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Local egg prices on the rise; area supply holds on

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With avian flu continuing to compromise the wellbeing of domestic American fowl, egg shortages have been reported across the United States.

Some shops with eggs in stock are increasing prices and imposing limits on the number of purchases per customer. But it's not just consumers who are feeling the pinch of egg shortages and pricing increases. Restaurants are also being impacted.

In Northern Dutchess, eggs remain for sale, be it at the gas station, the market or a farm.

In the local area, eggs for sale are at price points higher than the national average, which generally tends to be the case with New York state. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor as reported on USDA.gov in January, the average national price of a carton of eggs was listed at \$4.95 per dozen — up \$0.81 per dozen from December 2024.

According to a statement on the USDA website posted on Jan. 31 regarding New York eggs, "Prices are up 7 cents for extra-large and large and 9 cents higher for medium ... Demand is moderate to good. Offerings are very light. Supplies are very light to moderate. Market activ-

ity is active."

Locally, egg prices are mixed within a certain range with no clear explanation as to the variables in pricing, product and venue.

Local egg prices

On Feb. 12, eggs could be found at Cumberland Farms on Route 44 in Millerton for \$7.99/dozen. A few doors down at the Gulf station, prices were not displayed, perhaps in response to fluctuations in the market, but eggs were stocked on their shelves.

On Feb. 14, Freshtown in Amenia featured multiple refrigerated shelves of eggs with pricing contingent on size and color. A standard carton of medium eggs was listed at \$7.49/dozen while a carton of jumbo eggs was listed at \$9.49/dozen. Extra-large brown eggs were listed at \$8.99. Specialty eggs were also found on their shelves. Legacy's large brown free-range eggs were priced at \$6.99/dozen. Eggland's Best organic brown eggs were priced at \$8.49. Vital Farms pasture-raised large brown eggs were listed at \$9.99/dozen.

That same day, local eggs from the Sharon Farm in East Canaan, Connecticut, were spotted for sale at Sharon Market at \$7.99/dozen. While the number of cartons was

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While there was some empty space on the refrigerated shelves at Freshtown in Amenia on Feb. 14, eggs were available in a range of prices and varieties.

Village board weighs impact of garage fire; discusses sidewalk work

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MILLERTON — On Monday, Feb. 10, a board meeting was held, largely centered on the impact of the Feb. 3 fire that destroyed the Village Water and Highway building located on Route 22. In addition to the loss of the building, vehicles, equipment and tools were also destroyed.

"If we go back to the cause, it is still undetermined," said mayor Jenn Najdek, who stated foul play had

been ruled out. She also confirmed the garage remained off-limits as the investigation is still ongoing.

Alongside the Mayor, village trustees expressed their concern regarding rumors as to the cause of the fire. According to trustee David Sherman, transparency with the public is key to distinguishing fact from fiction. "I think we should, through whatever releases we can make, make it abundantly clear what that status is so we can squelch these

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Copake solar project faces concerns as state holds review

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COPAKE — The proposal to build a 42-megawatt solar farm is coming into sharp focus this week as state legislators criticize the plan ahead of a decision due from Albany and an announcement from Hecate Energy LLC to hold a virtual open house for residents.

The pros and cons of Shepherd's Run Solar Farm have been debated since 2017. Last spring the state denied Hecate's application. In December, the company refiled, triggering a 60-day period for the state to respond. That clock runs out on Friday, Feb. 21. Hecate will hold its virtual open house on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 4 p.m.

In the weeks since the new filing, comments for and against have been submitted by residents, groups, and recently by state leg-

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islators.

State Sen. Michelle Hinchey, D-41, who chairs the Agriculture Committee, wrote to Zeryai Hagos, executive director of the Office of Renewable Energy Siting, ORES, on Feb. 12, stating: "I have followed this issue closely over the past few years, and not only does this project pose significant risks to our environment and water supply, I believe Hecate has acted in bad faith throughout the process."

"It is hard for me to understand why ORES is still going through the review process with a proposal it has already found to be flawed and worthy of dismissal,"

she wrote.

State Assemblymember Didi Barrett, D-106, who chairs the Energy Committee, wrote to Gov. Kathy Hochul on Feb. 5, expressing concerns "of many of my constituents, including the Town of Copake leadership." Barrett noted to the governor that this was her third letter concerning the project since Hochul took office.

"It has been my experience that from the outset," Barrett wrote, "Hecate has failed to act in good faith, neither communicated with or addressed the concerns of the

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OUR TOWNS

NECC's food programs serve dignity to patrons

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MILLERTON — According to New York State health commissioner James McDonald, “No one should have to go hungry,” a statement supported by the staff at the North East Community Center, who do their part on a daily basis to ensure all members of the community have access to adequate and nutritious food resources.

On a recent Wednesday afternoon, the NECC doors opened and people filed in and out. Those who were exiting were carrying bags or pulling carts filled with food. Those who were entering clutched empty bags on their way in, and those with family or friends chatted among themselves as they selected items from the NECC's food pantry shelves. Once they finished stocking up, they headed for home, their mission accomplished.

By design, there's a pointed sense of normalcy attached to the NECC food pantry. Food insecurity, which is defined by limited or questionable food access due to curtailed financial means, has become more prevalent in recent years with the onset of inflation. For some, food insecurity is a new concern and a new normal which may be accompanied by a sense of shame or feelings of failure.

The NECC, established in 1988 and incorporated as a nonprofit in 1990, aids in lifting the emotional toll connected with food unease by providing fresh and nutritious food for community members.

With its founding, the NECC filled a much-needed gap in human and community services in Northeast



Food program director Jordan Schmidt, left, and marketing and outreach coordinator Cheri Johnson, right, display just some of the items on offer at the NECC's food pantry in Millerton.

Dutchess.

It serves children, adolescents and families through a range of programming that includes day care, after-school activities, resources for teenagers — including a teen club, internships and apprenticeships — and provides guidance for families with income-tax filing, summer camp scholarships, and obtaining school supplies and winter coats.

Additionally, the NECC offers classes in English as a second language and yoga. But its food programming is a cornerstone of its existence, and it's a literal lifeline.

Nutritious food serves as a preventative against future health impacts. Without it, as health commissioner McDonald noted, “Hunger stresses the body and mind, and can result in malnutrition, inability to concentrate, anxiety, and depression. In addition, adults who experience food

insecurity are more likely to report chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma and cancer.”

For the NECC, food is medicine, and they regularly administer farm-fresh produce and eggs to their clientele through their Fresh Food Pantry, a collaboration with local suppliers, made possible through donations. Distribution in Millerton runs from June through October, and through February for Pine Plains and Amenia.

There is also a holiday food distribution via the Millerton Food Pantry in the months of November and December.

At the food pantry, open year-round, a range of canned goods, shelf-stable products, cereal, dairy and eggs can be found on roll-away shelves in addition to some household items. Foods are wholesome and culturally sensitive.

A volunteer crew works in conjunction with NECC staff

members at the pantry. The NECC is always looking for volunteers to aid in unloading and distributing food pantry items.

Its Millerton Farmers' Market is held weekly at the Methodist Church from May through December, and the second and fourth Saturday from January through March.

It provides those in need with access to fresh and local produce, pasture-raised meat, baked goods and cheese. EBT, WIC checks, and Farmers Market Nutrition Program checks are accepted. Sustainable farming practices and ethical growth methods are utilized by their vendors to ensure optimal quality.

The Market is on the receiving end of support via Berkshire Agricultural Ventures' market match fund, in which a \$1-for-\$1 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program match is made, up to \$30 per transaction, enabling

SNAP users to make the most of their funds at the Farmers' Market.

Additional support comes from the Field & Fork Network's Double-Up Food Bucks New York, in which a \$2-for-\$2 match up to \$20 per day is extended.

This provides SNAP recipients additional tokens for produce purchases at any farmers market partnered with the NECC. Patrons concerned about high farmers' market prices need not worry as many vendors offer comparable prices to supermarkets.

Through its partnerships with the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, The Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming, Tri Corner FEED, and Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and local farms, the NECC has created the Community Access Food

Hub. The hub is where food is distributed. It also supplies produce, eggs and milk to regional food pantry partners. As a result, approximately 159,891 lbs. of food was delivered to alleviate hunger throughout the region.

Last summer, the NECC offered a summer meals program to children under 18 enrolled in the Webutuck Central School District. The program provided lunch at Eddie Collins Memorial Park in Millerton and breakfast and lunch at the Maplebrook School.

The NECC food pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is located at 51 S. Center St. in Millerton. Additionally, the NECC delivers groceries to those in need on Thursdays.

To learn more about the NECC and its offerings, visit: neccmillerton.org.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The Millerton CVS property at 108 Route 44 was originally constructed in 1957 and renovated in 2005. The single-story building has 10,349 square feet on a 1.09 acre lot.

Millerton CVS site listed for over \$3 million

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — The building where CVS operates in the Town of North East, and the parking lot next to it which is in the Village of Millerton, have been listed for sale on Loop Net, a commercial multiple listing service site, for \$3,203,000.

The owner of the property is Naomi Djanogly Properties LLC which owns other commercial properties nationally.

The original building was constructed in 1957 and renovated in 2005. CVS's monthly rent and the term and details of its lease have not been revealed. However, the return on the sale price of \$3,203,000 with CVS as a tenant is estimated at 7.5%.

CVS management announced in 2021 a national “store realignment” which

would close 900 locations between 2022 and 2024, and, recently indicated that another 270 stores would be closed in 2025.

In the last six months there have been numerous real estate transactions on the south side of Route 44.

Elizabeth's Jewelry store location at 110 Route 44 was sold to the Bank of Millbrook for \$896,000 on Oct. 8, 2024, and Elizabeth's moved east on Route 44 into the former Trotta Liquor Store next to the Talk of the Town restaurant. Millerton Plaza, formerly the Grand Union supermarket location on 10.4 acres with over 36,000 square feet, was sold for \$1.75 million on Nov. 15. Most recently The Millerton News reported that Tallow, a new type of fast-food endeavor, is in negotiations to occupy the former McDonald's.

North East Community Center delivers unity and mindfulness through yoga

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MILLERTON — Members of the North East Community Center discussed the importance of community and mindfulness through its programs.

“We can't be quite as open as we were in the past, but we want to get back to it,” said the director of engagement, Jennifer Kronholm Clark. “And yoga is sort of our first dipping your toes into welcoming the community back into this space.”

With NECC housing a food pantry at its Millerton location, the programs it is able to host is limited at this time.

The community center now hosts free one-hour yoga sessions at different levels out of its building.

A gentle class is instructed by Alix Diaconis on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. and a flow yoga class by Caroline Robins takes place on Thursdays 5:30 p.m. A possible Amenia class being added in the future.

“The ability to slow down and check in with yourself which piggybacks into mindfulness, especially in a very busy world, we're moving fast. We're going to our jobs,” said Robins.

“Everything is just very fast paced. It's not always easy, but it is nice to have someone help guide you through that and just kind of bring you to a slower space.”

