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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Sign at entrance to Kemmerer Farm in Stanfordsville in January 2023 displays its status as a Centennial Farm.

Fire ravages Kemmerer Farm

By JOSIE DUGGAN

STANFORDVILLE — A fire destroyed two hay barns and all the farming equipment at Kemmerer Farm in Stanfordsville Thursday, July 18.

Fire companies from Stanfordsville, Millbrook and neighboring towns fought to contain the fire, but they couldn't stop it from devastating the property. Investigators have not released the cause.

John Kemmerer and his family have lived in the area for decades. John owns the 100-year-old farm which comprises more than 100 acres. The farm is foundational to the area's agricultural history and setting, and was named one of two Century Farms at the New York State Agricultural Society's annual meeting on Jan. 12, 2023.

Emily Hay, John's daughter, formed the Centennial Farm Foundation. "The goal of CFF is to help support centennial farm workers through debt fulfillment grants along with business planning for the future and property tax aid assistance."

A GoFundMe has been set up to benefit the Kemmerers as they begin to rebuild their farm. Wendy Burton, supervisor of the Town of Stanford, calls upon the community for support for the Kemmerers during this challenging time. In a

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Heastie, Barrett commit to funding Phase Two of Eddie Collins Park

By JOSIE DUGGAN
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Carl Heastie, Speaker of the New York State Assembly, joined State Representative Didi Barrett (D-106) at Eddie Collins Memorial Park in Millerton Thursday, July 25 to announce that Phase Two renovation of the park that includes a swimming pool will have its funding ensured.

Phase Two includes, besides a pool, a bathhouse with offices, a concession stand and a community room.

The initial renovation of the park cost \$2.2 million, was completed in 2022 and included regrading of the park, a new entrance and paved parking areas, a soccer field, accessible playground upgrades, new basketball courts and pavilion improvements.

The remaining phase is esti-

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PHOTO BY JOSIE DUGGAN

State Representative Didi Barrett (D-106), center, visited Eddie Collins Park in Millerton on Thursday, July 25, with, from left, North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Dutchess County Legislator Chris Drago (D-19) and Village Mayor Jennifer Najdek.

Millbrook horse trials attract 400 riders

By JOSIE DUGGAN

MILLBROOK — Over the weekend of July 25 to July 28, the Millbrook Horse Trials were held in Millbrook. The horse trials are a long-standing event, central to the Millbrook equestrian community and invaluable to the local and national eventing community. Around 400 riders competed this

year.

This year marks the 23rd year of the event which welcomes competitors of all levels. There are local amateurs as well as Olympic athletes. Currently riding for Team USA at the Paris Olympics, Boyd Martin and Caroline Pamukcu, have been regular competitors at the horse trials.

The Millbrook horse trials sees

riders compete in the sport, which consists of dressage, cross country, and show jumping over three days. The weeks leading up to the event have been a flurry of preparation for all of the competitors. This year, Meghan O'Donoghue and Palm Crescent won the Advanced division. On Sunday, July 28th patrons enjoyed a catered lunch and watched the Advanced level

show jumping. Many spectators attended the entire weekend, especially to see the action on Cross Country on Friday and Saturday.

Laura Voorheis, a local young rider, competed with her horse Hillcrest Hop. She finished in 2nd place in the junior training level. Laura said, "I love the cross-coun-

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PHOTO BY L.TOMAINO

Paul Perkins, 75, of Millerton in his gym with the medal he won on July 13 at the National American Drug Free Powerlifting Federation Competition in Boston, Mass.

Septuagenarian powerlifters bring big weight-lifting wins back home

By ROBIN RORABACK

MILLERTON — On July 13, 2024, 75-year-old Paul Perkins of Millerton won the USA National American Drug Free Powerlifting Federation competition in Boston, Massachusetts.

Perkins wants others to know that they can be active and fit at any age. "I am living proof that it can be done because I am 75 and still going strong," he said.

Whatever exercise you choose, the key is to "make yourself do it every day," Perkins said. "Even if you don't feel like it. It has to become part of your lifestyle, like brushing your teeth."

Paul Perkins became interested in powerlifting when he was looking for something to change his own routine. He also runs and loves to surf.

"Powerlifting has introduced me to a whole new set of exercises," Per-

kins said.

Perkins belongs to Gold's Gym, but during the COVID-19 pandemic Perkins converted a bay of his three-car garage into a gym.

Perkins has a routine that he follows every day. He begins with an hour of warm-ups. "Warming up is especially important as you age," he said. He favors "dynamic stretching" which takes muscles

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Quilt of Valor

George Earnest Phillips, a 98-year old WWII veteran at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation in North Canaan, was recently presented a Quilt of Valor by Lynn Clinch, pictured, who made the quilt. Phillips is a longtime resident of Amenia and a member of American Legion Post 178. The Quilt of Valor Foundation started in 2003 awarding quilts to service members touched by war.

Ancram neighbors association makes five educational grants

ANCRAM — Five Ancram residents have received grants from Ancram Neighbors Helping Neighbors Association which will allow them to continue on their educational paths, all of which are leading toward careers that will help others.

Several community members also were provided assistance with other educational projects.

According to a release from the group, the grants, established in memory of area residents Adrienne Citrin and Sally Berg, received an extra boost this year from an anonymous donor to the Citrin program whose contributions allowed the grants, designed to support students with related educational expenses not normally covered by scholarships, to be doubled.

Headed to SUNY Empire State College in the Spring, Amya Anderson is aiming for a NYS Teaching Certificate as she majors in early childhood

education and completes her degree at Columbia-Greene Community College this fall.

A sophomore at SUNY Oneonta and the recipient both last and this year' Sally Berg Memorial Scholarship, Aidan Damon is following his dreams as he works for a degree in Criminal Justice.

Massachusetts College of Liberal arts senior and graduate of Columbia-Greene Community College, Matthew Damon, is headed toward a NYS Teaching Certification and a degree in history while contributing to the school's

NCAA Division 3 baseball program.

A senior transfer at the University of Albany from Columbia-Greene Community College, psychology major Emily Mason is aiming for a master's in mental health counseling and a private practice.

A 2024 graduate of Taconic Hills School District, Julia Thomas is headed for the University of Vermont with a major in animal science as she prepares to become a veterinarian specializing in equine veterinary medicine.

Old Village Hall back in focus

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — The Village of Millerton is considering starting a new interviewing process for realtors who want to tour the old Village Hall.

In a trustee meeting on Tuesday, July 24, Mayor Jenn Najdek said, "We still have one person interested, but if not, I think it's time to start interviewing realtors to see who will give us the best deal."

The oil tank that was removed from the old village hall in early June cost the village \$4,273.75, and the board just approved a motion to use up to \$1,000 of their budget to clear out the building.

The Village does not have to put the building out for bid because it is a specialty service. Clearing out what is left in the building will make it more appealing to potential realtors and offers.

Another big discussion at the meeting was Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

The Eddie Collins Memorial Park pool is making

progress, "I am hoping at the end of August, beginning of September, we will have their completed design for the building and the pool," Najdek said.

New baseball lighting poles for the park have been ordered, and the Village is now waiting for the "parent company" to solidify the contract. The company is known for doing field lighting and will be doing all of the electrical work.

