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Citywide Automotive North of Amenia has opened its doors wide to serve the community's service needs. Owner Toby Kiernan has brought his lifetime of experience to his new business conveniently situated on Route 343.

Citywide Automotive is up and running on all cylinders

By LEILA HAWKEN
 Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — A well-appointed automotive service establishment with accommodating staff is ready to serve the area's automotive repair needs. Citywide Automotive North, located at 3387 Route 343, has been open for business since Feb. 1, following a few months of building renovation.

"I grew up around the automotive industry," said owner and chief mechanic Toby Kiernan during a conversation on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

Getting the building ready to open included "a ton of cleaning," Kiernan said, along with painting the interior, carpeting the offices and applying epoxy to the shop floor.

Services offered to the community include 24-hour towing service, all automotive mechanicals, body repair and auto sales,

Kiernan said. Services also include oil changes, brake service and tires. The tow services offer a flatbed tow truck and a standard wrecker tow.

Citywide Automotive is equipped and experienced with all makes and models of vehicles, including high end luxury and classic cars. Electric vehicles, however, are not a specialty.

Kiernan's uncle, Peter Kiernan, brings 45 years of auto repair experience to the business, delighting in serving as a personable volunteer assistant in the shop.

"We love it here," Peter Kiernan said of the town. He divides his time between Amenia and his home in Florida.

Completing work on a car belonging to a veteran, Peter Kiernan set about giving the car a washing, a small, and yet appreciated, reward for that customer's military

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Public hearings March 12 for planned food market and fast-food restaurant

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — The North East Planning Board scheduled public hearings for the proposed grocery market in the Millerton Square Plaza and the planned fast-food restaurant in the former Macdonald's building on Route 44 at its regular meeting Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The Board also received a presentation from developers of Hudson Valley Racquet, a planned tennis and sports center that would be located on the north side of Route 44 near the Connecticut line. Plans call for the facility to be operated on a membership club basis, and open to the community.

Public hearings were scheduled for March 12 at 7:35 p.m. in Town Hall for the applicant to operate a nutrient-conscious restaurant at the old McDonald's site, which has been vacant for more than eight years. Austin Cornell addressed Board member questions about lighting and septic arrangements, including whether the off-site septic setup meets the standards



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Signs have gone up in the window at the Millerton Square Plaza advertising a grocery store is coming to the site soon. The North East Planning board set a public hearing for the project for March 12 at the North East Town Hall.

of the Dutchess County Board of Health.

After a few minutes of discussion which focused on 'what-if' scenarios relating to proper functioning of the septic system, Board Chair Dale Culver pressed for clarity regarding the septic arrangement and recommended lawyers from the Board and the applicant confer. Tallow's attorney

in the application process is Hilarie Thomas of Downey, Haab & Murphy in Millerton.

Board members acknowledged there was enough agreement on Tallow's site plan to move forward with a public hearing.

Town Gourmet Market's site plan application also was set for

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Social Security funding cuts to impact Poughkeepsie office

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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POUGHKEEPSIE — In a letter directed to Lee Dudek, acting commissioner of the Social Security Administration, on Feb. 27, New York State attorney general Letitia James emphasized the consequences of downsizing services at their Poughkeepsie office.

On the heels of the news at the Poughkeepsie location, the social security office in White Plains is scheduled to close. Westchester officials have been weighing a plan to offer a county-owned location in a bid to preserve the office.

The Trump administration has recently made a series of cuts affecting funding for various agen-

cies and programs, but James maintained social security must be enshrined.

"Social Security is a sacred promise that this country makes to its citizens," James said. "Seniors and people with disabilities throughout the Hudson Valley rely on the White Plains and Poughkeepsie offices to ensure they receive the support they deserve. Protecting access to Social Security and the rights of vulnerable New Yorkers must transcend politics and be a

principle that all those in public service support."

James pointed out anyone in need of services past what is currently offered at the Poughkeepsie location would be faced with extended travel times. For seniors and individuals with challenges who reside in Northern Dutchess, the reduction of service at Poughkeepsie and the closure at White Plains means traveling to the Hudson,

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— Letitia James, New York State attorney general



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OUR TOWNS



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Through “Nourish Neighbors,” diners will feed more than just themselves. Two Millerton locations, Willa, left, and Harney’s Tea Room right, are supporting this initiative.

Pay-it-forward to ‘Nourish Neighbors’ March 14-16

By SAVA MARINKOVIC
Special to The Millerton News

On the weekend of March 14 to 16, Tri Corner FEED is inviting members of the community to share a meal with their neighbors.

Fourteen local restaurants — spanning both Connecticut and New York — will be participating in the Nourish Neighbors initiative, encouraging visitors to “dine out and pay it forward” for the benefit of local farmers, food pantries and Tri Corner FEED’s Food Sovereignty Fund.

Participating restaurants include Panacea in Amenia, New York; Falls Village Inn in Falls Village, Connecticut; Deano’s, Mizza’s, On the Run, Black Rabbit, and the Woodland in Lakeville, Connecticut; Harney’s Tea Room, Oakhurst Diner, and Willa in Millerton, New York; Champetre in Pine Plains, New York; Sweet William’s and The White Hart in Salisbury, Connecticut; and Le Gamin in Sharon, Connecticut.

At these eateries, diners will have the option to “donate a meal” by way of a fixed or proportional monetary donation made at the time of their regular order, 100% of which will be passed along to Tri Corner FEED.

The fundraiser, conceived by Tri Corner FEED’s Community Advocates for Food Security, will advance the organization’s ability to address food insecurity by purchasing food at a fair price from local farmers and distributing it to those in need, according to Director of Food Programs Blake Myers.

“The food that’s grown in our communities should be accessible to those who live

in them,” said Myers, continuing to note that even farmers themselves are often food insecure. “Their margins are so slim, and it is so expensive to produce things in a way that is good for the environment and for people,” Myers explained.

Although the bucolic junction between Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York is widely recognized for its relative wealth and affluence, Myers points out that up to 40% of people in the area make difficult decisions when it comes to food purchases, according to recent studies.

Exacerbating this issue is post-pandemic inflation, which has seen St. Thomas Episcopal Church’s Food of Life pantry in Amenia serving five times the number of weekly visitors compared to pre-pandemic numbers overall, including double the number of retirees.

While there is no shortage of energy or enthusiasm among pantry volunteers, funding remains an issue for small, charity-driven organizations. “Our numbers are still growing,” said fourth-generation farmer and pantry manager Charlie Paley, packing donation bags before a column of idling cars that stretched beyond sight. “What we really need are more donors.”

To this end, St. Thomas’ Priest-in-Charge AJ Stack describes Nourish Neighbors as “an innovative strategy” for raising both funds and awareness. Identifying a trend toward the positive perception of integrated, community-driven philanthropy, Stack believes that pulling local businesses, like restaurants, into such efforts is an effective way to reinforce that idea that

“what we do stays within our community.”

“There is a huge need here, one that is only growing,” said Brigitte Harney, Manager and Buyer for Harney & Sons Fine Teas, who is hopeful that a novel fundraising initiative will help generate awareness. Alanna Broesler, owner of Millerton’s Willa, reported that there is excitement around the initiative, calling it “a great sign that so many restaurants are participating.”

“It’s almost like doubling the money that goes back to the community,” said Myers. By both encouraging patronage of local eateries and generating funds to make purchases from regional farmers, Myers said that this initiative “helps to build a stronger food system” on multiple levels. “We support businesses and farms, and we donate food to pantries,” said Myers, “so everything goes to the community.”

The rolling hills, quaint towns, and peaceful forests of the tri-corner area have been — and remain — an attractive place to live for a diverse range of people. From deeply-rooted multigenerational farmers to well-travelled artists, Myers believes that “everyone here sees something special about this area,” as evidenced by the “power behind our community-organized and supported initiatives.”

In line with the mission of Tri Corner FEED, Myer’s insists it is critical to maintaining the region’s allure and diversity that all residents be ensured the food security that leads to abundant, healthy lives. Others can contribute as easily as pulling up their neighbors a seat at the dinner table.

Farr-Kilmer named Millerton village fire project manager

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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MILLERTON — Caroline Farr-Kilmer has been appointed fire project manager in response to the Feb. 3 fire at the Water and Highway Department building in the Village of Millerton.

The newly created role involves working with insurance personnel, engineers and those to be involved with the demolition and reconstruction of the building, as well as administrative responsibilities.

Farr-Kilmer, who began serving the village in September 2024 in the capacity of planning, building and zoning secretary, is currently acting as deputy village clerk while Emerald Havelin is on maternity leave. When first offered the position, she initially expressed reservations, but as she eases into her new responsibilities, any doubts she may have had at the beginning have since been put to rest.

“After some thought and consideration, I decided that this opportunity was one that I shouldn’t pass up and that

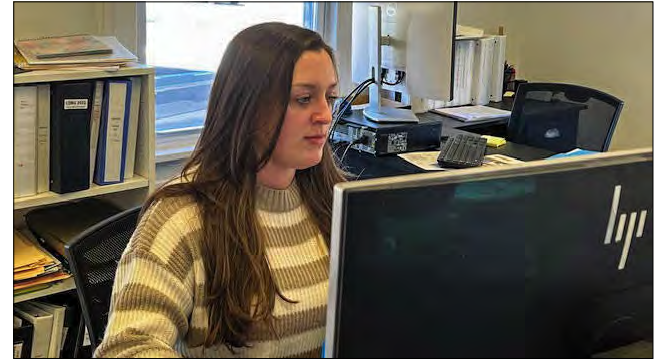


PHOTO BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

Caroline Farr-Kilmer is currently pulling double-duty as acting deputy clerk and fire project manager, a newly created role to guide the village through the aftermath of the Feb. 3 fire which gutted the water and highway department building.

I would love to help,” Farr-Kilmer said. “I have only been in this position for a couple of weeks, yet I feel as though I have already learned an abundance of useful information. It has been touching to see so many other municipalities offer help in a time of need. It is one of many things I admire about our small area.”

She expressed her gratitude to mayor Jenn Najdek, village clerk Lisa Cope and public works superintendent Pete Dellagheffa for the opportunity to serve in her new position, saying, “I wouldn’t

be able to do this without the trust and confidence they have had in me. I strive to be as helpful and as diligent as possible throughout this lengthy process.”

