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Team tackles a clean up

Adam Derwitsch, left, Christopher Baetz, center, and Skylar Cooper joined the Friends of Spencers Corners Burying Ground Sunday, Aug. 11 to scrub headstones. The three were tasked with spraying and scrubbing headstones in the Spencer family plot in the southeast corner of the burying ground.

North East town board weighs road safety measures

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — The Town of North East's board members discussed solutions to reduce speeding on Beilke and State Line Road at the town board meeting Thursday, Aug. 8.

"As you know, the county has already put up an additional stop sign at the intersection of Rudd Pond Road, Beilke, and State Line," said Chris Kennan, the town's Supervisor. "But having put up those additional stop signs, it has not reduced the number of accidents that we've had there."

The board members discussed different proposals brought to their attention, aiming for what would best serve the residents living on these roads. State Line Road has previously earned a speed limit reduction from 55 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour, taking years to

be awarded by the state.

"I think it is important that we find additional ways of calling people's attention to that intersection," Kennan said.

The first immediate action the town can take is stenciling the word "stop" onto the pavement, keeping the driver engaged with the road. Their second proposal was to explore the potential of striping the roads.

"It is proven where people have done it, and it has been incredibly successful," Kennan said. "A road that has no lines on it, the temptation is just to go right down the middle of the road as fast as you can. Stripe it and make lanes on the road. People tend to drive on their side."

Residents on State Line Road who brought the speed limit request at last month's meeting expressed disappointment that the town isn't

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Webutuck School renovations track to finish before school year

By JOSIE DUGGAN
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — Webutuck's \$12.6 million dollar capital renovation project is well underway for students' arrival back to campus on Sept. 3.

Despite the recent rainy weather, Webutuck's 680 students will be able to return to a revamped

campus. The construction is being managed by Palombo Group of Poughkeepsie. Preliminary work began over a year ago, with district voters approving the project in 2022, and the New York State Education Department reviewing and approving soon after, Roy Castellani, the superintendent of schools at the Webutuck Central Schools District said. Construction

started on June 27, the day after the class of 2024's graduation.

Though the project is expansive, taxes will remain the same, Webutuck's business administrator Robert Farrier said. "We were able to fund this with a loan bond ban for the \$12.5 million but it replaces our old debt, so taxpayers will not see any new additional tax debt because of this," Farrier said.

Following a state mandated building condition survey, taken every five years, the school's administration and facilities committee as well as a team of contractors and architects were able to determine what changes to initiate for the Webutuck district. The survey prioritizes areas that need replacement. With this information, Webutuck Central School District was able to replace the original septic system. A generator was installed in the high school and the sidewalks in the front of the building have been repaved. New roofs and upgraded HVAC have been installed in the high school,

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

The Wakeman House, one of the oldest houses in Millerton, is believed to be the site of a community meeting in 1851 where the decision was made to call the settlement "Millerton."

Historic Wakeman House faces the end

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — In 1851, Millard Fillmore was president of the United States. Isaac Singer patented a sewing machine under his own name. Des Moines, Iowa, was washed away in the Great Flood of 1851 that went on to hold rainfall

records for a century and a half. And Millerton didn't yet have a name.

The New York and Harlem Railroad, which launched in 1832, was just reaching northern locales as far as Chatham, New York — and that included Millerton.

See WAKEMAN HOUSE, A8

Stanford residents consider accessory dwelling unit options

By EMMA BENARDETE
Special to the Millerton News

STANFORD — As part of Thursday's Town Board meeting, the town of Stanford held a public hearing Thursday, Aug. 8, about the proposed amendments to Accessory Dwell-

ing Unit (ADU) regulations. With the hope of increasing the availability of affordable housing options in town, the Town Board is looking to relax restrictions on accessory dwelling units, making them easier

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OUR TOWNS

Millerton joins Habitat for Humanity on community recycling

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — Village of Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek met with Habitat for Humanity to discuss plans for a community recycling area.

“Every year, Habitat for Humanity likes to come in and do a volunteer-based project in the municipality where they are building a habitat house,” Najdek said at a Village Trustee meeting held on Thursday, Aug. 8. “That can actually get done and will be funded by them.”

The idea is to start with three concrete retaining blocks to store recyclings of metal, wood chips, and compost, which are planned to be located by the highway department behind the bank.

“The other decision the board would have to make is laying out what it would look like,” Najdek said. “If somebody wants a bucket of wood chips versus somebody

that wants to load the back of their truck with wood chips. Is there a cost associated with it? Is it village versus town versus non-residents?”

The only material people can drop off at the recycling location is metal after calling the highway department to confirm they are allowed to leave it. The wood chips would be collected through pickups to prevent people from dropping off more than can be handled.

“They do metal recycling — the Village of Red Hook — and when I looked into it, I think they get roughly about \$7,500 a year,” Najdek said. “It goes back into the highway department, which helps for equipment or maintenance.”

Millerton’s six-week summer camp program ended on Aug. 9.

The camp saw an average of 30 campers daily, the highest being 40 and the lowest 19 when most families took their vacation.

The kids got pizza and ice cream to celebrate the final day of camp. Crystal McCarthy, parks and recreation director, said, “We were going to do some type of cookout, but because of the rain we are going to do pizza.”

McCarthy plans to contact the parents who participated in the program to receive feedback on what could be improved for future summer camps.

“I am going to send out an email to all the parents and see if we can get reviews back from them and move forward,” McCarthy said. “We have our own things we would like to improve. However, getting feedback is going to be very important for next year.”



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Where the beef is...Post 178!

American Legion Post 178 in Millerton held a roast beef dinner on Sunday, Aug. 10 and the roasting crew above filled the air with a mouth-watering aroma. From left, Walter Bates, Cliff Boyles, Jim Perotti, Pat Deneen, Kenny Gass and Wally Stewart.

NECC named beneficiary of Stop & Shop community bag program

AMENIA — Stop & Shop in North Canaan, Conn., selected North East Community Center for its August community bag program.

Reusable shopping bags are for sale at the store for \$2.50. For every purchase, NECC will receive a \$1 donation.

Shoppers can help NECC’s efforts even more by donating the re-usable bag to the organization’s food pantry.

“We again are so grateful to

the Stop & Shop team for this opportunity,” said Christine Sergent, executive director of NECC. “With each purchase of a reusable bag, you will help NECC continue to serve our local friends and neighbors, particularly in critical areas such as food access, transportation, childcare, human services and more.”

Stop & Shop is located at 11 East Main St in North Canaan, Conn.

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — Rebuilding Together, a national non-profit that repairs homes of people in need, is accepting applications for free home repairs through Sept. 30.

Homeowners in Dutchess and Ulster County have the opportunity to apply to receive home repairs for 2025 through the Rebuilding Day Program.

“Last year alone, we did ten homes and one not-for-profit facility impacting 16 homeowners and putting \$225,000 worth of re-invested capital back into the community,”

said Darcy McCourt, Dutchess County’s executive director of Building Together.

This program focuses on repairs necessary to maintain a safe and healthy living environment in someone’s home or a partnered facility. These repairs can include major accessibility modifications, plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical system repairs and stair, roof, porch and other critical structural repairs.

“We have successfully put over \$8 million into the community doing repairs on over 1,089 homes, seven non-profit facilities, and having 14,000 volunteers,” McCourt said.

“That’s 31 years of history.”

For applicants in the Dutchess County area to be considered, the gross income of a single resident cannot exceed more than \$64,300, which is considered 80% of the area’s median income, McCourt said. Each additional person in the household increases the gross income on a sliding scale.

“The current HUD standard in Dutchess County says their home cannot be worth more than \$368,000,” McCourt said. “The max amount of repairs we can do is 20% of their home value.”

Rebuilding Together has

helped three individuals in Millerton, 14 in Pine Plains and 13 in Stanfordville. It hopes to gain more people through potential events at the Millerton Farmers Market.

“Who has the greatest need financially, who would be a good partner for the need, who has accessibility or medical needs,” McCourt said.

Since COVID-19, the program has been looking for groups of new sponsors willing to do repairs under the guidance of a contractor.

Call 845-454-7310, and to apply visit the website: www.rebuildingtogetherdutchess.org/apply.

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Public Defender steps down, puts new focus on community

By EMMA BENARDETE
Special to The Millerton News

STANFORD — After more than three decades in the Dutchess County Public Defender's office, Stanfordville's Tom Angell stepped down at the end of last year to open a part time private practice and spend more time with his children and grandchildren.

A graduate of Rhinebeck High School, Angell has lived in the Hudson Valley since he was 11 years old. After attending Earlham College and Hofstra University Law School, Angell returned to Dutchess County, where he first joined the public defender's office in 1989 as senior assistant public defender. In 2004, he was appointed chief assistant public defender, after which he became acting public defender in 2011 and public defender in 2013.

Reflecting on his time in the public defender's office, Angell emphasized what a privilege it was to work with people who had been charged with crimes. He was interested in becoming a public defender from a young age, inspired by the prospect of doing good for people who were less fortunate than he was.



Tom Angell

Most of his clients were part of the local community, and he noted that it was a privilege to stand up for people who were looked down upon and watch them transform their lives, using their skills to better themselves and contribute to the communities they lived in.

Through his career at the Public Defender's office, Angell recognized a change in the attitude toward substance abuse and mental health problems within the justice system. He noted that while there is now more recognition and understanding of the role that they play, there has been little systemic progress in actually

addressing or changing the way that the courts interact with these issues. Despite this, he acknowledges the importance of the strides made in treatment options and "treatment courts," programs through which defendants convicted of certain nonviolent substance-related crimes may opt to receive a reduced sentence in exchange for participating in court-supervised treatment. Angell was particularly enthusiastic about these programs, as he believes that it is often counterproductive to send people to prison for extended periods of time.