Najdek also mentioned the potential for pickleball courts to be built in the park. If approved, the courts would be built near the softball fields. That addition is still uncertain until fundraising efforts come through.

"That will be 100% gifted to the Village; the organization will do it on its own," Najdek said, "We will have to sign a contract for which-ever organization decides to do it."

The roads in the Village of Millerton need to be evaluated by Cornell Cooperative Extension sooner rather than later.

"It's time for them to come back," Najdek said. "We haven't done it in six years."

This process would not cost the village any money to see where the road grade lies. However, board members have expressed that getting the roads graded could open the door to funding for new

pavement if needed.

Najdek also spoke about her desire to start up a recycling program in the Village of Millerton.

"Woodchips, metal and another kind of area from composts," said Najdek, "We could have this available for residents and non-residents with the cost varying."

For this idea to come to fruition, the village would have to purchase a wood chipper and find a place to store the machine.

The Village is looking to hire a part-time secretary for planning and zoning boards. The position will require 10 hours a week. Najdek is now advertising the positions.

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Tower Hill Road paving project draws to a close

By LEILA HAWKEN
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WASSAIC — After three years of work and planning, a paving project along Tower Hill Road in Wassaic is nearing completion.

In recent days the town crew has applied finishing materials to disperse water runoff along the 1.9 miles of asphalt surfacing.

Over its long history as a narrow, hilly dirt road, Amenia Highway Superintendent Megan Chamberlin commented, Tower Hill Road was a safety concern for residents and emergency vehicles alike. Mud season was always a problem. If the dirt road had failed to freeze in the winter, town plows struggled. A heavy

rain would require immediate attention, Chamberlin said.

The project began in 2022 with repairing the road, replacing drainage pipes and enlarging the culverts to control drainage. In 2023 a base was applied to serve as a binder for the asphalt layer that was applied in June of this year.

The finishing work by town crews in July has applied materials they saved from a Wassaic road project in 2021 and adding traprock to the road's shoulders to further control the erosive effects of water runoff, Chamberlin said.

The road improvement project was supported by state funding leading to an appropriation of \$398,090, and a donation to the town of \$277,000 from Tower Hill Road Works, LLC.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Putting the finishing touches on a three-year project to convert the 1.9 miles of Tower Hill Road from dirt to a paved surface, the town crew paused for a photo on Thursday, July 25. Operating the excavator was town Highway Superintendent Megan Chamberlin. Town crew Foreman Paul Voorhees, at left, and crew member Darren Peterson were applying traprock to control runoff on the shoulders. Asphalt paving was completed in June.



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Amenia library golf tourney win

Director of the Amenia Free Library Victoria Herow and Alan Gamble celebrate their team's initial victory in the annual Battle of the Books competition between Amenia and the NorthEast-Millerton Library at the Undermountain Golf Course in Copake on Saturday, July 27. Amenia's best three scores combined to 88 besting Millerton's 91. Jeff Harvey Sr. and Jr. for Millerton and Peyton and Kevin Dunlop for Amenia tied with 27 for the men's scramble title with John and Julia O'Connell of Millerton taking the mixed doubles.

Legion Post 178 plans roast beef dinner Aug. 10

The American Legion Post 178 located on Route 44 in Millerton is having a roast beef, corn, baked potato, and roll dinner. Eat-in

or take-out from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug 10. The cost is \$18. Please call 518-789-4755 to order after 2 p.m.



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OBITUARIES

John Melvin Peterson

SHARON — John Melvin Peterson passed away peacefully on July 26, 2024, in his home in Sharon, with his wife, Ruby and daughters by his side. He was 87 years old.



John "Pete", son of the late Melvin and Marie (Aakjar) Peterson, was born in Sharon and attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School, where he enjoyed spending time with President Lincoln in the "smokers gulch," working on his cars, hunting and fishing. Upon graduation from high school in 1955, Pete joined the Air Force and served 3 years as an Airman Second Class.

With a love of the outdoors, Pete spent many happy hours on the golf course. He was a proud founding member of the golf association ROBOTS (Retired old bastards on tour). In later years, as they travelled, Pete always found time to play 18 holes while Ruby found a beach to walk. Another shared joy was travelling in the 1956 Chevy Peter restored for Ruby, a reminder of their dating days. The cherry red Chevy always stood out with Pete and Ruby flipping a coin for driving rights for the day!

Pete was a proud Boy Scout and served as a troop leader for many years. He shared his love of the outdoors and camping with his Scout troops and his daughters, Lynn and Lesa.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Melvin Peterson,

John "Pete" was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Sharon and served as a Master Mason.

Pete could always be relied upon to lend a hand with car repairs, building custom golf clubs and construction projects. His career ranged from time in the automotive industry, serving as a service manager for Ford, founding a general contracting company and in his later years — custom specialty millwork which he often described as a labor of love.

Pete is survived by his wife, Ruby, daughter Lynn Kent and her husband David, daughter Lesa Tennant and her husband Michael, and granddaughters Laura and Jessica.

In lieu of flowers, donations for the Ambulance Fund, Sharon Fire Department, PO Box 357 Sharon, CT 06069 would be appreciated. The family would like to express their overwhelming gratitude to the ambulance crew of the Sharon Fire Department for their support. Special gratitude and appreciation to Linda and Peter Blasini who provided for every need imaginable for Pete and Ruby on this journey.

There will be no services, as Pete preferred seeing all of you while he was alive — he chuckled as he told us that — so smile when you remember Pete because you were part of his wonderful life.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

SALISBURY — Jan (Jano) Bell Fairservis, 96, a creative force in the Northwest Corner passed away July 11th at Sharon Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Greenwich Village, New York, in 1927 to gem engraver Beth Benton Sutherland and artist/teacher Charles Mosely Sutherland, Jano grew up to live an extraordinary life.

In 1948 at Camp Sloane in Lakeville, Jano met her future husband, renowned archeologist, Walter A. Fairservis Jr. After graduating from Skidmore College, Jano married Walter and they spent their honeymoon on Mt. Riga in Salisbury, then headed out on a year-long archeological expedition seeking ancient civilizations in Afghanistan. Jano broke her ankle leaping from one level to the next in the catacombs of the Giant Buddha statues at Bamiyan. Ever intrepid, she laced her boot tighter and continued exploring. The couple later excavated predynastic archeological sites in Egypt and Pakistan where Jano drew artifacts discovered at the sites.

As a professional artist Jano lent her talent to famed anthropologist Margaret Mead, illustrating People and Places as well as several children's books by other authors. She met Ms. Mead while working at the American Museum of Natural History in New York where Walter became the director of the Gardner D. Stout Hall of Asian Peoples, the museum's largest cultural hall. She designed and painted artwork for many of the hall's exhibits.

When the Fairservis family moved to Sharon in 1967, Jano peppered the Northwest Cor-

ner with her prodigious talents. She became indispensable at the Sharon Playhouse designing sets, creating costumes, building props, making posters, and directing and performing in numerous plays. Later, her daughter Teviot created East West Fusion Theatre Company, which mounted plays in a Kabuki theatre in the backyard. Before the shows, Jano cooked Asian food for 100 audience members and hosted a menagerie of actors during rehearsal periods.

