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Celebrating the completion of his Eagle Scout leadership project to benefit Angels of Light on Friday, March 21, Jayden Loibl, 17, was joined by Angels of Light co-Executive Directors, Lori Cassia-Decker, left, and Danielle Mollica.

Millbrook Scout completes Eagle Scout leadership work to benefit Angels of Light

By LEILA HAWKEN leilah@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — Capping a lifetime of scouting achievement, Jayden Loibl, 17, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, completing a community project to handcraft outdoor benches and tables for the local nonprofit Angels of Light and invite visitors.

building at 28 Front Street.

In addition to overseeing the construction of sturdy benches and tables that invite passersby to try them out, Loibl's major project also created a Love Lock Pillar, and finished off the project by making stencil templates of the nonprofit's logo to be used to identify the space and invite visitors.

"It makes the space more inviting," said Danielle Mollica, co-Executive Director of Angels of Light.

To become an Eagle Scout, Loibl explained that he had progressed through six ranks, the final being Eagle. Community service hours are required along the way, with

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Salisbury Forum panel examines region's vexing 'healthcare crisis'

By ALEC LINDEN

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FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. — March's Salisbury Forum brought community healthcare leaders to Housatonic Valley Regional High School for a discussion on the region's "health care crisis."

Nancy Heaton, who is President and CEO of the Sharon-based Foundation for Community Health, began the discussion by

describing the region's healthcare landscape as equally challenging for patients and providers alike.

"Two of the main challenges of providing rural health care are low population base and travel distances," Heaton explained, factors which have compounding effects on workforce availability, patient accessibility and many other logistical issues that impact every level of the healthcare process.

"These two factors alone ensure

that without innovation, each unit of rural service is likely to be more expensive to deliver than in an urban setting," she emphasized. She further explained that government reimbursement programs for service providers, such as Medicaid, often aren't designed with a rural setting in mind.

"These reimbursement rates really have not kept up with costs,

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Amenia approves sidewalk project along Route 44

By LEILA HAWKEN leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — Pedestrians will soon be able to walk safely between Broadway and Beekman Park, now that a construction contract has been awarded.

The planning process continued for many months, culminating in an invitation to bid. The Town Board voted unanimously at its regular meeting on Thursday, March 20, to select the lowest bidder, clearing the way for work to begin.

The contact was awarded to Southern Industries Corporation of Tarrytown, the lowest of three bids received and reviewed by Engineers LaBella Associates of Poughkeepsie.

The project that will extend the sidewalk along Route 44 to provide pedestrians with access between the hamlet center and Beekman Park will cost \$234,326.50, ac-

cording to the bid documents. The amount will be paid from the town's Capital Project Fund.

Town Planning

With several local committees working on town planning activities, the Town Board discussed ways to find commonality and cooperation among those various deliberations.

Town Supervisor Leo Blackman reported that he had attended the recent Century Boulevard planning meeting in Millerton and had found it instructive. He recalled that in 2004 Amenia had worked with landscape architect Mark Morrison who created a design proposal that upon Blackman's review, seems relevant to the community today. Researching further, Blackman reported that he had found that there have been 13 reports done over the years by architects and landscape designers,

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Science confirms: It was a cold winter

Victoria Kelly, Cary Institute Environmental Monitoring Program Manager and Senior Ecologist, prepared this report.

MILLBROOK — Since 1988 the weather station at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in the Town of Washington has been keeping track of our local weather — precipitation, temperature, wind, air quality, etc.

The News asked Cary's Victoria Kelly what records showed about this winter. Were these months colder and snowier than last year? How do they compare to historic winters? Is this a normal winter?

December's average temperature was 30.3 degrees Fahreneit, 1.3 degrees below the 1991-2020 average, which is what weather people refer to as "normal." The January average temperature was 25.2 degrees, 1.1 degrees below normal, and the February average temperature was 28.4 degrees, 0.3 degrees below normal. So, it's not



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

It's officially spring with freezing night time temperatures forecast through the first week of April.

your imagination, this has been a cold winter. Note that the 30-year average used to determine "normal" changes every 10 years and doesn't include the warm winters of the last few years in the comparison.

The record high winter tem-

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on Monday, March 24, will

aid in alleviating the space

crunch the Village has been

experiencing since the Feb. 3

fire. Currently, Village staff

and vehicles displaced by the

fire have been temporarily

housed at Village Hall amid

and its burned contents still

remain off-limits to the Vil-

lage as the scene has still not

yet been released by inves-

the Village's use of space at the

former highway garage, the

In addition to approving

The damaged structure

space constraints.

Town supervisor Chris Kennan hands memorandum of understanding documents to Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek for her signature at the town board's special meeting on March 21. Town councilperson Chris Mayville, left, and deputy supervisor Lana Morrison, right, in foreground.

North East okays Village use of old highway garage

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS kristab@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON - The Village's need for space in the wake of the fire that gutted the Water and Highway building last month was addressed at a special meeting of the town board on Friday,

By a unanimous vote, the board approved a resolution to grant the Village usage of the Town's old highway garage on South Center Street.

Town supervisor Chris Kennan gave his approval to the measure, saying, "I'm very eager to see us help the Village in this respect."

Mayor Jenn Najdek was on hand at the meeting to sign a memorandum of understanding — the first step in the Village being able to utilize the unused Town structure.

The agreement, formally

MILLERTON - The commissioners of the North East Fire District recently held their monthly meeting at the firehouse to discuss their current needs and general business.

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS

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Discussion centered around the current work on the 2025 budget and proposed expenditures, which ranged from upgrading their heating/cooling system to the possibility of replacing car

The possibility of obtaining a new vehicle, such as a pickup truck, was also considered. In the end, the discussion was put on hold with chair Dave McGhee saying, "We have time."

Updates on planning and

training were discussed. Fire chief Keith Roger reported that 15 calls for medical assistance came in for the previous month, two calls came in for motor vehicle accidents, one call for a fire and one call came in for a propane issue which was quickly resolved. There were 35 calls for downed wires.

North East Fire District

focuses on budget, spending

Physicals were also a topic of conversation. The fire district currently has 47 members, some of still need physicals. The district's plan is that all members will be caught up on physicals by autumn.

The Easter egg hunt to be held on April 19 was discussed in addition to the need to look into hay wagons for the event.

As part of the chief's report, Roger discussed equipment. Hose-testing is scheduled to be conducted on April 9. He also stressed the need to order brush equipment and side mirrors. Roger stated he needs to figure out exactly what is needed to fill department needs, but "bib overalls, radios and wands," are on his wish list as well as new labels for equipment.

The discussion then turned to two events. On March 27, assistant county executive Gregg Pulver will be holding a closed meeting to discuss EMS issues. On April 18, Kelly Roger will be utilizing the firehouse for an event. Building use was approved for both events.

The subject of air packs then came up as one had sustained damage. Chief Roger also reported he is looking into which responders are in need of new equipment. Additionally, he has been trying to meet with new vendors. He has also started a log book for recordkeeping purposes around equipment to enable the department to track its movement and usage throughout the department.

Responder Chris Reyes discussed his work on the annual dinner and requested that \$15,000 be made available for associated expenses. A motion was made to allow, which was officially passed.

No new members have recently joined the fire department, but recruitment efforts remain ongoing with interested parties being encouraged to come to the fire district on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. to learn more.

The next meeting at the firehouse will be a workshop on April 1. A regular meeting will be held on April 15.

Millerton man charged with DWI

By KRISTA A. BRIGGS kristab@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON - A traffic

violations stop on Wednesday, March 19, resulted in DWI

charges being levied at a Millerton man.

Roman I. Xo-ical, 33, was traveling at 11:35 p.m. on North Elm Street with a child in his vehicle when he was pulled over by the deputy sheriffs.

Xo-ical was taken into custody, and charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated – both felonies – as well as several traffic violations.

Xo-ical was subsequently released on appearance tickets. He is scheduled to appear before the Town of North East Court on Tuesday, April 8.

Millbrook brush pick-up service to begin April 1

By LEILA HAWKEN leilah@millertonnews.com

board also continued its review of the recommendations MILLBROOK - For the put forth by the now-defunct next two months beginning Zoning Review Committee. on April 1, the town will pick Additionally, they discussed up brush placed streetside potential upgrades and redethroughout the village, a free velopment of the Boulevard service for village residents. once zoning and funding The service will continue until May 31. However, there are challenges are sorted out.

strict rules and prohibitions to follow.