According to Farr-Kilmer, the position is expected to be active for 2-3 years while the village navigates the aftermath of the fire. In a conversation with the News on Wednesday, Feb. 26, Najdek conveyed that the scene of the fire has not yet been released to the village by investigators. No date has been announced yet for the building’s demolition.

Icy February eats into road salt, sand stockpiles

By ROBIN RORABACK
Special to The Millerton News

After several consistently mild winters in recent years, deep cold returned to the Northwest Corner in 2025.

The polar vortex, which kept temperatures below freezing for most of February, left persistent patches of ice in the area. Efforts to melt the ice depleted salt supplies, leading some to rely on sand to create a textured surface where needed.

Customers looking to resupply on salt and sand at local hardware stores may have found that when they went to pick it up during this very icy winter, stores were out.

Bob Riva at CA Lindell ACE Hardware in Canaan explained that in the last few winters they were selling one or two truckloads of salt with about fourteen pallets of salt per truck. He went on to say, “The last four winters we had no snow, and the warehouses reduced the stock. We got caught because of this with this winter’s snow and ice.”

Riva said that Lindell’s expected a shipment of sand and salt by Feb. 28.

As the cold spell hit most of

the United States, some of the winter supply was relocated based on demand.

Representatives of Aubuchon Hardware in Great Barrington commented: “There is a sand and rock salt shortage. It was shipped south because they were hit first.”

At town garages, stockpiles of sand remain plentiful while the salt stock runs low.

Dave Barger, first selectman in Falls Village, reported, “Sand has not been in short supply, but the salt that we mix with the sand has. In our Town of Canaan — Falls Village — there has been more ice than there has been in past years.”

“We have experienced issues due to the periods of wet weather followed by extreme cold,” Cornwall Department of Public Works Supervisor Jim Vanicky said. “In the case of this winter it caused the sand to freeze deep into the pile, which is unusable because it’s very solid. In Cornwall we lost about one

third to frozen sand. We do store it in a large pile facing the west to take advantage of the warmth.”

Emily Egan, administrative assistant to the selectmen at Salisbury Town Hall said, “The shortage is on road salt, not sand which has affected the entire northeast.” She added that “The town stocked up prior to the shortage, so we have not been affected.”

In Sharon, Casey Flanagan, First Selectman, said “We have not had any issues getting sand. I did hear that other towns and hardware stores were running out of salt. Knock on wood, we have had the material we needed to keep the roads passable this winter without interruption.”

In North East, New York, Robert Stevens, Superintendent of Highways said, “The Town of North East is not having any problems getting sand and salt.”

By the time March arrived, a wave of warm weather melted away the ice.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office Harlem Valley area activity report: Feb. 6 to Feb. 26.

Feb. 9 — Deputies responded to Route 22 near Route 55 in the Town of Pawling for reported auto accident. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Carmelita L. Navarro, 29, for aggravated driving while intoxicated. Navarro to appear in the Town of Pawling Court at a later date.

Feb. 9 — Deputies responded to Spruce Street in the Town of Pawling for a reported verbal domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

Feb. 9 — Deputies responded to 6491 Route 55 Trinity/Dover for a suspicious vehicle parked in a private driveway. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Gerald Batista-Diaz, 28, of New Britain, Connecticut, for driving while intoxicated, aggravated unli-

censed operation of a motor vehicle and criminal possession of firearm after he was found to be in possession of a handgun that he was only permitted to carry in the state of Connecticut. Subject to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

Feb. 10 — Deputies responded to Dollar General at 31 Route 22 in the Town of Pawling for a report of a subject who had passed counterfeit US Currency. Initial investigation reveals suspects appear to be purchasing low-cost items with counterfeit 20 dollar bills with intent to receive legitimate US Currency as change. Investigation ongoing

Feb. 18 — Deputies responded to 2971 Church St. in Pine Plains for a welfare check of an elderly male at the bank who suffered from a physical disability and was attempting to withdraw

\$3,000 from his account. Bank Staff reporting that the male patron was brought to the location by a male subject whom he did not know. Investigation by Deputies revealed this was a scam. Investigation was concluded with the arrest of Jeffrey Vargas, 28, of the Bronx, New York, who was charged with grand larceny. Vargas to appear in the Town of Pleasant Valley Court at a later date.

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

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email dc-sotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

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OUR TOWNS

Aymar-Blair talks audits, terminology and reelection

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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POUGHKEEPSIE — His professional life may be filled with contracts, spreadsheets and reports, but Dan Aymar-Blair wouldn't want it any other way. "This is what I love to do," he said in a recent conversation with the News. "I just got elected to do my dream job."

The comptroller is elected to a four-year term. The role's primary responsibility is to provide oversight through reviews and audits of county departments, agencies under contract to county vendors — or, as Aymar-Blair explains it, "We don't just look at numbers. We look at policies and procedures. It's about the process."

Additionally, the comptroller — who acts in the capacity of chair of the audit committee — oversees the annual audit of county financial statements as well as procedures, policy and regulations impacting the county's financial and accounting procedures by an independent auditor.

As a gatekeeper for the fiscal health of the county, the comptroller is also a source of quality control and much of Aymar-Blair's work revolves around measured observation and sound judgment. Numbers obviously factor in, but so does situational assessment. "Auditing is a scientific exercise," he said, explaining that audits should not be viewed as intimidating in any way. He stressed that his findings are based solely on reviews of data and contracts as a means of checking for discrepancies to ensure Dutchess County's financial interests are being served.

In addition to paperwork and process scrutiny, Aymar-Blair reviews outside vendors to determine their efficiency

and effectiveness. "We periodically do an audit report on our partners," he said. "We make recommendations to improve them." After recommendations are handed down from the comptroller's office, it is crucial that these recommendations are implemented.

A greater understanding of what the comptroller does can be gained from the knowledge of the vernacular attached to the position. According to Aymar-Blair, expenditures are best defined as a decrease

in net financial resources. An encumbrance is defined as a commitment or a contract to pay. He is currently working on a glossary of terms which he hopes will provide additional insight into his work.

He was quick to point out politics does not play a role in his decision-making process. "You could make the role partisan if you want, [but] auditors do apolitical work," he said. While Aymar-Blair is a Democrat, he acknowledges the importance of collabora-

tion with his fellow public servants in Dutchess County, many of whom are Republican. "I support anything we can do in a bipartisan way," he said. "We have to agree." Of his relationship with county executive Sue Serino as well as other Dutchess officers, Aymar-Blair stated they are working together in a team-oriented manner to yield collective results. "It's very positive," he said. "Sue and I are off to a good start. Everyone's been very welcoming."

As Aymar-Blair acclimates himself to his environment, having been in position for three months, he's already working toward long-term goals and is hoping to remain in the position. As previously announced he's already running for reelection and hopes to stay in place. "I'm very interested in working as comptroller for as long as possible," he said. "I want to continue the work." His opponent, Republican Will Truitt, R-Pleasant Valley, officially announced his

candidacy on Feb. 22.

Aymar-Blair pointed out he's seeking to weed out waste and corruption, and is looking to call attention to items in need of scrutiny. "I want to improve transparency, increase the number of audit reports, and increase accessibility to audit reports," he said. He believes visibility matters, as does a willingness to advocate on behalf of Dutchess residents. Said Aymar-Blair, "Government should help — not hurt — the people."

Ryan visit promotes pharmacy reform legislation

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

PINE PLAINS — Highlighting concerns about the immediate and long-term survival of local family-owned pharmacies and an effort to pass legislation which would help control prices those pharmacies pay for drugs, brought U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan, D-Kingston, to the Pine Plains pharmacy on Monday, Feb. 17.

Elected officials, local and area pharmacists and residents attended the event, numbering about 20, said Pine Plains pharmacist Nasir Mahmood during a conversation on Wednesday, Feb. 26. He said he had been pleased at the number of elected representatives who were present.

"We're trying our best," Mahmood said. "It's a matter of getting the legislation into the government funding package and getting it passed," he added.

The intent of the Feb. 17 event was to underscore the need for reform to the policies which allow pharmacy benefit managers to dictate

prices that local pharmacies pay for drugs prescribed for their customers, skimming off the profit margins and leaving local pharmacies to deal with minimal profit or frequently, loss.

Pharmacy benefit managers are the middlemen standing between the pharmaceutical manufacturers and insurance companies, actively negotiating drug prices. Ryan's office indicated that three major benefit managers control 80% of the current prescription drug market and realize \$450 billion in revenue.

Pharmacy benefit managers also systematically reimburse pharmacies less than their cost, which is driving local pharmacies out of business.

Rep. Ryan is attempting to reinstate bipartisan legislation within the Congressional Relief package that will be voted on in mid-March. He is co-sponsor of the Drug Price Transparency in Medicaid Act that would prohibit pharmacy benefit managers from charging Medicaid more than they paid pharmacies for a drug. Another piece of leg-



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Officials and pharmacists gathered at Pine Plains Pharmacy on Monday, Feb. 17, to underscore the need for pharmacy benefit manager reform, an effort toward fairness in drug prices for local family-owned pharmacies. Left to right are Nasir Mahmood, Pine Plains pharmacist; U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan, D-N.Y.; area pharmacist Eric Lambert; Pine Plains pharmacist Rehan Mahmood; and Mark Freitas, Washingtonville pharmacist. Not pictured: Chris Drago, Dutchess County legislator, D-Stanfordville, who was also in attendance.

islation, Pharmacists Fight Back Act, would require adequate reimbursement to pharmacists, prohibiting the benefit managers from steering patients to their own large-chain pharmacies. Major segments of that legislation were included in the

December 2024 government funding package, but were removed at the last minute, Ryan's office said.

