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"COMMUNITY + KINDNESS" is proclaimed at the entrance to Millerton at the traffic light on Route 22. The Millerton Project is a joint effort between Townscape and the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights.

## Sign on Route 22 in Millerton is an effort to combat intolerance

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

MILLERTON — A sign displaying the message "Community + Kindness" was erected just before the traffic light in the Village of Millerton with the support of the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights and Townscape.

Village Trustee and Town-

scape President Lisa Hermann announced there will be more to come. "After there were some hateful and discriminatory signs posted around the village a little while back, the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights began to work with the NECC to discuss a way to fill the village with signs to offset those and show we are a welcoming com-

munity," Hermann said. "From there, these groups reached out to the village, town and Townscape for additional assistance. We had a joint meeting with these groups and Svend Lindbaek and came up with the idea to launch the project through a large banner hosted on the fence of Svend's property."

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## Millbrook school officials consider next steps after capital plan defeat

By **LEILA HAWKEN**  
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The Central School District Board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the wake of voters' rejection of the three-phase major capital plan at the Nov. 19 referendum brought discussion of how to interpret the defeat.

Board members offered opinions on a wide range of factors which might have led to the vote result. Also discussed without resolution were potential next steps to resurrect portions of the capital plan. Particular focus was on the most serious of the roof leak problem areas.

Following a lengthy discus-

sion, board members agreed to decide on a way forward at the next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 7, when decisions will be made about reducing the project scope to enable critically needed roof repair, along with cost estimates.

Early in the discussion, a reduction in project scope seemed warranted, so roof repairs to Elm Drive School could proceed and the Middle School could receive roof repairs and installation of a lift for ADA-compliance, but perhaps not the originally planned elevators for access to all levels of the Middle School.

Representatives of BBS Architects offered advice during the discussion. For more information on

the architects' project planning, go to [www.millbrookcsd.org](http://www.millbrookcsd.org).

Wide-ranging board discussion recognized residents' reluctance to pay for the repairs. Others felt officials and project proponents were not effective in explaining the project to the public and there were not enough people who came out to vote in the referendum.

How to get to a 'Yes' vote was a focus of the discussion. The total number of voters at the special referendum numbered only slightly more than 500. One board members felt that 3,000 voters should have turned out to vote.

Board members spoke of previ-

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## Lawmakers unveil their 2025 ambitions

By **KRISTA A. BRIGGS**  
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With the dawning of 2025, lawmakers at the county and state levels have set out their plans for the year ahead.

For Assemblymember Didi Barrett, D-106, her targets remain on area-specific needs which set Northern Dutchess apart from the downstate communities. She said the region's challenges can be addressed, but only with a collective understanding of the particulars of her district.

"I will continue the work we have been doing to ensure a sustainable future, environmentally and economically, for our region," Barrett said. "Affordability is top of mind... and my goal is to ensure that our region's unique needs are being addressed when we look at statewide solutions. My district has nearly 30 municipalities — many of them rural towns and small villages — and the scale of these communities is very different from both downstate municipalities and the upstate cities."

One of Barrett's challenges — housing — is on the minds of many people. She supports the rights of all area residents having access to safe and affordable living spaces,

"I will continue the work we have been doing to ensure a sustainable future, environmentally and economically."

— *Assemblymember Didi Barrett, D-106*

but a suitable framework must also be in place. "When we look at the need for more housing, we also must look at adequate water and sewer infrastructure," Barrett said. "But it's often challenging for small rural towns to access state and federal funds for water and sewer infrastructure, so we must educate the state agencies."

For the coming months, Barrett is looking at employment, education, energy and the environment — among other things — as target areas on which to focus, saying, "We must prioritize an approach that recognizes the diversity of our state, and brings the whole state along with us to reduce our carbon footprint and create good-paying

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### New homeowners

Dutchess County Legislator Chris Drago, left, and Town of North East Councilwoman Meg Winkler, right, help welcome Habitat for Humanity homeowners Anthony and Vanessa Macagnone, center, to their new home on Rudd Pond Road in the Town of North East, Wednesday, Dec. 18.



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OUR TOWNS



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Millbrook's slowdown

Motorists are reminded to lighten the pressure on their gas pedals to comply with a new village-wide speed limit of 25 mph in Millbrook. New speed limit signs have been posted throughout village streets, including an eye-catching reminder that the reduced speed is "New." Enforcement is to be expected. Because it is a state highway, the limit on Franklin Avenue remains at 30 mph.

Cariello to serve as secretary for North East Planning Board

By COLLEEN FLYNN  
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MILLERTON — Katie Cariello, the school-to-work coordinator at the North East Community Center, has moved into a new role as the Town of North East's Planning Board Secretary.

North East area," Cariello said. "I enjoy frequenting the libraries, shops, restaurants, and supporting local farmers and makers. I realized there was a space I hadn't frequented yet, and that was our local government."

The part-time position requires Cariello to attend two Planning Board meetings a

month and to write the minutes for those meetings.

"When I saw the secretary position, I knew I wanted to throw my hat into the ring," Cariello said. "I am excited to serve the board in taking notes and providing an accurate account of meetings. I've attended a couple of Town meetings as well as the latest

planning. As a result of the continuation, comments will be heard during the January Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Residents did offer comments on plans for a sign at a new business, Da Vinci Windows, located at 3430 Route 343. Leading off the discussion, John Andrews, Planning Board engineer, detailed plans for the recently renovated property to create a window showroom to the first floor and an apartment above.

The business sign was originally proposed to be internally lit, but that type of sign is prohibited by local

sign regulations. The applicant changed the sign's lighting design to include exterior lighting from the bottom, but the sign code specifies that the lighting needs to shine down from above.

Planning Board member Nina Peek said that the plan should be revised to show the proper sign design.

Neighboring property owners expressed concern about debris on the property and a paved driveway near a wetlands buffer. Other neighbors raised questions about sight lines being obstructed by the new sign, pointing to speeding traffic in that stretch of highway where a blind spot exists.

Cascade Creek

Representatives from Hudson River Housing of Poughkeepsie preliminarily described plans to develop acreage at 34 Cascade Road to offer workforce housing to first-time homebuyers.

"This is the first time this is in front of you," Andrews said of the planning for the property that is zoned suburban residential.

"We are going to need Planning Board guidance," Andrews said, adding that on-site water and septic are envisioned for what is planned as a conservation subdivision.

Of initial concern, Andrews said, is that the maps on file are inconclusive in showing acreage that the

applicant is describing.

"We need to know the size of the parcel," Planning Board Attorney Paul Van Cott said.

Andrews added that the applicant is proposing to construct homes to become workforce housing, and that any workforce housing plan must be referred to the Housing Board.

Architect Peter Zander, describing the Hudson River Housing project and accompanying vice-president Mary Linge, reported that four construction phases would be planned with seven homes to be built in each phase for a total of 28 homes, each on a one-acre lot.

Zander said that there are no wetlands on the parcel, no endangered species, and no archeological history.

Linge indicated that single-family homes are envisioned to be sold to first-time home buyers. She added that she understands the process and she and Hudson River Housing are prepared for the long haul.

Attorney Van Cott said he will study the conservation analysis.

Planning Board member Ken Topolsky praised the work of the applicant in presenting the long cultural history of the land as part of their efforts to plan a conservation subdivision.

Zander said that a certified survey will expand upon the conservation narrative.

Hajduk named Wassaic's 2024 Citizen of the Year

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

WASSAIC — Wassaic residents turned out to celebrate the 2024 Parade of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 14, enjoying the traditional parade and festivities with refreshments at the firehouse.

One of the highlights was the naming of Wassaic's Citizen of the Year, Ana Hajduk, honoring her many contributions to the improvement of community life.

Presenting the award certificate was Amenia Town Supervisor Leo Blackman who spoke of Hajduk's talents as garden designer and her work with designing and faithfully tending the small garden in front of the post office where a veterans' memorial stands. She also looks after the needs of the newly planted pine tree that has replaced the old Wassaic Christmas tree. She also lends her talents to tending the beds planted by the Amenia Garden Club. And, she has successfully conquered the mugwort infestation at the Borden plant.

Blackman praised Hajduk also for her work with the Fountain Square plantings, and her willingness to lug buckets of water to a variety of growing things.

Hajduk lived for a time in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where her mother had rehabilitated an abandoned rail line to create a six-block long public park over a period of 20 years.

"Ana has it in her blood to improve the places where she lives," Blackman said.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Busy as he is in December, Santa took some time to join in congratulating Wassaic's Citizen of the Year, Ana Hajduk, following a presentation ceremony at the Wassaic Fire Department on Saturday, Dec. 14, all in conjunction with the 2024 Wassaic Parade of Lights.

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### Millbrook Library auction

Able looking after the refreshment area for the Friends of the Millbrook Library's Holiday Silent Auction on the day of the final bidding, Saturday, Dec. 21, were Jack Falk, at left, and Robert McHugh, President of the Millbrook Historical Society. Auction chairman Sam Falk reported total auction proceeds of \$14,722, highest ever in the 16 years of the auction.

## Major projects were Millbrook's focus in 2024

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The village anticipates welcoming former Trustee Peter Doro to the position of Village Mayor in January following his election in November, along with two new Trustees. The exercise of reflecting on the past year shows accomplishments and progress on some major projects.

Millbrook's youngsters did their part. The annual observance of Arbor Day in late April saw students enrolled in Grades K-2 at Elm Drive Elementary School helping with the planting of an elm tree in honor of their school.

In May, work began on the Stanford Road bridge over the east branch of Wappinger Creek, replacing the old structure with a new wider bridge. Stanford Road remained closed to traffic for the summer months.

On June 1, the village welcomed a new Chief of Police.

Keith Dworkin.

For the first time since 2015, the Millbrook Library sought and received voter approval of a November ballot proposition to increase library funding within the town's annual budget, only the third such funding request in the library's history. Voters approved an increase of \$165,000 to a new total of \$349,000 for library support.

Following two public information sessions in October and November and mailings to each household, a mid-November special referendum on the school district's capital plan saw defeat of all three proposed construction elements.

Three years in the planning, the project would remediate actively leaking roofs at two schools, the more severe problem found at the Middle School. The capital projects would install lifts for ADA-required access and allow for air quality monitoring and improvement within all schools in the district.

