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In her March 11 address to county residents, the focus was on the fiscal health and wellbeing of Dutchess, but some officials felt county executive Sue Serino missed the mark by avoiding such topics as funding cuts and other concerns.

State of the County

## Serino highlights Dutchess gains as officials press for EMS, funding solutions

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HOPEWELL JUNCTION — On Tuesday, March 11, Republican county executive Sue Serino took to the stage at John Jay High School to deliver commentary on Dutchess in her State of the County address.

The evening began with a

welcome by Wappingers Central School District superintendent Dwight Bonk and a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dutchess County sheriff Kirk Imperati. Ava Dvorak, a senior at John Jay, offered her rendition of the national anthem followed by an invocation from Reverend Dr. Edward

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## Congressional budget omits Millerton wastewater grants

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MILLERTON — Town Supervisor Christopher Kennan had some bad news to share at a regular Town of North East Board meeting on Thursday, March 13 — \$3.2 million in wastewater grants were dropped from the continuing resolution Congress was considering.

The next day, the Senate passed the stopgap measure to avert a government shutdown.

The Village of Millerton and the Town of North East had been anticipating the earmarked funds that were supported by Sens. Chuck Schumer, D-NY, and Kirsten Gillibrand, D-NY. U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan, D-Kingston, had secured \$1 million, a grant that Kennan said was intact.

"It's certainly not good news for the community," Kennan said at the meeting.

In an interview Kennan said that the Village and the Town would continue to work toward a

final design for the project, which has been estimated to cost approximately \$13.9 million.

"We've got to find that \$3 million," he said.

At last week's meeting, Kennan also had some good news to report, noting that two proposed projects have been advancing at the Planning Board: One is a much anticipated grocery to be located at the Millerton Square Plaza and a second is a proposed new healthy

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## Mobile Health Day at the NECC brings services, screenings and supplies to the community

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS  
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MILLERTON — When in need of health services, patients generally find their way to providers, but on March 12, providers came to patients on Mobile Health Day.

Mobile Health Day — a collaboration between the North East Community Center, the Dutchess County Department of Health, and Sun River Health of Amenia — provided the public with the opportunity to receive vaccinations and health/medical screenings and

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PHOTO BY KRISTA A. BRIGGS

An inflatable welcomed the public to Mobile Health Day on March 12 at the rail trail parking lot, just down the street from the North East Community Center, one of the event's sponsors.

## Century Boulevard redevelopment session focuses on parking options

By JOHN COSTON  
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MILLERTON — Residents along with nearby neighbors of Century Boulevard received a second presentation of plans to redevelop the village thoroughfare.

Much of the meeting, held on Saturday, March 15 at the North-East-Millerton Library Annex, focused on parking options that were

presented by Brandee Nelson, a senior project manager for Tighe & Bond of Rhinebeck.

The engineering-services firm is preparing a feasibility study for the Village Trustees. Funding for the project has been received from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Northeast Dutchess Fund and from Hudson River Valley Greenway.

Trustees David Sherman and

Matt Herzog kicked off the meeting, noting that one of the goals of the 2018 Millerton Pedestrian Plan is to create a design concept for Century Boulevard.

Key recommendations from the Dutchess County Transportation Council call for centerline striping, delineated parking spaces, crosswalks, sidewalks and light-

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## OUR TOWNS

# Village Planning Board chair quits, citing frustration

By JOHN COSTON  
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MILLERTON — Lance Middlebrook, chair of the Village Planning Board, announced his immediate resignation from the Board at a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 12.

Middlebrook, a 17-year veteran of the Board who has been chair for more than a decade, informed his fellow Board members following a routine meeting which included routine agenda items.

"We have no purpose here. They just want us to rubber stamp everything," Middlebrook said to the three other Planning Board members in attendance: Carol Gribble, Joshua Schultz and Andrew Rebillard. Board member Patti Lynch-VandeBogart was not in attendance.

Describing the large sign on Route 22 which displays the message "Community + Kindness" as in violation of village code, Middlebrook said: "That should have gone to us. They just took it upon themselves. That was it for me."

The sign went up in December with the support of the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights and Townscape, a volunteer group focused on revitalization of



Lance Middlebrook, center, chair of the Village Planning Board, announced his resignation at a regular meeting Wednesday, March 12, surprising other Board members.

the Village.

In an interview, Mayor Jenn Najdek said: "Seventeen years is a long time to commit as a volunteer. We appreciate his time and want to thank him for his service."

Najdek said she will appoint someone to fill out Middlebrook's term.

Commenting on the large sign on Route 22, Najdek said "It was meant more as an art installation than anything else."

"We do need to work on our zoning codes. They are outdated in some respects."

In an interview on Thursday, March 13, Middlebrook hypothetically asked: "What

are we supposed to tell an applicant who wants to have a sign that is too big based on our code, when they see a 150-foot sign on Route 22?"

Board members were surprised by Middlebrook's announcement, and spent several minutes debating their next move, even considering dissolving the current Board.

Middlebrook said the following day that the Board decided to remain intact, acknowledging that someone will have to serve as chair.

However, the sentiment expressed by Middlebrook was shared by other members present, especially with regard

to the large sign along Route 22, but also with what they described as lax code enforcement in the Village.

Caroline Farr-Killmer, the Board secretary, said she maintains a spreadsheet of code violations and actions taken.

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 9. Middlebrook said he won't be there, because he was handling his resignation to Mayor Najdek, which he did the next day.

Members of the Planning Board are appointed by the mayor to five-year terms. Middlebrook's current term would have expired in June.

## Grocery, new fast-food restaurant advance in hearings

By JOHN COSTON  
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MILLERTON — The Town of North East Planning Board held two public hearings on Wednesday, March 12, to air plans for a new grocery market and a healthy fast-food restaurant, both in the Boulevard District.

Kim and Chris Choe, owners of the Sharon Farm Market, are developing a supermarket in an existing site in the Millerton Square Plaza which will offer meat and produce, a deli, bakery and outside dining.

Ray Nelson, of Earthwise Architecture in Millerton, represented the Choes.

Austin Cornell, a principal of the proposed Tallow restaurant slated to be located in the former McDonald's site, fielded questions from Planning Board members on matters related to the facility's septic system, its signage, entrance way and lighting arrangements.

Board member Leslie Farhangi noted that the comments received from the Dutchess County Planning and Development Department were "good."

Cornell answered a question about plans for tree plantings.

Dale Culver, chair, requested that Cornell provide the Board with a copy of the site plan that reflects all lighting specified in the discussions with the Board, which then closed the hearing.

Culver informed Cornell that the Board would anticipate approval at its next meeting, which was scheduled for March 26.

A public hearing followed on the grocery store plan, and Nelson enumerated the features planned for the Town Gourmet Market, including a cafe out front, a greenhouse, a reduced parking lot for 85 vehicles and with an EV charger, along with changes to the facade of the building and added green space.

"The facility will be 'dark-sky' compliant," Nelson said.

After some discussion prompted by a member of the public about sidewalk access and tree plantings, which didn't seem to raise objections, the Board voted to keep the public hearing open until its next meeting, pending a report from the County Department of Health.

## School budgets moving forward despite federal funding uncertainty

By NATHAN MILLER  
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U.S. Education Secretary Linda McMahon announced on Tuesday, March 11, that 50% of the department's workforce would be fired by March 21.

This workforce reduction coincides with cuts to the tune of over \$1 billion in grant funding to teacher recruitment and training organizations, the Regional Education Laboratory program, Equity Assistance Centers and grants awarded under the Comprehensive Centers Program that provide "capacity-building" training to schools nationwide.

So far, federal funding to public school districts has not been cut. But some education advocates are raising alarm bells about the cuts and how they might impact local public school districts.

In the Webutuck school district, federal funding supports programs for low-income students and families, students with disabilities, and universal pre-K to the tune of about \$658,000 in the 2024-'25 school year, representing a little over 2% of the revenue that Webutuck schools had available in the budget.

That money is in addition to the money in the \$27 million general fund that local voters approved last May, and Webutuck Business Administrator Robert Farrier said they factor it in to the operating budget of the district in specific ways.

"We use most of our Title funding for teacher salaries," Farrier said. Grants for universal pre-K subsidize preschool teacher salaries at Webutuck schools, so Farrier only has to rely on the gen-

eral fund for a small portion of preschool teacher salaries. The rest comes directly from federal grants.

"If we were to lose that, that's where that impact would come," Farrier said. "That \$658,000 would have to be put back into the main budget, which would be obviously a big hurdle."

The story is largely the same across the Connecticut border at the Region One School District.

Region One, the administrative body which oversees public schools in Northwest Connecticut, including Cornwall, Sharon, Salisbury, Falls Village, North Canaan and Kent, received just over \$1.36 million in federal grant revenue for the 2024-'25 school year.

That represents 3.1% of the Region One budget, and funds programs like special education and healthcare for students that qualify for Medicare, Region One Business Manager Sam Herrick explained.

"For students with disabilities we receive about \$780,000 a year of the \$1.36 million," Herrick said. "So a little more than half of our federal money is related to special education."

The remainder of the federal money funds student nutrition programs and remedial services, including funding a portion of those teachers' salaries across the district.

As of Friday, March 14, Region One is going through budget talks under the assumption that federal funding will remain in place for those programs.

"We haven't received any guidance from the State of Connecticut Department of Education or from the fed-

eral government," Herrick said. "As we all see, things are just happening pretty quickly, but there has not been any information forthcoming with what's coming next."

Connecticut Education Association President Kate Dias emphasized the cuts to the federal Department of Education workforce and grant programs will have uneven consequences, mostly affecting low-income students and students with disabilities and schools in poorer communities.

"These are the extra services that are all about giving everybody the same chance of being successful," Dias said. "When we start to look at where these cuts are going to hit, it's really the services and the support network we're building for our students that struggle."

She said school budgets don't have extra wiggle room to accommodate sudden cuts to funding, and special education programs already fall short of the established

goals. Dias said schools are supposed to be reimbursed at 40% for special education expenses from federal grants, but in reality that reimbursement typically falls in the 14-17% range.

"Then you layer in that the state reimbursement is coming up, I believe, \$137 million short in special education funds," Dias said. "And all of those dollars, particularly in special education, are mandated dollars. Those are bills that have to be paid. When we talk about any net loss in resources, it's going to impact what we're able to do for children."

Until there are more answers and clarity from the federal government, schools will just have to have to manage as best they can.

"We've got our public hearing coming up at the beginning of next month," Herrick said. "Everyone's working hard to put forward the best and most responsible budget we can, and that's all I feel like we can do at this point."

## Village receives grant to support pool project work

By JOHN COSTON  
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MILLERTON — The Foundation for Community Health has awarded the Village a \$23,557 grant to help cover the cost of administering the Eddie Collins Park project.

The announcement of the grant was made at a Village trustee workshop meeting held on Monday, March 10.

