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Fire on July 18 claimed crops, barns and all equipment at the Kemmerer Farm in Stanfordville.

## Fundraising efforts ramp up after Kemmerer Farm fire

By JOSIE DUGGAN  
Special to The Millerton News

STANFORD — Following the fire that devastated the Kemmerer Farm on July 18, the Kemmerers are attempting to rebuild their livelihood with support from the local community.

The family lost all of their crops and hay, three barns and their farming equipment.

As of last weekend, a GoFundMe, set up to support the Kemmerer family, had raised around

\$59,633. There are several different fundraising events planned for the near future to continue providing support.

Wendy Burton, Town Supervisor of Stanford, anticipates a ticketed brunch and silent auction on Sept. 28 at Bangallworks. The goal is to raise \$40,000 at that event. She explained that even though the farm was covered by insurance, it would not cover all of the expenses that come with rebuilding.

Burton expressed that the community at large is on such a "beau-

tiful roll." More than 400 volunteers worked together this spring to build the "sparc park," a community playground that draws families and children from Pine Plains, Millbrook, Milan and Clinton Corner/Salt Point.

Burton calls upon this same community to come together once more and help the Kemmerers clean up and rebuild.

Danielle (Dani) Nicholson, a longtime resident of Pine Plains,

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## Rail trail rattlesnake sightings wane

By NATHAN MILLER  
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MILLERTON — Hikers and cyclists have reported rattlesnakes on the Millerton rail trail.

A notice on the village website warned people to keep a watchful eye for the venomous snakes. Rattlesnakes like to lie on sunny rocks for warmth, and the rail trail can be a great place for a snake to catch some rays.

Millerton Chief of Police Joseph Olenik has since checked the rail trail for snakes. He said there haven't been any more sightings. "People should still be cau-

tious," Olenik said. "We'll still keep watching out there."

Travelers on the rail trail should remain alert and mindful of their surroundings at all times to avoid danger. The police department recommends limiting headphone use, avoiding tall grasses or rocky crevices that may obscure the view of hands and feet, keeping dogs on leashes, and to avoid traveling alone whenever possible. If there is a rattlesnake on the trail, the best thing to do is leave it alone and maintain a safe distance.

Rattlesnakes can be identified easily by the hollow rattle at the end of their tail. The snakes use

this to make noise and alert predators.

If bitten by any snake, call 911 immediately and do not move. When bitten by a rattlesnake it's important to remain calm and rest until help arrives. Remove any tight clothing or jewelry that could restrict blood flow. Do not attempt a compression bandage or tie off the wound. Do not try to suck out the venom or use ice on the bite.

Sightings of rattlesnakes should be reported to the Millerton Police by phone at 518-789-6355 or by email to chief@villageofmillertonny.gov.

## Family to buy first Habitat for Humanity house

By COLLEEN FLYNN  
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MILLERTON — Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County's (HHDC) board of directors met on July 25 to approve the family elected to the house in the Town of North East.

The Macagnone family of four has been chosen to move into the HHDC house at the end of winter. The Macagnone's have two children, a 15-year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter, who attend Webutuck School District.

Jennifer Buitrago, the housing and financial coach for HHDC, said the family was elected by their

committee members, and the final step was for the family to be approved by the board of directors.

"He thought 'Maybe I wasn't selected,' and a couple of days went by, weeks progressed, and he said he was going to text me just to thank us for the opportunity," Buitrago said. "He had a 360 spin."

The house is approximately 1,400 square feet with three bedrooms and 2 bathrooms on a half-acre plot of land.

Nine families were eligible and being considered while finding new homeowners. Under an affordable housing initiative, the

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PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

About 70 people came to the Wassaic fire station for Kirk Imperati's visit Friday, Aug. 2. The Sheriff heard residents' concerns.

## Wassaic's tranquility marred by interloper, series of break-ins

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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WASSAIC — While visitors are regularly welcomed to enjoy the artistic hamlet of Wassaic, the recent sudden appearance of a homeless person who came and stayed upset the sense of calm.

A series of local break-ins brought state and county law enforcement to investigate, eventually resulting in the arrest and arraignment of Isaiah Garcia.

First reports came on Tuesday, July 23 of a disruptive person at the Wassaic Project creating a nuisance by smoking on premises and refusing to depart. The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office responded to that call and resolved the incident with no charges being filed.

On Sunday, July 28, there was a report of a minor burglary at a private home, with surveillance camera footage showing a dark

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# Amenia projects move ahead

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — A number of projects achieved forward momentum at the regular meeting of the Town Board on Thursday, Aug. 1, whether by unanimous vote of approval or by report and discussion.

The project to construct a new town garage saw unanimous approval of a resolution to use the services of Hudson Cultural Services to complete an archeological and environmental study of the intended Lakeville Road garage site. Eight bids were received. The Town Board agreed to award the contract to Hudson Services, the lowest bidder, at \$5,620.

The area to be studied measures 5 acres, but the focus will be on the area to be disturbed by the construction of the town garage and salt storage shed to determine environmental impact. The archeological phase of testing will dig test pits to determine presence of artifacts that if found, will be sent for laboratory testing and dating.

Also important to the town garage project was the opening of the six bids received from engineering firms hoping to be selected to complete the design phase. Copies of the bid pack-

ets were distributed to board members for their review and future discussion.

### Beekman Park Pavilion

Architect Tracy Salladay presented her plans for renovations to improve the function of the Beekman Park Pavilion, under consideration since December 2023. Finding the present covered seating area to be adequate in size, Salladay suggested improved lighting and perhaps enclosing the seating area.

Options that would affect the cost of changes to the food preparation area are driven by whether the kitchen will prepare food on site or offer prepared foods that are pre-packaged.

To gain kitchen space, Salladay suggested closing one of the two concession windows.

The restrooms and equipment storage room would need significant changes. Plumbing does not meet current code requirements, Salladay said.

For the building's exterior, Salladay recommended replacing the current vinyl siding on the gables with corrugated metal.

To councilwoman Rosanna Hamm's question about

who would be expected to use the renovated pavilion, Recreation Director Katie Sterk-Grassi replied that it would be used by the soccer and baseball programs, with those programs paying fees for use. She pointed out the importance to the community of vital recreation programs.

### Town of Amenia Website

Summarizing responses to a recent survey he had created to measure residents' impressions of the town's official website, finance director Charlie Miller told the Town Board that comments have been coming in over the past two years.

There were 67 responses to the online questionnaire, with 45% of respondents indicating that they visit the town website at least once a week, while 76% of those responding said that they use the town's events calendar. Nine out of ten users said that they experience difficulty in using the current site, with 50% finding it hard to navigate, and 82% said that they would be likely to sign up if the town offered an alerts/announcements feature.

In general local people want an easy search function,

and a simplified menu. Some asked for summaries of current projects and a more detailed calendar of events.

The next step, Miller said, would be for him to create a "scope of work," an outline of the skeletal framework and then to obtain quotes from vendors.

Miller said that it will be important to select the vendor in the next 60 days before the present contract with Dutchess County, the current provider, expires.

"If we had a better website, we could reach a wider audience," Town Supervisor Leo Blackman observed.

### New Town Hall sign

Presenting a brief report on options for a new Town of Amenia Town Hall sign, Miller reviewed alternative design options for a new LED electronic sign to be placed close to Route 22 just south of the Town Hall driveway near the southern parking lot.