For the 1976 Bicentennial, Jano collaborated with the Sharon Historical Society to write and produce a pageant celebrating the Revolutionary War. She costumed more than 95 Sharonites who participated in the joyous re-enactment of life in 1776 on the town green. Also for the Bicentennial, she wrote, directed, and performed in a musical review titled Sharon Plain and Fancy at the Sharon Playhouse.

Her gifts were tapped for many, many other local projects. When the Sharon Historical Society wanted a quilt depicting the town, she designed it; when an actress was needed for the part of Dr. Jo Everetts, one of the first women in the state to practice medicine, Jano performed it; when Noble Horizons held its annual Festival of Trees, she painted murals to decorate the entrance; and when the Congregational Church of Salisbury agreed to a performance of Amahl and the Night Visitors, she, at 90 years old, created the sets, made the

costumes, and directed the production.



In 2001, after her husband's passing in 1994, Jano moved to her ideal home in Salisbury with her daughter Jenny. The Covid lockdown gave Jano time to concentrate on her own painting. Inspired by dreams, she created a series of 36 paintings of angels, each with its own backstory. With the help of her youngest daughter Beth, she collected her celestial portraits in a book titled, Angels of Our Better Nature. At the Sharon Historical Society's gallery in 2022, she had a highly successful showing of the angel paintings as well as other works depicting landscapes and animal portraits.

A vibrant creative force until a few days before her death, Jano constructed an eight-foot-long "Rainbow Dragon of Peace" puppet for Beth that was featured in the Green River Festival Parade in Greenfield, Mass., and a week before her passing, she taught her regularly held elder "Limbering Up" exercise class at the Lakeville Town Grove.

Jano is survived by her four daughters Teviot Fairservis, Elf Ahearn, Jenny Fairservis, and Beth Fairservis Katz as well as her grandson, Olin Fairservis Katz. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Please feel free to join the family in a celebration of her life at 1 p.m. on November 2nd, 2024 at the Congregational Church of Salisbury. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made via PayPal to Teviot's cat sanctuary in Malaysia at www.catbeachpenang.com/donate/ or www.paypal.me/catbeachsanctuary

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death, Jano constructed an eight-foot-long "Rainbow Dragon of Peace" puppet for Beth that was featured in the Green River Festival Parade in Greenfield, Mass., and a week before her passing, she taught her regularly held elder "Limbering Up" exercise class at the Lakeville Town Grove.

Jano is survived by her four daughters Teviot Fairservis, Elf Ahearn, Jenny Fairservis, and Beth Fairservis Katz as well as her grandson, Olin Fairservis Katz. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Please feel free to join the family in a celebration of her life at 1 p.m. on November 2nd, 2024 at the Congregational Church of Salisbury. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made via PayPal to Teviot's cat sanctuary in Malaysia at www.catbeachpenang.com/donate/ or www.paypal.me/catbeachsanctuary

William Breen Jr.

GOSHEN — William "Bill" Breen Jr., 65, of Goshen, passed on July 18, 2024, in the comfort of his home, leaving behind a legacy of boundless love and kindness. Bill was born Oct. 14, 1958, in Great Barrington. He is survived by his parents, William Breen Sr. of Southfield, Massachusetts, and Mary Curtis Logerwell, of Fort Walton Beach, Florida. He also leaves behind his sister, Lynda Breen Turow, of Palm Harbor, Florida, and brother, Richard Campeglia Jr. of Great Barrington, Massachusetts. He also leaves his nephews, Cory List of Largo, Florida, and Jameson Green,

of Williston, Florida, and his nieces Kelsey List, of Williston, Florida, and Cassie Campeglia, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts. He also leaves several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Billy graduated in 1976 from Oliver Wolcott Technical School in Torrington, where he studied drafting. Following his graduation, he joined the US Army, where he was stationed for three years in Hawaii.

He was a dedicated veteran and member of the Lamson-O'Donnell American Legion Post #46 in Goshen. He not only flew the American Flag at his home; but he proudly carried the flag as he marched in many local parades, his picture often being featured in newspapers across the state. With the legion, he helped decorate veterans' graves with flags and flowers for Memorial Day. Through the American Legion he enjoyed his involvement with Eagle Scout projects and he especially loved the local grammar school annual celebrations for veterans day,

in which he shared lunch and activities with the children.

A self-employed carpenter, Bill was known for being a perfectionist in his work. His many skills included remodeling, roofing, and finish carpentry. His desire to create beauty and functionality was evident in all his projects.

Bill also managed the properties of many estates in the tristate area. He took pride in the grounds and other particulars such as growing exotic roses.

For many years he was an active and competitive horse-shoe pitcher. Bill served as past President of the Cornwall Horseshoe League and the Morris horseshoe league. He was an active member in the Canaan VFW league and was a member of the New England Horseshoe Pitchers Association, where he competed in many tournaments in New Hampshire, where he placed many times.

Bill also enjoyed participating in pool and dart leagues at



Salisbury P&Z OKs plan for two affordable homes

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

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SALISBURY, Conn. — The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the Salisbury Housing Trust's application to build two affordable homes at 26 and 28 Undermountain Road at a special meeting Thursday, July 11.

The vote was 4-1, with Chair Michael Klemens, Vice Chair Cathy Shyer, Bob Riva, and alternate Danella Schiffer voting yes and Allen Cockerline voting no.

The approval specifies that what became known as "Option 2" during the public hearing is what the commission approved. Option 2 has two houses, open space at the rear of the parcel, and eliminates the informal public parking at the front of the parcel.

The next step is a town meeting to approve the transfer of the town-owned property to the Housing Trust.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

News hosts Street Fair in Salisbury on Aug. 10

The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal will host our third annual Street Fair on Academy Street in Salisbury on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This community celebration features more than 30 area nonprofits, live music, food, children's face painting and more.

Danny Tieger will perform a special musical set for children at noon and Northwest Passage will perform afterward. Mortal Beasts & Deities will show off their stilt-walking prowess throughout the event.

The Lakeville Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary will sell burgers and dogs. Other food vendors include Cousins Maine Lobster, Great Cape Baking and Crepe Royale.

In addition, Salisbury merchants will host their annual Tent Sale in downtown Salisbury from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit Honeychurch Home, Johnnycake Books, Karen LeSage Fine Art, Rosemary Rose Finery and Salisbury General Store for discounts, clearance and discontinued items.

The Salisbury Association will be open all day with their latest exhibit on The Corner Food Pantry which provides food to individuals and families in the tri-state area. The Association will also distribute information on volunteering in our community.

Academy Street will be closed beginning at 10 a.m. for the duration of the Street Fair. Parking for Labonne's will be accessible via Library Street.

Thanks to this year's sponsors — NBT Bank, Harney & Sons Fine Teas and Sharon Lawn & Landscape.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanking community for support of NECC

On behalf of the whole North East Community Center, its staff, volunteers, and board of directors, I would like to personally thank our local community for the incredible support we have received over this past weekend. Our 2024 Chef and Farmer Brunch at Mountain View in Pine Plains was a huge success thanks to those who gathered to celebrate our work and the vital programming we provide.