In December, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation awarded the village a matching grant of up to \$675,000 in support of the Eddie Collins Memorial Park Swimming Pool Project. With these monies, funding for Phase II of the project, which stems largely from a NY SWIMS capital grant, is now at \$7.56 million.

The FCH grant will support the cost of a grant administrator for the project, one of the largest undertaken by the Village.

Trustees also discussed the upcoming budget, which Mayor Jenn Najdek said would be the subject of a public hearing at a date in April to be determined.

The trustees also voted to approve the purchase of a new highway truck at a cost of approximately \$189,000.

In other matters, Dick Hermans of Pine Plains addressed the trustees as a member of the board of LJM Media, Inc., which publishes The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal.

Hermans discussed plans for a Millerton News Community Event to be held on June 28 in the Village.

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**In search of St. Patrick's Day gold**

Lucky the Leprechaun set the pace at the Amenia Recreation Department's observance of St. Patrick's Day, complete with flute and a supply of hidden gold coins and other fun features for kids at the Town Hall on Saturday, March 15. Left, Sophia Palmisani, 5, of Amenia had collected five gold coins to earn a prize from Lucky. Right, a popular feature was the kids' crafting table offering activities appropriately themed toward the Emerald Isle. Green was a popular color.

**Webutuck students showcase projects at the STEAM Fair**

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS  
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AMENIA — On Saturday, March 8, Webutuck's 11th annual STEAM Fair was held at the Eugene Brooks Intermediate School gymnasium. Planned and presented by the Webutuck Teachers' Association, the fair drew about 70 participants whose submissions were reviewed by both staff volunteers and a small number of student listeners, who provided feedback on projects to their peers.

Student projects covered a range of topics in science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics. Superintendent Ray Castellani said the STEAM Fair allows students to hone their academic skills in a supportive and beneficial environment by utilizing logic and creativity. "It truly is an authentic learning experience," Castellani said. "Our students are the problem-solvers and innovators of our future ... Based on the projects I saw at the STEAM Fair this year, our future is in great hands."

The top-ranked participants and their projects in each category are listed below.

**Special Awards  
Grades K-4:**

Visual Communications Awards: Fourth-grader Lilliana Nelson, "Now You See Me, Now You Don't"  
Innovation Awards: Sec-



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Seventh-grader Fiona Crow displays her project, "The PlaceBlue Effect" at Webutuck's STEAM Fair on March 8. Fiona's submission focused on perceptions of taste based on the color of food.

ond-graders Samuel Gonzalez and Sebastian Romualdo, "Robots"

Macgyver Awards: Third-grader Logan Clapper, "Volcano"

DaVinci Awards: Third-graders Edward Cruz and Ashley Dota Erreyes, "Taste Buds"

**EBIS Winners  
Grades 5-8:**

Seventh-grader Fiona Crow, "The PlaceBlue Effect"  
**Webutuck High School**

**Grades 9-12:**

Seniors Gissel Oros and Olivia Wickwire, "Does Screen Time Increase Anxiety Levels?"

**DUTCHESS COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S REPORT**

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report Feb. 27 through March 12.

March 2 — Deputies responded to 671 Butts Hollow Road in Wassaic to investigate a property damage auto accident involving an ambulance — Northern Dutchess Paramedics — and a parked car.

March 2 — Deputies investigated a past occurred domestic on Sprague Road in the Town of Dover. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

March 3 — Deputies responded to S. Center Street in the Village of Millerton for a father/son verbal domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

March 6 — Deputies responded to John Street in the Village of Millerton for a mother/son domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

March 6 — Deputies responded to 9 Willoughby Lane in North East for an enclosed trailer equipment trailer containing electrical equipment which was stolen. Matter currently under investigation.

March 8 — Deputies arrested Pedro Colon, age 38, for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the third degree subsequent a vehicle and traffic stop on Route 22 in Dover. Colon to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

March 9 — While conducting a property check at

Boice Park in the Town of Dover, Deputies contacted one Aaron C. Timpson, age 36, who was found to be wanted on an active Parole Warrant. Timpson was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Dutchess County Justice and Transition.

March 10 — Deputies report the arrest of Rudolfo Xol Tzi, age 37, for driving while intoxicated subsequent to a traffic stop on Old Route 22 in the Town of Amenia. Subject to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date

March 11 — Deputies responded to 152 Cooper Road in Northeast for a boyfriend/ex-girlfriend verbal domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention

**Barrett proposes addition of consumer advocate to Energy Planning Board**

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS  
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The New York State Energy Planning Board could see the addition of a consumer advocate if recently introduced legislation from Assemblymember Didi Barrett, D-106, comes into law.

With the 2012 elimination of the Consumer Protection Board, its utility intervention unit was transferred to the Department of State, resulting in the loss of the Board's seat.

Barrett's bill would restore that seat and enable the Secretary of State to appoint a consumer interests advocate as part of the state energy plan.

Barrett believes the potential addition to the board is a necessity, especially in the current economic climate. "As we plan for our state's energy future, the process and the board discussions would benefit, I strongly believe, from including the voice of a dedicated consumer advocate," said Barrett.

Laurie Wheelock, the executive director of the Public Utility Law Project, supported Barrett's contention that New York residents need representation. "Consumers deserve a seat at the table when it comes to shaping New York's energy future, especially as utility costs continue to rise" said Wheelock. "A dedicated consumer advocate on the State Energy Planning Board will help ensure that affordability and consumer protections are prioritized in decision-making."

**Pulver enters race for District 19 legislative seat**

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS  
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PINE PLAINS — Inspired by her husband's decade-long stint in the Dutchess County legislature, Republican Tonya Pulver has declared her candidacy for his former seat in District 19, which serves North East, Millerton, and Pine Plains — among other areas.

"I guess politics is all I have ever known," said Pulver, who cited the civic accomplishments of her mother, a former longtime Pine Plains town board member, and her husband, Gregg, now the assistant county executive of Dutchess, as her impetus for entering the political arena. "I am all about helping wherever I can," Pulver said. "I have decided to run for District 19 legislature because I have a lot to offer and I feel the constituents of this district deserve to have a choice."

Pulver, a lifelong Pine Plains resident, is a graduate of Dutchess Community College and Marist College,



PHOTO BY TONYA PULVER

**Lifelong Pine Plains resident Tonya Pulver is testing the political waters by announcing her candidacy for Dutchess County District 19 legislator. She is seeking the seat her husband, Gregg Pulver, lost in 2023 to current incumbent Chris Drago.**

where she earned a master's degree in school psychology. She has been employed by the Millbrook Central School District since 1999, and is currently the school

psychologist at Alden Place Elementary School.

While she is a first-time candidate for public office, her résumé includes community-based activities such as serving on the board of the Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, volunteering with a Siberian Husky rescue organization, acting as the director of the Free to be Me camp — a sleep-away camp for children affected by Tourette's Syndrome — and current membership in the Pine Plains Lions Club.

Pulver's opponent is Democratic incumbent Chris Drago, who defeated Gregg Pulver in the District 19 race in 2023. Drago is currently running for reelection and has expressed concerns on divided loyalties, should Tonya Pulver succeed in being elected. "The county legislature is meant to provide oversight of the county executive's office," said Drago in a March 12 email to supporters. "We need independent voices, not conflicts of interest waiting to happen."

**Amenia Town Board approves \$3.9M bond issue addressing Water District improvements**

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — A resolution to authorize a \$3.9 million bond issue to repair and improve the facilities providing water to customers within the Water District was approved unanimously at a special meeting of the Town Board on Tuesday, March 11.

The project will include replacement of the Lavelle Road pump station, reconstruction of the existing water tank, up-

grades to existing town wells, building a new booster pump station and reconstruction of water mains as needed to expand capacity.

The functional life of the improvements is estimated to be forty years as detailed in the resolution.

A second resolution rejected all bids received for the purchase and installation of a digital LED sign at the Town

Hall. A new request for bids will be issued. The vote was unanimous.

Although 12 bids had been submitted, the solicitation process that invited those bids had been flawed and not in accordance with state law. As a result the Town Engineer will be asked to prepare new solicitation documents with bid specifications to invite a new round of bidding.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Jill Ree Grickis**

WOODBURY — Jill Ree Grickis, age 78, of 31 Woodbury Hill, Woodbury, passed away peacefully at Waterbury Hospital on March 5, 2025, after a brief illness.



Jill was born on Dec. 20, 1946, in New Jersey to Helen Blalock Grickis and William V. Grickis, Sr., who predeceased her. She is survived by her brother, William V. Grickis, Jr., and his wife, Ellen Denisevich Grickis of Bethlehem, and her nieces Carter Eve Grickis of Santa Monica, California, and Grayson Lillie Grickis of Jupiter, Florida.

Jill grew up in Cheshire, Connecticut graduating from Cheshire High School in 1964. She then graduated from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in French. In 1969, she earned a Master's in teaching in French from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Thereafter, Jill taught French briefly at a middle school in Warwick, Rhode Island. She relocated to Connecticut in the late 1970s to begin work as a customer service representative, a position which she held with distinction until taking a disability retirement in 1998.

Jill lived at her Woodbury Hill condominium for many happy years with her companion, Jim Young, formerly of

Cheshire, now deceased. They delighted in spending time with Jill's nieces, enjoying the silken voice of Johnny Mathis, musicals such as Chicago and Phantom, and enjoying the bountiful offerings of local restaurants. Jill had a great sense of humor and relished time spent with her nieces and gracefully suffered the many tricks they played on her.

Jill devoted much of her life to supporting various charities dedicated to helping impoverished people and orphaned animals. She was also a passionate member of the Gettysburg chapter of the Chi Omega sorority and a virtual communicant of Prince of Peace Roman Catholic Church, Woodbury. In lieu of flowers donations in Jill's memory may be offered to the ASPCA.

There are no calling hours. A funeral Mass will be celebrated for Jill on March 26, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Nativity, 48 East Street, Bethlehem, CT, followed by interment at New North Cemetery, Woodbury, CT. There will be a celebration of life at the Painted Pony restaurant in Bethlehem after interment.

Munson Lovetere Funeral Home assisted with the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence please visit [www.munsonloveterefuneralhome.com](http://www.munsonloveterefuneralhome.com)

**James F. Casey**

FALLS VILLAGE — James F. Casey was born April 20, 1950, in Queens, New York. James passed peacefully in his Falls Village home Jan. 26, 2025. James was predeceased by his daughter Susan Casey. James is survived by his wife Saukuen Loh (May), his son James D.



Casey and wife Danielle, his son, Daniel J. Casey and his wife Ida and his daughter, Jennifer Casey and her husband Jonathan. He was survived by his three wonderful stepsons William Wong and his wife Kennie, Sam Wong and his wife Rachel, and Allen Wong and his wife Angela. He had fourteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

James grew up on Long Island, New York. He came to Litchfield County to start

his family and his family business. James was a master plumber and he was HVAC certified. James was an avid vegetable gardener, and he was particularly proud of his tomato plants. He loved to look out at his wife's beautiful flower gardens that surround the property. He loved visiting the ocean and going to seafood restaurants. He liked to hike his mountain that he had carved out for him. James enjoyed fishing, both deep sea and the local lakes to catch bass. James was into music of all types, though blues was a favorite. He played guitar, harmonica, and he would try any other instrument. James was a passionate reader who owned thousands of books. There will be a celebration of life in the spring.