The sign itself with installation would be estimated to cost between \$39,000 and \$45,000, depending on the size variables and desired resolution. The LED electronic component would allow for messages to be posted on the sign, including upcoming meetings.

Noting that funding is already in place for the needed engineering study, Miller said that funds for the engineering aspect are already in place in the town's engineering budget.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

## Millbrook vibe

The sixth annual Harlem Valley flamenco festival visited Millbrook Winery Friday, Aug. 2. From left, Peter Basil, Ricardo Sanchez and Hector Marquez performed flamenco music on their guitars and drums while visitors drank wine and ate oysters. Creative Director Anna Librada said the Flamenco Fest's next event is September in Hyde Park.

## Amenia Rec plans Family Fun Night Aug. 15 at Beekman

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — Families of any size who are seeking to introduce a bit of fun into their summer memories are invited to attend the annual Family Fun Night to be held at Beekman Park on Thursday, Aug. 15, between 5 and 7 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Amenia Recreation Department and the Amenia

Free Library. Admission, as always, is free.

A variety of activities will include face painting, The Bubble Bus, an ice cream truck, bounce houses, fire trucks and a great chance to visit with friends and neighbors while the children are occupied. Food will be available for purchase from Web-tuck Little League volunteers.

For more information, phone 845-373-8273 or go to [www.ameniany.myrec.com](http://www.ameniany.myrec.com)

## Amenia accepts gift of historic charcoal kilns

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — By an official unanimous vote, the Town Board passed a resolution formally accepting the historic gift of Wassaic's restored twin charcoal kilns on Deep Hollow Road at their meeting on Thursday, Aug. 1. The gift preserves an important part of Amenia's history for the benefit of present and future generations.

The beehive wood-fired

kilns, located near the intersection of Route 22 and Deep Hollow Road, were built around 1825 to serve the thriving iron industry. The massive stone kilns have been painstakingly restored to their original condition by Bernie Leighton, and once restored, were offered to the town as a gift from the present owner, Alan Shope.

Situated on a fenced parcel measuring slightly less than one-third of an acre, the kilns stand as monument

to the dawn of the industrial revolution, creating charcoal to fire the Reed, Gridley and Co. iron works furnaces in operation until the 1920s. Information about the kilns, published on the town website, indicates that three weeks of slow burning was essential to create sulphur-free charcoal, sulphur being harmful to iron.

For more information about the kilns, go to [www.ameniany.gov](http://www.ameniany.gov) or contact the Amenia Historical Society.

## Wastewater Committee discusses fee schedules

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — Continuing work initiated in 2021 to develop plans for a Wastewater District, the Wastewater Committee discussed preparation of a possible fee schedule as well as a timeline for funding applications at their regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 1.

LaBerge Group of Albany is assisting the town with engineering studies, building on the preliminary engineering report prepared by Tighe and Bond in Rhinebeck in 2022.

Rather than developing a single fee schedule, the committee agreed to ask LaBerge engineers to create separate schedules for residential and commercial users, incorpo-

rating benefit units into the formulas.

Committee chairman Charlie Miller noted that the state Comptroller will need to approve the fee schedules eventually before the project can proceed.

Funding scenarios are also to be provided by LaBerge engineers as part of their report.

As the project proposal progresses, Miller said, a petition process to gain signatures from residents favoring creation of a wastewater district should be completed by the end of the year, allowing for the formation of a district.

With that district in place, the way will be cleared to file grant applications that are generally due in June of each year.

"Forming the district does not mean that the project is going ahead," Miller explained. "Funding will determine that," he added.


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### Corrections

Jeanne Vanecko's name was misspelled in a front page article in the Aug. 1 edition. We regret the error.

An article in the Aug. 1 issue should have stated that Millerton powerlifter Paul Perkins deadlifted 321 pounds and bench pressed 148.5 pounds, and that he won squat and bench press competitions in addition to the deadlift competition.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

By resolution dated July 29, 2024, the Amenia Fire District has approved a resolution, subject to permissive referendum, to utilize reserve funds to purchase a Hose Reel Service Truck in the amount of up to \$650,000.00, utilizing funds from the Capital Reserve Fund. Any person desiring a mandatory vote on the issue must file a properly executed and sufficient petition within thirty days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: Amenia NY July 29, 2024.

Dawn Marie Klingner  
Fire District Secretary  
08-08-24

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 7:30 PM, or soon thereafter as possible, in the Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York, on the application of Thomas and Catherine Moore, owners of tax parcel # 7273-00-170932, for a reduction of the required west side yard in order to erect garage/studio building. The parcel is located at 127 White House Crossing Road in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East. The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be

filed with the Board at such hearing.

Julie Schroeder  
Chairman,  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
08-08-24

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY GLOBAL SELF STORAGE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned self storage unit(s) will be sold at a public sale by competitive bidding, in their entirety to the highest bidder, on or after August 22, 2024, to satisfy the lien of Global Self Storage for rental and other charges due from the undersigned. The said property has been stored and generally described below is located at the respective address. Although, the auction will be held via [www.StorageTreasures.com](http://www.StorageTreasures.com), the sale is made in person at the facility: 3814 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545.

Thursday, August 22, 2024

# 156 Christophe Rammant

The terms of the sale will be cash only & must be paid for at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is. Global Self Storage reserves the right to withdraw any or all units from the sale at any time. All contents must be removed within 72 hours or sooner.

08-08-24  
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### TOWN OF AMENIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Highway Material Bids BIDS FOR THE PERIOD 9/19/24-9/18/25

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for the

purchase of supplies used by the Amenia Highway Department during the year will be received until 2 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2024 at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Amenia, Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501 and opened and read at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Bids are requested for the following road materials: Bank-run, sand, Item #4, crushed quarry stone and washed gravel, light, medium, and heavy stone fill, sub base NYS DOT Type #2, calcium chloride, bituminous mix hot and cold, road oils, concrete, catch basins and equipment rentals, Tree Work, Sweeping.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Highway office at 845-373-9922. All bids must include a notarized non-collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate resolution with a corporate seal. All envelopes must be clearly marked "Bid 9/19/2024 to 9/18/2025".

The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids will be awarded at the next scheduled Town Board Meeting September 19, 2024.

Megan Chamberlin  
Superintendent of  
Highways  
Town of Amenia  
08-08-24

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

Notices can be emailed to [legals@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:legals@lakevillejournal.com) or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039

Go to [millertonnews.com/legalnotices](http://millertonnews.com/legalnotices) to view current and past legal notices.

**Roeiff Jansen Library talk Aug. 15**

**Protecting and feeding the planet's pollinators**

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

HILLSDALE — Avalon Bunge, the Ecological Projects Manager of Partners for Climate Action Harlem Valley will be speaking from 6 to 7:30 p.m. On Thursday, Aug. 15 at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library at 9091 Route 22 in Hillsdale on simple actions that all residents can take to help to preserve the planet and it's critical ecological system



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**Leonard's Skipper *Hesperia leonardus***

process which allows plants to be fertilized. This can include many different types of insects as well as birds and bats."

Bunge's talk will center on the organization's "The Pollinator Action Guide" which "focuses on bees, butterflies, and moths," noting "planting native plants to support these pollinators is likely to benefit lots of other pollinators too, like wasps, beetles, flies, hummingbirds and more."

Bunge explains that the guide, which is available at [pollinatehv.org](http://pollinatehv.org), provides detailed information on the way anyone can help using a little effort and a certain amount of patience as the plants will take a season or two to reach full bloom.