NECC would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who attended this year's event as well as those who chose to support us in other ways. We are humbled by our community's generosity and by the difference this community's sustaining support makes in the lives of our friends and neighbors. Though donations are still being counted, we are beyond gratified to report that thus far, our community has helped us raise over \$500,000 for our essential programs and services! These contributions are a testament to the area's resolve for community betterment and

the trust our supporters have in NECC's work.

We would especially like to thank the volunteers and local businesses who participated in this critical fundraiser. Without the support of individuals, vendors, sponsors, chefs, farmers, and artisans we would not have been able to celebrate in such style! We encourage our neighbors to remember the businesses that reinvest in their community whenever shopping locally. Visit our website to see a list of sponsors and photos of this incredible event: neccmillerton.org/chef-farmer-brunch.

Thank you all for helping us celebrate the work of our vital programs! As always, we are moved by your generosity and dedication to making our community a better place for all to live.

Christine Sergent

Executive Director of North East Community Center Millerton

Project 2025 critique criticized

The recent opinion piece (July 25) by Peter Riva regarding Project 2025 is irresponsible, over the top, and fear mongering in the extreme. Have we not learned anything from recent events about how inflamed rhetoric can result in aggressive and destructive behavior, as in what occurred on July 13? The obsessive use of the words "dictatorship" and "fascists" and "MAGA" are used to threaten readers into thinking that our world is going to end in fire and brimstone. Project 2025 is a conservative platform put forth by the Heritage Foundation. Anyone can and should look at their website and draw conclusions on their own rather than relying on Mr. Riva's outrageous rhetoric. Shame on The Millerton News for printing it. What useful purpose does it serve to dedicate nearly half a page to this type of screed?

Margaret O'Brien
Amenia

State of our Union?

While sitting in a dentist chair a couple weeks back, lips and gums numbed by novocaine awaiting a procedure, the Doc asked me a question to break the tedium and anxiety. "What do you think about what's happening in this country today?" This piqued my interest and I tentatively answered, not wishing to offend or anger him. After all, I was on the receiving end and he wielded the dental tools.

My reply: "I believe most of our population is overdue for a reality check."

He and his assistant exchanged a prolonged glance, continued and completed the relatively painless procedure. I believe I left permanent fnger indentations in the chair armrests. I owe you readers an explanation: The U.S. is on the cusp of a civil, political, judicial and military meltdown. Our military is seriously non-combat ready compromised due to the Pentagons surrender to the WOKE/DEI agendas. Our executive, political leadership and staff is inferior and sub-standard. Our judicial and federal institutions have been dangerously politically weaponized



"Bear hotline? Yea, I'm calling to report a snack outage at the Thompsons."

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The 'Fish Lady'; saving a house; surviving 4,800 volts

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

July 29, 1999

"The Fish Lady"; Vigilant shoppers may have noticed that fresh fish is once again available in Millerton. Merchant Joan Moriarty is parked next to the gazebo at Railroad Plaza three days a week.

She sells fresh fish and shellfish from her van Thursdays and Fridays from approximately noon to 6 p.m., as well as from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

"I ice 'em down on the boat and keep 'em that way until I get up here," said Ms. Moriarty, a Poughkeepsie native whose sons have a commercial fishing operation near Montauk, Long Island.

Known as "The Fish Lady," Ms. Moriarty has been a fish wholesaler to the Fulton Fish Market, but this is her first venture into retail. Her biggest-selling fish include tuna, swordfish, shark and Mahi Mahi (Hawaiian for "dolphin fish"). Those varieties are brought ashore by her sons on Tuesdays. She cleans and fillets the fish on Wednesdays and the fish arrive on ice Thursdays in Millerton. She also trades for clams, mussels

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and scallops — all of which are also available at her van.

'Neighbors Spring Into Action To Save House'; Millerton — Some local residents came to the rescue of a neighbor in need last week, solidifying the reputation of Millerton as a community that cares.

According to Libby McClintock of Whippet Hill Road, the trouble started when she was out of town. During a routine site visit, a Central Hudson meter reader found water gushing from Ms. McClintock's house. The Central Hudson employee quickly went to Ms. McClintock's nearest neighbors, the Briggses, and asked for help...

"Apparently my utility room was billowing steam," [Ms. McClintock] said later. "The hose clamp connection to the pump had sprung loose and water was hitting red hot pipes at the water heater." (She still has to find out why those pipes got that hot.)

She said Mr. Milton and Mr. Briggs managed to get into the basement despite the

flooding water and the steam. They were able to shut off the pump, according to Ms. McClintock. Mr. Milton then fixed the broken pipe. Mrs. Briggs even offered to put Ms. McClintock up for a night, considering the condition of her electrical system. The whole event underscored the importance of having caring neighbors, according to Ms. McClintock.

Miles Jenks and Mayor Brewer freed a number of young pheasants in this locality on Tuesday. The shipment was received from the State game farm, and the young birds were all in fine condition.

'Morton Bloch Notes Sixth Birthday'; Morton J. Bloch celebrated his sixth birthday last Friday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bloch.

Prizes were won by Donald Matthews, who won the potato race and peanut hunt, and by Shirley Achkert, who pinned the donkey's tail.

Present were Dorothea Silvernail, Donald Matthews, William Brewer, Shirley Ackert, Reginald Clark, Jr., and Richard DeWitt.

August 1, 1974

'Man Survives 4800-Volt Shock'; Gaspare Perrello of Millerton returned to work Wednesday after having survived a 4800-volt shock from a primary electrical distribution line Tuesday morning on a painting job at the Salisbury Town Hall. ...

His hose nozzle momentarily struck the electrical line and current surged through Perrello to the ground, knocking him unconscious but also probably saving his life, since the current then apparently grounded through the water hose...

'Survey Finds Local Impeachment Backing'; An informal five-town survey this week found a majority of those interviewed now believe President Richard M. Nixon should be impeached and removed from office. But the same survey found only a minority who believe the Congress will carry out that action.

August 5, 1999

'Drought Causes Concern Everywhere, Pataki Includes Dutchess in Federal Disaster List'; A lack of rain is starting to worry local farmers. And some relief could be on the way in form of help from the federal government. According to Dave Tetor of the Cornell Cooperative Extension, Gov. George Pataki has added Dutchess to the list of counties he will ask President Clinton to declare eligible for federal disaster relief...The recent dry weather is the worst organic former Ray McEnroe has ever seen. Although the crops at the popular McEnroe Organic Farm are in good shape now due to irrigation, Mr. McEnroe fears for the water table. The ponds on his property are losing water faster than it is being replenished.

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mated to cost approximately \$7.5 million.

In May Village trustees voted to apply for a \$6.3 million grant under the NY SWIMS initiative, a capital grant program included in the 2025 New York State budget.

The Village also has applied for a \$675,000 grant through New York State Parks, Recreation and His-

toric Preservation.

Speaker Heastie is currently on his annual statewide tour and visited the park and its recent additions. Heastie and Barrett were joined by several members of the Millerton community, including Stephen Waite, former Village of Millerton trustee, Town Supervisor Christopher Kennan, Village Mayor Jennifer Najdek and Jennifer Dowley and Jeanne Vanneck, advocates for the transformation of the park.

Heastie and Barrett pledged to provide funding for whatever costs not covered by the state grants.

"Somehow we will figure out how to fund this entire project," Heastie said.

The Speaker said he is dedicated to providing opportunities to New York state residents, regardless of

ability.