MILLBROOK — David Jon Greenwood passed away Dec. 23, 2024 at home in Millbrook New York. He was born July 9, 1944 in Putnam County, New York, and grew up in Carmel, the youngest of three boys. On his father's side, he was a descendant of Thomas Greenwood, who emigrated from England in 1665. He and his fiancée Nan returned to the ancestral home of the Greenwoods in Heptonstall, Yorkshire in 1974 to be married there, and returned several times, most recently this past summer with family to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

On his mother's side, his ancestry was Native American, indigenous to the Mid-Hudson Valley. His grandmother's mother was Wappinger, and he grew up hearing family recollections of the Wixon and Smalley families in Putnam County, including reminiscences of Native American traditions, hunting and trapping, long houses, relatives fighting in the Civil War, and the Blizzard of '88.

Mr. Greenwood pursued a lifelong interest in the visual and performing arts. His major field was art history with a specialization in American archi-

Because the plan includes critically needed maintenance work and repairs to areas with water damage, the district will continue the discussion into 2025 on a revised plan which voters can support.

Two major construction projects were a focus throughout the year. In late August, a contract was awarded by the Board of Trustees to replace storm drains on Washington Avenue. The work was completed before the end of the year.

A project to upgrade the village wastewater treatment plant received advice from the town's bond counsel on how to amend the original 2022 resolution to reflect higher project costs of about \$10 million.

A December report given at a Trustees meeting, presented by a representative of the engineering firm of Tighe and Bond, reviewed the status of required studies and early steps toward completing grant applications. The coming year will see continued progress.

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 Connecticut and New York.

.42 acre building lot at Silo Ridge sold for \$2.9 million.

The publicly listed properties for sale in Amenia in mid-December included nine parcels of land and 17 single family homes with seven listed for less than \$400,000 and six over a million.

\*Town of Amenia real estate transfers as recorded between Nov. 1, 2024, and Nov. 30, 2024, are sourced from Dutchess

### Copake man arrested on rape charge

COPAKE — A 21-year-old Copake man, William J. Mair, was arrested on Dec. 21 and charged with third degree rape of a minor, a felony. Mair has been remanded to the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center in lieu of either cash bail or bond.

Due to the victim's age, authorities are not releasing any

identifying details pertaining to the case. Authorities are asking anyone with information regarding William J. Mair to contact either Detective Ben Sistarenik at 845-486-3833 or bsistarenik@dutchessny.gov or the Sheriff's Office's tip line at 845-605-2583 or dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

## OBITUARIES

### David Jon Greenwood

He earned his bachelor's degree in art education at the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo, which included a semester abroad studying art history in Siena, Italy. His master's degree and supervisory accreditation were earned at SUNY New Paltz, which in 1982 named him an outstanding alumnus.

Mr. Greenwood combined his love of history and his love of art by becoming a teacher of art and advanced placement art history, joining the Carmel Central School District in Putnam County in 1967. In 1974 he was named district supervisor of art with responsibility for the entire arts program K-12, a position he held until retiring from Carmel in 2004. He then taught Art History and Aesthetics part time for another seven years at the Millbrook School. He specialized in pen and ink renderings and his work is included in several collections and books.

He was an officer of the Putnam County Arts Council and assisted in the selection, mounting and judging of numerous shows and exhibits. In addition to work with the Putnam and Dutchess County Arts Councils, he served on an arts review panel for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Art in Public Places project.

Mr. Greenwood gave presentations throughout the region on a variety of topics, and was well known for his extensive work with local historians, including re-enactments

of important historic figures associated with the Abolitionist movement in the Hudson Valley.



David served on the boards of both Putnam and Dutchess counties' landmarks preservation societies and for many years as an overseer of Old Sturbridge Village, a Massachusetts living history museum. He was the historian for the Village of Millbrook and Town of Washington and parish historian for St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lithgow, and served on the Dutchess County Historical Society. He was also an ex officio member of the Millbrook Historical Society and until recently chaired the Town of Washington's Conservation Advisory Commission. Among his proudest achievements were contributing to the Museum in the Streets public history project in Millbrook, and coordinating an annual historic calendar project for 28 years, celebrating the people, places and events throughout the community's history. It was in recognition of the calendar project that in 2022 the Association for Public Historians of New York State and the New York State Museum awarded him the Edmund J. Winslow Local Government Historian Award of Excellence.

David was also an active member of Millbrook Rotary and he and Nan served for 15 years as Inbound co-chairs on the Youth Exchange Committee for the 8-county Rotary District 7210 where they were responsible for selecting, placing and overseeing

the experiences of international students who spent an academic year attending local high schools and living with local families. Attending Rotary conventions took them around the world to Europe, Asia, Australia and South America, as well as the US, Canada and Mexico.

In Millbrook the Greenwoods lived in one of the oldest houses in the village, built originally by Philip Hart circa 1800. There David was surrounded by the antiques, art, books, and historic maps and memorabilia that meant so much to him.

In May 2024 at the Millbrook Historical Society's monthly meeting, he was honored by the society and by the Village of Millbrook and Town of Washington for his decades of service as local historian, and was presented with a plaque and a proclamation that May 16, 2024 was designated David Greenwood Day in the Town of Washington.

David was predeceased by his parents and brothers. He is survived by his wife Nan and sons Calder and Wixon (Sibyl) and grandson Augustus, nephews Shawn and Harold and niece Lisle.

David was a staunch believer in supporting the local community; accordingly, gifts in his memory would be appreciated at the Millbrook Historical Society, Millbrook Community Partnership, Dutchess Land Conservancy, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook Rotary Foundation, ShelterBox or a charity of your choosing.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a future date.

For more obituaries, see page A4

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## Silo Ridge transfers account for 84% of sale value in November

By CHRISTINE BATES  
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — With only five transfers recorded in Amenia in November, two sales at Silo Ridge — one a townhouse and the other a vacant lot — accounted for a whopping 84% of the sales dollars. The transfers outside the gates included 42 acres of land purchased by the Wetland Trust, a raised ranch and a manufactured home.

46 Sheffield Road — 41.5 acres of land sold to the Wetland Trust Inc. for \$320,000.

20 Roundabout Way — 2 bedroom/2.5 bath 1,769 square foot townhouse built in 2023 at Silo Ridge sold for \$2.4 million.

338 Old Route 22 — 3 bedroom/2 bath ranch on .6 acres sold for \$400,000.

32 Glen Ave. — a manufactured home on .56 acres sold for \$245,000.

243 Redtail Pass — a vacant

## OBITUARIES

### Dorothy Lukis Hosterman

KENT — Dorothy Lukis Hosterman passed away peacefully, at home in Torrington, on Dec. 20, 2024, at the age of 94, after a long journey with dementia. Known to friends and family as “Dot” up until the end, she maintained her kindness, grace, compassion, appreciation of beauty, and love of family and friends.

Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, to immigrant parents from the former Austro-Hungarian Empire, Dot was predeceased by her parents, John and Catherine, and 11 brothers and sisters. She is survived by her three children and their spouses; John and his husband Eric of Northfield, Minnesota, Tracy and her partner Sam of Amenia, New York, and Catherine and her husband Josh of Cornwall. She is also survived by her five grandchildren; Nicky, Dan, Ian, Zachary, and Eliza, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dot attended the State University of New York at Buffalo, earning her degree in nursing. Dot was proud to be a nurse and enjoyed her profession immensely. However, she changed directions after several years and devoted the remainder of her long life to raising her children, spending time with her grandchildren, and organiz-

ing “field trips” with her many friends. Dot was a resident of Kent, for over 40 years where she was a fixture in the community, having been involved with a multitude of activities and volunteer programs over the years.

Dot was an avid crocheter and donated dozens of blankets to the elderly in her community. She spent lots of time in the kitchen cooking. She would be pleased to know that her Marinated Lamb, Chili, and “Magic Cookie Bars” recipes have been properly handed down.

Dot loved Betty White, cheap white wine, and Fudge Ripple ice cream—though not necessarily in that order.

A skilled gardener, Dot always had a house full of plants. She was especially fond of her Christmas cactus, which she inherited from her mother in the 1960s. Dot’s children and grandchildren now have their own offspring of “Grandma Lukis’ Christmas Cactus”, which bloom faithfully every year, and which, with their caretakers, will go on and on for lifetimes to come.

There will be a Celebration of Life held on Jan. 4, at 11 a.m. at Cornwall UCC, 8 Bolton Hill Road. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, monetary donations can be made to The Kent Food Bank 41 Kent Green Blvd, Kent CT 06759.



### Donald Terance Martin

NORTH CANAAN — Dr. Donald Terance “Doc” Martin, 86, of North Canaan, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, at his home in North Canaan, which was his last wish.

Dr. Martin was a dentist in Canaan, retiring in 2014. He served the community and their needs whether they could pay or not, and at all hours of the day and night. They do not make men like Don “Doc” Martin anymore.

Born on Aug. 27, 1938 in Walla Walla, Washington, he was the youngest of George T. and Anna Mae (McGrath) Martin’s eight children. Don proudly served in the US Navy with the Seabees during the Vietnam War. He adopted the Seabee’s “Can Do” attitude that served him for the rest of his life. Don married Lynne Horner in 1964.

Don was a 50-year friend of Bill W. He sponsored numerous others through his devotion to Alcoholics Anonymous. When people asked how he managed to stay sober for five decades, he said, “Don’t drink. Go to meetings. And don’t die.” And, “If you’re going to get old, you should do it in the program.”

Don fiercely loved his family, and he embraced his community. Wherever he went, people shouted, “Hi, Doc!” He enthusiastically supported local causes. In the early 1980s, he founded Friends of Football, a booster club for the Housatonic Valley Regional High School’s football team. He was a regular at Housy athletic events during his children’s years as students there, and continued to support the teams even after his youngest child graduated.

In addition to his loving wife of 60 years, Don is survived by a son, Rick Martin of Canaan, and two daughters, Kelley Marshall and her

husband, Bill, of Hyde Park, New York, and Laura Mc-

Carthy and her husband, Neil, of Berlin, Connecticut. He is also survived by four grandchildren; William Marshall, V, Meagan Marshall and her fiancé, Cameron Jones, Maxim Martin and Meave McCarthy; a special friend, Jeff King, cousins Ann Kaufman, Jay Martin, Kathy Horner, Dan Horner, John Horner, Katherine Edlund, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024, at the North Canaan Congregational Church, 172 Lower Rd, East Canaan, with Pastor Mark Brady officiating. The repass followed from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the VFW Post #6851, 104 S. Canaan Rd., Canaan, CT.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Doc Martin should be made to the Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry, P.O. Box 306, North Canaan, CT 06018 or VFW Post #6851, P.O. Box 913, Canaan, CT 06018.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT.