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**Dean Joseph Davidson**

LAKEVILLE — Dean Joseph Davidson died quietly at home early on Sunday, March 9, 2025. Dean is survived by his loving partner, Linda Bushnell, his brother, Robert Davidson (wife Lynn) of Travelers Rest, South Carolina, and his sister, Carol Bartlett (husband Robert) of Old Lyme. He leaves three nephews; Jason Bartlett (wife Jackie), Michael Bartlett (wife Danielle) and Ryan Bartlett (wife Kristen) and their families.

Dean was born to the late Margaret (Peg) and Robert Davidson, at Fairview Hospital on Feb. 10, 1953. He spent his childhood in Canaan, and graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1972. Dean was previously employed as a carpenter with Morck Builders of Falls Village, as a member of the Salisbury Town Crew, and he really enjoyed his work at Lime Rock Park in the mid 70's to mid 80's, performing any number of services. In later years, Dean was a successful self-employed carpenter.

Previously, Dean was a member of The Lakeville Hose Company. He took great pride in organizing two rodeos in Pope Field for the benefit of LHC. He was also an active supporter of The Jane Lloyd

Fund and he could always be seen at the annual Clam Bake, enthusiastically working all day to help make it a success.

Dean loved helping the young riders of The Lakeville Pony Club and served as District Commissioner for a year. He was an invaluable asset to Linda at Fairweather Farm, Town Hill Farm and Riga Meadow Farm. He could build jumps, bale hay, trailer horses, fix tractors and do anything else that was needed to keep the farm running and in good shape.

Dean was an avid and talented golfer. He loved to play. He organized the VFW Monday Night League at Hotchkiss for many years.

He loved his German Shepherds; Codi, Blue and most recently, Bria, and they all adored him! And... though he would never admit it, he loved horses, too.

He will be deeply missed. Calling hours will be 6-8 p.m. on Friday, March 21 at The Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street in Canaan, Connecticut. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 at The Salisbury Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Jane Lloyd Fund c/o The Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

**Jeffrey F. Riva**

MILLBROOK — Jeffrey F. Riva, sadly passed away on March 15, 2025, at the age of 77. Known as "Pop" to his grandchildren, Jeff leaves an indelible mark created by a lifetime of strength, courage, boldness, love, adventure and humor. He was his own man and will be fondly remembered and deeply missed.



Jeff was born in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 17, 1947, to Betty (Shaler) and Humbert Lewis Riva. He attended Sacred Heart Grammar School in Washington, D.C. He moved with his family to Short Hill, New Jersey in 1961. He graduated from Seton Hall Prep in 1965. He then graduated from Marist College in 1969. While attending Marist, he met the love of his life, Nancy Cutten, and they were married in June 1969. Together they raised three wonderful children in Staatsburg, New York, Jennifer, Jeffrey and Brian.

For 33 years, Jeff was an educator, coach and athletic director at Our Lady of Lourdes HS (1969-74) and Millbrook Jr./Sr. HS (1974-2002). Many of his student-athletes still stay in contact with him as well as many of his students. His humor and sharp wit were unmatched and will be remembered forever and bring smiles to friends and family as they continue to honor his life by

living their lives fully and with courage. "Climb, though the rocks are rugged"

Jeff was predeceased by his parents; brother, John Michael; and sisters, Betty Jane and Suzanne.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Nancy; daughter, Jennifer, and son-in-law,

Tom Mullen, and their sons, Joseph, Matthew and Tyler; son, Jeffrey, and daughter-in-law, Maureen Riva, and their children, Katie, Jake, Luke and Molly; and son, Brian, and Sarah and their son, Jack.

Jeff is also survived by his siblings, Barbara Coates and husband, John, Richard Riva and wife, Sharon, Rob Riva and wife, Nancy, Denning Riva, Mary Ann Martin and husband, Channing; brother-in-law, Ray Cutten and wife, Patricia; sister-in-law, Angela Riva; and numerous nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, Jeff's family requests that you make a memorial donation to your local SPCA, or Tunnels To Towers Foundation ([www.t2t.org](http://www.t2t.org)), or a charitable cause that you support.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit Jeff's obituary page at [www.sweetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com).

**Sibyl Jane Lipton**

CANAAN — Sibyl Jane Bryce Lipton, age 95, passed away March 5, 2025, at Geer Village in Canaan.

Jane was born on Jan. 23, 1930, in Washington, D.C., and she was the daughter of the late James Robert Bryce and Daisy Nan Hedges.

Jane graduated from St. Margaret's High School in Tappahannock, Virginia. She attended Mt. Holyoke College and Catholic University.

Jane lived in Sharon for more than 30 years, before moving to Geer Village in 2019.

Jane is survived by a son, James, two daughters, Margaret and Katherine; five grandchildren, Robert, Leda, Ariel, Jacob, Naomi and Sophie, and

three great-grandchildren, Theresa, Delilah and Callum. She was predeceased by a brother, James Robert Bryce, Jr.

A memorial service will be held at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Lime Rock, on Saturday, April 5, at 11:00 a.m. All other services are private.

Donations may be made in memory of Jane Bryce Lipton to (1) Geer Foundation, at 77 South Canaan Road, Canaan, CT 06018, or through their website: [www.geercares.org/donate](http://www.geercares.org/donate); or (2) Trinity Episcopal Church at 484 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, CT 06039, or through their website: [www.trinitylimerock.org](http://www.trinitylimerock.org).

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of the arrangements.

**Victoria Beller Smith**

KENT — Victoria Beller Smith of Kent, age 87, died one year ago on March 21, 2024, due to complications from Alzheimer's disease.

Vickie was a ballet dancer, photographer, rescuer of dogs, and a fiercely independent spirit.



Predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Harmon Smith, she is survived by her daughter, Gwendolyn, son-in-law Tony, grandchildren Anya and Griffin, and beloved Jack Russell terrier named Chula.



**Worship Services**  
Week of March 23, 2025

<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a></p>	<p><b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 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 <a href="http://www.salisburyucc.org">www.salisburyucc.org</a> Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>
<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a> The Rev. Heidi Truax <a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a> (860) 435-2627</p>	<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a> 860-435-9290</p>
<p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am <a href="http://www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a> 860-824-7232</p>	<p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons Sunday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at <a href="mailto:jokiuloi@gmail.com">jokiuloi@gmail.com</a> All are Welcome</p>
<p><b>FISHES &amp; LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH</b> is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm &amp; Thursday 12-2 pm <a href="http://www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org">www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</a></p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p><b>Congregation Beth David</b> A reform Jewish Synagogue 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at <a href="http://congbethdavid.org">congbethdavid.org</a>) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 <a href="mailto:info@congbethdavid.org">info@congbethdavid.org</a></p>	<p><b>UCC in CORNWALL</b> Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 <a href="http://www.uccincornwall.org">www.uccincornwall.org</a> Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 519 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-455-9496 <a href="mailto:lakevillemethodist@snet.net">lakevillemethodist@snet.net</a></p>	<p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> 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! <a href="http://www.allsaintscornwall.org">www.allsaintscornwall.org</a> Rev. Mary Gates!</p>
<p><b>Falls Village Congregational Church</b> 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 <a href="mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net">sharonumc5634@att.net</a></p>	<p><b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b> 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! <a href="http://www.promisedlandbaptist.org">www.promisedlandbaptist.org</a></p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.thsmithfieldchurch.org">www.thsmithfieldchurch.org</a> 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. During Lent, Presanctified Liturgy Wednesdays at 6:30 PM and Akathist to the Virgin Mary Fridays at 6:30 PM Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340   <a href="mailto:allsaintsofamerica.us">allsaintsofamerica.us</a></p>

**REGIONAL**

**Sharon Hospital receives patient safety excellence award**

SHARON, Conn. — Popular healthcare search site Healthgrades awarded Sharon Hospital the "2025 Patient Safety Excellence Award."

Sharon Hospital representatives announced the achievement on Tuesday, March 11, in a press release.

"This award reflects the premier commitment to patient safety our clinicians and staff strive for each day," Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch said. "I am proud to be a part of such a beloved community hospital

that is one of the nation's best in patient-centered care."

Healthgrades conducted a study of 4,500 hospitals nationwide and found a safety gap between the best and worst hospitals in the U.S. The annual study found that patients treated in safety excellence award recipient hospitals are less likely to experience falls in the hospital that result in a fracture, collapsed lung from a surgery around the chest, bed sores and catheter-related blood infections.

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Many questions have come up on the issue of home insurance coverage here in the NW Corner. For example, can your home insurance be affected if your roof is over 15 years old? The answer is yes, but the insurance company needs to give proper notice for cancellation or non-renewal, which will give you time to ask for it to be reinstated or find other coverage. Upon any notice, the first step is to know your rights and a great place to start is at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's website: [www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/newsroom/consumer-advisory-take-action-when-home-insurance-is-cancelled-or-costs-surge](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/about-us/newsroom/consumer-advisory-take-action-when-home-insurance-is-cancelled-or-costs-surge). Also good to know is that, as a last resort, you may qualify for homeowners insurance with CT FAIR Plan. For more information, please visit: [www.ctfairplan.com/](http://www.ctfairplan.com/).

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

## The Power of Food

A cease-fire is likely in Ukraine. But ask yourself why?

For three years, actually for 6 years since Russian invaded and recaptured the Crimea from Ukraine, India and all the sub-Saharan nations have been suffering food shortages. Shipping of Ukraine's vital supplies of wheat and safflower oil have been disrupted, transshipped via three or more countries, blocked from Odessa port, and price-hiked by more than 50%. Of course this penalty for Ukraine's farmers has been horrible on top of bombs falling. But what has also happened is that people in Africa starved to death who could not afford the higher prices of life-dependent food and cooking oil.

Now, you may think safflower oil is not a big deal... but in a largely vegetarian country like India that is the world largest consumer of safflower oil, a price hike of over 150% thanks to the Russians invading your principal grower and supplier, can and quite simply does, kill people, especially those on the lowest income levels.

India and the African Union (a large voting bloc in the United Nations General Assembly) are fed up with Russia's onslaught against their food supplier. Recently, in the past year, they have been voting against Russia or at least not voting with them (abstaining) – and Russian needs their support in a myriad of matters, especially now that China had recently been showing trends of not supporting Russia either in the UN Security Council. In short, Russia's traditional supporters are waning... And Joe Biden's team worked really hard to increase that pressure.

What pressure? India, for example, was buying Russian arms and planes for decades... but two years ago began to purchase or negotiate to purchase US war planes instead. That's a massive blow to Russia. And the sub-Saharan countries, traditionally using Russian

### A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

mercenaries to help stabilize their government forces, have begun to work with our Africa Command in Germany. Our Africa Command helps finance troops from, for example the Uganda People's Defence Force, to keep the peace in many conflict areas. The US labels this support as capacity-building programs, security assistance, military equipment sales, military education and linked-purpose hospitals – US boots without US feet. The Russian mercenaries, clearly under Putin's control, are being phased out. And with them go access to industrial resources (ore and chemicals).