She says to prepare a plot, existing grass or other vegetation can easily be removed by covering the area with a tarp or cardboard for about a year.

Seeds can be scattered or plants distributed either randomly or by design with Bunge recommending that they be set as densely as possible since that has the dual benefit of cutting down in weeding and producing more flowers for the pollinators to visit.

She suggests that if planters are concerned about reactions of neighbors, they might add a sign to explain what they are doing and encouraging others to join in the effort in their own spaces.

The guide provides lists of which kinds of plants will attract which sorts of pollinators such as milkweed attracting monarch butterflies and where those plants may be purchased locally.

Bunge notes that in addition to providing information, the group sponsors activities and provides grants to non-profit organizations such as schools, libraries and municipalities working on climate action. Private farms and the like might also be able to partner with eligible groups to receive funding.

For more information, go to [climateactionhv.org](http://climateactionhv.org).



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

**Sixties survivor**

Al Bensen of Pine Plains proudly shows his all-original, unrestored 1961 Chevrolet Impala Sport Coupe on Sunday, Aug. 4 at a vintage car show sponsored by North East Ford in Millerton. Hoods were popped and Detroit muscle was in the majority with big block engines on display.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Spencer's Corners Burying Ground is one of the oldest cemeteries in Dutchess County.

**Invite to breakfast (and a rub & scrub) at Spencer's Corners on Aug. 11**

By NATHAN MILLER  
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MILLERTON — Friends of Spencer's Corners Burying Grounds invites the public to scrub and rub headstones and enjoy a free breakfast Sunday, Aug. 11.

Free coffee and donuts will be available for all who attend. The group will split into two teams; one doing the "big scrub" and the other doing the "big rub."

Scrubbers will apply a non-toxic cleaning solution to the headstones, scrubbing

away algae and dirt. Gloves, brushes and sprayers provided. Rubbers will use special paper to reveal the long-faded inscriptions and epitaphs.

To learn more about the event, or the history of Spencer's Corners burying ground, visit [spencerscorners.org](http://spencerscorners.org).

**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley activity report 7/26 through 7/31

7/28 — Deputies arrested Roel Alcudia (age 41) for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle in the 3rd degree subsequent to a traffic stop on Tinker Town Road in the Town of Amenia. Alcudia to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

7/30 — Deputies investigated a domestic dispute at 44 Woodside Drive in the Town of Pine Plains to investigate a reported domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

7/31 — Deputies responded to 3997 Rte. 22, Amenia to arrest Jonathon J, Mar-

rero (age 32) on a warrant issued by the Town of Dover Court for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 2nd Degree. Marrero issued another appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Amenia Court at a later Date.

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

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

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EDITORIAL

It's About Housing

Last week marked an important milestone for the Town of North East. Habitat for Humanity in Dutchess County (HHDC) met with the owner of a future three-bedroom, two-bath home that will be built and completed by year end on Rudd Pond Road. The family of four never has owned their own home. Anthony Macagnone, disabled as a result of his work at the World Trade Center after 9/11, and his wife Vanessa currently spend more than 50% of their income on a rental in Amenia, and under the Habitat financing, they will pay no more than 30%.

The Macagnones are not alone in paying so much for housing. In Dutchess County, one in five residents pays half or more of their income on housing. What that means is that these families face impossible choices when it comes to managing a budget and meeting all the needs of everyday life. Life's necessities include food and shelter, along with utilities, health care and transportation — as well as those unplanned expenses like sneakers for a growing teenager. The Macagnones have a son 15 and a daughter 12 in Webutuck schools.

Construction of the Macagnones' home is scheduled to begin in September and there already is a call for volunteers to help make the project a success. On Thursday, Aug. 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. HHDC will hold a volunteer presentation at the North East Community Center at 51 South Center St.

The Town of North East conveyed the land for the project and at its May meeting, Board Member Meg Winkler applauded HHDC for its work, adding: "It's wonderful that the price is set based on what they can afford."

Down the road in Stanford, Wendy Burton, Supervisor of the Town of Stanford, last week reminded everyone that there will be a public hearing this week (Thursday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m.) on a proposed local law that will allow for Accessory Dwelling Units in all zoning districts. The Stanford Town Board has determined that it's in the best interest of the town to allow for one ADU in all districts "to increase the supply of housing in the town."

Last month, Habitat for Humanity for Northwest Connecticut (HHNC) completed construction of a second affordable home in North Canaan. At a special meeting on July 11, the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission approved an application to build two affordable homes on Undermountain Road near the White Hart Inn. And last week at the White Hart, more than 150 neighbors and friends attended the Salisbury Housing Trust's first-ever Let's Dance for Housing fundraising event. It was all about affordable housing.

A kidnapping, a gun battle and a local candidates' picnic

August 8, 1933

'Kidnapping Legislation is Expected'; Bills Introduced Following Special Message From Governor. The recent kidnapping episode here, in which John J. O'Connell, nephew of the O'Connell brothers, Albany Democratic bosses, was held for 23 days and then returned home on payment of a ransom of \$42,500, has resulted in a number of kidnapping bills being introduced in the Legislature following a special message from Governor Lehman. Among the proposed legislation is a bill which would punish with death the kidnapping of children sixteen years old or less, with life imprisonment in the case of victims over that age....

'Dover Visitor Dies at Sharon Hospital After Gun Battle'; Otto J. Schwarzwald, 32, a chemist... died in Sharon Hospital... as the result of a pitched gun battle which followed a minor automobile accident on a lonely road on Chestnut Ridge in the Town of Dover Friday afternoon... county medical examiner, took a dying statement from Schwarzwald at the hospital when it became evident he could not live... The fatal shooting took place after a town car operated by Carl Richmond... had collided with the gunman's automobile at the junction of the Chestnut Ridge road and the cart road to Dover... An argument followed the accident in which the killer, described as about 24 years old, five feet ten inches tall, with blonde hair and blue eyes, was asked by Richmond to show his opera-

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tor's license. The gunman refused and, reaching under the seat of his car, drew out a .45 calibre[sic] army pistol. Richmond wrestled with the man for possession of the weapon, at the same time calling to Schwarzwald for help. The gun went off, and the bullet struck Schwarzwald, searing a hold through his lungs...

'Bobby Fenn Host to Little Friends at Birthday Party'; Little Bobby Fenn celebrated his second birthday last Friday afternoon with seven little friends as his guests at a birthday party... the little host received many beautiful gifts, and was wished "many happy returns of the day" by the little guests who were Ann Valentine, Stephanie Terni, Joanne Hanchette, Jean Franks, Arthur Manning, "Skippy" Dean and David Silvernale. Other present were Mrs. Oliver Valentine, Mrs. Arthur Terni, Miss Ruth Hanchette, Mrs. Edward Franks, Mrs. Arthur Manning, Mrs. Emma Dean, Miss Jane Silvernale and Miss Carolun Plass, of Red Hook.

August 8, 1974

'New Ambulance Sought by Squad'; The Millerton Fire Department is considering the purchase of a new modular ambulance which is more like a floating emergency room than simply a vehicle to transport patients...



"I don't know about you, but I'm sick and tired of being called silly goose."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appeal to help historic Kemmerer farm

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

My name is Dani Nicholson and I am writing to you as a deeply concerned member of our honorable agricultural community. The Kemmerer Family, which has proudly farmed in Stanfordville for generations over 100 years, have lost nearly everything in a massive barn fire on July 18. The crippling effects caused by this tragedy in our communities are immeasurable.

