestones: Copake at 200, which opens at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, at the Society museum at 8 Miles Road in Copake Falls. His focus is a "Child's Concealment Shoe" donated by Marybeth and Gerald Ketz which, following centuries old European tradition, was built into the wall of a house in Craryville in the mid 19th century to ward off evil spirits.



PHOTO BY LESLEY DOYEL

try which attracted workers and led to the growth of the town. With the passing of that business, "Iron" was dropped from the name in an effort to boost tourism.

Both Nardin and Doyel emphasized that the celebration is a cooperative effort with organizations such as The Copake Grange, the Iron Works Museum, numerous businesses and residents.

Doyel said much of the work for the exhibit was done by a "core group" consisting

of graphic artist Nick Fritsch, master builder Bob Callahan, Robin Bruce, Jane Peck, Richard Barton, Ron Otten-son, Cheryl Benken, Milbrey Zellely and Mike Stanke, with Janet Mackin and Catherine Mikic from the Grange.

Nardin explained that the whole project was aided by current town supervisor and liaison Richard Wolf and previous supervisor Jeanne Mettler who "was there from the

beginning." In addition to all of the above, the following members of the Bicentennial Committee took leads or worked on various elements of the events: Liana Gaston, Winette Edge, Maryanne Fal-lon, Lindsay LeBrecht, Cyd McDowell, Roberta Roll, Heather Thomson, and Gina White.

For more information, write to copakebicentennial@gmail.com.

Man, 60, charged in choking, punching ex-girlfriend, 30

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — Village Police Chief Joe Olenik informed the Village Trustees at their regular board meeting on June 26 that the department had made an arrest involving a man choking his ex-girlfriend.

On May 25, at the Cumberland Farms parking lot in the village of Millerton, a 60-year-old man was arrested for obstruction of breathing.

The incident occurred about around 5:30 p.m. fol-

lowing an argument between a woman, 30, and an ex-boyfriend, the chief said.

Olenik said the situation escalated with the ex-boyfriend choking and punching the woman.

Names of the individuals were not released.

According to Chief Olenik, "The ex-boyfriend was arrested for criminal obstruction of breathing/blood circulation and issued an order of protection by Judge [Dennis] Johnson and [was] released without bail."

Cricket comes to Salisbury for fundraiser

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
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LAKEVILLE, Conn. — The Salisbury Cricket Club played a charity match at Community Field in Lakeville Saturday, June 29. The match was a fundraiser for the Salisbury

Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Club founder David Shillingford said most of the players are expatriates of the British Commonwealth, with two Americans included.

He also provided a handy explanation of what was happening: "It's just like baseball,

except there are two bases, not four, and there is no foul territory."

This succinct statement doubled this reporter's knowledge of the sport.

The players were decked out in mostly white, and there

were perhaps 50 spectators on hand, including Michael Kahler, resident in the colors of the Union Jack.

"You understand this game?" he was asked.

"I played it as a kid," Kahler said.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Salisbury Cricket Club plays charity match on June 29.

OBITUARIES

Barbara Ruth Wood

CANAAN — Barbara Ruth (Wright) Wood, 88, of 1 Greene Avenue, died suddenly June 27, 2024 at the Sharon Hospital. She was the wife of Clarke B. Wood Jr. Barbara was born Feb. 13, 1936 in Great Barrington, daughter of the late Hervey and Miriam (Bushey) Wright.

Barbara worked in the cafeteria of the North Canaan Elementary School for 25 years. Barbara's main focus in her life was her family, especially her grandsons.

In addition to her husband, Barbara is survived by her two sons; Todd Wood and his wife Libby and their son Brayton all of Canaan, and Larry Wood and his wife Kathy and their two sons Jacob and Gavin all of Canton. Barbara is also survived by her

brother Hervey Wright, Jr. of Goshen. She was predeceased by eleven brothers and sisters, Gertrude Wright, Esther Rivard, Frank Wright, Frederick Wright, Katherine Minervino, Robert Wright, Marilyn Ball, Stanley Wright, Shirlee Minervino, Joan Jacobson and Joseph Wright.

Graveside services were held on Saturday June 29, 2024 at Hillside Cemetery in East Canaan. Memorial donations may be sent to either the Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps, PO Box 178 15 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018 or to the Canaan Fire Department 4 East Main St. PO Box 642 Canaan, CT 06018. Arrangements were under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.



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Rail Trail humerus

Down by the Harlem Valley Rail Trail and Mill Street in the Village last week.