Congressman Ryan indicated that March 14 is the deadline for the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the Congressional Relief funding

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of EMERY'S MINI MARKET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 1/23/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail copy to: 9 David Rd, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: Any lawful. 02-06-25 02-23-25 02-20-25 02-27-25 03-06-25 03-13-25

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of 166 Albany Avenue LLC, Arts. of Org filed with SSNY on 12/12/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 21 Steamboat Dock Road, Barrytown, NY 12507. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 02-06-25 02-13-25 02-20-25 02-27-25 03-06-25 03-13-25

Legal Notice

Notice of formation of Faithwell Farms And Wellbeing Center, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/26/24. Office in Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, PO Box 86, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. Purpose: Any lawful

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Self Destruct Sequence Tattoo LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 1/14/2025. Off. Loc. : Dutchess Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to 21 Merry Hill Rd, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. Primary business location is 21 West Main Street, Pawling NY, 12564. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 02-13-25 02-20-25 02-27-25 03-06-25 03-13-25 03-20-25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY at 7:35 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of TALLOW/Austin Cornell for Site Plan Approval for Local Farm to Table Fast Casual Restaurant on Tax Parcel #7271-00-610232 located at 130 Route 44, Millerton, NY in the BD-3 Zoning District of the Town of North East. 02-13-25 02-20-25 02-27-25 03-06-25 03-13-25 03-20-25

The above application is open for inspection at the TownHallorviaemail. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office at pb@townofnortheastny.gov or calling 518-789-3300, Ext. 608.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board prior to such hearing. Dated: February 27, 2025.

Dale Culver
Chairman
Planning Board
03-06-25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY at 7:45 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of Town Gourmet Market for Site Plan Approval for Renovation of Shopping Center on Tax Parcel #7271-00-585220 located at 122 Route 44, Millerton, NY in the BD-3 Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the TownHallorviaemail. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office at pb@townofnortheastny.gov or calling 518-789-3300, Ext. 608.

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Dale Culver
Chairman
Planning Board
03-06-25

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned self storage unit(s) will be sold at a public sale by competitive bidding, in their entirety to the highest bidder, on or after March 25th, 2025, to satisfy the lien of Global Self Storage for rental and other charges due from the undersigned. The said property has been stored and generally described below is located at the respective address. Although, the auction will be held via www.StorageTreasures.com, the sale is made in person at the facility: 3814 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545.

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Public Notice

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data for the Town of Pine Plains is now available for examination and review. This data is the information that will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear in the tentative assessment roll on May 1, 2025.

To set up an appointment to review this information, please call 518-398-7193 ext 7.

Sara Foglia
Assessor
03-06-25
03-13-25

TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to NYS Town Law § 276 and Chapter 105 of the Town of Amenia Code Tower Hill 2014 LLC (the "Applicant"), the Planning Board of the Town of Amenia will hold a public hearing on the application by Tower Hill 2014 LLC (the "Applicant") for preliminary plat approval of a minor, 3-lot subdivision of an existing +/- 165.42-acre parcel (the "Application") located at 365-381 Tower Hill Road in the Town of Amenia that is designated Parcel Grid Identification # 7065-00-266271 (the "Project Site"). The Project Site is located in the Rural Agricultural zoning district and is also located in the Scenic Protection and

Aquifer overlay districts.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board hold the public hearing on the Application on March 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Application is on file in the Amenia Town Clerk's Office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours. The Application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at www.ameniany.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the Application at the public hearing noticed herein. All persons may appear at the hearing in person or by agent and may also submit written comments to the Planning Board at or prior to such hearing by emailing comments to Planning Board Secretary Judy Westfall at jwestfall@ameniany.gov.

Dated: February 26, 2025
Robert Boyles, Jr.,
Chairman
Town of Amenia
Planning Board
03-06-25

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

In Appreciation

Maureen Brady

Maureen Brady, the first woman to be elected first selectman of Kent, died on Feb. 23 at her home after a long illness.

Brady, who served from 1985 to 1992, devoted much of her life to serving the community she loved.

Moving here with her young family from Queens, New York, when her husband, Thomas, became resident state trooper in Sherman, she quickly got involved in municipal activities by becoming secretary to then First Selectman Eugene O'Meara in 1973, and later to Robert Ward. Ward stepped down after two terms, and with his deep encouragement, she ran and won the town's top spot.

It was a time of transition when she took office, since the Town Hall was being relocated from its old cramped offices on South Main Street to a brand-new structure at Kent Green. Brady was in charge of arranging the details of the new building, as well as coordinating the move.

Former assessor Patricia Braislin, who was named to the position shortly after Brady was elected, recalled the move. "It was extremely smooth under her leadership," Braislin, of Sharon, said. "It was mind-numbing how well it went."

Braislin also spoke of Brady's approach to being first selectman. "She was very fair and wonderful to work with. She understood how the pieces went together based on her experience of working with other top officials."

Current tax collector Deborah Devaux was both a colleague and friend of Brady's. "She was a woman of such high morality and one who maintained her sense of humor and humanity. She was tough, but not authoritarian. Bob Ward taught her well."

Brady passed down the importance of public service to family members. Her son-in-law Martin Lindenmayer is current first selectman. When asked, he said Brady was definitely an inspiration for him seeking the seat. "She was a model of community spirit and had great vision for the town." Up until the last few weeks, he would visit with

her and seek her guidance on issues.



Lindenmayer said she transcended any politics while in office, working with all townspeople in a convivial and helpful manner.

Darlene Brady, the longtime town clerk, is her daughter-in-law.

She credits Brady with alerting her to the position when it was about to be vacated. She smiled as she spoke about what a beautiful office Brady had designed for the town clerk, not realizing it would someday be her daughter-in-law's workplace.

Darlene Brady said she marveled at how her husband, Kevin, and his two siblings, Kathleen Lindenmayer and Maureen Goldman, had a special bond when it came to the love and respect they had for their mother. "I'm so proud to be a part of that," she said.

Maureen Brady later went on to serve on the Board of Finance and as assistant registrar of voters.

Noting her dedication to the town, a ceremony was held last March in which the large room at the southern end of the second floor that once housed Brady's office was dedicated in her honor. A huge crowd turned out as a plaque was placed over the doorway that reads "This room is dedicated to Maureen A. Brady in honor and recognition of her outstanding commitment and distinguished service to the town of Kent. 1973-2023."

Soon after she was elected, an article appeared in a local newspaper, noting Brady breaking into what had been a male-dominated office in town. There were also a large number of women in other governmental positions. The National Enquirer picked up on the story and wrote a piece, dubbing Kent "Petticoat Junction."

Brady was also a woman of strong faith, and after serving in the public realm, she worked as secretary for several Roman Catholic churches, including those in Sherman, Sharon, Cornwall and Kent. A funeral was held in Kent on Friday, Feb. 28.

Ruth Epstein Kent

Shirley Mae MacCallum

EAST CANAAN — With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Shirley Mae MacCallum, a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend, who passed away peacefully at the age of 94 on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, at her home in East Canaan. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Toby MacCallum, with whom she shared many years of love and companionship.



Shirley was born on Aug. 27, 1930, in Irving, Massachusetts, to the late Edgar and Henrietta (Jodway) Daigneault. A proud graduate of Agawam High School in 1947, she went on to lead a life filled with hard work, love, and a spirit that touched everyone who knew her. Over the years, Shirley worked at Kaman Aircraft Corporation, where she built a solid foundation for her family, and later pursued her passion for antiques as the proud owner of Toby's Antiques in East Canaan. She was known for her eye for unique treasures and her warm, welcoming nature that made all who entered feel like family.

Shirley's family and friends will remember her for her deep love, her unwavering support, and her ability to bring laughter and joy into any room. She had a special gift for making people feel valued, and her kindness and generosity knew no bounds. Her love extended not only to her family but also to animals, showing compassion and care for them. She took great pride in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, always finding ways to be present in their lives, no matter the distance.

She is survived by her beloved sister, RoseMarie Galloway, and her husband, Richard, of Soldotna, Arkansas; her loving daughter, Lynn Pike, and her partner, Michael Sammon, of Scottsdale, Arizona; and her son-in-law, John Shepard, of Enfield, Connecticut. Shirley was preceded in death by her son, Ralph McEwan of Feeding Hills, Massachusetts, and her daughter, Kathleen Shepard.

Shirley's legacy will live on through her grandchildren; Beth McEwan-Pajak and husband Jason of Southwick, Massachusetts, Krys-

tal Ouellette of San Manuel, Arizona, Bryan McEwan and wife Tara of Westfield, Massachusetts, Kylene Perras and husband Jim of South Windsor, Connecticut, Jonathan Shepard and wife Hannah of Enfield, Connecticut, Wendy Bannish and husband William of Suffield, Connecticut, and Candice Smith and husband Curtis of Massillon, Ohio. She was also a proud great-grandmother to Katrina, Kaelyn, Madison, Chase, Lisette, Jasmine, Max, Ellie, Nathan, Austin, Clayton and Brianna who were the light of her life, as well as a cherished aunt to her nephew, Jeffrey Bunch and wife Gina, along with many other nieces and nephews.

Shirley was a woman of grace, strength, and resilience. She faced every challenge with courage, and her compassion for others was boundless. Whether as a mother, grandmother, or friend, she offered unwavering love and was a true source of comfort and wisdom. She will be missed more than words can express, but her memory will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

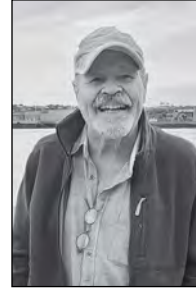
Visiting hours for Shirley will be held on Wednesday March 5 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Colonial Forastiere Funeral & Cremation, located at 985 Main Street in Agawam, Massachusetts. Visiting hours will continue on Thursday March 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the funeral home followed by a funeral home service at 11 a.m.

Interment will proceed at the Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. Additional arrangements will be shared with family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the MacCallum Family Fund for Animal Welfare, c/o Northwest CT Community Foundation, 33 East Main Street, PO Box 1144, Torrington, CT 06790, 860-626-1245, in Shirley's memory. Shirley's life was one of love, service, and joy. While she may no longer be with us, the impact she made on our lives will never fade. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her. For online condolences please visit www.forastiere.com.

Arthur Frigault

SHARON — Arthur Joseph Frigault, 79, passed away Feb. 26, 2025, at Baystate Medical Center after a brave attempt to live with multiple myeloma cancer. He was surrounded by his devoted wife, loving family and friends.



