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**Village Trustee Matt Hartzog showing members of the Millerton community the Tighe & Bond map of Century Boulevard.**



PHOTO PROVIDED

The Millerton Water Department building caught fire in the early hours of the morning on Monday, Feb. 3. Fire Chief Keith Roger said responders from the Millerton Fire Company and the North East Fire Department began battling the blaze at approximately 3:41 a.m. By daylight, a skeleton of a building was all that remained of the structure. The cause of the fire was under investigation at press time.

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS  
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**"Our local economy depends very much on the labor of recent immigrants — as America always has."  
— Leo Blackman,  
Amenia town supervisor**

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**See JUMPFEST, PAGE A6** Jack Kroll jumps for NYSEF.



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OUR TOWNS



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Hands meet clay

Clay crafting was a feature of the day at the Amenia Free Library on Wednesday, Jan. 29, drawing a goodly number of area residents to try their hands at the craft. Getting underway with fashioning a credible piece of pie was Millerton’s Audrey Wagoner, 12, accompanied by Melissa Wagoner who had not yet decided on a clay shape.

NEML February exhibit features local father-son painting duo

MILLERTON — Local father-son artist duo Scott and Collen Culbreth will be exhibiting their work at the NorthEast-Millerton Library through the month of February. The Culbreth’s have lived

and worked in the town of North East and Millerton for 45 years. The artists will be exhibiting a collection of paintings. Opening reception for the exhibit will be Saturday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m. at the NorthEast-Millerton Library, located at 75 Main St. in Millerton.

Dine Out for History’ comes to Taro’s

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MILLERTON — Dine Out for History continues at the following venues on the dates below. Reservations recommended. Taro’s at 18 Main St. on Thursday, Feb. 6. The Oakhurst Diner at 19 Main St. on Sunday, Feb. 16. Willa at 52 Main St. on Thursday, Feb. 27. Round III at 5523 Route 22, on Monday, March 10. Golden Wok at 2 Main St. Suite 5165, on Wednesday, March 19, takeout only.

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• Herrington’s

LJMN adds Hermans, Siegler to board; elects officers

FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. — LJMN Media, which publishes The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, has announced the addition of two new members to its board of directors. Dick Hermans and Scott Siegler join Meg Downey, Henry Blodget and Rob Fish, each added early in 2024, as its newest members. Hermans, of Pine Plains, co-founded Oblong Books & Records with locations in Millerton and Rhinebeck. He has also served on the Pine Plains School Board and is a current member of the Pine Plains Planning Board. Most recently, he co-founded The New Pine Plains Herald, a digital newspaper covering Pine Plains, and serves as Vice-President of their board. Siegler, a resident of Sharon, participated in the startup of TriStar Television Studio, Netscape Communications, Pandora Media and Granada America. He has served on the board of the Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard’s Kennedy School and The Center for Public Integrity. Downey, of Millerton, began her career in journalism as editor of The Millerton News, executive editor of The Poughkeepsie Journal and managing editor of the Tennessean in Nashville, Tennessee. Downey is a two-time Pulitzer Prize finalist and has won more than 40 national journalism awards. In her career, she has also taught journalism and ethics at Vassar College. Blodget, of Cornwall, is co-founder, Executive Chair of the Board and occasional columnist of Business Insider Inc., a global journalism organization with offices and affiliates in more than 17 countries. A former Wall Street analyst, he is often a guest on CNBC, CNN, MSNBC, NPR and other networks. Fish, of Salisbury, founded the design firm Robert V. Fish & Associates, which specialized in residential architecture in Hartford, Fairfield and Litchfield Counties and won dozens of design awards. He has served multiple terms on the boards of Sharon Land Trust and Sharon Playhouse. CEO and Publisher James H. Clark said “The addition of these members reinforces our commitment to strong local journalism in our communities in the Northwest corner of Connecticut and Eastern Dutchess County in New York. As we continue to look at new ways of delivering the news, each of their skill sets and expertise will be invaluable.” Board membership now stands at 14 representing diverse professional backgrounds and expertise. Additionally, the Board of Directors elected a new slate of officers at its annual meeting in December. Dan Dwyer, of Salisbury, has been elected chair; Brian Ross, of Sharon, Vice Chair; Devereux Chatillon, of Sharon, Secretary and Karen Byers, of North Canaan, Treasurer. The Board recognized Noreen Doyle, who served as founding Chair and who will continue on as a member of the board. On assuming the chairmanship, Dwyer noted that “the challenges we face are more complex than simply ‘saving

the paper.’ Our Board’s duty is to provide financial stability and resources that enable management and editorial staff to continue the improvements they are making. We are also responsible to develop a plan for the future, so we are finding ways of getting information to our communities — when and how they access it — so we remain the trusted source of local news, information and opinion. I’m confident our Board is up to the challenge.” To learn more about The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, go to millertonnews.com and click on “About us.”

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**Hudson River Housing invites residents’ views**  
Concerns regarding proposed housing project in Amenia discussed at Jan. 28 meeting. Please see millertonnews.com for the full story.

**Highland visit ends in Dover loss**  
Dover girls unable to overcome big scoring deficit against their rivals during Jan. 30 contest. Please see millertonnews.com for the full story.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Irene Verano

SALISBURY — Dorothy Irene (Kreivenas) Verano, 87, of Salisbury, died Thursday morning, Jan. 30, 2025, at St. Vincent’s Medical Center in Bridgeport, after a brief illness. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Frank Verano, whom she missed dearly every day. Dorothy was born Aug. 8, 1937, in New Britain, daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret Kreivenas.

She graduated at the top of her class from New Britain High School in 1955 before attending Boston University, where she received her Bachelor’s degree. She began teaching elementary music in the New Britain Public School system and later received a Master’s degree from the University of Hartford. Prior to marrying Frank, she enjoyed road trips along the East Coast with her friends and her sister, Marian. In 1966, she married her soulmate, Frank, and moved to their peaceful, idyllic property in Salisbury. She retired from New Britain schools in 1994 after 35 years of service. She served on the Salisbury Board of Education and was a dedicated parishioner of St. Martin of Tours Parish, St. Joseph’s Church where she looked forward to attending weekly mass.

She loved attending live musical performances at Tanglewood with her sister, and listening to their radio broadcasts when she could not attend. She was a skilled pianist and played for various events throughout New Britain including as a backup pianist for the New Britain

Symphony Orchestra, but her most appreciative audience was her family at holidays, weddings and family visits.

Dorothy shared a special relationship with her sister, Marian (Kreivenas) Glynn and brother-in-law, James Glynn, who were her weekly Friday lunch dates. She is also survived by her niece, Susan (Glynn) Grandpre and husband, Michael, her nephew, Steven Glynn, and his wife, Cathleen, five great nieces and nephews, Abby, Matt, Kate, Evan and Alex, and by Frank’s children and grandchildren. She was especially close to his daughters, Evelyn Caron (Ken) and Katherine Verano, their children, Brandon, Daniel and Kaitlyn (Ashley), and Dorothy’s great-grandson Brathan, who all provided love and support over the years. Dorothy was also fortunate to have wonderful friends she could count on, including her longtime friend Jean and helpers Hope and Pat.