In addition to new perspectives on mental health and substance abuse, Angell recognized an improvement in the way that the impact of race in the courts has been discussed, but again acknowledged a lack of systemic change.

Despite his recent departure from his role as Public Defender, Angell is far from finished turning out for his community. A strong believer in the importance of farming and rural communities, he recognizes the role that farms play for everyone, not just those living in rural communities.

"The heart of America is its rural communities," he said. "When the rural communities are strong, America is strong."

Currently serving as the chairman of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society's scholarship committee, Angell is especially passionate about involving younger people in the world of agriculture.

"Children who are raised in farm families have a tremendous amount to offer society," Angell said.

Angell has also brought some of his community involvement closer to home. He continues to live at Bentley Farm, which his family has owned for nearly a century. He once welcomed students to the farm from a charter school in Harlem, some of whom he said had never set foot on grass and received immense joy from rolling down the hills. Angell also serves as the chairman of Stanfordville's planning board and zoning commission, where he is working to establish a right to farm law. Most importantly, since leaving the Public Defender's office he has been spending far more time with his children and grandchildren.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Amenia Rec crafts

Summertime is a good time to explore new crafts. Rile Martyniack, 5, in center, joined sister Hannah, 7, in the creative session, along with their mother, Katie Martyniack, who provided hands-on encouragement. The summer crafting hour was sponsored by the Amenia Recreation Department on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Town Hall. All supplies were provided for the event. Craft hours are scheduled periodically throughout the year.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL FOR BOND FOR ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 5th day of August, 2024, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Webutuck Central School District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

A complete copy of the bond resolutions summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the School District Clerk of the School District for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Therese Trotter District Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 5, 2024 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING NOT TO EXCEED \$222,238 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACTS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES AND A TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE AT AN AGGREGATE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$222,238, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN

PAYMENT THEREOF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT STATE-AID, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Class of objects or purposes: Acquisition of two (2) 2024 Chevy Type A 20-passenger school buses and one (1) 2024 Chevy Silverado 2500 transportation vehicle

Maximum Estimated Cost: \$222,238
Period of probable usefulness: Five (5) years
Amount of obligations to be issued: \$222,238
08-15-24

Legal Notice

Notice of formation of 27 Merritt Avenue LLC (the "LLC"). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 2, 2024. Office Location: Dutchess County, SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to: The LLC c/o 31 Stissing Lane, Stanfordville, NY, 12581, USA. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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08-22-24
08-29-24
09-05-24
09-12-24
09-19-24

LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that pursuant to a resolution of the Town Board of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, sealed bids for the purchase of the following items will be received at the Office of Town Clerk, Town of North East, 19 North Maple Avenue, PO Box 516, Millerton, New York 12546 until 10:00 AM. on the 29th day of August 2024, at which time they will be read aloud.

Propane Delivered
On Road Diesel Fuel Delivered
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Delivered
#2 Fuel Heating Oil
Delivered
Run Of The Bank Gravel
Processed Gravel
Screened Topsoil
Screened Ice Control Sand
Washed Ice Control Sand
Tailings
Crushed Stone
Washed Crushed Stone
Bituminous Mix (Cold Patch)
Bituminous Mix (Hot Mix All Types)
Latex Emulsions
Latex Primer & Sealers
Latex MP Materials
Base Conditioners
Liquid Calcium Chloride (Spread On Road By Gallon)
Full Depth Reclamation
By Square Yard

Relevant items may be bid F.O.B. or delivered. Bid period will be from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Bid winners will be notified in writing. All bids must be accompanied by a notarized non collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate resolution with corporate seal. All envelopes must be clearly marked "Bid (01/01/25-12/31/25)". The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Information may be obtained by calling the Superintendent of Highways at 518-789-4850. August 15, 2024.

Robert D. Stevens
Superintendent of Highways
Town of North East
08-15-24

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, 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
08-15-24

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Zoning Board of Appeals on the 27th day of August 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the area variance application submitted by Lenora Champagne Robert Lyons and for property located at 549 Carpenter Hill Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #134200-6871-00-986200-0000.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed action requesting a proposed addition to an existing house in the Bethel Hamlet to have a side yard setback of 10 feet, in lieu of the minimum of 20 feet. The application is available for review at the Pine Plains Town Hall during regular business hours.

By order of:
Scott Chase,
Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals
08-15-24



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Reghan Swift

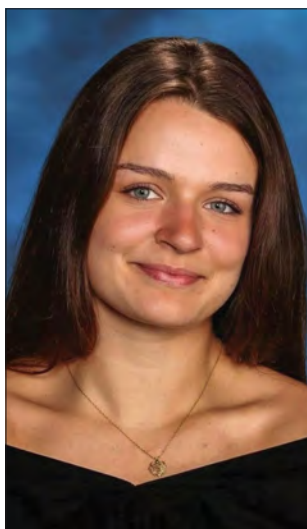


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Riley Thirlwall

Webutuck grads win \$1,000 scholarships from Friends of Irondale Schoolhouse

AMENIA — Friends of the Irondale Schoolhouse has awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to Webutuck High School students.

Riley Thirlwall will pursue aerospace engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida and Reghan Swift will

pursue architecture at Alfred State College in Alfred, New York.

These scholarships are made possible by donations to Friends of the Irondale Schoolhouse as well as sponsorship by Rob and Tammy Cooper and John and Cindy Heck.

Music Mountain Weekend



SAT., AUG. 24 | 7:00 PM

Bill Charlap Trio

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OBITUARIES

Olivier Cecil Benjamin

LAKEVILLE — Olivier Cecil Benjamin, age 74 of Lakeville, passed away, peacefully, in the early morning hours of July 18 at Noble Horizons. His loving partner of many years, Patricia Walsh, was there beside him throughout the night.



He was born in Manhattan of French parents but moved, with his family, shortly thereafter, to Geneva, Switzerland, where his father worked for the United Nations. At age 15, he returned to the United States, to attend The Stockbridge School in Massachusetts from which he graduated in 1967.

All who knew Olivier knew him to be a hugely charismatic, extremely talented and extraordinarily creative person. All those traits were exhibited at Advertising Display Company in New Jersey and The Thompson Leeds Company in Manhattan where he was employed as a designer and model-maker. Those of us

privileged to be his friends might even have received a hand-carved trinket hewn from a discarded piece of wood — right up until the day he was first hospitalized with prostate cancer.

He is survived by his former wife, Robin; his beloved stepdaughter, Shannon, and two step-grandchildren; and by his youngest brother, Eric, his wife, Donatella, and their two children who still reside in Switzerland. Olivier was predeceased by his parents Lillian and Claude Benjamin and his younger brother Michel.

Olivier's family and friends are extremely grateful for the very kind and highly professional care he received from so many there in the Wagner Building at Noble Horizons.

Friends and family of Olivier's will gather to celebrate his life on Sept. 21. Memorial Donations should be sent to The Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service.

LAKEVILLE — Emma Ruth Pollock was born in Ogdensburg, New York, on July 21, 1933. She was the oldest child of Wilbur Pollock and Evelyn Webster Pollock who later settled in Mannsville, New York. She was valedictorian of her high school class and met her husband, the Rev. Gerard B. Pollock during her freshman year at Houghton College in Houghton, New York. They were married Sept. 11, 1954. The couple raised their 4 children in the Methodist parsonages of the churches to which her husband was appointed. They spent the years from 1963-1984 at the Lakeville United Methodist Church in Lakeville.

Emma's family tree included 5 generations of Methodist clergy, and she was a gifted pianist and organist. She was the children's choir director for the time spent in Lakeville and became the full-time organist for the Pawling United Methodist Church during her ten years there. The couple retired to her hometown of Mannsville, and she continued to be the organist for almost 30 years, for her home church, until Jan. of this year. She

was the pianist at the Dempster Grove Camp Meeting in New Haven, New York for many 10-day summer camp meeting programs, where her family had been members of the association for 5 generations. Her husband "Gerry" passed away in 2013 and Emma continued to reside in Mannsville until this spring when her health issues brought her to Avon Health Care in Avon, Connecticut to be closer to her children.



In Lakeville, Emma volunteered her time to her children's Girl Scout and Cub Scout troops and in a classroom at Salisbury Central School. She taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School classes. As her children grew older, she worked in the special education department at the North Canaan Elementary School. In nearby New York, she later substituted in music at the Webutuck Elementary School and taught at the Amenia Day Nursery. As a member of the Lakeville United Methodist Women's group, she helped with the

luncheons served to the Salisbury Rotary Club, which met in the LUMC every Tuesday. Eventually, she took over the responsibility of leading this group. She both planned and cooked these meals every week for about 10 years, until her husband was appointed to Pawling UMC.

Emma is survived by one of her 4 siblings, the Reverend Wilbur "Bill" Pollock of Florida. Emma was predeceased by a baby brother Timothy, her brother John and his wife Carol of Mannsville, as well as her sister Eleanor P. Harter, also of Mannsville. She is survived by her daughters Nancy P. Williams and her

husband Dennis, of Millerton, Dr. Susan P. May of Farmington, Heidi Versland and her husband Dr. Mark Versland of Avon, as well as her son Christopher M. Pollock and his wife Christine of Hancock, Massachusetts. She was predeceased by her son-in-law, Dr. Christopher May. Emma had 8 grandsons and was predeceased by her grandson Dr. Andrew May. She has 10 great-grandchildren and recently received the good news of another baby to be born. Emma kept in touch with her many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, 2 p.m. at the Mannsville United Methodist Church, Mannsville, NY. Donations in her memory may be made to the Lakeville United Methodist Church.