Arthur was born July 7, 1945, in Waltham, Massachusetts, the son of the late Arthur and Delina Frigault. His parents migrated from New Brunswick, Canada to Waltham in 1945. Arthur attended french-speaking St. Joseph Church's elementary school in Waltham, Waltham High School and Northeastern University in Boston for engineering. He served in the US Army.

Arthur worked as engineer inspector in the aerospace industry at Itek Measurement Systems in Newton, Massachusetts and in the medical quality industry at Johnson and Johnson in Raynham, Massachusetts. His colorful life included work as a freelance photographer,

picture framer, soap maker and restaurateur. Arthur was

owner of Beebo's Restaurant in New Orleans, Louisiana with his wife, Karen.

Arthur is survived by his wife and soulmate, Karen Heacox; his brother and sister-in-law, Max and Jean Frigault of Pismo Beach, California; his nephew, Eric Frigault of Fountain Hills, Arizona; and several cousins in Canada and the United States. He will be dearly missed by the entire Heacox family. This loss will go out in concentric circles and be felt in the world, Arthur touched many peoples' lives that they always felt better having spent time with him.

A memorial service will be held at the Sharon Congregational Church on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 11 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Volunteer Ambulance, PO Box 357, Sharon, CT 06069.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

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Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. <i>Transiting through prayer</i> All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org	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
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Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour <i>A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!</i> 860-824-0194	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!
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Jane Caron McGarry

SALISBURY — Jane Caron McGarry, of Salisbury, died Feb. 26, 2025, at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Canaan. She was born in Sharon on Nov. 16, 1947, daughter of the late Augustine (Roy) and George Caron.

Ms. McGarry was employed as a secretary in Lakeville and Salisbury businesses and as a secretary to the late James B. Conlisk, Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department in the 1960s. She worked for Shagroy Market and LaBonne's Epicure as bookkeeper and cashier for many years. She was the first selectman's secretary when the new town

hall opened after being rebuilt following the fire. She was the receptionist at the Lakeville Journal and Noble Horizons. She also served as recording secretary for various boards and commissions for the Town of Salisbury.


Ms. McGarry served 8 years as President of the Salisbury Central School PTO, President of the Lakeville Mother's Club, and as a Cub Scout den mother. She was an avid reader, writer, pet lover, cross stitcher, knitter, gardener, devoted mother, sister and grandmother.

She was predeceased by her husband, James McGarry, in 2002. She is survived by

two sons; John and his wife, Tina, of Canaan, and Jason and his wife, Rebecca, of Troutman, North Carolina; a sister, Yvonne Robertson of Sharon; two grandsons Dylan of Idaho, and James of Troutman, North Carolina, and two granddaughters Hayley and Merida both of Troutman,


North Carolina.

Arrangements will be private. Memorial donations may be sent to the Scoville Memorial Library 38 Main St. Salisbury, CT 06068. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.



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The CT DEEP Boating Guide is out filled with information on how to register your boat and to get your boating certificate, which is required to operate a boat in CT inland waters. Also important is an excellent section on the threat of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) such as Hydrilla, Eurasian Milfoil and Zebra Mussels, as well as what we can do to help prevent their spread to our lakes and rivers. What is new this year is the required AIS stamp to help fund both the research and management of AIS. For more information, please visit: portal.ct.gov/deep/boating/connecticut-boaters-guide



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Lent: Time to consider social gospel movement

We are entering the annual Christian season of Lent this week. With its 40 days of contemplation and "little Easter" Sundays, it is a time to remember the healing ministry and the sacrifice of Jesus. During this season, we are invited to think deeply about our role as agents of grace and love in our hurting world.

There is a long history of making sacrifices and commitments for Lent, modeling our discipleship and hopes for a more heavenly world. It is through this lens that I invite you to join us in considering what gifts and services the community needs that we can commit to bringing forth in the weeks leading up to Easter. While many lean into solitary introspection during Lent, it may be particularly advantageous to use our meditations and sacrifices for the greater good this year.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, advised his followers centuries ago that "The gospel of Christ knows of no religion, but social; no holiness but social holiness. Faith working by love is the length and depth and breadth and height of Christian perfection." These words are connected to the firm belief of Wesley that a Methodist was fundamentally one who loved God with all their heart, mind, strength, and soul, along with loving one's neighbor as oneself. He believed that being in love with God naturally also required loving other people, as every person was a beloved soul coming from the same source of life that we are.

Consequently, Wesley stood against slavery long before it was a popular view, prioritized caring for those who were poor and imprisoned, and made a point to do good to as many as he could for as long as he was physically able.

Indeed, the Methodists are not the only Christians who believe such things. These thoughts are primary messages of the Christian faith. In more recent history, we can note that during the time of the Golden Age, at the end of the late 19th century, the Christians mobilized to counteract the abject poverty, child labor, dangerous working conditions, and lack of education of the time. Famous theologians such as Washington Gladden, Walter Rauschenbusch, and W.E.B. DuBois began the Social Gospel movement, enacting with new verve the passion of Christ that empowers the community toward build-

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Rev. Dr. Anna Crews
Camphouse

ing the Kingdom of God. As Christians, they believed in uplifting the downtrodden and creating a community where all had a chance to thrive. Child labor laws were enacted, better working conditions were secured, Sunday School helped provide education, settlement houses were created, and the Salvation Army was born.

The social gospel movement continued in another wave of reforms and empowerment through the Civil Rights era. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his intellect, energy, and life to help secure the reforms that enabled persons of color to vote, go to non-segregated schools, and have the right to share public spaces without discrimination. Like Christ, he paid the ultimate price for his prophetic vision. However, his impact on our society was formidable, lasting far beyond his short lifetime.

As Christians, it is very clear what to do in times of hardship, crisis, or challenge. Throughout the centuries, our call has been to help heal the world, doing whatever we can to uplift and transform loneliness into community, reminding each one how precious they are and how important it is to unite for the sake of the whole. Individually, the challenges can be overwhelming, even too much to bear. Collectively, we can do all things through the One who strengthens us. As they say, "We have the receipts!" We can do it again.

This Lent, let us give up our pessimism and fear, replacing it with a commitment to community and hope. Yes, things can seem dreadful, but our souls are not served by allowing ourselves to descend into the dark. We are keepers of the light. Let us do all within our power to create brightness so that its warmth may strengthen all as we live into the Social Gospel movement for our time. Chin up, friends, we can do this. We simply must be willing to get serious about doing it together.

Rev. Dr. Anna Crews Camphouse is pastor of Canaan, Lakeville, Millerton, and Sharon United Methodist Churches. Lead Pastor of the Northwestern Hills Cooperative Parish UMC



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concern about funding for our local projects

As I read about the slash-and-burn of government agencies and programs in Washington over the past two months, I am greatly concerned about the impact this will have on Amenia. It can be hard to connect the news from DC to

our local lives. But as a town very close to starting work on a long-delayed highway garage and to much-needed repairs for our drinking water system, it appears the federal grants which would help a small rural town pay for such projects

have just been frozen, diminished or eliminated. Work to prevent flooding from the Wassaic Creek will not happen without the DEC. Not-for-profits that provide essential social services will try to keep operating on greatly reduced

budgets, as will our clinic. Seniors and veterans are likely to see Social Security and Medicare cut back.

Leo Blackman
Amenia Town Supervisor

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Shoveling out; Cub Scout awards; K&E aids water pressure system; fixing cracks at the pool

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

March 1, 1934

'Main Street Entirely Clean'; Millerton's Main Street was entirely clean last weekend after the record storm of a week ago Monday night and Tuesday which buried the village under fourteen inches of snow. Snow removal here was pushed by Mayor Brewer and the village board who deserve much credit for their efforts as the local streets, particularly Main, were in better condition than the streets of any the surrounding villages

'About Millerton'; Little Tommy McCullough has been confined to his home all week by illness.

Hiram Brown is able to be around again after a recent attack of the gripe.

March 6, 1975

'NE Board Buys Landfill Tractor'; The North East Town Board decided at a special meeting on Thursday night, Feb. 27, to purchase an H.O. Penn used Caterpillar front-loader tractor for the Town landfill.

The machine, costing \$24,450, was one of six machines offered in the bids.

'Nearly New Shoppe Closes'; The Nearly New Shoppe on Main Street, Millerton, will close April 1. At a meeting held Feb. 27 the executive committee of the Nearly New Shoppe decided to close the business because of lack of volunteers to run the store and high overhead costs.

The shop, which featured used clothing and household items at low prices, helped support the Millerton Day Care Center.

'Cub Scout Dinner Packed; Ham Fish Featured Speaker'; Close to 80 persons turned out last Saturday for Miller-

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ton Cub Scout Pack 3's annual Blue and Gold dinner.

U.S. Rep. Hamilton Fish Jr. of Millbrook and North East Town Supervisor Frank Perrotti were the featured speakers at the awards dinner.

'K & E Sponsors Water Pressure Control System'; Keuffel & Esser Co's Taconic Plant in Millerton has sponsored the installation of a \$6,950 water pressure control system in the Millerton Village water system. The new water system will provide an automatic and continuous supply of water.

'Coach Sussman Deserves Credit'; Coach Earl Sussman deserves the major credit for the turn-about of the Webutuck Warriors during the past season. In his first full season at the helm he has taken over a club which had lost 29 straight games, and from pre-season forecasts a team that was going nowhere and was considered as an also-ran in the league.

March 2, 2000

'Problems With Pool Cloud Rec Program'; MILLERTON - The swimming portion of the Millerton summer recreation program could be in jeopardy if a contractor isn't found to repair the pool by the beginning of the summer.

"We have \$96,000 to fix the pool and nobody's interested," said Mayor Michael Cawley at Monday's Village Board meeting.

'Engagement Announced for Wendy Lee Croft, Bruce M. Duncan'; MILLERTON - Richard and Leanne Croft of Andover, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter Wendy Lee Croft to Bruce Michael Duncan, son of Donald and Sharon Duncan of Millerton.

'March 7 Meeting to Consider Conservation Goals'; NORTH EAST—The Dutchess Land Conservancy will present its recommendations for preserving agricultural and open space during a public hearing Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the North East Community Center. Interested citizens are invited to attend and participate.