In short, Putin wants to stop fighting if he can, and seem to be the savior supplier of grain and safflower oil to countries with whom Russia had built up multi-decade positive relationships with. He will claim he not a colonizer like Americas is, but he's lost control of his dependent nations and, what's worse, at a local politics level, Russia is seen as the reason for raised prices, lack of affordable fertilizer and staple food stuffs – despite propaganda from Moscow claiming it is all the West's fault. Safflower oil and wheat are, to India and sub-Saharan African nations as bread and milk are to you and me. Vital, staple, irreplaceable.

Putin may claim he's the savior of the coming cease-fire, but in truth he's got little option. It is what the previous administration was working towards and this administration will claim credit for. But the truth can be seen in the UN General Assembly votes for the past two-plus years as Putin lost supporters at a fast pace.

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



*"Yup. Daylight savings — we chirp an hour earlier, and they roll our rights back a couple decades."*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Concern: 150-foot cell tower proposed on Rte. 22

I wonder how many people in our local area realize that there is a 150-foot cell tower proposed on the east side of Route 22 just north of the intersection with Catalano Road in Ancram. While there may be a need to improve cell-phone service in our vicinity, I am concerned about the possibility of erecting a 150-foot cell tower in Ancram's Scenic Corridor Overlay Zone along Route 22. The proposed site, at a rise in the highway, would make the cell tower a featured part of the landscape for anyone driving north or south along Route 22. And it would have a very negative impact on the broad and open expanse of the Oblong Valley for residents of Ancram, Millerton, and other neighboring towns. We must determine whether there are alternative places to site the tower.

Here is a portion of the Scenic Corridor Overlay Zone text from the Ancram zoning law: "The Town of Ancram, New York, recognizes that the New York State Route 22 corridor and that portion of the Harlem Valley lying

within that corridor, including the Taconic State Park and its mountain ranges and Fox Hill, are some of the Town's and surrounding community's premium scenic assets.

Within this corridor there exists a confluence of valuable assets for the Town and its residents including, but not limited to, environmental, recreational and scenic resources, and these scenic resources contribute significantly to the overall rural character of the town and possess attributes which the community seeks to preserve and enhance, while accommodating growth and change."

The zoning law that covers the Scenic Corridor Overlay Zone also notes that any telecommunication tower within the Scenic Corridor Overlay Zone must be limited to 100 feet. Homeland Towers and Verizon seek to build a very tall and obtrusive 150ft cell tower well above the reasonable limit set by the town zoning. Constructing a 150-foot cell tower at this site would be a huge intrusion upon and devaluation of the special rec-

ognized character of this area. We hope that the Ancram Zoning Board of Appeals will deny the major variance for a 150-foot cell tower. We encourage the ZBA to uphold the 100-foot cell tower limit, thus preserving the scenic value rather than damaging it.

The Oblong Valley area is home to several noteworthy and scenic hiking and recreational areas that include the Columbia Land Conservancy's Overmountain Conservation Area, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, the Taconic State Park Rudd Pond Area, and the Taconic Ridge Trail over Brace and South Brace Mountains. Views from these well-used and treasured recreational ar-

reas should be preserved rather than diminished.

Balloon tests at 100 feet and 150 feet for this proposed cell tower are set to take place on upcoming Saturdays when the wind is predicted to be light. So far, four Saturdays have proven to be too windy to run the tests. Please do your part to protect our scenic corridor and the Oblong Valley by finding out more about this proposal, observing balloon tests to assess the visual impact of the cell tower, and informing your neighbors of this cell tower proposal. Help to preserve this valuable scenic and recreational community resource.

**Jane H. Meigs**  
Millerton, New York

### Thanks from Fire Co.

On Sunday, March 16, the Amenia Fire Company sponsored our monthly Pancake Breakfast. We were pleased to have a large crowd of 187 people in attendance for our monthly meal. We rely on the breakfasts to raise needed money for general operations and we always appreciate the support of the

community. We thank everyone who attends our events and due to Easter falling on the third Sunday, we have moved our next and final breakfast of the season to April 13.

**Andy Murphy,**  
on behalf of the Breakfast Committee, Amenia Fire Co. Amenia

## School girl hit by car; spotting more birds; Harney Teas crosses border

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

March 15, 1934

'School Girl Struck By Auto'; Ina Merwin, eight-year-old student of the Millerton grammar school, sustained minor injuries when struck by an automobile while crossing the highway after the closing of school Friday afternoon.

Dr. H. S. Tripp attended the Golden Gloves boxing tournament at Madison Square Garden in New York City Monday night.

'Believe It Or Not'; Anyone who wants a good excuse to drop "Believe-it-or-not" Ripley a line should interview Floyd Cline, who burned his finger recently in a pail of cold water. The water, he explains, had just been placed on the stove. He touched the bottom gingerly. It felt cold. He tried again, and it still was cold. He held his finger against it and, deprived of the cooling properties of water over that small area, the metal heated almost instantly.

An electric regrooving

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apparatus for regrooving smooth tires has been added to the equipment at the filling station of the Dutchess Auto and Supply Company.

Barbara Ann Chase, eight-year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Earle Chase, has been confined to her home by an attack of the mumps.

'More Birds Flock About Farm Homes; Mt. Washington Families Put Out Food For Feathered Residents'; Because of the unusually severe winter there have been more birds than usual about the farm homes this year. Observers state that they have seen pairs of the hairy woodpecker, the downy woodpecker, the white-breasted nuthatch, the pine grosbeak, the tree sparrow and numerous chickadees [sic] and bluejays taking their turns at the trays.

March 20, 1975

'Millerton Cracks Down On Junk Car Violations'; The Village Board of Millerton decided to crack down on

junk cars at its meeting on Wednesday night, March 12.

Village Police Officer Lewis Lindsey reported that he had investigated four cases of violators of the state junk car ordinance, involving about 18 vehicles in all.

'Lighting Petition'; A petition, signed by 13 citizens, was presented to the Board requesting that two new street lights be erected in front of the Cournean and Lindner residences on west Highland Drive. The citizens charged that the lights already on the street were "too few and too far apart."

'Tree Planting'; Trustee Hermans told the Board that Thomas Elias, director of the Cary Arboretum in Millbrook, has agreed to take a walk around Millerton and advise the Board where various types of trees could be planted. Adding foliage to Park Street will be the first goal.

'Youngest Mayor Elected, Twice As Many Vote'; John Hermans, the youngest mayor in Millerton's memory, won the seat Tuesday night in a Village election that drew twice as many voters as last year.

'Palm Sunday March Set'; The Millerton Presbyterian and Methodist Church congregations and Sunday schools will proceed down Main Street on Palm Sunday, March 23, in remembrance of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem.

March 16, 2000

'Community Snapshot: John Dietter'; MILLERTON - On a rainy March afternoon, Millerton resident and occasional crossing guard John Dietter waits in his '98 Taurus sedan in front of the Methodist Church on Main Street, a large STOP sign and a fluorescent vest in his back seat.

Any time now, Riley Hart will come off the school bus and cross Main Street on her way home, and Mr. Dietter is there every weekday at 2:30 waiting to help her across. She's the only one to cross this spot in the afternoon, though Mr. Dietter is also here for an hour in the morning.

Mr. Dietter, a resident of Millerton for over 40 years, was born in Ancramdale in the late 1920s, one of 17 brothers and sisters.

'Harney Teas Crossing the Border'; LAKEVILLE - Lakeville's loss will be Millerton's gain in mid-April.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF ACQUISITION OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FOR SAID TOWN, TO WIT:**  
**2026 International Model HV507 SFA 4 x 4 Cab & Chassis with Plow, Wing and Combination Dump Body/Spreader**

WHEREAS, this Board desires to authorize a Statutory Installment Bond for the financing of the purchase of a 2026 International Model HV507 SFA 4 x 4 Cab & Chassis with Plow, Wing and Combination Dump Body/Spreader (hereinafter "the Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, this Board, by resolution, authorized the purchase of the Equipment per the Onondaga Bid #109-14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York as follows:

Section 1. The maximum estimated cost of the Equipment, including incidental expenses to be incurred in connection therewith, is \$323,977.84.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the purchase is as follows: (a) by the issuance of a General Obligation Statutory Installment Bond of the Town of North East, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law in the maximum amount of \$168,000.00; and by the expenditure of \$155,977.84 from the 2025 Highway Fund.

Section 3. The Statutory Installment Bond will be dated on a date to be determined by the Town Supervisor, and will mature no more than four (4) years following the date of execution of the Bond with prepayment received and will bear interest in the name of the Town of North East by the Town Supervisor and by the Town Clerk and will be sealed with the Corporate Seal of the Town of North East.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid object or purpose is fifteen (15) years, pursuant to Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is further determined that the maximum maturity of the Bond herein authorized will not exceed four (4) years.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of, and interest on, such Bond as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of, and interest on, such Bond becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of, and interest on, such Bond as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of, and to sell, Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of

the Statutory Installment Bond herein authorized, including renewals of such Note is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer. Such Notes shall be of such terms, form and content, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such Bond of sale, conducting the sale, and awarding the Bond are hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, who shall advertise such Bond for sale, conduct the sale, and award the Bond in such a manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the Town; provided, however, that in the exercise of the delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of Municipal Bonds. The receipt of the Town Supervisor shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money. The Town Supervisor shall be authorized to execute any and all documents and to perform any and all steps necessary to obtain financing incident to this purchase.

Section 8. This Resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this Resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. The validity of such Bond, and Bond Anticipation Notes, may be contested only if:

(1) Such Bond is authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or

(2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication, or

(3) Such Bond is authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 10. This action is a Type II action pursuant to Part 617 of the Rules and Regulations implementing the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately pursuant to Section 35.00(5)(2), and shall be published, in full, in the official paper, together with a Notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on March 13, 2025 which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Kennan Aye  
 Councilwoman Morrison Aye  
 Councilman Fedele Aye  
 Councilwoman Winkler Aye  
 Councilman Mayville Aye

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted March 13, 2025.

Elizabeth Strauss,  
 Town Clerk  
 03-20-25

**ABSTRACT**

By resolution dated March 10, 2025, the Amenia Fire District has approved a resolution, subject to permissive referendum, to utilize reserve funds to purchase firefighting structural gear in the amount of up to \$60,000.00, utilizing funds from the Capital Reserve Fund. Any person desiring a mandatory vote on the issue must file a properly executed and sufficient petition within thirty days of the date of publication of this notice. Dated: Amenia NY, March 20, 2025

Dawn Marie Klingner,  
 District Secretary  
 03-20-25

**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 purpose

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Millbrook Continental Corp, located at 18 Alden Pl, Millbrook, NY 12545, is applying for a Liquor License with the New York State Liquor Authority to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption. Any objections should be directed to the New York State Liquor Authority at 80 South Swan Street, Albany, NY 12210.

