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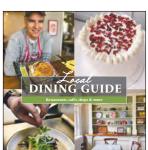
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Hard out at home

A Millbrook player's attempt to steal a run ends with a slide into an out. The Millbrook Blazers beat Pine Plains 7-3 at Stissing Mountain High School on Thursday, April 10. The Blazers batters fought through cold temperatures and a slight rain to rack up a lead through the first half of the game. The Bombers regained some composure later in the night, but couldn't pull ahead of the visitors.

After long wait, Millerton food market gets site plan go-ahead

By John Coston **And Christine Bates**

MILLERTON — The Town of North East Planning Board approved the site plan for the Town Gourmet Market, a new food market to be located in the Millerton Square Plaza at 122 Route 44.

The plan to bring a food market to Millerton has been in the works since Kim and Chris Choe of Sharon, Connecticut, reached agreement with Skip Trotta to purchase the four separate parcels totaling 10.2 acres in May 2023.

In November, when the sale

was completed after complying with state and county regulations, veteran grocer Trotta issued a statement noting the long and complicated process to complete

"We had other proposals for a different use, but we always felt the real need was for a large, clean, remodeled, and competitive market for the sake of the town and the folks that live in the area who deserve just that," Trotta added.

The Choes own the Sharon Farm Market in the shopping cen-

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Kim Choe, left, and Chris Choe will open Town Gourmet Market in Millerton.

Six die in Copake plane crash

By JOHN COSTON johnc@millertonnews.com

COPAKE — A Mitsubishi MU-2B-40 plane carrying six people crashed in an open field near Two Town Road shortly after noon on

According to the National Transportation Safety Board, the aircraft departed from Westchester County Airport and was headed to Columbia County Airport in Hudson.

Saturday, April 12, killing all aboard.

NTSB board member Todd

Inman said Sunday night that the plane's passengers were headed to the area for a holiday celebration with family.

Among the victims were Karenna and Jared Groff; their parents Dr. Michael Groff and Dr. Joy Saini; Alexia Couyutas Duarte and James Santoro, according to a family state-

The NTSB will lead the investigation and expects it will be approximately 30 days before a preliminary report is issued. A full

report may take 12 to 24 months, Inman said. The NTSB expects to be on the scene in Craryville for at least a week.

Albert Nixon, an NTSB investigator, will be in charge of the investigation, which will include up to 14 team members.

Inman said the agency has obtained video of the crash, and added that the impact site is 100 yards in length and that the aircraft is intact,

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CT approves Nuvance merger with Northwell

By KATY GOLVALA CT Mirror

Connecticut's Office of Health Strategy approved a merger between Northwell Health, a large New York-based health system, and Nuvance Health, which owns Danbury, Norwalk, Sharon and New Milford hospitals in Connecticut, as well as three hospitals in New York, according to a Tuesday announcement by the agency.

The two systems now have to complete the step of formally joining the entities together under the Northwell Health banner, a spokesperson for Nuvance Health

Northwell isn't directly paying to buy the Nuvance Hospitals, per se, resulting in a technical purchase price of \$0. Instead, the New Yorkbased health system has agreed to invest \$1 billion in Nuvance's Connecticut and New York hospitals over the next five years, with annual reporting on the progress of those investments.

Those investments will go to-

ward a number of capital projects and the implementation of a new electronic medical recordkeeping system, according to Boyd Jackson, director of legislation and regulation at OHS.

"No money is being transferred directly within the affiliation deal," Jackson wrote in an emailed statement, explaining that, instead, "Northwell has made promises of capital investment."

Nuvance Health has been struggling financially for some time, posting a \$99 million deficit in fiscal year 2024, which executives chalked up to, among other factors, increasing costs and the aftereffects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

John Murphy, a physician and the chief executive officer of Nuvance Health, said the merger will help improve health care for the system's patients.

"By joining forces with Northwell Health, we can strengthen and enhance our ability to meet the needs of patients across Con-

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North East Board lauds Sharon Hospital merger

By JOHN COSTON Northwell. johnc@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Town Supervisor Christopher Kennan began the Thursday, April 10, Town Board meeting with the "good news" of the approved merger of Nuvance Health, owner of Sharon Hospital, with Northwell Health, the largest health system in New York.

"This is great, great news for our community," Kennan said. "More than half of the patients at Sharon Hospital come from New York."

The financial struggles faced by the hospital have dragged out for years, leading to a proposed effort to end labor and delivery services that encountered strong opposition from the community and political

Last spring, Nuvance Health announced its intent to combine with

Kennan also reported to the board that Board Member Lana Morrison, who was absent from the meeting due to an accident, had communicated that her treatment experience at Sharon Hospital was positive.

Town Hall renovation

Kennan also informed the board that the town is moving forward on the renovation at the new Town Hall location on Route 22.

The current Town Hall on North Maple Avenue dates to the early 20th century and no longer meets needs. The town purchased the former Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses south of Millerton.

Town Attorney Warren Replansky has been working with Suburban Propane to complete the

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OUR TOWNS

Bulk Trash Day 2025 set for May 10 in Millerton



Kathy Chow with mattresses and an old water heater at last year's Bulk Trash Day.

MILLERTON — The Town of North East will hold Bulk Trash Day on May 10 at the old Town Garage on South Center Street.

Town Supervisor Chris Kennan said a special effort will be made this year to collect old tires with a \$15 charge, the amount it costs the Town to dispose

Last year tires, refrigerators, mattresses and air-conditioning units were dropped off at the location. The Town charges fees for dropoff and in turn is billed for removal.

Millerton approves budget with mill rate rise to 4.28

By JOHN COSTON johnc@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON - Village Trustees approved an \$838,820 general budget for the coming fiscal year, reflecting higher expenses, an increase in assessment property values and higher tax receipts.

Following a public hearing held on Monday, April 14, the Board approved the 2025-26 budget that calls for an increase in the mill rate to 4.27936, up from the current rate of 4.22.

The assessed value of all property in the Village rose to \$122,207,680, compared to \$116,592,038 in the previous year. Tax-receipt revenues will increase in the new budget to \$522,971 from \$492,308 in the 2024-25 year.

Trustees also approved a 2025-26 water budget in the amount of \$386,529.

Only one resident appeared during the budget public hearing as trustees discussed a few line items, which they had been poring over in previous budget workshops.

Trustee Dave Sherman inquired about the 9% overall increase in the Police Department budget, which includes \$55,000 in salaries in the department's \$106,000 budget.

In fiscal year 2022-23, the Village stopped receiving payments from the Town of North East of approximately \$36,000. Village Police no longer are relied upon to respond to calls in the Town. Those calls are instead referred to the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office.

Trustee Matt Soleau noted that the Village is still making adjustments given the withdrawal of Town support on this front, and the Board expressed consensus that the department

> EASTER TRIDUUM April 17 Holy Thursday at 7pm St. Joseph

Passion of the Lord at 3 pm April 19 Easter Vigil at 8 pm St. Mary

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April 18 Good Friday Immaculate Concept Stations at Noon

April 20 Easter Sunday at 9 am St. Joseph

"was working better."

Besides granting all employees small pay increases, the Trustees also increased their own salaries. Mayor Jenn Najdek's salary rose to \$10,000, up from \$9,000. Deputy Mayor Matt Hartzog's salary rose to \$5,500 from \$4,000, and other Trustees were raised to \$4,000 from \$3,500.

Village Trustees did not receive an increase in last year's budget.

Easter egg hunt

Mayor Najdek reminded everyone that the Fire Department will be hosting an Easter egg hunt on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Eddie Collins

Hay rides are offered, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Fire Department on Century Boulevard.

The egg hunt starts at 11 a.m. at the park.





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Our Annual Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM

Easter Sunrise Service. 6:30 AM on Easter Morning in Hillside Cemetery

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We will continue to broadcast services live on Facebook: @northcanaancongregational

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Maundy Thursday, 17 April

Communion & Tenebrae

7:00pm Worship

Good Friday, 18 April

Ecumenical Worship

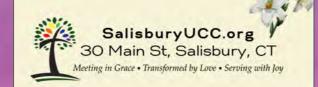
6:00pm at Trinity Episcopal Church, Lime Rock

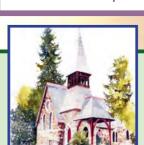
Sunday, 20 April

Resurrection Day!