Also likely to be discussed is Assemblyman Pat Manning's proposal for a "Dutchess County Land Preservation and Conservation Fund" which would place a 3/4 percent tax on real estate purchases, with the first \$50,000 exempt, to fund open space protection.

'Volunteers Needed For Minor League Ball'; MILLERTON - Millerton Minor League baseball is reorganizing for the 2000 season.

'Last Chance for Comment On NE Open Space

Plan'; NORTH EAST—The concept of preserving open space seems to be gaining currency among Dutchess County residents and the town of North East is no exception.

This Tuesday, March 7, the Town Planning Board will hold a hearing at the North East Community Center featuring several notable locals who have worked on a plan for preserving agriculture and open spaces in North East.

Several public meetings have been held that included local farmers and landowners. Recommendations have been taken from public comments, including questionnaires mailed to the farmers.

Close attention has been paid to the so-called "Panhandle Region" in the northeast corner of town. "The panhandle will be used to provide examples for how growth may be accommodated while preserving agriculture and other natural resources," the statement said.

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Winter aconites on their first day of bloom on Saturday, March 1 in North Canaan, Conn.

OUR TOWNS

Million-dollar December sales in Pine Plains

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

PINE PLAINS — Many of December's transfers in Pine Plains were small private sales; however, the two largest were an estate on Bean River Road closing at \$2.2 million and a large commercial warehouse at \$1 million which will add to the Hudson Company's presence in Pine Plains. Median single family home prices in Pine Plains have remained around \$300,000 to \$350,000 since September 2021 with December's median priced single-family residences rising to \$353,750.

Pine Plains has always had a wide range of land for sale including the Carvel property

with 1,940 acres for \$36 million to 2.6 acres on Route 199 for \$99,000. Ten single family homes are currently listed at the end of February including three over a million dollars and three asking in the mid-\$300's.

570 Bean River Road — 3 bedroom/3.5 bath 4,207 square foot home on 22.59 acres sold for \$2.2 million.

3 Woodside St. — a mobile home on .52 acres sold for \$170,000.

Hoffman Road (#4428070) — 4.04 acres of rural vacant land sold for \$62,000.

2436 Route 83 — commercial metal warehouse built in 1995 with 16,800 square feet sold for \$1 million.

2976-2973 Church Street — retail row building built

in 1885 on .06 acres in village center sold for \$295,000.

*Town of Pine Plains real estate sales recorded between Dec. 1, 2024, and Dec. 31, 2024, sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Information on active listings taken from First Key MLS which may understate available properties. #Parcel numbers for properties without a specific address 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.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Formerly New England Wholesale Hard Wood, the 16,800 square foot warehouse at 2436 Route 83 was sold for \$1,000,000. It will expand the Hudson Company's operations in Pine Plains.

Lime Rock neighbors mull offer to park cars on their property for NASCAR trucks event in June

By **DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS**
Special to The Millerton News

SALISBURY, Conn. — Robert Jacopino, vice president of operations at Lime Rock Park, was visiting the Big E in West Springfield, Massachusetts, last fall when a "lightbulb moment" struck.

"I saw cars parked on people's lawns throughout the neighborhoods and thought, we can have that at Lime Rock Park," he recalled during a meeting with about a dozen neighboring property owners at the Lakeville venue's infield chalet on Thursday, Feb. 27.

The hour long forum's purpose was to gauge neighbors' interests in hosting, and profiting from, patron parking on private property when the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series rolls into town the weekend of June 27, drawing what park officials have described as "the biggest event in Lime Rock Park's history," with expected attendance between 12,000 and 15,000 guests.

The event, said Jacopino, will be nationally televised on the FOX network.

"We are looking to share the prosperity with our neighbors," said Jacopino, who in late January sent out a notice to Lime Rock Park neighbors inviting them to profit by parking cars on their property and inviting them to the Feb. 27 informational meeting.

Not only is the plan mutually beneficial to the park and to residents, he said, but "this will be a great economic opportunity for the immediate area, the Northwest Corner and beyond," including restaurants, hotels and shopkeepers.

Some signed up, others undecided

Jacopino was joined by Tom Burke, director of track operations, as they answered questions, addressed concerns and handed out a generic parking plan with suggestions on how to delineate spaces, travel lanes, entrances and exits.

As of last week's meeting, about a half dozen neighbors indicated interest in hosting off-site parking, and a handful of others said they had not yet decided but were weighing the option and had additional questions.

Jacopino estimated that 120 cars can fit on an average acre of land, and that the parking fee will range from \$20 per car within a half mile of the track to \$10 per car outside of a half mile.

"It's going to be totally your revenue. We don't want any part of it," said Jacopino.

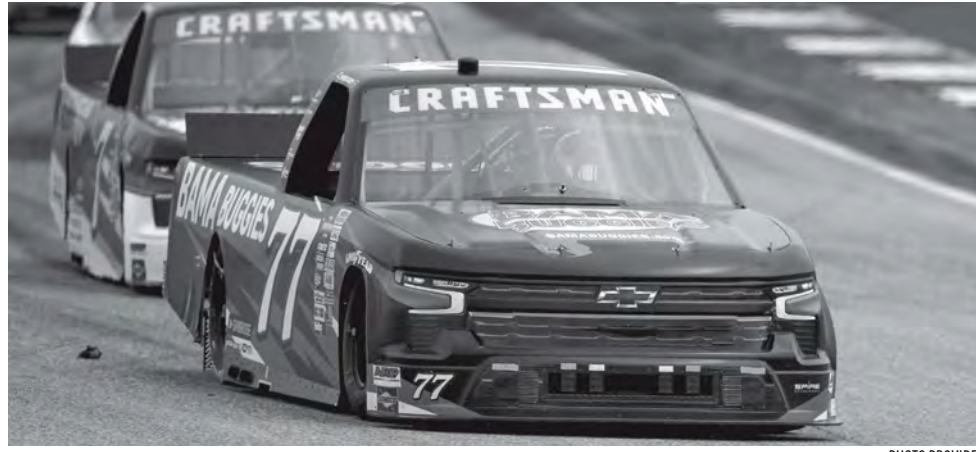


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The NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series will make its debut at Lime Rock Park this summer.

Lime Rock Park plans to supply each off-site location with a 2-foot by 2-foot official NASCAR parking sign and provide shuttle service for sites not within walking distance to the event, said Jacopino. "And we checked with the town, nobody needs a special permit to park cars in their yards," he noted in response to a question from the group.

The park's use of off-site parking is nothing new, as the nearby Trinity Church and other large-acreage fields have offered supplemental parking during large events, said park officials.

In addition to several private property owners, representatives from local businesses including the park's neighbor, Heather Bloom Farm on White Hollow Road, and Housatonic Valley Regional High School, offered to park cars at their sites.

In addition, said Jacopino, local Boy Scouts have offered to assist with parking as a public service.

HVRHS to offer paved parking option

Among attendees at the meeting were Melissa and Randy Dean, who said they were representing the owner of nearby White Hollow Farm and Vineyard and seeking details on the parking plan.

Jeffrey Tripp, class advisor at HVRHS, and Jeff Lloyd, facility manager, noted that the school's parking lot would be an ideal alternative for patrons who arrive in "really nice cars" and prefer to park on a paved surface instead of fields.

They further noted that students have volunteered to assist with the parking flow.

Lloyd asked if they should plan on opening the parking area for both Friday and Saturday of the weekend event, or just Saturday.

Burke explained that Friday is traditionally the slower day for weekend events and that Saturday will lure the biggest crowds.

"Saturday is definitely the full monty," Jacopino said.

In response to questions about parking and safety issues, Burke said State Police will provide full security, and that Lifestar "will be on the ground" both at the park and at the high school's athletic fields in the event of a mass casualty incident.

Park officials noted that "No Parking" signs will be posted along Route 112, and along roads where off-site paid parking is being offered, and that all of the private parking areas are set back from the main roads.

"Tom has made leaps and bounds over the past two years getting the State Police involved so that there will be fewer parking jams," said Jacopino.

Concerns about dogs, rain and litter

Dugway Road residents Linda and Thomas Walko were are "on the fence" as to whether they plan to offer their 11 acre property with an expansive, open meadow as an off-site parking location.

Linda Walko asked how to handle a situation where a patron arrives with a dog in their car, to which Lime Rock Park officials suggested they be turned away, as dogs are not allowed in the park or to remain in parked cars.

Thomas Walko, who races at Lime Rock, expressed concern that inclement weather could become an issue. "I can park a couple hundred of cars there, but if it rains, it will rip my place up."

He also raised concerns about his fields being littered with beer cans and other trash, to which Jacopino suggested placing several visibly marked, large trash cans throughout the parking area.

The Lime Rock vice president said he has received a few calls from residents concerned about noise and traffic, but most of the feedback to the parking plan have been positive. He explained that all of the sites on private property will be "away from other people's homes," and on large parcels of land tucked back from main roads.

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The Cooper family on Lime Rock Road is counting the days to the big NASCAR event, when parking will become a family affair.

Erica and Ryan Cooper said they plan to park about 200 cars on their two-and-a-half acre property. "Our three boys are pretty excited" about helping out, said Ryan.

'Biggest event in Lime Rock Park's history'

Lime Rock has a long history of hosting NASCAR events, having held 20 races over a 19-year span from 1993 to 2011.

After a 14-year hiatus, NASCAR will once again race at Lime Rock Park as the

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series makes its debut at the Lakeville venue the last weekend in June.

In preparation for the event, the historic park is undergoing several updates during the off-season, including an extension to pit lane and additional safety features.

"To say that we are excited about this announcement is a major understatement, as this will surely be the biggest event in Lime Rock Park's history," said Dicky Riegel, the racetrack's CEO.

"The combination of the NASCAR fan base in New England with the spectacular beauty of Lime Rock will create motorsports magic in Connecticut."

'Dine Out for History' on March 10

By **KRISTA A. BRIGGS**
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MILLERTON — Dine Out for History will be taking place at the following venues on the evening of the dates below. As a reminder, a second date has been added in March for Taro, which experienced a low turnout in February due to inclement weather. Reservations recommended.