Applicant: Millbrook Continental Corp  
 Address: 18 Alden Pl, Millbrook, NY 12545  
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 03-27-25

**LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL**

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on March 11, 2025, and the validity of

the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

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

Dated: Amenia, New York, March 11, 2025.  
 Dawn Marie Klingner  
 Town Clerk

**BOND RESOLUTION DATED March 10, 2025.**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,902,850 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES OF WATER DISTRICT #1, IN THE TOWN OF AMENIA, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK**

Class of objects or purposes: Construction of improvements to and reconstruction of elements of the water system required for regulatory compliance, reliability, and long-term sustainability for Water District #1

Maximum estimated cost: \$3,902,850

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$3,902,850 bonds  
 S E Q R A status: Type II Action. SEQRA compliance materials on file in the office of the Town Clerk where they may be inspected during regular office hours by appointment

03-20-25

**Legal Notice**

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.

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**Legal Notice**

THIS RESOLUTION published herewith has been adopted on the 13th day of March, 2025, and the validity of the Obligations authorized by such Resolution may be hereafter contested only if such Obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of North East is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this Notice, or such Obligations were not authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Christopher Kennan  
 Supervisor  
 Town of North East  
 03-20-25

**NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA**

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review.

This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessments of each parcel that will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Amenia. The Tentative Assessment Roll will be filed on or before May 1, 2025.

The information may be reviewed online at [gis.dutchessny.gov/parcelaccess/](https://gis.dutchessny.gov/parcelaccess/) on May 1, 2025. Alternatively, data can be viewed at the Assessor's office, Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY. Monday

and Tuesday between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Appointments will be necessary. For an appointment, please contact the office at 845-373-8860 x 104.

Donna DiPippo  
 Assessor  
 Town of Amenia  
 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 26, 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 Irondale Development Corp. and Irving Farm Land Development for a Minor Subdivision and Lot Line Alteration on Tax Parcel #7271-00-171494 located at 6020-6024 Route 22, Millerton, NY and Tax Parcel #7271-09-131558 located at 6044 Route 22, Millerton, NY in the HB3 Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall or via email. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office at [pb@townofnortheastny.gov](mailto: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 at such hearing. Dated: March 13, 2024

Dale Culver  
 Chairman,  
 Planning Board  
 03-20-25

**TOWN OF NORTHEAST ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel for the tentative assessment roll of the Town of North East which will be filed on May 1, 2025.

The information may be reviewed with the Assessor. For an appointment, please call 518-789-3300 ext.605.

Katherine Johnson,  
 Assessor  
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# Historians relate rich history at The Fountains in Millbrook

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Two resident historians who are members of the community at The Fountains teamed up to delve into the history of the 200 acres which comprise the senior residential campus. They presented their findings at a community forum on Wednesday, March 12.

Unveiling their findings were Lucy Johnson and Margaret Cornell, both of whose careers had been steeped in history. Johnson had been a professor of anthropology at Vassar College after having earned her doctorate in anthropology at Columbia University.

Cornell was a professional archivist, having earned her master's degree in archival management from Simmons College.

Both having become residents at The Fountains about a year ago, they soon connected over a shared interest in exploring the history of their surroundings, and particularly of the old stone chapel. Cornell's husband had been an ordained Methodist minister,



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

**A duo of historians explored the history of the land surrounding The Fountains senior community at an illustrated talk on Wednesday, March 12. Lucy Johnson, left, teamed up with Margaret Cornell, for a year-long research project into the rich history of the land and its stone chapel.**

drawing her to want to know more about the chapel.

Johnson began her report with the earliest history of the acreage on what was Prospect Hill, once the home of monks when it was named Priory Farm. It eventually became an elementary school named Hope Farm, a home for orphaned youngsters and then a K-12 school named Greer

School after its founder, Episcopal Bishop David Greer.

At one point, 95 children were housed at Hope Farm which had been founded in 1907 by Episcopal clergyman Thomas Hazzard who determined the farm needed a chapel. In 1913, \$12,500 was donated, sufficient to construct a chapel on the grounds, Johnson said.

Seating 300 in its Sanctuary, the chapel was built with local boulders, shaped with hand tools by Italian stone masons. The completed chapel was dedicated in 1915. The chapel bell, cast in 1896, weighs 3,000 pounds.

The chapel was refurbished in 1970. Eleanor Roosevelt spoke at the Greer School's 1955 graduation exercises. 1932 had marked the first high school graduation class. The final Greer School yearbook honored the class of 1958.

Margaret Cornell had once been a student at Greer School.

The chapel was refurbished in 1970, Cornell noted. Seeing the chapel today, Cornell said that she feels a sense of awe that much of the chapel remains intact, although it is dusty and the plaster is crumbling.

Audience comments suggested that the chapel deserves more publicity and perhaps the cooperation of the Millbrook Historical Society to guide the chapel toward being listed as a national historic site worthy of preservation and protection.

"It is a unique part of The Fountains," Cornell said.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

**Neveah Rennie, no. 34 of Pine Plains, attempts to drive a layup through a group of Tuckahoe defenders during the second round of the regional tournament at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y., on Tuesday, March 11.**

## Pine Plains Bombers knocked out in second round of regional tournament

By NATHAN MILLER  
nathanm@millertonnews.com

NEWBURGH, N.Y. — The Pine Plains Bombers were knocked out in second round of the Section IX regional tournament after a hard fought game against the Tuckahoe Tigers on Tuesday, March 11.

The Bombers won the tip and got off to an early lead, but the Tuckahoe Tigers outpaced them quickly and finished the game 59-25.

Giana Dormi, no. 3 of Pine Plains, and Neveah Rennie, no. 34 of Pine Plains, started the game strong, scoring six points for the Bombers in the first few minutes. Tuckahoe responded in kind by promptly running up the score, sending Cara Doherty, no. 5, to the backboard for four field goals before the end of the first quarter.

Tuckahoe's runaway lead started in the first quarter. Going into the second that team led the Bombers 19-8.

The lead was further cemented in the second quarter,

when Tuckahoe sank another nine field goals — one a three-pointer from Grace Kern, no. 15 — adding up to an additional 19 points and putting the score at 38-13 going into the half.

"Tuckahoe's a great team, they've got everything," girls varsity coach Les Funk said. "They're in shape, they run. Those kids out there didn't even look like they were breaking a sweat. That was a tough matchup for us."

The Bombers tried their hardest, but Tuckahoe's precision in defense was too much for the Pine Plains girls. Tuckahoe's fouls only sent Pine Plains players to the free throw line on five occasions. The Bombers couldn't make those free throw attempts count, with the team racking up a free-throw make percentage of just 20%.

Coach Funk is setting his sights on next season and another chance at the regional title. "They've got a taste of it now," Funk said. "I think if they work in the off-season they've got a chance."

# Pricing for Pine Plains properties results in four sales in January

By CHRISTINE BATES  
Special to the Millerton News

PINE PLAINS — During the first month of this year five property transfers were recorded in Pine Plains including four small residential properties for \$250,000 or less.

Of the nine single family homes listed for sale in the first week of March three were above one million dollars and only two at \$389,000 and \$365,000 were close to the February median price of \$362,500 for the town.

54 Briarcliff Lane — 3 bedroom/1 bath on .54 acres sold for \$250,000.

9 Academy Lane — 2 bedroom/1 bath home on .11 acres sold for \$100,000.

3362 Route 199 — 3 bed-



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

**Located near the entrance to the Mashomack's polo fields, 54 Briarcliff Lane is a 784 square foot home which sold for \$250,000. It was remodeled in 1970 and has a deep back yard bordering on fields.**

room/2 bath ranch on 8.68 acres sold for \$250,000.

7794 North Main — 2 bedroom/2 bath/2 kitchen Cape Cod two family home on .24 acres sold for \$125,000.

5 Ryan Road — storage facility with 2,341 square feet on 1 acre sold for \$250,000 to Superior Sanitation Holding.

*\*Town of Pine Plains real estate sales recorded between Jan. 1, 2025, and Jan. 31, 2025, sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Information on active listings taken from First Key MLS which may understate available properties. 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.*

## Volunteer Fair at Millbrook Library draws interest in helping

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — A Volunteer Fair held at The Millbrook Library on Saturday, March 15, drew a diverse representation of Millbrook area residents willing to learn more about how they can help.

Fourteen nonprofit organizations, large and small, brought displays, hand-out literature and representatives ready to answer questions. The interest was strong as visitors circulated to find just the right match for their interests and abilities to fit with an appropriate opportunity.

"You're the people I wanted to see," said one visitor to the booth of Literacy Connections. "How do I get involved," she asked.

Other organizations offered opportunities to volunteer with animal care, emergency response, environmental programs, food programs, health and wellness, the library, emergency services and more. Volunteer service can be short term,



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

**Embracing a spirit of volunteerism, Millbrook area residents explored opportunities during a Volunteer Fair at the Millbrook Library on Saturday, March 15.**

such as helping with an event or date-specific project, or a longer-term program of continuing service, such as assisting with a program's continuing needs. Whether short term or longer, volunteerism has many rewards.

"It's a fun organization," said Angels of Light volunteer Jane Burdis.

The Millbrook Fire Department brought a fire truck along to attract volunteers, whether as firefighters, or as

associate members who help with special events and department activities.

For a young person, training available through volunteering provides invaluable early credentials in preparation for high school, college or a future career, or for a senior, sharing abilities to help others is key to purposeful later years. To contact any of these organizations or learn more about volunteer service, go to that organizations's website.

### Dine Out for History finale

MILLERTON — Mark your calendars. The final date for Dine Out for History will be taking place at Taro's at 18 Main St. on

Thursday, March 27. Taro's, a casual eatery, specializes in Italian dishes. Reservations are recommended.



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# RURAL HEALTH CRISIS In the Northwest Corner



The Northwest Corner of Connecticut can be described as a "healthcare desert." There are not enough primary care providers to meet the demand, and the lack of adequate access to health care can make these towns less attractive for residents. A panel of local experts will address what can be done to make the Northwest Corner a better and healthier place to live.

### Panelists

Nancy Heaton (moderator), CEO of Foundation for Community Health  
Joanne Borduas, CEO of Community Health and Wellness Center  
Meghan Kenny, Director of SVNA Home Assistance and Litchfield County Home Assistance  
Maria Horn, Connecticut State Representative  
Christina McCulloch, President of Sharon Hospital

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L. Hunt of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. The Evergreen Chapter of Sweet Adeline's International performed "God Bless the USA (Proud to be an American)" with the Roy C. Ketcham High School Step Team closing out the pre-speech segment of the evening with their "Formation" demonstration.