Calling hours were held Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, Feb. 3, 2025, at 11 a.m. in St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph’s Church 4 Main St. North Canaan, CT 06018. Burial followed at St. Joseph’s Cemetery North Canaan, CT 06018. Memorial donations may be made to the Chore Service, PO Box 522, Lakeville, CT, or St Joseph’s Cemetery foundation. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

Charlotte Hoose Murphy

AMENIA — Charlotte Hoose Murphy, 98, of Amenia, passed away peacefully with her family by her side at home on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025. Charlotte was a lifelong resident of Amenia, born on June 26, 1926, to Fred and Fanny Carpenter Hoose. She graduated from the Amenia High School in 1944 and from Middlebury College, Class of 1948. She worked part-time as a teller for the First National Bank of Amenia and its many successors, retiring in July, 2000. On Oct. 2, 1948, she married James Maroney Murphy in Amenia. He passed away in 2004 after 56 years of marriage.

Charlotte is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law; Cathleen (Michael) Homrighaus of Cortland, New York, Adrienne (Mark) O’Brien of Weaverville, North Carolina, and Elizabeth (William) Kanauer of Helena, Montana. Sons and daughters-in-law; Dr. Robert (Marie) Murphy of Cornwall, Brian Murphy of Millerton, Lawrence (Nancy) Murphy of Wassaic, and Andrew Murphy of Amenia.

She is also survived by 12 grandchildren; Jerry Murphy, Jay Murphy, Alicia Peterson, Nicholas Kanauer, Justin Murphy, Greta Murphy, Jason Homrighaus, Zachary Homrighaus, Noah Homrighaus, Brian J. Murphy, Kimberly Dolan and Marjorie O’Brien. She is also survived by 9 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by a granddaughter, Laurel Hayes Murphy, a great-granddaughter,

Stephanie Amber Murphy, and sisters, Jane Bentsen and Margaret Pulver.

Charlotte was very active in many organizations area wide. She was a 72-year active member of the Amenia Fire Co. Ladies’ Auxiliary, served many years as a trustee and treasurer for the Amenia Free Library, the Junior Women’s Club of Amenia, a trustee and treasurer for the Violet H. Simmons Scholarship Fund, and was a Board member of the Rex Brasher Association. She also served as Court Clerk for her husband, James, during his 46 years as Amenia Town Justice.

Calling hours will take place on Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, New York. The Amenia Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will conduct a service at 6:30 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia.

Memorial donations may be made to The Amenia Free Library Association, PO Box 27, Amenia, NY 12501, or The Amenia Fire Co. Auxiliary, PO Box 166, Amenia, NY 12501, or the Violet H. Simmons Summer Enrichment Scholarship, c/o Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, PO Box 400, Sheffield, MA 01257 or Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington St., Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Walter Axel Pearson

SHARON — Walter Axel Pearson of Sharon, passed away suddenly on Jan. 15, 2025 at his winter residence in Palmas Del Mar, Puerto Rico at the age of 93.

Walter grew up in Huntington, New York, where he attended Huntington High School. He went on to earn a degree in business management from SUNY. Walter had a lengthy and distinguished career in the US Military, serving 8 years as an air traffic controller at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and 24 years as Captain of the Port in the Coast Guard Reserves at New London, Connecticut. He was a member of the PGA, playing on the tour from 1949 through 1953 prior to his Naval service. He was also the teaching professional at the Huntington Crescent Club for many years after he was discharged.

Walter was an extraordinary salesperson, primarily for the Connecticut Natural Gas Company and the Culligan Water Conditioning Company, and was also a plumbing and heating contractor for many years in Lakeville.

Walter is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth (Betsy), his son, Robert, and Robert’s

wife Nikki, and his daughter Lora. He was a devoted husband, father and proud grandfather to Robert and Nikki’s daughter, Hayden.

He was predeceased by his parents, Nils and Julia Pearson of Huntington, New York, and his brother, Hugo Pearson, of Jacksonville, Florida.

Walter had a passion for golf and not only played whenever he had free time but traveled extensively to play golf courses most people only see on TV. He was also a member of the Rotary Club in Salisbury, where he served as an officer in the capacity of secretary for many years. His friends and family remember him as a quiet gentleman with integrity and warmth. His sense of humor was subtle and often disarmed those around him.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Palmas Del Mar in Humacao, Puerto Rico, on March 16, 2025 from 4 to 7 p.m., and another in Sharon, at a date in April to be determined. Donations can be made to the PLCC Scholarship in memory of Walter Pearson at https://givebutter.com/Vr7AQg or to the Sharon Woman’s Club Scholarship Fund, PO Box 283, Sharon, CT 06069.



Robert G. Grandell

CANAAN — Robert G. Grandell, 81, of Canaan, passed away peacefully on Jan. 29, 2025.

Robert was born in Waterbury, on Aug. 29, 1943, the son of Isabella (Brickett) and Art Perkins. He married Janet (Van Deusen) on June 27, 1964.

Bob worked at various factories throughout his career, retiring from Electric Motion Co., Winsted, in 2005. He enjoyed coaching Little League baseball and junior bowling. He also liked to watch the UConn Women’s Basketball team and the Green Bay Packers.

He and Janet liked to go on bus trips and vacation in Lake George, New York.

Bob is survived by two sons; Gary and his wife Lau-

rie of Canaan, Dennis and his wife Carolyn of New Hartford, one sister; Anna Mae MacNeil of Arizona, one brother; Bill Perkins and his wife Candace of Torrington, and six grandchildren.

Bob is predeceased by his parents and two sisters, Joan Parsons and Eleanor Gurney.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, Feb. 2 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at The Kenny Funeral Home, Sharon. All other services are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Canaan Ambulance, 15 East Main St., Canaan, CT 06018 or to the North Canaan Volunteer Fire Department, 4 East Main St., Canaan, CT 06018. Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



In Remembrance

Barbara Victorien

I knew Barbara when she worked at Nicolas-Tobin in Kent. I paid bills in person for the pleasure of speaking to her. Our contact was minimal but she left a deep impression of grace, kindness and capability.

When she learned that I was going to Berlin, New Hampshire, she told me that a great uncle who was a Civil

War veteran was buried there. Berlin City Hall told me exactly where to look. The modest stone, less than 12” by 12”, is in the front row near my parents’ grave. I always stop at the soldier’s resting place. Now I will think of her, too.

How will you remember Barbara?

Jon Lafleur  
Kent

Anthony J. Stewart

SHARON — Anthony J. Stewart, 62, of 40B Jackson Road lost his battle with ALS as the sun was rising on Jan. 28, 2025, at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain with his sisters at his side. He was born Nov. 13, 1962, in Winsted, the son of Patricia A. (Piretti) White of North Canaan and the late Bradley Stewart.

Anthony was the owner of Anthony J. Stewart Landscaping and Tree Service.

Anthony grew up in North Canaan, loving to be outside and in the woods. It was truly fitting that after graduation from HVRHS and working for local landscapers that he started his own business. His work on many properties in the area and the beautiful views that he cut are a testament to the creative visions he had. Anthony was his own man and fiercely protective of his family. If he called you “Bud” you knew you were his friend.

In addition to his mother, Anthony is survived by his two daughters; Victoria A.

Stewart of Torrington and Erica Opromollo, her husband Joe of Waretown and their two sons Nolan and Lincoln. Anthony is also survived by his two sisters; Kim Casey, her husband Jay of North Canaan and Jill McGee, her husband Ray of Peoria Heights, Illinois. His two nephews; Jason Casey, his wife Allison, and their two daughters, Willow and Wesley; and Ryan Casey.