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Worship Services Week of August 18, 2024

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be Sunday, September 8 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Chabad of Northwest CT On the Green 69 West St. Litchfield, CT 06759 chabadNW.org 860.567.3377 office@chabadNW.org Rabbi Joseph & Mina Eisenbach A home away from home, a gathering place where unity is paramount. We are here for you, welcome to the family!</p>
<p>Congregation Beth David A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org</p>	<p>WINTER SCHEDULE Sunday 10:30 AM - Hebrew School Wednesday 8:00 PM - Parsha In My Life How The Weekly Portion Relates to ME! Thursday 11:30 AM - Women's Tea & Torah Saturday 9:30 AM - Shabbat Services Followed by a Congregational Kiddush Children's Camp Jewish Newspaper Smiles on Seniors Cteen YJP</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall</p>
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Leila Mae Shaw

SALISBURY — Leila Mae Shaw, 88, of 99 South Canaan Rd. Canaan, formerly of 30 Fowler St. Salisbury, went home to the Lord, Monday night Aug. 5, 2024, at the Charlotte-Hungerford Hospital in Torrington. She was the wife of the late Robert Henry Shaw who died in 2004.

Leila was born Oct. 12, 1935, in Opelika, Alabama, daughter of the late Jim P. and Lula Mae (Dowdell) Darby.

Leila worked for over 30 years in the molding department of Becton-Dickinson Company in Canaan as a machine operator. She was a proud member of the Eastern Star. Leila was a devoted member of the Lakeville United Methodist Church. She took great joy in helping her

church family with any task. Her passion for helping others along with her strong sense of self, made Leila unique. She had a zest for life and laughter and was loved by all she met. Leila also enjoyed singing and had a passion for cooking.

She is survived by her daughter, Roberta Green and her husband Rudy of Canaan; granddaughter Whitney Benson and her husband Curtis and their daughter Isla all of Torrington. Granddaughter Sherryll McCowan and her children, daughter Nijea and son Lenox, as well as grandson Spencer Belcher and his wife Tamara

and their two daughters, Morgan and Skylar of Long Island, New York. Leila is also survived by her step-grandson Josh Green and his wife Lynley and their two daughters. Her son Kevin Trotman and his wife Donna of Bristol, Connecticut and their children.

Leila is also survived by her four sisters; Ermatine Moses of Windsor, Connecticut, Cathrine Taylor of Long Island, New York, Martha Ann Dowdell of Opelika, Alabama, Evon Dowdell of Hampton, Virginia, and her sister Willie Ruth Dowell of Opelika, Alabama.

Leila was predeceased by



REGIONAL

Hydrilla's spread prompts CT survey of 94 state boat launches

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS
Special to The Millerton News

SALISBURY, Conn. — Last summer, East Twin became the first lake in the state to discover the presence of a genetically distinct strain of invasive hydrilla, a robust aquatic plant which, if left unchecked, can out-compete native plants and cause damage to local ecosystems.

Until it found its way into East Twin, most likely by hitchhiking a ride on a boat or boat trailer, the novel variant had only been identified in the Connecticut River, where it has wreaked havoc since 2016, and continues to do so today, as scientists and environmentalists work to find a way to manage and eradicate the aggressive weed from the state's waterways.

In response to the growing threat, the state environmentalists plan to spend the next several months, the peak hydrilla growth period, surveying 94 state-owned boat launches throughout Connecticut in search of hydrilla, according to Jeremiah Foley, assistant scientist and biological control specialist with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station/Office of Aquatic Invasive Species

(CAES/OAIS).

Foley, who has paid numerous visits to East Twin, was the guest lecturer at the

Aug. 3 annual meeting of the Twin Lakes Association (TLA) at Camp Isola Bella. His presentation focused on the status of hydrilla in Connecticut and specifically on Twin Lakes.

He noted that a novel strain of hydrilla, first found in 2016, infests the Connecticut River from Agawam, Mass., to near Long Island Sound.

"In 2023, molecular identification confirmed the plant was also in six Connecticut lakes and ponds, and in four of the lakes, the hydrilla was found in close proximity to public boat launches. This suggests the plant may be introduced by launch activities particularly by boats entering the lakes that had previously been in the Connecticut River," Foley explained.

The state scientist said

early detection and rapid response protocols would be enhanced if hydrilla surveys of areas near boat ramps were

performed to quantify how common the Connecticut River variant of hydrilla is found near boat launches, and if so, "provide guidance to help boaters prevent introduction, and prioritize management decisions."

The boat launch survey project, he said, will include all state-owned boat launches, including launches located at lakes and ponds. Seventy-five of the sites accommodate trailers and 20 are only for car top/carry in, he explained. East Twin was first lake in state to find hydrilla "We have now found the Connecticut River hydrilla in several locations," explained Foley.

Hydrilla, which is among the most aggressive invasive aquatic species, able to grow in water up to 30 feet deep

and double in biomass every two weeks, has taken root in three new locations along East Twin's eastern shore, at the north end and has formed deep mats around the boat launch.

"If you go down to the marina, look to the right and look to the left, it's hydrilla. It's everywhere down there. That's ground zero," said Bogle.

The state is allowing the expanded use of the herbicide Sonar, widely regarded as one of the most effective treatments, around O'Hara's Landing Marina and further into the north cove, where the plant is rapidly growing.

The treatment area around the marina will expand to include 17 acres, according to Russ Conklin, vice president of lake management for the TLA. Treatments were expected to start Aug. 7.

As hydrilla grows, lake management costs soar, too. The TLA expects to spend \$300,000 battling hydrilla this year, and \$350,000 in 2025.

The town of Salisbury is poised to contribute \$100,000 for lake management in 2025 which includes the cost of launch monitors at the marina.

Grow brain power through volunteering

You may have heard of the legendary navigation skills of “black cab” taxi drivers in London, England. To get an operator’s license, cabbies must pass a test known as “the knowledge.” They’re grilled on the entire city map within 6 miles of central London, and the shortest ways to get from one point to another within the city, without the help of navigation aids.

“The knowledge” covers 25,000 streets and 20,000 landmarks. That’s all the restaurants, all the hotels, pubs, pharmacies, florists, tailors, cemeteries, laundromats, plenty of work zones... everything. Neuroscientists have studied London cabbies’ brains and found that while cabbies have rarely pursued higher education, their brains grow as they learn their way around the city, regardless of age, whether they were born and raised in London or emigrated from the other side of the world.

In other words, older brains can learn new tricks.

If you can navigate the back roads of Dutchess County without Google Maps; if you’ve found the perfect way to load your dishwasher; if you’ve planned your garden so that it looks its best without being too appetizing to the local deer, you’ve got the kind of brain OFA needs. You’d be an excellent candidate to help your fellow older adults navigate the complexities of Medicare, through the Office for the Aging’s non-sales-oriented Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP).

Have you ever seen one of those celebrity-driven Medicare ads on TV and wondered “wait — what on Earth does Joe Namath know about Medicare?”

GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

Congratulations: You’re in the right frame of mind to become a volunteer HIICAP counselor.

HIICAP counselors are continually trained on the OFA version of “the knowledge”: the changing aspects of Medicare, along with the programs that work together with Medicare. It can seem challenging at first, but it’s worth it once your first HIICAP client walks out the door, relieved to know they had the opportunity to make the best possible decision for their health insurance needs going into 2025. In addition to helping Dutchess County’s older adults get their insurance needs sorted, your on-going HIICAP training also has the potential to keep you mentally flexible as you age, just like those London cabbies.

If you’re on the fence about becoming a HIICAP volunteer, consider this alternative: HIICAP can also use your skills in clerical assistance. We work with hundreds of HIICAP clients every open enrollment season, and as we enter Medicare’s busiest season your organizational skills will come in handy.

You can read about the full slate of OFA volunteering options at www.dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer, which includes a printable volunteering form. You can also reach out to us using the contact information below.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, Todd N. Tancredi, director. Email him at ofa@dutchessny.gov.

Talking to your ancestors

All across the planet people search for the means to talk to, learn wisdom because of, or even commune with their ancestors. Some find that communicative solace in church or synagogue, temple or mosque. Many find it simply standing out in nature. In Europe there is a new phenomenon catching on called “telephone du vent” which roughly translates as wind phone but really means Telephone Of The Wind.

For many years free spirited Americans have talked to the wind, especially in locations that felt or connect spiritually. I have seen people supposedly talking to themselves overlooking waterfalls in Yosemite or Bish Bash Falls, looking content, at peace. I have walked in the desert of Mojave at sunrise and listened to the wind and responded myself with “Good morning to you too.” Was I deluded or simply reaching out to the spirit of the place?