The courses aim to help the community unite by moving their bodies and even

navigate mental and physical challenges.

“As much as it is about movement and that side of health, there's also the mental health aspect of it, and just seeing someone, especially in a small town, kind of all spread out,” Robins said. “It's a common meeting place for people to be like, ‘Hey, I see you. You see me.’”

According to Diaconis, a few of her students attending the classes have had surgeries and use these sessions as a supplement to physical therapy, of course, to their own best judgement.

“I have pretty major scoliosis, so it really helps with my pain level, but because of that, I never thought I could be a yoga teacher, because I can't do a lot,” Diaconis explained, “I'm not that flexible. I don't look like what you see in photos, but then I realized that that was a misnomer, and anyone could do yoga, and everybody can do yoga, so I decided to become an instructor again.”

In order to be an instructor, a person must be yoga-certified and receive proper training, with the ability to study 200, 300 or 500 hours. Both Diaconis and Robins completed their certification through Yoga Alliance, enabling them to teach at the community center.

Diaconis explained how recently the yoga community has been picking up with a total of eight students who have been attending, surpassing the usual crowd of three to five attendees. She

said when the weather gets warmer, classes are held outside, which can be appealing to some. The program is looking into ways to entice people into joining the community.

“There was a senior exercise class that was very popular, and people still ask for it. So we're looking into what else we can offer,” said Kronholm Clark. “We're hoping at some point to do some Zumba, like there's been a lot of interest in that. I think bringing back the senior exercise class would also be really popular if we can figure out how to do that.”

NECC is currently looking

for volunteers with certifications or training who could potentially offer additional services to the community and assist the program in growing.

Kronholm Clark asks those who may be interested to reach out to the community center. “Our mission is creating a thriving community, and a big part of that is being healthy and having access to other people,” Kronholm Clark said. “Whenever we can give people an opportunity to move their bodies and take care of themselves and then do it in community, we're looking for more ways to do that.”

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Millbrook Library greets Chinese New Year in style

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The community gathered to create an overflow crowd to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year, after learning how to say “Happy New Year” in Chinese.

The event celebrated the start of the “Year of the Snake” while gaining greater understanding of Chinese arts and culture. The program, held at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, Feb. 15, was sponsored by the Millbrook Arts Group and the Mid-Hudson Chinese Language Center.

“We’re always excited to introduce Millbrook’s children to a wider community,” said Millbrook Arts Group board member June Glasson.

Lin Fen-Lan, director of the Mid-Hudson Chinese Language Center, located in Poughkeepsie, began the program by teaching a bit of the Chinese language and



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Ring in the Chinese Lunar New Year by learning more about it, an overflow gathering of families attended a program sponsored by the Millbrook Arts Group and the Mid-Hudson Chinese Language Center at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, Feb. 15. Cultural traditions, such as what are commonly presumed to be dragons, but not necessarily, were explored and explained.

explaining the cultural tradition of the Chinese paper lantern and lantern festivals held throughout China, Tai-

wan and surrounding Asian countries.

What observers commonly believe to be Chinese drag-

ons, often seen in parades or cultural celebrations, stem more from the lion, seen as a mythical creature, as lions are not found in China. Some traditions have thought of the lion as a cat, all serving as inspiration for the design of the dragon with a large head and fabric body animated by human dance performers providing the legs. The dragon-lion-cat dance is thought to have the power to frighten away evil spirits.

Accompanying the dragon dance is a traditional cacophony of percussive instruments, gong, cymbals and rhythmic drums, the sounds filling the library space, the total effect being to keep evil spirits at bay.

Babies born in the Year of the Snake, Lin said, can look forward to possessing intelligence and wisdom, good fortune, prosperity and health. The Chinese see the snake as wise, clever and thoughtful, so that babies born this year will grow up to be problem-solvers who think before they act.

Other performances included Chinese yo-yo demonstrations requiring expert coordination, and young costumed dancers demonstrating their talents in traditional dance.

Noting that this year was the first performance appearance at the Millbrook Library, Lin was pleased to see Millbrook’s children being introduced to Chinese culture.

“We love our culture,” Lin added.

A Poughkeepsie all-volunteer non-profit since 1968, the Mid-Hudson Chinese Language Center is family-oriented where students of all ages and backgrounds come together to learn the Chinese language, culture and the arts.

To learn more, go to www.mhclc.org.

Solid ice returns to Rudd Pond

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MILLERTON — This year’s harsh winter conditions made it possible for the Taconic State Park to bring back Rudd Pond’s seasonal ice skating and ice fishing.

“Last winter, there was no ice to speak of,” said Jim Campbell, whose home is located on the south side of Rudd Pond. “The last couple of years haven’t been anything at all. It’s probably been a couple of years since I’ve been out ice fishing or most anyone else for that matter.”

Abigail Leo, park manager at Taconic State Park, explained how the temperature must remain below freezing for over a week for staff members to begin monitoring the ice conditions on Rudd Pond. Then, according to Leo, if the pond is frozen solid, trained staff will take samples in different surface areas to ensure safety for the community.

“Core samples are taken in various areas throughout the pond to ensure that an average of 6 or more inches of ice thickness is maintained. If at any time the crew finds more than one ice sample that is less than 4 inches or low quality, unsafe ice conditions, the sampling is halted and the pond remains closed,” said Leo, “Retesting will resume in 24 to 48 hours if temperatures maintain below freezing. If the average of 6 inches is met and the ice conditions are favorable, then Rudd Pond will be open for ice recreation.”

The pond’s surface determines how long the process will take crew members to

complete their testing. Leo explained a safety requirement is in place surrounding the crew. A minimum of three persons goes out on the ice to take samples. The crew assigned to measure the ice are trained and equipped with the proper tools to ensure conditions are safe for usage.

“The length of the process is determined by the weather and operation priorities... We need below freezing temperatures for at least 5 to 7 days in order to meet the conditions that would make testing the ice safe for the crew,” Leo said. “The testing process takes about half a day if all goes according to plan.”

Near the state park entrance there is a sign noting the current ice conditions. On the sign, indicators fluctuate between green and red, same as a stoplight, to indicate safe or unsafe conditions. Jim Campbell noted that pond conditions can vary, depending on where one is situated.

“We’re on the south end of it, and that tends to stay frozen longer than the one on the north because of the wind. But once ours starts to freeze, it usually stays frozen there for a considerable amount of time,” Campbell said, “Last time I was out there, it was like 13 inches of ice out in front of my house. That’s a lot of ice.”

This year, many people have been able to enjoy the winter season with Rudd Pond freezing over. “They’ve been skating out there,” Campbell observed. “People have utilized it. This year, there’s been several people out ice fishing — and that’s really what it’s there for, and what it’s all about.”

Webutuck Teachers Association hosts clothing and toys giveaway

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AMENIA — The Webutuck Teachers’ Association will be hosting their annual Clothes and Toys Giveaway on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex.

“We’ve been doing it for probably around 10 years and the purpose of the event is just to be able to provide gently used toys and clothes to the Webutuck community,” said Monica Baker, Executive Vice-President of the Webutuck Teachers’ Association.

Every year the Association has been using the same space, the NorthEast-Millerton Li-

brary Annex, to host the giveaway. With Baker’s previous experience, the beginning of the event is the busiest, with Baker noting, “We’re there for the two-hour block. So it goes very quickly. We just have what we have. And when it’s gone, it’s gone.”

The response has been positive. “We’ve had years where people are waiting outside the door before we open,” said Baker. “It’s always been very well-received. There’s usually pretty good attendance, especially right in the beginning, and then people continue to trickle throughout the event.”

The donations for this event are provided by the members of Webutuck Teachers’ Asso-

ciation. Donations range from infant to adult clothing, shoes and toys. The event is open to all members of the surrounding communities.

“People just show up, and they can take whatever they need. I think people are really understanding and respectful of that,” said Baker.

Those in attendance have been asked to bring their own take-away boxes or bags. A limited number of bags will be available from the Association.

“The NorthEast-Millerton Library promotes it and we promote it by sending it out to our students and their families,” Baker said. “But we have had people come from neighboring communities.”

Public meeting to clarify workforce housing on Feb. 22

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — The Amenia Housing Board will host a town-wide community event, Workforce Housing 101, on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Town Hall.

The informational event is being organized by Charlie Miller, chairman of the Amenia Housing Board, and its members.

Topics to be explored through presentations and panel discussion include how workforce housing gets built and funded, how people apply to buy and rent homes, local government programs and successful workforce housing initiatives. Refreshments will be served.

Representatives from housing organizations will attend and share information, including the Amenia Housing Board; the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development; Kent, Connecticut, Affordable Housing; and Hudson River Housing.

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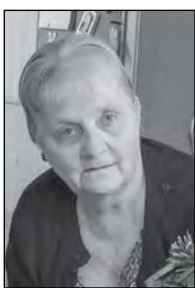
Louise Elizabeth Churchill

MILLERTON — Louise Elizabeth Churchill of Millerton, where she was a resident of Loris Rehab and Nursing Center.

Louise was born April 26, 1942, in Norwalk, Connecticut, the daughter to the late Woodworth and Gertrude Elizabeth (Tanner) Merrill.

Louise is well-known for being strong, determined, loving and a woman of faith. Louise received her GED after raising four daughters and worked several years at Sharon Hospital.

Louise is survived by daughters, Debbie Austin of



Longs, South Carolina, Beverly Churchill of Millerton, Wanda Swartz of Stanfordville, Brenda Churchill of Concord, North Carolina; a sister, Joan Tucker, of Stormville, New York; 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Celebration of Life will be in the spring at Green Lawn Memorial Park in Montgomery, Pennsylvania. The family asks in lieu of flowers to please donate to alz.org. The website has several donate tabs you can choose from. This is a not for profit charity and their tax ID number is 13-3039601.

William Joseph Washburn

EAST CANAAN — William Joseph Washburn, 74, of 121 Lower Road, died at his home surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 11, 2025. He was the husband of Anna (Os-trander) Washburn. Bill was born Sept. 2, 1950 in South-ington, Connecticut, son of the late Benjamin and Marie (Roy) Washburn.

Bill worked at Becton and Dickinson Company in Canaan. He was an engineer with the company and retired after 31 years of employment. He served for four years in the Air Force Reserve. His hobbies included music, guitars, camping and going to races. His most precious time was spent at his home along with his family. A close second was time spent in Billville, his garage, where he spent hours working on his 1970 Road-runner.

In addition to his wife,

Bill is survived by his children; daughters Katherine Andrews and her husband Stanley, Ashley Washburn and her fiance' Keith Tyler, and son Tyler Washburn and his wife Shelby all of East Canaan. Bill is also survived by his sister Lynn Perotti of Bristol, and his three grandchildren; Morgan and Megan Andrews and Casey William Washburn, all of East Canaan, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Saturday Feb. 15, 2025, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018. A service of Remembrance was held at 3:00 p.m.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be sent to the American School for the Deaf 139 North Main St. West Hartford, CT 06107.