Sophia Puglia, a John Jay junior, then introduced the county executive whom she described as "a role model for women." Serino then began her presentation, "The Lives We Touch," by thanking her family, colleagues and those assembled. She pinpointed Dutchess residents as her focus, saying "Tonight is about more than policies and programs. It is about people. Because — at the heart of every decision we make, every dollar we invest, and every initiative we launch — there is a life we are striving to improve."

Serino's speech highlighted the expansion of county undertakings for seniors, youths and veterans as well as initiatives in public safety, emergency medical and mental health services, agriculture, housing and childcare. Hoarding, crime and scams impacting seniors were also topics of discussion during her address. She noted the reorganization of the Department of Behavioral and Community Health, which has been separated into

health, mental health, and veterans' affairs — an approach which Serino believes has enabled these departments to serve residents in a more productive fashion.

Serino pointed out the county's Silver Certification from the state via its New York Climate Smart Communities program, and emphasized its position of fiscal strength with its AA+ bond rating status as confirmed by Standard and Poors — the highest rating for any county in New York State. Additionally, Serino noted transit ridership is up with over 880,000 Dutchess residents utilizing public transport services.

She maintained that strategic planning and conservative economics have benefited Dutchess homeowners and county employees. "I'm so proud that our 2025 budget continues the tradition of fiscal responsibility, cutting the property tax rate for the 10th year while ensuring that there were zero layoffs within county government," Serino said, pointing out that the county will continue to actively monitor its spending while continuing to steadily grow initiatives.

Serino said she is prioritizing programs to benefit the 55-plus set. She shared the news of the creation of the OFA Ambassador title, a role

expected to connect seniors and their families with programs and services offered by the Office for the Aging. "It's so important that they have the support they need to stay active, connected, and live the lives they deserve," said Serino, who also announced the Older Adult Skills Fair which will enable older workers to keep their skills sharp and remain connected to their communities.

Enriching the lives of veterans is another area Serino is tackling with the April launch of the first "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremony in recognition of Vietnam veteran and First Lieutenant Andrew Doro. She reminded the audience of Veterans One-Stop, which connects former military members to services and benefits such as housing guidance, healthcare options or financial assistance. Serino also announced another new title — a Veterans Outreach role, which will serve as information provider to veterans in need of guidance for supports they may need. Additionally, a transportation initiative, "Go Go Veterans," has been launched, which provides vets with transport to appointments and gatherings.

More specifically to Northeastern Dutchess, Serino spoke of housing initiatives, pointing out the Habitat for Humanity dwelling recently

erected in the Town of North East. At press time, the dwelling remained empty, pending necessary revisions to the property which will enable the owners, the Macagnone family, to finally occupy the premises. Serino also spoke of the need to grow locally owned business, saying, "Our small businesses are the heart of our local economy, and we've recently launched our Small Business Roundtables to provide a space for business owners to connect, share challenges, and access resources to help them grow and succeed. Our first two roundtables, in the Village of Millerton and the Arlington Business District, were huge successes."

One item of discussion undoubtedly of interest to residents of Northeastern Dutchess was EMS services. Extended ambulance service wait times and coverage gaps have long been an issue throughout the region which lacks a hospital. Serino touted the implementation of supplemental EMS coverage, but then segued into a discussion regarding EMS needs related to senior citizen accidents without returning to the topic at hand.

North East town supervisor Chris Kennan, who was in the audience, felt the issue should have been further addressed. "While I was interested to hear what the

county executive had to say on a number of subjects, my main interest in being there was to speak with her about EMS services in the Town of North East," Kennan said. "We probably pay more on a per capita basis for EMS services than any other town in the County... The town is committed to making sure our residents have access to emergency medical services, but it is also my job to look for a less costly way to do it. We need the county's help on this."

Throughout the evening, Serino remained upbeat, an approach which, while accentuating the positive, may not necessarily address the fiscal worries of Dutchess residents. While Republican politicians in the audience supported Serino throughout the evening, some Democratic officials had a different take. "The county executive's address struck an optimistic tone but felt out of touch, given the struggles many Dutchess County residents face, especially as federal funding cuts have started to hit our community," observed Chris Drago, D-19. "Nearly \$3 million in funding has been cut or frozen at Rock Steady

Farm in North East, \$600,000 at Ronnybrook Farm in Pine Plains and the Cary Institute in Millbrook has already faced layoffs. We've heard of individual agricultural grants disappearing, hurting local businesses, workers, and our broader economy ... These cuts are happening now, and we need leadership that will fight for our fair share."

In a March 12 email to the News, county comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair conveyed his own concerns that greater advocacy and more action on behalf of the county executive is needed. "I appreciate that Sue focused on the people we serve. It reflects what I've come to know of her," said Aymar-Blair. "In my conversations with people, non-profits, and businesses, I do not hear a sentiment of hope that was the theme of the speech. There is anxiety everywhere about federal funding being cut off, and what lower federal spending will mean for our local economy. We are heading into choppy waters and people are always asking me, 'What's the plan if we lose grants? What's the plan if sales tax revenue drops off?'"

**BUDGET** *Continued from Page A1*

fast-food eatery in the former McDonald's location.

Kennan also commented on a proposed racquet-sports facility to be located close to the state line on Route 44. That project was introduced to the Planning Board recently.

Kennan also announced that the Town will hold Bulk Trash Day on May 10 in the morning at the old Town Garage on South Center Street.

Responding to noise complaints about gunfire at The Millerton Gun Club on Route 22, Kennan said that he and Mayor Jenn Najdek had scheduled a meeting with the group to discuss a change that would end shooting after 5 p.m. and on Sunday.

"Hopefully we're going to see some results from that," Kennan said.

Work on the former Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses building on Route 22 that is planned to serve as the new Town Hall has been focused on resolving an issue with Suburban Propane, Kennan said. Suburban Propane is requesting that the town purchase the buried tanks, and Kennan asked Town Attorney Warren Replansky to inquire

about proof of ownership of the tanks.

Kennan also discussed plans to replace a 2006 highway plow truck with a 2026 truck. Highway Superintendent Robert Stevens said as part of the replacement planning, the purchase would have no effect on the budget and the truck should be delivered by the end of 2025.

Mayor Najdek addressed the Board with a request to lease the old Town Garage on South Center Street as an interim way to solve a storage problem created by the fire that destroyed the Village Water Department building in early February.

Board members discussed the long-term goal of sharing space with the Village at the new Town Garage on Route 22 that opened last year.

"This is an immediate need," Najdek said, noting that the Village 'State of Emergency' could extend to mid-summer.

There appeared to be consensus that the Town would accommodate the Village, and Town Attorney Replansky was asked to revise a resolution to be considered at the Board's next meeting.

**CENTURY BLVD.** *Continued from Page A1*

ing, along with tree plantings.

Nelson presented options that showed possible parking patterns that were envisioned based on street width as one determining factor. Century Boulevard, which used to be a freight yard for an east-west railroad, ranges from 70 to 93 feet in width and is 1,000 feet long. In the past, it was called 'Parking Street.'

"There is no defined pedestrian infrastructure," Nelson said to the group. At a first session held on Feb. 1, the Annex room was filled. Last Saturday, only a handful of residents showed.

At the west end of the boulevard, Dutchess County is proposing changes that will be part of a Maple Avenue sidewalk widening project to give it an accessibility update.

Much of the meeting was devoted to debating the pros and cons of perpendicular versus 30-degree angled parking. The discussion also labored over the expected



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

**Brandee Nelson, senior project manager for Tighe & Bond, points to a map of parking options for Century Boulevard at a meeting on Saturday, March 15 in the North East-Millerton Library Annex.**

quantity of parking needed by the Village.

Perpendicular parking could provide up to 151 parking spaces, while angular parking options up to 68 spaces.

A back and forth ensued with Nelson, residents and

some of the trustees, including Mayor Jenn Najdek, about the options. Maintenance costs also were targeted in the discussion, because the wider the boulevard the more expense falls to the Village, and the same is true of maintaining green spaces that include

trees, shrubbery or even wood chips.

Public comment also drew a bead on the different parking needs on either end of the boulevard, as well as the unique needs of the Millerton Fire Department and the post office.

Plans call for retaining the EV charger, currently located east of the Mane Street Salon.

Consensus seemed to emerge that angular parking seems to make sense, in part because it obviates the need when backing out to enter the oncoming lane. A second common ground seemed to emerge with the notion that a sidewalk should be located on the south side of the boulevard.

Next steps include plans to have the Village Board talk about what might be a preferred approach at its March 24 meeting so that Tighe & Bond can prepare a concept to present to the trustees in April.

**HEALTH** *Continued from Page A1*

to schedule medical appointments.

While the offerings were limited, the services provided that day are much-needed in a region lacking proximity to care as well as to a sufficient number of health clinics and medical providers in the area.

"The health care desert we experience in northeast Dutchess County can be felt by all our neighbors, who often have to drive increasingly far distances to access the health care they need," said Cheri Johnson, who serves as the NECC's marketing and outreach coordinator. "While NECC's transportation program provides approximately 2,800 free rides per year to those needing transport to medical appointments, this now-monthly gathering of mobile healthcare providers is a great way to bring medical services right into the heart of our community where we need them the most."

Nurse practitioner Barbara Lopez-Heffernan, who was

on-site that day, is bilingual in English and Spanish. For patients not fluent in either vernacular, a translation service, LanguageLine, was available for those in need.

Lopez-Heffernan, who works with the Department of Health, conveyed that being able to converse with her patients in their native tongue fosters a sense of comfort, especially for nervous patients, and helps build patient-practitioner connections. "It's important to reach patients where they're at," she said. "I tell my patients I'm here for you."

Among the services offered included testing for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, flu and COVID-19 vaccinations, and blood pressure checks along with informational pamphlets. "I triage, refer or treat," said Lopez-Heffernan, who said more challenging cases would need to be referred elsewhere. A medical doctor, while not on-site that day, was available

by phone.

Sun River Health from Amenia had a table set up inside the NECC. Its representatives provided information and answers to questions.

Sharon's Hospital's Diaper Connections was also around with a generous supply of disposable diapers to provide to patrons in need. Diaper Connections, which is primarily privately funded, has received some grant monies. The organization serves approximately 85 children per month, and about 85% of families with newborns have diaper needs.

According to Candy Osborn, RN, of Sharon Hospital, about 85% of new parents have diaper needs with the birth of a newborn for a variety of reasons. Income is a factor, but sometimes parents are just not properly prepared.

"I really feel a lot of families don't know the resources," Osborn said. "No judgment here. If you have a need, you have a need." Osborn conveyed that about 40% of

50% of families with diaper needs in the first month of a newborn's life return for additional supplies thereafter.

The aim of Mobile Health Day was to connect the community with easy-to-access care at Dutchess County's mobile health unit, a large van positioned at the rail trail parking lot on South Center Street. Based on sponsor and participant response, it hit the mark.

"Mobile Health Day was an excellent way to serve all members of our community, and a large number of people took advantage of the offerings made by North East Community Center, Dutchess County Health Department, Sharon Hospital's Diaper Connections, and Sun River Health of Amenia," said Johnson. "We look forward to continuing to provide these resources and are excited for our next mobile health event on April 9 at the South Center Street rail trail parking lot in Millerton."