A service of remembrance and celebration of Anthony’s life will both be held at the North Canaan VFW, 104 South Canaan Road, Canaan, CT 06018 on Friday Feb. 7, 2025. The service will begin at 5 p.m. with the celebration immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Anthony’s name to: ALS United CT https://alsunited.org/ or Compassionate Care ALS https://ccals.org/

Both of these ALS organizations have given us invaluable support and resources offering us strength and support throughout this journey.



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# Here comes climate change

Lately, people who in the past seldom gave it a second thought are beginning to talk about the weather.

The main reason, of course, has been the catastrophic wildfires forming the worst natural disaster in California’s history, still continuing with no clear end in sight. California has become known all over the world for the frequency and ferocity of its wildfires but this one is the worst so far. Climate change is clearly the underlying reason.

The year 2023 was the Earth’s warmest on record — until 2024. Climatologists tell us that the next few years are going to be hotter still. And the incoming Trump administration’s plan to burn more fossil fuel than ever before will guarantee more new record high temperatures.

For those who are unaware, the Earth’s atmosphere has a growing proportion of heat-blanketing “greenhouse gases,” especially carbon dioxide and methane, largely the result of the burning of coal, oil, and natural gas. These gases lock in the heat of the sun’s rays in the atmosphere thereby heating up the air, the water and the land.

Oil companies have been avidly promoting what they call “carbon capture and sequestration,” the removal of carbon dioxide from the air and its capture and storage deep underground. The fossil fuel businesses believe that CCS provides a justification for using oil and gas indefinitely. But this technology is extremely expensive, potentially very dangerous and unworkable at anywhere near the scale needed to make a meaningful difference.

Global warming or climate change does not cause bad weather conditions; rather it seriously exacerbates them making them more severe. Warmer air allows clouds to hold more moisture and thus drop more rain in a storm. This summer’s catastrophic floods in Spain were made much worse because the Mediterranean Sea, surrounded and cut off from the Atlantic, warmed up significantly and together with the mountainous land along the coast turned typical floods into enormous ones.

Usually, hurricanes follow fairly predictable paths, staying generally along the coastline. But last summer’s Hurricane Helene veered into far west North Carolina causing massive storm and flood damage. Primarily this happened because of the mountainous terrain of the Blue Ridge chain of western North Carolina, which formed a natural barrier, forcing the storm’s moisture to condense, causing extreme rainfall in the valley near Asheville especially when combined with the already saturated ground from earlier storms.

In the middle of the country tornados are occurring with increasing frequency, arriving with little warning and causing considerable damage.

Across the world crippling heat waves hospitalized and even killed people unprepared for the incredible temperatures. All around the U.S. summer heat waves have been growing. Phoenix had temperatures over 100 degrees for more than a month. In India, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia temperatures reached

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Mac Gordon

130 degrees Fahrenheit.

Florida used to be the place much of America chose to get away to, either for a warm, sunny holiday or for retirement, escaping the harsh northern winters. But in addition to trying to cope with an enormous population explosion over the past 60 years, Florida has environmental problems that can’t be overlooked. As a peninsula flanked by the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, Florida is battered by hurricanes more than any other state. A hurricane crashing onto the East Coast is likely to continue through the state’s narrow midsection and maintain its destructive path through to its west coast and beyond into other nearby states. As with other states that become resort areas, development has been overwhelmingly on or near the coasts where weather damage is greatest. Home insurance has become difficult to obtain. Rising seas, a worldwide phenomenon, is unusually acute and is coupled with sea water rising from below due to the porosity of the land underneath. As a result, Florida’s streets are often flooded when there has been no rain.

I used to think that forest fires were a problem mostly just for California and a few adjacent states. And to listen to Donald Trump and others one might think the problem would go away if only Democratic politicians would “maintain their forests.”But in the summer of 2023, the largest, most noticeable wildfires were happening in Quebec followed by others all across the U.S. and Canada. In the summer of 2024 there were even a batch of devastating wildfires in the Northeast that extended into New York City including Brooklyn’s Prospect Park, a harbinger of what’s to come.

The Northwest Corner offers one of the most benign climates in the United States and this becomes especially true as the country’s climate becomes increasingly troubled. Connecticut was once called “the land of steady habits,” a reference perhaps to what many considered dull, excessive moderation. But with the increase in severe and often violent weather a more boring climate seems a decided plus. Over the past 40 years, the Northwest Corner has experienced no weather calamities worthy of national attention, the last one of note being the 1955 flood centered in Winsted. There’ve been only two tornados over the past 40 years (midwestern states usually have at least two per year), only modest hurricane damage and minor droughts. In recent years, unpleasant and often dangerous heat waves across the country have kept residents huddled indoors around their air conditioners but Northwest Corner folks can still enjoy summer out of doors.

The climate here remains more agreeable than it is in much of the rest of the country; but it is changing and at an increasing rate.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SWSA Snow Ball thank you to supporters

As organizer of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association annual Snow Ball Dance, I want to send a big thank you

out to the many people who made it happen again this year at the Lakeville Town Grove. Thanks to Stacey Dodge and

her amazing team, the place was decorated perfectly for the event! Also, a big thank you to the many volunteers who always come through to assist me at the event and dozens of local businesses who donated wonderful prizes to the annual Snow Ball raffle. We had a fabulous turnout and some great music and the crowd danced the night

away. We would also like to thank our friends at the Norbert Farm Brewery for their support. Without these people and businesses our event would not be possible. See you at our next SWSA event!

John Sullivan

On behalf of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association  
Salisbury, Conn.

### Printer guilty of forgery; a mid-day train added; summer jobs at Denny Pool; Webutuck reunion

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

#### February 1, 1934

“Tramp Printer Pleads Guilty To Forgery”; Wallace Gibbord, 60, the last of the tramp printers who thirty years ago won a national prize for speed in setting type by hand, pleaded guilty to a second degree forgery charge before Judge Flannery in county court Friday morning. Gibbord, who has traveled all over the United States and in Cuba and other countries while working at his trade, was arrested Nov. 27, 1933. He was indicted Oct. 22, 1931, more than two years before, by the grand jury after John Hoysradt, former publisher of the Pawling Chronicle, had alleged that a check bearing his name and made to “Walter Gifford,” drawn on the National Bank of Pawling, was a forgery. It was further alleged that Gibbord had cashed the check at the John E. Rogers drug store in Pawling.

#### February 6, 1975

“Threat Of Rail Abandonment Prompts Millerton Meeting”: Anticipating that the United States Railway Association plans to be published,[sic] Feb. 26, will call for abandonment of at least a segment of the Harlem Division of Penn Central Railroad, and[sic] informational meeting on effective procedures for protesting loss of rail services will be held, starting at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 10, at the Community Room above the Millerton Free Library, Dutchess Avenue, Millerton.

‘New Mid-Day Train Added To Schedules’: Of particular interest to many travelers between New York City and Dover Plains is the

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new midday train on the Harlem Division, leaving Grand Central Terminal at 11:13 a.m. and reaching Dover Plains at 1:35 p.m., with a change of cars at Brewster. The return trip starts at Dover Plains at 2:15 and arrives, Grand Central, at 4:33 p.m.