"A new pool is another step in our continued efforts to provide all communities accessible opportunities to swim," he said.

In a statement, Barrett said, "I'm pleased to welcome Speaker Carl Heastie back to my district and to announce funding for a new, state-of-the-art pool and pool house at Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

"This park has been an integral part of the northeastern Dutchess community for generations, and I worked closely with Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek, North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan and the project leaders to help them secure phase one funding, including \$125,000 for handicap-accessible bleachers at the baseball field.

"Today's announcement will ensure that phase two of

this important project will be completed, and that residents and visitors alike will have a place to learn to swim and to gather."

The Millerton community has witnessed the revitalization of Eddie Collins Memorial Park over recent years. The park brings the community together, and with its continued expansion seeks opportunities to provide accessible engagement for all.

The planned pool would be located in front of the playground, with an L-shaped pool house beside it. Dowley and Vanneck said the pool house would include a commercial kitchen, community room and other community-oriented spaces.

Decisions on the grant applications should be announced starting in September.

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and joints through their full range of motion. He goes on to interval training, in which for example, he might run for four minutes and then walk four minutes, and train with weights.

He points to Dr. Jeffery Life who wrote "Mastering Life Plan," Bill Phillips who wrote "Body for Life," Chris Heria of YouTube, and Dr. Mike Israetel, author of "Scientific Principles of Strength Training" as inspiration.

Perkins eats a few small meals a day beginning with a breakfast of Greek yogurt and fruit, then a lunch of egg whites for protein and rice. Dinner is usually a salad and at least once a week salmon for Omega-3's, with small snacks like an apple between.

He said of the powerlifting competition where he won in the 150-pound deadlift category, "It was one of the best experiences in life." He "still gets goosebumps thinking about it." Not only did he have his family cheering him on, but other competitors and spectators cheered too. "The comradery is stunning."

The rules are strict in powerlifting. Each competitor must compete in the "Squat," holding a weighted barbell across the shoulders, squatting with it, and returning to standing position; "Bench Press," lifting the weights while laying down on a bench; and "Dead Lifting," picking the weights off the floor to a standing position. Competitors are weighed in and judges look at your clothes, "even your underwear," said Perkins. Competitors can win a category or have the best score in all three for the overall win. Judges are on all sides watching each competitor as they lift the weights.

For Paul Perkins, his message is one of "health and longevity." He stresses there are "no magic pills" and that "they simply don't exist and do not take the place of boring, daily, consistent hard work and



PHOTO PROVIDED

Mike Burch, 74, of Boston Corners, competing at an American Powerlifting Competition.

common sense."

Perkins points to what research has found as "five fundamental lifestyle behaviors" to achieve longevity:

1. Exercise regularly.
2. Eat a nutritious diet.
3. Avoid cigarettes and limit alcohol consumption.
4. Sleep eight hours a night regularly.
5. Nurture meaningful relationships.

Perkins has set his sights on the World Drug Free Powerlifting Federation Competition which takes place in November in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

In Boston Corners, 74-year-old powerlifter Mike Burch has been busy breaking records. In fact, he has broken twelve for his age group in three years. He has his sights set on the World Powerlifting Association's World Championship on Sept. 28. in Oakville, Conn.

Burch has been powerlifting since the 1950's. He began weight lifting as a child to help with his lung capacity when he was diagnosed with asthma. He has continued ever since and was top ranked in the 1960's, 70's and 80's.

"I'm the only one still out there of all I lifted against in the 60's and 70's." Burch commented. Burch has never stopped lifting weights although he did stop competing for a while. He began again when his grandson, Eli, encouraged him to get back into it. His grandson now competes and trains with his grandfather.

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message to the community she wrote: "Now is the moment we can come together as a community and give back to this remarkable family. Together we can ease the burden of this terrible event for the Kemmersers."

HORSE TRIALS *Continued from Page A1*



PHOTO BY JOSIE DUGGAN

The Millbrook horse trials host riders competing in dressage, cross country and show jumping. Below, Dana Cooke, from Mooresville, North Carolina, on FE Quattro.



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Laura Voorheis, a local rider, takes Hillcrest Hop over the top.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

try aspect. Dutchess County is perfect for it, with its rolling hills and open land. Honestly, the feeling can't be recreated."

It is one of the most anticipated events for the equestrian community, especially since it is the last three-day event with all six levels, from beginner novice to advanced, in the area. There used to be several events in our area, but only Millbrook remains strong. The horse trials even finds itself in a precarious situation, after being forced to cancel in 2022 due to a land dispute.

It is no easy feat to pull off an event of this caliber. The event takes months of planning to execute year after year. The board and volunteers work tirelessly to pull the event together. Millbrook Horse Trials is so beloved by the community because of how big the atmosphere is,

and how it is able to bring the entire community together, regardless of their involvement with horses.

Long-time volunteer and organizer, Mark Shaggy Wertheim has been involved in the Millbrook Horse Trials for 13 years. He represents what the horse trials are all about, saying "I do it for the love of the sport. There is also a wonderful group of people and community here. That's why I put my blood, sweat, and tears to keep it running" Speaking to the future of eventing in Area 1, Mark said it is "precarious at best." In order to preserve the sport and the beloved event, the involvement of spectators and "non-horsey" people is essential.

Speaking to the future of the horse trials, Laura Voorheis said "I hope I can come back in 20 years and still see the event going strong."

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Sharon Playhouse presents 'The Prom' to audience cheers

The Sharon Playhouse held its opening night of "The Prom" on Friday, July 26. This is the second mainstage production of the season, following "Rock of Ages." "The Prom" follows a group of narcissistic Broadway actors trying to get good press by aggressively shoving themselves into the lives of a small community in Indiana, most specifically the life of a young lesbian girl named Emma who has thrown her school into chaos by asking another girl to prom.

"The Prom" is primarily a comedy but brushes against occasional serious and heartbreaking topics such as high school bullying, rocky relationships with parents and most especially the struggles of LGBTQ youth.

While "The Prom" is high energy and the characters of the Broadway actors most especially are always over the top and exaggerated, it is not flippant about these issues. The



The cast features two-time Tony Award nominee Kate Baldwin plus scene-stealing favorites John Scherer and Danny Drewes.

writing and actors strike a favorable balance of gut-busting humor while still maintaining a mostly believable plot.

The show makes consistent use of strong language that may make some shy away, but it is often used for some of the funniest lines in the show. Perhaps the best

way to sing the production's praises is simply through the audience. Throughout the night, the audience was cheering, laughing, gasping and saying "aw" every few lines, not just after every song. The cast and crew bring a lot to love, and the audience received it palpably.

The crew of the production have much to be proud of. The music was performed live by a crew of ten local musicians, there were no significant tech issues and the lighting of the show was nearly perfect. The crew should be more than satisfied with an experience that never took the audience out of the moment.