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# COMPASS

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## Race Brook Lodge: A timeless haven for music, art, and community

Tucked away on Under Mountain Road in Sheffield, Massachusetts, The Stagecoach Tavern dates back to the mid-18th century and offers fine dining in an enchanted setting. It also serves as the portal into the Race Brook Lodge, which harbors unique spaces for entertainment, lodging and wellness.

Intimate outdoor gathering areas are illuminated by strings of lights. A cluster of mid-century bungalows can be rented by guests who come to spend the weekend and attend concerts and retreats, which typically take place in the barns farther back in the woods.

This magical vision springs from the mind of David Rothstein, who purchased the property in pieces between 1990 and 2000, a continuation of his idea to create a place where like-minded people can congregate to enjoy cultural happenings in an idyllic setting.

Before acquiring the Race Brook Lodge, Rothstein, now 90, managed The Music Inn in Lenox, Massachusetts, the premier outdoor music venue in the Berkshires during the 1970s, which he purchased with his former wife, Nancy Fitzpatrick, whose family owned the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge.

In its heyday from 1970 to 1979, The Music Inn featured a who's who of iconic performers of the era like Ike & Tina Turner, B.B. King, James Taylor, Muddy Waters, The Byrds, Ravi Shankar, Joan Baez, Van Morrison, Bruce Springsteen, Bob Marley, The Eagles, Lou Reed, Bonnie Raitt, Fats Domino, Bo Diddley, Jimmy Cliff, Toots & The Maytals and The Allman Brothers.

"Music Inn was the last outpost of the counterculture, which had evolved as a result of the groundbreaking evolu-



PHOTO BY LETY MARCOS

### Race Brook Lodge

tion of jazz as the first integrated music genre that ultimately paved the way for Rock 'n Roll," Rothstein said.

This history goes even deeper. Prior to the Music Inn, the buildings were known as the Berkshire Music Barn, and featured performers like Dizzy Gillespie, Louis Armstrong, Mahalia Jackson, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Dave Brubeck, Thelonious Monk and the Modern Jazz Quartet. The property also featured The Lenox School of Jazz, The Lenox Arts Center, Toad Hall Moviehouse, and The Great Riot Alley Memorial.

As a student of modernist architect Louis Khan, Rothstein absorbed Khan's ideas of "open frame" or a space without barriers. It's a concept he used at the Music Inn that carries on at Race Brook.

Race Brook's music programmer, Alex Harvey recalls how he came to do a retreat with Qi Gong master Thomas Drodge and noticed a Louis Khan poster on the

wall. He spent a morning and afternoon talking with Rothstein about art, performance and community in a way he'd been dreaming about for a long time.

"When I saw the poster, I asked David about it. He told me that he was one of Khan's assistants, and he actually drafted some of the buildings I'd studied. So, before I knew he had the Music Inn, he was a superstar to me," Harvey said.

Harvey also met the current proprietor Casey Fitzpatrick — David and Nancy's son — and the two hit it off, realizing they shared a common interest in global music. Armed with a deep Rolodex, thanks to his many years as a performer and ethnomusicologist, Harvey soon began programming shows at Race Brook.

When booking, Harvey looks for artists who can offer something beyond the typical performance.

"We had Alash, who are one of the more renowned Tuvan throat singing ensembles,"

Harvey said. "With their energy, they change the weather of the room. It's a participatory feeling. I loved reading the reactions online; was it a concert or a ritual? That's what we're interested in."

"We have Beausoleil coming up on April 5. When they start playing, you feel transported to a hooch house in Eunice, Louisiana. They create a sense of place, and that's what really excites me," he added.

There are regularly scheduled programs, like Jazz brunches every Sunday, and at times Race Brook Lodge is open to other groups who book shows like the recent "Almost Spring Weekender" a DJ'd house party produced by Edo Moore.

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PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

Tess Marks as Little Sally and Jackson Olson as Officer Lockstock in the Housatonic Musical Theatre Society production of "Urinetown."

THEATER: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

## 'Urinetown' makes use of brand new HVRHS auditorium

Last week's Housatonic Musical Theatre Society production of "Urinetown" featured strong performances and superb choreography.

The remodeled auditorium at Housatonic Valley Regional High School made a big difference as well. New seats were a welcome addition, and

the increased technical capability meant that the show was flawless from a production point of view.

The difference was so noticeable that director Christiane Olson thanked the taxpayers of Region One for supporting the recent school improvements

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Tight choreography and solid singing were on display in the Housatonic Musical Theatre Society production of "Urinetown."

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LITERATURE: OLIVIA GEIGER

# BookTok ushers in a new era of literary visibility

Technology and social media were once a foe to the age-old quest of inspiring young adults to read. Amid the Covid-19 pandemic young women started making short 1-minute TikToks to document and share their reading experiences. A community, known as BookTok, grew roots and began to blossom.

A subgenre of literature that has emerged through this community of readers has been labelled as “weird-girl fiction.” This sub-genre explores the abstract, dark and complex aspects of femininity with the utilization of symbolism, art and metaphors. An example would be “Nightbitch” by Rachel Yoder.

The story follows a young mother of a newborn boy who abandoned her career to be a stay-at-home mom. One day she notices a dark patch of hair emerging from the back of her

neck and her canines begin to sharpen. Despite her fear and visible symptoms, her husband dismisses her, as she morphs into a dog. Yoder unravels the shift of motherhood and complicated female characters through magical realism that captivates the reader.

In conversation with popular BookToker Haley, or @whathalesreading, she reflected on Yoder’s ability to cast a light on women who feel caged in the constraints of conventional womanhood. Haley said Yoder’s writing plays with “feeling misunderstood, conflicted, caught between role and intention — these are themes that play out in women’s lives all the time that weird girl fiction is giving voice to.” “Weird girl” books flesh out the meaning and importance of womanhood that bring light to darkness.

Somewhere in the darkness young women

are feeling seen, safe.

Literature has served many purposes, protest being one. Historically, women have been caged in narratives, expectations and laws to fulfill their role as a child bearer and wife. “Weird girl” books fight against the single purpose role of womanhood being marriage and motherhood.

In these stories, women have the power to choose. The reader may not like the character or agree or understand and it seems that is the point. A woman does not have to be digestible or agreeable to be loved or respected or admired.

It is important to note that for centuries, women writers have been pushing boundaries and breaking archaic narratives. Executive Director of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon Gretchen Hachmeister said “these latest writers are part of a centuries-long tradition of works by women about women dealing

with their rage, desires and experiences.” Think “The Bell Jar,” “Frankenstein,” “The Days of Abandonment” — works that follow women through imaginative narratives that carved out a new space in the literary world. That set the stage for women to be complicated, to have hate-able qualities, to be human, to be seen.

As the world gets weirder, creativity is a force for change, for escapism, for community. In uncertain times connection is a guiding light through these murky wa-

ters. While readers have been banned together through TikTok to build a community, there are still brick and mortar spaces to cultivate community.

Local libraries are the cornerstone for the practice of accessible free speech and thought.

As a life-time Lakeville resident I grew up among the shelves of Scoville Memorial Library. Despite my mother’s warning I took out too many books each week and could never finish them all.

In those stories I uncovered pieces of myself

in the writers’ words. Not every found piece I enjoyed, but I knew someone else had experienced it and put truth to page so I did not have to feel alone.

As an adult(ish) I still go to the library. I read strange books written by women that concern my loved ones at times but have made me feel free. Free to be the woman I choose to be.

*Olivia Geiger is an MFA student at Western Connecticut State University and a lifelong resident of Lakeville.*

## ...Race Brook Lodge *Continued from previous page*



Race Brook barn at night, top, and Sunder Ashni singing at Dia de los Muertos, right.

Ideally, Harvey books fully immersive weekends with music, workshops, and enjoyment of the spaces, whether hiking nearby trails or inside the barns.

“One of my favorites is the Dia de los Muertos weekend which has an open mic to the dead,” Harvey said. “It’s art as a form of medicine and healing. It’s kind of like Brooklyn Academy of Music meets Esselin.” For elevated musical and wellness experiences in an idyllic Berkshire setting, Race Brook Lodge offers something for everyone. See their site for information on all that they offer: rblodge.com



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## ...‘Urinetown’ *Continued from previous page*

project in brief remarks before the start of the matinee performance Saturday, March 15.

Katelin Lopes and Andy Delgado were powerful as the star-crossed lovers Hope Cladwell and Bobby Strong.

Jackson Olson got a lot of laughs with his deadpan take on Officer Lockstock, often in tandem with Tess Marks’ wide-eyed Little Sally.

The entire cast hit all the right buttons, not the easiest thing to do with a show that contains multiple layers of satire.

The orchestra, led by Tom Krupa, was rock solid.

And Amber Cameron’s choreography was seamless. The cast looked like they’d been dancing together all their lives.



PHOTO BY TOM BROWN

Andy Delgado as Bobby (center) has a run-in with the police (Jackson Olson, left, as Officer Lockstock and Alex Wilbur, right, as Officer Barrel).



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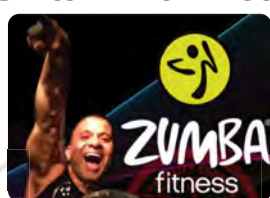
Hope Cladwell (Katelin Lopes) and her father Caldwell B. Cladwell (Aiden Krupa) plan and scheme in “Urinetown.”



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The people led by Bobby (Andy Delgado, left) have finally had enough of being forced to pay to go in the Housatonic Musical Theatre Society production of “Urinetown.”

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FILM: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

## Local filmmaker's 'Dream' comes true at The Moviehouse

Director, writer and actor Matt Bartolomeo looked out the window of The Millerton Inn, where much of his debut feature film "Dream" was shot, hoping he'd one day watch it premier at the Moviehouse. That day came on Wednesday, March 12 when the community nonprofit cinema hosted a free screening of the film, followed by a Q&A with the cast.

"Dream" takes place in a snowstorm. In the opening shot, a young man, played by Bartolomeo, awakens to find himself stranded in his car on a desolate road which moviegoers delighted in recognizing as Lake Road in Pine Plains. Seeking refuge, he stumbles upon an isolated bed and breakfast (The Millerton Inn) where he and other travelers uncover chilling secrets linked to the inn's shadowy past. Utilizing some pretty hilarious horror movie conventions and some very creative special effects, the film moves along at

a frenzied pace as more characters die...or do they? Inspired by horror thrillers of the 1970s and 1980s, "Dream" takes the viewer on a twisted journey where nothing — and no one — is quite what they seem.

Before the feature film, the audience was treated to two other shorts. The first was "Pete's Jeeps," a three-minute ode to Bartolomeo's late father's love of restoring WWII era Jeeps. Another short, made by the Q&A moderator Willis Williams, was a humorous comment on the price of eggs. The cast of the feature, all local actors, were in attendance to celebrate the premier. "Dream" received official honorary mention at New York Odyssey Film Festival.