6:00am Sunrise Service at Town Grove, Lakeville

9:45am Hand Bell Choir Prelude 10:00am Easter Worship





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Good Friday

April 18

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Easter Day!

April 20

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OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Having grown from a novelty to a tradition, the Amenia Library Tea Society met on Saturday, April 12.

Children's Tea to debut at library

By LEILA HAWKENSpecial to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Building on the success of the monthly Library Tea Society, the Amenia Free Library is inviting children to dress up and attend the first-ever Children's Tea Party on Saturday, April 19, at noon

Children of ages 3 through 8 are invited to dress up in

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their best outfits to enjoy a fun tea party. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

As there are only 8 spots available, registration in advance is required. To register, call 845-373-8273 or email programs@amenialibrary.

Program assistant Hope Bruzzi will host the event in the library children's area.

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Amenia hears revisions to Keane Stud subdivision plan

By LEILA HAWKENSpecial to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Continuing the process of developing subdivision plans for the Keane Stud acreage, the Planning Board heard a report from the planning engineers detailing a few plan changes at its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 9.

Representing Rennia Engineers, Senior Planner Peter Sander detailed plans for the parcel that stands in two zones: Rural Agricultural and Rural Residential, both requiring minimum lots of 5 acres.

Sander reported that two parcels have been removed from the planning, reducing the acreage from 704 to 605 total acres. The number of lots has been reduced from 27 to 23.

"We've enhanced the building envelopes," Sander noted, having considered concerns about protecting the viewshed. Accordingly, 90% of each parcel will be reserved for conservation; 10% will be able to be built upon, Sander said.

The plans include a no vertical build zone in the area visible from Delavergne Hill, Sander said, adding that deed restrictions will limit the scale of development on each parcel.

Commenting on the plan changes, planning board engineer John Andrews asked that the plan drawings detail the outlined changes to agree with written submissions.

Sander said that the developer is asking for board input as well as comments from George Janes, the town's visual resources consultant.

One of the visible impacts is the greenery or vegetative screening around each future home, board member Jamie Vitiello commented.

Covenant requirements are important in each instance, Andrews responded, citing lighting, building materials, and plantings that can be specified.

"The visuals flow from the deed restrictions," Andrews said, noting that each building site plan will need to be considered by the planning board.

Board member Ken Topolsky asked about the permanence of the deed restrictions.

Andrews replied that when properly done, the restrictions run with the land, unless there are agreed-upon amendments. He added that the town will be a party to any

such agreement.

"We want to listen to the Planning Board," said owner-developer Juan Torres. He added that a footprint guide has been sketched on the plans for each future home with the height of each home restricted to between 21 and 28 feet, a protection against visibility. Plans have also specified a maximum amount of impervious surface on each sketched lot.

"If a future buyer wants to build a home, they will need to come before the Planning Board," Torres noted. "This will help to ensure that the land remains agricultural into the future," Torres added.

The Planning Board will continue discussion of the revised plans at its next meeting on Wednesday, April 23.

Comprehensive Plan Committee to gather Amenia residents' views

By LEILA HAWKENSpecial to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Following an initial presentation by planning consultants, the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee decided at its meeting on Tuesday, April 8, that the logical first step will be to invite broad public comment through a community-wide meeting likely to be scheduled in June.

"It's about the engagement of the public," said Tiffany Zezula, Deputy Director of the Land Use Law Center at Pace University in White Plains, as she reviewed the process involved in helping the town to develop comprehensive planning objectives and steps toward meeting those objectives.

The town is undertaking a review and update of the comprehensive plan, last updated in 2007. Experts usually recommend such updates every few years, Zezula said.

"We will work to convert public input into planning lingo," Zezula said, describing the coordination between the Pace University center and Nexus Creative Design of Mt. Kisco, with specialty in community planning.

"Planning is one of the most important goals of local government," Zezula said, noting that changes in local legislation and particularly local land use regulations need to agree with the comprehensive plan and its goals, objectives and strategies.

"The comprehensive plan gets used; it is your instruction manual," Zezula said.

Modern planning has evolved, Zezula pointed out, from a silo approach of distinct issues such as housing, transportation, and the environment, to a more interrelated understanding of such topics and how one affects another.

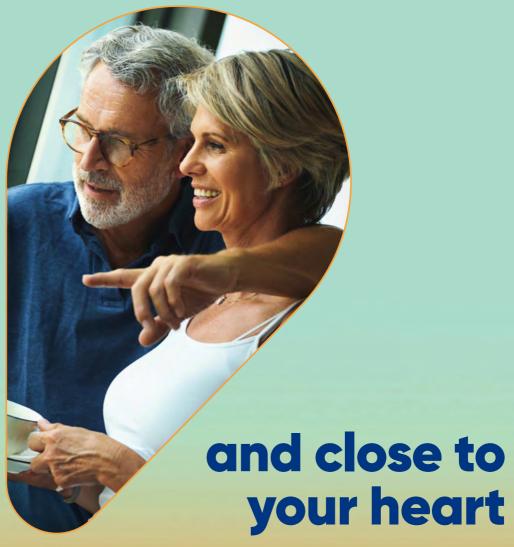
Promoting public engagement will be the role of Nexus, as described by Anastasia Guadron, Principal in the Community Planning arm of Nexus.

She reviewed various methods of widening community input, including input meetings, surveys and additional ways of "widening the net."

A suggested calendar for the information gathering aspect, outlined by Zezula, might see a branding of the project and spreading the word happening from April to July, with public engagement sessions scheduled in June.

Other engagement tools such as surveys and pop-up info booths at town events provide options that could be initiated in June and July. August becomes the target month for town goal refinement.





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> Fabrics and Wamsutta in New York,

> co-founded Chapel

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her husband, Asher

Pavel, and worked

in real estate for

Bain Real Estate

and then E. J. Mur-

phy Realty. She

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man in Cornwall

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Priscilla Waterman Pavel

WEST CORNWALL -Priscilla Waterman Pavel

of West Cornwall was born on April 19, 1938, in Johnston, Rhode Island, and passed away on April 5, 2025. She was the wife of Asher Pavel, daughter of the late Walter and Annie Waterman, sister of Walter (Brud)

Waterman III (Leah), sister of Deborah Riccio (Alfred), stepmother of Lee Pavel (Traci), Jill Pavel, Alan Pavel, and Amy Shanler (Michael), and loving step-grandchildren, stepgreat grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Priscilla graduated from Classical High School, the University of Rhode Island, received her master's degree from the University of Tennessee and was a professor at the University of Syracuse.



CANAAN — Nancy (Fraleigh) Bergenty, 97, of 17 Cobble Road, formerly of 85 South Canaan Road, Canaan, died March 14, 2025, at Noble Horizons. Nancy was born July 23, 1927, in North Canaan and was the youngest child of the late Roger Wilson and Edith (Drumm) Fraleigh.

Nancy's early working career started at SNET as a telephone operator and ended as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Nancy loved to knit, feed and watch the birds out her window and collect things such as coins, matches and afghans. Her greatest love was for her family.

Nancy is survived by three of her five children; Richard "Rick" Bergenty of Baltimore, Maryland, Denise Bergenty (Karen) of Torrington, Melody "Mel" Vaillant (George) of also survived by 8 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson. Nancy was predeceased by her two oldest daughters; Nancy Jean Catlett of Hedgesville, West Virginia, and Cheryl B. Haddon of Torrington. Graveside services will be

held at Mountainview Cemetery on Sand Road in Canaan, Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 11 a.m. Immediately following, the family will greet friends at VFW Post 6851 on Rte. 7.

Due to Nancy's love of birds, the family has requested that memorial donations be made to The National Audubon Society.

Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., Canaan, CT is in charge of arrangements.