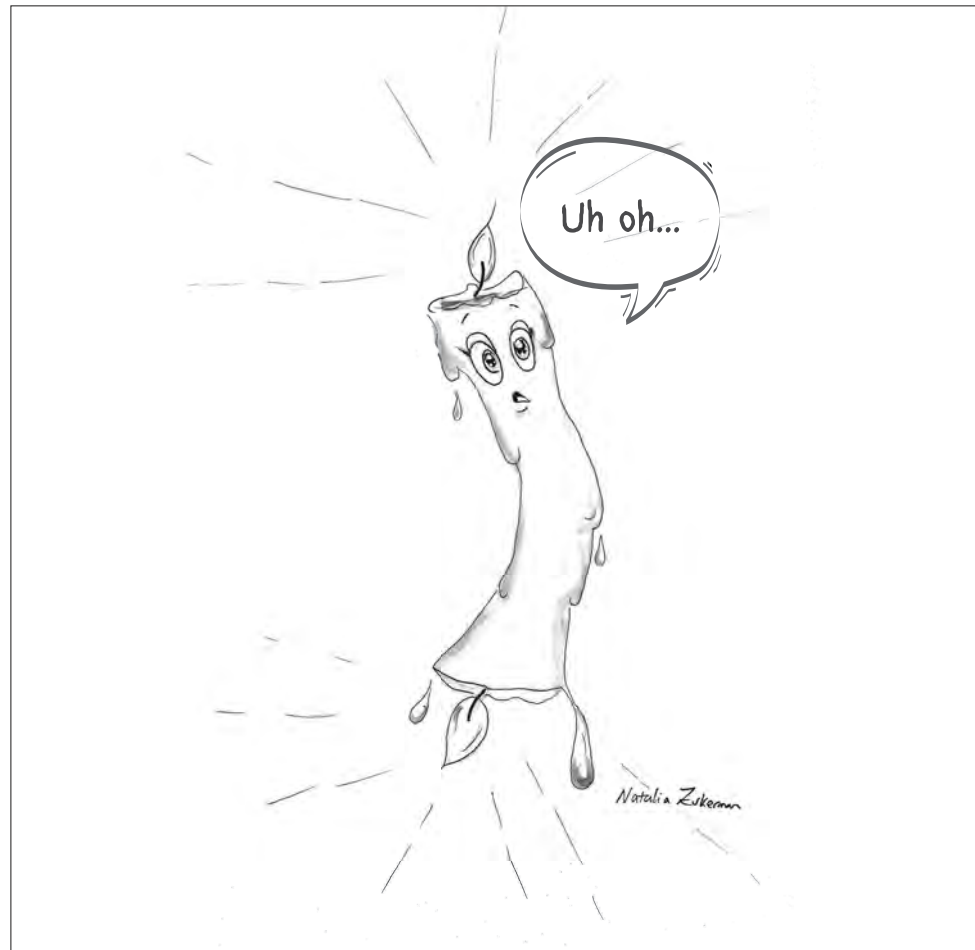
The Mexican tradition of Dia de las Morte (Day of the Dead) may run to several days from the end of October (Halloween or All Hallows Eve). This is not a macabre celebration of skeletons and phantoms, but imagery is designed to remind us that the body is no longer here but their spirit remains, inside us all. Without our remembrance of those

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

who went before, their importance to who we are diminishes. The wonderful movie *Coco* explained exactly that. Dia de las Morte came from ancient Mayan, Olmec, Aztec religious ceremonies and morphed with Christianity 400 years ago. Some say these traditions actually came from Egyptian, Phoenician and ancient Greek beliefs, brought by travelers from the Mediterranean. Is this tradition still important? Yes, to many millions of people, it connects them with their ancestor’s lessons and the building blocks of who they are.

Similarly, Korean, Japanese and many Chinese communities have celebrations for ancestors departed. In Korea



Handkerchief clue in shooting; beer on fairgrounds

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.

Aug. 17, 1933

‘Handkerchiefs are Clues to Dover Gunman’; Two handkerchiefs bearing the initial “B,” one bloodstained, are the clues on which the police are working in the hope of discovering the identity of the youthful, blond gunman who shot and fatally wounded Otto J Schwarzwaldner...similar handkerchief bearing the same initial was found in a garage owned by Dr. Frederick S. Baston, of Norwood, Mass., [sic] from whom the car driven by the gunman was stolen... Sheriff Oakleigh T Cookingham of Dutchess County has practically established that the slayer is the same man who engaged in a half-hour gun battle with state police in Massachusetts on July 23 after stealing an automobile. It has also been disclosed that a rifle the gunman used in the Chestnut Ridge shooting foray was stolen in Massachusetts.

‘Beer Will be Sold at Coun-

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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ty Fair’; Beer will be sold on the grounds at the Dutchess County Fair. It was disclosed during the week-end following a conference between Senator Webb and state commissioner of agriculture and markets, Charles H. Baldwin. A “drought” was threatened by Commissioner Baldwin’s recent blanket ruling that no beer might be sold at county fairs...

‘Bread Contest Judging Monday Night at Grange’; Judging in the Millerton Grange bread baking contest, the winning entry to be entered in the state Grange contest, will take place at the Millerton Grange Hall Monday evening... The Paramount Theatre has announced an award of ten free tickets to the winner of the local contest...

Aug. 22, 1974

A Split Decision... This girl did not quite make it to the top of the greased pole to capture the \$5 bill at the Miller-

phone Of The Wind started, hundreds and hundreds of spiritually connected but otherwise unconnected phones have cropped up worldwide.

Even now old phones, especially rotary ones, have popped up everywhere, hung along trails in National Forests, nailed to a bench along riverways, even in California on a surfboard you can borrow. There are web sites devoted to helping you find the nearest connection, even a directory world-wide should you need such connectedness when visiting, for example, Switzerland or Ethiopia.

So, here is a suggestion: Don’t knock it ‘til you try it. Take that old phone — the older the better — hang it on a tree in your garden and have a word, or ten, with your ancestors.

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

ton Days event on Sunday...

‘Millerton Personals’; Mrs. Assunta Terni celebrated her 89th birthday on Friday, Aug. 16, with a family gathering at her home. Mrs Terni received many cards, gifts and flowers from family and friends.

Congratulations to William Melius, a lifelong resident of Millerton who celebrated his 82nd birthday on Aug. 21.

Poking Fun... The balloon clown, Bev Gordon, pokes jungle explorer Sanford Kaplan in the ribs after he threatened to pop all of her colorful balloons.

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Aug. 19, 1999

‘Showdown Brewing Over Village Purchase of Karl’s Auto Property’; The village is considering purchasing a commercial property on South Center Street to turn into a parking lot for the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. But the man who runs a business on the site is promising a fight... Dutchess County now owns the property, because the former owner... has not paid back taxes. The village was given an opportunity to purchase the property prior to a public auction. But Karl Sublew, who runs Karl’s Auto Care, said he has no intention of closing down his business. “I have a five year lease, with an option for renewal,” he said.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Food pantry thankyou

Our heartfelt thanks to all the people who supported The Food of Life/Comida de Vida Food Pantry through their bake sale purchases at the Aug. 3 Sharon on the Green Crafts Fair! With your help, we earned more than double last year’s totals — and those dollars are hugely welcome this year when higher food prices are challenging both the pantry and the people who continue to need help.

The sale was organized and run by both St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Amenia Union, where the pantry is located, and by Congregation Beth David of Amenia. It has been a busy year at

the pantry, which provides nine meals’ worth of groceries every Friday afternoon to anyone who comes to its doors. In the first half of the year, that totaled 90,549 meals, including 1,200 pounds of produce from the on-site garden. Such results are possible only with the help and collaboration of many individuals, churches, foundations and local organizations. We thank all who help us in such a variety of ways — and look forward to seeing those with a sweet tooth at the bake sale next year!

Anne M-S Vance,
Bake Sale Coordinator
Sharon

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OUR TOWNS



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Diana Bethke, Nancy McKensie, Susan van Togeran and Chali Paley present some of the offerings they grow for the St. Thomas Comida de Vido / Food of Life Pantry in Amenia Union.

Church's Giving Garden yields produce that follows the seasons

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — Much of the fresh produce “neighbors” receive each Friday from the Comida de Vido/Food of Life Pantry at the St. Thomas Church in Amenia Union comes from the hands and hearts of a small band of volunteers who faithfully tend two gardens from the emerging spring through the chill of early winter.

The pantry is unique among others in the area in that the organization uses the grounds surrounding the picturesque 172-year old Episcopal church to serve anyone from anywhere who otherwise might go hungry.

The larger of two plots, known as The Giving Garden, is under the direction of ultra-enthusiastic Marsha Kaufman who says she loves the job she took on five years ago.

While carefully tending to the garden every day, she lauds the loyalty of volunteers Diana Bethke, Nancy McKensie, Susan van Togeran and Chali Paley and church warden Jim Wright who work several times each week. As of the end of July, they had coaxed some 1,200 pounds of food from the soil.

Saying of the expanse which is about the size of half a football field, she notes that in recent years, the garden has become more productive as

the quality of the soil has been enriched and growing space has expanding thanks in large part to grants from the Millbrook Garden Club.

Recognizing that some plants such as small squash and beans didn't need much support, the group used initial grants to build boxes against the fences which helped those plants to grow upward. With a smile in her voice, she said, “We make the most of what we have.”

The wide variety of produce from the garden follows the seasons and, according to the Rev. A.J. Stack, is used exclusively to stock the pantry which serves on average 130 families each week. There are no residency, registration, nor income requirements, with free weekly visits welcome every Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

He says some 30 volunteers man the program with anyone involved in any way at any level referred to as “neighbors.”

“Any and all welcome,” he said.

The seasonal produce is supplemented by meat, bread, butter, cheese and canned goods. Paper and personal

products are also available. A portion of the items are packed for distribution, but others can be chosen depending on individual needs.

All of that can also be topped off by a visit to the recently created Jean Krulis Teaching Garden which contains a wide variety of plants such as herbs, onions, peppers and even flowers. Stack says the garden is enclosed “to keep out the critters” but that the gate is always unlocked so that it can be accessed anytime something is needed — perhaps to spice up a meal. It receives about 50 visitors each week.