It was a heart-warming evening celebrating a local filmmaker's debut, and the Moviehouse's commitment to showcasing local talent and fostering community makes it one of the best reasons to call Millerton home.

ART: LEILA HAWKEN

## Northlight art show opens at Historical Society Gallery

Fans of fine art filed into the Sharon Historical Society's gallery on Saturday, March 15, for the opening reception of student works from the Northlight Art Center in Amenia, New York.

Northlight was founded in Sharon by Pieter Lefferts in 2010 and later moved to Amenia. This is the 14th year of the annual student exhibit.

"It's an invitation for people who may never have thought that they might be included in an art exhibit," said Lefferts about the show that includes 34 works created by a dozen artists. Lefferts added that visitors will see a range of abilities and individual expression.

"I like to draw out innate expression," Lefferts said. Lefferts said there were 34 pieces as he had hung them all the day before.

Several works on display were inspired by local subjects. For example, Kathleen Kulig's "Grand Dame of the Orchard" depicts an actual old apple tree found at a friend's home.

"I've actually picked apples from that tree," Kulig said.

Artist Cathleen Halloran's acrylic on paper painting titled "Eleven Eleven" is a loving remembrance of her dog, Maddie, whose death was imminent as Halloran created the painting, an expression of her subject's magnificent spirit.

Variety is evident in artists' ages, mediums, experience and subject matter.

"It's always a pleasure to see how the artists grow every year, a fascinating variety," said Historical Society President Chris Robinson as he dished out the wine and other beverages in the reception area.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit



One of a dozen artists participating in the Northlight Art Center's 14th annual student exhibit is Cathleen Halloran, above, who paused for a photo by one of her several works on display. The opening reception at the Sharon Historical Society's Gallery on Saturday, March 15, brought out a robust group of local art fans.



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Kathleen Kulig with her "Grand Dame of the Orchard" painting.

the historical society, although not all works are for sale. The exhibit will be open until Friday, May 9, during historical society hours. For additional information, go to [www.sharonhist.org](http://www.sharonhist.org).

Coinciding with the gallery show, the Sharon Historical Society's current exhibit is worth


a visit. Titled "Family Collections," the exhibit shows collective Sharon memories found in the artifacts left by ances-

tors, remembered now in part by what they left behind. Each is a clue to the town's historic past, spanning two centuries.



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Matt Bartolomeo and Ashley Kilbride in a scene from Dreams.



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## TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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### MARCH 20

#### Sharon Audubon Center hosts Policy Potluck Event

Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road (Route 4), Sharon, Conn.

Sharon Audubon Center hosts a talk on neonicotinoid pesticides and their impact on pollinators and birds, Thursday, March 20, 6 to 8 p.m. Speakers include Louise Washer (Norwalk River Watershed Assoc.), Joan Seguin (CT Coalition for Pesticide Reform), and Robert LaFrance (Audubon CT). Attendees may bring small bites to share; refreshments provided. Info: (860) 364-0520 x115 or www.sharon.audubon.org.

#### Reflecting Life – Art Exhibition

D.Colabella Fine Arts Gallery, 446 Main St., Ridgefield, Conn.

On view March 20 to May 12, 2025. Opening Reception: March 20, 6 to 9 p.m.

A showcase of realist artworks by Rich Alexander and Corey Eid, capturing intricate slices of life. Visit www.dcolabellafineart.com for details.

### MARCH 21

#### Salisbury Forum: Rural Health Crisis in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut

Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Falls Village, Conn.

The Salisbury Forum hosts a panel on healthcare access in NW Connecticut, Friday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Co-sponsored by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. Panelists include Nancy Heaton, Joanne Borduas, Meghan Kenny, and Maria Horn. This event is co-sponsored with Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

### MARCH 22

#### Triplex Cinema Presents Special Screening of Holland

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

Holland, starring Nicole Kidman, Matthew Macfadyen, and Gael Garcia Bernal, screens at the Triplex Cinema on Saturday, March 22 at 7 p.m., followed by a Q&A with local screenwriter Andrew Sodroski.

Directed by Mimi Cave, Holland is a mystery thriller about a teacher (Kidman) who uncovers her husband's dark secret with the help of a colleague (Bernal).

The film premieres on Amazon Prime Video on March 27.

Tickets and info: www.thetripdex.org.

#### Saturday Morning Family Series at The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck

The CENTER for Performing Arts, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck, N.Y. www.centerforperformingarts.org

Saturdays at 11 a.m. Tickets: \$10

#### Rip Van Winkle

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025, 11 a.m. An interactive retelling of Washington Irving's classic tale—what happens when Rip wakes up after 20 years?

#### Cornwall Child Center Spring Fling

White Hart Inn, 15 Under Mountain Road, Salisbury, Conn.

Join us for a Spring Fling at the White Hart Inn to benefit the Cornwall Childcare Center on March 22 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Buy your tickets in advance for \$80 (before 3/8) or \$100 thereafter and at the door. Ticket price includes a buffet dinner, 3-hour open bar (wine + beer) and music and dancing by DJ Sam Jones. We will have our annual silent auction, raffle prizes and more, with all proceeds going to benefit CCC. For more information please visit our website: cornwallchildcenter.org.

#### Playing for Freedom: The Journey of Afghan Musician Zarifa Adiba

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

Saturday, March 22 at 1 p.m., David M. Hunt Library hosts Zarifa Adiba, Afghan violinist, conductor, and author of Playing for Freedom. Zarifa will share her story, activism, and new music. Free and open to the public.

#### All Ages - Chia Beings!

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

Saturday, March 22, 1 to 3 p.m.

In this all ages workshop we'll use terracotta clay to fashion little critters and then texture their surfaces to hold chia seeds. The vessels will be fired and either held at store for pickup or shipped back to you and you'll get a pack of chia seeds to sprout for "fur". This workshop is for all ages and skill levels though littles (5 and under) would do best with a parent or caretaker to help!

### MARCH 23

#### Introduction to Self-Publishing with Natalia Zukerman

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

Join writer and book publisher Natalia Zukerman on Sunday, March 23, 4 to 5:30 p.m., for an in-depth introduction to self-publishing. Natalia will introduce platforms, outline steps, and show examples. Learn how you can take control of the publishing process and get your book into readers' hands.

Registration is required. Visit the Events Calendar at www.scovillelibrary.org.

Event page: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14177848

#### Women and Aging Series: "Muscle Matters and Menopause"

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

Sunday, March 23, 4 p.m.

Sarah Wallace of Amenia Yoga explores the importance of muscle health during menopause. Part of the Women and Aging Series. Free event, registration required.

Info & registration: hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org.

### MARCH 25

#### Stanford Grange & Stanford Garden Club Gardening Program

Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordsville, N.Y.

Stanford Grange #808 and the Stanford Garden Club are co-sponsoring a Program by Victoria Rolfe on Straw Bale Gardening on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordsville. The Program will begin at 7 p.m., and light refreshments will be available. All are welcome to attend and learn more about this interesting form of gardening as we welcome Spring! For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

#### Last week's WotW

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M	A	T	C	H

### Word of the Week

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


1. A background actor
2. To add faint color, tint
3. 1989 film "Dead \_\_\_\_ Society"
4. Arrange a plan; deceive
5. March Madness underdog win

### Tolkien Reading Day

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

Tuesday, March 25 at 3:30 p.m., celebrate Tolkien Reading Day with tea, "lembas" bread, and a map-making workshop. Bring a favorite passage, dress as a character, or just enjoy the magic. All ages welcome!

### MARCH 27

#### Troutbeck Symposium: Students as Historians

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

Documentary screenings + Q&A with Michael Morand & Rhonan Mokriski. Films by Salisbury School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, and Yale University explore overlooked histories and social justice. Free & open to the public. Begins at 10 a.m.

#### Dine Out for History Adds a Night

Millerton, N.Y.

Millerton's Dine Out for History adds an extra night at Taró's Pizzeria (18 Main St. on Thursday, March 27, 5 to 9 p.m., after bad weather affected its original date. Participating restaurants donate 10% of proceeds to the North East Historical Society.

Mention "Dine Out for History" when dining!



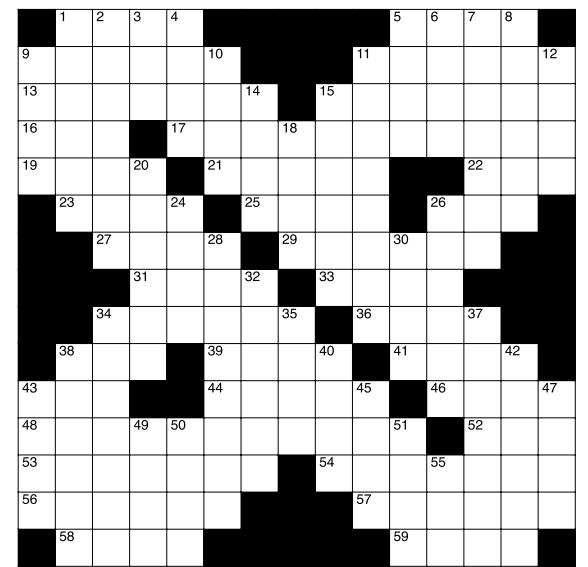
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**In her hand, a silver dagger**  
On Saturday, March 15, artist Christy Gast of Amenia performed her piece "Silver Dagger/Mussel Bed," a rapid-fire, cabaret-style ode to the sex lives of freshwater mussels to coincide with the closing reception of the group exhibition, "Fauna, Flora and Fur" at Geary Gallery in Millerton.

## Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Take heed
5. One's superior
9. Prepped meat
11. Tighten anew
13. Type of textile fiber
15. Animalistic
16. When you hope to get somewhere
17. Offender
19. Former NYC mayor Ed
21. Type of cryptocurrency
22. Mauna \_\_\_, Hawaiian volcano
23. Herring-like fish
25. Popular PBS program
26. Congressman (abbr.)
27. Flightless Australian birds
29. Defrosted
31. Prior Yankee sensation Kevin
33. Nasal mucus
34. Some are southern
36. A place to construct
38. Popular beer brand
39. Shouts of farewell
41. Network of nerves
43. Make a mistake
44. Showed old movie
46. Body parts
48. A divisor
52. Congressional investigatory body
53. Papers
54. Most unnatural
56. Judge the worth of something
57. Makes sounds while sleeping
58. Which
59. Hungarian Violinist



15. Cows fattened for meat
18. A way to hoof it
20. Exaggerated a role
24. About two
26. Long upholstered seat
28. What employees earn
30. Fiber from a coconut husk
32. Digits
34. Polish by rubbing
35. Liquid body substances
37. Furniture with open shelves
38. Edible part of a chicken
40. Satisfy
42. Tool used to remove
43. Icelandic poems
45. Swiss village
47. Drunks

49. Evergreen plant genus
50. Light precipitation
51. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
55. An informal debt instrument

### March 13 Solution

T	E	G	G	M	T	V	T	R	A	M
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### March 13 Solution

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