The cast brought obvious joy everyone from the leads to the ensemble has for this show, their characters and for theater as a whole. The

main quartet of Broadway actors, played by Kate Baldwin (Dee Dee Allen), John Scherer (Barry Glickman), Danny Drewes (Trent Oliver) and Savannah Stevenson (Angie) carried the absolutely giddy and off the wall energy of the show. Joined by their PR Manager played by Ryan J. Palmer (Sheldon Saperstein), these five are responsible for the vast majority of comedic heights that this show has to offer. Meanwhile, characters from the small town school, played by Hannah Jane Moore (Emma Nolan), Sophie Nassiri Morvillo (Alyssa Greene), Erick Pinnick (Tom Hawkins) and Tracy Liz Miller (Mrs. Greene) kept a more grounded performance that played off of and balanced the

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PHOTO PROVIDED

Eric Schnall

BOOKS: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

An evening with Eric Schnall at White Hart Inn

On Aug. 9, the White Hart Inn in Salisbury, Connecticut will continue their speaker series with a celebration of Eric Schnall's debut novel, "I Make Envy on Your Disco."

Just released in May, Schnall's novel has already earned praise for its poignant observations and lyrical prose. "Disco" is the second winner of the Barbara DiBernard Prize in Fiction, an annual prize for books published by Zero Street Fiction, part of University of Nebraska Press, committed to LGBTQ+ literary writers with commercial potential. "They publish books very successfully and thoughtfully," said Schnall. "It's been a balance to embrace the box while not wanting the box to be exclusive, if that makes sense," he added in reference to his novel being labeled or branded as a "gay" book. "I'm getting incredible notes from people," said Schnall.

"Some are from gay men who are seeing a version of themselves through this character but, you know, the book has resonated with women as much as men

which is really interesting and amazing."

Set in 2003, the novel follows Sam Singer, a 37-year-old art advisor who leaves a boyfriend and dog back in New York to travel to Berlin, a city with its own identity crisis. Amidst graffiti-stained streets and techno clubs, Sam's isolation transforms into deep connections with Jeremy, a lonely wannabe DJ; Kaspar, an East Berlin artist; and Magda, the enigmatic hotel manager. It's a story of longing, connection, and self-discovery, capturing the spirit of Berlin and the essence of midlife transformation.

Schnall began writing the novel 20 years ago after a trip to Berlin with his partner, Architectural Digest Executive Editor, Shax Riegler. Since then, the journey to publication has been long and at times, emotionally taxing, but Schnall believes, "the moment for it is really now." His narrative captures the pulse of Berlin with a steady backbeat of nostalgia and longing. "My feeling as a reader, and I read constantly, is we all project onto

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Blood Drive

Noble Horizons is hosting the American Red Cross for a blood drive on Thursday, August 8th, from 10-3 in the Community Room.

Please go to the Red Cross website to make an appointment: redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=06068

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Island hopping, usually done by boat, can also be accomplished with a little more exertion.

When friends Marci Grady and Sonja Koppenwallner asked Sherie Berk if she would like to join them for a week-long swim in the Dalmatian Islands, she agreed without a second thought. With an itinerary mapped out by STREL Swimming Adventures, from June 15 to 21, they swam for up to five hours each day.

Berk learned to swim during childhood summers in Sharon, Connecticut, but did not take up the sport competitively until age 55. She went on to become a United States Masters Swimmer with four world rankings, 16 top ten rankings, and an All-American Honor. For Berk, swimming is a total release of tension. "It's like meditation," she said.

Her weekly training – three or four sessions at the YMCA in Canaan, Connecticut – did not change in anticipation of the island swim and Berk worried that she had not adequately prepared.

Regardless, she board-



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Clear skies over the Dalmatian Islands in Adriatic Sea, off the coast of Croatia.

ed a plane to Split, Croatia, consoling herself that it was not a race.

The Dalmatian Islands are located off the coast of Croatia, in the Adriatic Sea. The crisp, blue waters are some of the cleanest in the Mediterranean. "I can't even begin to describe how beautiful this place is," said Berk.

Her days in Dalmatia commenced with breakfast spreads of fresh

fruit, eggs, and European pastries. After fueling up, Berk, Grady, Koppenwallner, and twelve or so others boarded boats for rides to their morning starting points. They set off swimming around 10 am, boats following to provide water and rest if necessary.

At noon, they stopped for lunch, usually on the boat, with gorgeous buffets assembled by a private chef. Once,

the midday interlude included a hike (just in case they cared for some additional exercise). Then back into the water for a few more hours of paddling, to cover a daily distance of approximately four kilometers.

Active travel allowed Berk to fully immerse in her environment. Instead of admiring the glittering sea from afar, she felt the salt soak into her skin. By four pm they returned to the hotel, utterly exhausted, but



Sherie Berk

drenched in awe.

Evenings were time to unwind, dining at restaurants along the water and marveling at the expanse of rocky coastline. A meal of fresh fish and a few glasses of wine repeatedly revived the swimmers and readied them for another day.

Over the course of a week, a multi-generational community formed through mutual struggle and appreciation of natural beauty. The oldest in the group, 70-year-old Berk is not slowing down. She has her eye on an island hop in Greece next year.

... 'The Prom'

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show's more eccentric cast mates. Finally, the ensemble of this production not only were responsible for the most difficult choreography, but always brought a believable and fun cohesion to every scene they were in.

Musically, "The Prom" relies heavily on modern stylings. There are not a broad amount of ensemble or chorus numbers outside of the finales of both acts, and when they do appear there is a lot of unison singing. What harmony is there, however, is very tight and after coming out

of unison really makes a statement with full sound. "Just Breathe", "It's Not About Me", "Barry is Going to Prom" and "Unruly Heart" are standouts, though the most impressive song is the finale of act one, "Tonight Belongs to You". Moving from chorus, to nervous solo, excited duet, depressed refrain and back to chorus with a vastly different viewing lens, this song left the most lasting impression that will be difficult to forget. The band was perfect, and every singer in the show is a distinctly impressive

singer in their own right. It would be remiss not to give particular credit to Kate Baldwin, Danny Drewes and Hannah Jane Moore. The sound quality in the voice of these singers was crystal clear and demanded the audience's attention with every note.

Ultimately, "The Prom" asks the audience to laugh and the cast and crew of Sharon Playhouse have made it easy to sit back and acquiesce.

Find out more and purchase tickets at www.sharonplayhouse.org.



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Eric Forstmann at Eckert

Eric Forstmann's new show "Perambulate" will open at Eckert Fine Art in Washington Depot, Connecticut on August 10 with a reception from 2 to 6 p.m. The title, derived from the habit of leisurely exploring and observing one's environment, encapsulates the essence of Forstmann's work.



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"Four Tommys" and more art by Eric Forstmann.

"I have had the good fortune to have spent 40 years doing just that. Along the route, I have been able to translate my findings into more than one thousand paintings. And the search continues..." Forstmann stated.

Forstmann, who studied at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston under Barnett Rubenstein and Henry Schwartz, has been celebrated in solo exhibitions at prestigious institutions such as The Butler Institute of American Art, The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, The Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science, the Mat-tatuck Museum and Brenau Galleries. He has also participated in significant exhibitions, including at the Norman Rockwell Museum and the Naples Museum of Art. Forstmann's art has been featured in prom-

inent publications such as Architectural Digest, ARTnews, and New England Home. "Perambulate" will showcase Forstmann's dedication to his craft and his profound connection to his surroundings with a balanced mix of landscapes and still lifes.