The Kemmerer family has been a pillar of support in our communities for generations, both as community members and as local business owners. Hunt Country Supply, their family business, serves hundreds of our farmers in the Hudson Valley each month, providing thousands of our animals with necessary supplies for their survival including hay, feed, shavings, and other imperative resources. Over decades of service, their business has become a highly regarded lifeline that our communities and our beloved animals have always been able to rely on.

Emily Hay, a fourth generation farmer of the Kemmerer Family, is well known in local communities for her generous contributions. Many of us have fond memories of visiting her former store in Pine Plains, Hay's Country Feeds 'N Needs. Emily has also founded a nonprofit organization for long-time farmers facing hardships, known as the Centennial Farms Foundation. Now, as this family faces their own devastating hardships, it is up to each of us to do our part to help them and our communities to recover quickly from this tragedy.

While the family continues to sift through the ashes and process the total extent of their losses, this much is true. They have lost:

- Three huge barns
- Their entire farm store
- Tons upon tons of their hay, shavings, feed, and other necessary supplies they provide for our four-legged friends
- All of their farming equipment including: a tractor, 6 baling wagons, a skid steer, multiple mowers and balers
- An accumulator
- All of their butchering and slaughtering equipment
- Their flatbed truck, essential for them to make deliveries
- A walk-in freezer and seven additional freezers filled with freshly butchered pork, beef, and chicken
- Decades of records, memories and other irreplaceable items

The destruction of the fire exceeds their insurance coverage by a large amount. Damages have been currently estimated to nearly one million dollars, and their insurance will only cover part of that, at best. The Kemmerer's

desperately need our support to be able to rebuild the farm in order to keep their businesses running.

There are so many ways to help and show your support — spread the word, make a donation, support a fundraiser, attend an event, keep an eye out for equipment for sale, volunteer, send words of encouragement, whatever you can spare. Please get involved in any way that you can. It all counts and makes a huge difference.

By showing your support for the Kemmerer's, you will also be helping many other businesses and residents in

our local communities. Our farmers and all of our animals urgently need our help in order to preserve all of the agricultural beauty that we've come to love by living here and calling this place our home.

Together, we can make a difference, and help the Kemmerer family to rebuild their legacy so they can continue to keep other local farms operating smoothly.

Checks can be made payable and sent to:

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Stanfordville, NY  
Dani Nicholson  
Pine Plains

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New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Assemblymember Didi Barrett's announcement to provide substantial funding to build the pool and pool house at Eddie Collins Memorial Park was a welcomed surprise. We are grateful to them, all our donors, and past and present leaders at the state, county, and local levels of government for their support and commitment to our efforts to revitalize the Park.

This latest commitment puts a new community pool now within reach. This project has been a long, complicated process, and the Project Committee still has plenty of work ahead to finish the Park.

We also understand the ongoing responsibilities of a project of this magnitude, and we are taking the necessary steps to ensure long-term maintenance costs do not burden taxpayers.

Thank you, Speaker Heastie and Assemblymember Barrett. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to our community and making a 10-year dream come true. We look forward to seeing you at the ribbon cutting in the not-too-distant future.

Stephen Waite,  
Chairman,  
Eddie Collins  
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I am a supporter of your wonderful newspaper. I want you to know how fantastic the emails are from Natalia Zukerman. Concise and informative they are the perfect guide to what is happening in our area. She is a gem and a welcome and needed fixture to The Lakeville Journal!

Joan Osofsky

Lakeville

**FARM** *Continued from Page A1*

has been at the forefront of helping the Kemmerer family and garnering support from the local community. She is a self-proclaimed "freelance hospitality professional." She is famed for her empanadas in the Stanford area and has begun selling them with help from generous donations by local farmers who provide ingredients. The funds she raises directly support the Kemmerer family.

Nicholson worked extensively with the Millbrook Horse Trials and organizers to raise awareness for the nearby Kemmerer Farm at the event. Her initial idea was to hang flyers around the grounds, which blossomed into something much bigger.

The Central Press donated flyers and posters, many of the vendors lent their support, and a raffle was set up with the help of the horse trials to offer free entry for one competitor to the competition in 2025. Tickets were \$20, and the funds were donated to the Kemmerer GoFundMe.

She also worked in conjunction with the vendors and boutiques featured at the Millbrook Horse Trials to sell thousands of dollars worth of merchandise within several hours at the patron luncheon on Sunday, July 28th.



**Scenes of wreckage following the July 18 fire at Kemmerer Farm in Stanfordville. The farm was named one of two Century Farms at the New York State Agricultural Society's annual meeting in January 2023.**

Vanner House, one of the boutique vendors at the horse trials that graciously allowed Nicholson to model their apparel and accessories, has offered to continue to support the cause. They will donate 10% of all online purchases that use the promo code KEMMERERGIVE10 directly to the family. Their website is, [www.vannerhouse.com](http://www.vannerhouse.com)

Nicholson expressed that it is in her "blood and bones to want to do more." Herself,

along with Courtney Haire, and other members of the community are planning a Fall Farm Fundraiser to raise awareness and support for the Kemmerer Family. For more information or to get involved, community members can reach out to [savekemmererfarm@gmail.com](mailto:savekemmererfarm@gmail.com)

Nicholson is a friend of Emily Kemmerer and the family, as well as an example of the power of community. She explained that "we may

all be little fish in a big pond, but we can still make ripples." The link to the GoFundMe is: <https://gofund.me/58d84221>

Kemmerer Farm was one of two Dutchess County family farms recognized as Century Farms at the New York State Agricultural Society's 2023 annual meeting. To receive Century Farm status, a farm must be in continuous operation by the same family on the same property for at least 100 years.



**Smoke lingered in the air at the Kemmerer Farm in Stanfordville after the firefighters responded to the blaze that claimed barns and equipment. A GoFundMe campaign has started and a fundraiser is planned for September.**

**BREAK-INS** *Continued from Page A1*

figure carrying an axe taken from a nearby property, and also on Sunday, July 28, a break-in at Calsi's General Store for which the State Police answered the call and completed an arrest.

Arrest occurred at Amenia Town Hall with a trial date set for Monday, August 19. Garcia was released, all in accordance with existing law, and he returned to Wassaic. He has not been seen since July 28.

Reports and rumors flew freely throughout the area, live and on social media, demonstrating residents' fears for safety within their community and on behalf of their children, in particular. Two lines of thinking emerged. The first would try to help the "stranger" as biblical teachings repeatedly recommend; the other called for more decisive action that would remove the perceived threat.

**Hamlet Meeting**

To clarify the issue and explain the role of law enforcement, a hamlet-wide meeting was convened at the Wassaic Firehouse on Friday, Aug. 2, inviting County Sheriff Kirk Imperati to speak, along with other county officials. More than 70 residents attended the session, organized by the Amenia Town Republican Committee.

Listening to residents' safety concerns, Imperati advised that anyone who sees anything or anyone and is at all concerned, should call 911 to have an officer dispatched to the scene. Either his office or the State Police will come right away, he said. Imperati also recommended "block watches" as a valuable exercise while emphasizing that no unilateral action should be attempted by residents for everyone's protection.

The officers are trained in speaking with the person and determining that there is no risk.

Under current terminology, Imperati explained, Garcia is described as "a person in crisis."