Only brush is being picked up. The definition does not include leaves (leaf pickup begins on Oct. 1), tree trunks, grass clippings or soil. Fines may be levied against property owners who attempt to discard these non-brush materials.

Definition of brush speci-

fies that branches be less than 4 inches in diameter and shorter than 8 feet in length.

The brush pickup program is guided by additional specific instructions. For more

information, go to www.villageofmillbrookny.com or phone the Public Works Department at (845) 677-3022 before placing anything curb-

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Millbrook Village and Police Department continue donation drive through April 30

By LEILA HAWKEN leilah@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK- Helping those in need in Dutchess County, the Village of Millbrook is teaming with the Millbrook Police Department collecting handbags and toiletries.

Donated items can be dropped off at Village Hall until April 30.

The program is in collaboration with the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program and the "Taking it to the Streets" national nonprofit initiative. The latter volunteer group provides hot meals, clothing and hygiene projects locally in Dutchess County, with other chapters serving communities throughout the U.S.

Collected handbags filled with toiletries and hygiene products will be distributed during the month of May.

In addition to the call for new or slightly used handbags or purses, unused/unopened products being collected are toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, feminine products, make-up remover, face wash and creams, shampoo needs and lotions.

Split level pricing continues in Amenia

AMENIA — In January, five properties over a million dollars and five under \$350,000 were transferred with nothing in between. Silo Ridge accounted for three of the million dollar sales, each with less than half an acre of land, while the other two million dollar-plus sales had extensive acreage.

Looking at the 17 homes actively listed on the first day of spring the same bifurcation of the market is clear. Four homes are for sale over \$3 million - only one of them is located in Silo Ridge. (Note that Silo Ridge properties are infrequently listed for sale on multiple listing services and actual sales only appear in reported transfer recordings. Condos, land and estates are listed for sale on their website.) At the same time five homes are available in Amenia and Wassaic for less than \$400,000. Pending sales show a similar dynamic with five modestly priced homes with a median price of \$249,00 and two over a million houses heading toward closing.

> Hollow Road

(#306730) - 16.65 acres of vacant farm land sold to Wetland Trust Inc. for \$300,000

230 Amenia Union Road - 66.11 agricultural field crop land sold to Kevin Bacon Trustee for \$1,350,000

96 Tinker Town Road – 3 bedroom/2 bath house sold to Joshua Lattrell for \$275,000

48 Roundabout Way - 4 bedroom/4.5 bathroom town house within Silo Ridge sold to David Koslovsky for \$4,600,000

29 West Amenia Road - 2 bedroom/1.5 bath ranch on .2 acres sold to Donald Valyou for \$275,000

9 Depot Hill Road 2 bedroom/3 bath home transferred to Federal Home Loan Mortgage for \$347,084

41 Flanagan Hill Road - 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 49.08 acres sold to Eliza M. Dyson for \$2,800,000

Red Tail Pass (#671592) -.4 acres of residential land within Silo Ridge sold to Silo Ridge E15 LLC for \$2,700,000

320 Wood Duck Road - .41 acres of residential land within Silo Ridge sold to Dawn Hu for \$2,200,000

Midway Avenue (#416355) - .27 acres of land sold to Michael O'Connell for \$37,500

* Town of Amenia real estate transfers as recorded between January 1, 2025, and January 31, 2025 are sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Information on active listings

taken from First Key MLS. Parcel numbers refer to parcel designation by Dutchess County and may be accessed on Dutchess Parcel Access. Only transfers with consideration are included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Seed packets for Spring

Spring and elevated interest in growing things go hand in hand. Seed packets donated by local merchants and the Amenia Garden Club were given away at the Amenia Free Library on Tuesday, March 18, when budding gardeners were invited to help themselves. Denise Austin, foreground, and Michelle Winters, both of Amenia, selected from the assortment of flowers and vegetables. Seeds will be at the library while supplies last.

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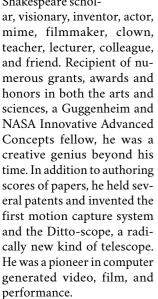
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Thomas Ditto

ANCRAMDALE Thomas Ditto of Ancram-

dale, born Thomas David DeWitt Aug. 11, 1944 in New York City changing his surname to Ditto at marriage, passed peacefully on Pi Day, March 14, 2025. He was a husband, father, artist, scientist, Shakespeare schol-



When not hard at work, he was always there to help when needed and he knew how to bring smiles to faces. He loved his family and pets and was supportive of his wife's cat rescue work.

He is survived by wife Beverly (Botto), son David,

sister Alice Pero and nieces and nephews in the extend-

> ed family. He was predeceased by his parents David and Madlyn Dewitt and sister Peggy.

Memorial contributions may be made to any of the following nonprofits.

Collaborative Cats Inc. PO Box 88, Ancramdale, NY 12503 www.collaborativecats.org

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American Astronomical Society 1667 K Street NW, Suite 800 Washington DC 20006 www.aas.org

American Cancer Society 2678 South Road, Suite 103, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. www.cancer.org

A Celebration of Life memorial service will take place at a future date and will be announced on the funeral home website. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Jack Burcroff

CORNWALL – Jack Burcroff of Cornwall, passed away in March, 2025. He was born on April 20, 1951, in Fayetteville, New York to Ann (Schlect) Burcroff and the late Walter Burcroff, both of whom were students at Cornell University at the time of his birth. His family moved to Salisbury in 1955, where Jack excelled at everything he did.

As a boy scout, he achieved "Order of the Arrow" which was the highest honor the scouts had at the time. At 16, he was named Paper Boy of the Year for delivering the Waterbury Republican, and as a senior in high school he was chosen as Scholar-Athlete of the Year. After attending the University of Western Michigan, he started a business restoring antique cars. The business thrived and after three years he and his companion, Bev Hoffman, bought a house in Plainwell, Michigan, adding a garage where he worked on vehicles. In addition, he was a Certified Master Mechanic and a Certified Master Plumber. Jack delighted in working the gardens around his house, despite having had to work in his family's garden while growing up.

When Bev died in a motorcycle accident, he sold his business and moved back to Northwest Connecticut to be near his family. Back in Connecticut, Jack enjoyed seeing friends, playing golf, volleyball and softball, motorcycling, bowling, and sitting in for many poker games with a terrific group of friends. Jack was known for his extensive knowledge of just about anything. To say that Jack knew his trivia is putting it mildly. He could talk knowledgeably and in great detail about anything from car engines to electrical systems to world history. For a while he was even in the running to appear on Jeopardy. Jack was also very musical. As a teen, he organized a band called The Counts, which played Herb Alpert-style music. Jack was the saxophonist in the band. He taught himself guitar and had a giant collection of music. A good sound system was very important to him. Jack was the devoted caretaker at Cream Hill Lake in Cornwall for many years, and Cream Hill Lake is where a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Jack was predeceased by his father, Walter Burcroff and his sisters, Ellen Burcroff and Amy Burcroff Reel. Jack is survived by his mother Ann Burcroff of Montpelier, Vermont, his brothers, Larry Burcroff and his wife Jen of Lakeville, Connecticut and Erik Burcroff and his partner Joan Wattman of Plainfield, Massachusetts, his brotherin-laws David Reel of Lakeville, Connecticut and Robert Anderson of Sharon, Connecticut, and many beloved nieces and nephews. We will all miss Jack's beaming welcome and easy companion-

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Winifred Anne Carriere

Anne Carriere passed away

on March 6, 2025, at the age of 87. A resident of Sharon for many years, she later retired to Ancramdale, New York.

Born in New Haven to writers Albert Carriere and Winifred Osborn, Anne grew up in

New York City. Raised in a Quaker family, she attended Friends Seminary, and The University of Wisconsin. Anne studied American Architectural History through Bard College's University Without Walls. For her degree, she wrote a comprehensive history of the architecture of Sharon during its first hundred years.

Anne worked as an editor for her mother's publication Professional Florist Magazine. She also served as Public Relations Director for South Street Seaport Museum, and later, as a legal secretary at the firms Paul Weiss and Coudert Brothers.

A writer throughout her life, Anne produced numerous short stories and poems. Her work was published in The New York Times, The New Yorker, and The Herald Tribune. Best known is Anne's children's book "Jennifer's Walk" published by Golden Books in 1973, and illustrated by her then-husband New Yorker magazine cover artist Arthur Getz. The book was inspired by the outdoor adventures of their young daughter.