Judith B. Burns

MILLERTON — Judith (Judy) B. Burns, 86, of Mil-

lerton, passed away peacefully at home on April 11, 2025, surrounded by the love and warmth of her family.

Judy was born on Jan. 4, 1939, in Hudson, New York, to the late Parker and Aida (Ogden) Burdick. Judy was

predeceased by her devoted husband, Thomas, of nearly 63 years. Together, they raised their beloved son, Thomas (Donna) Burns of Hudson, New York. Judy leaves behind two grandchildren, Sarah (Chris) Hensel of Castleton, New York, and Jennifer Burns of Hudson, New York, and two great-grandchildren, Addison and Julia Hensel. Judy will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

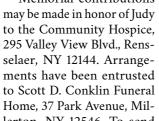
Judy graduated from Taconic Hills Central School District and soon thereafter met the love of her life, Tom, at a softball game. She found her calling in clothing sales at Saperstein's in Millerton, where she and Tom resided for over 50 years.

> Judy had a love of flowers, clothes shopping, good food, the NY Mets, and vacationing in Maine — especially going to Billy's Chowder House. She was a voracious reader, with a special interest in biographies. You

could count on Judy to have facts about all sorts of historical and pop-culture figures.

Interment will take place at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton, New York. Reverend Andrew O'Connor will officiate.

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Immigration attorney Glenn Formica, left, and the Rev. John Carter, founder of Vecinos Seguros, speak before Formica's presentation at Trinity Church Lime Rock

Immigration forum amplifies call to 'stand up for justice'

By RUTH EPSTEIN Special to the Millerton News

SALISBURY, Conn. - Attorney Glenn Formica put the issue of immigration in haunting human terms.

Speaking at a meeting sponsored by Vecinos Seguros 2 at Trinity Church of Lime Rock Thursday, Formica said "53% of the country is in favor of current immigration laws. I don't know where you go with that. What's missing in your life that you've lost any sense of love or human affection; that you feel good when others are suffering? That's 53% of the population. What we're dealing with is inhumane, dark."

Formica is an immigration attorney who has a practice in New Haven. He is well known for taking pro bono cases for those undocumented persons facing detention or deporta-

In introducing Formica, the Rev. John Carter, the founder of Vecinos Seguros, which translated means "Safe Neighbors," said he heard of the lawyer from New Haven who has "a smart head and warm heart." Carter said while the country is going through crushing times now, "I thank God for people who stand up for justice and compassion."

Formica began his talk with a bit about his personal life, noting that when he was in law school, he pictured himself as focusing on land use or real estate cases. A graduate of Catholic University, he has a religious background. So, after working in corporate law in Washington, D.C., he saw what he perceived as shallowness in certain aspects of the profession.

He moved back to Connecticut, where he'd been raised, and one day was approached by a Catholic monk who showed up at his office with a child from Ethiopia. The youngster could not go back for safety reasons, and Formica was able to allow him to remain in the United States. Then he was sent another child from the Congo, for whom Formica was able to get his first asylum win.

He eventually left the law firm with 30 immigration clients. The next firm didn't appreciate his work in that area either.

"So, I quit and started my own firm with 30 pro bono cases," he related. "I eventually grew enough of a practice that rewarded me. I've never suffered. It's always worked out." He began taking more complicated immigration cases, and realized if you're doing something to help other people, the universe will balance itself out.

He recounted that he's had many wild cases, but concluded his focus wasn't on him, but about taking care of his clients. Speaking of President Trump, he said, "He's coming for everybody I care about, so I have something to make my life meaningful. I'll help everyone I can and leave nothing on the table."

Formica put a positive spin on the current situation, saying, "We should all be grateful. We're living in a time where we can do something." He believes those in red districts will see in a couple of months that there is no one to work in their hospitals or daycare centers, or landscape their property or put roofs on their houses and that instead of jobs coming back they'll be leaving.

He urged the audience to provide support for those who are terrified to go to events or ask for assistance with filling out necessary paperwork. "They need to feel you are there for them," he said, recommending helping them get to food pantries or the ICE office. "Use your privilege to stand up for them."

Formica lamented the dearth of immigration lawyers in the state and the need to get those in the profession trained to take on cases.

He spoke about an interfaith group that is starting to come together made up of community members to provide emotional and social support for immigrants in the region.



Spring may finally making its appearance, and for the outdoor enthusiast, this is the best of times! Connecticut is blessed with 110 State Parks and 32 State Forests, all filled with outdoor opportunities such as trails, beaches, museums and nature centers to explore. A great resource to

visit and plan your adventures

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parks/listing-of-state-parks.



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Members of Millerton's Climate Smart Task Forces after a hard day's clean up on Wednesday, April 9. From left, Deborah Maier, Chris Kennan, Andrew Stayman, Kathleen Spahn, Henry Smedley, Steve Famie and Kathy

Climate Smart cleanup

Millerton's Climate Smart Task Force pulled out junk from an old farm dump a half mile north of Rudd Pond Road on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. The debris and trash was buried and tangled in a web of gnarly underbrush, downed trees and vines on the west embankment of the

Rail Trail. The haul included: bathtub, toilet, TV, satellite dish, bedsprings, baby carriage, lawn chair, metal siding, gutters, rusted milk pails, fencing, tires. By the next day, Thursday, April 10, it was gone, thanks to a crew from **Dutchess County that hauled** it away.



Worship Services Week of April 20, 2025

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THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

Run up to the Revolution, VIII

The shot heard round the world

lthough today we honor the battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, as the commencement of the Revolutionary War, we should recognize that the timing of the war's onset was almost inevitable, as was its location, near Boston, epicenter of American resistance since the Tea Party of December

As the readers of prior columns know, the British reaction to the Tea Party was a series of Draconian measures, in particular to punish Massachusetts and the port of Boston. These strictures, in turn, gave reason for the First Continental Congress, held in Philadelphia in August-September 1774, which instituted a broad boycott of British goods and began militia preparations in hundreds of towns. When the boycott started to hurt British shipping, King George III and Parliament decreed additional tough measures. General Thomas Gage, head of all British forces in the colonies, pleaded with London for 20,000 soldiers, but the powers that be decided that number couldn't be spared and sent far fewer.

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The first instructed all provincial governors to prevent Americans from becoming delegates to the Second Continental Congress. The second tasked Gage with arresting and imprisoning all former delegates to the First Congress and likely delegates to the Second, and to seize powder, rifles, etc., that might be used in a rebellion.

By late March, due to bureaucratic and weather delays, these directives still had not arrived in America. Yet hordes of Tory colonists had by then fled the countryside to Boston for the protection of British soldiers from their neighbors' growing animosity. Under their impetus, British troops tarred and feathered a local farmer/patriot, parading him through town in a cart while a band played and soldiers sang, "Yankee Doodle come to town/ For to buy a firelock;/ We will tar and feather him/ and so we will John Hancock."

THE LONG **VIEW**

Tom Shachtman

The wealthiest man in Massachusetts and the head of Boston's safety committee and the colony's provincial congress, Hancock was busy buying medicines and ammunition enough for an army of 15,000. However, his provincial colleagues thought him a bit trigger-happy and so passed an edict that Hancock was not to summon the militias unless and until Gage and 500 men "shall march out of the Town of Boston, with Artillery and Baggage."

Hancock and John Adams, understanding that Gage would likely try to arrest them, left early for the Second Continental Congress, and kept moving around in Massachusetts to avoid detection. Readying to leave town, Hancock ordered his safety committee to steal four mounted cannon from the British, which they did.

In early April, Gage's spies reported Hancock and Adams hiding in Lexington, and that the patriot arsenal was hidden in Concord. On April 14, the letters from London to Gage finally arrived and he sprang into action, sending out two forces, one to Concord to destroy the armaments and another to Lexington to arrest Adams and Hancock.

But the patriots also had spies and operatives, knowledgeable ones who understood the implication of small boatloads of soldiers debarking from moored men-ofwar, and columns of Redcoats marching toward a muster point on Boston Common. Among these operatives was silversmith Paul Revere.