"We are held to a higher standard," Imperati said, since the 2020 police reform and modernization measures were implemented by the State of New York. "We've been asked

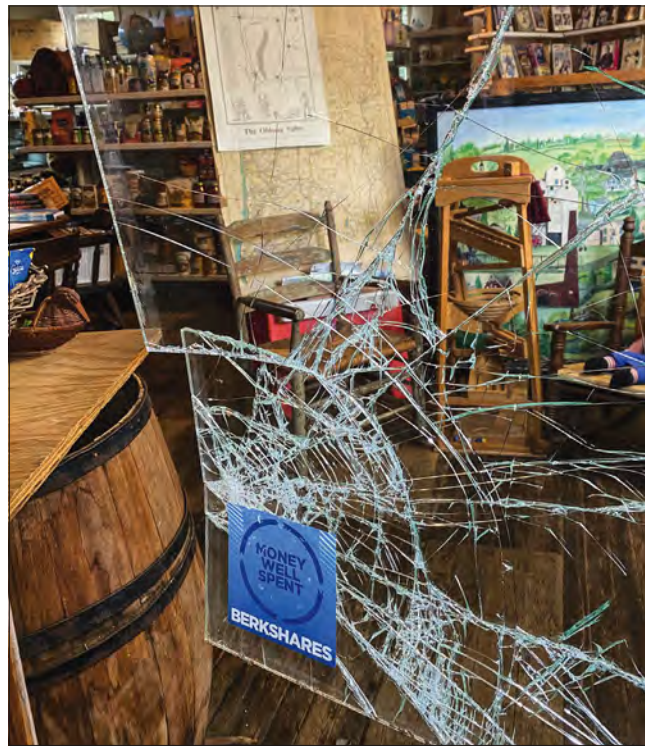


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**Damage to the front door of Calsi's General Store in Wassaic was evidence of a break-in that occurred on Sunday, July 28, one of a series of incidents spanning a week that upset the customary calm. The hamlet community joined together in sharing concerns for safety but were divided over the best way to proceed.**

to do more with less in recent history," he added, feeling that bail reform has hindered the ability of police to bring people into custody.

Imperati was elected to his office in 2022, having served the Sheriff's Department over 23 years. He began serving as Sheriff in 2021 after the sudden death of his predecessor.

"My job is to help everyone," Imperati said, reporting that his office responds to 60,000 to 70,000 complaints each year, with 75% being for mental health issues. Closure of state and county mental health facilities throughout the area has meant that law enforcement has needed to take on the responsibility. Imperati said that his office has now hired a mental health professional, and he would like to be able to hire more.

"We need more facilities and services to get these persons the help they need," Imperati said.

Under current law, however, he added, a person needs to recognize his own need for mental help and then request it to get it.

The homeless visitor is described by many who have encountered him as developmentally challenged, but not confrontational or uncooperative. During his court appearance, he gave a home

address in San Antonio, Texas, indicating that he had come east to New Jersey to live with a friend, but that did not work out, so he came north to New York City, and then farther north to Wassaic, the Sheriff said to the meeting crowd.

"A person like that is at risk," said Sharon Kroeger, owner of Calsi's General

Store. "We are all victims," she added, concerned for the welfare of the visitor as well as residents.

"A system allowing for 'preventive detention' would benefit everyone," Kroeger said.

Taken from her General Store, Kroeger said, was a violin and a package of dried white mulberries, only grown in Turkey. The violin was recovered from a nearby unlocked parked car, but Kroeger noted that the choice of snack might indicate that the person is native to that country.

Residents at the meeting asked what might be done to secure a few vacant local residences that might prove attractive to vagrants.

State Representative Anil Beephan (R-105), who attended the meeting, spoke of the state having removed mental health facilities from Dutchess County and said that he is advocating for more local control.

Other residents have commented on an apparent lack of an organized local team of qualified professionals who could coordinate a response to similar situations as they might occur. Help has been offered by individuals and organizations, but there has been no coordinated system to implement it.

**HOUSING** *Continued from Page A1*



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

**Anthony Macagnone of Amenia shakes hands with Jennifer Buitrago, the housing and financial coach for Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County on Wednesday, July 31 in Millerton. Habitat CEO Maureen Lashlee looks on as the partnership agreement is signed.**

program allowed families to apply for this ranch-style house at 30% of their household income. The Macagnone family has been paying more than 50% of their income for their housing cost.

"They really do reflect exactly what we are doing this for," Jennifer Radicone, the COO of HHDC said. "From the standpoint of HUD's recommendation of paying no more than 30% of your income, it is almost flipped for them. Somehow they have been managing to survive and this is going to give them a new lease on life."

The Macagnone family said they frequently swim in the Rudd pond, and the other day, when their daughter was supposed to swim with friends, they stopped to look at the lot of their future home.

"They are beyond thankful and say God works in many different mysterious ways and are very excited for their next chapter," Buitrago said.

On Thursday, Aug. 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. HHDC will hold a volunteer presentation at the North East Community Center at 51 South Center St.

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INTERNS



Ira Buch

My name is Ira, and I am a current senior at The Hotchkiss School. Before joining Hotchkiss, I spent ten years studying at a public school in Kyiv, Ukraine. During my time there, writing in all its forms has been my major academic passion. I participated in national essay competitions and started writing journalistic pieces for my school. This interest gained a sense of national duty when I witnessed the devastating effects of military and cultural propaganda in the Russian media preceding and following the full-scale invasion of my home country.

In high school, my dedication to writing evolved further and fused with a re-

cently developed fascination with biological sciences. As my academic focus shifted towards research writing, I found it increasingly more challenging to connect with the personal aspects of the pieces and capture the nuances of localized events – skills crucial for effective journalism.

During my time writing for The Lakeville Journal, I have worked on this shortcoming. I've learned to confidently approach people, seek permissions for photos, and engage with witnesses of the covered events. These experiences have only deepened my passion for writing and journalism and encouraged me to further pursue this area in college.

Meet the next generation of journalists. This summer, nine interns have been working hard at LJMN Media. Below, each wrote a brief bio.



Chloe Kolakowski

I am a rising senior at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, studying English and art history. I attended grade school at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in New York City and spent my weekends and summers in Norfolk. Spending my childhood at Tobey Pond and the Norfolk Library, I made some of my closest friends and will forever be thankful to the town of Norfolk for the wonderful memories it provided me. I recently started my job at The Lakeville Journal, as I spent the first half of my summer interning in the press department for Senator Chuck

Grassley's office in Washington, D.C., where I wrote press releases for the office, took notes on the Senator's conferences and interviews, and attended many of the Senator's TV appearances with the rest of the press team. I hope writing for The Lakeville Journal will offer me an opportunity to give back to a town that has granted me so much and will teach me about the other side of the press after learning about it from the Washington, D.C. insider's perspective. My love of writing has been what inspired me to pursue a career in press in the first place, and I am excited to get back to fostering my creative side!



Copey Rollins

Hi! My name is Copey Rollins. I live in Sharon, and I am currently going into my junior year as a day student at Hotchkiss. Before Hotchkiss I attended Indian Mountain School. I have done some sports writing for Hotchkiss as a cocurricular activity in the winter, which was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed getting to learn more about different sports and having the chance to write about them.

I have discovered that journalism is a great way to meet people, find out about new things and prac-

tice skills that I do not often get to use. This summer I have learned a lot about interviewing people. It has forced me to be an active listener in conversations and has made me much better at having interesting and educational conversations.

I am not sure what kind of career I'll pursue yet but, I have had a lot of fun and learned a lot at The Lakeville Journal, so I would definitely love to do more work with them.