‘Brooks Delays Store Opening’: The grand opening date for the Millerton’s new Brooks Discount Drug store has been rescheduled for mid-March, according to a Brooks’ spokesman. The opening had been tentatively scheduled for mid-February, but has been postponed because of construction delays.

The Brooks spokesman said no prescription counter is planned for the Millerton store, but added, one may be added sometime in the future, depending on the success of the store.

‘Summer Jobs Available’: The Millerton Youth Committee is now accepting applications for positions in the summer program at the Denny Memorial Pool. Openings include pool and day camp director, assistant pool and day camp director, day camp counsellors [sic] and substitute life guard.[sic]

‘Junk-A-Tique Opens Shop’: A new shop called Junk-A-Tique opens this week in Millerton. It is located on Route 22, one mile north of the traffic light at the intersection of Routes 22 and 44.

‘Students Qualify For Dean’s List’: Marie Carmella Ciancio of Millerton and Susan Birnbaum of Millbrook qualified with nearly 1200 students for the dean’s list for the 1974 fall semester at the

New York State University College of Arts and Science at Geneseo.

#### February 3, 2000

‘Hundreds Expected For ‘Millenium’ Reunion’; WEBUTUCK — Get ready for the invasion of the alumni.

If organizers have their way, 300 to 350 Webutuck graduates will descend on the Harlem Valley this summer for a multi-class reunion for those who graduated from the high school any time between 1957 and 1964. It’ll be called the “Webutuck Millennium Reunion.”

‘Candidates Forum Airs Tonight on WQQQ’; Radio station WQQQ (103.3 FM) will sponsor a broadcast forum tonight for the two candidates for county clerk who are running in a special Feb. 8 election in the town of North East, according to Sta-

tion Manager Ron Lyon.

Incumbent Republican William Paroli Jr. and Democratic challenger Richard Anderson have agreed to participate in the forum which begins at 7 p.m.

‘Historical Society Plans Activities for Millerton’s 125th Anniversary in 2000’; MILLERTON - The town of North East was incorporated in 1788 and the Village of Millerton in 1875. Millerton will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

The North East Historical Society is putting together a living history of the area. If you would like to write down your memories or be interviewed, call Diane Thompson, president, North East Historical Society.

“This will be a legacy for future generations of our town and village,” said Ms. Thompson.

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ture, planning and environmental science consultant company, for this project.

Brandee Nelson, Vice-President at Tighe & Bond, ran the meeting with a presentation that included renderings of potential looks for the Boulevard and sought advice from local residents.

“I myself am a civil engineer with a land use planning and development background, and we’re here today to start a conversation,” said Nelson, “We’re here to talk about the community’s vision for Century Boulevard.”

According to Sherman, the Village has received funding from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation’s Northeast Dutchess Fund and Hudson River Valley Greenway in their community planning funds, which will go toward the cost of this street renovation.

“From the 2018 Millerton Pedestrian Plan, one of the future projects in that plan was to re-envision Century Boulevard and make it a complete street,” Nelson said. “A complete street is serving a variety of needs to the community.

There’s pedestrian movement along that street. We know we have limited sidewalks out here, parking, trees, perhaps lighting, perhaps stormwater management, there could be a lot of different things in a complete street.”

Nelson noted the importance of parking on Century Boulevard and how this plan would help pedestrians safely access the shops in the Village. She also said planners need to lay out a certain number of handicap accessibility spots, electric vehicle chargers and also provide a crosswalk in their “complete street.”

Century Boulevard’s width ranges from 70 feet to 93 feet, which surpasses the average street width of 50 feet, according to Nelson. Though the extra room allows more offerings to be installed, keeping up with that much pavement can be continually costly.

“We want to think, ‘Can we accommodate some green space there? How can we allocate this space in a way that is economical for operation and maintenance in the future?’” Nelson said. “Look how big

that paved area is and that it doesn’t have any kind of organizational framework. There’s no striping. Not even a center line striping ... The day we were down here, people were kind of parked everywhere, and they were parked at different depths. We should think about how we can organize a little bit better.”

A concerned resident brought up an issue of tractor trailers going in and out of Harrington’s.

“That’s why it’s 90 [feet wide] there, to make that turn. When they come in, they sit there until they can back in,” the resident said. “There’s nobody to back them in and there’s a car behind them, they have to wait until someone comes out to help.”

After a handful of community members agreed with this worry, Nelson expressed an interest in reaching out to Harrington’s specifically to help in finding a solution.

“We are going to take the information that you’ve shared with us today and go back and develop two con-

cept plans for the complete street,” Nelson said. “We will come back and hold a second meeting, and we are hoping to do that in early March time frame, where we will take more feedback from that.”

After the second public information meeting, the hope is to turn the community’s ideas into a preferred plan to present to the Village board, which is planned for April. This will show the specific cost plans and the ballpark of the low and high cost production.

“We’re not talking about changing the street in the next two years,” said Nelson. “We’re probably about changing the street in the next five years, if we are successful in getting the grant funds.”

The meeting ended with a table exercise of residents and community members writing on maps of the street, stating how they use the area or what they would like to see in the future.

“Feel free to mark them up,” Nelson said. “I’m happy to take notes from anyone who’s got thoughts on how this road can be used better.”

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furthest of the day so far.

Larry Stone, a ski jumping coach in winter sports mecca Lake Placid, New York and Chief of Competition for the weekend, said that Catherine’s sister Caroline would be one to watch later in the day in the older age group. The sisters train together at their local jumping facility in Hanover, New Hampshire, Stone explained: “They’re a good two-some.”

Temperatures dropped as the day went on, and in response the two bonfires flanking the landing of the big jump kept growing. Lakeville local Fisher Rydingsword was stoking the flames with scrap wood, a picnic table and seemingly infinite pallets. At 16 years old, this is his eighth year tending to the fires, and he likes the work: “It gives me an excuse to play with fire,” he said as he heaved another pallet atop the blaze.

The Cook Shack was busy around mealtime, as was the food truck offering pulled pork and mac and cheese.

To wash it down fans could choose between craft beers or hot toddies made with bourbon or rum as the main ingredient. The action was steady here too.

Some fans coped with the wind with tent-like shelters, but most were content to be bundled up and rely on the sun to stay warm. If that failed, there were the usual two bonfires on either side of the main jumping hill and a number of smaller fires in buckets and portable fire pits.

Salisbury Central School eighth grade students Bryce Salmon, Quin Sheil and Tommy Downey prowled the crowd selling baked goods and handwarmers. The boys were raising funds for the annual class trip to Washington, D.C.

A little before 1 p.m., a well-prepared group were getting in the mood. Steve and Adrienne Fayette from Newtown and Rich and Amy Ferrari of Brookfield had comfy chairs and were well and warmly clad. They were fortifying themselves with salami, cheese and crackers and a bottle of red

wine to start. Rich Ferrari said after that they’d get to the sandwiches.

“We love this event,” he said.

At about 2 p.m. fans were still coming into Satre Hill. The parking lot was completely full, and people were sticking their cars wherever they could and hoofing it.

Sunday saw less wind and grayer skies for the Eastern U.S. Ski Jumping Championships with temperatures remaining more solidly in the mid-20s. These were good, fast conditions explained Jones, and the jumpers took advantage, putting on a spectacle of flight for the crowd.