Anne was an activist. She

SHARON — Winifred participated in the anti-nuclear movement, volunteering

> for the campaign Ground Zero. Upon retirement she founded the non-profit community service organization Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors. She helped develop the somatic nonviolence method, Aiki-

AVP, editing its first training manual. Anne served as a Trustee for Fifteenth Street Quaker Meeting in New York City, and later served on various committees of the Bulls Head-Oswego Quaker Meeting in Clinton Corners, New

Anne was passionate about nature, and always preferred to be outdoors. She was an avid hiker, long-distance swimmer, cross-country skier, canoeist, and flower gardener.

She also was a voracious reader, and loved poetry, classical music, and humorous wordplay.

Anne is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Leicht of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, her son, Kurt Gubrud of Canaan, and her daughter, Sarah Getz of Sha-

The family wishes to thank the staff of The Meadows, the memory care division of Brookmeade in Rhinebeck, for their compassionate care of Anne during her final years.

A memorial gathering will take place this spring at the Bulls Head-Oswego Quaker Meetinghouse with a date to be announced.

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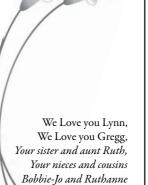
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Ilene Tetenbaum

baum, 94, passed away peace-

fully at her home in Salisbury, on March 14, 2025. Ilene will be remembered for her unwavering devotion to her large family and her elegance.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Ilene was the daughter of Samuel Abrams and Blanche Brave Abrams.

She studied at the University of Maryland. While in Baltimore, Ilene met her future husband, Stanley, on a blind date. They married in 1948 and raised three sons, Stefan, Robert, and David.

Ilene loved to read and immerse herself in Jewish traditions and gardening. She was active in her synagogue and owned a florist shop called the House of Flowers.

Ilene and Stanley moved to New York City in 1978 and relished their vacation house on the Twin Lakes in Salisbury, which ultimately became their permanent home. Ilene volunteered at the Scoville Library and was involved in numerous writing work-

SALISBURY—Ilene Teten- shops and book groups. Ilene loved being in the Berkshires

where she created beautiful gardens that were enjoyed by her family and friends.

After 47 wonderful years together, Stanley passed away in 1995. Sometime later, Ilene met Irwin Leff, her future

partner, who passed in 2017.

Ilene is predeceased by her dear brother, Paul Abrams. She is survived by her three children, Stefan (Stella), Robert (Roxana) and David (Anne); and eight grandchildren Olympia (Marshall), Roland (Jackie), Max (Jin), Lauren (David), Adam (Lowell), Michele (Brandon), Paul and Claire, and eight great grandchildren.

A celebration of Ilene's life will be held this spring in Salisbury, Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, CT. www. scovillelibrary.org/about-us/

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



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THE MILLERTON NEWS

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

Don't end student aid to punish universities

t Columbia University's Irving Medical Center, the Hammer Building has twenty stories of laboratories, lecture halls, classrooms, and a library. By day it is bustling but even at 2 AM lights are on in some of the labs. That means a Ph.D student or a post-doctoral fellow, say in immunology or embryology, is working. Our student may be watching embryonic cardiac muscle cells bound to a plastic petri dish. Under her microscope, they beat. After a day of classes teaching a histology lab for medical students, and preparing her cells she is tired, but the sight of individual heart cells beating in unison is mesmerizing. How do they do that?

Across the street, surgeons, cardiologists, and anesthesiologists in the Milstein Hospital are transplanting a heart—such operations don't wait for morning. The patient's distended heart has been removed and a machine pumps oxygenated blood to his lungs and body. Soon the vessels of the new heart have been sutured to the patient's vessels, and the transplanted heart starts to beat. These physicians and nurses form one of the great cardiology departments in the world.

If the Trump administration rips vetted research projects from researchers in at least 60 universities from Arizona State to Vanderbilt, they will be punishing the wrong people.

The graduate student's experiments are basic research-not directed to curing a disease, but to understanding a process. She and her thesis advisor had an idea about how rhythmic beats were established—they did experiments asking whether their idea was feasible and wrote a grant application to the NIH, which has a program for early exciting results. Months later an NIH study section, a jury of 15 of her older peers, was convinced. The funds would be forwarded to the university, and our young researcher will have a fellowship for three years and money for supplies; she can concentrate on the fundamental properties of heart cells. One day she will meet the cardiologists and surgeons at a seminar; they will talk and ask her to come to their group meeting to think about how her ideas can push clinical improvements.

I have a friend at the University of Illinois Medical Center in Chicago who is the Chair of its program in cancer research. He sent me the statistics on improvements in breast cancer treatments, including a branch running clinical trials. These trials are about to be curtailed.

Twenty years ago, the idea was that aggressive treatment — more chemo, more radiation, and surgery would produce longer survival. That was often an illusion. Now, because of detailed knowledge about how cell division is controlled, the discovery of oncogenes fifty years ago,

THE BODY **SCIENTIFIC** Richard Kessin

and advances in genomics and chemistry, the survival times of women with advanced breast cancer are much better. Pharmaceutical companies large and small are vital to this effort but basic research and training researchers and physicians is the function of universities.

The idea that basic research gives rise to clinical progress has had many prophets and apostles, among them Louis Pasteur in the 19th century and Vanevar Bush in the 20th. Bush wrote a classical book called The Endless Frontier about basic science as a precursor to medical or other progress. He was President Roosevelt's Chief Science advisor and was asking about how the basic science investments of World War II (penicillin, radar, and computers) could be channeled to solve civilian problems. He and Roosevelt opened a new path for research. In many of branches of science and medicine and agriculture investigatorinitiated research provides the footing for practical ad-

Graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty drive this progress in basic science and engineering departments. I was their Associate Dean at Columbia. They are some of the most energetic and directed people I have met. Many have wanted to do research since high school, and they will spend four of five years getting a PhD or a little less for a Master's. They will go on to run their own labs, work in industry, create start-ups, and work in public

If the Trump administration rips vetted research projects from researchers in at least 60 universities from Arizona State to Vanderbilt, on the grounds that the university administration failed to address antisemitism adequately, they will be punishing the wrong people. There are other ways to deal with that problem, which I do not deny. These kids want to work on serious problems and there is no reason to destroy their dreams.

The grant application structure has been in place since the 1950s. It is very expensive but it works because it mobilizes individual imagination. If it is hijacked, research will stop, the number of graduate and master's students will decrease, research will stop clinical trials will be cancelled—an age of scientific optimism and progress will be wasted. Cancer, bird flu, Ebola, measles, TB and many other catastrophes will continue when they could have been stopped.

Editor's Note: On Friday, March 21, Columbia conceded to Trump administration demands, though it remained unclear whether the concessions would be enough to reclaim federal monies.

Richard Kessin is Emeritus Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center. He was Associate Dean of the PhD programs hosting 450 stu-



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why small town living is the best

Screeching sounds in the dark of the late night, two horrendously loud crashes far beyond what a trash-seeking bear could make, and a unknown smashed up car in our front yard, led to a 911 call on Saturday. All that, in turn, resulted in a perfect example of why small town living is the

While the 911 operator was still taking details, neighbor and Assistant Chief of the Millerton Fire Department Cary Farray was on the spot,

checking the driver, assessing the damage and reassuring us that all would be well.

Sirens blared as nearly a dozen emergency vehicles brought company volunteers who willingly braved the freezing temperatures to handle the wide variety of tasks that kept the area safe.

The Northern Dutchess Paramedics brought help to the driver.

Deputies from the **Dutchess County Sherrif's** department traveled from

Pleasant Valley to investigate and let us know what procedures were to come.

Neighbors, including Jen Lima who even beat the sirens, gathered as neighbors do - just checking to see if anything was needed.

Consolidated Towing took the car away after the witching hour, and all who had stayed to be sure there were no further problems, were finally able to go back to their warm homes.

But the thoughtfulness

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morning, neighbors Crystal and Brandon Smith worked their way - unasked - along the path the car had followed from their yard through four lawns, picking up debris including the tree branches, downed shrubs, glass, and metal bits that had been left behind in the night.

didn't end there. On Sunday

To all, a heartfelt thank you for making Millerton such a wonderful place to call home. How lucky we all are.