Norman Reich

SALISBURY — Norman Reich, 93, passed away on Feb. 10, 2025, at his beloved home on Twin Lakes in Salisbury. He was the loving husband of Beverly Reich for 62 years, and she remained by his side, fiercely guarding his comfort and dignity, until the end.



Born July 25, 1931, in Brooklyn, New York, Norman was the son of Elsie and Harry Reich. He was deeply proud of having been Sports Editor of the Tulane University Hullahaloo and having served as a dental officer in the U.S. Navy after attending New York University Dental School. He often expressed his gratitude for those who protected our country in battle, and he knew that he was lucky to have seen only angry seas instead of war.

Norman married Beverly after a courtship in New York, where he would practice dentistry for 40 years, and at his family's Berkshire Hills Camp (BHC) in Salisbury. The young couple (with 3 children in tow) took over running the camp in 1971. BHC was a revered institution, and former campers continue to visit its lakeside property where the Reichs made their home in its restored gymnasium.

Prior to their move to Northwest Connecticut, the Reichs raised their children in Scarsdale, New York. There, Norman took up his most revered pastime: running. "Stormin Norman" completed 6 marathons in New

York, Boston, and Washington D.C., rounding off his merits by walking the New York Marathon for his 80th birthday as a fundraiser for Team for Kids.

A board member of the Northwest Center for Family Services and the 21st Century Fund for Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Norman believed in serving his community and in giving back.

He was generous and kind, and his genuine smile, animated stories, and goofy sense of humor lit up a room. Norman was never happier than when surrounded by family and friends. He is survived by Beverly and their three children, Randall, Joseph, and Donald; three children-in-law, Peter, Erica, and Frankie; three grandchildren, Paulina, Fia, and Dylan; and his younger sister, Joan. He was predeceased by his older sister, Barbara. He is also remembered by countless family members and friends who he touched through his shining amiable spirit.

The family will hold an intimate celebration of Norman's life in the spring when a tree will be planted in his honor and a bugle will blow taps, a nod to both the military and BHC. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in hopes that a cure will come soon for this heartbreaking illness which impacted Norman.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

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Terry Wayne Sutherlin

MILLERTON — Terry Wayne Sutherlin, 85, a resident of Millerton since 2008, formerly of Pine Plains, died peacefully on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, at his home in Millerton. Mr. Sutherlin was a retired freelance actor and also an accountant for several large corporations prior to his retirement in 2007.




Born Oct. 29, 1939, in Redding, California, he was the son of the late Audley W. and Evelyn (Laslow) Sutherlin. Following high school, he attended Antioch University and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theater. He served his country in the United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG Corps) as an investigator prior to his honorable discharge. Terry Wayne lived in Hawaii with his parents when Pearl Harbor was attacked and between the ages of 7 and 20 he lived in Arabia before returning to the United States. In September, 2000, in Los Angeles, California, he married Antonia E. (Fritz) DiFrancesco. Antonia survives at home in Millerton. Terry traveled extensively throughout his lifetime and had a very successful career as

a freelance actor. He appeared in many motion pictures and commercials and he is a longtime member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG). He treasured the many lifelong friendships that were created during his career as an actor. Terry was not one to "drop names" of his friends, but if

he had, they would be some of the most recognizable in the industry. In his spare time, he enjoyed reading and spending time with his loving family and many friends. In addition to his wife, Antonia, Terry is survived by three children; Seth Sutherlin, Aeden Sutherlin and Barb Stout; and four step-children, David DiFrancesco, Christopher DiFrancesco, Bruce Ingalls and Lisa Ingalls; his grandson, Elija Sutherlin; his sister, Cheryl and his best friend, Steve Furman and his wife Jane of Houston, Texas.

There are no calling hours. Cremation will take place at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com



Worship Services

Week of February 23, 2025

<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>	<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>	<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7252</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokiauoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
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<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates!</p>
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<p>UCC in CORNWALL Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>	<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>
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<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 8:00AM - Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sunday "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-824-5534 canaanumc-umc.com canaanumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>

SPORTS

Millbrook scores victory over Dover

By NATHAN MILLER
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The Millbrook Blazers faced a tough challenge from the Dover Dragons Saturday, Feb. 15. The competitive matchup ended with a 42-34 Millbrook win.

MILLBROOK — An excited crowd can turn a good basketball game to a great one.

Millbrook's matchup against Dover Plains at the Millbrook High School Saturday morning, Feb. 15, was one such game.

The competitive matchup saw the Blazers and the Dragons battling out for the lead until the very final minutes, when some choice Millbrook plays pushed the Blazers to a 42-34 win over Dover Plains.

The Millbrook win was not certain until the final quarter. Dover's squad mounted good offenses in the first half, managing to come into halftime leading 18-15 over Millbrook.

But the Blazers came back from halftime energized and

inspired, and they took that energy to the rim.

By the fourth quarter, Millbrook had more than doubled their score, but Dover was trailing close behind until a couple of made three-pointers pushed Millbrook's score just out of reach.

With just 90 seconds left on the clock, Dover resorted to forcing fouls to extend playtime and try to win more opportunities for baskets. Millbrook's success at the free-throw line, however, thwarted this strategy and only pushed Millbrook's lead further and further up.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

Millbrook turned up the heat in the second half, securing the win with a series of three-pointers and free-throws.



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Inaugural 'Gospel Preaching' with gentle voice and strength

Text: Luke 4:14-22

One month ago at the Inaugural Prayer Service, Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde preached a call for "unity that incorporates diversity and transcends disagreement — and the solid foundations of dignity, honesty, and humility that such unity requires."

Initially, her sermon elicited nods of approval: who could object, to a goal so noble? She concluded with a plea for mercy, delivered directly to the president: mercy for those who are LGBT+; mercy for those who are not citizens or lack documentation, mercy for those fleeing war and persecution, mercy for any who might be seen as a "stranger." All of whom, in today's United States of America, live in fear.

Some responses levied blistering criticism against Bishop Budde. Accusations of politicizing an event that ought to have been above politics. Calls for her to be deported. Denunciation of her status as bishop because she is a woman. Disparagement of her tone.

She preached the Gospel, with a gentle voice and with strength. She relayed Jesus' teachings, and their implications today. In that setting, the Gospel stung.

The Bible's uncomfortable teaching says that we who believe in God may not be first in line to receive mercy. But if we are to follow Jesus, we had better be the first in line to act mercifully — regardless of whether we think the recipient is deserving, because in God's sight mercy is a measure of the giver, not the receiver. God is no tribal deity, belonging to one people only, and God will pour out saving help on any person in need, including unbelievers and those whom our society decides to expel.

The Bible is full of references to land and borders, and wars fought over the same, but Jesus flagrantly ignored borders, crossing them at will.

There are thoughtful arguments, both secular and religious, in favor of protecting borders. Yet Jesus did not make them, and they contradict a core Gospel teaching: those who would follow Jesus' Way are to consider every person on this planet as a family member, whose well-being is as important as our own.

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

February 15, 1934

'Committee For Local CWA Nursery School Project Is Announced; Group to Meet With Board of Education; Plans Progressing'; Mrs. Worthy J. Pulver, Mrs. C.M.B. Williams, Mrs. Wellington Parks, Mrs. Yorke S. Blanchard, Mrs. Chas. Kicks, and a representative of the Board of Education will comprise the local committee sponsoring the Emergency Nursery School for Millerton. They are to meet with the Board of Education this week to consider latest

GUEST COLUMN

The Rev. Dr. John A. Nelson

To the argument that talk of immigrants or LGBT+ neighbors or economy is political talk, inappropriate in a religious setting: read the prophets and the Gospels. The Bible's religious topics — by definition, religious topics — are resolutely focused on the wellness of all living beings, and how we treat one another, and how we organize our common life. When a policy or an administration has created hardship, especially for those who are vulnerable in our society, it is not the church or synagogue or mosque or meeting or gurdwara wading inappropriately into political territory, it is the politicians flouting the core message of God's Living Word.

In the Gospel, might does not make right — vulnerability makes right. In the Gospel, there is no justification for harsh treatment or expulsion of persons who are here illegally — because every person is our neighbor, and such laws fail God's requirements of morality and mercy. In the Gospel, might does not make right — vulnerability makes right. In the Gospel, there is no justification for harsh treatment or expulsion of persons who are here illegally — because every person is our neighbor, and such laws fail God's requirements of morality and mercy. In the Gospel, the accumulation of wealth is a grotesque abomination — an act of blatant infidelity which deserves no reward, and certainly no position of influence. In the Gospel, there is no outsider in God's eyes, only in human eyes, and God often will give first attention to someone we think of as unfit or undeserving or unwelcome as if to deliver a message laser focused on each believer: "Your way to me, beloved, is through a loving relationship with them. Your way to me is by all of 'them' becoming 'us.'"

In times and circumstances that are hostile to Gospel values, preaching the Gospel will sting. God knows, all that I am saying may be dismissed as political. Call it what you will. I take my stand on the Gospel, and I pray to be accountable to the Gospel alone.

From Sermon preached at the Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC, Salisbury, on the Third Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 26, 2025.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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developments.

Mrs. E.H. Dickinson has been taking the training source at the Vassar Nursery School to prepare for the special requirements of the proposed nursery schools. She will supervise the Millerton project. The local staff will include, besides the supervisor, a teacher for every ten children, a cook and a janitor. As far as possible these positions will be filled by local people.

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"Oh! I thought he said GOLF of America."

Anthrax vaccine: It took 80 years

Part 3 of a series on vaccines

After the smallpox vaccine of 1799, little happened in infectious disease for 50 years. Physicians decided that disease was part of life, it existed within us and could not be eradicated, leading to a philosophy of "therapeutic nihilism." Doctors could follow the course of tuberculosis with stethoscopes as it ate through a lung, but did not hope to stop the process.

Nursing and nutrition improved during the 1850s and 1860s — think Florence Nightingale. Sanitation would soon have a beneficial effect on health, but the idea that disease came from infection by bacteria, viruses, or fungi, occurred to no one. Until Louis Pasteur discovered that yeast and bacteria act on beef broth, grape mash, and flour to alter them — in beef broth by putrefaction and degradation of proteins, in grape mash by converting sugar to alcohol and in bread by making carbon dioxide causing bread to rise, puffed up by the CO₂.

Louis Pasteur was from Artois in the Jura mountains where the wine was awful. He looked at it with a microscope, expecting to find yeast — recognizable spheres with buds, but found yeast and contaminating bacteria. He told the vintners to start again with pure yeast and to clean all their equipment with heat. The wine improved. (Pasteurization was first used to preserve wine, not milk.) The eventual result was the Germ Theory of Fermentation, Putrefaction, and Disease. Pasteur became famous and repeated his success with diseases of silk moths and sour beer. It was a fertile theory and remains so.

Chemists of the mid-19th century hated the germ theory. They could not bear to see their tidy chemical equations corrupted by bacteria or yeast. They thought it was a form of mystical vitalism, but had no alternative theory to explain how sugar turns into other molecules. They conceded, but it took decades.