At ten o'clock on Tuesday evening, April 18, Dr. Joseph Warren — the leader of the safety committee in Hancock's absence — sent for Revere and asked him to ride to Lexington to warn Hancock and Adams that Gage was

Revere did. Hancock, on receiving the news, sent messages to gather militias to counter Gage's troops. The bell of Lexington's main church pealed all night, and its alarm, and similar ones in nearby towns, alerted militias from as far away as Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, so that on the 19th of April, when the British arrived in Lexington and Concord (and Hancock and Adams hid in the fields to avoid capture) trained and armed Americans were out in force to meet them, and to take casualties, but to win the day and begin the American Revolution.

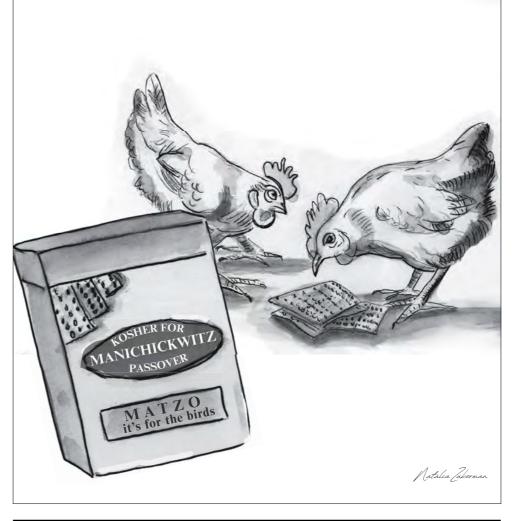
Salisbury resident Tom Shachtman has written many books, including three about the Revolutionary Era.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for an Amenia team effort at cemetery

An article in the Harlem Valley Times 25 years ago highlighted the efforts of the Amenia Historical Society, aided by the manpower of the Amenia Highway Department, to clean up the old Amenia Burying Ground on Mygatt

Bill and Janet Burke were new to the neighborhood in the year 2000 and were eager to improve the sad condition of the burying ground across the road. They shared their concern with the historical society members. Ann Linden responded wholeheartedly. Someone in the group called on Stanley Whitehead and his highway crew for assistance.

AHS was very grateful for the work that was accomplished. From then on, Mr. Burke faithfully kept an eye on the place — until he was no longer able

Now, in 2025, a similar story is playing out. Sadly, it is without Bill Burke's enthusiastic presence. However, in preparation for a special event at the cemetery, which is scheduled for April 26, historical society members have been concerned about the neglected place and the need to neaten up the grounds. Much to their relief, the Amenia highway department once again offered to help. This time it was through the good graces of Megan Chamberlin, following in Whitehead's footsteps. On a rainy, cold morning last week, she mobilized men and machines to clear away years of decaying leaves, limbs and vines from under an old, rotten tree in the cemetery, doing AHS and the Town of Amenia a great favor.

Last fall, Northwest Landscaping did their annual job of removing leaves as best they could, but fallen tree limbs and vines hampered the leaf-blowing efforts. Just recently, Lee's Tree Service did a great job removing limbs and branches from off the stone walls and cutting back the low hanging tree branches that endanger the ancient gravestones. Town Supervisor Leo Blackman has

supported these endeavors. The special ceremony at the cemetery, scheduled for April 26 at 2 p.m., is open to the public. AHS will be unveiling a sign to honor the Revolutionary War soldiers who were buried there. Three more cemeteries in Amenia will have similar events in the coming weeks, as we begin the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War. Thanks to our Amenia team effort at the cemetery, we are off to a good start.

Betsy Strauss, Town Historian

Taconic Parkway extension; a Dairy Goat princess

April 19, 1934

'Bog Hollow Road Called Worst'; Supervisor Joseph B. McEnroe, of the Town of Amenia, has expressed the opinion that the Salt Point turnpike, the subject of much controversy of late and the cause of a protest meeting staged by Grange representatives before the highway committee of the Board last week, may be bad, but the Bog Hollow road in his own town is worse. Declaring that "it's the worst road in Dutchess County" and that it has been bad for a number of years, Supervisor McEnroe said that a crowd of protesting taxpayers could be produced as easily to demand improvement of the Bog Hollow road as of the Salt Point highway.

'Taconic State Parkway May Be Continued'; The Taconic State Parkway may be completed as far as Freedom Plains in Dutchess County if anticipated federal public construction funds become available and if the State Highway Department agrees to continued construction of the parkway north instead of rebuilding the Poughkeepsie-New Hackensack-Hopewell Junction highway, it was made known last week-end by Paul T. Winslow, executive secretary of the Taconic Park Commission.

'About Millerton'; Stephen Kryoski has moved from Boston Corners to the Ganung farm at Spencer's Corners.

Mrs. Albert Berger, of New York City, spent the week-end [sic] with her husband in Mil-

'Excavation Halts'; Ex-

FROM THE **ARCHIVES**

The Millerton News

cavation work at the site of the new office building to be erected in Centre [sic] Street was interrupted Tuesday when the crankshaft of the motor driven shovel broke.

April 17, 1975

'Village Adopts Softball Field'; The Village Board of Millerton at its April 9 meeting resolved to convert the hardball field at Eddie Collins Memorial Park into a softball field.

The Board based this play on the fact that the hardball field was not getting much use and that the Pine Plains Softball League which includes teams from Millerton requested that the field be converted so the softball teams could play there from May until September.

'Meg Merwin Crowned Dairy Goat Princess'; Meg Merwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Merwin of Millerton, was crowned the 1975 dairy goat princess at the annual dinner meeting of the Progressive Dairy Goat Club on Friday night, April 11.

'Library Slates Story Hour'; In observance of National Library Week, the Millerton Free Library is having a story hour for children of all ages on Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. In addition, for this week only, all overdue books may be returned without pay-

A new selection of phonograph records from the MidHudson Library System is available for loan.

April 20, 2000

'New Mural Graces NE-Millerton Library'; MILLER-TON - The Millerton/ North East Library gave a colorful boost to its children's section, installing last Friday a mural by prolific Lakeville folk artist Kathy Clegg.

Millerton Mayor Michael Cawley donated his labor, deftly trimming and hanging the 4-foot-by-10-foot mural, an acrylic pastoral scene depicting animal characters from well-known children's

'Silvernail Honored For 50 Years With Fire Dept.'; MIL-LERTON - The Millerton Fire Department honored Bernie Silvernail for 50 years of service. Mr. Silvernail was given a fireman's lamp.

'Photos Sought For Rail Trail Brochure'; MILLERTON - The Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association (HVRTA) needs color photographs and slides for its revised trail brochure and its updated slide show. For the brochure, shots of people using the Rail Trail and obeying the rules are preferred.

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necticut and the Hudson Valley for generations to come," Murphy said. During a public hearing on the merger in November, Murphy said Nuvance's financial challenges had reached a point where

of a parent company.

The combined health sys-

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purchase of an existing propane tank so that the HVAC units can be turned on allowing renovation work to move forward.

Wastewater grant

Kennan also said the Town and the Village of Millerton have been encouraged to reapply for \$3.2 million in federal wastewater grants that last month congressmen dropped along with other earmarked funding provisions — from a continuing resolution.

Kennan said he received a call from Sen. Chuck Schumer's, D-NY, office indicating that the grant was "very likely to be approved" if resubmitted. Schumer and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-NY, both supported the original applica-

The Village and the Town have continued to work on the design for the \$13.9 million project.

"This is a key building block for us in terms of more retail and housing, and we have been working on it for years," he said.

Board members also received news that the Town Planning Board had given site approval for a food market to be opened at Millerton Square Plaza by the owners of the Sharon Farm Market, and that a new restaurant would be opening at the site of the former McDonalds on Route

Agri-business proposal

An attorney for owners of 36 acres of vacant land located at Route 44/Route 22 and Smithfield Road presented a petition to the Board seeking a zoning amendment to permit hospitality uses in an agricultural district.