For more obituaries, see page A4

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<p style="text-align: center; background-color: white; border-radius: 5px;">Pool Party</p> <p style="text-align: center;">North Canaan Town Pool Wednesday 7/10 5-7pm</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Pool Party with free popsicles and music sponsored by North Canaan Recreation Commission.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: white; border-radius: 5px;">Family Fun Nite</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lawrence Field Thursday 7/11 6-8pm</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Have fun with local businesses and organizations. Ping Pong Ball Drop, Karaoke, obstacle course, hay maze and more.</p>

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GRADUATION *Continued from Page A1*

capacity. The sunset-lit view of the fields and hills to the east provided a breathtaking backdrop.

School Superintendent Raymond Castellani offered welcoming remarks, reminded of Aesop's fable of the eagle and the crow, noting that the crow is the only species that dares to peck at an eagle. With the crow on his back pecking at his neck, the eagle ascends to a height where the air becomes too thin for the crow, ending the attack.

"Go higher to get better," Castellani advised, urging the class to be like the eagle.

"Set goals that are beyond your reach," said Principal Robert Knuschke, chal-

lenging the class to find something to be passionate about, something that will make the world better, and importantly, something sufficiently large that it might result in failure.

The Commencement address was delivered by Danielle Mollica, Executive Director of the Silo Ridge Community Foundation.

Mollica spoke of four virtues paving the path toward success: Honesty, Fairness, Strength and Wisdom.

"Embrace every chance to learn," Mollica said, advising graduates not to fear failure.

"You are allowed to make mistakes," said Salutatorian Amanda Intrieri advising the class to focus on the future,

always moving forward.

Valedictorian Riley Morgan Thirlwall expressed gratitude to the school community.

"Always remember that the sky is the limit. This is just the beginning in all your stories," Thirlwall said, urging the Class of 2024 to be prepared for challenges and embrace failures.

Following the speeches, diplomas were awarded by Principal Knuschke and Supt. Castellani.



The 70th annual Commencement at Webutuck High School on Thursday, June 27 brought family and friends together to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2024. Left, Graduate Reghan Anderson received congratulations from older brother Daniel, a member of the Class of 2019. Below, holding a celebratory bouquet and her diploma is Kathrine Olivia Messoline of Amenia, pausing for a photo with her mother, Sally.



Graduating seniors stepped briskly toward their seats at the 70th annual Commencement under a tent at Webutuck High School on Thursday, June 27.



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

BARRETT *Continued from Page A1*

this race, For the Many's organizing has contributed enormously to the growing progressive movement in the Hudson Valley, which has proven to be a place to watch in New York politics.

"This race was never just about winning one more seat in the Assembly; it was about showing incumbents they must do better for their constituents," For the Many added.

Barrett, who chairs the Assembly's Energy Committee and sits on other committees, is well known for her support of nonprofits, com-

munity project needs, housing and historical and cultural resources.

Her campaign emphasized the financial capital and operational financing that she has delivered to the district's communities.

Cousin, a community leader who is co-founder of the Hudson/Catskill Housing Coalition, focused on community advocacy and social justice. Cousin's campaign identified top issues that include affordability, climate, housing and education.

Vote tallies do not include late absentee ballots.

HERDING *Continued from Page A1*

then that. The dog stayed mostly in the sheep's peripheral vision, some distance from the animals.

Campbell explained that the competition comes out of "practical farming." Asked why the dogs don't get closer and nip at the sheep, he said that biting or anything like it is definitely not on the agenda.

"In the days before antibiotics, a bitten sheep was probably a dead sheep."

The trials were run over three days because of the sheer number of entries. The Open Trial course is from dogs aged 4-8 and runs for nine and a half minutes.

Ferraro said the course is the same wherever trials are held. The topography is of course different from site to site.

Each dog starts out with 100 points and for every mistake made the dog loses points. Dogs that are in the top 20% of their class receive points for the National Finals, which are held in Virginia in October.

Erin Schultz and Ayla Hill of Sharon watched the trials during their lunch break. The two have their own border collie at home, but have never thought of training their dog to compete. Schultz described the trials as a "fun, unique event for the community" and "amore old school activity that is becoming more popular."

Teri Rhodes from Hackensack, New Jersey, said she has been coming to this event since 2016. She and her husband own a working commercial sheep farm called Wayside Farm. They have about 1200 sheep and 14 border collies: two of which are retired, six actively competing at the Open Level, two in the Nursery class, and four puppies.

Rhodes said she starts training her puppies formally at around 10 to 12 months old but emphasized that "it is all dependent on the dog, and every dog is different."

Rose Redick from Albany was watching the events Friday with Trixie, a retired bor-



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der collie. Trixie, who is now nine years old, competed for a few years before having to retire. Asked how long Trixie was able to compete, Redick guessed between two and three years.

She said it would have been longer but "COVID really got in the way."

Redick was enthusiastic about the Caora Farm trials.