Physicians could not believe that anything as small as bacteria could fell a human being and many of them believed in spontaneous generation of bacteria from inert chemicals, an idea that Pasteur destroyed. Physicians thought he was an unqualified upstart, a charlatan poaching on their territory. Pasteur, a fine speaker and something of a showman, returned their contempt.

What of the long gap between vaccines? From about

THE BODY SCIENTIFIC

Richard Kessin

1850, Pasteur and his students and Joseph Lister in Scotland, worked out ways to grow and examine bacteria and yeast in beef broth or other nutrient liquids. They disproved spontaneous generation and learned that microorganisms could grow without oxygen, that anthrax bacteria could make heat resistant spores, and that bacteria could be kept out of wounds, reducing infection.

In the 1870s, French cattle were suffering from lethal anthrax infections; farmers lost 15% of their herds. The Minister of Agriculture asked Pasteur for help, and he sent two assistants to a farm near Chartres where cattle, sheep and pigs were dying. The assistants reported to Pasteur, who asked about birds. Ducks, chickens, and geese were thriving.

How to account for this? Pasteur knew that birds have an internal temperature of 42 degrees Celsius, while mammals live at 37 C. The difference is 9 degrees Fahrenheit, which is a lot. He asked if the small opaque bodies, called batonnettes, found in the blood of cattle or sheep dying of anthrax were bacteria that would grow in beef broth. They did. He then injected a hen with batonnettes. Nothing happened. When he cooled the hen in a bath it sickened. Removed from the bath the hen recovered.

He reasoned that if he grew the bacteria at 42 C in beef broth they might lose the ability to kill at 37 C. They did. The bacteria, *Bacillus anthracis*, were attenuated, they had lost some function — a piece of DNA as it turned out — but still grew. These bacteria formed the basis for a sheep and cattle vaccine. These bacteria were called the Pasteur vaccine strain and was used for many years. My lab worked with it until we learned, just after 9/11, when there was an anthrax terrorist attack, that the FBI and CDC test for anthrax did not recognize the vaccine strain as harmless. Not wanting to scare people, we killed our cultures with superheated steam.

A trial took place in a village called Pouilly-le-fort, Southeast of Paris. Twenty-five sheep were inoculated with attenuated *Bacillus anthracis* and 25 were left alone. Two weeks later the 25 inoculated sheep were given a booster. After another two

weeks all 50 sheep got a dose of virulent bacteria. In two days, the unvaccinated sheep were very sick, the vaccinated sheep were healthy. In later tests, the same held true for cattle. Pasteur, who knew what was at stake for farmers, agriculture, and medicine, paced in his lab at the École Normale Supérieure in Paris. Finally, a telegram arrived. It read Succès Épatant! (Stunning Success).

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Sharon Hospital

Had a great experience there. My heart doctor, Shari Harrison, and the entire staff, quite wonderful. I'd go back but not too soon.

Thanks to Kristie Schmidt as well. We are lucky to have such consummate professionals, right in our midst.

Lonnie Carter
Falls Village



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A winter's song ...

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To know or not to know, that is the question

People use a word, “disinformation,” loosely because it means nothing more than words spewed out devoid of actual meaning, context, proof, fact, or ownership.

That does not mean those words were spewed without intent, written without intent, broadcast without intent. The old adage of “sticks and stones may break my bones but words can never hurt me” was wrong when I was a kid and even more wrong in the age in which we live, where words can travel to millions of people instantaneously, permanently circulating, always causing harm. I’ll take physical sticks and stones over diarrheal vituperous words promulgated on the Internet any day.

The world we are entering, where a sole person can

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

decide to rename a 600-year-old, internationally accepted place name as a whim requires us to stop and think of the dystopian world that’s being built around us, for us, engaging us, corrupting us. The Gulf of Mexico being renamed may seem like a trivial matter as it rebounds to and is endorsed by Google, MSN, and other Internet platforms. However — at a stroke — truth and fact have been obliterated. This is a modern form of book-burning. Once burned, those books cannot be re-read, cannot be learned from, cannot influence thinking and

intelligence. The Gulf of Mexico as historic fact has been obliterated, sanctioned by the very backbone of the Internet providers.

But, like book burning in the ‘30s, they have shown their hand, their capitulation to the new dystopian world; no doubt for profit or ideology. It doesn’t matter which. The fact is this, if you know it is the Gulf of Mexico, has been for 600 years, and someone tells you it is no longer named so, then you can easily decide if that someone is to be trusted. If not, tell everyone you know that they are wrong. Don’t simply roll over. In short, you have to decide if you want to join the book burners or stand against their intent and distortion of fact and reality. Speak up.

Acceptance without revolt

is capitulation, corruption of your very being. How do you revolt against such entities as Google, MSN and others? Probably you cannot. But then at least you will know that whatever they make, whatever they promote, whatever they post is not to be blindly trusted ever again. Remember, if it seems false, if it smells like smoke, it is likely a form of book burning in the modern Internet age. You can check, you can become a gatekeeper of truth. You have to. If you don’t, they have won and the world as you know it will not survive.

A solution? Read actual books. Rejoin your library, become a supporter of literary fact, research, and time-tested fact.

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

OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

Mission abandoned

The former St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Chapel on the corner of Church and Barton Streets in Millerton stands stark against the backdrop of winter.

North East Planning Board

Two restaurants seek approval

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — The Town of North East’s planning board met on Wednesday, Feb. 12, to discuss two site plan applications for restaurants — Town Gourmet Market and Tallow.

The conversation around Town Gourmet Market, to be located in the Millerton Square Shopping Center, centered on the design of the parking lot, lighting and the construction of a greenhouse building.

The board suggested looking into increasing the sizes or the number of tree islands which are on the current plot.

Bill Kish, planning board member, raised a concern about proposed copper material for the exterior of the building, noting that having it pre-patinaed would reduce the intense glare.

Representatives from Town Gourmet Market expressed interest in turning off all of the lights between midnight and 6 a.m.

“I think we should approve midnight as the cutoff,” said board member Leslie Farhang, who suggested lights could also be turned off earlier.

The logistics around operation of the greenhouse have not been determined by the applicant, but will need

to be approved separately by the board.

Austin Cornell, representing Tallow, to be located in the former McDonald’s lot on Route 44, also appeared before the board.

Approval of Tallow’s application is contingent, in part, on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) approval of a plan for installation of an electronic menu sign with the development of a drive-through.

“If the code doesn’t allow it, you can’t approve it, and that would be an issue for the ZBA,” said Planning Board attorney Chris Langlois.

“This type of sign will matter so much is because it needs to be dynamic,” said Austin Cornell, who raised concerns about the need for periodic menu updates.

The current drive-through on the property raised questions about conformity with zoning codes. Langlois noted with improvements suggested, there could be a strong chance of ZBA approval but that it is ultimately up to the ZBA.

Members of the Planning Board also expressed concern about lighting on the property, particularly in relation to the brightness.

The applicant must next go before the ZBA to receive approval before appearing again before the planning board.

FROM THE ARCHIVES *Continued from page A7*

‘Mercury at 34 Below Zero Here Friday; Millerton Again Reported as Coldest Spot in County;’ Millerton again was the coldest spot in Dutchess County Friday when the mercury dropped to 34 degrees below zero here in the wake of a frigid cold wave which affected the whole country.

February 20, 1975

‘Millerton Library Floor Space Studied;’ Recently the Millerton Library was visited by Leon Karpel of the Mid-Hudson Library System, the public library system which serves Dutchess County.

Mr. Karpel made a study on how Millerton Library can add much needed shelf space. He recommended that floor space be increased to a minimum of 2,500 square feet from the present 2,000 and the number of books increased to 10,000. This is a minimum requirement for the present population.

‘Methodists Give Prizes For Top Attendance;’ Millerton United Methodist Sunday School is in the middle of an attendance contest directed by Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Hellwig. Points are earned by attendance and by bringing new students to class

Prizes will be awarded at a spaghetti supper to be held at

the contest’s end. Poster contest prizes have been awarded to Rachel Dingle and Heather Babbitt

On Feb. 23 the Sunday School pupils and their parents will attend worship services at 9:30 a.m. and there will be no Sunday School classes.

‘Dairymen Get 8% Less Than Year Ago;’

Area dairymen will receive about 8 per cent less per quart for their milk this month than they got a year ago.

Dairy farmers, who supplied the federally regulated Connecticut market during January will be paid a uniform price of \$8.95 a hundred-weight (about 19.25 cents per quart).

‘Students Solve Math Problems With Computer;’ Students at Pine Plains Central School are using a computer terminal for mathematics and science problems. The terminal has been in use since October in the Mathematics Resource Room.

The computer terminal is connected by phone to a central computer located at Westchester BOCES. It not only gives students a chance to learn to write computer programs to solve problems but also offers computer as-

sisted instruction in various subjects.

‘Gaping 30’ Hole Marks Millerton Field;’

A bottomless pit? Not quite, although a gaping hole in a field at the old Mary C. Miller farm on Rudd Pond Road may well get bigger according to Mrs. Earl Coons the current owner.

Mrs. Coons estimates the hole to be 12 to 15 feet across and 30 feet deep.

February 17, 2000

‘DC Clerk Saga Is Over;’ NORTH EAST — Putting an end to a saga that has dragged on for months, County Clerk Richard Anderson was sworn in Tuesday after the state Court of Appeals refused to hear the appeal of his Republican opponent, William Paroli Jr.

The two men had been at loggerheads since the November election in which Mr. Anderson won by 54 votes out of more than 47,000 cast countywide.

‘One Webutuck Math Class Excels;’ WEBUTUCK — Amid the disappointment some parents felt at Webutuck’s performance on the Regents exams countywide, there is a silver lining.

Math teacher Roger Price’s Course 2 Regents class had an

astounding 95 percent passing rate, with all but one of his 22 students making the grade.

‘Local Business Notes;’ The Candle Store has moved from Railroad Plaza to Northeast Antiques, north of the Route 22 light. The Candle Store is located downstairs in the antiques shop and is open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beginning Saturday, March 4, Millerton Deli will change its Saturday hours to 7 to 10:45 a.m. The change is effective through April. Monday to Friday hours will remain the same, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Millerton Deli is located on Main Street in the Village.

Amenia Lynne Schenk has moved her Barns & Farms Realty office to Amenia, joining forces with A.J. Hayes Real Estate.

‘Care Car Helps Meet Medical Appointments;’ MILLERTON — The North East Care Car is a volunteer transport system jointly sponsored by the North East Community Council and Dutchess County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Care Car and drivers assist residents who otherwise are unable to get to medical or professional appointments due to lack of transportation.

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limited in comparison to Fresh-town, farm-fresh eggs were ready for purchase in varying shades of brown. Egg size was not listed on the label.