The site was created last year in honor of the late Krulis who was responsible for the creation of the gardening program at the church. It is currently run as a collective effort by volunteers Juana Perez, Gaye Parise and Danny Percefull.

In addition to the community “pick your own” portion, it also contains individual plots, begun in the spring by anyone interested in growing their own produce with the church supplying seeds, starter plants, tools and advice.

The property also features shaded picnic tables where all are welcome to have their lunch or just spend time in the open air.

Stack says next year they plan programs and classes focusing on food and gardening. Noting that the church has plenty of space, he hopes more families will take advantage of all the free opportunities to connect with the earth and the community.

For more information on the church, located at 40 Leedsville Road, Amenia, call 845-373-9161.

Copake Bicentennial to conclude with parade and fireworks Aug. 17

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE — The Copake Bicentennial Celebration will wrap up in spectacular fashion on Saturday, Aug. 17 starting with what Committee Chairwoman Kelly Nardin says is certainly the largest parade in the county this summer followed by a picnic at Catamount with fireworks topping off the evening.

Because the parade is so large, Nardin said line up has been changed to 2 p.m. at the Copake Fire Department on Center Hill Road. Nardin says the parade will include a total of 61 units including seven fire companies, the VFW, Boy Scouts, and town representatives.

There will be 12 organizations, two marching bands, and floats from 27 businesses. Mark Marina-ro and State Senator Michelle Hinchey will march and Assemblymember Didi Barrett will attend the picnic. The parade, which will do a complete circle, is expected to last about 40 minutes.

Grand Marshals former supervisor Angelo Valentino, former town clerk Vana Hotaling, Flora Bergquist and Edgar Masters will be driven in an old Packard car with support from a fleet of Morgans. Free entry to the final party at Catamount will begin after the parade with food being available for sale after 5 p.m. and celebrants invited to bring their own food. A rain date is scheduled for Aug. 18.

Puppet show at NEML on Aug. 17

MILLERTON — Original children's character Winnie Mouse will be flying to the moon with the help of friends Freddy Frog and Jasper Rabbit at a puppet show at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex at 38 Century Blvd. on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 11 a.m.

to noon. Puppet master and creator Robert Rogers will be in charge of the free expedition, open to all but aimed primarily at children ages 3-9. For more information call 518-789-3340 or go to nemillertonlibrary.org.

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Sharon Hospital maintains five-star rating, sole in state

By RILEY KLEIN
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SHARON, Conn. — The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has given Sharon Hospital a five-star rating for the fifth consecutive year.

In 2024, Sharon Hospital was the sole facility in Connecticut to receive the top rank by CMS. Last year there were two other five-star hospitals in the state, but Stamford Hospital and Greenwich Hospital Association were each given four stars this year.

CMS rates Medicare-certified hospitals from one to five stars based on quality ratings and con-

sumer satisfaction. A variety of data contributes to the score such as patient safety, satisfaction, effectiveness of care, readmissions and mortality.

More than 3,000 hospitals were evaluated and 381 received the top rank. Sharon Hospital has maintained the five-star rating since 2020.

“Our fifth consecutive five-star rating is a testament to the commitment of our inspiring health-care professionals who share in our culture of excellence,” Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch stated in a press release. Sharon Hospital is part of the Nuvance Health network.

Street Fair showcases region’s strong nonprofit community

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
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SALISBURY, Conn. — After several days of rain, Saturday, Aug. 10, was bright, sunny and above all dry for the third annual Lakeville Journal/Millerton News Street Fair on Academy Street in downtown Salisbury.

The fair coincided with the 127th birthday of The Journal, which launched its first edition in August 1897. Northwest Corner nonprofits joined the celebration with dozens of representatives engaging with community members.

Bill Spalding was operating in a grey area between the Habitat For Humanity of Northwest Connecticut and the Rotary Club of Salisbury. Asked if he was rotating or habitating, he cheerfully



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Mark Alexander’s Mortal Beasts and Deities stilt-walking group entertained the fairgoers on Saturday, Aug. 10 in Salisbury.

replied, “Both!”

Kelly Rybczyk held down the Project SAGE table. Although now a volunteer, she said she worked for the organization for five and a half years organizing the Trade Secrets fundraiser, as operations manager, and as interim director. She currently works for Community Access to the Arts (CATA) in Great Barrington but keeps her hand in at Project SAGE.

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News were present with copies of the latest papers. New subscribers and donors were gifted t-shirts with memorable headlines of the past such as “Area man sees moon-shaped UFO.”

Next to The Lakeville Journal/The Millerton News tent, a face painter worked on young Amanda Lucas

of Lakeville as her mother looked on.

A couple of earlier face-painting clients shyly eyed the table of brownies and cookies next to The Journal tent, edging ever closer, until they were informed that it was indeed acceptable to help themselves. They did.

Shoppers wasted no time investigating Honeychurch Homes’ tent sale. A straw hat was an early favorite. Elyse Harney Morris tried one on for about 15 seconds and then said, “Sold.”

Mark Alexander’s Mortal Beasts and Deities stilt-walking group dominated the upper atmosphere, especially Abigail Elwood Veivois of Pittsfield, who was maneuvering on what Alexander said were 12-foot stilts.

She corrected him, “Eleven feet eight inches.”

Veivois made her way carefully along Academy Street to the Academy Building.

The Salisbury Association’s Lou Bucceri couldn’t resist asking if she’d mind changing a light bulb while she was up there.

Curious how Veivois was going to get off the extra tall stilts, a reporter followed her back to base, where she sat on a plank between two ladders.

She said she trained in Venezuela, where the stilt walkers got on and off without such aids. They used much shorter stilts, however.

Music was provided by Danny Tieger and Northwest Passage.

There was a lobster truck and a crepe truck and hot dogs and hamburgers and a lot of laughter as the afternoon progressed.

Central Hudson files another utility rate increase at 5.3%

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — After receiving a one-year rate increase for delivering electricity of an estimated 7.85% starting on July 1, Central Hudson applied immediately for a rate increase next year of an additional 5.3%.

On an average electrical bill this would mean, according to their calculations, \$9.19 more every month starting in July of 2025. In their August letter requesting the increase, Central Hudson stated, “Maintaining the electric and gas delivery systems through significant capital investment continues to be the primary reason why we must file rate cases.”

Central Hudson bases its estimated dollar increase to monthly consumer cost of \$9.19 based on a residential average usage of 630 kilowatt hours per month after an increase this year of \$12.65. Other organizations peg average household usage at a much higher amount of 825 to 1025 hours a month which translates to an even larger monthly cost burden.

The one way for a Central Hudson customer to figure out the primary impact of the rate increase granted this year on their own energy bill is to compare July 2024 Delivery Charges and kWh hours to August 2024 charges when the new rate goes into effect. The fixed charge for delivery

has gone up \$2 from \$19.50 to \$21.50, an increase of 10.2%. The kWh Delivery charge which accounts for 75% of Central Hudson Delivery charges will rise 21.2% from 10.545 cents to 12.777 cents per kWh. The Supply charges on the bill, 40% of the total, are the market cost of the actual energy and do not figure directly into Central Hudson’s rate case.

Michelle Hinchey, New York State Senator for the 41st District which includes much of northern Dutchess County, Columbia County and the Catskill region, immediately indicated her opposition to the rate hike.

“This is a slap in the face to Hudson Valley families. On the very day our bills went up, Central Hudson is already requesting another rate hike. After being denied their full rate request, this is Central Hudson’s way of trying to fool customers and the PSC into getting what they originally wanted — and slowly over time, maybe even more. Central Hudson consistently fails to be a good community partner and show even a modicum of basic decency or sound business ethics. We will fight this every step of the way.”

When customers see the tangible impact on their own electricity bills, they may want to write to the Public Service Commission and state elected officials. As with any

“rate case” there will be public hearings, reports, testimony etc. before the Public Service Commission announces the approved rates in the summer next year. On Aug. 7, the company had already filed 45 documents with the Public Service Commission of New York which considers, and usually reduces, the amount utilities will be charging their customers. As U.S. Congressman Pat Ryan said on WAMC, “the PSC needs to relook at how they’re doing this, because it’s just not working.”

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considering a further reduction of the speed limit and concern that striping would be ineffective.

"I am open to doing it," Kennan said. "It doesn't cost us anything to ask for a reduction. I just want residents to know I have experience with the county and the state ... It took four years. That's four years where a lot of stuff can happen, and I would rather take proactive steps to feel that we are actually doing something now."

Pulver Road is the only fully striped road in the Town of North East. If the town proceeds, it would be able to paint roads without the state's permission, allowing an immediate resolution.

"I would like to reach out to more neighbors and get a sense of the neighborhood," said Kennan.

Maureen Lashlee, CEO of Habitat for Humanity, attended the meeting, expressing her gratitude to the town and hoping to find volunteers for upcoming events.

Habitat for Humanity is hosting its Groundbreaking Ceremony on Sept. 4 at 4 p.m. This is where they will welcome the new family moving into the home and into the neighborhood, and they will have a few surprises "you won't know about until you get there."

The foundation for the new home near Rudd Pond will be installed on Sept. 12, and the sill plate will follow shortly after. During this process, Habitat for Humanity will need extra hands to volunteer.

"When we put that sill plate on, that's when we really start to need volunteers," Lashlee said. "October is when things really start to pick up. There is an opportunity to volunteer almost every day."