John and Kristen King envision an "agri-immersive' experience by including a winery with up to 24 rooms for overnight guests. Weddings and other events would take place at the property and it would feature a restaurant and workforce housing.

Attorney Joshua Mackey, of Mackey Butts & Whalen, in describing his client's petition, noted that a zoning amendment would apply to all properties within the Town's Agricultural District, and would support farmers both farming and hospitality operations.

Mackey said he would attend an April 15 Town Board meeting when the petition could be accepted for consideration

EMS meeting

Kennan reported that he recently met with Town Supervisors from Amenia and Dover along with fire chiefs from those towns and North East and County Executive Sue Serino and A. Gregg Pulver, assistant county executive, to discuss what can be done to address the current **Emergency Medical Services**

cost crisis. Kennan said the county recently purchased two ambulances to supplement services, especially in high demand areas, which typically are the ones with denser populations and those along the Route 9 corridor. North East experiences less than one call per day. Last year the budgets of the three towns — Amenia, Dover and North East — were impacted by sharply rising EMS costs.

The Board approved the rollover of a Bond Anticipathe system could no longer survive without the support

tem will have 28 hospitals, over 1,000 care sites and a network of 14,500 providers

tion Note in the amount of \$3,568,274 at an interest rate of 3.25% offered by the Bank of Millbrook, which offered the lowest rate of four banks.

The funds are for the new highway garage, which opened last year.

Cell tower discussion

Sandra Oberhollenzer, of White House Crossing Road in North East, spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting about a planned 150-foot cellphone tower to be located on the east side of Route 22 just north of the intersection with Cattalino Road in Ancram.

Oberhollenzer, who had attended a March 27 Planning Board meeting to raise awareness of the project, noted that the tower, in Ancram's Scenic Corridor Overlay Zone, is expected to be visible by North East residents.

Oberhollenzer was critical of the plan, commenting on what she described as a lack of needs assessment, issues related to the coverage map and a lack of a technology assessment.

Homeland Towers LLC's balloon test has been postponed due to windy conditions since it was first planned

To a question about whether North East would have any standing in the matter before another town, Town Attorney Replansky noted that adjoining municipalities have standing in certain circumstances under New York state law.

According to the Ancram Planning Board, the balloon shall be flown from approximately 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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across New York and Connecticut, according to the statement from Nuvance.

The state's approval hinges on certain conditions, laid out in an agreed settlement. These conditions include the \$1 billion investment in Nuvance hospitals. The agreement also prohibits, for five years, any real estate sale-leaseback transactions, the type of deal that many critics say drained the resources from the Prospect Medical Holdings-owned Connecticut hospitals while enriching the health system's private equity backers.

Northwell also reached an agreement in August with Attorney General William Tong to maintain labor and delivery services at Sharon Hospital for the next five years.

Northwell Health is the largest private employer in New York state, according to the company's website, and owns 21 hospitals and 900 ambulatory sites. The health system does not currently own any hospitals outside of New York.

During a hearing in November, those testifying included members of Save Sharon Hospital, a community group that has fought against service cuts at Sharon Hospital.

During the same hearing, Mark Solazzo, the chief operating officer at Northwell Health, said that the company intends to address financial challenges at Nuvance by, among other tactics, increasing staff retention, reducing reliance on outsourced contractors and driving down costs through collective purchasing.

Katy Golvala is CT Mirror's health reporter.

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COURTESY OF EARTHWISE ARCHITECTURE

Architectural rendering of market's proposed entrance.

a beautiful gathering for a great cause

ter in Sharon where they have operated for 15 years. Nearly three years ago they expanded by purchasing a farm on Route 44 in East Canaan.

The Choes have presented their plans for the market at recent Planning Board meet-

Ray Nelson of Earthwise Architecture of Millerton described the features planned for the Town Gourmet Market, including a cafe out front, a greenhouse, a parking lot for 85 vehicles with an EV

charger, along with changes to the facade of the building and added green space.

Millerton has been a food desert that stretches from Copake to Dover for half a decade since a Grand Union closed. The Choes plan to offer a wide selection of products, including a full-service meat, deli, seafood, sushi, bakery, and produce departments supplied by C&S Wholesale Grocers, the nation's largest coast-to-coast distributor to independent grocery stores.

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National Transportation Safety Board investigators on the scene in Craryville on Sunday, April 13.

but buckled and embedded in the muddy, snow-covered field.

He said the plane appeared to be intact and was flying "at a high rate of descent into the ground."

NTSB has retrieved data from the plane and is aware that the pilot had missed an initial approach to the airport in Hudson and was being redirected to make another approach. Inman said that air traffic control received a "low altitude report" from radar, but was unable to make contact with the pilot despite three attempts.

"There was no response from the pilot, and there was no distress call," Nixon said.

Inman thanked the Columbia County Sheriff's Office for its assistance on the scene and after investigators arrived Saturday. He said there are no plans to release the video, and appealed to anyone who might have other video, eyewitness accounts or information to get in touch with the agency.

In a news conference on Saturday, Columbia County Undersheriff Jacqueline Salvatore said the plane crash occurred in a muddy field on Two Town Road in the Craryville section near Route 23. The crash site is 10 miles from the Columbia County Airport.

Parties to the investigation include Mitsubishi, which manufactured the plane, and Honeywell, maker of the engines as well as the FAA and the air traffic controllers

Inman said the plane had been sold approximately one year ago, and that it had upgraded avionics. Its tail number is: NOV635TA, indicating it was manufactured in 1985.

On Saturday afternoon, agencies on the scene included the Copake Fire District and rescue squads, along with State Police, the coroner and the Sheriff's Department.

LEGAL NOTICES

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.

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New York State Department of **Environmental** Conservation **Notice of Complete** Application Date: 04/04/2025

Applicant: ANDREW **JARECKI**

Facility: JARECKI **PROPERTY**

56 MILLER POND DR Stanfordville, NY 12581 Application ID: 3-1342-00082/00004

Permits(s) Applied for: 1-Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands

Project is located: in PINE PLAINS in DUTCHESS **COUNTY**

Project Description:

The applicant proposes to treat Miller Pond off of Miller Pond Drive with aquatic pesticides to nuisance algae and pondweed. Treatment

is within a NYS Freshwater Wetland and its state regulated 100 foot adjacent

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person via email to mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

A final environmental impact statement has been prepared on this project and is on file.

SEQR Lead Agency Department NYSof Environmental Conservation

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment

Commentsonthisproject must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no

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NWCT Arts Council: Spring fundraiser

n Saturday, April 26, the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council will host a special evening, Arts Connected, their spring fundraiser celebrating the power of creativity and community. Held at the Bryan Memorial Town Hall in Washington Depot from 5 to 8 p.m., this event brings together artists, performers, and neighbors for a magical night filled with inspiration, connection and joy.

Award-winning designer and arts advocate Diane von Furstenberg and her granddaughter Antonia Steinberg are honorary co-chairs of the event. Their shared love of the arts informs the spirit of the evening.

"As someone whose life was profoundly shaped by the arts — as a child at Buck's Rock and now as President of its Board — I've seen firsthand the transformative power of the arts; how creative spaces can empower young people, build community, and nurture well-rounded problem solvers. That's why I'm so honored to co-host the Northwest CT Arts Council Gala. Their work in supporting artists and cultural organizations across Connecticut is essential," said Steinberg.

Von Furstenberg's influence in fashion and culture, and Steinberg's leadership at Buck's Rock reflect the intergenerational impact of the arts," said NWCT Arts Council board president Sunday Fisher. "Their participation underscores the power of creative expression as a defining force in our community." Steinberg is the president of Buck's Rock Camp, a non-profit performing and creative arts camp in New Milford that she first attended as a 10-year-old camper.

Steph Burr, executive director at NWCT Arts Council, added, "Events like Arts Connected are at the heart of what

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Dancers from Pilobolus will perform at the NWCT Arts Council spring fundraiser on April 26 in Washington Depot, Conn.