The tone of the afternoon, though still joyous, was less boisterous and more focused than on Saturday. As skiers dropped in from their perch high on the tower, a hush would fall over the crowd, broken by cheers and the clang of more cowbells once the skis returned to snow.

Salisbury’s own Islay Sheil surpassed 40-meters on her best Sunday jump. Sheil, who is 14, is the first SWSA youth athlete to have jumped the K65 since SWSA coach Seth Gardner jumped it in his early days, Spencer Taylor said.

Colin Delaney, who described himself as the “official/unofficial” coach of the Eastern Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined team, said that Jumpfest is a vital component to the national circuit. “It’s a really important hill size for training,” he said, emphasizing that the event “brings together athletes with different goals in the sport.”

While the Eastern Championship is a wrap, jumping season is far from over. Loher, who emerged from Jumpfest highly decorated, will be competing at the Junior World Championships on Feb. 11, while other jumpers on the team will travel to Park City, Utah for the Junior National Championships on Feb. 22.

Jumpfest 2025 was well attended with an estimated 1,600 guests on Saturday and 1,500 on Sunday.

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much on the labor of recent immigrants — as America always has,” he said, explaining his concerns over the motives of the Trump administration and immigration agents with respect to their targets. “Allegedly, these I.C.E. visits are targeted at immigrants with a criminal record,” he said. “But I expect their mandate will expand. I want anyone who came to Amenia from Central America — or anywhere else — and has become part of the community to feel safe here.”

Maintaining a sense of safety and normalcy is what Webutuck Central School District superintendent Raymond Castellani has been doing while keeping an eye on any local developments involving immigrant students and their families. As with Leo Blackman, Castellani has heard I.C.E.-related rumors in the area. Webutuck, which covers Amenia and North East, is made up of nearly 30% English language learners. Castellani noted that while he has not noticed any significant drops in attendance by immigrant students, he has been actively monitoring the situation and will continue working with his staff to ensure students continue to receive the education and in-school services they require. Castellani said the next few weeks will be critical as rumors continue to swirl, but he remains committed to keeping students on-task while advocating for their security. “Our goal is to keep students safe,” Castellani said. Castellani added that should any incidents involving immigration agents occur on school grounds, he has directed his staff to contact him immediately.

Town supervisor Gary Ciferri of the Town of Washington, however, has yet to notice any immigration enforcement activity in his township. Ciferri’s district, which includes Millbrook, is also a rural community which many immi-

grants call home. According to Ciferri, though, it’s business as usual in his township. “I haven’t heard of I.C.E. agents in the area,” Ciferri said. “We’re not doing anything differently in Millbrook and the Town of Washington.”

On the county level, Dutchess Sheriff’s Officers reported on Jan. 31 that they, too, were unaware of any I.C.E. presence in the area. “To my knowledge, we have not been contacted by federal authorities,” Captain John Watterson said. Watterson added that any requests for cooperation with Federal agencies by the county would be contingent on the nature of the request and whether a warrant had been issued for a target. “It is possible,” said Watterson,

who reiterated he remained unaware of any I.C.E. activity in Northern Dutchess.

Alleged immigration enforcement rumors have also reached Dutchess County Legislator Chris Drago, D-19, whose district covers the Towns of North East, Stan-ford and Pine Plains as well as the Village of Millerton. Drago has been urging concerned residents to remain calm and logical. Contacted by the News on Sunday, Feb. 1, Drago responded by saying, “I’ve been hearing from a lot of community members concerned about potential I.C.E. activity in Dutchess County, and there are a lot of scary rumors circulating locally about raids. Right now it’s important to distinguish between rumors

and verified reports through asking questions and checking sources. It’s also important to know your rights. Here in Dutchess County, we look out for our neighbors and community members because we know we are strongest and safest when we stand together. And our small businesses, farms, families and neighborhoods are better off because of it.”

While immigrants remain on alert in Amenia and Northern Dutchess, Leo Blackman has remained strong in his support for their plight by summing up the town’s history. “Amenia has been a welcoming place for many kinds of people for most of its history,” Blackman said. “I want families here to know we intend to continue that tradition.”

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LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Dina La Fonte at Mountainside and the rise of the ‘sober curious’ movement

The “sober curious” movement has gained momentum in recent years, encouraging individuals to explore life without alcohol—whether for health reasons, personal growth, or simple curiosity. Dina La Fonte, a certified recovery coach, is the Senior Business Affairs Associate at Mountainside, an alcohol and drug addiction treatment center with a holistic approach to wellness that has several locations, including the one in Canaan, Connecticut. With nearly five years of sobriety, La Fonte blends professional expertise with lived experience, making her a powerful advocate for recovery.

Like many, La Fonte’s path to recovery was not just about removing alcohol; it was about rediscovering herself. “Once you get sober from a substance, whether it’s alcohol, drugs, gambling or what have you, emotional aspects of change come into place,” she explained. “It’s not a hard stop; it’s a continued process of integration and struggle.” Her own journey has led her to a career in recovery coaching, allowing her to help others find their own path.

“What I love about my work at Mountainside is that it allows me to be who I am without forcing me into a mold,” she said. “In recovery, we identify our authentic voice, establish boundaries, and clarify what we truly want.”

La Fonte explained that the rise of the “sober curious” movement may reflect a cultural shift in how we approach alcohol and self-care. La Fonte attributes this change to open conversations that break down stigma. “Even five or six years ago, admitting you had a problem came with embarrassment,” she said. “Now, the more we discuss it, the more people realize they’re not alone.” This newfound openness has perhaps



PHOTO BY DINA LA FONTE

*Dina La Fonte*

made it easier for some individuals to explore sobriety and even do so without the pressure of a lifelong commitment.

Beyond emotional well-being, La Fonte also noted the physical benefits of sobriety. “It wasn’t immediate, but after a year, I noticed my skin clearing up, my energy improving, and my confidence growing,” she recalled. “Casual drinking dehydrates the skin, affects sleep, and contributes to inflammation. When people realize how much better they feel without alcohol, they want to hold onto that.”

In her role at Mountainside, La Fonte has expanded beyond coaching to influence organization-wide initiatives. “I still work directly with clients, but now I also help evolve how we

support them,” she said. “Mountainside takes a holistic approach—integrating yoga, grief therapy, sound baths, and more. It’s not about pushing people through a system; it’s about meeting them where they are.”

La Fonte uses her social media platform as a “micro-influencer” to promote sober living and wellness. “I focus on positivity in sobriety—whether it’s skin-care, self-care, or mental health. I test vegan and cruelty-free products, but I only promote what aligns with my values.”

For those exploring sobriety, La Fonte’s message is simple: “I’m not here to judge. I’m here to help.” She encourag-

es open conversations and meeting people where they are. “If you’re curious about sobriety, let’s talk. I don’t need to know you to be proud of you. I don’t need to know you to love you. I already love you. Just reaching out is a huge step.”

With voices like La Fonte’s leading the conversation, perhaps the sober curious movement is more than a trend—it’s a cultural shift redefining what it means to live fully and authentically.

To contact Dina La Fonte, email her at dina.lafonte@mountainside.com, explore the Mountainside website at mountainside.com, or follow La Fonte on Instagram @dinalafonte



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Barbed wire at Birkenau.

EDITOR’S NOTEBOOK:  
NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Honoring the past: bearing witness at Auschwitz

Jan. 27 marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. I traveled to Poland as part of a delegation for the commemoration and spent a few days before the event with my father and sister learning, remembering and gathering information.