Peck's Market in Pine Plains offered plenty of eggs on its shelves and featured pricing ranging from under \$6.00 for a dozen large white cage-free eggs from Noah's Pride to \$7.59/dozen for brown free-range Grade A eggs. A dozen eggs, size indeterminate, at Millbrook Beef & Dairy listed at \$8.00/dozen. The cashier stated their eggs are gathered fresh and sold on the same day. Indeed, only one carton remained available for purchase on Friday, Feb. 14 in the afternoon.

Restaurants cope

Sandy Sherman, proprietor of the Talk of the Towne deli in Millerton, has also witnessed past price jumps in eggs. Sherman noted previous fluctuation in egg pricing typically resulted in decreases as avian flu ran its generally seasonal course, but she is concerned about the 2025 increase, which she doesn't anticipate trending downward anytime soon. According to Sherman, she is now paying \$90 for 15 dozen eggs as opposed to \$50 per 30 dozen, which is what she paid last year. Sourcing eggs has been an issue for Talk of the Towne, but only because one of its suppliers is no longer in the business.

While Sherman hasn't revised menu pricing and would prefer to steer clear of price



PHOTO BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

Cartons of eggs for sale at Peck's Market in Pine Plains, some of which were priced under \$6.00/dozen.

increases altogether, she hasn't ruled it out entirely, saying, "If it [egg supply pricing] keeps going, we'll have to."

As with Sherman, Jessica LeJeune, manager of the Oakhurst Diner in Millerton, has also seen previous pricing fluctuations with eggs, but costs remain the same for its customers.

LeJeune, however, remains optimistic that the situation will change, saying, "We've seen this trend before." LeJeune was quick to point out the Oakhurst periodically enacts slight across-the-board price tweaks due to rising costs. She also maintained the diner has no plans to utilize egg substitutes or other less expensive options.

Backyard chickens

For anyone who has opted against paying high egg prices, whether in restaurants or stores, there is an alternative, premises-permitting. Kristen

Maillet of Agway, in conjunction with her husband, Frank, has been tending her own flock of egg-laying chickens at home for the past 2-1/2 years. While her flock produces fewer eggs in the winter, which is when chickens can molt, Maillet conveyed some eggs have been laid, a number which can double in the summer. Maillet has opted against selling eggs, preferring to share extras with friends or coworkers.

Costs per adult laying hens can range in the region from

\$20-\$30 per bird with monthly costs for feed running around \$15/bag. In addition to feed, Maillet also provides fruit and vegetables to her flock whenever possible. She and her husband guard their chickens carefully with a predator-proof coop from the ground to the sky, with Maillet noting, "It's like Fort Knox."

For more information on starting a chicken flock, visit: agway.com, navigate to "Events" and select "2025 Chick List."

While eggs have become more expensive in Northern Dutchess, price points throughout the region are more or less in line with Hudson Valley egg pricing. This past weekend, prices for a carton of large white eggs ranged from \$4.49/dozen for Eggland's Best to approximately \$11 for an 18-pack of Vital Farms brown eggs at Foodtown in Cold Spring in Putnam County. At Adams Fairacre Farms in Wappingers Falls, the starting price for a carton of large eggs, white or brown, was listed at \$7.49 with prices gradually increasing by egg size.



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Town leadership and community as a whole.

“As an example, the newest application still does not reflect the recommendations of the community-wide Craryville Gateway Working Group, which I served on for several years. The application also fails to take into consideration the Department of Environmental Conservation’s newly enacted wetland regulations.”

In her letter, Barrett quoted Hochul, who in a 2023 veto message said: “It is incumbent on renewable energy developers to cultivate and maintain strong ties to their host communities throughout the planning, siting, and operation of all large-scale projects.”

Hudson Mayor Kamal Johnson wrote about concerns the city’s Common Council cited in October 2024 about the safety of Hudson’s water supply. The Hudson Council adopted a resolution in opposition of the Shepherd’s Run project siting on

the watershed of Taghkanic Creek, which supplies 100% of the water for the city.

“Unfortunately, we have not seen any evidence that the protection of the Taghkanic Watershed, and thus, Hudson’s water supply, or compliance with 10 NYCRR 109.1, has been addressed in Hecate’s application to ORES,” Johnson wrote. “We do not consider platitudes by the developer promising to rely on an Environmental Monitor (which Hecate appoints) to ‘promote avoidance of unpermitted wetland impacts’ a substitute for guaranteed assurances that no harm will come to Hudson’s water. We can point to examples of instances where water supplies have been negatively impacted by solar facilities, and if there’s even a chance that could happen to Hudson, it must be seriously addressed BEFORE any permit is issued.”

Sensible Solar for Rural New York, a group of citizens, this month reiterated its op-



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Hecate Energy’s Matt Levin, center, discusses details of the Shepherd’s Run project with Copake residents at an in-person open house on April 3, 2024, in Hillsdale.

position to the project. Sara Traberaman, of Sensible Solar, wrote: “It is clear that Hecate’s application fails to address extremely important potential impacts of this project, in-

cluding wetland damage, risks to Hudson’s drinking water, and fire risks to the nearby Taconic Central School and Audubon Rheinstrom wildlife sanctuary. ORES should not grant it a permit.”

Friends of Columbia Solar, whose members are residents of the community who support Shepherd’s Run, has submitted supporting comment on the ORES website. Following Hecate’s refiling of the application, Dan Haas, representing the group, wrote: “What’s needed now is not more pointless delays, but as quick a start as possible towards the completion of a solar facility that will benefit not only the Town of Copake but, given the urgency of climate action, the planet Earth as well.”

The project has drawn more than 200 comments filed on the ORES website.

Hecate’s Matt Levine, senior director of development, said the newly submitted application includes changes based on community feedback. Some of them are: excluding battery storage; native tree and shrub plant-

ing to minimize sightlines for neighbors; extending and connecting local hiking trails and recreational and education opportunities; providing for sheep grazing and several other priorities discussed with residents.

Levine also stated in an email: “Hecate is committed to ensuring the Shepherd’s Run Solar Farm is built in way that preserves and protects the natural resources of Copake and the surrounding community. After extensive reviews covering every aspect of the project’s impact on the Taghkanic Creek Watershed, it is clear that building Shepherd’s Run will actually improve water quality — especially compared to current

land use — as Troy Weldy from the Columbia Land Conservancy noted in a presentation to the Conservation Advisory Council in Hudson earlier this month.

“As our permit application moves forward, we will continue to engage with the community to ensure their concerns are incorporated so we can build a project that helps New York meet its clean energy goals while preserving and protecting the natural beauty of Columbia County. As I said in my letter to the community, the project has already been greatly improved by incorporating the feedback we have heard along the way.”

Town of Copake Supervisor Richard Wolf, who has regularly posted solar updates on the town’s website, updated the status at a Feb. 13 board meeting. In an interview he criticized Hecate.

“This belated invitation to a virtual meeting is another example of Hecate’s lack of engagement with the town, with the town’s people and it’s scheduled for midweek when they well know that weekenders won’t be here and anybody who is working may well not be available, anybody with children may not be available and the fact that they don’t have the courtesy to come and meet with the community in person is another indication of their approach to this entire matter.

“The timing, of course, right at the end of the 60-day period is further evidence,” Wolf said.

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kinds of rumors that are oozing up in the community,” said Sherman.

The Village is working with Nordic Environment Finance Corporation, an independent cause and origin investigation company, to determine the cause of the blaze. According to Najdek, once the investigation is complete, investigators will greenlight the premises for entrance. Najdek also emphasized while investigators are working toward determining a cause, one may or may not be found, contingent on what the investigation yields.

According to Najdek, the Town of East Fishkill sent their engineer the morning of the fire to assist Village’s water operators in setting up a system to ensure drinking water would continue to flow. The village’s supply of drinking water has been continuously evaluated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as well as the Board of health to ensure fitness for human consumption.

With one of the wells being destroyed in the fire, the Village’s water will be conditioned as required and pumped from well no. 1, known as the “doghouse,” to a holding tank as a temporary solution.

“Well no. 2 that was in the building, we can selectively demo around it, secure it, get a semi permanent structure,” Najdek said. “We don’t know what that’s going to be. There’s one hundred different solutions for that, and we will know more after this week.”

The Village trustees showed interest in an acting structure which resembles a “plug and play” system, where all water operating equipment will be housed. “We will be meeting with the engineer, the water

operator and Pete [Dellaghelfa, Village’s Superintendent of Public Works], this week on-site and we will start looking for the immediate, short-term solution,” said Najdek.

Previously, the Millerton Water Department housed two 10-inch diameter wells in an unconsolidated aquifer that allowed filtration through 50 feet of sand and gravel. The water then gets pumped into an elevated holding tank, where it is treated and chlorinated before being distributed to residents.

Currently, well no. 1 is being operated by a generator while the power lines to the building are in the midst of being fixed. The intent of these lines, according to Najdek, is to potentially serve electricity to both of the wells and the baseball field lighting.

With the loss of vehicles and equipment, the village is hoping to be indemnified once insurance claims are settled. “We’ve incurred a lot of expenses so far,” Najdek said, explaining her confidence in village insurer New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal. “I feel pretty good about them being able to handle our needs in a timely manner.”

The Village will have a three-month window to borrow vehicles or equipment as needed from the town, county or the state. “God forbid the county’s truck hits the bed, we can ask the state ‘Do you have any trucks that you could loan us?’” Najdek said.

The mayor requested the Highway and Police department compile a wish list of vehicles and equipment for immediate needs. The village hopes to avoid buying used trucks and equipment, hopefully avoiding any problems that come with them, said

public works superintendent Dellaghelfa. “It’s not that I’m against used. I just want to see that the village is getting their money’s worth.”

Once Najdek has confirmation from the insurance company, the village will start moving forward with the “wish-lists” from both the Highway and Police Departments. At this time, patience is what’s needed most, explained Najdek. “For those who have never been through a fire, this is a marathon. It’s not a sprint,” she said. “Sometimes answers don’t come into the third mile or fourth mile. It’s not something where information comes quickly from insurance companies everyday, so there will potentially be no updates.”

The village’s state of emergency declaration, which went into effect the morning of the fire, remains in place.

During the meeting, trustee Sherman provided updates on where the village stands for the Community Development Block Grant. The village is planning to use this grant to replace a few sections of sidewalks which need improvement.

“Some things are going to require some engineering input to see how we can rebuild this area,” Sherman said. “The aim is to put some estimates together and have the board’s consideration for our next meeting to approve making a CDBG application for this 2025 year and keeping it with a total cost under the \$200,000 level, which is the max.”

According to Sherman, the focus will be on the sidewalks near John Street, also known as Smith Court and North Center Street. The Village needs to submit its request for the grant by Monday, March 3, to be considered.

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The balloon test will be conducted on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at the Site, or in case of inclement or windy weather, on Saturday, March 1, 2025 and then each consecutive weekend date thereafter until the balloon test is completed. The balloon shall be flown from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. weather permitting.