Antonia Steinberg, left, President of Bucks Rock Camp in New Milford that she first attended as a camper when she was ten years old. Antonia is co-chair, with her grandmother Diane Von Furstenberg, right, of the NWCT Arts Council fundraiser.

we do — bringing people together, lifting up artists, and reminding us of the essential role creativity plays in our lives. The Council works year-round to ensure the arts not only survive but thrive across our region."

NWCT Arts Council is a nonprofit that serves as advocates for the arts. Through regranting efforts, public art support, legislative advocacy, and their regional events calendar, they work to ensure the arts are accessible and celebrated in every corner of their 25-town service area.

Burr continued, "The arts in Northwest Connecticut are vibrant, evolving, and deeply rooted in community. There's a quiet but powerful creative pulse running through these hills — one that reflects the resilience, diversity, and passion of the people who call this region home. Over the past few

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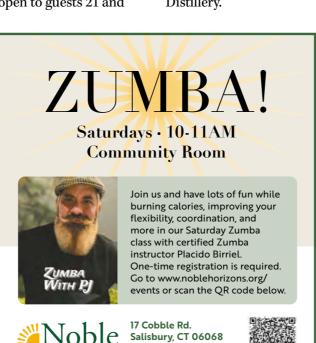
years, artists and cultural organizations have navigated challenges with heart and determination, despite ongoing funding volatility. Through our advocacy and collaborative programming, we ensure the arts remain essential and accessible in our community."

Highlights of the April 26 fundraiser include performances by Pilobolus, Sherman Chamber Ensemble, Ysanne Marshall & the Lotus Blues, hand pan musician Jeremy Driscoll, and a curated art exhibition, NW25 Gallery, featuring local artists. Sponsors Litchfield Distillery, Kent Falls Brewing Company, and Executive Cuisine catering will provide the food and drink.

Ticket prices are \$125, open to guests 21 and

older, available online at givebutter.com/artsconnected. For more information or to ask about sponsorship opportunities, email Katherine Pelletier at katherine@artsnwct.org or visit givebutter.com/artsconnectedsponsorship.

Arts Connected is made possible thanks to the generous support of sponsors; Antonia Steinberg is sponsoring all the artists for the event and Valiant Energy and **Torrington Savings Bank** are presenting the event. Additional sponsors include William Raveis Lifestyle Realty, Litchfield Magazine, Housatonic Heritage, Art Bank 7, Harney & Sons Teas, Aquarion Water, The Lost Fox Inn, George Home, NKYV Rituals, and Litchfield Distillery.



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Lily Al-Nemri, founder and owner, and artistic director and painter Rudy Vavra at Tyte medispa and gallery in Millbrook.

ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Rudy Vavra, Lily Al-Nemri, and the gallery you didn't know you needed

he painter Rudy Vavra once created floor collages in Texas. You could, in theory, lie on them. Now, years later and much farther north, his work graces the walls of a medispa in Millbrook, New York where he also serves as the artistic director. You can still lie down, just not on the art. Instead, you might be undergoing an EmFace non-surgical facelift while surrounded by twenty-two of Vavra's paintings.

The space, Tyte Medispa in Millbrook, is equal parts gallery and treatment center,

the brainchild of Lily Al-Nemri, a medical aesthetician and now gallery owner. She also owns the nail salon, Bryte, down the street on Franklin Avenue. A few years ago, feeling she was outgrowing that space, she looked to expand and, just a few blocks away, found this rather sprawling maze of rooms with the gallery that now inhabits the grand central ballroom. "This used to be a gym," she said. "It was way more than I was looking for, but I went for it."

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At The Movies





BOOKS: RUTH EPSTEIN

Shoumita Dasgupta on bias, belonging, and the future of science

ias exists in all facets of life, but Shoumita Dasgupta has focused the behavior on one particular discipline. In her book "Where Biology Ends and Bias Begins: Lessons on Belonging for Our DNA," she talks about the need for inclusivity in the field of science.

Dasgupta, a geneticist and professor of medicine and assistant dean of diversity and inclusion at Boston University, will be holding a book talk on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at The Colonial Theatre in North Canaan.

The daughter of Bengali parents who came to the United States in the 1970s so her father could pursue an educa-

tion in science and seek "the American dream," Dasgupta remembers her childhood in central Pennsylvania. As the child of immigrants, she was able to fit in with others like herself, but was viewed as an outsider by others. Those experiences sparked her life-long interest in the area of equality and diversity.

Dasgupta went on to embark on an educational path, earning a bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and both a master's and Ph.D. from the University of California.

In discussing the topic of her book, Dasgupta said in science, like any WHERE
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other type of society,

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other type of society, there is some inclusion and some not. That realization has helped her acclimate to being comfortable in her own skin, which in turn, provides her with mentoring tools

when dealing with her students. Her hope is to make it easier for others who don't identify with a major group.

Dasgupta explained that she has been teaching a course about inclusivity with medical and Ph.D. students in which various topics such as sex/gender, biology and disabilities are discussed. She found the curriculum led to meaningful conversations and that what started as an anti-racist genetics project shifted to one of anti-oppression.

An editor, learning

about the class, suggested she put the topics all together in a book. Her vision was to highlight the importance of bringing people together with a historical perspective and while honoring that history, hoping mistakes that were made aren't

repeated.
Talking about history,
Dasgupta said science
began centuries ago as
a hobby for the upper
echelons of society who
had money to pursue
their interests. This
hierarchical structure led
to almost predetermined
outcomes that were often

Shoumita Dasgupta, a professor of medicine at Boston University, will speak about her book "Where Biology Ends and Bias Begins: Lessons on Belonging for Our DNA" at The Colonial Theatre in North Canaan on April 17.

flawed, such as a belief that race was the reason for particular medical issues. She said that's what oppressive science looks like now.

Dasgupta said science is a social structure and there is a need to check individual biases so as not to promote further harm. Using the term "virus of bias," she said education is needed to overcome this way of thinking. She also fears the potential misuse of technology and the need to ensure its proper use before it's released into society.

Dasgupta hopes a takeaway from her book is that people see the commonality among populations. She is also hopeful that all people can learn from one other.

To reserve tickets, visit: www.canaancolonial.com

NATURE: ROBIN RORABACK

Dancing with daffodils at Laurel Ridge Farm

"And then my heart with pleasure fills, And dances with the daffodils."

hose lines, from the poem, "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud," by William Wordsworth, are inscribed on a stone marker at Laurel Ridge Farm in the Northfield section of Litchfield.

It rings true to visitors who go to see the more than ten thousand daffodils and narcissus that were planted at Laurel Ridge Farm beginning in the early1940's. The bulbs were planted in a field considered too rocky to plant crops. The stone marker that holds the poem by Wordsworth also explains: "These daffodils were planted for all to enjoy by Virginia and Remy Morosani, 1941."

Since then, the Morosani family has main-



PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

The daffodils at Laurel Ridge Farm in Litchfield at their peak in late April 2024. A visit to the farm on April 10 showed that only a few daffodils were in bloom. Peak may be in another week or two.

tained the daffodils and set up a foundation for their care. More bulbs were planted over the years. Maintenance includes digging up and separating bulbs when they become over-crowded.

A visit on April 10 found that only a few daffodils were in bloom. A couple who goes yearly and had come to check predicted, "Maybe a week or two more until peak."

From about mid-April to early May, thousands of visitors are welcomed to see the daffodils. There are three rules: No dogs, no picnicking, and no picking or stepping

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MUSIC: MIKE COBB

Old Crow Medicine Show coming to The Mahaiwe

ld Crow Medicine Show has been making merry music since 1998. While students at Ithaca College in upstate New York, the band recorded, toured, and discovered gold in a discarded musical idea.

As legend has it, co-founder Chris Fuqua gave lead singer and fiddle player Ketch Secor a bootleg of a Bob Dylan song sketch. Secor took the chorus and added verses with themes of traveling that reflected his homesickness for the south. The resulting "Wagon Wheel" became the band's biggest hit, going gold and eventually platinum in 2013.