My dad’s parents, Miriam and Yehuda, of blessed memory, were deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau from the Łódź Ghetto. They both had families that perished and met each other after the camp was liberated.

I put my feet in the train tracks where they would have arrived, ran my hands across the walls of the horrible gas chambers, the broken wood of the crowded bunks, gathered dirt in my shoes where they would have walked, and made sure to touch the trunks of the trees along the path—innocent witnesses.

My father’s parents survived. How did they

do it? Miriam was quickly sent to a work camp on the Czech border, and Yehuda played violin in the Auschwitz orchestra (aka the Death Orchestra). Music saved him. A million miracles saved them both.

Many members of our extended family did not survive.

Cuikerman was the original Polish spelling of our name. We poured over page after page of our name in the Book of Names. I can’t explain it, but as I read the names—aloud and quietly—I felt some of their spirits finally release.

Innocent witnesses. I never wanted to come to Auschwitz-Birkenau. I grew up in the shadow of the Holocaust. It was part of our dark story. From the time I was very little, I saw all the images, watched the movies, read the books. I’ve had nightmares my whole life. I remember


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PHOTO BY MATTHEW KRETA

James Shay signed copies of his book “Mohawk Mountain Ski Area: The Birth of Snowmaking” after a talk at Hotchkiss Library of Sharon Feb. 2.

BOOKS: MATTHEW KRETA

Examining Mohawk Mountain’s rich history

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon hosted local author James Shay Feb. 2 for a talk on his new book “Mohawk Mountain Ski Area: The Birth of Snowmaking.”

The book follows the life of Mohawk founder Walt Schoenknecht and his important contributions to the sport of skiing.

The evening presentation was delivered to an engaged audience of skiing fans in the library’s main room. Shay began his talk with a few photographs of views from the top of Mohawk Mountain, showing distant mountain ranges, uniquely eroded rock faces and structures that still stand from the times of the revolutionary war.

Shay showed pamphlets, posters and original hand drawn maps and designs from when Mohawk first opened in 1947.

Shay spoke about the life of Walt Schoenknecht, the main subject of his book. Schoenknecht founded the Mohawk ski trails in 1947, leasing the land in 1946 and spending \$45,000 on the construction of the ski area.

In Mohawk’s second season, Mohawk did not get any snow and resorted to ordering several tons of ice blocks,

crushing them and spreading them on the slopes. This process was time consuming, costly and overall a worse experience than real snow. From this season, Shoenknecht got the idea to look into snowmaking. Shoenknecht enlisted the help of the TEY Manufacturing company, run by Wayne Pierce, Dave Richey and Art Hunt. The three engineers used the research of Ray Ringer to build the first snow making machines. These machines were brought to Mohawk and are the first documented case of a trial run of the snow making machine.

TEY ended up filing the first patent for these devices, and snow machines were installed on the mountain. The machines continued to develop and evolve up through the 1980’s and today there are one hundred modern snow machines on the slopes of Mohawk.

Shoenknecht was inducted into the skiing hall of fame in 1979 for his many contributions to the sport introduced in his ski areas on Mohawk and Mount Snow in Vermont. Today, Shoenknecht’s daughter Carol Lugar remains the president of Mohawk as one of the few remaining family-owned ski areas in the United States.

MUSIC: MIKE COBB

Trina Hamlin harmonica workshops at The Norfolk Library

Trina Hamlin is a singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist based in Norfolk, Connecticut. Widely regarded as an accomplished performer, Hamlin has toured the U.S. and abroad for more than two decades with Melissa Etheridge, Dar Williams, Susan Werner, Charlie Musselwhite, and more.

A masterful player, Hamlin will be teaching free, introductory harmonica classes at the Norfolk Library Feb. 3 and 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Her affectionate, playful style on stage and in the classroom have earned her the reputation as a well loved and respected musical force among colleagues and students.

Hamlin loved music from an early age. She took piano lessons from 2nd through 8th grade, sang in her school choir, and over time, moved from piano to guitar and later into playing percussion/small drum kit. She eventually attended the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

“Harmonica was a happy accident. I had a friend who asked me to play it with her. She mentioned ‘bending a note’. That opened up the instrument and my interest in it. It made it feel more like a voice. The second opening was harmonica as a rhythm instrument,” Hamlin said.

Inspired by Boston-based band “The One Eyed Jacks,” Hamlin also observed what Charlie Musselwhite and Junior Wells were doing. “Listening to that



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Trina Hamlin playing harmonica.

while having no technical idea of how to play the instrument made my head spin! I decided to just play and figure it out on my own,” Hamlin said.

Hamlin primarily plays “Cross Harp” or “Second Position,” which is typically where most blues players begin.

“I like it because it allows me to use the bendable notes for a more expressive sound.

I love longer, string oriented lines and grooves. The folk or first position sound of Bob Dylan or Neil Young is not my first choice, but it is very necessary in some cases,” Hamlin said.

Though she is a masterful player, the instrument continues to challenge and inspire her.

“I don’t play a lot of traditional blues at this point. I love trying to

play any style. The most challenging thing about it, and music in general, is leaving space for things to breathe and finding lines that add to the whole. I love that it is easy to carry and has such a wide range of expressions,” Hamlin said.

Settling on the darker tones of Tombo’s Lee Oskar Harps, Hamlin has suggestions for students.

“Don’t buy the cheapest harmonica. They can be hard to play. Plan on spending \$25-50. Hohner Special 20’s are nice and Lee Oskars are too. I usually tell students to get a C harp. You can find so many videos and tutorials online, which might help you get started. Or maybe I can help!” she said.

“Say yes and learn something new. The beauty of it is that it is set up for success, meaning, you don’t need to have a musical background to make sounds. I love to give people a foundation to work with and see where it goes from there,” Hamlin added.

To register for Hamlin’s class, visit: [norfolklibrary.org/library-events](http://norfolklibrary.org/library-events)

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HISTORY: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

# Salisbury Association gears up for ‘samplers’ exhibit

The next exhibit at the Salisbury Association’s Academy Building will be about samplers. Specifically, the extensive collection of Alexandra Lally Peters of Sharon and New York, which includes over 150 samplers — mostly American — dating from 1698 to 1850. Jane Sellery was taking a look at the logistics of the display space on Saturday, Jan. 18. Referring to a catalog of the Peters collection, she explained that samplers are usually needlepoint on linen, although there are some variations. She pointed to the most familiar type, an

alphabet, by way of orientation. “Samplers were a status piece in the home,” she said. The exhibit will begin at the end of February, but the dates are not yet final. The show will include a talk by Peters. Meanwhile, a visit to the Academy Building is always interesting, because there is no way to predict who or what will wander in. The previous day, Friday, Jan. 17, when a reporter wandered in, Bill Morrill was consulting with the Association’s Lou Bucciari about plans to head to Saratoga in the spring to consult with artillery experts at the Saratoga National



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Historic Park in the ongoing quest to nail down the provenance of the six-pounder cannon that stands in a corner of the Academy building. While this somewhat circuitous discussion unfolded, two men, one youngish and sporting contemporary casual wear, the other seasoned and tending toward blaze orange and buffalo plaid, came in to take a gander at the current show on Holley knives. And after the cutlery enthusiasts departed, a man and his elderly mother came in, on the trail of a family portrait. If you’re keeping score, that’s two visits on successive days for a combined total of about an hour, and covering the following topics: samplers, Revolutionary War cannons, knives, portraiture and men’s fashion.