To volunteer, go to <https://habitatdutchess.org/volunteer/> and look under "con-

struction volunteer opportunities." You must be 16 years old to participate.

The governor signed an executive order last July to create a new Pro-Housing Communities Program. According to New York's official website, more than half of New York renters pay more than 30 percent of their income on rent, the second-highest rate in the nation.

The website also says, "In order to achieve true equity of opportunity and to erase the gaps in access to health, education, and wealth-building, we must guarantee that people have a choice as to where they live and raise their families."

This program addresses the housing shortage in New York State and encourages communities to find and address growing housing needs.

Councilwoman Meg Winkler said, "It doesn't have any monetary gains. It's like joining climate smart in that you are sending a signal you're taking steps to try to create a better environment, in this case, create housing."

According to Winkler, at the time of the meeting, New York had 326 letters of intent from communities, and 75 had submitted all requirements for the application.

The town board must complete various steps for the Town of North East to join the Pro-Housing Communities Program. First, the Supervisor must send an email expressing the town's interest in joining the program. Next, a resolution for the community must be created. Then, the town has a year to complete the necessary paperwork, like building permits.

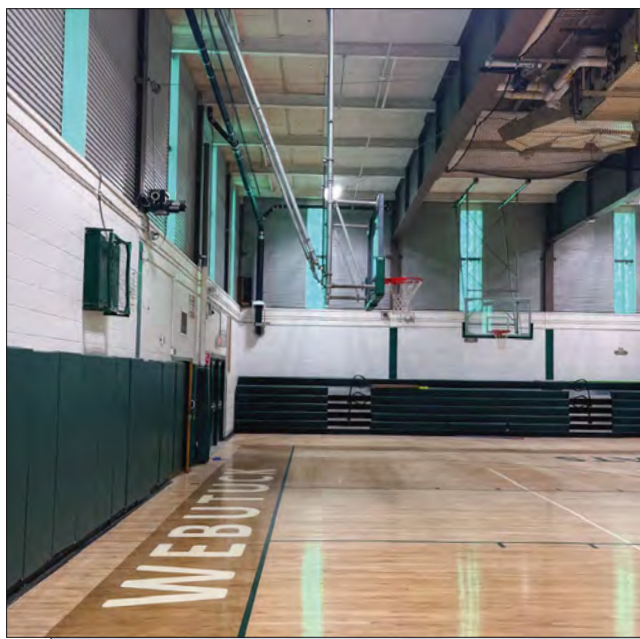
"It is supposed to be a pretty easy situation," Winkler said. "We have seven surrounding towns submitting letters, and we talked about being positive for us as a community to hopefully join."

RENOVATIONS *Continued from Page A1*

intermediate, and elementary schools. The elementary school received new air conditioning as the campus hosts summer school. After that, Farrier said the school has approval to use some of its savings to add air conditioning to the high school building next summer.

Additionally, the gym ceiling has been redone in the high school, including the installation of LED lights. The renovations inside the high school, intermediate, and elementary schools are highly anticipated and a long time coming for the Webutuck Central School district.

On the exterior, the once-cracked tennis courts have been transformed. They can now function as all-purpose courts, including pickleball and basketball courts. The net can be removed in order to accommodate a soccer pitch and kickball. The physical education classes will benefit immensely from this transformation. Lastly, the intermediate school can install a playground. The playground has "ninja-style components," which the administration anticipates the students enjoying for years to come.



Left, half of the new panels and LED lights have been installed so far in the high school gym's remodel. Below, rain temporarily halted playground construction on Wednesday, Aug. 7. It will feature traditional playground equipment and "ninja-style" elements.



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WAKEMAN HOUSE *Continued from Page A1*

According to notes from North East's long time historian, the late Chet Eisenhuth, a meeting was held in 1851 at the home of Walter Wakeman, a local farmer, shortly after the railroad came to town. The decision to name the new settlement Millerton is believed to have been made at Wakeman's house.

The name Millerton was a nod to Sidney Miller, one of the contractors and builders of the railroad expansion to the town.

An 1858 map of North East

carries a notation "W. Wakeman" in a shaded area known as Millerton.

Wakeman is listed in the 1850 census as a 61-year old farmer.

According to historical family notes written by Walter's son Orrin, Walter Wakeman came to North East in 1810 "on foot" and worked for the Winchells. He married Almira Winchell, died 50 years later in 1868 and is buried in Irondale Cemetery, according to cemetery records.

What has become known as the Wakeman House is located at 5953 N. Elm Ave., opposite the Four Brothers Pizza Inn on Route 22.

The faded yellow structure has been obscured by an overgrowth of trees and vines, but recently was exposed by clearing work and last week was boarded up.

As if its 19th century significance isn't enough — ranking as one of the oldest houses in town — the house holds another special rank. Since 1964, it has been owned by Amy Olatunji, wife of Michael Babatunde Olatunji, the famous Nigerian-born drummer whose 1960 "Drums of Passion" album is credited with popularizing African music in the West.

The album sold more than five million copies. Olatunji and his wife spent time in Millerton up to the 1970s, and he died in 2003.

What's next for this historic house? According to Ken McLaughlin, building inspector and code enforcement officer, the process has begun to take the house down. The Village has been working with the owner, but no date is set for that work.

Dutchess County Parcel

Access puts a market value on this village home at \$159,800. It sits on a 1.7 acre lot and is considered a two-family residence.

Irondale Cemetery lists 10 Wakemans in its records. The razing of the house will mark a milestone closure in Millerton's history. The very homestead — dilapidated as it is — where the community got its name, no longer will bear witness to day to day life along Route 22.

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to build and rent out. The proposed law would remove, among other requirements, the requirement that a lot be 2 times the size required in its zoning district, in an effort to make the opportunity to build an ADU more equitable. The ADUs may be attached or detached from the primary dwelling, but must have exterior access and may not share any kitchen, bathroom, or sleeping and living spaces with the primary dwelling. Direct access between a primary dwelling and an attached ADU would be permitted, but the door would need to be lockable from both sides so that either party may lock it.

The proposal was generally well received at the meeting, but some community members expressed concerns. Stanford resident Manny Gonzalez worried that, rather than increase the availability of affordable long term rental units, the proposed amendments may largely result in units being built for use as short-term rentals through platforms like AirBnB. He wondered if language could be added to the law to stipulate a minimum rent-contract length. The Town Board said that while that was not part of the bill itself, it is working on a separate law that would regulate short-term rentals like AirBnBs.

Another issue that was consistently mentioned during the hearing was the potential for excessive burden on the town's sewer system. Given the proximity to important water bodies such as Hunn's Lake and Wappinger Creek, the concern was the increased burden on the sewer system could lead to pollution of these waters. The Town Board noted that the

proposed law required all new ADUs to be approved by the New York State Department of Health, but some meeting attendees were worried that the department may not entirely understand or consider the impact on the lakes and streams. Walt Czachorowski shared that he received a 2008 report on Upton Lake which showed that it was polluted and had algal growth issues, and he said it has not improved since then. He expressed concern that the Department of Health, while it would consider its own regulations, may not have a high enough standard for septic systems to actually

keep the waters clean. "They're not going to care about what it does to a lake that's 200, 300, 500 feet away," he said. Charlotte Grasso expressed concern that the Board of Health did not have adequate knowledge of the area's water systems, saying that they had previously approached her for information critical in determining approval of buildings.

Given the concerns raised at the hearing, the town board decided not to vote on the proposal Thursday evening and instead will try to address the issues raised by community members and postpone voting to a later date.

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts, Entertainment & Lifestyle

LIFESTYLE: SAVA MARINKOVIC

Cornwall Days highlights creativity, culture and community

From Aug. 9 to 11, residents and visitors of “Connecticut’s Greenest Town” gathered to celebrate Cornwall Days — a weekend-long festival dedicated to “Cornwall and all its eccentricities.”

The townwide occasion, staged at a scatter of Cornwall institutions and green spaces across the town’s wooded sprawl, featured live music, theater, film, art, food, shopping, and more.

Spanning all three days and providing the weekend’s structural and cultural backbone was the enduring Rose Algrant Art Show, now in its 65th year and hosted at the Cornwall Consolidated School.

Born in Constantinople (present-day Istanbul), Algrant emigrated to New York in 1940, shortly afterwards settling in Cornwall and fomenting a local artistic scene of writers, painters, illustrators, and printmakers.

“Rose was quite the character,” said exhibit organizer and artist Ellen Moon. “She was



PHOTOS BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

Above, Cornwall Park and Recreation volunteers serve locally sourced meals at Taste of Cornwall. Top right, Grain Thief plays the Village Green, Aug. 10. Below, the Rose Algrant Show filled Cornwall Consolidated School with art all weekend.

small, but fierce,” — a fitting patron for the tiny but energetic town of Cornwall, which produced 51 artists for the show out of a population of less than 2,000.

“This year, we have even greater variety than usual,” continued Moon. Paneled display boards hung paintings, drawings, and photographs

from around the Northwest Corner, rendered in a slew of styles and media, forming a thematic throughline that bound together many of the works. Also on display were sculptures, ceramics, furniture, puppets, shoes and jewelry creating an eclectic array of forms and disciplines very much in the spirit of Algrant’s ecumenical vision.

As the art show continued to draw out, other events around town were getting underway.

Although Friday’s family movie night, to have screened Disney-Pixar’s Toy Story outdoors at the Trinity Retreat Center, was postponed to Thursday, Aug. 15 due to inclement weather, live music continued at The Union in West Cornwall. As wind and rain rattled shops and residences in the neighborhood of Corn-



wall’s iconic covered bridge, patrons cozied up to weather the storm with guitarist Ava McCoy and pianist Maddie Rubin.