When asked why the song continues to resonate to this day, mandolin player and multi-instrumentalist Cory Younts said, "It's simple, easy to learn, and pleasing to the ear. It's everyone's favorite campfire song. Ketch



PHOTO BY BROOKE STEVENS

Old Crow Medicine Show will perform their high-energy brand of Americana at The Mahaiwe on April 25.

knew it was gonna be a big hit when he wrote it, and that it was gonna go for miles and miles."

The band got a big break while busking outside of a pharmacy in Boone, North Carolina in 2000 when they were discovered by legendary

blind bluegrass musician Doc Watson who invited them to perform at his annual Merlefest music festival, changing their lives forever.

As a result of their performance, the band was invited to play Nashville's Grand Ole

Opry where they were embraced and mentored by Marty Stuart, who invited them to tour and open for country music legends Merle Haggard and Dolly Parton.

In 2004, they recorded their eponymous album "O.C.M.S." produced by

David Rawlings, musical partner of Gillian Welch. Younts recalls how it was the right time for the band's brand of music.

"Old Crow was starting to make a name for themselves in Nashville around the time of the Cohen Brothers' film 'Oh Brother Where Art Thou?' I was a fan and would go to as many shows as I could. Gil and Dave would be there too. They're wonderful people. They have Woodland Studios in Nashville."

In December 2024. the band celebrated 25 years of the album with a performance on NPR's Tiny Desk Concert series. Today, they are one of the bigger Americana acts, and on reflection. Younts believes they helped start the genre.

"I remember when ev-

erybody thought we were just making country music. I think we're one of the first bands to start that whole sound and category (of Americana)," he said.

Old Crow Medicine Show will bring their unique brand of Americana to the Berkshires in late April. Audiences can expect an energetic and highly entertaining show.

"We're very high energy with a lot of humor. All of us rotate instruments throughout the night; everybody plays probably six instruments. It's entertaining, comical, good old ruckus busking music," Younts

Come see for yourself at the Mahaiwe Theater in Great Barrington, Massachusetts on Friday, April 25.

... Tyte Continued from B1

Vavra, a self-professed "painter's painter," has spent decades layering pigment in his barn-turned-studio in Milan, New York. "I find paintings as much as I make them," he mused. "Some happen quickly, others are slow." Of this latest collection, he said. "Some people call them busy. I think they're slow." His marks accumulate with a kind of devotional persistence, like petals left at a shrine. "A while ago, I saw a photographic image of a shrine," Vavra said. "I don't know if it was a Buddhist shrine or what, but there were colors on the ground all around it, and I realized they were the stains of flowers left in the worship. That's very similar to the way I paint."

The collection of paintings on view at Tyte — some as large as a shrine — are meditations on color, inviting the viewer to slow down. Or speed up. Whether viewers are activated or soothed by the images is

neither Vavra's intention nor within his control. Still, he said that watching people interact with the work has been a real treat. "Now that I have my paintings here, I get to see them all together," he said. "It's only when they're all together that I see how they talk to each other. It's interesting to see people come in and go to have a treatment and come out. It's a very interesting connection."

And what is the connection? What could be a disjointed pairing aesthetics and aesthetic medicine — has become, improbably, a perfectly logical continuum. "They're related in a sense," Vavra said.

Al-Nemri, a former radiologist who taught for over a decade at **Westchester Community** College, is no stranger to layering, precision, or the quiet rigor of care. Her incredible menu of services — Botox, body contouring, pelvic floor therapies — are the cutting edge of the industry. Of Vavra, Al-Nemri said,

"I fell in love with his work, and we just hit it off." It's a kind of kismet that seems to hover over the place. Pilates mat classes take place twice a week in the main gallery space and both Al-Nemri and Vavra have loved watching clients pause, eyes caught by a stripe of cerulean or a vibrating cluster of brushstrokes. "Something will catch their eye," said Vavra. "They're looking for something in it."

So, this gallery-meetsspa (or is it the other way around?) has plans. Vavra will be curating six shows a year. Laurie Adams's photographs will be hung in June, a group show of local artists will share the space in July and August, and a Fall show will feature twenty women artists, which Vavra is eager to anchor with a piece by Judy Pfaff. "There's nothing like this on this side of the county," he said of the light drenched space. "It's been a bit sleepier here. We want to wake it up."

He means it kindly; sleep certainly has its place. But here in Millbrook, amid the low drone of machines designed to rejuvenate, something unexpected has emerged. Perhaps that's what both Al-Nemri and Vavra are really after — not the quick fix or the final image, but the suspended moment, the long look. A face seen anew. A than ten acres of meanpainting revealed slowly, in silence.

As for Vavra's curatorial process? "I just unpack the paintings, lean them against the wall, and look," he said. "Eighty percent of the time, they're already where they're supposed to be."

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PHOTO BY ROBIN RORABACK

The daffodils at Laurel Ridge Farm in Litchfield.

on the flowers. They also ask that no one park on the east side of the narrow road so that emergency vehicles gain access if needed.

It is a magical experience to walk the more dering paths, with woods and ponds, surrounded on all sides by daffodils and narcissus in shades of yellow from pale, almost white to golden yellow.

The Visit Litchfield CT Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ VisitLitchfieldCT) posts

updates and will post when the daffodils peak. Laurel Ridge Daffodils Facebook page also posts updates on when the peak is expected.

Laurel Ridge Farm is located at 66 Wigwam Road, 1.3 miles south of the intersection with Route 254. A sign for Laurel Ridge Farm is at the beginning of Wigwam Road. There is no admission fee. It is open from sunrise to sunset while the daffodils bloom. After that, it is closed until the next vear.



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APRIL 18

Vintage Cartoon Screening

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

On Friday, April 18, 3 p.m., watch vintage **Eric Carle animations** based on his Grimm's Fairy Tales book. Enjoy popcorn and a unique look at his artwork.

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

There will be an Artist Talk: Friday, April 18, 4

Details: millbrooklibrary. org/millbrook-artsproject

APRIL 19

Community Earth Day Celebration

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

On Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. to noon, meet the Rec Commission at the library for a community wide trash clean up. Help the library prep the community garden for spring and mulch the library gardens. Participate in a recycled craft event at the Center on Main with Canaan Kids Artspace. Everyone is invited to enjoy beverages and snacks at the library.

Traces, Places, and Faces: Works on Paper

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

Cornwall Library's new exhibit "Traces, Places, and Faces: Works on Paper" from Sari Goodfriend and Eddie Watkins, runs from April 19 through June 7. Artists' Reception is April 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the library, 30 Pine Street, Cornwall, Conn. Registration for the reception is requested at cornwalllibrary.org/ events/

Exploring Native Plants, Managing Their Invasive Rivals & Responsible Herbicide

Sharon Land Trust Benton Hill Preserve (park at the 40 Benton Hill Road entrance)

10 a.m. to noon (rain or shine), join Tim Hunter, Sharon Land Trust's Stewardship Director, for a field demonstration at Benton Hill Preserve. This session will focus on responsible herbicide application-when and why it may be

appropriate, and the environmental benefits and risks to consider. We'll also discuss alternative management strategies and highlight the positive impacts of using herbicides responsibly. Register at sharon.audubon.org/ events

APRIL 24

The Science of Happiness

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

Join Amherst College psychology professor Catherine Sanderson on April 24 at 5:30 p.m. for a free Zoom talk on what really makes us happy, with tips to boost your own well-being. **Professor Sanderson** has published over 25 journal articles and book chapters in addition to multiple textbooks for learners of all ages. In 2012, she was named one of the country's top 300 professors by the Princeton Review.

Register for the program here: us02web.zoom.us/ meeting/register/een92V-VRDO8TOFcMhd5gA

Paint Cafe at Noble Horizons

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn

Katsushika Hokusai: "The Great Wave"

On Thursday, April 24 from 2 to 4:30 p.m., Hannah Jung, a professional artist and art educator, will guide you with step-by-step instructions to help you learn from Master artists by re-creating their masterpieces along with fun and educational art stories as inspirational resources.