The purpose of the balloon test is to establish the approximate location and height of the Facility so that computer generated visual renderings can be prepared from various viewpoints. The balloon test will consist of an approximately three-foot diameter brightly colored balloon being floated on a tether line to a maximum height of 150 feet above ground level. A second alternate color balloon will be floated at 100 feet above ground level for evaluation purposes. Please contact the Planning Board clerk via email at Smacarthur@ancramny.org or check the Town Website at <https://www.ancramny.org/> for additional updates regarding the balloon test and the proposed Facility.

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THEATER: MATTHEW KRETA

Mol and Scott shine in 'Love Letters' at the Sharon Playhouse

The Sharon Playhouse held a one night showing of the play "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney on Saturday, Feb 15. The sold out, though only partially attended due to the weather, performance was held in the Bok Gallery and starred Gretchen Mol and Campbell Scott.

"Love Letters" is an epistolary play, meaning the story is conveyed through the letters exchanged between the two main characters: Melissa Gardener, played by Mol, and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, played by Scott. The play begins at childhood and lasts until the characters are about sixty years old. With the performers reading letters back and forth,



Gretchen Mol and Campbell Scott in a reading of "Love Letters" at the Sharon Playhouse

the staging is minimal—intimate lighting casts a warm glow over the two actors seated at a

single table, where they remain for the entire performance. The Bok Gallery's cozy setting

enhances the play's simplicity, making for an

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RECREATION: MIKE COBB

Winter Weekend in Norfolk returns

Winter WIN (Weekend In Norfolk) will take place again Feb. 22 to 23 with a wonderful mix of in-person and virtual events highlighting creative talent in Norfolk.

Highlights include food and drink specials at the Icebox Cafe and the Berkshire Country Store, nature walks, pickleball, art displays and lectures at the Norfolk Library, live Americana and world music on Saturday at the Norfolk HUB, chamber music by Yale students, a live Tango performance, dance classes, tours of historical structures, art exhibits, a book launch, a raffle, open houses at the Fire Department and the Sugar House, lectures, movies, and much more.

WIN committee member Sue Frisch said, "We're so proud to be part of a town that unites to create a festival like this for everyone. Literally all of Norfolk volunteers to give everyone—visitors and each other—a good time and show them how great Norfolk is."

New this year are a Mushroom Inoculation Workshop at Husky Meadows Farm, a special book launch celebrating "The Norfolk Library: History, Culture, Community," the film, "The Jump," Seattle Children's Film Festival and selections



PHOTO BY WILEY WOOD

Star Childs of Norfolk enjoys cross-country skiing on one of Norfolk's many trails.

from Disney including short movies for kids, and special discounts at Berkshire Country Store (doughnuts) and Icebox Cafe (chai). Also on offer

are a pop-up bookstore, wildlife tracking walk, Pickleball, and more.

Old favorites include hiking, skiing, snowshoeing on Norfolk trails

and fly-tying workshops. Ice-skating on the town rink will depend on the weather.

Norfolk and area residents can also look forward to summer WIN on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 1, 2, 3, 2025 (10th annual Weekend in Norfolk).

Most events are free; registration in advance is always recommended. For a full list of activities and information on how to register, please see the WIN website: weekend-in-norfolk.org

Information can also be obtained at the Norfolk HUB at 2 Station Place in downtown Norfolk.



PHOTO BY LISA REICKERMANN

Fredlyn "Freddie" Doelling and her cat, Peaches.

LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

The Fountains at Millbrook host Valentine's fundraiser

This Valentine's Day, residents and associates at The Fountains at Millbrook celebrated love by giving back. From Feb. 1 to Feb. 14, they collected pet food, toys, blankets, and other supplies to support the Hudson Valley Animal Rescue. Their efforts resulted in a donation valued at approximately \$300, which was delivered to the shelter on Feb. 15.

The Fountains is a unique retirement community that warmly welcomes pets, recognizing the joy and companionship they bring to residents. Unlike many senior living facilities with strict pet policies, The Fountains embraces animals as part of the community.

Resident Joy Papa knows firsthand the deep connection between people and their pets. She spent Valentine's Day with her chihuahua, Pook-

ie. "Valentine's Day is not just about having a boyfriend or husband," said Papa. "It extends to family, friends, and for me, my dog. Pookie is good company, keeps me on my toes, and brings me peace."

Lucy Bonacquist, another resident, shares a similar bond with her 13-year-old dog Harvey. Harvey has become a beloved figure in the community, often joining residents for activities and providing encouragement during Bonacquist's exercise class, "Limber Up with Lucy."

"Harvey is essential to my well-being," said Bonacquist. "He has more friends than I do here!"

Fredlyn "Freddie" Doelling and her orange cat, Peaches, enjoy their daily companionship. "I just love Peaches; she's great company

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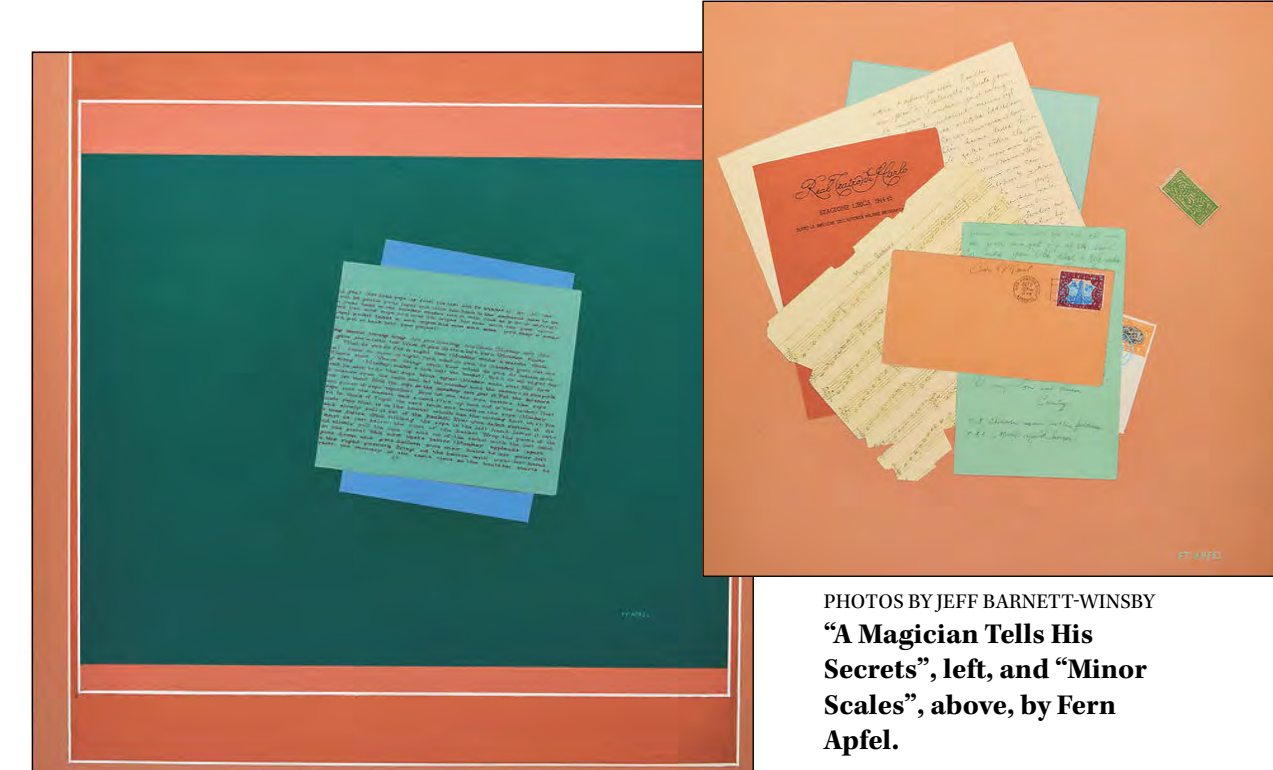
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ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Fern Apfel: 'Letters Home' at Troutbeck

Opening on Friday, Feb. 21, "Letters Home" is the latest exhibition in Troutbeck's ongoing collaboration with the Wassaic Project, a partnership that brings contemporary artists to the historic site in Aenia. This season features Fern Apfel, a Hudson Valley artist known for transforming handwritten letters, diaries, and ephemera into meticulously painted still lifes.

Apfel's work explores the intersection of text, memory and abstraction, preserving the beauty of handwritten correspondence while reflecting on the passage of time. Though they appear to be collages, her paintings are carefully rendered in acrylic and archival pen, capturing the worn textures of aged paper, faded ink, and personal



PHOTOS BY JEFF BARNETT-WINSBY
"A Magician Tells His Secrets", left, and "Minor Scales", above, by Fern Apfel.

inson, who also currently has work on view at the Wassaic Project in "A Space Between Worlds." Additionally, they have presented a solo show of photographs from Wassaic Project co-director Jeff Barnett-Winsby. The two entities have also worked together numerous times over the past few years for programming events, including collaborating with the Wassaic Project's education department to produce Troutbeck's Symposium series. Most recently, Troutbeck hosted the Project's winter benefit.

"Because of the small community that we share, it felt like a natural development to expand the Wassaic Project's artists and art outside of Maxon Mills. We are excited to continue this partnership with Troutbeck," said Will Hutnick, Wassaic Project's director of artistic programming.

histories.

A two-time recipient of the New York Foundation for the Arts Individual Artists Grant, Apfel has exhibited

widely, with works in the permanent collections of The Hyde Collection, The Albany Institute of History & Art, and the Tang Teaching Museum. In 2022, she received the Yasuo Kuniyoshi Award from the Woodstock Art Association & Museum,

recognizing outstanding artistic achievement.

The opening reception will take place on Feb. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m., continuing Troutbeck's commitment to showcasing artists whose work engages with history, language and place.

The Wassaic Project first began curating exhibitions at Troutbeck in 2022 with solo exhibitions by Wassaic alumni Polly Shindler and Taha Clayton. Most recently, Wassaic has curated a solo presentation of paintings by Dana Rob-

...Love Letters'

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intimate and engaging experience.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of "Love Letters" is its pacing and flow, which Mol and Scott brought out fantastically. For the majority of the play, the actors simply trade lines back and forth as they read their letters. This back and forth is broken up through occasional bits of quick, heated exchanges, long monologues and gut wrenching silence as, for one reason or another, a character goes five or six letters without writing back. This difference in pacing is extremely effective, and ensures that the audience does not feel any sort of stagnation.

Of course this pacing methodology would mean nothing if not brought out and explored by the performers, who both tackled their respective roles with gusto. Gardener, played by Mol, is a very highly spirited individual who is often finding herself in trouble and living loose. Ladd on the other hand, played by Scott, is an English major who is quickly established as a bit more

rigid and only able to accurately speak his mind through writing. As their lives develop and life's many joys and tragedies hit them through the years, both performers brought out their personality shifts and outbursts wonderfully while ensuring they remained true to their original selves.