"This is a good field with good sheep. It's a difficult course but it's fun."

Campbell and Sadie ended up winning the big prize of the event, the Libby McClintock Award for Most Promising Nursery Pair.

McClintock was the previous owner of the farm and worked with the DLC to preserve the land.

Rose Redick of Albany, left, watched the trials on Friday, June 28, with Trixie, a retired border collie.

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Millerton News has been amazing. I was an intern from last summer until November, which was the best experience I could have had.

"Despite having a rigid schedule with classes and a part-time job, at The Millerton News they made sure I was okay juggling an internship on top of that."

"Everyone I have met, whether in person or over the phone, has welcomed me.

As an intern last year Flynn wrote many stories ranging from Dutchess County's formation of a domestic violence unit to an author's talk about a new parent/teen driving program in Dutchess and Putnam counties.

John Coston, editor-in-chief of The News, said Flynn is part of a continued effort to rebuild the newsroom at The Millerton News, and represents a commitment to comprehensive coverage of the Village and the Town of North East.

The Millerton News is published by LJMN Media (formerly The Lakeville Journal Foundation), a nonprofit that also publishes The Lakeville Journal.

"I am beyond grateful to work among so many talented and kind people," Flynn said.

"I am looking forward to meeting even more of the community."

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MUSIC: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Exactly like you, Bob Parker

Bob never got through a gig without having a good time and having a laugh," said Wanda Houston at Music Mountain's Gordon Hall on Saturday, June 29. She was there performing jazz classics in a tribute concert, and the "Bob" in question being honored was the late West Cornwall resident Robert Andrew Parker, who Houston described meeting at The Wake Robin Inn in the mid 1990s as she was still getting used to the music scene of rural Connecticut. Parker was a veteran of just that scene. Outside of his work as a prolific watercolor painter and illustrator whose work was featured in The New Yorker and the collection of The Museum of Modern Art alike, was also a drummer. In his

free time, Parker, who died in 2024 at the age of 96, was a member of the jazz band Jive by Five along with members like pianist Scott Heth. "Bob was a legend, both as an artist and a drummer," Oskar Espina Ruiz, Music Mountain's summer concert series's artistic director, said of Parker in describing why the Falls Village concert hall had chosen to honor his legacy this summer. "His son Chris also is very famous, and so it's a family of musicians. At Music Mountain, we build relationships with the artists. That's what's special about Music Mountain. We invite artists back year after year, after year, after year... Bob Parker performed at Music Mountain with Jive by Five, his band, for over 30 years." "I know that was



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Jack Branfield

very important to him, always having a gig," said Parker's son Nick who was in attendance for the evening. "That's what musicians call it: 'gigs.' And his mother used to tease him about it. But



Wanda Houston

he loved having a band, he loved having that camaraderie and musical expression with players who appreciate the same kind of music as him. I think if he could have, he would have just been happy as a successful musician and successful illustrator." The summer of 2022 was the last time Jive by Five performed at Music Mountain, a grand return after the COVID-19 pandemic halted the band's live gigs for a few years. On Saturday night, Jive by Five made another return, this time sharing stories and memories of Parker instead of playing beside him. The jazz ensemble included Heth, as well as Bob's son, drummer Christopher Parker, guitarist David Spinozza, Kris Jensen on saxophone, Peter McEachern on trombone, Joe Salamone on bass, and a new addition in young saxophone player Jack Brandfield. The live evening's program was filled with jazz standards like Duke Ellington's 1939 composition "In A Mellow Tone," and his 1931 composition, "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)," as well as "Exactly Like You," popularized by singers like Nina Simone.

KENT GOOD TIMES DISPATCH: KATHRYN BOUGHTON

Kent painter creates 'Best Watercolor of the Year'

This is my time," said Deborah Chabrian, still basking in the glow of winning "Best Watercolor of the Year" at the PleinAir Convention in Cherokee, S.C.

Her painting "Empty Nest," depicting an empty birdcage in front of her South Kent studio window, with a view of Schaghticoke Mountain behind it, was chosen as the ultimate winner in the watercolor category after a complex year-long competition.

The process saw 11,000 paintings submitted by 3,000 international artists in 20 different categories. Each month between April 2023 to March 2024, first, second and third winners were announced in each category, winnowing the number of contestants down to 276 semifinal-



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"Empty Nest" is the painting that won "Best Watercolor of the Year."

ists. Chabrian was a semi-finalist in four of the categories. Her "View from Cabin #2," a painting of the porch of the cabin the family rents in Maine each year, won "Best Plein

Air Watercolor" in April 2023. "Gussie," a painting of a plush black-and-white cat, won the "Best Animal & Bird" category in May 2023, and "Sunset at Kuerner's Farm"

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Set in the magical Forest of Arden, the play follows Orlando, Rosalind, and Celia as they navigate friendship, love, and transformation. Directed by the Playhouse's education and associate artistic director, Michael Baldwin, this 75-minute adaptation features 16 local teen actors and original bluegrass music by music director Jeff Raab, accompanied by a live band of local musicians.