### Alexandra (Winkelhorn) McClelland

CORNWALL — Alexandra Winkelhorn McClelland, 77, of Cornwall, Connecticut, and formerly of Winchester, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on Dec. 9, 2024. Born to Kai Winkelhorn and Sophie (Kutuzov) Winkelhorn on July 8, 1947, Alexandra was raised on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, where she graduated from the Night-

SALISBURY — Mark Joseph Grusauski, beloved husband and loyal friend, passed away on Dec. 15, 2024, at the age of 63. Born on July 29, 1961, to Mary (Harz) and John Grusauski, Mark’s adventurous spirit and passion for discovery defined his life.

Mark grew up in Kent, Connecticut, graduating from Kent Center School and Oliver Wolcott Technical High School. His love of aviation began in high school, when he built a hang glider in his parents’ basement, and taught himself how to fly. At 18, he purchased a 1941 Piper J3 Cub and earned his Private Pilot license. His training continued through the Florida Institute of Technology Flight School, where he earned seaplane, commercial, instrument, and multi-engine ratings.

Over the course of 45 years, Mark owned and restored many types of airplanes, logging thousands of

hours in the sky. His flying adventures included scouting forests for lumber, ferrying planes between sellers and buyers, exploring and sightseeing from coast to coast of the United States, splashing down on pristine lakes, barnstorming across grass strips, haylots, and cornfields, and whisking Laurie away on spontaneous excursions. Most importantly, Mark shared the joy of aviation with anyone who would climb into the cockpit with him.

Mark’s first true professional experience was at Ewald Instruments, where he honed his skills in precision miniature welding and machine work, marking the beginning of a career of technical excellence. He also worked with his father and

brother in the family business, G&G Builders, renovating and building fine homes. When

his wanderlust took him to Michigan, his expertise in carpentry and his love of flying led him to work restoring the historic Mackinac Island Grand Hotel and towing banners over Lake Michigan and the Pontiac Silverdo-

me. Upon returning to Connecticut, Mark channeled his passion for restoration into a successful business by founding Wingworks at the North Canaan Airport, a venture that spanned 20 years. Through Wingworks, he restored numerous iconic aircraft, including the 1999 Oshkosh Reserve Grand Champion 1943 Howard DGA, and the 2003 Oshkosh Bronze Lindy-winning 1935 Waco YKC (currently in the New England Air Museum’s collection). His impeccable craftsmanship, attention to detail, flawless paint jobs, and precision metal fabrication earned him admiration throughout the aviation community. In 2002 he received the FAA’s New England Region Aviation Technician of the Year Award. He was truly a “Jack-of-all-Trades, Master-of-Most.”

Mark and Laurie met in



1994 and married in 2001. Mark designed the home that they built in Salisbury, and the many unique details are a testament to his creativity and artistry.

Beyond his skill as a pilot and craftsman, Mark was a talented banjo player and avid telemark skier. His hobbies and innovative spirit led him to endeavors with guitar building, custom ski production, and inventions such as the “Kanga” powder-simulator ski boot, and a chainsaw-powered margarita blender.

Mark is survived by his wife, Laurie (Hammond) Grusauski of Salisbury; his brother and sister-in-law, David and Stephanie Grusauski, of South Kent; his nephews and nieces, John, Tucker, and Sadie Grusauski; Brian, Josh, and Sterling Bishop; Jace and Griffin Tomaino; Drew and Abby Vernali; Colton Conlogue; and his dear Aunt Margaret (Grusauski) Wilson. He was predeceased by his sister, Karen Bishop.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Salisbury Winter Sports Association or the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association in Mark’s memory. A celebration of Mark’s life will be held on Jan. 4, 2025, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, at Candlelight Farms Airport, 5 Green Pond Rd., New Milford, CT 06784.

### John Richard Dildine

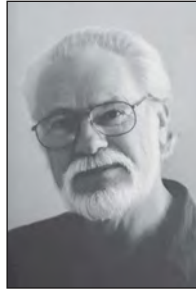
FALLS VILLAGE — John was born on Dec. 15, 1934, in Evanston, Illinois, and died on June 3, 2024. John graduated from high school in Silver Spring, Maryland, with a focus on audio, radio and music. He curated and hosted a popular Folk Music radio program recorded at WAMC and broadcast by NPR. He was the first president of The Folklore Society of Greater Washington in the early 1960s. He provided audio support during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on Aug. 28, 1963.

John, his wife, Ginny, and their three children (son Wesley, daughters Debbie and Connie) performed

as The Dildine Family Folk Songs and Marionettes for ten years at folk festivals, schools and folk venues.

John was a self-employed sound recording engineer for documentary films and television. He was also a voice recording artist. The John Dildine and Ginny Dildine Papers now reside at the Library of Congress-Folklife Division.

John loved travel, painting, pottery, and family. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Ginny, his son, Wesley (Chelsea), daughters Debbie (Joel) and Connie (Lars); and two granddaughters, Leah (Matt) and Shannon, and four great grandchildren.



### Roy Fraser Barrows

SHARON — Roy Fraser Barrows died peacefully at Hillcrest Commons Nursing Center in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, on Oct. 18, 2024. He was 76 years old. Roy was born on March 31, 1948, in Philadelphia to Fredrick Barrows and Margaret Adams Barrows.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Margaret Degnan Barrows, his son Scott Barrows, daughter-in-law Kate Kubarek Barrows, and grandson Samuel Barrows, all of Colrain, Massachusetts. He also leaves a niece, Elizabeth Barrows and nephews James Barrows and Kevin Chapko.

Roy grew up in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey and attended Rutgers University. He married Peg in 1970, and they moved to Sharon, two years later. They lived there on Sharon Mountain in the same house for the next 48 years. Roy spent some of the early years working with Vance Jones on the East Street

Farm haying and splitting firewood. Later he coached youth baseball.

Roy was a fisherman and a poet. He spent many hours fly fishing the Housatonic River and Mudge Pond, and many hours writing poetry and novels in his studio above the garage. His other interests

included computer programming, chemistry experiments, and tesla coils. Roy’s favorite genre was science fiction comedy, and he styled himself a reclusive mad scientist. He loved his Old English Sheepdogs and Maine Coon cats. He claimed to be a genius, and we believed him when it came to Tetris and Legend of Zelda.

Roy was not interested in money or success. He was concerned with seeking the truth, speaking it well, and teaching his son about baseball and life. He had much to teach and led a most interesting life. Goodbye Roy. Thanks for everything and godspeed to you.



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For more obituaries, see page A3

# Trump's new environmental team

**"Fasten your seat belts, it's going to be a bumpy night."**

*Bette Davis  
"All About Eve"*

## OCCASIONAL OBSERVER

Mac Gordon

Will the environmental policies and actions of the upcoming Trump administration be a continuation of the Biden agenda? No, definitely not. Trump has made no secret of his intentions. One of his first moves would be to rescind the more than 100 environmental Executive Orders installed by President Biden (many reinstating ones originally put in place by President Obama). Next he might remove the United States from the United Nations 2015 Paris Agreement, a legally binding international treaty on climate change adopted by 196 countries at the UN Climate Change Conference covering climate change mitigation, adaptation and finance.

More than two dozen agencies and other federal organizations have some role in environmental affairs. Among the major entities are the Environmental Protection Agency, the Interior Department, the Commerce Department, the Transportation Department, the Agriculture Department, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services. Here are a few of Trump's candidates to run these agencies.

Lee Zeldin, a former congressman from eastern Long Island is an "election denier" who refused to certify Biden's election in 2020. He campaigned against the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, the largest environmental bill ever (but since most of its funds are being spent in Republican districts, he will no longer try to block it). The League of Conservation Voters gave him a score of 13% for his voting record covering his 8 years in Congress, a terrible record for one about to lead the nation's leading environmental agency.

Trump's pick for Secretary of the Interior, North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum, a billionaire businessman is unlikely to follow the path of his predecessor Deb Haaland, known for expanding the country's National Parks and Monuments, Burgum plans to play a key role in greatly increasing coal, oil, and gas production in public lands.

Proposed for Secretary of Transportation is former (2011-19) GOP congressman from Wisconsin, Sean Duffy. Recently he has been a host on Fox News "The Bottom Line". He has no particular experience for the job but is a devoted Trump supporter.

Trump has chosen Chris Wright, the head of a fracking company, to be the next Energy Secretary. A vigorous enthusiast for fossil fuels, he minimized the contribution of cleaner energy. An MIT grad, he may alter his views somewhat in the future in response to scientific knowledge.

Howard Lutnick, proposed Secretary of Commerce, might become involved future plans for its subsidiary agency NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The current Republican guidebook, Project 2025, has called for it and its ancillary organization, the National Weather Service, to be dismantled. Calling NOAA "a primary component of the climate change alarm industry", Project 2025 calls for NOAA to be downsized and the NWS to be sold to commercial interests.

Proposed Secretary of Education, Connecticut's Linda McMahon was the chief of the Small Business Administration during the first Trump administration. Brooke Rollins, the proposed Secretary of Agriculture is a Texas attorney, active in state Republican politics, she has no prior federal government experience.

Health and Human Services proposed Secretary, Robert F. Kennedy has little to recommend him but his famous family name; he has no medical training or experience running a large organization. His attacks on various aspects of the medical profession, especially vaccines, have made him many enemies.