Carol and Theodore Kneeland

Thank you to our doctors in Sharon community

New boat style; warmer winters; dairy goat club

This Sunday (March 30) marks an important occasion in the field of healthcare as we acknowledge and honor physicians everywhere on National Doctors' Day. In celebration of this annual

observance, I would like to take a moment to honor the dedication, skill and unwavering commitment of our local physicians in the Sharon community. By providing high-quality health care to our friends, neighbors and family, these professionals we've come to know and trust play a pivotal role in safeguarding our health and way of life. On behalf of myself and the team at Sharon Hospital, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the tireless efforts of our local physicians.

Christina McCulloch, MBA, BSN, RN President, Sharon Hospital

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

March 22, 1934

Mrs. Marion Silvernail was able to be out this week for the first time since she was confined to her home several weeks ago by illness.

Something new in the way of boats may be seen on Indian Lake this summer if the plans of Floyd Kline mature. A partially completed model indicates that it will be nearer the design of a motor driven catamaran than anything else, although certain features include some of the better qualities of houseboats and rafts.

March 27, 1975

'Millerton Merchants Plan Downtown Parking Lot'; The Millerton Village Merchants (MVM), plan to create a downtown parking lot for 10-12 cars by tearing down the vacant gasoline station just off Main Street in Millerton between the Village Diner and North Center Street.

'Winter Warms Up'; Winters are getting warmer, according to Frank Paar, Millerton resident who has been keeping records of the area's weather for the last 53 years.

The average temperature for this winter, he said, from Dec. 21, 1974, to March 20, 1975, was 28 and 38-100ths

FROM THE **ARCHIVES**

degrees. That is up almost a whole degree from last winter's average of 27 and 47-100ths degrees. "A degree is quite a difference," said Mr. Paar. He cited the 1971-1972 winter average of 28 and 62-100ths degrees.

'Millerton Girls To Represent Dairy Goat Club'; The Progressive Dairy Goat Club has announced that two Millerton girls have been selected to represent the club for the current year. They will ride on the club's float in parades.

March 23, 2000

'Gordon, Scutieri Win Village Board Seats'; MILLER-TON — Beverly H. Gordon and John D. Scutieri recorded decisive wins at the Village Board elections March 21.

In an unusually high turnout, 156 residents, 16 of whom used absentee ballots, cast 290 votes with the following results: John D. Scutieri, 101; Beverly H. Gordon, 92; Frederick T Murnane, 64; Russell W. Palmer, 33.

'Schuman Joins Millerton News'; The Millerton News welcomes Tom Schuman to its staff as the paper's new Millerton/North East beat reporter.

Mr. Schuman recently moved to Salisbury, Conn., from Somerville, Mass., where he was a graduate student in philosophy at Tufts University and a member of the Boston Symphony's choral group.

'911 Dispatchers Confused by Wrong Street Numbers, Says Police Chief'; MIL-LERTON - Because of widespread confusion about correct street addresses, 911 dispatchers are having trouble giving accurate directions to emergency personnel, said

Police Chief Tom Briggs and Fire Chief Mike Segelken at the Village Board meeting March 20.

'Movie Traffic'; Mayor Michael Cawley asked the Police to assist in directing Millerton Moviehouse traffic on weekends when the movie audiences let out, noting the disarray that results when parents drop their kids off at movies and make immediate u-turns on Main Street.

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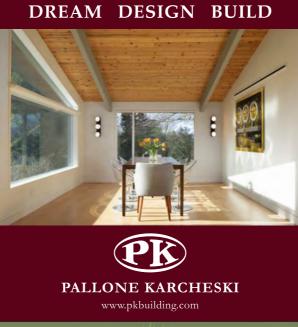
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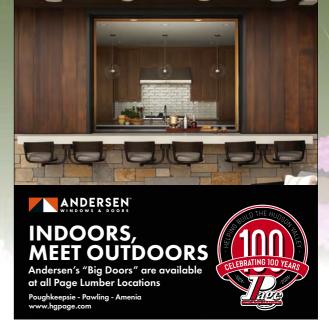
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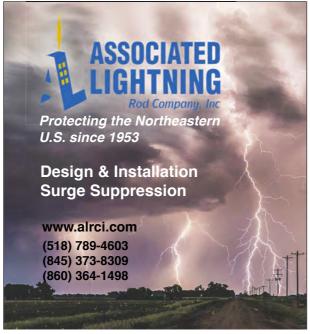






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Legal Notice

Amenia Drugs NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/12/2025. Office: Dutchess County. Hema Patel, designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Hema Patel at 5094 Route 22 #48, Amenia, NY, US, 12501. Purpose: Retail Pharmacy.

03-27-25 04-03-25 04-10-25 04-17-25 04-24-25 05-01-25

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

03-20-25 03-27-25

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN HALL LED MESSAGE SIGN

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for Town of Amenia TOWN HALL LED MESSAGE SIGN will be received until 2:00 PM on April 7, 2025 at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Amenia, Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501 opened and read at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22 on April 8, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours, by calling (845) 373-8860 Ext. 125 or by emailing townclerk@ameniany.gov. All bids must be accompanied by a notarized non collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate resolution with a corporate seal.

All envelopes must be clearly marked "Town Hall LED Message Sign".

The Amenia Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Dawn Marie Klingner Amenia Town Clerk 03-27-25

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF AMENIA
PLANNING BOARD
MINOR SUBDIVISION
OF PROPERTY
LOCATED AT

189 AMENIA UNION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 105-11 of the Town of Amenia Subdivision Code, and Section 276 of the New York State Town Law, a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Amenia, New York, on April 9, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Applicants Michael Levin and Laurence De Segonzac-Levin (the "Applicants") request the minor subdivision of a 62.896-acre parcel located at 189 Amenia Union Road, Tax Parcel # 132000-7266in the Rural Agricultural ("RA") Zoning District, previously amended by a lot line adjustment filed as Map # 12830 (the "Property" "). Minor subdivision of the Property, if approved, would create an 8.719-acre parcel ("Lot 1") and a 53.177-acre parcel ("Lot 2").

A copy of the application is on file in the Planning/Zoning Office, 2nd Floor for public viewing and inspection, Monday-Thursday, 9-3 P.M by appointment. Please call 845-373-8860X122 or email jwestfall@ameniany.gov for comments or questions.

Robert Boyles, Jr. Chairman Planning Board Town Of Amenia 03-27-25

PINE PLAINS FIRE DISTRICT Town of Pine Plains County of Dutchess State of New York Notice to Bidders Sale of Surplus Equipment

Please Take Notice that the Pine Plains Fire District

Board of Commissioners, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on March 18, 2025, adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Town Law \$176, the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pine Plains Fire District does hereby declare the following item of equipment as surplus and no longer necessary for the purposes of the Pine Plains Fire District:

2004 E-450 Ambulance (55-72)

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, to advertise such surplus equipment for sale and to be sold as surplus equipment, in its present condition, to the highest bidder following publication of Notice to Bidders Sale of Surplus Equipment.

Therefore, Please Take Notice that the Pine Plains Fire District will receive sealed bids for the purchase of the aforesaid surplus equipment at the Pine Plains Fire District Fire House, 7 Lake Road, Town of Pine Plains, New York, until 7:00 pm on April 15, 2025 at which time the bids will be opened and the aforesaid surplus equipment will be sold to the highest bidder. The surplus equipment may be inspected at Pine Plains Fire District Fire House, 7 Lake Road, Town of Pine Plains, New York, by appointment, by calling 518-488-2750.

The surplus equipment is being sold strictly "AS IS" with no warranties or representation on the part of the Pine Plains Fire District.

The Pine Plains Fire District Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids at its sole discretion and to re-advertise for the sale of the aforesaid surplus equipment.

The successful bidder shall be required to tender the said amount in full, by cash or immediately available funds upon the awarding of the successful bid. March 19, 2025.

Board of Fire Commissioners Pine Plains Fire District Heather Lamont, Secretary 03-27-25 04-03-25 04-10-25

TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board hold the public hearing on the Application on April 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Amenia

#627002

Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501.

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

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

Dated: March 12, 2025 Robert Boyles, Jr., Chairman Town of Amenia Planning Board 03-27-25

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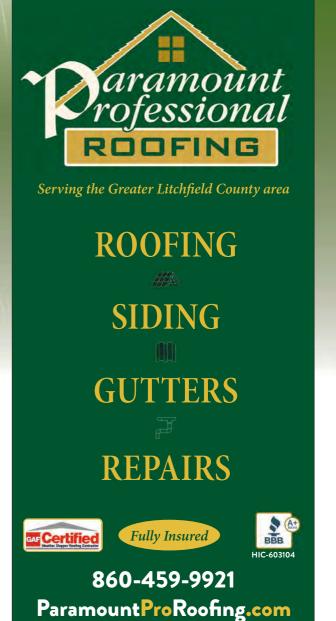
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each with ideas that could be useful in local planning.