## ... Auschwitz *Continued from B1*

the tattoo on my grandmother’s forearm. This was enough. But until you stand in the field the size of a city and look out at the expanse of crematoria, gas chambers, bunkers, the enormity and scale is just a story, words on a page. Now I have metabolized it in a different way. Now it is part of my DNA on a deeper level. Now I am changed. On Holocaust Remembrance Day, world leaders from fifty countries—including King Charles, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Emmanuel Macron, Justin Trudeau and so many more—gathered with survivors and their families, musicians, friends and patrons of the organization in an enormous tent at the entrance to Birkenau. A freight train stood in front of the main gate. The car, from Germany, honors the 420,000 Hungarian Jews deported in 1944. Its conservation was funded by Frank Lowy, whose father, Hugo, was killed in the camp.

It radiated with horror in almost theatrical lighting, its now silenced whistle audible in the memories of all who gathered. I listened to survivor after survivor speak. I watched as each world leader lit candles in remembrance. I said Kaddish (the Jewish prayer for the dead) with the several thousand people present. But I only heard one person, 99-year-old Polish-born Swedish-Jewish doctor Leon Weintraub, utter any words that made sense to me, to my very fragile and shaken heart. He became a doctor after the war and told the group gathered the one absolute truth: there is only one race—the human race. He talked about the fact that under the skin, we



The gate at Auschwitz.



Prisoners slept four to a bunk at Birkenau.



Shoes taken from prisoners.



A crematorium at Auschwitz.



Suitcases taken from prisoners at Auschwitz.

are the same, words that were beyond powerful. In the very place where the most evil “experiments” were conducted to prove the supremacy of the Aryan race, this man stood there in all his beautiful bravery and told the truth. He was able, for a moment, to remove a hierarchy of care and replace it with an expansive, human appeal. He brought the memory of all the people killed, not just the Jews when he said, “be sensitive to all manifestations of intolerance and dislike of those who differ in terms of skin color, religion or sexual orientation.” He widened the conversation, lest we also forget the Romani, queer, disabled, dissidents and more that were also victims of the Nazis. Lest we forget the lesson of


Gandhi when he said, “intolerance itself is a form of violence.” Weintraub ended by saying, “allowing the memory of millions of innocent victims to fade would be equivalent to robbing them of their lives a second time.” There are multiple

genocides on planet earth right now. There are humans in actual concentration camps as I write this. There are whole populations being murdered. After this experience, more than ever, I vow to speak the truth as loudly and as often as I can.

Speaking up, questioning and protesting is not only not antisemitism, it defines the core principles of what it means to be Jewish. A beautiful Jewish human named Albert Einstein said, “Our task

must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty.” This must and will be my task. Nothing else makes any sense.


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FEBRUARY 6

Sole Expression: An Upcycled Narrative

CT State Northwestern Founder's Hall, 4 Park Place, Winsted, Conn.

CT State Northwestern hosts artist Case Sullivan's sneaker-inspired exhibit at the Gallery at Founders Hall, Feb. 3 through 20. Artist reception: Feb. 13, 3 to 5 p.m. Free & open to the public. Info: Deborah. Kline@ctstate.edu.

It's All Relative: A Familial Approach to Plant Selection

White Hart Inn, 15 Undermountain Road, Salisbury, Conn.

On Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Patrick Cullina will explore how plant families can guide landscape design for diversity and resilience.

Christopher Bjork & William Hoynes, More Than Just a Game

Oblong Rhinebeck, Rhinebeck, N.Y.

On Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m., Two Vassar professors unpack the youth sports industry and its impact on parenting and kids.

Free, Registration Requested. www. eventbrite.com/e/ christopher-bjork-william-hoynes-more-than-just-a-game-tickets-1144598156899

Memoir Workshop with Leigh Curran

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

Join us for five Thursdays,

Feb. 6 through March 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., for a new memoir workshop. Author and writing instructor Leigh Curran will guide you through tried-and-true approaches to memoir writing, offering techniques in structure and style, in-class writing, constructive feedback, support, and inspiration. Open to all writing levels. To register and learn more, please visit the event page: scovillelibrary.libcal. com/event/13908316

FEBRUARY 7

First Friday Music

The Meeting House, 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, Feb. 7 at 12 p.m. at 30 Main Street, Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m. This month's program, David Baranowski will play a varied program of piano works, including Beethoven's beloved "Piano Sonata 'Moonlight' No.14 in C-sharp minor Op. 27, No. 2 (Sonata quasi una Fantasia)." Free to the public, Music Director David Baranowski's musical gift provides a time of reflection surrounded by inspiring, soul-nourishing classical repertory.

FEBRUARY 8

Film & Discussion: Edward Hopper

Gardiner Theater, Trinity-Pawling School, 517 Route 22, Pawling, N.Y.

On Sat, Feb. 8, 2 p.m., at the Gardiner Theater, Trinity-Pawling, there will be a screening of *Hopper* by Exhibition on Screen, followed by a discussion with art historian Ned Reade. \$10 admission. No registration required.

Checkpoint Zoo + Q&A

The Moviehouse, Millerton, N.Y.

On Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., there will be a screening of the film Checkpoint Zoo at the Millerton Moviehouse.

After the film: Join us for a Q&A with Director Joshua Zeman in conversation with documentary filmmaker John Hoffman.

A gripping documentary set during the early days of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, when Kharkiv's beloved Feldman Ecopark Zoo found itself caught in the crossfire between advancing Russian forces and Ukrainian defenders. Home to over 5,000 animals, the approaching front line left the zoo's creatures trapped in their

Last week's WotW

A	G	A	I	N
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Word of the Week

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


1. To dazzle or astonish
2. Description of a lush cake
3. Powers a car: "mover" in Latin
4. Estuary opening point
5. Black History \_\_\_\_ begins

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Someone Special & Me Dance

North Canaan Elementary School - Cafeteria, 90 Pease St. North Canaan, Conn.

Dance, play, snack and have fun at the Someone Special & Me Dance fundraiser event Feb. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. Music by a DJ, a temporary tattoo shop, a photographer, pizza and refreshments in the NCES cafeteria. Support the AHA! after school program and North Canaan Education Foundation. Prepurchase tickets for \$10 each by contacting ahanorthcanaan@gmail. com

Art of Manifestation Class

Online.

Gerlach Hypnotherapy will host "Art of Manifestation," a virtual Zoom class to overcome limiting beliefs, on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn practical techniques to align with your goals in the New Year. A fee of \$35 includes guided journey, workbook and take-home audio. For tickets, visit: www. gerlachhypnotherapy. com/classes or call (845) 789-1027 for more info.

Screening of Georgia O'Keeffe: The Brightness of Light

Cornwall Town Hall, 24 Pine Street, Cornwall, Conn.

On Saturday, Feb. 8 at 4 p.m., there will be a screening of the film *Georgia O'Keeffe: The Brightness of Light* at the Cornwall Town Hall.

The documentary is directed by Paul Wagner, narrated by Hugh Dancy, with Claire Danes as the voice of O'Keeffe. Features a Q&A with biographer Roxana Robinson. Reception follows at the library.