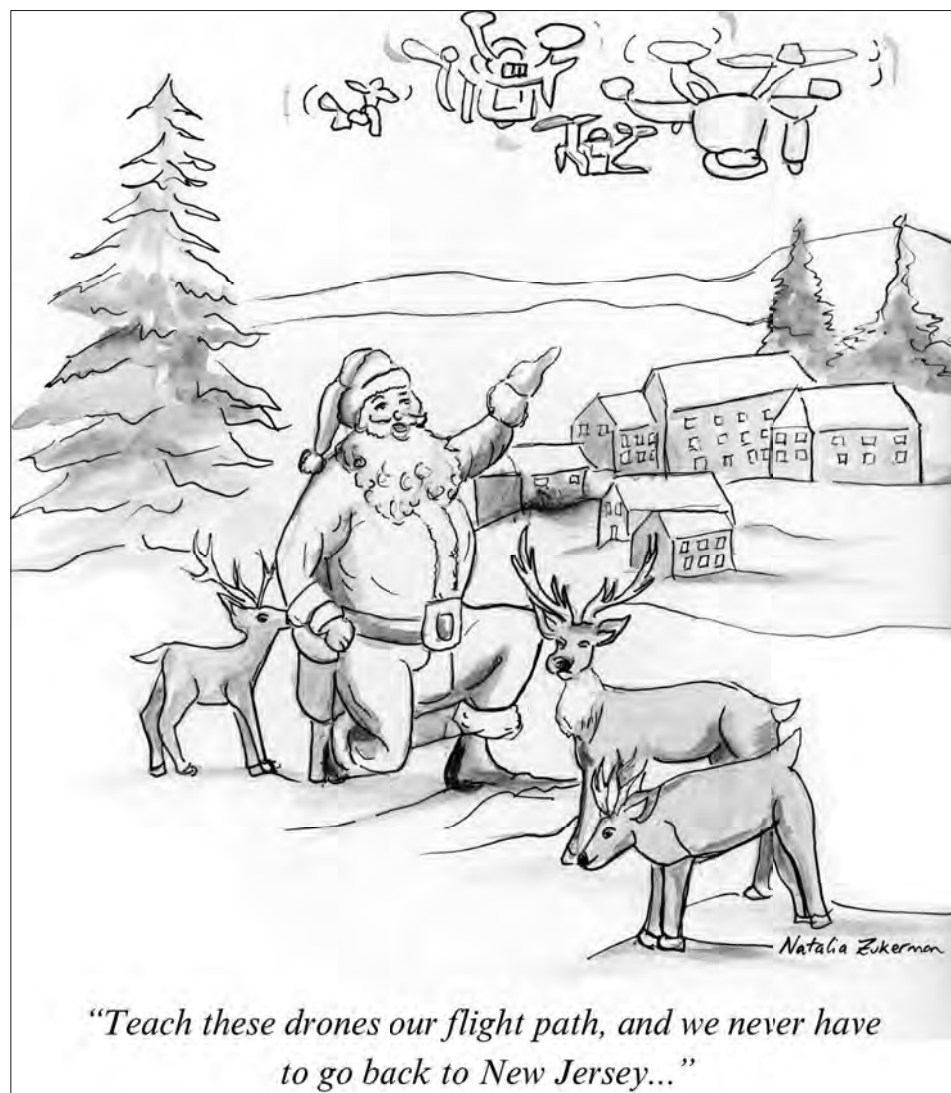
However, should he be confirmed, he might possibly help foster something positive; his enthusiasm for better nutrition and improved school lunches, and his condemnation of industrial agriculture would be welcomed by environmentalists as would his hostility to pesticides and other poisons so prevalent around us. Although he won't get far inveighing against corn syrup and ethanol. The main key to success here would be keeping Trump happy.

Unless they have a major falling out, Elon Musk, Trump's benefactor and, some say "co-president" will likely reverse Trump's hostility to electric vehicles, a major environmental accomplishment. And who knows what else?

Trump's appointments, especially Cabinet Secretaries, tend to have little experience directly relevant to their proposed new positions. Also, nearly all are very wealthy; several are billionaires. And (without any evidence), many are referring to Musk as "the world's richest man".

Trump's victory is a massive blow to environmental progress. But even though slowing, much less halting, climate change, may be stymied for a few years there are countless other significant accomplishments that may be possible. We need to remain positive and hopeful. As Monty Python put it, "Always look on the bright side of life..."

*Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.*



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# The 1934 Chevy; Millerton Theatre shuts; Y2K?

*The following excerpts from The Millerton News were compiled by Kathleen Spahn and Rhinannon Leo-Jameson of the North East-Millerton Library.*

January 4, 1934

'Flood Selected For Auto Show'; Tom Flood, of the Dutchess Auto & Supply Company staff, was selected as one of the salesmen to present the new 1934 Chevrolet at the New York Automobile Show starting Saturday, Jan. 6. The salesmen for the work were selected principally on account of their past sales records.

Mr. Flood has been in New York for the past week attending a sales school to become thoroughly versed in the many changes in the new 1934 Chevrolet.

'Central Hudson Minimum Rural Charges Made Permanent By Ruling'; According to an explanation made Tuesday at the office of the Public Service Commission, the revision of the rural extension line schedule of the Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation, recently approved by the commission, is a modification of the "rule for fixing the number of customers per mile of line" on which the minimum monthly charge is based. Dutchess, Greene and Ulster Counties and parts of Albany, Columbia, Putnam and Sullivan Counties will be affected by the decision.

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'Slip-Up On Boulder Dam Construction'; In the preliminary work of so huge an enterprise as the Boulder Dam, slip-ups are liable to take place at any time. These slip-ups very often impose tests on equipment which are quite beyond normal expectations. Such a slip-up befell one of the Exide batteries used on the storage battery locomotives hauling muck and rock during the construction of the diversion tunnels. In some manner, as the workmen were skidding the battery up an inclined railway, control was lost and the battery turned over and slid, upside down, into the river.

'Telegram Merged With Amenia Paper'; It was announced in the last issue of the Millerton Telegram that beginning with the week it will be consolidated with the Harlem Valley Times and published on Thursday instead of Friday. The Telegram was established here November 1, 1876, and at the time of its discontinuance as an individual newspaper was in its fifty-eighth year.

January 1975

'4-County Force Formed to

Save Harlem Line'; A task force will be formed in January from the four New York State counties served by the Harlem Line of the Penn Central Railroad. The task force will concentrate in gathering data to present at hearings proposed abandonments [sic] of the branch line. The counties oppose an abandonment of the line.

'Millerton Theatre Closes Due To Lack Of Patrons'; Lack of patronage has forced the Millerton Theatre to close its doors. Tony Bancalari, managing director of Victory Theatres, reported Monday, the day the Moviehouse closed down, that he did not really know if the theatre corporation would open the Millerton Theatre, again, but added that the company would be willing to rent it.

Last winter citizens protested the XX-rated movies that the theatre presented and demanded that the theatre corporation change its policy.

January 6, 2000

'NE Town Board Sports New Look'; NORTH EAST - There were very few surprises during the annual organizational meeting of the Town Board last week, but a new councilman will give that body a new look.

Town Supervisor David Sherman, who appeared relaxed and confident in his role as chief executive at the start of his fourth term, welcomed

Councilman David McGhee to the town council. Mr. McGhee was elected on the Republican and Good Government lines in November. Mr. Sherman and Councilman Carl Stahovec were also re-elected on the GOP ticket.

The Millerton News was once again named official newspaper.

'To the Relief of Merchants, Two-Hour Parking May End'; MILLERTON — A truce may be declared soon in the seemingly never-ending downtown parking war which has been going on for decades.

At issue is the two-hour parking limit on Millerton's downtown streets and the impact the parking restrictions have on local merchants. The Greater Millerton Chamber of Commerce resubmitted its June 16 letter to the Village Board, again requesting removal of the two-hour regulations and existing signs.

'Editorial, Y2K: What Was All the Fuss About?'; A script-writer couldn't have come up with a catchier theme for a blockbuster motion picture: The Millennium Bug — Will It Devour the World at Midnight?

As we know by now ... the hype surrounding the change of the calendar from 1999 to 2000 lost its fizzle faster than uncorked champagne as the world watched the time change around the globe.

# Opening Day rite — grandson's first buck

The November opener produced two bucks with unique success stories as they involve the most existing longevity and the youngest camp members. A member since 1969, I bagged a nice six point buck at 7:15 a.m. quickly followed by junior member Clark Kilmer's three-pointer at 7:35.

Clark has been a junior member since 2018 at the age of eight when we decided to bring young family members into the fold (three boys and three girls) hoping they would adapt as hunters and nature conservatives while teaching them ethics, appreciation of the land and nature and our camps traditions.

While I am pleased to take a nice buck I am extremely elated and proud of Clark's accomplishment — hunting from deceased and former member Bryant Kilmer's stand, using his grandpa's rifle

## VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

and wearing his old hunting gloves. Grandpa an Army vet and dearly missed member, was watching down as his grandson bagged his first buck. God works in mysterious and caring ways and this was an example of something nice happening in these crazy times. God bless you patriotic readers and your families. Put a smile on the face of someone alone or in need. Wishing you all peace on Earth and tolerance. Til' next time.

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

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“For the next phase of the project we hope to have additional property owners and artists throughout the village begin to put up art pieces, murals, banners, posters, etc. that represent the great diversity we have in our community to show our community members and visitors that we welcome kindness towards all

here,” according to Hermann.

Townscape is hosting a webpage [www.townscape-millerton.org/mcp](http://www.townscape-millerton.org/mcp) that will continue to evolve as the project does to show other art installations, give thanks to those involved and be a hub for people that have questions or would like to offer their space or services.

**SCHOOL** *Continued from Page A1*

ous boards deferring maintenance from term to term, bringing the schools to the current emergency where rainwater can be heard within the walls of Elm Drive School and rainwater spurts directly into the Middle School. Damage to the floors is evident.

Architect Joseph Rettig said it would be essential to retain plans for a lift in the Middle School to allow for access where none exists from the lower corridor to the auditorium. The elevators which would have provided more convenient access to other levels could be eliminated, he said.

“We will do anything we can to ensure continuity of the Middle School programs, but the buildings will decide for us,” one official said.

Rettig noted that a flat roof does shed water as a flat roof does have a gentle pitch to channel runoff water.

“But the Middle School

roof is very old,” Rettig said.

Most board members agreed that the community must be better informed of the need for maintenance work.

If the project is reduced in scope, the needed repairs will be deferred further. In a few years, the demonstrated needs will be more severe, and more expensive to correct, starting with a redo of the design plans.

Rettig pointed out that if the Middle School roof is replaced, and then in a few years, the HVAC work is approved, then the new roof would need to be cut into to do the installation of the new equipment. He said that cutting into a new roof invites damage to the roof, recommending instead that roof and HVAC occur at the same time.