The artist spoke of his gratitude for his occupation, stating, "I really am very fortunate to love what I do." It is because of this love and good fortune that he said, "There's something about the work process and the respect for space, respect for place that I really feel in plain air even though it's probably not as accurate as a lot of people who use photos." He went on to describe some of those photo realist images.

"You're like, 'Wow, that's amazing. You've gotten every leaf!' And it is incredible, but I get more out of being there and kind of getting stung by bees and having to run from the weather and all that stuff," he said with a laugh.

Forstmann refers to himself as "a confirmed 'thingest,'" a term he invented. "I'm not really a hoarder but I'm really fascinated with the things that we've come up with as objects of desire in our world and in my world."

Last week's WotW.

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Word of the Week

Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters. Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week. Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place. Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the WotW.

1. Midday meal.
2. Flat dish, usually a circle.
3. An animal in a wild state.
4. Extreme rock.
5. Olympic gold.

WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

...Schnall

a novel. I like the idea of that. There is a lot of specificity to the story and to Sam, but I wanted to leave what I call 'empty space' so that readers can project onto it."

Readers will indeed project onto it, exploring the cobblestoned alleys and streets of Berlin before social media and cell phones, when around every corner was a new universe. Born and raised in New York City, there is a grit to the Berlin of 2003 that spoke to Schnall. "It's not easy, if you grow up in New York, to have a city surprise you and also confound you. There is just something about it." Schnall also has deep ties to this area — his parents bought a home in Salisbury in the '80s and Schnall and his partner bought their home around the corner ten years ago. Both of Schnall's parents passed away recently; his mother in April 2023 and his father in February, 2024. So, while there has been a lot of excitement and momentum around the book, Schnall is taking it slowly. "I've been really trying to pace myself,"

he said. "Also, I've been following the book. It's had a nice life so far and it's really resonating with readers, and to me that's just thrilling."

The launch event at The White Hart will feature a conversation between Schnall and Jenny Jackson, author of the acclaimed novel "Pineapple Street" and VP executive editor at Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group. Their meeting through a mutual friend at The White Hart Inn exactly a year ago sparked a friendship, making this event a full-circle moment of literary camaraderie.

Eric Schnall has had a multifaceted career in theater that spans over 25 years. His first job on Broadway was as an assistant to the producers of "Rent." He then went on to work as producer and marketing director on such megahits as "The Vagina Monologues," "Fleabag," and "Hedwig and The Angry Inch," for which he won a Tony Award as co-producer of the Broadway revival. "When your first shows are "Rent" and "The Vagina Mono-

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logues," you realize Broadway is a business," Schnall explained. "I was excited by culturally and politically interesting work that was also commercially successful." Broadway's intense demands made it hard to find time to write, however, so Schnall had to learn to do both simultaneously, often writing in hotel lobbies or kitchen tables at 4 or 5 a.m.

"I'm a morning person, so I wrote most of the book in the wee hours," Schnall said.

Schnall has a few projects that he's currently developing but said, "There's a lot of good work being produced on Broadway right now, but financially, it's challenging. So, for now, I'm glad I also have the book to concentrate on."

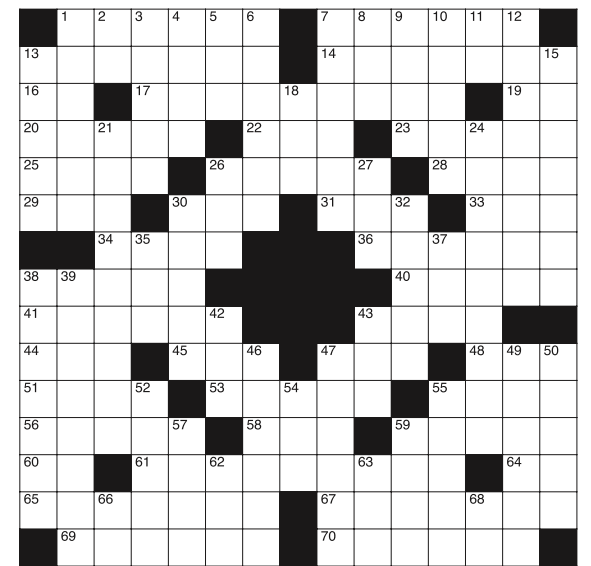
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7. A solution
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. Blood group
17. A way to compare
19. Gov't lawyer
20. Actor Ciaran
22. Calendar month
23. Very willing
25. ___ ex Machina
26. Satisfies
28. Type of berry
29. Distinctive practice
30. Popular pickup truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company officer
36. Villains
38. Cricket frogs
40. German founder of psychology
41. Endured
43. A female domestic
44. A situation you can be in
45. Cigarette (slang)
47. Fiber optic network (abbr.)
48. Belgian composer Walter
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Belonging to the bottom layer
55. Musical or vocal sound
56. Yankees' great Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. South Dakota
61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
64. Atomic #79
65. Former Braves pitcher Julio
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Hospital unit



9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Negative
12. Caused to be loved
13. Prominent in Islamic eschatology
15. Sincere
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Bill Murray chased one
26. Pouch
27. Swedish krona
30. Start over
32. Wild white or yellow flower
35. Fourteen
37. Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
38. Up-to-date
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Chilean city
57. Central Japanese city
59. Garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. The man
68. Top government lawyer

July 25 Solution

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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AUGUST 1

Short Story Discussion: The Choc-Ice Woman by Mary Costello

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

On Thursday, Aug. 1 at 4 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library will host a discussion of Mary Costello's short story "The Choc-Ice Woman" with Dathalinn O'Dea. Costello's second book and first novel, Academy Street, won the Irish Novel of the Year award. Copies of the story are available online (www.newyorker.com/magazine/2023/10/16/the-choc-ice-woman-fiction-mary-costello) or at the library. O'Dea, who lives in Falls Village, teaches English at Marist College with a specialty in modern Irish literature.

AUGUST 2

Sharon Summer Book Signing

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

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon is hosting a multi-author book signing on Aug. 2. Early Admission, from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. is \$75.00, while General Admission is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and is \$50.00. There will also be a ticketed author dinner. Author dinner seats are not guaranteed. Author dinner seats include Early Admission to the Book Signing. Tickets: hotchkisslibrary.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/hotchkisslibrary/eventRegistration.jsp?event=15&

Forest Festival

8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall, Conn.

A three-day Forest Festival, celebrating the beauty and diversity of our remarkable local and regional forests begins with a forest kitchening day facilitated by Kyra Kristof, culminating in a feast that showcases nourishing food from our bioregion and the forest. Please register at www.wellspringcommons.org.

Book Signing

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

The 26th Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing event returns to Hotchkiss Library of Sharon Aug. 2 from 4:45 to 7:30 p.m. Dozens of authors will be in attendance to discuss their work and sign books. For more information visit hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/book-signing-2024/

AUGUST 3

Artist Reception

The Wish House, 413 Sharon Goshen Tnpk., West Cornwall, Conn.

The Souterrain Gallery of The Wish House will be hosting an Artist Reception Saturday Aug. 3 from 3 to 6 p.m. for Suzan Scott, Nature is a State of Mind. The exhibit runs through Sept. 29.

Grumbling Gryphons "The Snow Queen"

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

Grumbling Gryphons Children's Theater camp will perform a dramatic adaptation of Hans Christian Anderson's "The Snow Queen" at Scoville Memorial Library on Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. Cornwall campers and children from the region will be performing, free to the public. For more info and to register, contact Leslie Elias at grumblinggryphons@gmail.com or (860) 672-0286.