Tickets are available for \$25 each at www.SharonPlayhouse.org, with a portion of sales benefiting The Equus Effect.

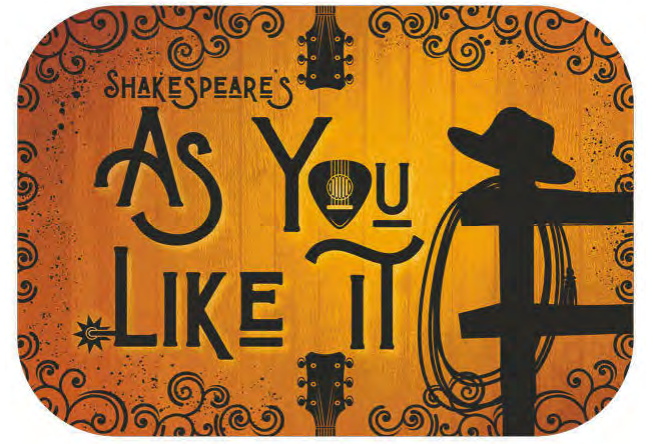


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...watercolor of the year

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won Third Place Overall in March 2024.

Thirty finalists for Yearly Winners in the different categories were selected in April 2024, and were announced at the Plein Air Convention & Expo in Cherokee, NC, in May. Her "Empty Nest, first selected as "Best Still Life" August 2023, was chosen as "Best Watercolor of the Year."

"I'm honored to be among the top winners," she posted this week. "I think it has finally sunk in and I am so grateful for the honor. What an incredible art experience; it will stay with me for a long time."

Chabrian and her husband, artist Ed Martinez, moved to Kent 37 years ago from Long Island seeking a quiet place in which to work. They found a 200-year-old farmhouse and settled down to paint and raise their family. "We just bought into the whole lifestyle in Kent," she said.

Working cheek-by-jowl, they nevertheless followed different artistic paths, with Chabrian working in watercolors while exploring her fascination with architecture and vistas, and her husband pursuing portraiture in oils.

Chabrian said she never envisioned a life other than as an artist. "I knew by the time I was in kindergarten that I wanted to be an artist,"



PHOTO BY KATHRYN BOUGHTON

Deborah Chabrian

she said. "In grade school, high school, even at Parsons [School of Design in New York] we were cautioned it would be hard to make a living as an artist, but I always stuck with it."

As younger artists, both Chabrian and Martinez did commercial work, but she confesses she never "feels the same way" when creating something on demand. Her work appears on more than 500 book covers.

"I have done a lot of work I didn't want to do," she said, "but we haven't done commercial work in a while now." Both will work on commission, however.

She said she is now "pushing a little more

with competitions," something she did not do much when her family was younger. "It takes time and money," she explained. Nevertheless, over the years she has been awarded honors from The American Watercolor Society, The National Watercolor Society, The Portrait Institute, The National Academy of Design and The Society of Illustrators.

Both Martinez and Chabrian previously entered a competition that would send 10 winners to the Forbes Trinchera Ranch in Colorado. Amazingly, out of all the contestants, they were both among the 10 chosen for the honor. "It was the first time I was

immersed in plein air painting," she said. She says plein air painting can be "tricky" because the light is constantly changing. "You sort of have pick and choose the experience. It teaches you to see and respond in ways you don't get from photographs."

She says she likes to return to a painting site on multiple days while her husband is "annoyingly fast" while working in the open air.

In Kent, Martinez and Chabrian interact with other local artists, occasionally working in plein air, feeding off each other as they observe other techniques. "There has been an explosion of workshops in recent years and competitions help, too, because you see other people's work," she said.

The Plein Air conference was a six-day session where every day

was filled with painting demonstrations and lectures followed by a "Paint Out" at various sites—the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Cherokee Indian Village, a farm, a nocturne at the crossroads in Cherokee and at the Biltmore Estate. "It was a very stimulating and

exhausting experience," she reported.

After all these years and all her successes, Chabrian says she finally feels she has "gotten to the point where I have a certain amount of control over my chosen medium."

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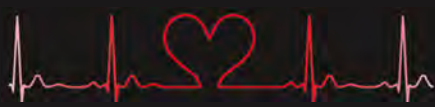


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ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Finding the light:

Jimmy Wright's sunflowers at Argazzi Gallery

On Saturday, June 22, The Argazzi Gallery opened "Looking for the Light," an intimate exhibition celebrating the work of Jimmy Wright, an artist whose relationship with sunflowers has spanned decades.