In an effort to find commonality among the many reports, Finance Director Charlie Miller prepared and presented a summary of plans and visual depictions of over-

Miller said that he focused on the Morrison plan (2004), the Recreation Department's plan (2006), Leo Blackman's plan (2016), the Fountain Square plan (2024) and the Amenia Green plan (2024).

Grants are available for communities seeking to improve walking convenience, connectivity, access, parking and passive recreation, Miller reported. He saw value in bringing residents together to hold planning discussions.

Blackman saw the importance of coordinating such planning with the current work of updating the Comprehensive Plan that is now underway and sharing ideas with the community planners about to begin work with the comprehensive plan commit-

A goal, Blackman said, could be to work toward qualifying for a state New York Forward Grant program.

"The initial part would not cost money," said councilmember Rosanna Hamm.

Councilmember Nicole

Ahearn observed that the timeline between community input and grant application seemed "ambitious."

"It's a matter of pulling all of this together," Miller responded. The slide presentation will be posted on the town's website.

General discussion continued, touching on the town's ongoing needs for downtown pedestrian safety, ease of access, community enhancement and revitalization.

Blackman reported that he has spoken with the Department of Transportation about imposing a parking time limit in front of the post office and accommodating parking for

handicapped drivers.

Crosswalks are a concern, also. Blackman felt that where there are presently two along the stretch of Route 343 between the traffic light and Mechanic Street, there should be four.

"Our expectation is that we will have a more vibrant downtown and the way to do that is for people to not be afraid for their lives when they cross the street," Blackman said.

Hamm suggested flashing lights at crosswalks and Ahearn saw the need for reflective paint marking the crosswalks, noting that the existing lines are faded.

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the final leadership project being the Eagle Scout project. As he progressed through the scouting ranks, Loibl said that he had earned 34 merit badges.

"I started Cub Scouts in first grade," Loibl said, "and I have been in scouting every year since." He moved up to Boy Scouts in the fifth grade.

For his Eagle Scout project, he chose Angels of Light because he and his family have been volunteering within their programs for several

The new Love Lock Pillar wrapped in chain link fencing invites the community to add padlocks, dedicating the lock to a child or family facing hospitalization or illness.

The chain link fencing was donated by Superior Fence and Rail in Pleasant Valley.

A lifelong Millbrook resident, Loibl attended Millbrook schools through the early grades, before enrolling at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie to take advantage of their academics and to participate in Varsity Hockey, Soccer and Tennis.

Having received letters of acceptance from four colleges and universities, he is awaiting decision letters from two more. Planning for undergraduate studies in Industrial Engineering, Loibl's interest in mathematics will guide his choice of graduate work leading toward math modeling of data or risk analytics.

Continuing the scouting tradition, Loibl's younger brother, Justin, 15, has earned the rank of Life Scout and currently serves as a Senior Patrol Leader.

"I am very proud of him," Loibl said.

For more information about Angels of Light, go to www.angelsoflighthv.org.

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and our providers are hurting," Heaton said.

When Heaton opened the floor, Medicaid emerged as a significant concern shared by the panelists.

Joanne Borduas, CEO of the Community Health and Wellness Center, a Torrington-based federally qualified health center (FQHC) that recently opened a facility in North Canaan, maintained that the future of Medicaid in the current federal climate is "very concerning."

As an FQHC, Community Health and Wellness Center is obligated to turn no one away, and as such approximately 60% of patients seeking services are on Medicaid services which are at risk.

Borduas explained that Connecticut pays out approximately 30% less than neighboring states for Medicaid services, which means many practices cannot afford to see most Medicaid patients. Borduas warned that if further cuts are made at a national level, then drastic changes will need to be made in the state's reimbursement strategy to ensure providers are able to continue to offer their services.



The Salisbury Forum panel included, from left, State Rep. Maria Horn, D-64, SVNA Home Assistance Director Meghan Kenny, Sharon Hospital President Christina Mc-Cullough, Community Health and Wellness Center CEO Joanne Borduas, Foundation for Community Health President Nancy Heaton and it was moderated by Salisbury Forum President Patricia Jenny.

Borduas also chairs nonprofit Community Health Center Association of Connecticut, which recently took legal action against the state Department of Social Services for insufficient Medicaid reimbursement.

Connecticut State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), who also sat on the panel, shared Borduas' worry about funding from Washington drying up. She described the situation as "shadow boxing with what might happen at the federal

Other panelists brought up more regionally focused obstructions to adequate and accessible care, with Meghan Kenny citing a lack of affordable housing as prohibitive to maintaining a workforce. Kenny is the director of SVNA Home Assistance and Litchfield County Home Assistance and says her work's vital role of bringing care to homebound patients is jeopardized by losing employees who are

Christina McCullough, who is the President of Sharon Hospital, reported that attracting a workforce to the hospital - which she described as a "critical and vital" component of Northwest Connecticut's healthcare landscape – has proven to be a real challenge, alongside financial insecurity and patient scarcity.

priced out.

Borduas pointed out that rural healthcare is plain hard work, and doctors in the countryside are often overworked and burned out. Many younger physicians coming out of medical school are pursuing specialized careers, she reported, while the reservoir for family doctors — especially those willing to live and work in rural communities is drying up.

While the situation may seem grim, all is not lost, the panelists affirmed. Concluding the Q&A session, which was conducted via anonymous index cards, Heaton chose to read a unique submission: "What can this audience do to help you?"

The entire panel chimed in to respond, with Borduas emphasizing a "strength in numbers and power in advocacy" approach to activism.

Horn encouraged civilians

McCullough championed

"I do think now, more than

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perature was a balmy 78 degrees Fahrenheit on February 21, 2018, and the record low was a very chilly minus 27 degrees Fahrenheit on January 27, 1994.

Less snow than normal

Overall, the winter of 2024-2025 has been colder with less snowfall than normal. It's not over yet though. Remember the blizzard on March 14, 2017? Or the April Fool's Day blizzard March 31-April 1, 1997? March has been known to go out like a lion before, it could very well do it again. Total snowfall this winter so far is 22 inches. Our last accumulating snow was

February 15-16. As with many of our events this winter, it began as snow and changed to ice and then rain. We call that mixed precipitation. If we get no more accumulating snow this winter, it will be the fourth winter in a row with less than average snowfall. Our record low snowfall was 13 inches in the winter of 2015-2016. Our record high snowfall was 92 inches in the winter of 1994-1995.

Reports from the suppliers or heating oil and propane estimate that demand increased 15% to 30% so far this winter confirming the findings of the Cary Institute.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

03/18 - Deputies conducted a Traffic Stop in the area of 3192 Route 22 in the Town of Dover. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Alicia Wheeler (age 39) for Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated . Wheeler to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

03/20 - Deputies report the arrest of ROMAN I. XO-ICAL (age 34)) for Felony (previous conviction) Aggravated DWI (Child in vehicle) subsequent to a traffic stop on N Elm Ave in the Village of Millerton. Subject to appear in the Town of North East Court at a later date.

03/20 - Deputies responded to 45 Sprague Rd in the Town of Dover to investigate

a reported domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

03/21 - Deputies responded to Smithfield Valley Rd in Amenia for a domestic disturbance. Matter resolved with investigation pending.

03/22 - Deputies responded to Route 343 in Amenia for a reported Domestic dispute involving an intoxicated female. Matter mediated without further police interven-

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

to utilize the modern convenience of remote testimony to make their voices heard in Hartford.

self-education and participation, and Kenny echoed her call for education.

ever, people need to be engaged," said Heaton as a final remark for attendees.





SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH • 10 am - noon Sharon Land Trust Hamlin Preserve on route 341

Tom Zetterstrom will discuss invasive plant management, exhibit the work done at the preserve, and demonstrate the use synthetic herbicide with a Buckthorn Blaster applicator.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH • 10 am - noon

Sharon Town Hall

Bethany Sheffer of Audubon and Mike Nadeau, native landscape expert, will present a PowerPoint on invasives and answer questions on plant identification and control. (Rain date April 6th)

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH • 10 am - noon

 $Sharon\,Land\,Trust, Benton\,Hill\,Preserve$ Tim Hunter, of the Sharon Land Trust, will a conduct a discussion about land restoration and the plans for bringing the Benton Hill property into ecological balance by planting native plants; if time allows, he will provide a demonstration.