The school district board has until the first week in February to choose a direc-

# Northern Dutchess real estate market defined by high prices in 2024

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

Leap year 2024 was another good year to buy and sell real estate in the North East corner of Dutchess County despite political turmoil and high interest rates; however, recorded results for the year in these four rural towns are distinctly different from one another. The markets of these four small towns — North East, Amenia, Washington and Pine Plains — all saw median prices for single family homes rise compared to last year with the biggest increase of 39% to \$487,500 in the Town of North East and the smallest increase of 1.8% to \$353,750 in Pine Plains. Both North East and Washington closed the year above the Dutchess County median price of \$430,000. A closer look at real estate transfers over the last twelve months, including commercial and land as well as residential housing, reveals the unique dynamics of each town.

**Pine Plains**

With 46 recorded transfers of property, rural Pine Plains is the least active and least expensive market in our readership area with only 46 public and private transactions, fewer than four a month, totaling \$18.4 million. Residential sales accounted for 78% of the activity with only two houses selling for

over one million dollars. The largest land sale was 174 acres at Pulvers Corners to Carson Power for a solar farm for \$1.8 million. The project received approval from the Pine Plains Planning Board at the end of 2023 and beat back a legal challenge over the summer. The most talked about commercial sale was the former Lia’s Mountain House at 7685 Route 82 for \$625,000 which is being transformed into an events venue and catering operation. The property was the most expensive of the four commercial properties sold in the town during the year.

**North East and Village of Millerton**

North East and the Village of Millerton recorded 62 transactions totaling \$34.8 million, almost double that of Pine Plains. Similarly, it had more than double the number of properties selling for over a million dollars. The most expensive was \$4.05 million for 1081 Route 83, an architect designed estate with “heart stopping views” on 126.99 acres. The highest sale of a home in the Village of Millerton set a record to date of \$670,000 on 38 Simmons St. There were two commercial properties sold in the town during the year. Bank of Millbrook bought the former Elizabeth’s Jewelry store on Route 44 for \$890,000 and MadRose gallery purchased 5 Main St. for \$469,000.

Land sales were limited to six building lots ranging in price from \$62,500 to 18 acres on Mountain Farm Road for \$365,000.

**Amenia**

The Town of Amenia has two separate real estate markets, public and private — Silo Ridge and everywhere else in town. Sales at gated community Silo Ridge of both lots and condos/villas accounted for \$52.5 million or 67% of Amenia’s total dollar volume recorded transfers this year. Without Silo Ridge sales Amenia’s transaction volume in 2024 would be only \$26.4 million — less than 75% of North East’s sales. One Key Multiple Listing Service reports that the Amenia median home price in 2024 without Silo Ridge was \$351,000 — less than the \$487,000 in North East, and \$353,800 in Pine Plains. Outside Silo Ridge’s stone walls Amenia has many affordable neighborhoods as well as elegant estates like 22 Smithfield Road which sold for \$3.7 million or 173 Kennel Road with 107 acres which sold for \$3.9 million — the only two transfers in Amenia outside of Silo Ridge this year for over a million dollars. Resales at Silo Ridge are now beginning to happen with over 50% returns on the owners’ original investment. There were four transfers of commercial properties including the most expensive — Seravan Restaurant, now Panacea — which sold for \$800,000. Sales of vacant land accounted for 15 of the 69 transfers including a total of \$16.1 million for seven lots sold at Silo Ridge and eight town properties sold ranging in price from \$45,000 for 3.7 acres to 32 acres for \$500,000 on Cascade Mountain Road.

**Washington**

The Town of Washington and Village of Millbrook, collectively known as Millbrook — the Hamptons of Dutchess County — is by far the most active real estate market of the four with total sales of \$106 million in 2024. Of the 72 transfers, 15 were over a million dollars, including three estates over \$5 million and the median price for the year was \$609,000, a 26% increase over 2023. Migdale Castle, built by John D. Rockefeller’s only daughter and renovated by the art-dealing, horse-racing Wildensteins for a rumored \$20 million was sold at auction by Sotheby’s for \$10.8 million. But Migdale was not the most expensive property. That honor went to an estate at 123 Fraleigh Hill Road with 145 acres, an 8,264 square foot house with six bathrooms, six fireplaces, an equestrian facility, swimming pool and sporting clay range for \$12.45 million. Meanwhile three even pricier properties remain on the market at \$18 million, \$28 million and the Hitchcock estate with 2,078 acres for \$65 million. Despite the sales of stunning houses on large parcels of land, approximately 30% of sales — especially on the village’s smaller lots — closed at less than \$500,000 in 2024.

*\*This analysis is based on real estate transfers recorded between Dec. 1, 2023, and Nov. 30, 2024, sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Only transfers with consideration are included. Median residential sales results are from One Key MLS. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.*

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green jobs.” Barrett is also grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve her constituents. “It is a joy and an honor to represent this very beautiful and historic district and the wonderful people who live here,” she said. “I’m looking forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead.”

Coming together for a common purpose is something New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey, D-41, also supports. Said Hinchey at the transition of 2024 to the New Year, “I’m reflecting on all we’ve achieved together and the work ahead. Representing the Hudson Valley and Northern Dutchess is an honor, most of all because it’s a partnership with every neighbor, every local leader and every family who calls this region home.”

Over the past year, progress has been made in areas of concerns to the district. “We made important strides in several priority areas, like enacting my bill to help EMS get paid for treating patients

on scene and authorizing ambulances to give blood transfusions,” Hinchey said. “We had major wins for agriculture, too. My legislation laid the foundation to create the first-ever protections for prime agricultural land through the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, ensuring that our local farmlands are protected in an evolving landscape.”

As with Barrett, Hinchey’s focus is on remaining cognizant of evolving community needs. She explained how keeping the lines of communication open with her constituents has guided her work, saying, “I’ve met with countless neighbors and heard about what’s working, what isn’t and where we can do better. Some of our best legislative ideas have come directly from those conversations — whether improving healthcare access, expanding cell service, supporting EMS, or ensuring every family has a safe place to call home.”

For Hinchey, the transition to January is a chance to

continue the work she’s started for Northern Dutchess. “A new year is always an opportunity to come together and build on the progress we’ve made with renewed energy and focus,” she said. “I’m confident that in 2025, we’ll continue to deliver practical solutions that bring positive changes to our daily lives.”

Republican County Executive Sue Serino, whose first year in office saw her undertake initiatives in transportation, veterans affairs, EMS, composting and farmland preservation, is also working on plans for the upcoming year. She is continuing her support of ThinkDifferently, an initiative focusing on individuals of varying abilities, mental health programs and the launching of the Real Time Crime Center. Continuing to partner with residents and Dutchess-based businesses and organizations is important to Serino in meeting her targets in the coming months. “I’m grateful to so many people throughout Dutchess County who have

been instrumental in helping us achieve these goals in the past year,” she said. “Through their continued collaboration, and as we engage new partners in 2025, I’m certain the New Year will bring even more success stories.”

Democratic New York State Governor Kathy Hochul has many of the same priorities as Barrett, Hinchey and Serino. In a statement from her office, her spokesperson weighed in, saying, “As we look toward the New Year, Gov. Hochul is laser-focused on advancing efforts like the state’s first Inflation Refund to improve affordability and put money back in New Yorkers’ pockets ... Whether increasing access to affordable housing in the region, investing in infrastructure improvements to ensure access to clean drinking water, investing in the agricultural industry, or traveling to the county to sign Melanie’s Law to better protect victims of domestic violence, Gov. Hochul is delivering for Dutchess County residents.”

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts, Entertainment & Lifestyle

2024 RECAP: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Art and entertainment in 2024

Whether exploring local farms, enjoying a summer concert, or attending an author talk, there was always something happening in the Northwest Corner in 2024 to inspire and engage. From live music and theater to seasonal recreational activities and art exhibitions, our community had no shortage of ways to connect, enjoy, and celebrate the creative and cultural life of the region.

Here are some highlights from events covered by Compass, the Arts and Lifestyle section of The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal in the Art, Books, Food, Movies, Music, Recreation, and Theater categories.

### ART

From Feb. 17 to March 29, the Sharon Historical Society hosted its annual juried art show with the theme "Let's Dance." The exhibit featured a range of works exploring the theme of dance across various artistic mediums.

Opening on May 18, Wassaic Project's "Tall Shadows in Short Order" was an immersive art exhibition that featured large-scale, site-specific installations by 30 artists. It offered a unique visual experience over several months and was a highlight of the summer arts scene.

Held in September, The Voice of Art's (TVOA) Fine Art Festival differed slightly from the Litchfield Art Festival which took place in May. The September festival took place in Sharon and like the spring fest, celebrated the arts with a curated selection of works by artists from the northeastern U.S. Featuring everything from paintings to jewelry, the festival was a must-attend for art lovers.

In October, "SHELTER" opened at the Royal Arcanum Building



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**Benjamin Hochman and friends at Music Mountain.**



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**Above, brunch at Troutbeck.**



PHOTO BY MATTHEW KRETA

**Left, the cast of Charlie Brown at Sharon Playhouse.**

in Norfolk. Featuring work from fourteen area artists, the benefit raised \$20,000 for The Gathering Place in Torrington which provides essential services to the homeless across 26 towns in Litchfield County.

### BOOKS

The Salisbury and Kent Libraries hosted series of author talks throughout 2024, welcoming both local and internationally renowned authors to engage with the community about their work. These events included Q&A sessions and book signings, providing an intimate setting for readers and writers to connect.

The popular Author Series at The White Hart Inn in Salisbury continued to bring in local and national writers to

speak about and read from their work. Local authors Eric Schnall and Roxana Robinson thrilled audiences with their new novels, and journalist Jonathan Alter was interviewed by John Hendrickson, senior editor at The Atlantic magazine on his book, "American Reckoning."

In July, culture writer Laura Van Straaten skillfully interviewed Maurice Samuels, a distinguished professor at Yale University and director of its Program for the Study of Antisemitism on his new book on The Dreyfus Affair at Congregation Beth David in Amenia.

In September, Susan Seidelman, writer and director of such classics as "Desperately Seeking Susan," and "Smithereens," visited as part

of the Haystack Book Festival in Norfolk with a reading from her new memoir, "Desperately Seeking Something."