Round III at 5523 Route 22, on Monday, March 10.

Golden Wok at 2 Main St. Suite 5165, on Wednesday, March 19, takeout only.

Taro's at 18 Main St. on Thursday, March 27.



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Round III will kick off the first of the March dates for Dine Out for History.



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a public hearing following a review of project plans presented by Millerton architect Ray Nelson, who reviewed lighting arrangements for the facility as well as the parking lot configuration that included trees and a Tesla EV charging station.

Board members asked how late into the evening the lights would be on, considering that the market expects to be open until 9 p.m., and there was discussion about lighting that would be operational after closing. Some board members expressed concern about the risk of micromanaging the project, noting the strong interest

in town to have a grocery market.

Kim and Chris Choe are owners of the Sharon Farm Market. The couple purchased the property in November from Joseph "Skip" Trotta and have ambitious plans to develop a supermarket to meet the needs of the community, which has been close to a food desert for half a decade since the former supermarket closed. The Choes have said they plan to offer full-service meat, a deli, seafood, sushi, a bakery and produce.

The public hearing on the Town Gourmet Market is scheduled for March 12 at

7:45 p.m., to follow the Talow hearing.

Randall Blumenthal, a businessman from Connecticut, presented his proposal to build a new building that would house a racquet-sports complex that envisions tennis courts, possibly padel — a fast-growing sport played in doubles in an enclosed court — a common area with a small workout setup, a juice bar and pro shop. Memberships would be available to the public, including day memberships.

Hudson Valley Racquet would be built in segments, ultimately culminating in a 50,000 square foot building

on a 9.38-acre open parcel west of the veterinary practice on Route 44.

Peter Sander of Renna Engineering Design in Dover Plains presented an overview of the proposed project, as well as mentioning that the site includes a flood plain and a potential for wetlands. The plan calls for a new septic system.

"We are not at the beginning," Blumenthal said, referring to the project's status, "but we're not at the end."

After hearing Sander and Blumenthal, Planning Board members recommended that Blumenthal come back with a commercial application.

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Citywide Automotive North has opened its wide doors in Amenia, ready to serve the community's automotive needs. Owner Toby Kiernan, foreground, is ably assisted by his uncle, Peter Kiernan, in the full-service enterprise, conveniently situated on Route 343.

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"We come from a long line of veterans who served. We support our troops and first responders as much as possible in appreciation for their service," Toby Kiernan said.

"My uncle loves to BBQ," Kiernan said, and there is plenty of room. Once the weather gets warm, on Fri-

days at lunch time Citywide Automotive expects to have the grill going, welcoming all comers for a festive free lunch.

Toby Kiernan recognized the challenges in finding qualified shop workers today. He said that as the shop gets busier, they expect to contact the local BOCES training program to find help and to explore ways that they might help to mentor the next generation of expert mechanics.

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"We appreciate the people we've met from Amenia and surrounding towns. They have been kind, helpful and courteous. We are happy to be in business here," Toby Kiernan said.

Webutuck school board considers district-wide cellphone policy

By NATHAN MILLER
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AMENIA — The Webutuck Board of Education discussed a potential new district cellphone policy at its meeting on Monday, March 3.

The potential policy, which is still in its early planning phases, would require students to place cellphones in a receptacle when they enter a classroom at the beginning of a period.

Cellphones would remain in that box until the end of the period unless teachers decide to allow the class to use the cellphones for instructional purposes.

Students would still be allowed to have and use their cellphones during passing periods and during lunch, but not during any class periods — including study halls.

The policy discussion at Webutuck coincides with discussions in Albany over

statewide school cellphone regulations.

Governor Kathy Hochul announced in January a plan to curb school cellphone use by mandating phone storage boxes in classrooms and about \$13 million in funding for the receptacles in the 2026 budget.

The Webutuck policy is still in the early discussion stages.

"Easy to speak about it, but I am telling you as sure as my name is Ray that this is going to be a nightmare," Webutuck Superintendent Ray Castellani said. "But this is not something that's unique to New York State or to Webutuck."

Castellani emphasized the cellphone policy is only intended to improve educational quality at the Webutuck school district. He said cellphones get in the way of learning and access to social media causes friction between

students.

"When your kids are at school they are safe," Castellani said. "Cellphones are not meant for instruction unless a teacher needs it for instruction. It's just that simple."

Also on the agenda was a recap of the mid-year testing data for the elementary, intermediate and high schools.

Generally, students showed measured improvements from the beginning of the year across grade levels in reading and math assessments in the elementary and middle schools.

The high school data

report by principals Robert Knuschke and Matthew Pascale included data on in-school suspension and office referrals.

The principals said they had implemented some new policies and strategies to reduce in-school suspensions and office referrals, and the data showed huge gains in both arenas in the high school and the intermediate school.

Since September, compared to the same period last school year, suspensions in the intermediate school were down more than 80% and in the high school around 50%.

Webutuck school board seeks members to fill two seats

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS
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AMENIA — Two seats have opened on the Webutuck Board of Education with the departures of incumbents Nichole Reyes and Anthony Robustelli.

These seats are for a three-year term starting July 1, 2025, and will be filled by nominations and election.

Information packets containing nominating petitions are now available for pickup at the district offices located at Webutuck High School on Haight Road north of Amenia. Nominations are due no later than Monday, April 21, by 5 p.m. To secure a nomination, candidates must have obtained at least 25 signatures from qualified voters in the district.

To qualify for a seat on the Board, candidates must be

able to read and write and be an eligible voter and a resident in the Webutuck district for at least one continuous year prior to the election.

Candidates are ineligible if they have been removed from any school district office one year prior to the election, a current employee of the district, or reside with another family member serving the same school board. To prevent conflicts of interest, candidates may not simultaneously hold another public office while serving as a board member.

Questions may be directed to school district clerk Therese Trotter at 845-373-4100, ext. 5506. Board member elections will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at the same time as the annual school budget vote.

The term for these two board seats will end on June 30, 2028.

SPORTS

Winter sports NEPSAC playoffs get underway

By RILEY KLEIN
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New England Preparatory School Athletic Council postseason tournaments are underway for winter sports.

Wednesday, March 5 was the first round of basketball and hockey tournaments, and swimming finals are scheduled for March 9. Each sport features athletes from private schools in the tristate area.

On the court

South Kent School qualified for the Class AAA boys basketball tournament as the sixth seed. The Cardinals got matched against Darrow School in New Lebanon, New York in round one. South Kent won the AAA title in 2023.

Millbrook School earned the top rank in the Class B boys basketball tournament. As the one seed, Millbrook hosts the first two rounds starting with eighth seeded King School March 5.

Kent School girls were ranked third in the Class A girls basketball tournament. The Lions' first round match-up was at home against sixth seeded Choate Rosemary Hall.

The Hotchkiss School also qualified for the Class A girls bracket as the four seed. The Bearcats faced the fifth seed, Thayer Academy, in the quarterfinals.

Berkshire School earned the two seed in the Class B

tournament and played seventh seeded Beaver Country Day School in round one.

At the rink

Berkshire School was seeded third in the Patsy Odden Large girls hockey tournament. The Bears hosted the quarterfinals against sixth seed Kent School.

Salisbury School claimed the sixth seed in the Stuart/Corkery Open boys hockey tournament. The Crimson Knights were paired against Dexter Southfield School in Boston, Massachusetts for the first round.

Kent School returned to the Martin/Earl Large boys hockey tournament as the reigning champion, having won it in 2024. This year, Kent earned the eighth seed and matched up with top-ranked Belmont Hill School in the quarterfinal.

Berkshire School qualified for the Piatelli/Simmons Small boys hockey tournament as the second seed. The Bears' round one opponent was seventh seed Groton School.

In the pool

The NEPSAC Division 1 boys and girls diving championships were held at Deerfield Academy March 5.

The Division 1 swimming finals will take place at The Hotchkiss School with prelims Saturday, March 8 and finals Sunday, March 9.

For all results and info visit nepsac.org

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Middletown or Peekskill locations — or further. It is feasible additional locations could face funding cuts or closures in the future.

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LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Adam Lang's THRIVE: a new space for learning and growth

“What does community mean?” asked Adam Lang, who is exploring that question with THRIVE, his new space for workshops, classes and events designed to foster personal and professional growth. A longtime educator and lifelong learner, Lang is cultivating just that — a community where the simple act of sitting together without digital distractions becomes a catalyst for clarity, connection and transformation.

THRIVE is built on the belief that wisdom already exists within us and between us. Facilitators aren't just teachers; they are guides, drawing out the knowledge, insights and creativity that each participant carries. The space at 96 Main St. in North Canaan is an open invitation for individuals, teams and leaders seeking alignment, mastery and a renewed sense of purpose.

“I've always wanted to do my own thing,” Lang said. “I wanted to take the ethos of growth and development and learning in a new direction and try to create something new.” His years teaching economics, public policy and human-centered design at The Hotchkiss School has shaped his approach. Over time, his classroom evolved from content-heavy instruction to a relational, inquiry-driven space — desks pushed aside, conversations unfolding in a circle, technology put away. Now, with THRIVE, he's extending that model beyond the classroom.

At the core of THRIVE is a response to a modern paradox: the more connected we seem digitally, the more isolated many of us feel. “I think people are feeling overwhelmed, scattered and disconnected,” Lang observed. “I believe we have the solutions within us and THRIVE is here to help activate that.”

The offerings range



Adam Lang at THRIVE in North Canaan.

PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

widely — active listening workshops, parenting in a tech-driven world, communication strategies for work teams and sessions on intercultural dialogue. The facilitators are friends, colleagues and trusted experts — educators, therapists, artists and storytellers — all committed to meaningful learning. Since its start in September, events have been free, testing demand and interest. The spring and summer sessions, however, will be immersive experiences, some requiring applications. Lang emphasized that fees will never be a barrier to entry. “I could have gone the nonprofit route,” said Lang. “That's what I originally thought this was going to be because I think the mission and vision could be supported by foundations, grant money and government money. But with growing instability in that sector and limited

personal bandwidth, I would have spent all my energy chasing funding — and then I still would need to find the people to come.” Instead, Lang is taking a leap, trusting that the offerings at THRIVE will speak to people and fill a great need.