Wright moved to New York City in 1974. Growing up gay in rural Kentucky, he wasn't able to express himself openly, but upon immersing himself in New York's gay scene in the 70's, he finally found he was able to live his life freely. He began to depict his social scene, making large-scale drawings of nights out at gay clubs in unapologetic detail. Three of those drawings are now on view at the Whitney Museum, high praise and validation that Wright is giddy about in the sweetest and humblest of ways.

Wright met his partner Ken Nuzzo in those early days in New York. Sadly, Nuzzo was diagnosed with HIV in 1988 and passed away three years later. Bereft, Wright

found he was unable to paint for a while, but then something miraculous occurred.

"I had no idea it was going to become an obsession," Wright reflected on the genesis of his sunflower series. "I was a primary caretaker for someone critically ill for three years. That takes you very much out of your head and out of a studio practice." His first encounter with a sunflower was serendipitous. "I bought a giant sunflower at the farmer's market, and that became my first subject. Then it eventually became the only subject."

Wright's technique is as meticulous as it is passionate. "I work on the same series of paintings for three years," he noted. His approach is deeply immersive, driven by a desire to explore the emotional resonance of his subjects. "I'm more interested in the painting itself, from a formal point of view," he said. "It's all about the ability of paint to hold emotion and communicate

emotion."

Judith Singelis, whose gallery is named after her grandparents, Antonio and Giselda Argazzi, brings a deeply personal touch to her curatorial practice. She has a deep connection to loss herself and surrounded by the images of Wright's sunflowers, she spoke of her late husband with a quiet reverence. "I married the only man I could have married. I've never met anyone else like him in my life." This sense of personal history and emotional depth permeate the gallery, creating a fitting backdrop for Wright's evocative works.

Wright paints and draws the sunflower in all states of glory and decay. The writhing figures are infused with narrative, allowing for a process of transformation. "The work is about not only the beauty, but the fragility of life," said Singelis. Of the title she chose for the exhibit, "Looking for the Light," Singelis explained, "I wanted something up-

lifting...and sunflowers are always looking for the light. So, for both Jimmy, who just had his 80th birthday, and with everything that's going on in our crazy world, on all counts, I thought this is so appropriate."

In addition to having three of his drawings added to the Whitney collection, Wright recently received an honorary doctorate from the University of Southern Illinois. He is also looking forward to having a sunflower drawing featured in the 191st National Academy of Design annual exhibition this fall, the longest-running exhibition of contemporary art and architecture in the United States. As for his relationship with the sunflower, it's changed. "It's certainly more celebratory," said Wright. "I think that's the main change. The colors have gotten brighter, the expression has become more fluid. And now I'm much more looking for new ways of presenting them within the frame-



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Judith Singelis at Argazzi Gallery

work of formalism, composition, color and scale." Still regularly in his studio, Wright has been working from thousands of street photos of his Bowery neighborhood in that he's taken over the years to create a

new series of figures. But, he said, "The sunflowers, I still do and will do. It's sort of like, even if I don't want to work, I know I can go make a flower and immerse myself in that process of making something visual."



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Left to right: David Noonan, Miller Hughes, and Michael St. John in front of Judith Linhares's paintings at New Risen windows in North Canaan.

ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Windows of wonder:

New Risen's vision of art beyond boundaries

New Risen is a roving exhibition based on the belief that art should not be confined to museums and galleries. The two curators of the program, David Noonan and Millree Hughes, are committed to creating an inclusive, living, breathing experience that will evolve and grow but always remain true to the idea that beauty can be found in the most unexpected places.

There will be pop-up shows in various spaces across Litchfield County but to begin, there is a permanent window display at the intersection of Railroad and Main Street in North Canaan.

Noonan explained, "I was driving my kids to school, and I drove by this window, and I saw it empty. I always kind of wanted to do a public art thing just because I thought it was cool." With these windows, he explained, "You can go, and you don't have to, like, encounter anyone. You can go see it whenever you want. You could see this in the middle of the night if you wanted to. In fact, it looks incredible in the middle of the night." Noonan got in touch with the building owner who was on board with the idea. Hughes and Noonan then opened