### FOOD

Troutbeck's executive chef, Vincent Gilberti, continued to delight visitors to the historic resort's restaurant and even shared a recipe for Black Emmer Pancakes with readers of the paper. This dish is a staple of their brunch,

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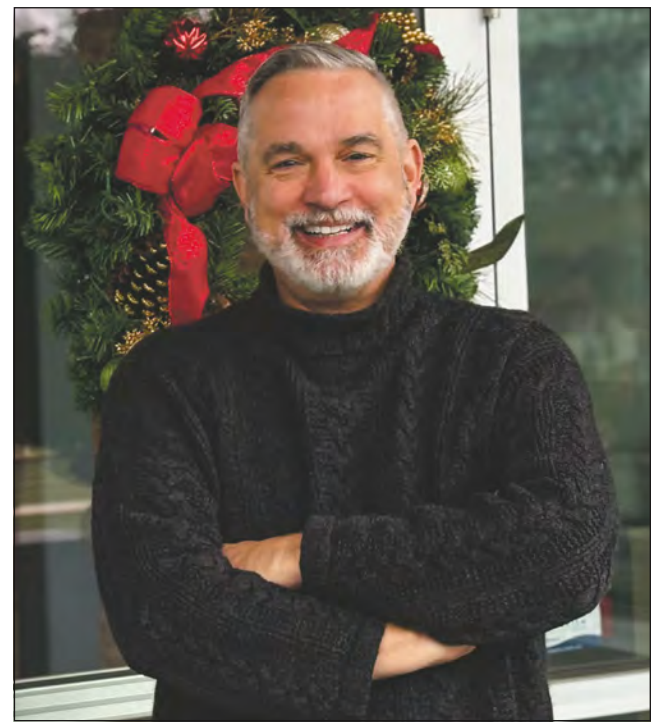


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**Patrick Trettenero in front of The Stissing Center in Pine Plains.**

THEATER: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Patrick Trettenero named Executive Director of The Stissing Center

The Stissing Center in Pine Plains announced the appointment of Patrick Trettenero as its new Executive Director. Trettenero, a seasoned storyteller with a diverse career in theater, film, television, and executive leadership, brings a wealth of experience to the role. His impressive background spans multiple industries, including arts production, creative direction, and fundraising. Having recently stepped down as President of the Board, Trettenero intimately understands the needs of the arts center and will be a valuable asset as it continues to expand its offerings and influence in the region.

A New York-based artist, Trettenero has made his mark in various creative roles. He has worked as an award-winning producer, director, writer, and mentor, and has honed his skills on both sides of the Atlantic, with

projects in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and the UK. Early in his career, he served as artistic director of Chicago's Cloud 42 theater, directing the premiere of "Late Night Catechism" which went on to stages in more than a dozen markets across the U.S. and UK, including its six-year Off Broadway run at St. Luke's Theater. His Broadway credits include investments in "Next to Normal," "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," "1984," and "Kimberly Akimbo." Trettenero also spent 20 years at NBCUniversal, leading the creative agency "Brandworks" and producing Emmy-nominated telethons, branded content, and marketing campaigns. Most recently, he produced his first Broadway show, "Here Lies Love," and only a month ago, closed an off-Broadway show he produced called, "Kafkaesque."

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which relaunched in February. Panacea opened in Amenia in the site of the long-beloved Serevan Restaurant to rave reviews. Pastries by Hanna in North Canaan now offers sweet delights to go with your cup of coffee at the wonderful Ilse Coffee. The NECC began a new pop-up food market selling local vegetables and protein on a sliding scale. Robust discussions about food access in our region were ongoing and plans for a food market at Millerton Square Plaza were revealed at year's end. Farmer's markets such as the one in Sharon, Millerton, Salisbury and elsewhere continued to provide the community with locally grown produce and a vibrant weekly gathering spot.

**FILM**

The Triplex in Great Barrington offered screenings with spe-

cial Q&A sessions. A screening of "I Am a Noise" included a guest appearance from the film's subject, Joan Baez. The theatre also hosted an election film series which included a screening of "Paving the Way," about Geraldine Ferraro's legacy. The Norfolk Library film series included screenings of wonderful, independent films such as Michel Negreponte's "Herd" and a documentary film series called "Covering Conflict." The Moviehouse in Millerton hosted numerous screenings and talk backs with filmmakers and actors, as well as the second SOAR student film showcase.

**MUSIC**

From the blues of Robert Cray and Shemekia Copeland at Infinity Hall in Norfolk to the classical and jazz summer series at Music Mountain, our area was rich with musical offerings in 2024.



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**Joan Baez**



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**Trade Secrets**

In July, The Litchfield Jazz Series returned for its 29th year. The Stissing Center in Pine Plains hosted many concerts of internationally renowned musicians. The Oldtone Roots Music Festival returned to Hillsdale in September after forming a nonprofit in 2023 and featured local and nationally touring acts. In May, the 24th annual Trade Secrets event raised funds for Project Sage. 2025 will

**RECREATION**

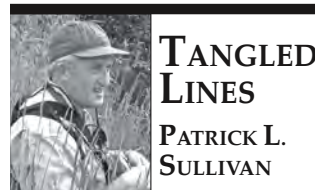
be the 25th year of the fundraiser and sure to be full of botanical surprises. The annual Fall Foliage Hike at Mount Riga drew hikers from the community to experience the vibrant autumn colors of the region's natural landscape. The guided hike provided stunning views and an opportunity to explore the outdoors. The Sharon Audubon Center and the Cary Institute of Ecological Studies offered a variety of nature walks and educational programs throughout the year, allowing the community to connect with local wildlife and learn about conservation efforts.

**THEATER**

The Sharon Playhouse continued to be a central hub for theater in the region. Its 2024 summer season featured a blend of classic plays and new works, drawing both theater enthusiasts and casual attendees for an enriching experience. The Copake Grange staged several productions including World War II drama "A Shayna Maidel." -Our area's vibrant cultural scene always offers a diverse array of arts, entertainment, and lifestyle content—2024 was no exception.

**Tangled Lines looks back on 2024**

It rained a lot in 2024, and then it didn't. That's the Tangled Lines 2024 recap in a nutshell.



**TANGLED LINES**  
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

With recent changes in angling regulations in my two main stomping grounds, Connecticut and New York, the idea of "trout season" is now more of an idea than a legal reality. Poor conditions, not regs, keep me inside. This includes high water, low water, muddy water, and ice chunks floating in high or low, possibly muddy water. Let us not overlook the angler's poor condition. In 2024 the Tangled Lines medical beat was established, and how. Out in 2024: Ice cream. Chips. Bread. Pasta, unless it is made entirely from chickpeas, comes in an orange box and costs a lot more than the regular stuff. (Also — don't overcook it. The difference between al dente and al mush is about 12 seconds.) In: Salad. Fields and fields of...salad.

I spent more time than usual this year prowling the Catskills outside of my usual Esopus watershed, with mixed results. And then everything dried up, except for one quick blast of rain in early August that didn't do much in Connecticut but brought the East Branch of the Delaware in New York up about three feet. This was not helpful. Switching to bass lake mode for August, I noticed a persistent pain in my right (casting) shoulder. At first I chalked it up to slinging gigantic, heavy flies such as the Chupacabra, which is like casting a wet sock. But it soon became clear that something was wrong. Hello, rotator cuff! The doc sent me to another low-key miracle worker, physical therapist Mike Mangini in North Canaan, and I am pleased to report I can, once again, inform fellow motorists that they are insert in my shoes and the stretches and moves Sam showed me, I no longer stagger around like a decrepit man in his early 60s. Now I lurch around like a klutz in his late 50s. Might not seem like much, but I'll take what I can get. The new and improved me voyaged into the wilds of western New York at the end of April, catching the end of the steelhead run in the Salmon River in and around Pulaski. I managed to land a steelhead. The fish struck me as a little tired out but I put it in the win column anyway, if only because I did it in the most offhand manner possible short of sitting in a lawn chair on the bank with a bobber, a worm, and a piece of line tied to my foot.

Number One with a simple, rotator cuff-dependent gesture. I don't believe in setting goals or making elaborate plans for fishing. Too often the goal is silly, like catching a big lunger largemouth with a one-weight rod. (It could be done, like tap-dancing in roller skates, but why?). Or the plan falls through because the fellow who was going to take me to the secret place disappears, leaving no forwarding address. Instead, for 2025 I will concentrate on simple things. Getting better with longer, finer leaders. Learning some form of two-handed cast without getting buried in minutiae regarding shooting heads and grain weights. And finding ways to do more with less. I am tired of rummaging around in the pack or vest du jour, looking for the only fly that will work. Because they all work — if you do it right.

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Far left: Filmmaker Kip Williams moderates the question and answer period of the special screening of *The Millers in Marriage* as the cast answers questions. Brian d'Arcy James, Campbell Scott, Ed Burns, Gretchen Mol, and Benjamin Bratt. Burns wrote and directed the film.

FILM: ROBIN RORABACK

## Millerton Moviehouse hosts cast Q&A for 'Millers in Marriage'

The Movie House in Millerton hosted a special screening of "The Millers in Marriage," a film written and directed by Edward Burns. Burns and fellow actors Gretchen Mol, Campbell Scott, Benjamin Bratt and Brian d'Arcy James were in attendance and participated in a question-and-answer panel after the screening. The panel was moderated by Mol's husband, filmmaker Kip Williams. Audience members got to ask questions of the veteran actors of stage, film, and television.



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Ed Burns, Gretchen Mol, and Benjamin Bratt on the red carpet at The Millerton Movie House on Dec. 21. They were there for a special screening of "Millers in Marriage" which Burns wrote, directed and acted in. All three costarred in the film.

The film centers around the three Miller siblings; played by Gretchen Mol as Eve, a former "indie rock" singer and song writer; Edward Burns as Andy, a painter; and Juliana Margulies, as Maggie, a writer. All three are over fifty, with the sisters facing empty nests after their children are grown. All three have problems in their marriages and are dealing with the death of their mother the year before.

Kip Williams opened the question-and-answer period by saying to Burns "I can't think of another film about this

moment in life. It's an original window. Thank you for that."

Burns said he chose that subject matter for that reason. "There are no films about us," referring to people of "generation X" now being over fifty. "I am invisible now," he said. "Our stories have no value now." It was important to him to make a movie about this stage of life.