Although Gardener finds herself weary and lost as her art career fades and addiction rears its ugly head, Mol preserves a hint of the character's former free-spirited playfulness in her letters. Despite becoming a Senator, traveling abroad, and starting a family, Scott balanced Ladd's rigid and stiff demeanor with moments of openness in some of Ladd's longer and more heartfelt letters. With a play so exposed and minimalistic, it lives and dies with its performers, and Mol and Scott certainly gave it life.

"Love Letters" at the Sharon Playhouse was a one night only performance, though "Sylvia", also by Gurney, is slated for performance at the Playhouse August 29 to Sept 7.

...The Fountains

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and loves to talk to me," Doelling said. Peaches has won over many residents, often joining in on visits for extra attention and playtime.

Lisa Rieckermann, community life director at The Fountains, highlighted the impact of pets on residents' well-being. "Whether furry or feathered, the pets bring so much joy to our community on Valentine's Day and throughout the year. We are excited to have a fundraiser that can bring animals a bit of the happiness they bring us."

Through this fundraiser, The Fountains at Millbrook extended its love for animals beyond its own community, sharing kindness with pets in need. Their Valentine's effort proves that love truly knows no bounds.



PHOTOS BY LISA REICKERMANN

Left, Lucy Bonacquist, a resident of The Fountains, and her dog, Harvey. Right, Joy Papa, a resident of The Fountains, with her dog, Pookie.

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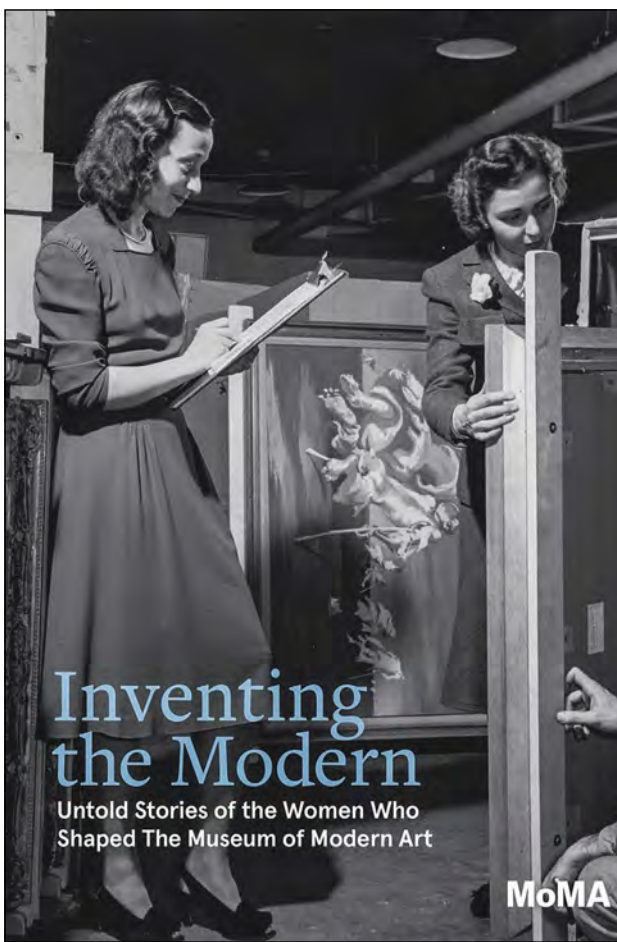


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BOOKS: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Author talk: 'Inventing the Modern' at Cornwall Library

On Saturday, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m., co-authors Ann Temkin and Romy Silver-Kohn will discuss "Inventing the Modern: Untold Stories of the Women Who Shaped The Museum of Modern Art" at the Cornwall Library. This collection of essays highlights the often-overlooked women — founders, patrons, curators, and directors — who played a crucial role in MoMA's early success.

Temkin, MoMA's chief curator of painting and sculpture, and Silver-Kohn, a longtime

researcher in the field, will explore the museum's uncertain beginnings and the revolutionary efforts of these women. Their book offers fresh insights into MoMA's history, shifting focus from its first director, Alfred H. Barr Jr., to the visionaries who laid the foundation for one of the world's most influential modern art institutions.

Temkin, a familiar presence in Cornwall, previously spoke on Monet's gardens at the 2024 Books & Blooms event. Silver-Kohn has a home in Sharon

Tangled tackle fondling 2025

The Super Bowl is over, pitchers and catchers have reported for spring training, and that means spring is around the corner.

Which in turn means it's time for the annual Tangled Lines Tackle Fondling report.

I noticed the reel bag, which has traveled around in the car for at least one full year, was full of dirt. This was in addition to reels, waterproof matches, a knife, and the extra pair of polarized sunglasses that I tore the car apart looking for back in October.

Hmmm. Maybe the definition of "tackle fondling" should be expanded to include "car cleaning."

Anyhoo, I went to the hardware store, bought a can of compressed air, and started blasting the dirt, sand and grit out of the reels that float around loose all year in the reel bag.

While doing this I clipped off ancient brittle leaders and noted which lines needed cleaning and dressing.

Not a difficult process. They all need cleaning and dressing. Anglers don't do this often enough. I do it a couple times a year, and as needed when my floating line stops floating.

Some people use hand wipes, the kind that come in a little packet. You can get them cheap online.

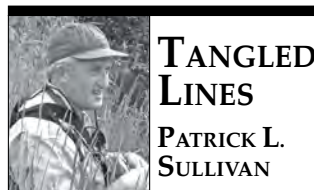
I'm even cheaper, however, so I use Dawn dish soap, which cleans everything from fly lines to birds caught in oil spills. You can even do the dishes with it.

I make a weak solution, defined as one cup or so of warm water with one small blob of Dawn dish soap. Stir until frothy, and dunk a brand new sponge in it.



PHOTO BY PATRICK SULLIVAN

A can of compressed air is handy for getting last year's grit and gunk out of your gear. It also wouldn't hurt to clean the car out more than once a year.



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Run your line through the sponge, recharging as needed. You'll see the yick come off on the sponge.

For dressing regular PVC-coated fly lines, you can use Mucilin green label line dressing, which has silicone in it. Or you can use Albolene, which is a face cream designed to remove theatrical makeup. A tub of Albolene costs about the same as one dinky little thing of Mucilin. But the dinky thing is a lot easier to carry.

For dressing your silk lines, I refer you to Izaak Walton's "On Ye Dressynge of Ye Snootye Sillye Silke," 1655.

Next up, the waders and boots.

I have four pairs of waders, one is right out of the box. None have patches or known leaks. So, fingers crossed.

On boots, I have four pairs, felt and rubber soled, sizes 9 and 10.

Looking them over, I see some studs have come out of the rubber soles and they have stayed put in the felt. So that means replacing a few here and there and hoping for the best.

Wading sticks: I have several, and I fully expect at least one to fail this year. So I have spares, both of the collapsible type, and the trekking poles which are adjustable but do not fold up and go into a holster.

Rods: I only have one new rod to test out, a Chinese-made bamboo

number that is an experiment.

Fly boxes: I am not even going to pretend to sort this out. I'm just going to pick up where I left off.

But I am NOT buying any flies until I use up what I have. And since I have thousands...


Next time we'll go back to the Tangled Lines medical report, featuring Mohs surgery, rotator cuffs, and how to splint your pinky toe when you bash it into the furniture at 3 a.m.

— Hint: It involves duct tape.


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FEBRUARY 20

The Highline: Wild by Design

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

On Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m. Richard Hayden will share insights on the High Line's native plants, ecology, and Piet Oudolf's design.

FEBRUARY 21

Gigante: Tracking the Fate of the World's Big Trees with Evan Gora

Cary's Lovejoy Auditorium (or live stream), 2801 Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook, N.Y.

On Friday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m., take a trip to the tropics with Cary Institute scientist Dr. Evan Gora, a forest ecologist and Fellow at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, who is exploring the fate of some of the world's largest trees.

Register: www.caryinstitute.org/events/gigante-tracking-fate-worlds-big-trees

FEBRUARY 22

Jazz Age Concert

Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, NY. millbrooklibrary.org

On Saturday, Feb. 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Millbrook Arts Group presents Charleston! Songs and Instrumentals from the Jazz Age with pianist, vocalist, and musicologist Peter Muir, PhD. Featuring works by Gershwin, Berlin, Morton, and more. Pre-show reception at 4:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, NY. RSVP requested: millbrooklibrary.org. More info: millbrookartsgroup.org.

Student Art Show Awards

Kent Art Association, 21 S. Main St. (Route 7), Kent, Conn.

Through Feb. 22, Kent Art Association's 33rd Annual Student Art Show will be on display, open Thursdays through Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. A closing and awards ceremony will be held Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.

Book Talk: Inventing the Modern

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

MoMA insiders Ann Temkin and Romy Silver-Kohn discuss their book *Inventing the Modern: Untold Stories of the Women Who Shaped the Museum of Modern Art* on Feb. 22 at 5 p.m.

Registration required at cornwalllibrary.org/events.

Pre-Industrial Needlework Talk

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

As part of the Salisbury Association's ongoing sampler exhibit, Sharon resident Alexandra Peters will give a talk on Feb. 22, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury. The talk will discuss how needleworks made before 1850 show us life before the Industrial Revolution from the often-surprising perspective of young women. Registration is required for the talk, which will be offered in person and online, at www.scovillelibrary.org.

Ilana Kaplan, Nora Ephron at the Movies

The Moviehouse, Millerton, N.Y.

On Saturday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., there will be a special screening of *When Harry Met Sally* followed by a Q&A on Nora Ephron's lasting legacy.

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FEBRUARY 23

Jazz Vespers

Sharon United Methodist Church, 112 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Sharon United Methodist Church at 112 Upper Main Street will have a community Jazz Vespers service on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 5:30 p.m. Jazz duo Nick Moran and Carol Leven will offer jazz musical selections on the theme of love accompanied by a brief meditation on love from Rev. Dr. Anna Crews Camphouse. The suggested donation for the musical team is \$20, with no minimum entry fee. All are welcome.

43rd Annual Student Recital

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

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC celebrates the 43rd annual Student Recital Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m., continuing a beloved tradition under the leadership of Judith Dansker and Kris Jensen. This year's talent includes Jazz and Classical Ensembles from Salisbury School and Indian Mountain School as well as solo

pianists and a cellist. After the recital, all are welcome to stay for a reception that includes sandwiches, chili and dessert. Admission is free; donations to the Special Music Fund are welcome.

FEBRUARY 24

Parenting in a Tech-Driven World

THRIVE, 96 Main St., North Canaan, Conn.

Join us at THRIVE from 7 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 24 for a one-hour workshop designed to discuss strategies and share experiences about parenting in a world driven by technology. This event is facilitated by Adam Lang.

This event is open to everyone and free-of-charge. Pre-registration is not required. Participants may arrive as early as 6:30 p.m. for snacks and light refreshments.

Learn more about this event and other THRIVE offerings at aspacethrive.org.

FEBRUARY 26

Auditions: *Girl With A Camera*

Claverack Library, 629 NY-23B, Claverack, N.Y.