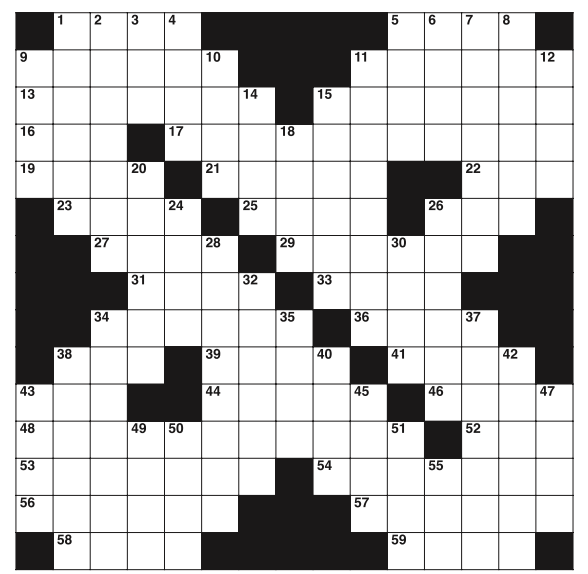
the first of their rotating exhibitions with three paintings by renowned American painter Judith Linhares. Born in 1940, Linhares is celebrated for her vibrant, expressive figurative and narrative paintings. Linhares gained recognition in the Bay Area culture of the 1960s and 1970s and has been based in New York City since 1980. Her work, influenced by Expressionism, Bay Area Figurative, Mexican modern art, and second-wave feminism, balances visionary personal imagery, expressive intensity, and pictorial

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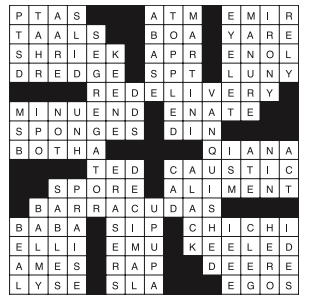
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- 1. Six (Spanish)
- 5. Invests in little enterprises
- 9. Large dung beetle
- 11. Gored
- 13. Partially paralyzed
- 15. Still a little wet
- 16. Legal field media company
- 17. Not working
- 19. 500 sheets of paper
- 21. Church structure
- 22. Sheep disease
- 23. Small drink of whiskey
- 25. Weaving tradition
- 26. Pestilence
- 27. Body part
- 29. Nabs
- 31. Places to stay
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Looked for
- 36. Arranges
- 38. Political action committee
- 39. Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)
- 41. Hair-like structure
- 43. Parts producer
- 44. Greek city
- 46. Subway dwellers
- 48. Norm from "Cheers"
- 52. Clean a floor
- 53. Vied for
- 54. Canned fish
- 56. Inspire with love
- 57. Sent down moisture
- 58. Wrest
- 59. Partner to carrots



- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. Bleached
- 14. Pre-Islamic Egyptian
- 15. A group of similar things ordered one after another
- 18. Innermost spinal cord membranes
- 20. Cassava
- 24. A restaurant's list of offerings
- 26. Annoy constantly
- 28. Orchestrate
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. Astute
- 34. Highly decorated tea urn
- 35. Teach to behave
- 37. Endurance
- 38. Urinating
- 40. Barbie friend dolls
- 42. Repents
- 43. Man-eating giant
- 45. Jewish calendar month
- 47. Accelerated
- 49. Husband of Sita in Hindu
- 50. Lump of semiliquid substance
- 51. Lying in wait
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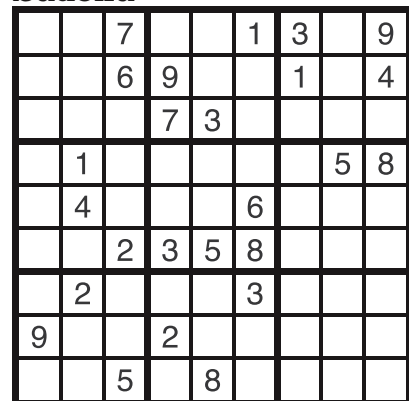
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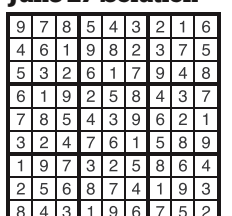
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- 2. Assign
- 3. Wrath
- 4. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 5. Parts of an organism
- 6. Person from England
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■ JULY 4

July 4th Celebration

Town Grove, Lakeville, Conn.
Celebrate Independence Day at the Town Grove in Lakeville on Thursday, July 4. The annual festivities will begin at noon with the reading of the Declaration of Independence by Heman Allen (a.k.a. Lou Bucci). Both Heman and his famous brother, Ethan Allen, lived in Salisbury for a period of time. Following the reading, the Salisbury Band will perform a variety of patriotic music and other tunes. The event is sponsored by the Salisbury Association Community Events Committee. There is no rain date. Hope for sun.

■ JULY 5

Book Talk

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org
At multiple patron's requests, The Cornwall Library will host an informal discussion of the book "The Women" by Kristin Hannah Friday, July 5, at 3 p.m. The book is about women who served as nurses in Vietnam.