Lang is clear that THRIVE is not therapy. “This is about growth,” Lang clarified. “We're creating spaces where people can step into new conversations, new perspectives and new possibilities.” And as he builds this venture — without the scaffolding of social media or external funding — his approach is organic and personal. Handwritten notes have replaced digital outreach. Word-of-mouth has fueled momentum. “When people sit in the space and connect, they want to come back,” he stated simply.

THRIVE is, in many ways, Lang's own exper-

iment in human-centered design. His guiding question: What happens when we create intentional, well-facilitated spaces for learning and connection? The early responses — parents returning for a second workshop, work teams finding new alignment, individuals stepping into growth — suggest something powerful is taking root.

“I gave up everything. Stability. But I believe in myself,” said Lang. “And I believe in the power of people coming together to learn, to listen, to grow. That's what THRIVE is all about.”

To find out more and register for events, visit: aspacetothrive.org



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Last year's first-place winner, violinist Connor McMillen accompanied by bassist Conway Campbell Jr. and pianist Zaccai Curtis.

EDUCATION: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Litchfield Jazz Camp talent search finals set for March 8

On March 8 at the Litchfield Community Center, seventeen semi-finalists, chosen from audition tapes, will compete for scholarships to the 2025 sessions of Litchfield Jazz Camp at the Frederick Gunn School in July. The event, free and open to the public, begins at 2 p.m.

“These kids are so incredibly talented,” said Vita Muir, executive and artistic director of Litchfield Performing Arts. “They're not just competing; they're experiencing what it's like to perform with top-tier musicians in a real performance setting.”

Players, ages 13 to 17, will be accompanied by a professional trio featuring bassist Conway Campbell Jr. and drummer Ian Carroll. The pianist, Zaccai Curtis, was a camper himself when he was 13. Now 43, he recently won a Grammy for Best Latin Jazz Album. The panel of adjudicators includes Albert Rivera, Don Braden, Muir, and the trio members.

“We wanted to create a competition that wasn't about pressure,” Muir explained. “The idea was to provide an opportunity for young musicians to perform in a supportive environment. And what we found was that they naturally started encouraging each other. It's a beautiful thing.”

Muir, who has led the Litchfield Jazz Festival and Camp since their inception, initially resisted the idea of a competition. “I always believed competition had no place in music,” she said. A partnership with radio station WDNA in Miami led to a different way of thinking. “They called us and said, ‘Hey, we'll give you airtime if you give us a scholarship,’” explained Muir. “So that's what we did. After going down and seeing it and being an adjudicator, I had this feeling that this was run in a very human, non-threatening way and that's what we strive for here.”

Muir also realized that

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PHOTO BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

"Plein Air," the new exhibit at Cornwall Library, features ten watercolors by artist Dorothy Spears. The show will be on display through April 12.

ART: SAVA MARINKOVIC

Dorothy Spears makes gallery debut with 'Plein Air' at Cornwall Library

On March 1, the Cornwall Library held an opening reception for the work of artist Dorothy Spears. The collection, titled "Plein Air," is a

series of watercolors on paper, depicting scenes from nature in delicate, gauzy forms evocative of an ephemerality that Spears has found artistically invigorating.

"Being up here and watching the seasons change made me want to make art," said Spears, whose career in art began as a gallery curator and art writer

for publications such as the New York Times and Art in America. Having dreamt of exhibiting her own watercolors since she was first gripped, as a high schooler, by

the works of Georgia O'Keefe, this gallery is the first realization of Spears's lifelong aspiration.

The ten watercolors that Plein Air comprises are steeped in the essence of the Northwest Corner. Though few are located explicitly — on

Warren Town Beach, or in the skies over Lake Waramaug — each is charged with the spirit of the region that so inspired Spears.

"Plein Air" will be on display through April 12 at the Cornwall Library, and all works are available for purchase.

RECIPES: MAC GORDON

Winter comfort stir fry

This winter is so cold. It gets dark by mid-afternoon, everything's gotten so expensive, and the news is depressing ... isn't there anything positive, uplifting? Well, what about a good meal?

Unlike the one referred to in the classic Alka-Seltzer ad, here's an idea for a tasty, healthy, economical home-cooked meal, suitable for an individual or a dinner party. And a more than ample serving will cost less than a greasy burger and fries at a fast food restaurant!

I try to buy all the ingredients from my favorite food market: meat, vegetables, rice and a special Asian black pepper sauce.

The end result is a stir-fry dish that combines meat, vegetables, and rice, creating a whole greater than the sum of its parts.

Here is a meal with ingredients for eight people.

While this dish could be made with another meat, I prefer beef. Any high-quality steak will do, but I usually use about a pound and a half of filet mignon. It sounds expensive, but it's delicious, and you can usually use every bit, unlike most cuts.

I slice the filet mignon

up into tiny pieces so that every bite of the finished product has some of the beef in it. And with about 3/16 of a pound of beef per serving, one gets more meat than in a commercial hamburger.

In a wok, I brown the cut meat for a minute or so in a couple of tablespoons of vegetable oil making sure not to overcook it. Then I set it aside until the vegetables are nearly cooked and then stir it into the mixture.

I like to use a variety of vegetables. I start with two or three good-sized onions which I slice and then further chop up into small bits. I cook them over high heat until they start to brown, then remove them, adding them back to the wok when the vegetables are nearly done.

I try to get the best vegetables I can find, in season if possible. I typically use four or five different vegetables, all cut into small pieces.

I try to find a happy medium between tiny, indistinguishable bits and huge hunks. Some reliable favorites are asparagus, string beans, sweet orange and yellow peppers, carrots and red cabbage. I even check my refrigerator for leftovers that might be good in

the mix and I always try to have something colorful such as carrots or peppers.

Some folks like the stir fry vegetables al dente, some prefer more fully cooked; but it usually works best if all are cooked about the same amount. I cook the vegetables fast over high heat but stand over them to avoid overcooking and take frequent test bites. It's better to undercook rather than overcook, especially if some of it is to be reheated and eaten the next day.

Rice inevitably makes the dish tastier and a more balanced meal. Most any high quality variety will do, but I prefer — when I can find it — wild rice for its greater flavor. And although some might find it decadent, I add a moderate amount of butter. The rice, of course, is cooked separately according to manufacturer's directions and added to the overall mix only when

served.

A final ingredient which helps bind the whole dish together and is tasty is a small amount of a specially prepared Asian black pepper sauce. It can be applied in small doses to individual portions and should be stirred in well.

I cook everything but the rice in a standard wok with a top that speeds and evens out the cooking, but a good size fry pan will do fine. The final stir fry tastes best served hot.

One more thing. How about a compatible dessert? Try homemade applesauce. Cut up several apples, discarding the cores but keeping the skins. Cook the pieces until soft and squeeze through a food mill made for the purpose and voilà, fresh apple sauce.

Enjoy!

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville



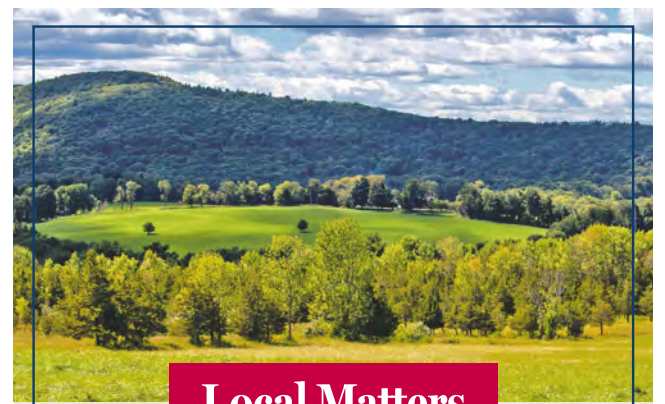
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MUSIC: MIKE COBB

GA-20 bring the blues to Infinity Hall

Blues band GA-20 rocked Infinity Hall Norfolk on Friday, Feb. 21. Named after a Gibson guitar amp, the band specializes in authentic, high energy, and sometimes obscure blues, country, garage and even indie rock.

The band's founding member, Matt Stubbs has curated a vintage sound, eschewing the typical hard blues rock sound of Stevie Ray Vaughn, and instead selecting deep cuts from all the Kings — BB, Albert, and Freddy — John Lee Hooker, Hound Dog Taylor, and more.

"I started GA-20 to play around Boston bars. I just really wanted to play the stuff I like.

We used small amps to play quiet with a focus on trying to emulate those old records. As we played bigger venues we got louder. We started to get our own sound. Most modern blues bands are a platform for soloing, which we do too, but our focus is on melody, creating a mood and telling a story," Stubbs explained.

Though his influences are many, he credits his dad for getting him



PHOTO BY MIKE COBB

GA-20 performed at Infinity Hall in Norfolk, Conn. on Friday, Feb. 21.

started in music.

"My father was a musician. I grew up hearing his bands rehearse. I picked up the guitar around age 13 or 14, soon joined his band, and he started taking me around on weekends to see live blues. I was bitten by that bug. I took some lessons, went to Berklee College of Music, dropped out and have been gigging ever since," he said.

Stubbs's understated

playing set the scene, while drummer Josh Kiggans laid down solid grooves and shuffles at Infinity Hall. The newest member, lead singer and guitarist Cody Nilsen, is a wicked slide player, soulful singer, and an engaging showman. At times Nilsen ventured offstage, out into the audience to stir up the crowd.

GA-20 has no bass player, but the dueling guitarists handle the

lower register with the flick of a tone switch with one playing bass and rhythm while the other plays lead. Together they achieved a fat, grooving sound.

"We are going for that vintage 50s Chicago sound. There are many albums with two guitars and drums and no bass. But one of us plays a bass line or low part on

guitar. It's become part of our sound. We've had bass players sit in, but it sounds more typical. So, we've been doing the no bass thing for the last six years," Stubbs explained.

An enthusiastic crowd mobbed the group's merch booth after the show where vinyl records, tapes, CDs, and velvet black posters with a 70s aesthetic sold

well. The band released a new single on Feb. 4 on Coalmine Records. Their music can be purchased on their website: ga20band.com

GA-20 breathes new life into classic blues rock with deep cuts and stellar playing. They are touring the US and Europe through September. Catch them while you can!