Mt. Washington Church Fair

Church of Christ Mt. Washington, 428 East St., Mount Washington, Mass.

Offering more prize-winning possibilities, shopping opportunities, and family fun than ever before, the Mt. Washington Church Fair kicks off its 91st consecutive year, as always on the first Saturday in August. Admission is free and includes a ticket for the door-prize drawings, including some for kids only this year. The Fair will take place on August 3, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the intersection of Plantain Pond Rd. and East St. in Mt. Washington, MA. Pets are not permitted.

Scenic Sips Fest

Roeliff Jansen Park, NY-22, Hilltop Barn, Hillsdale, N.Y.

Scenic Sips Fest is coming to Hillsdale, N.Y. on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, Aug. 4), showcasing local craft beverages, specialty food, and crafts. Over 15 Columbia County producers of beer, wine, spirits, and cider will be present, with live music from Curt Buchan, Rounders Revival, and more. Diverse food options include: Ukrainian, Italian, soul food, and sweet treats

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Open Mic at A Weekend in Norfolk

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AUGUST 4

Music by Mozart

Christ Church Episcopal, 9 South Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Violinists Marla Rathbun and Rachel Evans, with organist Jon Lafleur will perform four Mozart Church/Epistle Sonatas at Christ Church Episcopal, 9 South Main St., Sharon, Sunday, Aug. 4 at the 9 a.m. Service. The young Mozart composed 17 church

sonatas when employed by the Archbishop of Salzburg in the 1770s. The public is invited to enjoy the service whose theme is "When In Our Music God is Glorified."

AUGUST 8

Simple Supper from the Garden

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

On Thursday, Aug. 8, at 5:30 p.m., join Tracy Hayhurst of Undermountain Pantry for a garden tour and cooking session on Beavertides Farm. Harvest vegetables and create tartines with Tracy's sourdough bread. Free and open to the public. Limited to 10 participants. Register by emailing dmhuntlibrary@gmail.com or calling (860) 824-7424.

AUGUST 9

Rose Algrant Show

Cornwall Consolidated School, 5 Cream Hill Road, West Cornwall, Conn.

The 65th Annual Rose Algrant Art Show, a beloved tradition in Cornwall, is set to enchant art enthusiasts from August 9th to 11th at the Cornwall Consolidated School. This esteemed exhibition will feature a diverse collection of artworks from talented artists residing in Cornwall. Attendees will enjoy an array of media, including paintings, photography, drawings, ceramics, handmade shoes, textiles, prints, furniture, and sculptures.

Film Screening

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

The Triplex Cinema announces a special screening of "How to Come Alive with Norman Mailer," a documentary film which looks at Mailer's legacy as a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning novelist, speaker, filmmaker and cultural icon. Following the Aug. 9 screening will be a talkback with Mailer's daughter Maggie, who lives in Lenox, Massachusetts, and Lenox bookstore owner Matt Tannenbaum. Tickets are available at the Triplex Cinema website.

AUGUST 10

Taste of Cornwall

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

Taste of Cornwall returns Aug. 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. Music by Grain Thief will pair with local food in the farm-to-table tasting tents with food prepared by Park and Rec Commission (\$5). Vendors selling baked goods, artisan crafts, and community service groups will line the green.

Sons of the American Legion Roast Beef Dinner

Post 178, Millerton, N.Y.

On Saturday, Aug. 10 from 4 to 7 p.m., the Sons of the American

Legion will host a Roast Beef Dinner at Post 178 in Millerton, N.Y. Cost is \$18. Eat in or takeout. Meal includes: roast beef, baked potato, corn, and roll. Call 518-789-4755.

AUGUST 11

Augustfest in the Village: A Benefit for the David M. Hunt Library

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

Come to Augustfest in the Village: A Benefit for the David M. Hunt Library on Sunday, August 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets: \$30; \$5 children under 12 - Call 860-824-7424 or visit huntlibrary.org/augustfest



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Ready for Mozart Aug. 4

Guest violinists Marla Rathbun, right, and Rachel Evans met on Monday, July 29, for a rehearsal with organist Jon Lafleur in preparation for their special performance of four Mozart church sonatas during the regular 9 a.m. service at Sharon's Christ Church Episcopal on Sunday, August 4. Appropriately, the theme of the service is "When in Our Music God is Glorified."



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Town of Clinton May transfers

By **CHRISTINE BATES**
Special to The Millerton News

Located mid-Dutchess County, west of the towns of Washington and Stanford, the Town of Clinton sends its students to four different school districts: Hyde Park, Millbrook, Pine Plains and Washington. Created in 1788, the town has a population of around 4,300 people where the median priced home in May was \$652,000 according to One Key MLS Infosparks, higher than Rhinebeck's \$623,000 and substantially more than the \$425,000 median for all of Dutchess County.

109 Rymph Road — 3 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 3 acres plus adjoining parcel of 78.9 acres sold for \$2,325,000

27 Sodom Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 6.98 acres sold for \$275,000

600 Clinton Hollow Road



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

600 Clinton Hollow Road sits on almost seven acres up a long drive. The private, 4,514 square foot home built in 2001 and renovated in 2018 was sold for \$750,000 in May.

— 4 bedroom/4 bath home on 6.9 acres sold for \$750,000

370 Clinton Corners Road — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home sold for \$390,000

41 Seelbach Lane — 4 bedroom/3 bath home on 11.39 acres sold for \$895,000

35 Oak Grove Road — 4 bedroom/4 bath home on 10 acres sold for \$1,625,000

439 Lake Drive — 6 bedroom/8 bath inn/lodge on 6 acres sold for \$810,000

* Town of Clinton real estate sales recorded as sold between May 1, 2024 and May 31, 2024 sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency with property details from Dutchess Parcel Access and statistics from One Key MLS. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

7/12 — Deputies arrested David Torres (age 50) for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd degree subsequent to a traffic stop on Route 22 in the Town of Pawling. Subject to Appear in the Town of Pawling Court at a later date.

7/12 — Deputies responded to 15 Stone Ave. in the Town of North East to investigate a reported domestic dispute at that location. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

7/12 — Deputies responded to the DC Rail Trail in the area of North Center Street and Main Street in Millerton for a 10-year-old male walking alone on the trail. The child was reunited with his parents.

7/15 — Deputies responded to 193 Canoe Hill Road in the Town of Washington for a reported larceny of mail being stolen. Investigation on-going

7/18 — Deputies conducted Traffic Stop in the area of 5294 Route 44 in Town of Amenia. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Christopher Lanier (age 34) for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd degree. Subject to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

7/18 — Deputies reports the arrest of William Vogel (age 30) as a result of a traffic stop on Lakeview Drive in Pawling. Vogel was found to be wanted on a Dutchess County Court Warrant for the Class D Violent Felony of Criminal Possession of a weapon in the 3rd

degree. Vogel was remanded to Dutchess County Jail.

7/18 — Deputies responded to 269 Route 292 in Pawling to investigate a domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

7/18 — Deputies responded to 160 Holsapple Road in the Town of Dover for a husband-wife domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

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