First Friday Music

Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.
The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, July 5 at 12 p.m. at 30 Main Street, Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m. This month's program will feature guitarist Kevin Dolan, also known as "The Old Guitarist," who will play a varied program. Free to the public.

Let Them Eat Cake: Live Cake Auction and Cocktail Party

Sharon Historical Society and Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.
On Friday, July 5, at 5:30 p.m. there will be a live cake auction and cocktail party at the Sharon Historical Society and Museum. Tickets and Sponsorship Opportunities available on our website: sharonhist.org/event/let-them-eat-cake-2024/
For additional information, email cakesale@sharonhist.org

■ JULY 7

Connect to Nature at Trinity Forest Preserve

Trinity Forest Preserve, Dibble Hill Road, Cornwall, Conn. cornwallconservationtrust.org

On Sunday, July 7 at 11 a.m., Mare Rubin will lead an introductory hike to the Trinity Forest Preserve. The hike will leave from the trailhead on Dibble Hill Road down to a lovely pond where the beavers have assembled a spectacular dam. Mare will lead a short meditation to connect to the sights, sounds, and touch of the nature and add another 10 minutes of silent meditation as we walk back up the trail, leaving time at the end to share experiences. Mare is a certified yoga and meditation teacher who loves being in the woods.

■ JULY 8

Preschool Literacy & Music Night

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. douglaslibrarycanaan.org
The Douglas Library in North Canaan and the Canaan Child Care Center are hosting a Preschool Literacy and Music Night at the library on Monday, July 8 from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Courtney Tomich will read JoJo's Flying Side Kick by Brian Pinkney, and music will be performed by Tom Hanford. Families in attendance will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments served. This event is free. Doors will close promptly at 6 p.m. so story can be read uninterrupted. For more information call the library at (860) 824-7863.

■ JULY 12

Friday Morning Yoga and Meditation with Kathy Voldstad

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Beginning July 12, at 9 a.m. on Friday mornings in July and August, wind down your week with a 50-minute session of restorative yoga and meditation led by Kathy Voldstad. Bring a mat or beach towel. Beginners welcome. To register, please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12560789

Roaring 20s Cocktail Party

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. douglaslibrarycanaan.org
Wine, punch, hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served at Douglas Library's Roaring 20s Cocktail Party Friday, July 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. Period-appropriate dress is welcomed. Entry fee is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.

■ JULY 13

Mineral and Fossil Sale

The Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science, 31 Kent-Cornwall Road, Kent, Conn.
The Connecticut Museum of Mining and Mineral Science's annual mineral and fossil sale will take place on July 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the museum. Thousands of minerals and fossils from Connecticut, New England and worldwide are to be sold.

Summer Children's Series

Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. thestissingcenter.org
On Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m. at the Stissing Center, join us for our popular Summer Children's Series featuring "Greece Lightning." Meet fascinating characters from Greek history, mythology, and legends. Encounter Zeus, Poseidon, Hercules, and more in this fast-paced, fun-filled event!
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Lessons from the Climate Change Anxiety Booth

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
On Saturday, July 13, author Kate Schapira will be stationed at the David M. Hunt Library to talk with you about climate, emotion, and how to live in our present moment. Kate's new book, *Lessons from the Climate Anxiety Counseling Booth: How to Live with Care and Purpose in an Endangered World*, chronicles her ten years listening to people's climate anxieties at a homemade, Lucy-from-Peanuts-inspired booth, which she'll set up on the library lawn 10 a.m. to noon. Drop in to have your story heard and your emotions honored, and join Kate again at 1 p.m. for a reading from the book, where she'll share some models and methods for transforming our 'climate emotions' into community conversation and collective action. Both of these events are free and open to the public.

Hunt Library Tag Sale at The Center on Main

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
On Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Friends of David M. Hunt Library will host their annual Giant Tag Sale at the Center on Main on Saturday, July 13 and on Sunday, July 14, the day of the Falls Village Car & Motorcycle Show. Quality items may be donated and dropped off at the Center on Main at 103 Main Street in Falls Village on Thursday, July 11 and Friday, July 12 from noon to 6PM. Items that cannot be accepted include clothing, books, and electronics, almost anything else is welcome. Contact Gail Allyn at andreaalyn@gmail.com for more information and with questions.

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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.

...New Risen

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rigor. Her paintings will be on display until mid-July at which point the windows will change over to show three new works by artist Michael St. John whose layered collages will transform the space once again.

"His work has almost got a punky quality," said Hughes of St. John's work. "It has a very bold look to it. But just beneath the surface, there's a critique of minimalism against figuration, gestural painting against stiff painting, commercialism against real art."