Mol's character, Eve, was just becoming successful when she got pregnant and gave up her career to marry her manager and raise their children. Now, she wonders if it is too late to start her career again. When a writer for a magazine — played by Ben-

jamin Bratt — contacts her and reminds her of her past, his character acts as a catalyst for her to begin to think again about her music and her life.

Mol said when she read the script it was like "a conversation I've been having with my friends." She loved about her character that "she changed. She's still on the journey."

Kip Williams commented to Mol, "When I look into the eye of the character, I don't recognize you at all," describing how completely she had been able to assume her role.

Campbell Scott plays Nick, husband of Margulies' character. Scott

said that as an actor, his challenge in the film was "How unattractive can we make this guy? How whiney? And still keep him human?" Nick is a writer struggling with writer's block while his wife, also a writer, is finishing another book.

Bratt said of Campbell's performance, that it was "nuanced" and left him "wondering how he does what he does." He admitted, "I have a desperately bad actor crush on Campbell Scott."

Brian d'Arcy James' character, Dennis, is a caretaker who comes into play when the siblings go to the country for the weekend. The panel said of his character, "He's an outlier, he lacks some moral structure. He opens things up and creates a problem."

Moderator Williams commented that the themes of aging, parental death, and surviving as artists were "delicately worked."

Audience members remarked that the film was "So much fun to watch, great actors." "Well crafted, melancholy." "I wanted it to keep going."

## ...Trettenero

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As President of the Board at the Stissing Center for the last three years, Trettenero was instrumental in the growth and development of the organization. Trettenero shared, "It was an amazing experience. I'm so glad I was able to contribute to the growth of the organization, but I needed to clear my plate to start a job search."

Trettenero had his last board meeting as President in early December when, just a few days later, he got the call. "So, I get a call from the Board saying, 'we're going to make a change, would you do this?'"

After a few days of contemplation, he accepted the role, ready to focus on the future of The Stissing Center. "I really need to focus on the future," he explained. "The board felt confident that I had the skills to take on this role, and I'm excited about what's ahead."

Gwen Greene, the new President of the Board, shared, "Patrick worked side by side with Brett (Bernardini) during the latter's tenure and is admired, respected, and beloved by our Pine Plains community. Going forward, I have no doubt we'll do great things together for the community, for the arts, and for the amazing family that the Stissing Center has helped create."

Though the center will have a period of adjustment, Trettenero is optimistic about the challenges and opportunities his new role presents. "It's going to take a little while, but things are starting to calm down already," he said. "Every transition is challenging, but I'm motivated by the love I have for this town and its people."

Trettenero is committed to continuing the momentum of growth and ensuring that The Stissing Center remains a vibrant cultural hub for Pine Plains and the surrounding area. He emphasized the importance of balancing offerings for local residents, weekend visitors, and tourists alike. "We're not for everyone, but we're for anyone. There's always room at the table at The Stissing Center," he said.

With the 2025 programming already in place, Trettenero is focusing on increasing visibility and fundraising efforts. The first major event of the new season, "Fire and Ice," will launch the season and offer a sneak peek at the diverse artistic programming to come. "It's a chance for us to celebrate the exciting year ahead," he said.

As he takes on the role of Executive Director, Patrick Trettenero is focused on the long-term vision: stabilizing and expanding the facility, fostering community partnerships, and raising the funds needed to complete critical infrastructure projects.

"I'm excited, relieved, and yes, a little terrified," Trettenero admitted with a smile. "I'm hoping that what I can do is continue the momentum of growth and development and then, in a few years, hand it off to someone else to come in with a new perspective and a new approach, but always with the same mission, with the same focus on serving this community and this region." Trettenero added, "I know I don't have all the answers and I don't pretend I'm going to be here forever, but at least for the foreseeable future."

## Sharon Historical Society accepting art submissions for juried show

SHARON — Area artists are invited to submit works to be considered for a juried exhibit at the Sharon Historical Society Gallery. The exhibit and sale, exploring the theme of "Memories" will open on Saturday, Jan. 18 and continue through Friday, March 7.

Original works in any medium may be submitted for consideration, including Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Photography, Pastel, Ink, Graphite, Drawing, Print, Mixed Media, Sculpture, Assemblage, Fabric, Stone, Clay, Metal, and Digital.

The exhibit will align with the Historical Society Museum's current

exhibition titled "The Memories We Keep" that displays items from the museum's collection of objects that provide connection with the lives of Sharon residents and therefore collective community memory.

Exhibit organizers indicate that artists' works should conform to the theme of "Memories" by linking with a personal memory of love and loss, triumph and despair, humor and reflection, or whatever the theme inspires whether places, events or people that inhabit the artist's memory.

There is a non-refundable entry fee of \$25 for up to two works, and

\$10 for each additional submission. The judging process will determine the choice of pieces to be exhibited and the cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50. Exhibit visitors will have the opportunity to vote for a "Crowd Pleaser" of their choice.

Artists must deliver their works to the historical society on Saturday, Jan. 11, between 10 a.m. and noon, although works will be accepted earlier by arrangement with the museum staff. Artists are also asked to submit high-quality photos of their works

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#### First Friday Music

Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, Jan. 3 at 12 p.m. at 30 Main St., Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m. This month's program will feature tenor Richard Trey Smagur, winner of the 2017 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, and praised for his "attractive lyric tenor" and "vivid presence" by Opera Today. Mr. Smagur will perform Ludwig van Beethoven's song cycle, "An die Ferne Geliebte." David Baranowski will accompany on piano.

#### Live Animal Program

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

Humans may wear layers and drink more hot chocolate in winter, but what strategies do wild animals use to get through the cold months? Learn about how our local wildlife stay warm in winter with plays, games, and more during our LIVE animals program with White Memorial Conservation Center on Friday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. This program is free and open to the public.

### JANUARY 4

#### Twelve Moons Coffee House: Live Music & Open Mic

Twelve Moons Coffee House, 24 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

Enjoy an evening of live music and open mic on Jan. 4. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the open mic is at 6:30 p.m. Erin Ash Sullivan, an award-winning New England singer/songwriter, performs from 8 to 9 pm. Her new album Signposts and Marks debuted at #4 on the FAI Folk DJ chart. BYO dinner and drinks or enjoy coffee, tea, and fresh baked goods.

### JANUARY 10

#### Banned Book Club

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

On Friday, Jan. 10 at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Equity Project will host a Banned Book Club. This month we will be discussing the book "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult. Copies of the book are available at the library. This group is open to anyone high school aged and older.

#### Lunch and Learn at

##### Hotchkiss Library of Sharon

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

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### JANUARY 11

#### Hotspot: Paintings by Kit White

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

Cornwall Library presents Hotspot, an exhibition of dramatic paintings by Kit White, inspired by California wildfires and climate change. Featuring White's innovative technique of embedding photographs in oil paint, the works offer a powerful, layered response to the apocalyptic imagery of wildfire and memory. Kit White, a New York-based artist and writer, has exhibited widely, including at the Guggenheim Museum, and is known for his exploration of photography's impact on our perception of the world. The exhibition will be on view from Jan. 11 to Feb. 22. There will be an Artist's Reception on Saturday, Jan. 11, 5 to 7 p.m. (Registration requested: cornwalllibrary.org/events)

#### Connecticut's Foxes

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

Join Ginny Apple, Master Wildlife Conservationist, on Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. for a talk about Connecticut's two species of fox: the Red Fox and the tree-climbing Grey Fox. Learn about their roles in the ecosystem and their fascinating behaviors. Free and open to the public. For more info, visit huntlibrary.org or call (860) 824-7424.

### JANUARY 16

#### Virtual Author Talk

Online.

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, in collaboration with Essex Library

Association and Darien Library, to announce a Virtual Author Talk with Betsy Lerner on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Author Betsy Lerner will delve into her debut novel, "Shred Sisters." Spanning two decades, "Shred Sisters" is an intimate and bittersweet story exploring the fierce complexities of sisterhood, mental health, loss and love. If anything is true it's what Amy learns on her road to self-acceptance: No one will love you more or hurt you more than a sister. Register online at youressexlibrary.org or by calling the Library at (860) 767-1560.

### JANUARY 18

#### Love to Dance Party

Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

On Jan. 18, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., warm up this at the Copake Grange LOVE TO DANCE night (all songs include LOVE or DANCE.) The dance is at 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y. (right behind Clock Tower Pub & Grill). Admission is FREE (\$5 suggested donation), refreshments available, BYOB. Guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or hygiene product for donation to the Roe Jan Food Pantry & Taconic Hills Schools' Care Closet Submit a suggested dance tune that includes the word "LOVE" or "DANCE". Go to tinyurl.com/JanuaryDance

### JANUARY 19

#### Classic Film Series

##### Presentation: "Mississippi Burning"

Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

On Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3:30 p.m., in conjunction with Martin Luther King Day, Copake Grange will show "Mississippi Burning." This film, based on true events, is a fictionalized version of the FBI's search for the killers of three civil rights workers in the South in 1964. Starring Gene Hackman, Willam Dafoe and Frances McDormand, it was directed by Alan Parker and won an Academy Award for best cinematography. Grange Classic Film Series organizer, Lenny Barham, will provide commentary and insights about the film. Movie admission by donation. Stay after the movie for dinner - soup, salad and dessert for \$10. Vegetarian options available.

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### COMMUNITY: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

## Scoville unveils renovated building

A group of 20 or so patrons of the Scoville Memorial Library took a tour through the nooks and crannies of the building on Friday evening, Dec. 20.

The tour was a repeat of last year's tour, but everybody who showed up was new to it.

There were fewer staffers on hand due to the snow that was falling at show time. Karen Vrotsos, the head of adult programs, stood in for library director Karin Goodell. Also leading groups were volunteers David Rogers and Macey Levin, and the latest addition to the staff, children's librarian Kyla DeRisi.

Vrotsos took a group to the director's office, where they admired the portrait of Andrew Warner — one of the founders of Hartford — and heard how a long shot inquiry from a descendant led to the portrait turning up in the library's holdings.

Then it was up the narrow spiral staircase to a room that holds



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN  
Kyla DeRisi with bound copies of The Lakeville Journal.

the original books that made up the library's initial collection.

The books are small, fragile, and lean heavily toward religion and morally uplifting subjects.

There is also a sword, which might have been made in France in the 1770s and exported to the American colonies for use in the Revolution.