SATURDAY, MAY 17TH • 10 am - noon

Meristem, 169 Bowne Road in Sharon Bethany Sheffer and Mike Nadeau will demonstrate invasive plant control without herbicides and show how to foster the growth of native plants to create habitat and beauty. (Rain date May 18th)

These workshops are sponsored by The Sharon Energy and Environment Commission, Sharon Audubon, The Sharon Conservation Commission, and the Sharon Land Trust



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HEALTH: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Aimee Davis and Brian Crouse offer whole-person wellness in Millerton

be touched, we need to be tended to, and we need to remember who we are and how we are actually doing," said massage therapist Aimee Davis, her words echoing softly in the warmly lit loft of the space she shares with Naturopathic Doctor and Acupuncturist, Brian Crouse, in Millerton. In a world that keeps us increasingly disconnected from our bodies, the healing practices of Davis and Crouse offer a sanctuary of care that integrates both physical and energetic restoration. They share a space and a mission of healing, one that embraces the complexity of the body, mind, and spirit.

Davis and Crouse both come from backgrounds rich with both experience and personal transformation. Their paths intersected in Millerton, where they now work alongside each other in a healing space that is as inviting and serene as their practices. At an early age, Davis was inspired by her parents' work in science and medicine and at 18, she worked in a home for the mentally challenged, most of whom were chair-bound. "I realized then the obvious way that you can connect to another human even if they're incapable of talking," said Davis. A licensed massage therapist and intuitive healer, Davis has spent over two decades honing her craft in bodywork, energy healing, and coaching. Her work spans from deep tissue massage to Reiki, chakra balancing, and 4-dimensional healing. Yet, it's the unique blending of these modalities that makes her approach so effective. "I prefer the mixed pot of whatever a person is, as opposed to just a sports massage or just an energy session," said Davis, describing her belief in customizing healing practices to meet the distinct needs of every individual.

Brian Crouse's path to healing also had its own meandering route. "When I was a kid, I just always had this thought I was going to be some kind of doctor/healer and also own a restaurant and also be a bass player," Crouse recalls with a smile. He has



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Aimee Davis and Brian Crouse in their shared office space at 65 Main St. in Millerton.

managed to do all of that and more. After leaving chiropractic school, he owned a restaurant on Long Island for many years, but the call to medicine never left him. When he returned to his studies, he shifted focus a bit, eventually studying both naturopathic medicine and acupuncture. "I saw what food did to people over time," he said, explaining the pivot that led him to a more holistic approach.

Today, Crouse blends his expertise in naturopathic medicine, acupuncture, and nutritional counseling to address the root causes of health issues. His practice is centered on supporting the body's innate ability to heal. "As a naturopath, I use natural therapies rather than pharmaceutical drugs," Crouse explained, emphasizing his belief in the body's capacity for self-regulation. If there are any fears around acupuncture, Crouse assured, "It doesn't hurt, and it's a very relaxing and healing modality."

Whether it's Davis's bodywork or Crouse's

naturopathic treatments that brings you into their office, both practitioners see patients as unique individuals, deserving tailored care. "It doesn't have to be all one way or another," said Crouse. "You don't have to have a massage every two weeks, but you can combine things that work for you," added Davis, emphasizing the importance of finding what resonates best for each person. For Crouse, it's all about offering choices. "I try to guide people to the healing wisdom that's inside them and reignite it," he explained, ensuring that his patients are not just passive recipients of treatment, but active participants in their own healing journey.

While their professional lives are grounded in wellness, their personal passions also fuel their work. Brian, an avid musician, still finds time to play bass, even occasionally practicing in the shared office space. His passion for music is just one of the many ways he nurtures his own well-being and creativity,

which he said, "helps me balance the demands of my practice." Davis, too, finds time to engage in her own self-care and personal growth, and along with her bodywork practice, she also offers women's circles and relationship coaching. "Everybody needs help," she acknowledged, understanding that healing, both physical and emotional, is a lifelong journey.

"It's not a luxury to take care of yourself," said Davis. "It's maintenance so you can live longer and feel better."

"And as a society we're losing touch with ourselves and our bodies, and this is a way to reconnect," Crouse added. "Yea," said Davis. "It's stressful out there, and we need to come home to the body and each other."

each other."

For more information or to book an appointment with Brian Crouse, call 518-592-1033. For more information or to book an appointment with Aimee Davis, visit connectandbalance.amtamembers.com or call (860) 248-5452



PHOTO BY MIKE COBB

Eamon O'Leary and friends at the St. Paddy's celebration at the Norfolk Library.

MUSIC: MIKE COBB

The Norfolk Library celebrates 30 years of St. Patrick's Day

n Saturday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m., Eamon O'Leary and friends entertained a packed house at the Norfolk Library with classic and original Irish folk songs to celebrate the patron saint of Ireland, St.Patrick.

Originally from Dublin, O'Leary has lived in New York since the early 1990s. With O'Leary typically playing the bouzouki, a long, lutelike stringed instrument, he was accompanied by Jefferson Hamer on guitar, Brenda Castles on concertina and vocals, Ivan Goff on uilleann pipes, and Liz Hanley on fiddle and vocals.

The band regaled the audience with the stories behind the songs and had the enthusiastic crowd singing along to the chorus of the traditional Irish sea shanty "Across The Western Ocean." The song speaks to how immigrants fled Ireland's hardships and set out for America in

search of a better life.

"Oh, the times are hard and the wages low Oh, sailor, where are you bound to?

The Rocky Mountains are my home Across the western ocean"

Now in its 30th year, the St. Patrick's Day celebration is booked by Norfolk Library events programmer, Eileen Fitzgibbons. As an Irish American, Fitzgibbons was raised with a love of traditional Irish music.

"All four of my grandparents were from Ireland, so Irish music is in my soul. I love offering traditional Irish music at the Library. The music is ancient and entertaining. I enjoy how folks of all ages come together in the great hall to share time together. And of course it's a nod to my ancestors," Fitzgibbons said.

Library associate
Jack Dillon presented a

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FILM: ROBIN RORABACK

Unmasking 'Holland' at The Triplex

he Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington offered a special screening of the movie "Holland" on March 22 with the screenwriter of the film, Andrew Sodroski, on hand after the film to answer questions. He is a resident of Berkshire County.

"Holland" stars Nicole Kidman, Matthew Macfadyen, who plays her husband, and Gael Garcia Bernal, who plays her friend. Before the start of the film, Sodroski warned the audience that it would be a "wild and crazy ride" but also "bonkers, twisty, fun."

"The whole movie is about what you see and don't see. The surface versus underneath," said Sodroski.

This film delves deep below the surface into the ways that darkness exists in the worst possible cases. Anyone viewing the film should be aware that at its core is a serious mental illness and should bear that in mind should they decide to watch.



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

because he wanted a

"specific place with a

specific subculture." In

Holland, they celebrate

their Dutch heritage with

a yearly festival complete

with Dutch costumes,

wooden shoes, tradi-

tional Dutch dancing, a

parade, windmills, and

tulips. Sodroski used this

surface for a "technicol-

or experience. A sort of

dreamworld which in

a little while is ripped

away." He admitted to being influenced by his

admiration of David

In the movie's Hol-

land, "Smooth surfaces

matter. When you leave

your house, you always

look presentable."

Lynch's films.

Ben Elliot, left, Creative Director of Triplex Cinema in Great Barrington and Andrew Sodroski, screenwriter of the movie "Holland" introduce the film at a special screening on March 22. Sodroski warned the audience that the film is, "Bonkers, twisty, fun." and "a wild and crazy ride."

The film takes place in Holland, Michigan, which Sodroski chose

The movie begins with Kidman's character having lost a pearl earring (calling to mind Dutch painter Vermeer's "Girl With a Pearl Earring") and in her search of her perfect house and her husband's model train shed, she finds indications of his secret life. At first imagining an affair, she finds an even deeper, darker secret.