Gathering source materials by casting an inclusive and penetrating gaze on the world through which he moves, St. John layers newspaper clippings, found images, fragmented language, and everyday objects into captivating, collaged portraits of the world at present. His work, informed by Rauschenberg, Warhol, Ashcan School artists, and 19th-century American trompe l'oeil painting, reflects on notions of violence, tragedy, narcissism, racism, and indifference, drawing stimulating connections that kindle new and compassionate perspectives on contemporary culture.

"I usually make paintings about painting," said St. John. "They're informed by art history, the language of painting, what makes a painting, what is a painting?"

Hughes interjected, "Michael is a really influential painter. He's influenced a whole generation," to which Noonan excitedly added, "He's big. We're lucky to have him."

Hughes and Noonan co-curated two shows in Falls Village at 105 Main Street this past winter and both were successful. But, Noonan said, "The one thing we ran into when we did this space down in Falls Village was that one of us had to be there all the time. So, if someone wanted to see the show, they had to make an appointment, we had to go open the door. You're kind of like a sitting duck in a gallery which is fun because you get to meet people, but I started to wonder if there's a way we can do something where people can just go whenever they want. That's how I had the idea to do the windows."

With insurance on the

space and the artworks, New Risen operates with the utmost professionalism. "We do it very legit," Noonan assured. By removing the barrier between artist and audience, however, boundaries are dissolved leaving room for an element of the unknown.

"We just show the work we really care about. That's the bottom line," said Hughes. Noonan added, "The only thing every artist has in common is that they're incredibly brave because when you make something, you're opening yourself up to a scrutiny that nothing else will open you up to."

Artists are lined up for the fall with the space turning over every six weeks. While Noonan and Hughes have their eye on other spaces to potentially launch New Risen shows, there's an excitement they share about the windows. The driving force seems to be that they are not just curating exhibitions; they're curating experiences, reminders that sometimes, all it takes to find beauty is a simple turn of the head, a pause, and a window into another world.



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OUR TOWNS

New leadership conducts 60th anniversary Railroad Days

By RUBY CITRIN

NORTH CANAAN, Conn. — A cherished summer tradition of the Northwest Corner makes its comeback on July 7, marking the 60th celebration of Railroad Days.

For decades, Railroad Days Committee Director John Lannen dedicated himself to organizing the festivities. “He was such an instrumental part of everything that Railroad Days was,” said First Selectman Brian Ohler.

Lannen stepped down from the Railroad Days Committee in February, and in his absence the group broadened to become the North Canaan Events Committee. The new committee aims to bring the community together year-round by providing a rolling calendar of events.

“We want to grow on tradition,” said Committee Chair

Jenn Crane. Earlier in 2024, the NCEC organized Spring Fest and a town wide tag sale, which were both well-received by the town.

The 60th Railroad Days is a meaningful milestone. “It’s 60 years of memories,” said Ohler. This year’s festival will offer an array of recurring events, including trivia at Great Falls Brewing Co., free movie screenings at the Colonial Theatre, and specials at Industry Kitchen & Bar, Olde School Deli, and CA Lindell & Son. Visit 3 Crows for \$40 oracle readings on Tarot Tuesdays and free yoga classes on Fridays, and swing by Freund’s Farm Market & Bakery for peach cobbler and cream and freshly cut flower arrangements.

Family Fun Week, July 8 to 12, has more sweetness in store: Stop by the Douglas Library on Monday for a read

aloud, and Douglas Field on Tuesday to meet community helpers or play a game of candy bar bingo. Wednesday, attend the town pool party and feast on free dinner at the Bitterman Center. Catch the miniature golf tournament running all day Thursday at the Caddie Shack and Family Fun Nite on Lawrence Field; then bring a date and dancing shoes to the Douglas Library Friday night for a “Roaring 20s” cocktail party.

Take the weekend slow with a painting class at Homegrown Cafe; or come out ready to compete, whether running five miles or racing a bed on wheels. Either way, pop over to Lawrence Field for a bustling market of local vendors, nonprofits, and food trucks.

The Canaan Carnival – coming to town Wednesday, July 17 and running through



PHOTO BY RUBY CITRIN

Railroad Days returns to North Canaan for two weeks of community celebration beginning July 7.

Saturday – will bring another lively scene of food and fun. Get dizzy on rides, rack up game prizes, and chow down on chili dogs and barbecue chicken.

July 20 promises a grand finale to the festival with tours of the accordion museum, a

rail cutting contest, barbecue party, railroad equipment display, and the second annual fly-in at Triumph Airfield. The night will close with the Fireman’s Parade, an outdoor slideshow, live poetry performances, a drone show, and fireworks.

Railroad Days has shifted from a commercial venture to a celebration of history and harmony in the community. The 60th anniversary festival will honor its history and leave its own legacy as the beginning of a new chapter.

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