On Saturday, skies opened and cleared the way for a Taste of Cornwall on the Village Green, which Parks and Recreation Chair Michelle Shipp called

a “highlight of the best things Cornwall has to offer.”


The main event, a farm-to-table tasting buffet, sourced ingredients from local growers, ranches, and dairies. Upon being outfitted with a glittering purple bracelet and handed an introductory slice of bruschetta, tasters were

free to meander between colorfully-tented tasting tables at their leisure—so long as they followed the injunction to wait for seconds until after time was called.

And seconds certainly tempted from among the local fare: saucy ground beef tacos with meat and vegetables from Birdseye and Tanner Brooks Farm, Coltsfoot Farm, and Ridgway Farm; hot, sweet pigs in a blanket from Maple Hill Farm; macaroni gooeey with cheese made from Calf & Clover Farm dairy; sweet and sour meatballs assembled with meat, jelly, eggs, and produce from Hurlburt Farm & Forestry, Coltsfoot, and Ridgway; and various salads courtesy of the aforementioned, as well as Buck Mountain Herbs.


Between tastings (or perhaps to wait out the service lines that began to curl across the green), visitors enjoyed placing bets in the quintessentially country cow chip raffle, playing lawn games, and browsing local vendors from among the event’s 36 sponsors—all Cornwall businesses. Drifting over the festivities was music performed by Americana string band Grain Thief, whose repertoire includes bluegrass, fiddle tunes, and old-timey interpretations of country classics. Redoubling the fair’s rustic ambiance, a small contingent of line dancers formed, broke, and reformed as tunes coursed from lively to somber and back again.

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HISTORY: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

The Dreyfus Affair at Congregation Beth David

On the evening of July 30, Congregation Beth David in Amenia became the epicenter of a deep dive into one of history's most profound and politically charged scandals. Maurice Samuels, a distinguished professor at Yale University and the director of its Program for the Study of Antisemitism, captivated a full house with his insights on the Dreyfus Affair, drawn from his latest book, "Alfred Dreyfus: The Man at the Center of the Affair." The event, skillfully moderated by culture writer Laura van Straaten, opened a deep and complicated discussion into how historical events like the Dreyfus Affair continue to offer valuable lessons, illumi-

nating the challenges and stakes of our own times. After a brief welcome by Rabbi Jon Haddon, spiritual director of Congregation Beth David, the event opened with an introduction by Ilene Smith, editorial director of the Jewish Lives biography series and a member of the congregation. Smith described the series of biographies, for which Samuels was commissioned, as a "remarkable opportunity to curate deep and interesting biographies about influential figures with a real legacy." There are now 70 books in the collection all of which "ask the question: What does it mean to be Jewish?" Smith explained. Samuels and Van



PHOTO BY GREGG OSOFSKY

Maurice Samuels speaks at Congregation Beth David, July 30.

Straaten met in Kindergarten in Chicago and have been lifelong friends, so the conversation flowed easily and seamlessly throughout the evening. To provide context, Samuels began with a succinct summary of the Dreyfus Affair.

In 1894, Alfred Dreyfus, a Jewish officer in the French army, was falsely accused of spying for Germany. With scant evidence, Dreyfus was publicly humiliated, stripped of his rank in a degrading ceremony, and exiled to the brutal penal colony of Devil's Island. For five years, he endured inhumane conditions, while back in France, his family, particularly his wife, Lucie, fought tirelessly to prove his innocence. The affair divided France into Dreyfusards (supporters of Dreyfus) and anti-Dreyfusards, leading to widespread riots and political turmoil. Dreyfus was eventually exonerated in 1906 and restored to his military rank.

Samuels highlighted the complex socio-polit-

ical landscape of France during the Dreyfus Affair, noting that despite France being the first European country to grant Jews full civil rights during the French Revolution, antisemitism was rampant by the late 19th century. Dreyfus, a patriotic and wealthy officer, became a scapegoat amid rising antisemitic sentiments. "Half of France committed to believing a lie," said Samuels. "Even after it was proven that Dreyfus was innocent, people still opposed justice for Dreyfus." He went on to explain that "France is a paradox in some ways, a kind of conundrum for scholars of antisemitism because it was the country where Jews had achieved the most, where Jews were the most integrated in the world by the 1890s." But Jews, Samuels explained, were associated with all the changes brought on by modernity, "And by modernity, I mean, the rise of modern industrial capitalism, liberal democracy, and then all the social changes that go along with that. The people left behind by these changes became antisemitic."

Also deeply examined was the significant role

played by intellectuals like Emile Zola whose famous open letter "J'Accuse" accused the French military of a cover-up during the Dreyfus affair, igniting public outrage and prompting a re-examination of the case. In fact, said Samuels, "people say that the modern use of the term intellectual to designate someone who has a cultural position but who takes a stand on political issues, dates to the Dreyfus affair. The most famous one we can talk about is Emile Zola, the novelist. But many writers were anti-Dreyfusard including Jules Verne, for example, the science fiction writer." The case also caused a divide amongst Impressionist painters with Monet and Pissaro, who was Jewish, being pro-Dreyfus and others such as Degas, Renoir, Rodin and Cezanne who were anti-Dreyfus. This polarization also filtered into the media landscape of the time, which Van Straaten noted bears striking similarities to today's media environment. "I found myself thinking about how divided our country is culturally and socially again and again," said

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PHOTO BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

Grumbling Gryphons Children's Theater performed at The Wish House Lawn on Sunday, Aug. 11, to a receptive audience.

Come Sunday, the weekend concluded with rounds of live music and family theater. Up first, the Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater performed a colorful adaptation of West African folktale Anansi, the Trickster Spider at the Wish House in West Cornwall.

Calling on the tale's African roots, Director Leslie Elias welcomed the crowd with a hearty Swahili "jambo, to this village and our global village!" Invited to "sing nice and loud and enjoy the show" by performer Daniel Saed, audience members roared, signed, buzzed, and mimed their way through the whim-

sical fable of a conniving spider-turned-folk hero. After the show, Arieh and the Lions animated the Wish House lawn with their danceable pop and rock covers before DIY indie outfit Ruby Leftstep took the stage at Cornwall Market to close out the evening, the sun finally setting on Cornwall Days.



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Tarantula rain calls for Tenkara rods

We are in unequivocal bass mode at the moment, although the recent tarantula rain has brought up the flow of the little blue lines to the extent it might be worth a go.

What is tarantula rain, you ask?

Years ago, the check-out clerk at the old Grand Union in Millerton was performing a soliloquy while ringing up purchases. There was no other employee so all of us in line had no choice but to listen.

The gist was the clerk had attended some kind of motor sports event and a thunderstorm blew up suddenly, forcing a stampede. The woman was indignant that the management had not foreseen this and provided cover for the spectators to get out of what she called "the tarantula rain."

I am 99% sure this was a malaprop and she meant "torrential." But I retain a nagging suspicion that she was describing a supernatural spider event.

Skipping lightly over this incident of yore, the first couple of spins around the warm water lake where I am spend-



Enough theory, time to get wet. Anglers took a shot at smallmouth bass in the Housatonic River during a Trout Unlimited event Saturday, Aug. 3



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK SULLIVAN

ing August yielded a pickerel, a couple of juvenile smallies, some juvenile largemouth, and one Mongo-type lunker.

I am pleased to say that the lunker was landed using a Tenkara rod, which means no reel and

a great deal of uncertainty.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, the Northwest Connecticut and Naugatuck-Pomperaug Trout Unlimited chapters, plus the Housatonic Fly Fishermen's Association, held a "Burgers and Bass" event at Housatonic Meadows State Park.

It was hard to get a head count as people kept drifting off to wet a

line, but I'd say about 25 anglers turned up.

Jerry Jahn and Peter Chuang were on hand to teach us about casting two-handed rods. This was simultaneously enlightening and bewildering.

The enlightenment



Tom Carter practiced his two-handed casting at the Trout Unlimited picnic Saturday, Aug. 3.

came from actually seeing it done, and realizing it's not as difficult as one might imagine (or fear).

The bewilderment came when Jahn, in response to a simple question about the material used to link one piece of fly line to another, gave this reporter the fishing data equivalent of tarantula rain.

After a solid half hour of Knowledge I slithered away and ran a few streamers and poppers through the choppy water upstream

of where the picnic was held. A couple of dinker smallmouth were willing to play a little, but it was one of those overcast, baking summer days when I can just feel the harmful UV rays bypassing the sunscreen and going to work on my cells.

So I cheesed it and headed back up to the bass lake, where everyone was settling in for another bout of thunderstorms, with a 1% chance of furry arachnids.

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Van Straaten "and how one of the most fascinating arguments that you make is about the way in which the trials, the imprisonment, and the fight, the affair itself, which endured 12 years, 130 years ago, became and remains a dog whistle, a cultural moment like today in terms of our divisions."

Samuels added, "I think that you could argue that the Dreyfus affair was a battle in a kind of ongoing war between left and right which is still playing out."

Samuels also took care to emphasize Dreyfus's resilience and heroism and the ways in which he emerges as the true hero of his own sto-

ry. Surviving the harsh conditions of Devil's Island required immense personal fortitude. Dreyfus's determination to clear his name, despite being unjustly convicted twice, played a crucial role in eventually bringing the truth to light.