During the question-and-answer period, Sodrosky explained that he wrote the screenplay soon after film school, thirteen years ago. He said that "Holland" was on the Black List, "a list of all the most popular unproduced screenplays which have been bought but never seen," for many years. These scripts are passed amid other screenwriters, producers, and directors. They vote for the best and "Holland" topped the list

Sodrosky thought this meant "Holland" would soon be developed into a film, but it took years to find financing, a cast, and a director. "Finally," he said, "they got Nicole Kidman who brought in

director Mimi Cave." Sodroski was pleased with the finished film. "It is very, very close to the first draft. The visual world is close. It was like a mind meld with Mimi Cave." He admitted it can be hard to hand the screenplay over to a director. "They take control," adding that movies are "always a collaboration with the director, writer, studio, and cast."

In the end, he said, "You do think about the audience and what experience you want them to have. You're building a roller coaster and what kind of ride you're going to give them."

"Holland" can be seen on Amazon Prime starting March 27.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

A recently-stocked brook trout was willing to play on the Blackberry River.

In search of ambitious fish

OMEWHERE IN **NORTHWEST** CONNECTICUT It took a while but I'm finally on the board for 2025.

The state stocked the Blackberry on March 13. The stream is typically stocked in the spring at least once more, and usually twice.

Statewide all trout fishing is catch and release until "Opening Day," which is Saturday, April 12.

This is the most ignored law since Prohibition. On Saturday, March 15, I saw anglers taking fish. They weren't trying to be sneaky, either. Maybe they just don't realize the regs have changed. And maybe announcing on social media where stocking has occurred isn't such a great idea.

I feel bad for these fish, frankly. Imagine being a hatchery trout and enjoying ideal temps in your tank, which is the only home you've ever known.

Then suddenly you're shoved in a much smaller, much darker tank and bounced around, only to be dumped into a stream or lake that's also dark and weird and TANGLED LINES Patrick L. Sullivan

has things living in it and is about 20 degrees colder than the home you'll never see again.

And then you bite something that looks edible and next thing you know you're in the frying pan.

It's a depressing prospect for an ambitious

On that Saturday I had time before and after the 2 p.m. performance of "Urinetown" at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. So with the Blackberry mobbed I tippy-toed up a little blue line and got the first fish of 2025, a ferocious eight inch wild brook trout that came up for a size 10 Stimulator after ignoring half a dozen nymphs that would have been much less work.

Then I had to beat it down to Housy for the

Afterwards at 5 p.m. or so, the weather had given up even pretend-

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Festive Abe Lincoln overlooks the gathering at Norfolk Library March 22.

letter from Helena Nolan. the Consul General of Ireland, recognizing and congratulating the Norfolk Library Associated on their 50th anniversary as well as the 30th anniversary of their St.Patrick's Day concerts.

"The Norfolk Library Associates have truly embodied the spirit of Irish America, valuing knowledge, service, and the betterment of the community. Your deep-rooted commitment to cultural preservation, access to education, and enriching lives echoes the timeless values of generosity and solidarity," Nolan wrote.

In addition to an hour of lovely music in the idyllic setting of the library's great hall, the audience was invited to hors d'oeuvres and "Irish spirits." With such good cheer, it's easy to see why the St. Paddy's Day Celebration is one of the Norfolk Library's best attended events.

For information on upcoming events, see their site: norfolklibrary. org

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LIFESTYLE: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Paper Flower Workshop with Livia Cetti

n Saturday March 22, Milton Market in Cobble Court, Litchfield welcomed Livia Cetti of The Green Vase back for the eighthpaper flower workshop with her. Guests were invited to create a potted Persian fritillaria plant, and to be a part of the joyous community of The Green Vase workshops.

Milton Market is in a former 18th century blacksmith shop tucked into Cobble Court in Litchfield. Owner Martha Fish opened her "luxury general store," in 2019. Both had careers in fashion as executives at Calvin Klein.

Livia Cetti of The Green Vase has forged a career based on beauty. A graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute, Cetti built on her Santa Barbara childhood love of flowers and became a floral stylist. After years working with Martha Stewart, she became a contributing editor at "Martha Stewart Weddings" and style director at "Brides" magazine. She began her own floral business in 2005, The Green Vase. A client asked if she could make some paper hibiscus as a Caribbean wedding cake topper. Thus, was born a creative blossoming using paper and scissors, a sort of aesthetic alchemy or magical transformation of simple materials into flowers that rival the beauty of the original.

The paper flower workshop at the Milton Market was fun, relaxed, filled with laughter, and the guests created stunning blossoms during the four-hour session. A giant sweep of forsythia blossoms set on a massive central table made a joyous statement that Spring had arrived. Participants enjoyed champagne and snacks. Bobby Graham of Salisbury, who recently left a career at Condé Nast, is about to open a shop (with his husband) in Sharon called Dugazon. He recalled the first Cetti workshop he attended at Milton Market as "kind of wild" with twelve people snipping and folding.

It is a pleasure to watch Cetti's hands work with skill and grace, informed by the thousands of paper flowers she makes each year. Her distinctive floral style shows up in the pages of "The World of Interiors," "House & Garden UK," and graced eight covers of "Martha Stewart Weddings." Her website states, "All paper flowers are entirely hand-crafted by Livia and her small staff of talented artisans in the Bronx, NY. Each piece is meant to be an impressionistic gesture capturing the spirit of the flower, and just like the real thing, no two will ever be exactly alike."

Check out Milton Market and The Green Vase on Instagram: @ miltonmarketct and @ thegreenvase

fish unharmed?

pants.

at best.

A: No, I stuck it in my

You see? Unedifying,

On the medical front,

I am pleased to report

everything I usually do

volves my right shoulder

minimal pain and agony.

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PHOTOS BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Olivia Cetti, floral stylist and paper flower artist at The Green Vase taught a potted Persian fritillaria plant workshop at Milton Market in Litchfield.

FILM: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Schlock and Awful spring edition: Skin shows, taste goes

t's been a long, boring winter. Thank goodness for the proliferation of free-with-ads streaming services that specialize in films so majestic and unforgettable that nobody bothered to renew the copyright.

Zombie Nightmare (1987): From the oeuvre of Canadian bodybuilder and hair metal musician Jon Mikl Thor, this tale of small town bigotry, casual misogyny and voodoo zombies lacks the critical component that makes or breaks the exploitation flick: gratuitous nekkidity. Not that any sentient being would want to see this cast, which includes Adam West, nekkid. But it's the principle of the thing. You can do much better with..

Rock 'n' Roll Nightmare (also 1987): Thor's showcase flick, starring his hair, his pecs, and his unconventional taste in underwear. Nekkidity

kidity drives the plot. With little foam rubber demons, one large economy-sized foam rubber demon, a foam rubber remake of the famous "busting out" scene in "Alien," and an absolutely ear-shredding soundtrack by Thor and

his band, the Tritonz. Velvet Smooth (1976) is a poor man's "Foxy Brown" and also the greatest (and only) film in the oeuvre of Emerson Boozer, the poor man's Rosey Grier. Velvet Smooth (Johnnie Hill) is a private detective and when local kingpin King Lathrop starts having trouble with goons muscling in on his highly lucrative action (protection money from a dry cleaner, a shoeshine guy and a newsie), Velvet Smooth gets the call. Unconvincing kung fu, an illegal casino, cut-rate Diana Ross and the Supremes, and subtle visual commentary on why you don't want to combine a

zebra-striped couch with blonde wood paneling if you are a self-respecting kingpin.

The Happy Hooker Goes Hollywood (1980): The last of three Happy Hooker flicks, starring the immortal Martine Beswick as Xaveria Hollander, the Happy Hooker. Plus Adam West, Phil SIlvers, Chris Lemmon and Richard Deacon. It's like a slightly raunchy episode of "The Love Boat,"

minus the boat. Enough gratuitous nekkidity to advance the plot, which mercifully does not get in the way of the story. As dour Hollywood melodramas go, it's no "Day of the Locust" or "What Makes Sammy Run," but there are glimmers of actual human intelligence at work in a scene where the Happy Hooker takes on a snarky TV gossip

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ing to be pleasant. The Blackberry was deserted.

So I suited up again and found a pod of recent stockers willing to play. I tested out an experiment, a Chinese-made bamboo rod, seven feet long for a No. 4 line.

I wasn't expecting much, and that's what I got. It's a serviceable rod, but nothing to get worked up about. At about \$160 shipped from China it's a way for the budget-conscious angler to get into bamboo, but I advise saving your money and buying something better from somebody stateside.