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Simon Markow

My name is Simon Markow, I am a rising junior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. I have always had an interest in film and video production. Last summer I was looking for ways of how I could turn my passion into a summer job. I happened to see Riley Klein, the Managing Editor at The Lakeville Journal, covering an event in Cornwall. I saw that he wasn't writing on a notepad and taking a couple of photos, he was actually recording everything on his phone and interviewing people, which he said he would turn into a video journal to post on The Lakeville Journal Instagram page. I thought to myself how perfect it would be to go to events in my hometown and record it. After talking to Riley, he was able to help me be a part of this summer's internship to do video journalism. Since then I have gone to many events in and out of my hometown of Cornwall, making videos and taking pictures. I was also introduced to page layout, where staff create the pages of the newspaper, and I have been lucky enough to work on dozens of pages.

forever. It has already opened up other opportunities for me.

It has been a wonderful experience working with The Lakeville Journal and I am incredibly thankful for this opportunity.

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Last week's WotW.

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- Hut made of ice.
- Extra pay around the holidays.
- Where water meets land.
- Large bird, delivers babies.
- Forecast recently.

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Since joining I have seen how much detail and effort goes into everything people do to make the newspaper or a video for Instagram, and a lot of those details might not even be noticeable to the viewers.

Being a journalist is not the career path I want to follow at the moment, but I know that what I have learned at The Lakeville Journal will stay with me

# INTERNS



## Gavin Marr

I am currently attending Boston University, pursuing an international relations major with a concentration in foreign policy and security studies. I completed my high school education at Millbrook School.

My interest in journalism stems from my innate curiosity and desire to gain information through means of first person experience. I love the uncertainty of reporting, the guarantee that every event will lead you to a unique experience.

The journalistic process requires skills that can be applied to a plethora of other proficiencies, which has made being an intern beneficial to so many other aspects of my life.

Working as an intern

this summer I have learned that Journalism is a dynamic field, the medium to sourcing information is never a constant. In addition, conveying said information in written form demands a holistic approach to summarizing an event.

I plan on accompanying my studies of foreign policy and the Japanese language with journalism as I carve out my career. I am drawn to the idea of working in journalism abroad, then transitioning that professional writing into a different language. Being able to convey messages through a language that shares no similarities to my native tongue on a large scale through journalistic reporting fascinates me.

I grew up in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and will be entering my second year at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, California. In a journalism class my senior year of high school, we watched the movie Spotlight, about the team of Boston Globe reporters who uncovered corruption in the Catholic Church. Marty Baron – editor of the paper when the story broke – lives in the Berkshires and visited our class to speak. Inspired by his humility and the reporters' dedication to exposing injustice, I wanted to make my own impact.

I started college as a journalism major with no clue how to write an article and terrified at the prospect

of conducting interviews. But as professors pushed me to develop reporting skills and confidence, I began speaking with student bands and keeping a blog about the thriving music scene in San Luis Obispo. Before this internship at The Lakeville Journal, I had only ever written for class assignments or my own enjoyment. Working in a real newsroom, I have adapted to a more collaborative environment: attending weekly meetings to discuss story assignments and pitches, receiving feedback and edits on an article prior to print. While I do not see myself ending up at a traditional weekly newspaper, I will carry what I have learned into future journalistic pursuits. Right now, I intend to spend my life exploring the backcountry and writing longform stories for an outdoor adventure publication.

I'm currently working as an intern for The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal. I have lived in Millbrook for my whole life, attending the Millbrook School for high school. I am going into my junior year at Bucknell University, in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where I am majoring in international relations and Spanish.

At Bucknell, I am very involved on campus, with leadership positions ranging from Greek life, community service, and outreach councils, as well as on club sports teams. This year I hope to be more involved in the campus newspaper, the Bucknellian. I am hoping to pursue a career in the field of journalism. I intend to combine my interests in international affairs and journalism. This spring,

I plan to study abroad in Granada, Spain.

This internship has been such a rewarding experience. Local news is so important, and this internship has allowed me to become more involved in my own community. Sometimes it can seem like there isn't much happening in Millbrook and the other small towns in the area, but this perception of mine has been totally proved wrong! There are a multitude of local organizations and events happening that offer so much to those who call this area home. Sharing the truth and keeping people informed is so important. I have learned so much this summer during my internship, and I know I will be able to apply it to my future in journalism.

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## Mia Barnes

I live in Sharon and graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 2022 after moving from Brooklyn, N.Y. I am a rising junior at Skidmore College, majoring in anthropology with a minors in studio art. I have a concentration in metal work, specifically turning vintage silverware into jewelry pieces. Though I am not studying journalism at school, I always had an interest in writing and "finding out the inside scoop." Putting the two together, I thought I'd try my hand at journalism.

After speaking with Riley Klein, Managing Editor, and John Coston, Editor-in-Chief, I knew The Lakeville Journal was the right place to spend my summer. In previous years, you could find me working as a camp counselor at Camp Sloane YMCA, my only form of writing being in letters. So far, I have written more than

a dozen stories, covering events and interviewing locals. My work typically revolves around the arts, wildlife, and children of the Northwest Corner. I learned everything it takes production wise from pitching a story to curating the headline from both the staff and other interns.

I am greatly appreciative of the environment that The Lakeville Journal fosters. From day one the goal has been to learn, but that learning isn't one sided and even the most senior staff want to learn from us interns. I have also loved the numerous people I've met through the job, people that I typically would not have the opportunity to know.

It is safe to say my eyes have been opened throughout this internship; gaining incredibly useful writing and people skills while also being able to bring together different aspects of the community in one place.



## Kayla Jacquier

I'm Kayla Jacquier from East Canaan. As a business major, I am entering my first year at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. The origin of interest I had in journalism stemmed from my passion for photography. Nevertheless, I have been able to evolve my hobbies to connect with journalism and practice throughout the summer. I never anticipated the opportunity to join The Lakeville Journal with the internship program. However, the experience and

skills I have gathered throughout my journey will help me in the future. The skills I gained range from communication to writing, and my knowledge of photography has enhanced. Improving my understanding of the community while being able to converse with locals and share knowledge with others has become an interest of mine. Moving forward, I will bring all I have learned at The Lakeville Journal to correspond with my business career path and lifestyle.

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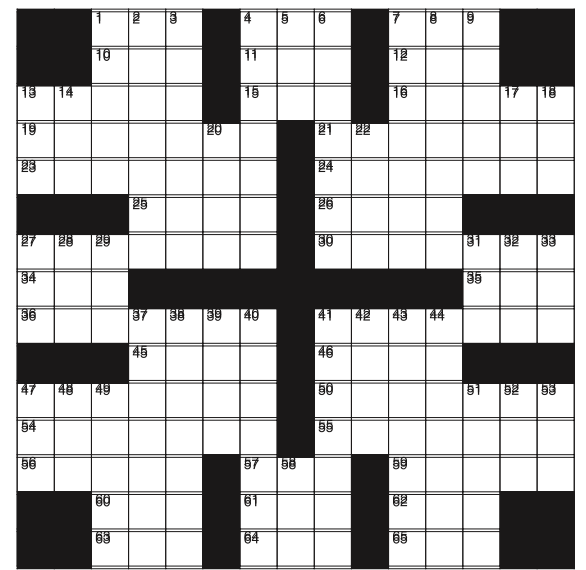
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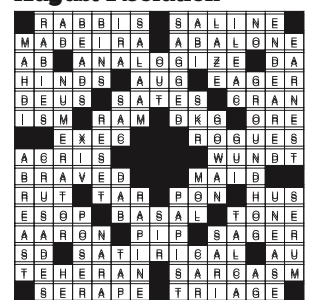
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12. Actress de Armas
13. Not moving
15. Cool!
16. Bog arum genus
19. Perceptible by touch
21. Type of test
23. Monetary units
24. Collection of various things
25. Sum of five and one
26. Type of sword
27. Hates
30. Immobility
34. Ple \_\_ mode
35. Moved quickly
36. Passenger's place on a motorbike
41. A way through
45. Former US Secretary of Education Duncan
46. Leader
47. Flowing
50. Greetings
54. Remedy
55. Soft lightweight fabric
56. Building material
57. Sea bream
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65. Sea eagle