Before opening to questions from the audience, the conversation shifted to the complex process of national healing after deep political divisions with an emphasis on the resilience required to confront and heal from deep-seated injustice. Samuels, reflecting on France post-Dreyfus, emphasized the ongoing struggle to reconcile differing visions of society and

how historical events like the Dreyfus Affair offer crucial insights into the modern parallels and challenges we face today. The evening wasn't just a history lesson; it was a mirror reflecting many of our current societal fractures, leaving the audience pondering the enduring relevance of the Dreyfus Affair, the vital lessons it holds for our times and, indeed, what it means to be Jewish.

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5. Street Fair ____ walkers.

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10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Type of sandwiches
16. A type of shape
17. Son of Shem
18. French modernist painter
19. Grandmother
20. Mammary gland of female cattle
22. Hill or rocky peak
23. Secret political clique
24. Songs to one's beloved
27. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Restrict the number or amount of
35. Combined into a single entity
37. Brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Materials in the earth's crust
40. Partner to cheese
41. Of the sun
42. Baseball great Ty
43. After B
44. Place to relax on the beach
45. Folk singer DiFranco
46. Partly digested food
47. Small dog breed
48. Japanese honorific
49. Salts
52. Beard moss genus
55. Mountain pass
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Metric weight unit
63. Italian Seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. Wading bird
67. Days in mid-month
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part

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10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
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13. Gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Corporate bigwig
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Small Milky Way constellation
28. Satirical website
29. Border lines
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam
34. Six-membered ring (chemistry)
36. Bar bill
37. Car mechanics group
38. Notable Bill Murray character
40. Health care for the aged
41. Gurus
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Reduce
46. Spy organization
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Plants of the lily family
50. Type of reef
51. Oral polio vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. Lose
54. Former Brazilian NBAer
57. Baseball great Ruth
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August 1 Solution

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AUGUST 15

Business after Hours Networking Event

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

Join us on Thursday, Aug. 15, 5:30 to 7 p.m., as the Scoville Library hosts the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, an informal networking event for area businesses.

Meet up, make connections, eat, drink, talk, and enjoy a cool indoor evening with music by Dave Paton and his bluegrass/folk band, Bog Hollow. Please register by sending an email to scovilleadultprograms@biblio.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12631993

AUGUST 16

Book Group Discussion

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

Join Karen Vrotsos on Friday, Aug. 16, 4 to 5 p.m., for a discussion of *Offshore*, by Penelope Fitzgerald, a wryly funny, luminous novel set among houseboat dwellers on London's Thames River in the 1960s. A limited number of copies are available for loan at the library. Please register at www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12577049

Poetry Discussion Group with Mark Scarbrough

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

Join Mark Scarbrough on Friday, Aug. 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for an informal discussion of Galway Kinnell's poetry collection *Mortal Acts, Mortal Words*. No poetry training is needed – just read the poems and be ready to discuss. Please register at www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12343568

AUGUST 17

Wildlife Outside Our Windows & Salisbury Band

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

Join us on Saturday, Aug. 17, 3 to 5:30 p.m., as our 8-week-long summer reading program ends with a grand finale! We'll start with a Wildlife Outside Our Windows biodiversity tour by the White Memorial Conservation Center. You'll learn about our area's marvelous mammals, resplendent reptiles, and beautiful birds and meet critters up close. Then stay for ice cream, a Salisbury Band performance, and awards for all who have finished their summer reading.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12559120

Music with Josh Driver

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

Join a family jam session with musician Josh Driver (aka Mr. Josh) at Cornwall Library on Aug. 17 at 10:30 a.m. Move, groove, and roll with the beat for a kid-focused 45-minute musical enrichment. All ages welcome. Feel free to bring your own instrument.

Film Screening

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

Triplex Cinema will host a special screening on Saturday, Aug. 17, of "Dory Previn: On My Way to Where," which celebrates the life of the late Berkshires singer/songwriter, followed by a talkback with co-director Julia Greenberg, and animator Emily Hubley. The film, which recently premiered at the SXSW Film and TV Festival, uses vibrant archival footage together with artful animation to illustrate the complicated and creative life and work of Dory Previn. Tickets are available at the Triplex website.

AUGUST 21

Open Studio: Drawing & Watercolor

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

Join us on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to noon, to practice techniques in pencil and watercolor sketching in the collegial calm of our open studio. We'll provide exercises and all the materials you need to relax, focus, and immerse yourself in up to two hours of artwork. Please register at www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12779848

Community Social Hour

Footo Field, Furnace Brook Road, Cornwall, Conn.

Drop by Footo Field from 3 to 4 p.m. for snacks and drinks with friends. Hosted by Cornwall Park and Recreation.

AUGUST 24

Story Time with Local Author Audra Salazar

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

Join Sharon children's author Audra Salazar on Saturday, Aug. 24, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., for a reading of her book *Yellowisla*, an inspirational story about how inclusivity and acceptance can help during the first days of kindergarten. Then enjoy a book-inspired snack!

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12787914

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 28

Watercolor on Location with Artist Peter Cusack

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

Join artist Peter Cusack on Aug. 28, 10 a.m. to noon, for instruction in drawing and watercolor. All supplies will be provided, and refreshments will be on hand. To learn more and to register, please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12713696

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. 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.



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Bridget Starr Taylor is surrounded in the Norfolk Library basement.

BOOKS: CHLOE KOLAKOWSKI

Norfolk's annual book sale Aug. 24-26

From Saturday, Aug. 24, through Monday, Aug. 26, Norfolk Library will host its annual book sale featuring over 16,000 books in 30 different categories. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Library's guild.

The sale will feature rare books and incredible deals, including paperbacks for as low as \$2 for those purchasing more than 10 items. Annual book sale organizer Bridget Starr Taylor was proud to share that the sale is "an incredible opportunity for any literature enthusiasts on a tight budget." The sale usually lists all unsold books as free on Sunday by 3 p.m.

This year, with an even greater focus on sustainability and giving back to the community, the sale will continue with free titles on Monday from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. Taylor

and her colleagues hope that organizations like daycares, veterans facilities and nonprofit organizations will take advantage of the extra sale day, especially if they weren't able to find the time on the weekend. Taylor shared, "The hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., so working people can come too, before or after their work."

Novels that do not find a home by Sunday at 7 p.m. will be donated, with many going to incarcerated individuals.

Jane Lilly, a book sale volunteer, Norfolk resident and college student, is excited to be a part of the event for the second year in a row. "As a classics major, I am so impressed by the range of titles the sale has to offer," said Lilly. "I'm hoping that our hard work pays off and people take advantage of the budget-friendly opportunity to learn that the sale provides."

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OUR TOWNS

Amenia records four real estate transfers in June

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — Amenia's four recorded transfers of real estate ownership in June illustrate once again that affordable houses under \$400,000 are available in Amenia. A single vacant building lot in Silo Ridge can be purchased for more than the cost of two residences and one fully equipped restaurant on 6.62 acres. The vacant lot on Wood Duck Lane which sold for \$1.7 million was only the second transaction recorded at Silo Ridge this year.

Currently there are 30 properties of all types actively listed for sale in Amenia. Five are homes over \$2 million including a Silo Ridge villa for \$11.5 million which sold for \$6.8 million in March 2021 and eight are single family residences listed below \$500,000. The eleven parcels of land show a similar range in price from \$99,000 to \$6.9 million for 390 acres on Route 22.

Recorded Real Estate Transfers Amenia
33 Broadway — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on .36 acres sold for \$359,000

284 Old Route 22 — 4 bedroom/2 bath two family residence on .28 acres in Wassaic sold for \$327,000

Wood Duck Road (#813849) — .65 acre vacant



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The former Seravan restaurant is now open as Panacea serving dinner Thursday through Monday until 10pm. The restaurant was sold fully equipped on over 6 acres for \$800,000 on June 6.

lot within Silo Ridge sold for \$1,653,437

6 Autumn Lane — restaurant on 6.62 acres sold for \$800,000

* Town of Amenia real estate sales recorded between June 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024 sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Information on active listings taken from First Key MLS. Parcel numbers refer to parcel designation by Dutchess County and may be accessed on Dutchess Parcel Access. Only

transfers with consideration are included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate

Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Green Bank cancels Sharon Center School solar project

By SADIE LEITE
Special to The Millerton News
SHARON, Conn. — In a newsletter to the community Aug. 6, First Selectmen Casey T. Flanagan addressed the termination of the Sharon Center School Solar Project. Green Bank ended the project, referencing unsuitable electrical infrastructure.

The electrical service to the school is rated for 1,200-amps. An increase to 1,600-amp service would be required to utilize the solar array. When Green Bank learned of the added expense, the project was canceled.

At this time there are no realistic alternatives to pursue. The letter ended, "The

8/03 — Deputies responded to the area of Sinpatch Road/Bog Hollow Road, Amenia for the report of a single car off the roadway. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Lance Rossignol (age 56) for Driving While Intoxicated.

8/07 — Deputies report the arrest of Carlos Pop-Ba (age 26) for Driving While Intoxicated subsequent to a traffic stop in the area of Route 22 in the town of Amenia. Subject to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

8/03 — Deputies responded to the area of Route 343 and Yellow City Road for a single vehicle tractor trailer rollover accident. The operator was transported to Sharon Hospital with minor injuries. The New York State Police Commercial Vehicle Unit assisted with investigation at the scene.

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

8/06 — Deputies responded to 77 Reservoir Road Trinity/Pawling for a husband/wife verbal domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

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. All information will be kept confidential.

Town will keep investigating opportunities to incorporate renewable energy technology at our facilities."

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