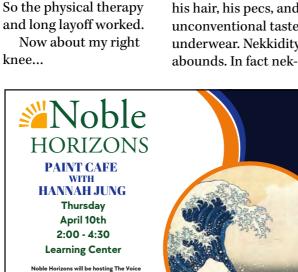
I dutifully took photos of fish in hand and in the net, but let us now reflect on just how useless and unexciting they are.

Here's how I imagine a dialogue between me and the reader.

Q: How big is the net? A: Not very.

Q: Where is this? A: Could be anywhere, and you think I'm gonna tell you?

Q: Did you release the











TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. Submit calendar items to editor@lakevillejournal.com

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

Dine Out for History Adds a Night

Millerton, N.Y.

Millerton's Dine Out for History adds an extra night at Taro's Pizzeria (18 Main St. on Thurs, 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.

Upcoming Dates:

March 27 - Taro's Pizzeria

Mention "Dine Out for History" when dining!

French Movie Night

Kent Memorial Library, 32 North Main St., Kent Conn.

6 p.m. "Intouchables" After he becomes a paraplegic an aristocrat hires a young man from the projects to be his caregiver. Free to the public. Registration required. kentmemoriallibrary.org

MARCH 28

Dinosaurs Before Dark

Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village Children's Theater presents Dinosaurs Before Dark, a thrilling adventure based on Mary Pope Osborne's beloved book. Join Jack and Annie as they journey through the prehistoric world. Free performances (donations welcome): Friday, March 28 at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 29 at 6 p.m., and Sunday, March 30 at 11 a.m.

Lunch & Learn: Board & **Card Game Social**

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

Friday, March 28, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with Scrabble, Uno, Chess, Checkers, Backgammon, and more. Includes lunch from JAM. Preference given to Sharon residents. Registration required:hotchkisslibrary. libcal.com.

MARCH 29

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

Hansel and Gretel Date: Saturday, March

29, at 11 a.m. **Tanglewood Marionettes** bring the Brothers Grimm classic to life, featuring music from the Humperdinck opera.

The Lustre Kings at **Millbrook Library**

Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y. 4:30 p.m. reception, 5 to 6:30 p.m. concert.

The Lustre Kings bring their rockabilly sound to the Millbrook **Arts Group Winter** Concert Series. Free and open to the public. RSVP requested at millbrooklibrary.org.

Invasive Species Management **Presentation and** Workshop

Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main St. Sharon, Conn.; Hamlin Preserve, 19 Stone House Rd. Sharon, Conn

Sharon Land Trust and partners present a free two-part event on March 29 covering invasive species management and forest restoration. Presentation: 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 63 Main St., followed by a hands-on workshop at Hamlin Preserve.

Native Landscaping in Practice

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

The David M. Hunt Library hosts Native Landscaping in Practice on March 29 at 1 p.m. Beth Romaker of Meadowscapes will share insights on native plants and eco-friendly landscape design, from small gardens to large meadows.

MARCH 30

Music Mountain Winter Concert Series: Helen Sung

Tall Barn at Troutbeck, 515 Leedsville Rd, Amenia, N.Y. On March 30, at 4 p.m. (doors 3:30 p.m.), jazz pianist Helen Sung presents a solo program blending classical and jazz influences, featuring works by Ellington,

Details: musicmountain.

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. Electronic mail

2. Affirmative radio reply

4. Offer a warm welcome

5. Color returning to nature

3. To concur or share opinions

Monk, Corea, and her

own compositions.

Tickets: \$75

Public Conversation of Consequence

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

The Congregational Church of Salisbury hosts **Public Conversations** of Consequence, a discussion series on vital topics. The first session, Forgiveness, is March 30, 4:30 to 6 p.m., featuring four guest speakers.

Trivia for Education!

Falls Village Emergency Services Center, 188 Route 7 S, Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village Scholarship Association Presents "Trivia for Education!" on Sunday March 30, 2025, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Falls Village **Emergency Services** Center. Bring a team or join a table, \$5 per player. Get ready to test your history knowledge with Peter Vermilyea. Proceeds provide scholarships to Falls Village students.

J.T. Rogers: Madagascar - A Reading and Talkback

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

Broadway meets the Berkshires on March 30, 2 to 4:30 p.m., with a reading of Madagascar by Tony-winning playwright J.T. Rogers, followed by a talkback with the author. Directed by Macey Levin.

Repeat Patternmaking

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

Sunday, March 30, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Learn the secrets of turning an original drawing into a repeating pattern! Use the simple methods of textile and wallpaper design to create your own acetate stencil that can be used to create seamless patterns on paper, walls, or wherever! No inspiration? No problemwe can supply that too.

MARCH 31

Millbrook Arts Project: **BIO-BASED**

Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook, N.Y

BIO-BASED by Loren Eiferman & Henry Klimowicz will be on view from March 31 to April 26, with a reception on Friday, April 4, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Last week's WotW

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APRIL 1

What is Tonalism and Why Have I Never Heard of It? with Mary **Ann Hollihan**

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

Join us at the Scoville Library on April 1 from 5 to 6 p.m. for a rare presentation by Mary Ann Hollihan, curator of Dawn & Dusk: Tonalism in Connecticut, a major exhibition of tonalist paintings currently on view at the Fairfield Art Museum. The exhibition runs until April 12 and has received extremely enthusiastic reviews. Registration is required.

APRIL 2

Walking Challenge

Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main St. Sharon Conn

Housatonic Valley Health District is hosting a walking challenge in the month of April. Participants can pick up a free pedometer from Sharon Town Hall to track their steps. Join HVHD April 2 from noon to 1 p.m. at 63 Main St. in Sharon to start the challenge by walking and talking with a nurse.

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A scene from "Godmonster of Indian Flats."

show host.

In short, it's almost not bad enough to make the S&A cut. Almost.

Of interest to the ovine community is the utterly baffling "Godmonster of Indian Flats" (1973). Sort of a Western. kinda sci-fi, and loaded with sheep, the movie lurches from setting to setting so abruptly the viewer may lose faith in the space-time continuum. But fear not, there is a giant mutant sheep to the rescue. Also some banjo players and a glad-hander named Elbow Johnson, who features early and then disappears completely. No nekkidity, which is a

good thing. One of the bad guys looks a bit like Larry Bird but with more chin. Transfer station fans will enjoy this flick for the lengthy scenes featuring waste disposal. My goodness, how far we've come in that department. Baa.

Humble Acknowledgment Department: The Bad Cinema desk hereby admits to stealing the "plot gets in the way of the story" joke from Joe Bob Briggs, which isn't even his real name. We also announce our plans to build a giant statue of Joe Bob Briggs in a spot where everyone can see it but nobody can do anything about it.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. State in southwestern India
- 4. Pashto 10. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- 11. Supervised release from prison
- 12. Greeting 14. Type of drug
- 15. Sagan, astronomer
- 16. Every year
- 18. Nasal cavities
- 22. Nova ___, province
- 24. Cream-colored root
- 26. Nervous system disease
- 27. Guitarist Clapton 28. Three came to see Baby
- **Jesus**
- 30. Lebowski's nickname 31. Play a role
- 34. Not fresh 36. Where golfers begin
- 37. Negatives
- 39. Wild goat
- 40. Releasing hormone
- 41. Makes up
- 42. Fastens
- 48. Exists in large numbers 50. A connecting word
- 51. A phase of the heartbeat 52. Northern Ireland
- county 53. An independent ruler
- or chieftain 54. Pacific sea bream
- 55. Commercial
- 56. Azure
- 58. Doctor of Education 59. Protected oneself
- against loss 60. Car mechanics group
- **CLUES DOWN** 1. Pastes for filling crevices
- 2. Acquire
- 3. Heralds 4. News group
- 5. Exact copies 6. Particles

8. Tempted

- 7. Noted 20th C. performer Lena
- 9. Midway between north and east
- 12. Slotted, hinged metal

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- 13. South American hummingbird
- 17. Neither
- 19. Walk with confidence
- 20. Omit when speaking
- 21. Imperial Chinese currency
- 25. A bakery specializing in French pastry
- 29. Talk incessantly
- 31. Ethnic group of Nigeria 32. Longtime NY Times film
- critic 33. Beginners
- 35. Makes a trade
- 38. Sleep 41. Not moving
- 43. Popular drink: Pina 44. Potential benefits



45. A place you can get

46. Ancient Greek City

57. Investment vehicle

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47. Chalcedony

49. Rover

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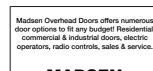
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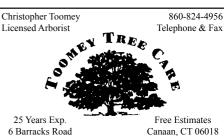
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