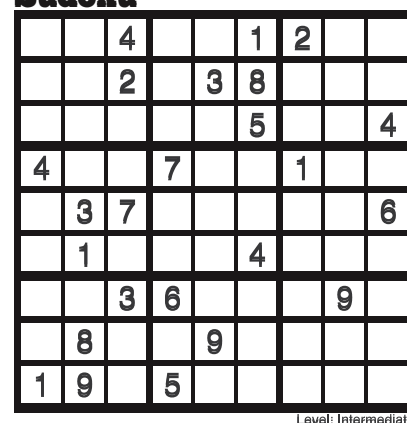


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14. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
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22. No (slang)
27. Gov't lawyers
28. Peyton's little brother
29. Small amount
31. Investment vehicle
32. Fall behind
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Head pain
38. Popular sport in England and India
39. King Charles's sister
40. Boat race
41. About fish
42. Maidservant
43. Able to be marketed
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47. Parts per billion (abbr.)
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- 49 Oneness
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52. Not around
53. Very fast airplane
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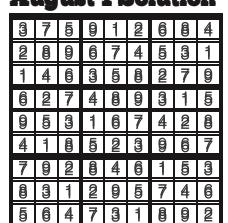
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13 Deer Ridge Road is a newly renovated 1965 split level ranch in the Wingdale section of Dover which sold for \$425,000, the median price for a Dutchess County single family residence.

## Recorded June sales in Dover

By CHRISTINE BATES  
Special to The Millerton News

DOVER — With nine sales recorded by Dutchess County in June, Dover continues to be an active and intriguing real estate market. Of special interest is the sale of vacant land with a .08-acre lot on Route 22 with a market assessment of \$26,000 selling for \$375,000, a residential lot of 1.22 acres on Drovers Lane for \$410,000 and the largest 4.48 acre parcel recorded at \$140,000 on Dugway Drive.

All but one single family residence sold at or below the Dutchess County median price of \$425,000.

Dover property transfers recorded in June

986 West Dover Road – 2 bedroom/2 bath home on 1.81 acres sold for \$229,000

13 Deer Ridge Road – 3 bedroom/2 bath home sold for \$425,000

31 Duncan Hill Road – 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 8.72 acres sold for \$575,000

4 Drovers Lane – 1.22-acre residential lot sold for \$410,000

3662 Pleasant Ridge Road – 4 bedroom/2 bath home sold for \$245,000

61-69 Duncan Hill Road – multiple residences on a 1.3-acre lot sold for \$425,000

14-16 Mill Street – multiple residence property with 9 bedrooms sold for \$190,000

Dugway Drive (#383093) – vacant residential 4.48-acre lot sold for \$140,000

Route 22 (#739389) – vacant .08-acre lot sold for \$375,000

\* Town of Dover real estate sales recorded as sold between June 1, 2024 and June 30, 2024 sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency with property details from Dutchess Parcel Access. # indicates Dutchess Parcel Access identification when no exact street address is provided. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.



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## Rail trail ribbon-cutting in Copake

Officials of the New York State parks department, the nonprofit group Parks & Trails New York, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association and elected officials including Assemblymember Didi Barrett celebrated the rebuilding of one of the oldest sections of the rail trail Friday at a ribbon-cutting in Copake Falls. The 3.6-mile section has new asphalt, fencing and drainage.



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## Summer camp in the park

Children at Eddie Collins Memorial Park in July during this summer's camp, which will come to a close on Aug. 9. The camp was directed by Sebastien Bauer.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARON HOSPITAL

From left, Russell Newman, Wound Care Regional Business Manager, Dora Proe, Front Office Coordinator, Tracey Waite Clinical Lead RN - Wound Care, Dr. Mustafa Ugurlu, Director of Wound Care, Linden Fabry RN, and Karen Rapp RN.

## Sharon Hospital announces changes to wound care personnel

Sharon Hospital appointed a new director of wound care Tuesday, July 16.

Dr. Mustafa Ugurlu will now head up the department as Medical Director, as well as his existing post as chief of the department of surgery.

Ugurlu completed medical education at Hacettepe University, and a surgery residence at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, before joining Sharon Hospital in 2016.

Also joining the wound care team is John Zboinsky, a podiatrist and Dutchess County fire investigator.

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# TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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## 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

### Cornwall Days

Cornwall, Conn.

Live music, art shows, and family events will bring a weekend of fun for Cornwall Days Aug. 9 to 11. Friday will see music by Ava McCoy and Rip Dunes at the Wish House lawn and an outdoor movie night at Trinity Retreat Center. Saturday will feature Taste of Cornwall at the Village Green with music by Grain Thief. Sunday will conclude with a Grumbling Gryphons performance at the Wish House followed by music from Arieh & The Lions. Ruby Leftstep will also play at Cornwall Market. The whole weekend, Rose Algrant Art Show will be held at Cornwall Consolidated School.

### 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.

### Special Screening of Documentary "How to Come Alive with Norman Mailer"

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. The screening will begin at 7:15 p.m. on Aug. 9. Following the 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.

### 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.

## AUGUST 10

### Season's Segue

Lauren Clark Fine Art, 684 Main St., Great Barrington, Mass. LaurenClarkFineArt.com

Lauren Clark Fine Art presents "Season's Segue", featuring new work by six gallery artists. Aug. 10 to 31. Artist's Reception Saturday, Aug. 10, 5 to 7 p.m. For more information or directions to 684 Main St., Great Barrington please visit LaurenClarkFineArt.com or call 413-528-0432.

### Sweet Berkshire Summer

Childs+Clark Gallery 684 Main St., Unit 1, Great Barrington, Mass. ChildsAndClarkGallery.com. 413-645-3450

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### 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

### Anansi: The Trickster Spider

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

Grumbling Gryphons will perform "Anansi: The Trickster Spider" on Aug. 11 at 11 a.m. by the Wish House in West Cornwall. To top it off, Arieh & The Lions band will debut at 1 p.m. at the same place.

### 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.

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## AUGUST 24

### The Norfolk Library Book Sale

The Norfolk Library, 9 Greenwoods Road East, Norfolk, Conn. norfolklibrary.org

The Norfolk Library book sale will take place on Aug. 24, 25 and 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All books will be free on Sunday from 3 to 9 p.m. and Monday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bring a truck! Tell your friends! Boxes provided! Amazing current fiction, oversized art & photo, history, biography, children's & cookbooks, science, philosophy, travel, gardening, self-help, 30 well sorted categories, 16,000 books! Rare & vintage books priced to sell!