Duration: 1 hr 58 min

Registration: Required, space is limited.

History Talk

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

On Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library, in partnership with the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society, will host local author and Housatonic Valley Regional High School history teacher Peter Vermilyea for a talk on local African American soldiers serving in the Civil War. Vermilyea will share information about Milo Freeland, a soldier serving in the 54th Massachusetts regiment whose gravestone resides at the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society

Museum, as well as those who served in the 29th Connecticut, another all-black regiment. February is Black History Month. This talk is free and open to the public.

Retreat About Mother Olga

All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church, 313 Twin Lakes Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Join All Saints Feb. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. in celebrating the newest and first native Alaskan saint of America, Matushka Olga Michael of Kwethluk, known by the pious peoples of the Kuskokwim as Arrsamquq. Come hear about the life and miracles of this saintly woman. The retreat will be led by Fr. Steven Hosking who lived in a village in the same region of Alaska for several years. For more information email allsaintsofamericaCT@gmail.com or call (860) 824-1340.

FEBRUARY 9

Film & Discussion: John Singer Sargent

Gardiner Theater, Trinity-Pawling School, 517 Route 22, Pawling, N.Y.

On Sun., Feb. 9, 2 p.m., at Gardiner Theater, Trinity-Pawling, there will be a screening of *John Singer Sargent* by Exhibition on Screen, followed by a discussion with art historian Ned Reade. \$10 admission. No registration required.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. "The Las Vegas of the East"
6. Cook
10. Manning and Wallach are two
14. Chameleon
15. A way to fill up
17. What MLBers hope to play in
19. Unhappy
20. Indefinite period of time
21. Excites
22. Males
23. Mongol leader Genghis
24. Turfs
26. Soda comes in them
29. Not nice
31. Professional organization
32. Part of a play
34. Sea eagle
35. Emily Blunt's character in "Sicario"
37. Beige
38. Mental sharpness
39. Valley
40. Alcylene's husband
41. A place to gamble
43. Flightless Australian birds
45. Call out somebody's name over a P.A. system
46. US spy group
47. Pancakes from buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Disfigure
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal
58. Early English council
59. Square measures
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Siskel and \_\_, critics

CLUES DOWN

1. Mouths
2. Buffalo
3. You plug it in
4. Each
5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
6. King of Thebes
7. English name meaning "mythical hunter"
8. Indicates near
9. More herbaceous
10. Gas-powered cars need one
11. Dishonest individual
12. Systems, doctrines, theories
13. The woman
16. The whole of one's

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18. Witnesses
22. Doctor
23. Paul \_\_, Swiss painter
24. Kids look for him on December 24
25. Single
27. Competitions
28. Predict the future
29. Cage for trained hawks
30. Musician Clapton
31. Frozen water
33. Semiformal men's evening attire
35. Most worn
36. Common soap ingredient
37. Former EU monetary unit
39. Provisions
42. Book parts
43. Republic of Ireland
44. Partner to "Pa"
46. Sammy \_\_, songwriter
47. Dutch colonist
48. Clare Booth \_\_, American writer

49. Solar disk in Egyptian mythology
50. Minute arachnid
51. From a distance
52. Monthly apartment cost
53. Young women's association
54. Tourist destination
55. "Woman" in Ojibwe language
56. Pointed end of a pen

Jan. 30 Solution

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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Jan. 30 Solution

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OUR TOWNS

Half of Amenia December real estate sales over \$4M

By CHRISTINE BATES  
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — In December four of the eight properties transferred were in Silo Ridge and all were priced over four million dollars. Only one single family home outside of Silo Ridge was sold along with two pieces of land and the Mobil Gas station in Wassaic.

At the end of January according to One Key MLS, Amenia had a substantial inventory of real estate listings. Seven parcels of land are on the market including two small building lots for less than \$100,000 and two large land parcels for over two million dollars. Six apartments are available for lease from \$1,850 to \$2,850. Four estates

have been on the market for an average of 165.5 days with one publicly offered at Silo Ridge for \$11.5 million. At the affordable end of the market eleven homes are listed for sale under \$500,000.

**Silo Ridge sales**  
18 Snowy Owl Court — 3 bedroom/3.5 bath single story home on .3 acres sold for \$4.8 million to Silo Ridge

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303 Pheasant Run — 4 bedroom/4.5 bath town house sold for \$4.75 million to Black Dog Estates LLC.  
44 Roundabout Way — 3 bedroom/3.5 bath town house sold for \$4 million to Blue Trails LLC.  
28 Roundabout Way — 4 bedroom/4.5 bathroom

million to Blake Baida.  
**Town of Amenia sales**  
28 Oak Hill Road — 4 bedroom/3.5 bath home on 11.6 acres sold for \$920,000 to Oak Hill Road LLC.  
40 Willow Lane — 3.73 acres of vacant land sold for \$55,000 to William J. Camilo Jr.  
8 Yellow City Road — 3.31 acre rural vacant land sold for \$200,000 to Patrick Brown.  
3383-3387 Route 343 — 4,550 square foot commercial building on 1.1 acres sold for

\$695,000 to 3387 Route 343 LLC.  
*\*Town of Amenia real estate sales recorded between Dec. 1, 2024, and Dec. 31, 2024, sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Information on active listings taken from First Key MLS which may be incomplete. 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.*

Webutuck win within reach until final minutes

By NATHAN MILLER  
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AMENIA — Webutuck's Tuesday, Jan. 28, basketball game against Pine Plains highlighted the importance of strong fundamentals. The game came down to the final minutes, when the Pine Plains Bombers took an impressive scoring run to win 54-43. Webutuck exhibited solid fundamentals, keeping the game competitive by winning rebounds and tighter plays. In their previous games the squad struggled under the net, but in the match-up against Pine Plains the Wildcats showed considerable

improvement. However, the Bombers still managed to attempt more shots per possession than the Wildcats, indicating Webutuck still has some work to do on defense. The Bombers were led by TK Regis, no. 2 of Pine Plains, with 20 points and TK Rathjen (?), no. 1 of Pine Plains, with 19. The Wildcats' top scorers were Evan Bramer, no. 13 of Webutuck, with 11 points and Hayden Whiteley with 9. Webutuck will host another home game Friday, Feb. 7, against S.S. Seward Institute starting at 4:30 p.m. Pine Plains will be traveling to Rhinebeck High School Friday, Feb. 7, starting at 4:15



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Webutuck's varsity squad showed off improved defensive chops which kept Pine Plains in check through most of the Tuesday, Jan. 28, game at Webutuck High School. The game ended with a Pine Plains win of 54-43.

The Journal, News seek young journalists for summer internship

The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News are seeking young journalists for an educational internship program. The six-week program provides training in the everyday operations of a community weekly. Interns will learn the news-making process from pitch to print through regular workshops with industry professionals on topics like photography, libel and copy-editing. Interns will also work closely with the papers' professional staff. Editors will collaborate with interns to develop stories and provide feedback throughout the program. The papers' professional reporters will take interns into the

field for shadowing opportunities, teaching interviewing and photography in action. By the end of the program, interns should be capable of reporting and writing a hard news story or feature fit for print, and should have an article clip and a photograph to start a reporting portfolio. Interns should finish the six-week program with an understanding of current community journalism best practices, interviewing techniques and news writing skills. Interested students can find the application online at millertonnews.com/education-internship-programs or on our social media accounts.

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