Moving to the reading room, Macey Levin reminded the younger members of the group that it used to be the children's section, directed the group's attention to the stone carving in the wall — from Salisbury Cathedral in England — the Oak Room

(aka the Kobler Room or the Tower Room) and the map on the wall in an alcove showing the old 14 school districts within Salisbury.

In the basement, DeRisi pointed out a display of miniature books donated by the late Whitney North Seymour. The display was once in the main room of the library, was stowed away in the director's office, and was then relocated downstairs during the most recent renovation.

There are also bound copies of the Lakeville Journal.

Upstairs under the bells, Rogers explained why the group could not go up the "rickety" ladders to see the actual bells. (Answer: insurance).

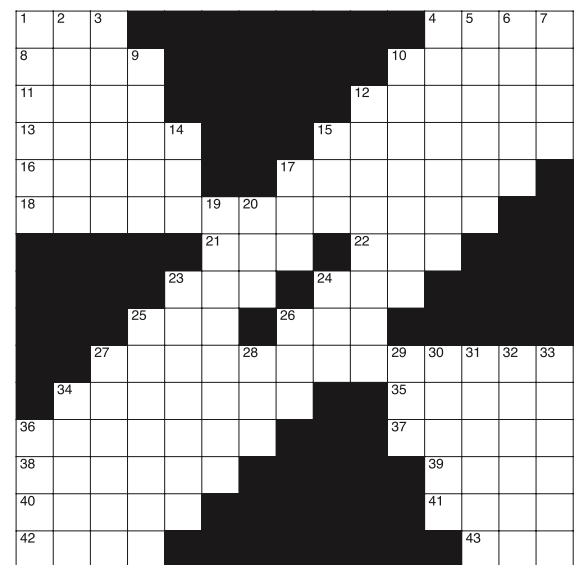
Rogers said the "Parsifal Peal" used by the library for its bells is based on Richard Wagner's "Parsifal" opera and as far as he knows is the only bell tower in the United States that plays it.

He then obliged by playing it on his saxophone.

## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- Americans' "uncle"
- Chair
- Ancient kingdom
- Egyptian city
- Alaskan glacier
- One from Somalia
- Ancient alphabets
- Relating to vocabulary
- Small mongrels
- Natural settings
- Weekend entertainments
- Line from which light seemingly streams
- Your own private code
- Swiss river
- Satisfaction
- A person's brother or sister
- Folk singer DiFranco
- The Blonde Bombshell
- Kids' school project
- Bluish greens
- Classifying
- Cube-shaped
- Choo-choos
- Indian religious god of dissolution
- French department
- Leak into gradually
- Foundation
- Midway between south and southeast



- Animal's body part
- American playwright
- Blood poisoning
- Angels
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Written account
- Unwelcome pest
- Saddle horses
- Type of gibbon
- Delta is one
- NE Massachusetts cape
- Soup cracker
- Yes vote
- Muddy ground
- Physics apparatus (abbr.)
- Type of drug

- German city
- Animal disease
- Martini ingredients
- Get away
- Spanish municipality
- Thrust a knife into

### Dec. 19 and 26 Solution

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### Sudoku

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### Dec. 19 and 26 Solution

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7	8	9	5	3	2	6	1	4
2	6	3	8	1	4	7	5	9
4	1	5	9	6	7	2	8	3
6	9	1	3	5	8	4	2	7
3	7	8	4	2	6	1	9	5
5	2	4	7	9	1	8	3	6

Level: Intermediate

## Word of the Week

Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters. Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week.

Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place.

Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the WoTW.


- Ctrl+V
- Slow-cooked meat
- Step to climb
- Ironman's alter ego
- Welcome to 2025



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OUR TOWNS

# Millerton's biggest news in 2024: infrastructure improvements, new food market on horizon

By COLLEEN FLYNN  
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MILLERTON — The past year was one of progress for Millerton with major changes over 2024 and more to come in 2025 for both the Village and the Town of North East.

One of the year's biggest announcements was the sale of the Millerton Square Plaza to Chris and Kim Choe, owners of the Sharon Farm Market, who are poised to bring a new and much-needed super-market to the venue.

The Village saw visible improvements over the past year with the installation of new fire hydrants and new LED streetlights, an ongoing project which is expected to wrap up in the New Year. Additionally, a county grant, the 2024 Community Development Block Grant provided the Village of Millerton with \$150,000 to improve the Veteran's Park sidewalk.

Developments in wastewater activities are expected to be forthcoming with the awarding of the \$5 million-plus Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant (IMG) to fund various projects which continuously monitor and

improve local water quality.

Some affordable housing strides were made with the assistance of Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County. This past summer, the Macagnone family was approved by the organization's board of directors for the purchase of a home on Rudd Pond Road. Construction of the house has been completed, and the family is in the process of settling into their new living space.

The year also saw developments for Millerton in other areas as well.

### New EMS Contract

EMS needs were addressed over the past year with the Town of North East entering into a new three-year contract with EMS provider Northern Dutchess Paramedics. Prior to the new agreement, a five-year contract, which expires on Tuesday, Dec. 31, was in place.

This calendar year, North East spent \$376,858 on EMS services, which is about 10.5% of the Town's budget. The first negotiation with Northern Dutchess Paramedics resulted in a quote of \$646,300 for its services next year, a proposed 71.5% increase.

The contract's terms were eventually renegotiated, with the Town receiving ambulance services starting at \$511,558 for 2025, \$696,345 for 2026 and \$746,345 for 2027.

### Eddie Collins Memorial Park

The Eddie Collins Memorial Park saw many different upgrades and plans throughout the year.

The Village was granted nearly \$6.4 million from the New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming initiative and \$500,000 from New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to help with the costs of construction of the new pool.

Phase II for the new construction of the pool within the park has been one of the biggest projects the Village has been working on.

The Village selected LaBella as the contractor for the new design, which includes a 3,600 square foot pool house and community room and a five-lane Olympic short course swimming pool. The Village is hoping to begin construction by spring 2025 and complete the project within six to eight months.

The biggest challenge for the pool project will be the septic system on the premises. A small section at the corner of Eddie Collins Memorial Park has come to the attention of the contractor as LaBella works to complete this project.

### Library Budget

The NorthEast-Millerton Library Board of Trustees aimed to secure a \$50,000 tax revenue increase on Election Day during this year's budget vote.

Currently, the library receives \$125,000 annually in tax revenue, the result of its last budget vote in 2007. The Town of North East has been donating an additional \$50,000 every year since 2019 in support of the library's work. Whether this annual donation will continue has yet to be decided.

According to the library's website, the additional funds may be withdrawn, contingent on fiscal needs. The budget vote this year was implemented to secure the \$50,000 for the library on an annual basis.

The library funds its services through a combination of tax revenue, donations

and grants, yet the disbursement of some of these funds can be complex. Many contributions are earmarked for specific projects, and grants cannot be used for operating expenses, leaving labor costs and materials up to their tax revenue.

### Highway Garage

The new highway garage was completed at the beginning of 2024, with an open house viewing for the first time in September.

The process started in 2022 when the foundation was laid. The majority of the construction took place during 2023, and the final touches and details were wrapped up at the beginning of 2024. The new garage is more than double the size of the previous space.

Comparatively, the old structure was 5,700 square feet, upgrading the current square footage to 12,720. With the extra space, more equipment can be stored and the garage has enough room for equipment to be worked on, if needed, unlike the previous garage.

The Highway Department allowed the Fire Department to use the new garage while the floors were being resurfaced at the firehouse in October. In the past, requests from the Fire Department for use of the former garage were unable to be accommodated as their vehicles were too large

to fit in the previous space.

### Climate Smart

Climate Smart played a crucial role in the Village of Millerton and the Town of North East this past year.

This year, the Village of Millerton joined the Town of North East in their Bronze Certification in the Climate Smart Communities program, showing the importance of keeping the Earth clean.

The certification promotes sustainability, increasing zero-emission transportation, and reducing pollution. Millerton now joins 140 other municipalities in New York State which have achieved this status.

Receiving points for tracking the Village's energy levels for vehicles and facilities with an annual analysis to control consumption, the new sidewalks and water meters have also earned the village points toward its bronze certification.

In July, Climate Smart Community launched a new campaign to promote the use of heat pumps within the Millerton area. Heat pumps have the lowest-known emission of any heating source. They are able to heat and cool buildings more efficiently than propane, oil or other traditional systems. These pumps also do not emit carbon monoxide, which is associated with fossil fuels, making the surrounding areas healthier to the public.

# Amenia poised for more projects after 2024 initiatives

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Stepping back to examine an entire year within the town of Amenia, progress has been seen in efforts that would benefit current residents and future generations.

With restoration work now completed on two historic charcoal kilns standing west of the hamlet of Wassaic, the Town Board in January began considering the next steps in accepting the owner's gift of the site to the town.

Discussions about the site near the intersection of Route 22 and Deep Hollow Road had begun 18 months earlier

when reconstruction work on the 150-year-old stone structures began, symbols of the start of the 19th-century industrial revolution when the kilns made charcoal to fuel the Gridley blast furnaces in Wassaic.

By December, the town was nearing the end of required steps to complete the gift of the kilns to the town by owner Eric Bommer.

After much publicity and then disappointment, Tarts and Bread bakery failed to open in late April. The space is expected to open as a bakery in mid-February, 2025.

In the spring, the former Seravan restaurant was purchased by new owners, Chef

Jacob Somers and Khendum Namgyal. The new restaurant, Panacea, opened in late summer.

Le Jardin opened in October, bringing a flower shop to the commercial center, and is thriving.

Restoration work on the Town Hall gym floor was completed during the year. The solid maple floor that was uncovered during the process was able to be restored and is in use today for a variety of activities.

After three years of work, a paving and drainage project improving 1.9 miles along Tower Hill Road in Wassaic was completed during the summer.

The Silo Ridge Masters event in October marked the

first year of a local equestrian center joining the competitive Hudson Valley Show Jumping circuit for their fall calendar. Silo Ridge served as a sponsor for the show jumping competition, held at the Keane Stud Farm Equestrian Center. The proceeds would benefit the Silo Ridge Foundation and the Amenia Wassaic Community Organization.

In December, the Town Board voted to proceed with a \$6.3 million bond issue to construct a new town garage and salt storage shed to be located on the east side of Route 22 between Sinpatch Road and Tower Hill Road. The old town garage had been constructed in 1955.

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