The Two Of Us Productions is holding auditions for *Girl With A Camera* by Byron Nilsson. Performances: May 9-18, 2025, at Claverack Library's Marilyn & Bob Laurie Gallery.

Audition Dates are Wed., Feb. 26 at 7 p.m., Fri., Feb. 28 at 7 p.m., and Sun., March 2 at 2 p.m.

Sides provided. Email StephenSanbornPhD@gmail.com for advance copies.

Synopsis & Roles:

Photographer Ivy Wilmot's career soared, then collapsed after her marriage to a movie star. Another man loved her—but he was the FBI agent investigating her father.

Roles available: Marc (movie star ex), Nancy (photo editor), Jeanne (former teacher), Julius (Ivy's father), Lester (FBI agent). Ivy is cast.

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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. "Order in the ____!"
2. Spouse passed away
3. Godfather of Soul
4. Fully understands the topic
5. Winter weather report

FEBRUARY 28

Five Points Gallery – New Exhibitions

Five Points Gallery, 7 Water St., Torrington, Conn.

Five Points Gallery presents three new exhibitions: *I Am My Mother's Savage Daughter* by Patricia Miranda, *The Tale of Lost Water* by Susan Hoffman Fishman, and *Figuring it Out*, a group show featuring Shona Curtis, Sonja Czekalski, Gail Gelburd, Susan Keiser, and Jean Scott. The exhibitions will be on view from Feb. 28 through April 12.

There will be an opening reception on Friday, Feb. 28, 6 to 8 p.m., and an artist talk on Friday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.

Gallery hours: Tuesday–Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., or by appointment. Free and open to the public. More info: fivepointsarts.org.

MARCH 1

Chili Cookoff

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

Cornwall Park and Recreation will host a chili cookoff at Town Hall March 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. Competitors must register in advance by contacting park.recreation@cornwallct.gov. Guests can attend for free and submit feedback on contestant entries. Winners will be awarded a trophy.

Connecticut's Foxes

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

The David M. Hunt Library will host Ginny Apple, speaking on Connecticut's Foxes, on Saturday, March 1 at 2 p.m. Connecticut is home to two species of fox: the brilliantly colored Red Fox with its white-tipped tail and black legs, celebrated in literature from Reynard the Fox to Dr. Seuss's Fox in Socks, and the smaller, lesser-known Grey Fox, which, believe it or not, can climb trees. These efficient omnivores play important roles in our ecosystem keeping the balance of nature in sync. Join Ginny Apple, a Master Wildlife Conservationist with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and a Barkhamsted resident, to learn all about foxes. This program is free and open to the public.

Crescendo at Trinity Church

Trinity Church, 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lakeville, Conn.

Crescendo presents a concert on Saturday, March 1 at 4 p.m., featuring rarely performed works

by female Italian composers of the Renaissance and Afro-Portuguese composer Vicente Lusitano. The program includes vocal and instrumental pieces performed by the Crescendo Vocal Ensemble with soloists Jennifer Tyo, Sarah Fay, Laura Evans, and Igor Ferreira, accompanied by Christa Patton on harp and recorder and Juan Mesa on organ. Directed by Christine Gevert.

MARCH 2

Crescendo at Saint James Place

Saint James Place, 352 Main Street, Great Barrington, Mass.

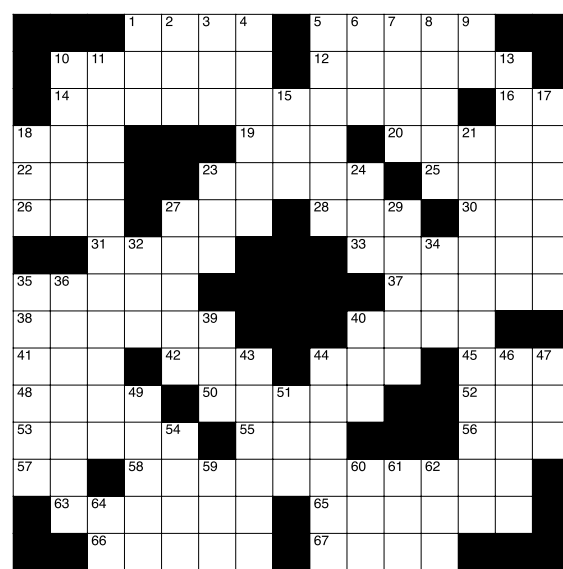
Crescendo presents a concert on Sunday, March 2 at 4 p.m., featuring rarely performed works by female Italian composers of the Renaissance and Afro-Portuguese composer Vicente Lusitano. The program includes vocal and instrumental pieces performed by the Crescendo Vocal Ensemble with soloists Jennifer Tyo, Sarah Fay, Laura Evans, and Igor Ferreira, accompanied by Christa Patton on harp and recorder and Juan Mesa on organ. Directed by Christine Gevert.

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10. Helps to preserve food
12. Plant disease
14. One who predicts
16. Equally
18. Burundian franc
19. Pouch
20. Arizona city
22. Surround
23. Hard, heavy timber
25. Witnessed
26. They ___
27. French river
28. A way to drink
30. Small constellation
31. Peruse a written work
33. Type of hound
35. Plant of the goosefoot family
37. Evade or escape
38. A way to confine
40. Volcanic crater
41. Weekday
42. Women's service organization (abbr.)
44. Local area network
45. Sensory receptor
48. Posted
50. Tibetan pastry
52. Licensed for Wall Street
53. Very willing
55. Golf score
56. Consume
57. Touchdown
58. Tends to remind
63. In a way, smoothed
65. Poke holes in the ground
66. Herbaceous plants
67. Taiwanese river



15. Political action committee
17. U.S. government legislative branch
18. Civil Rights Act component
21. Contractors take one
23. Spanish soldier
24. A person's brother or sister
27. Expressed pleasure
29. Song of praise
32. Shock treatment
34. Patti Hearst's captors
35. Counteract
36. Goes over again
39. Popular Dodge truck
40. Male adult
43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
44. Rope used to lasso
46. Become less intense

47. Subway rodent
49. Lead alloy
51. Japanese honorific title
54. Advise someone
59. Famous NYC museum
60. Ocean
61. Cathode-ray tube
62. Cologne
64. It starts with these two

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Feb. 13 Solution

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OUR TOWNS



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A charming cottage with views, 62 Lamoree Road was listed for \$655,000 and sold quickly for \$825,000 with a Rhinebeck post office and Rhinebeck schools.

Milan median home price declines slightly at year's end

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

MILAN — For the four months ending in December 2024 in the Town of Milan there were 13 sales of single-family homes with two over one million dollars and four land sales.

After the recent peak in median prices in August 2021 of \$729,000, median home price levels in Milan have declined to stay comfortably above \$600,000 since June, 2024, reaching \$645,000 in December.

In mid-February, 15 single family homes were for sale. Nine of these were listed above \$1 million. Three of them are to be built modern, architect designed residences on Serenity Way. No homes were listed for below \$500,000 with six between \$529,000 and \$995,000.

December

439 Enterprise Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath home on 2.49 acres sold for \$410,000.

122 Quarfelt Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath house on 9.49 acres sold for \$500,000.

November

281 Battenfeld Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath cape on 3.2 acres sold for \$640,000.

56 East Lake Lane — 2 bedroom/1 bath on .57 acres on Spring Lake sold for \$525,000.

1601 Route 199 — 3 bedroom/1 bath house sold for \$200,000.

1 Hamlet Lane — 2 bedroom/1 bath home on 1.8 acres

sold for \$260,000.
59-62 Mitchell Lane — renovated 3 bedroom/3 bath house on 40.1 acres sold for \$1.2 million.

October

474 Enterprise Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath house sold for \$652,500.

968 Academy Hill Road — 3 bedroom/3 bath house on 3.1 acres sold for \$1,075,000.

139 Old Knobb Hill Road — 8 bedroom/7 bath estate on 42.8 acres sold for \$4.7 million.

September

110 South Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath house on 1.5 acres sold for \$135,000.

1645 Route 199 — 4 bedroom/2 bath house sold for \$135,000.

257 Milan Hollow Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath house sold for \$431,000.

62 Lamoree Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home sold for \$825,000.

*Town of Milan real estate sales recorded between Sept. 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 understate available properties. 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.

Webutuck annual STEAM fair planned March 8 for all grades

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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AMENIA — The Webutuck Teachers' Association will be hosting its 11th annual STEAM Fair on Saturday, March 8, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Eugene Brooks Intermediate School's gym.

STEAM, an acronym for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, provides students from kindergarten through twelfth grade with the opportunity to display a project in these content areas.

"These are generally done independently outside of class so some teachers do give students opportunities in class as well to brainstorm and plan," Danielle Fridstrom, Teachers' Association co-chair and science teacher at Webutuck, said. "Teachers are generally available during extra-help sessions if students need additional assistance in the planning."

All grades are given an opportunity to discuss their topic with either student volunteers or staff judges. The student's age will determine who will be designated to their section. Projects can be viewed by the attending community.

"We try to get high school student volunteers to act as listeners for our younger participants. So, they get that practice having those discussions about science," Frid-

strom said. "It gives a good opportunity for both of them to share what they're interested in personally, as well as get that experience by having those conversations."

Students participating in the STEAM Fair in fifth grade and above have the opportunity to be judged by staff volunteers. According to Fridstrom, each participating student will generally see three different volunteers who will each submit scoring for a collective tally.

"Our students in grades five through 12... can elect to be judged, and any individual projects that win would be eligible to compete at the Dutchess County Fair," Fridstrom said. "For our younger students, those projects aren't judged, but the last few years what we have done is we typically have listeners, which they don't get scores, but folks will go around and discuss their projects with them and ask them questions about what they were interested in."

The Webutuck student winners will then be able to display their projects at the Dutchess County Regional Science Fair on Saturday, April 5, at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie. This fair does not accept group projects, and entrants must be registered by Wednesday, March 19.

"It is a big project for us that we've been talking about, getting out the posters, recruiting

students, figuring out all that, myself and Christine Gillette, our co-chair," Fridstrom said. "I would say it takes a lot of effort by all of our volunteers. This is teachers donating their time to come in on a Saturday and help with the setup and

the judging and all of that. So it couldn't really be done without that support of all of our teachers."

The snow date for this event is Saturday, March 15. Interested students can sign up on Monday, Feb. 24.



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Mark your calendars for a meal at Willa. The last February date for the Dine Out for History series will take place at this Main St. eatery. March dates to follow.

What's Next for 'Dine Out for History'

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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MILLERTON — Dine Out for History continues at the following venues on the dates below. Reservations recommended.

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.

Millerton Methodist announces new service start times

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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MILLERTON — New start times at the Millerton Methodist Church have been announced with services now taking place at 4 p.m. on the first and third

Saturday of each month. Additionally, Anna Crews Camphouse has been named pastor of the Northwest Cooperative Parish, comprised of Canaan, Sharon, Lakeville, and the Millerton Methodist Churches.

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