### Community Talent Show and Open Mic

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

The David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Recreation Committee are excited to offer a community talent show/open mic night on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. Pack a picnic, bring chairs or a blanket, and join us on the library lawn for music this summer! These events are free and open to the public.

## AUGUST 27

### Ice Cream Social: Welcoming Neighbors New and Old

Dewey Memorial Hall, 91 Main St., Sheffield, Mass.

Dewey Hall invites South Berkshire neighbors new and old to join us on Aug. 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a free ice cream social with live music, lawn games, and crafts. The event is free and open to all; a chance to celebrate community and meet new friends. Modern Milk Bar ice cream will be available for free as long as supplies last. Rain will move this event inside the hall. Live music by the Michael Junkins Duo.

## AUGUST 30

### Labor Day Weekend Benefit Art Sale

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

The legendary Labor Day Weekend Benefit Art Sale returns to The Cornwall Library for its sixth anniversary. The sale runs from Friday, Aug. 30, to Monday, Sept. 2, at 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn.

The event kicks off with a Cocktail Reception on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

The sale features a variety of artworks, including prints, watercolors, posters, photographs, and paintings, with prices starting at \$25. New pieces will be added daily. Proceeds support the library's programs and services. Donations of art are welcome until mid-August and are tax-deductible. For more information, contact 860-672-6874.

Sale Hours: Friday, August 30: 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, August 31: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, September 1: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, September 2: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## ONGOING

### Nature is a State of Mind

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

The Souterrain Gallery of The Wish House will be hosting an art exhibit by Suzan Scott: Nature is a State of Mind. The exhibit runs through Sept. 29.

### Art Exhibition: Sarah Martinez & Ali Gibbons: Serial Works on Paper & Ceramics

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

The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village is hosting an exhibition of small paintings and ceramics by local artists Sarah Martinez and Ali Gibbons. The exhibition will be on display through Friday, August 16. All events are at the library at 63 Main Street in Falls Village, CT.

Learn more about the artist and her work at [aligibbons.com](http://aligibbons.com).

### Songwriting with Natalia Zukerman

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

Join us on Thursday, August 1, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., to write your own song with singer songwriter Natalia Zukerman. Natalia will guide us through the songwriting process as we brainstorm to write lyrics, create our own melodies by listening to the natural pitch and rhythm of speech, and develop song parts including verse, chorus,

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### Art Show

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

Raymond Kwiatkoski's nature poems. soulful photographs will be on exhibit at Douglas Library through Aug. 30. His theme for the show is "Rural Wealth," which captures the spirit of the places he has seen and photographed on long drives through some of Connecticut's small towns.

The library is open on Mondays 1:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Watercolor on Location with Peter Cusack

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

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Register at [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org)

## Local teens shine at Sharon Playhouse

As part of its popular Summer YouthStage series, The Sharon Playhouse is set to present "High School Musical, Jr." Performances will be held on Friday, August 16 at 2 p.m. and Saturday, August 17 at 3 and 7 p.m. in the Bobbie Olsen Theater.

"High School Musical, Jr." is a theatrical adaptation of the beloved Disney Channel movie. The story follows Troy, the captain of the basketball team, who meets Gabriella, a studious new student, during a karaoke session on a winter ski trip. Their decision to audition for the school's musical causes a stir at East High.

Directed by Kent Burnham, with choreography by Kimiye Corwin, music direction by Eric Thomas Johnson,

and stage management by Emily Burg. In their mission to entertain the community and support aspiring theater artists of all ages in developing their craft, this production showcases the talents of 36 local teens and kids!

Tickets, starting at \$20, are available now at the Sharon Playhouse website: <https://www.sharonplayhouse.org>

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# Cary Institute researchers find decline in forest carbon storage across Western U.S.

By **ROBIN RORABACK**  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Researchers at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook have found that Western U.S. forests have a reduced capacity to store carbon.

In the research paper, "Forest Carbon Storage in the Western United States: Distribution, Drivers, and Trends," Jazzlynn Hall and her co-authors studied U.S. Forest records from the western U.S. between 2005-2019. They found that "throughout most of the region, climate change and fires may be causing forests to store less carbon, not more."

Why is this important? "There's a lot of momentum to use forests as natural climate solutions," Hall said. "Many climate mitigation pathways rely in part on additional forest carbon storage to keep warming below 1.5 degrees C this century. We wanted to provide a baseline for how much carbon is currently stored in Western forests, how it's changing, and how disturbances like fire and drought pose a threat to climate mitigation targets."

She added, "Forests play a crucial role in the global carbon cycle, contributing to over half of the terrestrial carbon stocks with large potential to store more carbon."



Forest landscape in Yellowstone National Park, WY after a wildfire.

PHOTO BY ANN OLSSON

The researchers, led by Hall, studied nineteen ecosystems throughout the west, ranging from the "wet and cool Pacific Northwest" to the "hot and dry Southwest." In these regions they "estimated how much carbon was stored in living and dead trees."

Live carbon is stored in living trees which "soak up carbon dioxide from the atmosphere as they grow, locking it up in their trunks, branches and roots."

Dead carbon is "the carbon stored in dead trees and woody debris." Dead trees do not give long term carbon storage, instead the dead trees release the carbon back into

the atmosphere when they decompose or burn. Hall and her team found that dead carbon is increasing.

The research pointed to four drivers that affect the ability of forests to absorb carbon: climate, disturbances, human activity and topography. In the study climate is defined as precipitation amounts or lack of precipitation — causing droughts — and temperature. Disturbances include wildfires, insect outbreaks and diseases which kill or weaken trees. Human activities involve harvesting wood by logging or clearing land to build.

Their research found that

the wetter, cooler Pacific Northwest "contained the highest mean live carbon," while the dryer Southwest had the lowest.

Hall said that the Pacific Northwest, "offers a glimmer of hope that we can change things, especially in human-dominated areas. The Pacific Northwest has seen large-scale efforts to reduce harvesting in old-growth forests and expand protected lands."

It is "important to note that a century of fire suppression has led to substantially higher live and dead carbon densities today." Fire suppression has allowed undergrowth to grow and given wildfires more fuel

to burn.

Winslow Hansen, forest ecologist at the Cary Institute, senior author of the study, and leader of the Western Fire and Forest Resilience Collaborative, said "I do think we can get to a place where we increase the stability of carbon in western dry forests with mechanical thinning and prescribed burning, but at a lower carbon carrying capacity."

What does this decreased carbon storage mean for the earth? "A decline in forest carbon storage in the western U.S. would mean that more carbon is stored in the atmosphere. This increased atmospheric carbon, paired with that from the continued emissions from human activities, has the potential to exacerbate climate change impacts and trends in the western U.S., the northeastern U.S., and elsewhere."

What about forests in the eastern United States? Hansen and Charles Canham, forest ecologist at Cary, studied this

for a paper they co-authored this year. They found that "carbon storage in northeastern forests has been increasing steadily since 2007, partially because forests are generally regrowing after past deforestation, and because fire has thus far not been an issue in the region."

The report continued, "Over 80% of the annual carbon sequestered from the atmosphere in the U.S. is happening in eastern forests. However, there are other threats to future forest carbon storage in the Northeast, including climate changes, introduced forest pests and pathogens, and future forest conversion into urban or agricultural land."

Data from the devastating western wildfires of 2020 and 2021 was not available at the time of the study and Hall plans to run that data when it is available. "It's likely that the decline in live carbon that we calculated has already become more pronounced," said Hall.

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