...jazz camp *Continued from B1*

many students go on to audition for conservatories and had a bit of a revelation. "What's an audition? It's a competition," she said. Realizing that for kids who are serious about music, and for some who even thrive on competition, the scholarship competition was a way to help their progress.

The first-place winner will receive a full scholarship to the Litchfield Jazz Camp. The second-place winner earns a half scholarship, while three honorable mentions will receive \$250 scholarships. However, Muir emphasizes that financial need is never a barrier.

"We tell families, 'if you make under \$50,000 a year, call us. We'll waive the application fee,'" she said. "And even if a student doesn't win, they

can still apply for need-based scholarships. It's important that everyone has a chance."

This year's event received about 30 submissions, which were narrowed down to 17 finalists from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Texas. Past winners have gone on to significant opportunities, including opening performances at the Litchfield Jazz Festival.

"Our first winner was a 16-year-old violinist, Connor McMillen," Muir shared. "He came to us when he was 14, and now he's 17, playing professionally. He'll be presenting the award to this year's winner, which adds a special full-circle moment."

The talent search is supported by The Northwest Connecticut

Community Foundation, Northwest Community Bank, and friends of Litchfield Performing Arts.

"It's a lot of work to give money away," Muir said. "Last year, we awarded between \$70,000 and \$75,000 in scholarships, and we'll keep doing it because this music changes lives."

With a packed house expected, audience members are encouraged to arrive early for the best seats. "Music is a two-way street," Muir said. "These young musicians need an audience. We hope the community will come out to support them."

Enrollment is open for summer 2025. Dates are up to 4 single-week sessions from June 29 through July 25. More information can be found at litchfieldjazzcamp.com



PHOTOS BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Crescendo in concert

Top, Christine Gevert, center, conducted Crescendo during the "Revolutionary Renaissance" concert at Trinity Lime Rock Episcopal Church Saturday, March 1. Above, The featured singers were, from left, Jennifer Tyo Oberto, soprano; Laura Evans, alto; Igor Ferreira, tenor; and Sarah Fay, soprano.

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MARCH 6

Warm Up the Winter

The Guthrie Center, 2 Van Deusenville Rd, Great Barrington, Mass.

On Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a musical tribute to working families benefiting Construct's winter assistance campaign.

Tickets: \$100 (includes dinner and beverages)

Featuring The Wanda Houston Band, Luke & George Franco, Wild & Orson Handel, Made in Memphis, Annie Guthrie & Co., and Doug Mishkin.

Nativars: Mixing A New Palette

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

On March 6 at 5:30 p.m. Chris Koppel will discuss "nativars" and their role in blending beauty with ecological balance.

Screening & Panel Discussion: The Art of Joy Brown

Walker Auditorium, The Hotchkiss School, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn.

On March 6, from 7 to 8 p.m., join Joy Brown, filmmaker Eduardo Montes-Bradley, and Hotchkiss instructors Christine Owen and Ann Villano for excerpts from the upcoming documentary The Art of Joy Brown, followed by a panel discussion. Free and open to the public.

MARCH 7

First Friday Music

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

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music on Friday, March 7 at 12 p.m. The Meeting House will open at 11:45 a.m. This month's program, David Baranowski will play a varied program of piano works, including Mozart's "Sonata in F K.332," Beethoven's Egmont Overture arranged for piano, and selections to Bach's "Italian Concerto." Free to the public, Music Director David Baranowski's musical gift provides a time of reflection surrounded by inspiring, soul-nourishing classical repertory.

Dan Howe Art Exhibit

Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, HVRHS, 246 Warren Turnpike Rd, Falls Village, Conn.

On view from March 3 through April, 2025. Opening Reception: Friday, March 7, 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Painter Dan Howe presents portraits, landscapes, and illustrative scenes. Howe, an accomplished artist and educator, has taught workshops at HVRHS and beyond. More info: www.danhowe.com.

Banned Book Club

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

On Friday, March 7 at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Equity Project will host a Banned Book Club. This month we will be discussing the book "Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison. Copies of the book are available at the library. This group is open to anyone high school aged and older.

Housatonic Camera Club Photography Exhibition

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

Visit this stunning show of photos by the Housatonic Camera Club. For nearly 75 years, HCC has been bringing photographers together in our community to learn, share knowledge, show, and compete. Under the theme LOCAL, these photos capture local beauty, spirit, and character.

The show runs March 7 through April 18 during library hours.

For more information, visit: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14202615

MARCH 8

Make Art Like Eric Carle

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

Canaan Kids Artspace and the David M. Hunt Library will host a "Make Art Like Eric Carle" workshop at the library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids of all ages are invited to explore Carle's books and art process and create their own tissue paper collage animals. An exhibition of Eric Carle-inspired artwork will take place in April at the library, and workshop participants will have the opportunity to show their work alongside local professional artists in the show.

Litchfield Jazz Camp Talent Search Finals

Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Road, Litchfield, Conn.

On March 8 at 2 p.m., seventeen young jazz musicians compete for scholarships, performing with a world-class trio featuring GRAMMY-winning pianist Zaccai Curtis. Free and open to the public. Arrive early!

Garden Planning with Mark Stonehill of Full Circus Farm

Bes, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.shop-bes.com

March 8, 10:30 a.m. -12 p.m. Join Mark Stonehill, organic nursery grower, vegetable farmer and co-owner of Full Circus Farm in Pine Plains, for a garden planning workshop. Learn how to start plants for your garden, design beds and orchard plantings, and save seeds. Bring all your gardening questions!

Coffee and tea will be served and vegetable and flower seeds will be available for you to take back to your garden!

Book Design and Production Workshop with May Castleberry and Lilly Rand Barnett

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

Join us on Sunday, March 8, 1:30-4:30 p.m., for an introduction to contemporary book design and a hands-on workshop exploring book design and structure. Create your own basic book prototype and experiment with accordion-fold books.

Registration is required. Visit: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14185738

Current Fiction Book Group with Claudia Cayne

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

Join Claudia Cayne on Saturday, March 8, 4-5 p.m., for an informal discussion of Stealing, a gripping novel by Pulitzer Prize finalist Margaret Verble about a Cherokee child removed from her family and sent to a Christian boarding school in the 1950s.

Last week's WotW

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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.

- Crumbly, British baked pastry
- Known to ride brooms
- A seat for one
- Star of "The French Chef"
- Cornwall cook-off culprit

To learn more, visit: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/13147868

Backpack Embroidery

Bes, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.shop-bes.com

Sat, Mar 8, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Hey 8-12 year-olds!

Wanna put some new touches on that old backpack? Let's embroider! Use ready-made templates or create your own unique designs while learning basic embroidery stitches.

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AMP Family Days - Monthly Series

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn.

AMP Family Days are free for kids under 18. Pre-registration encouraged.

Who Works with Rocks? A Geologist!

Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Explore Connecticut's ancient geological past.

Who Works with Pollinators? A Biologist!

Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discover how native plants support bees, butterflies, and birds.

Who Works with Plants? A Botanist!

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn about plant communication and help plant raised beds.

Includes mural tours, scavenger hunts, teen art studio (ages 13-18), hands-on crafts, and expert-led presentations.

More info: americanmuralproject.org/family-days

MARCH 9

Total Beginner Screenprinting

Bes, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.shop-bes.com

This two-session workshop will arm you with the knowledge and materials you need to begin your own printmaking journey. Whether you want to make abstract prints on paper or print text onto t-shirts, you'll go home knowing how to do it. Participants will create their own stencil on a reusable screen and use water-based inks to explore fundamental printmaking techniques. Workshop fee includes your own screen, squeegee, and stencil medium. We will provide both paper and fabric substrates for printing, but you are also welcome to bring anything you would like to print on.

Two Sundays: March 9 and March 16, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Women and Aging Series: "Naturopathic Strategies"

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

Sunday, March 9, 4 p.m.

Dr. Elizabeth Wing shares naturopathic approaches to healthy aging, self-care, and well-being. Part of the Women and Aging Series. Free event, registration required.

Info & registration: hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org.

Evening in the Palace of Reason

Lenox Town Hall, 6 Walker St., Lenox, Mass.

Sunday, March 9, 2025, 3 p.m. Berkshire Bach Society presents a discussion and performance exploring Bach's The Musical Offering. Author James R. Gaines joins Artistic Director Eugene Drucker and the Berkshire Bach Ensemble. Tickets: \$45 Nonmembers, \$40 Members, \$10 Card to Culture, Free for students/children. More info: www.berkshirebach.org/events.

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Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Cut a little bit off
- State with confidence
- River in NE Scotland
- Not narrow
- Lacking social polish
- Amount of time
- Frame
- Automobile
- Toadstools
- High school dances
- Utilize
- Challenged
- One-sided
- Showing extreme greed
- Potted plants
- Everyone has one
- Lake in Botswana
- E.T. rode in one
- Juniors' parents
- Small amount
- Mother of Perseus
- Ornamental box
- Gov't investigators
- Uncertain
- A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- The vast grassy plains in S. America
- Your consciousness of your own identity
- Noted consumer advocate
- Spanish sports club
- Body part
- Tractability
- Woman (French)
- Ready and willing to be taught

CLUES DOWN

- Brushed aside
- Water sprite
- Ones to look up to
- Monetary units
- A number everyone has
- Marine invertebrate
- One who takes you to court
- Indicates outer
- Parallelograms
- Strains
- Cross
- A way to remove
- Some pages are dog-__
- Ukraine city
- A citizen of Denmark
- Summer month (abbr.)
- Hindu queens
- Jewelry brand

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- Wet dirt
- Russian city
- Observed
- Furious
- Drivers' licenses
- Musical composition
- Auction
- They __
- Women
- Inspire with love
- Japanese ankle sock
- Appears
- Old World lizard
- The leading performer
- Type of protein
- Pennsylvania town
- Art __: around 1920
- __ Blyton, children's author

- Abnormal breathing
- A place to sleep
- Muslim ruler title
- Depressed
- Gradually gave way
- Clear-thinking

Feb. 27 Solution

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Feb. 27 Solution

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