APRIL 26

Holistic Cardiac Wellness Made Easy

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

huntlibrary.org On Saturday, April 26, at 11 a.m., learn simple, effective ways to support heart health in this talk by Mary Yuter, RN, a former cardiac ICU nurse and holistic wellness mentor. Designed for those with

a history of cardiac or

Art Exhibit Opening Reception

diabetes conditions.

Souterrain Gallery, 413 Sharon Goshen Tnpk., West Cornwall,

Artist, illustrator and author Ken Krug's new exhibit "Country Roads & City Streets" will open at Souterrain Gallery Saturday, April 26, with an opening reception from 3 to 6 p.m. on April 26.

Sights & Sounds of Spring Evening Walk

West Campus, Cary Institute, Millbrook, N.Y.

Cary Institute wildlife biologist Mike Fargione and educator Ashley Alred will lead a familyfriendly evening hike exploring the sights and sounds of spring on our campus. Discover how resident plants, amphibians, birds, and mammals are adapting to the change from winter to spring. 6 p.m. on April 26.

Register at: www. eventbrite.com/e/ sights-sounds-ofspring-evening-walktickets-1317927479569

Poetry Reading

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

Phillis Levin will read from her new book, "An Anthology of Rain," the most recent of her six published collections, on Saturday, April 26 at 5 p.m. at Cornwall Library. Registration is required: cornwalllibrary.org/ events/.

Earth Day Clean Up

North Canaan Town Hall, 100 Pease St., North Canaan Conn.

The annual town-wide Earth Day clean up event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 26. The time of the event is 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Hi-Viz vests, gloves, and heavy-duty waste bags will be supplied to all participants at no charge. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Please meet at Town Hall to receive your clean ups items and to select your area(s)/street(s). Rain Date: Sunday, April 27.

Taste Not Waste: Cooking Session

Fairfield Farm at The Hotchkiss School, 400 Sharon Road,

Saturday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Learn creative food waste prevention tips with Carol Hawran. Bring past-prime pantry or fridge items and a container. Space limited to 12.

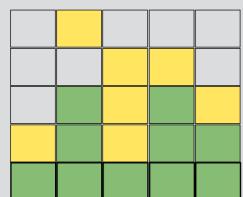
Register: foodwastepilot@ gmail.com

Last week's WotW

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Word of the Week

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



- 1. Brook, rainbow or brown
- 2. The sound a bird makes
- 3. Retro roadside eatery
- 4. Firetruck noise
- 5. Easter marks new beginnings

BINGO Benefiting Project

Morgan's Restaurant, 74 Interlaken Road, Lakeville,

Join us for a fun evening of BINGO benefitting Project SAGE on April 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.! \$25 All-You-Can-Eat Buffet, \$5 beer, \$9 wine, and \$12 cocktails. Reservations required: (860) 435-9878. Prizes donated by Honevchurch Home, Privet House, and more!

Plastic Pollution Crisis Event

Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.

"The Plastic Pollution Crisis and What to Do About It" is the title of a free upcoming informational event at Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, Copake on Saturday, April 26, 3 to 5 p.m.

Kristin Shevis, who has taken Al Gore's Climate Reality Leadership Training in 2024 completed NYC's Trash Academy. She is an active member of St. Francis Xavier Church's environmental ministry and is part of Beyond Plastics Speakers' Bureau.

Reservations are recommended. To get more information, make a reservation or get a link for virtual viewing, email cac@townofcopake.org.

APRIL 27

Poetry Workshop

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

Phillis Levin will give a poetry workshop at Cornwall Library on Sunday, April 27, at noon to complement her poetry reading of the evening before. Phillis is not only an acclaimed poet, but also a writing teacher with many years' experience. Readers and

writers are both welcome, but the class side is limited to 12. Registration required: cornwalllibrary. org/events/

Young Verdi in Love

Saint James Place, Great Barrington, Mass.

Berkshire Opera Festival recital at 2 p.m. featuring Verdi's romantic works with rising opera stars.

Tickets: \$90 (premium), \$45 (GA), \$20 (students/ under 30)

Native perennials on sale at 43rd annual Earth Day Plant Sale

The Northwest Conservation District is selling a variety of native perennial plants at its 43rd annual Earth Day Plant Sale at the Goshen Fairgrounds.

The sale will run Friday through Sunday, April 25 to 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shoppers can pre-order plants online at www.nwcd. org/shop or by mail with a check with the catalog. Pre-orders close April 16, but there will be over 100 other varieties of plants available to buy at the sale at the Goshen Fairgrounds. Many available plants are beneficial to birds, butterflies, bees, pollinators, and wildlife.

Sale organizers will also offer free educational literature, coloring pages and activities for kids.

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Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Dark blacks 7. Construct a wall to confine
- 13. Most inappropriate 14. A type of board
- 16. Sacred Hindu syllable
- 17. Flatterer 19. The Granite State
- 20. Tears down
- 22. China's Chairman 23. Former Houston
- footballer
- 25. Periods of time 26. Expressed pleasure
- 28. World alliance
- 30. Television network
- 31. Brother or sister 33. Type of spirit
- 34. __Ladd, actor 36. A medium oversees it 38. One time province of
- **British India** 40. Wrong
- 41. The highest parts of something
- 43. Insect
- 44. Baseball stat
- 45. A way to use up 47. Where wrestlers compete
- 48. It helps elect politicians 51. As fast as can be done
- 53. Genus of legumes
- 55. Samoa's capital 56. Monument in Jakarta
- 58. Former French coin
- 59. Exploiters
- 60. College sports official 61. Uninterrupted in time
- 64. Stephen King story 65. Marked by no sound
- 67. Weathers
- 69. Denouncements 70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN 1. Winged nut

- 2. It cools a home 3. Kisses (French)
- 4. Oxford political economist
- 5. Keyboard key 6. Leaf pores
- 7. Agrees with publicly 8. Not around 9. Czech city
- 10. Muscle cell protein
- 11. Greek letter 12. Movements
- 13. Ned __, composer 15. Popular series Game of
- 18. Exclamation that denotes disgust

- 21. Helper
- 24. Gift 26. Up in the air (abbr.)
- 27. Treat without respect
- 30. Trims 32. Slang for lovely 35. City of Angels hoopster
- (abbr.) 37. Guitarists' tool
- 38. Island nation 39. Delivered in installments
- 42. A baglike structure
- 43. Cooking vessel 46. Gets in front of
- 47. Wounded by scratching
- 49. More breathable
- 50. Medical dressings
- 52. Indiana hoopster 54. Married Marilyn
- 55. An ancient Assyrian city 57. Congressmen (abbr.)
- 59. Approves food
- 62. Ventura's first name

- 63. Between northeast and east
- 68. Email designation 54. Region

66. Atomic #71

- 55. Famed Scottish Loch 57. Blood relation
- 58. Not around 59. Recipe measurement

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WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE IOURNAL

OUR TOWNS



Easter festivities

Cozying up to the Easter Bunny was Town Clerk Dawn Klingner, who joined with Recreation Department volunteers for Amenia's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12. Local children accomplished the hunt with skill and speed. The festivities were moved indoors to the Town

Steady home sales in Milan

By CHRISTINE BATES Special to the Millerton News

MILAN - Straddling the Taconic Expressway, the Town of Milan is divided into three school districts -Rhinebeck, Red Hook and Pine Plains. Although it has no town commercial center Milan does have an active real estate market even in January that attracts families and buyers who value privacy and low town taxes. In January, six home sales were recorded ranging from \$285,000 to \$760,000 and the sale of one piece of vacant residential land for \$750,000.

By mid-April, 15 homes were listed for sale in Milan with nine of them over \$1 million and only two below

One part of this two-family house was built in 1820 and the other half a century later. It sold for \$535,000 in 2020, was relisted at \$695,000 in July 2024 and sold on Jan. 6 for \$606,000.

\$600,000. Mirror Lake Resort is listed for sale at \$11 million with 217 acres. Six pieces of vacant land were available.

Transfers 328 Milan Hollow Road - 3 bedroom/2.5 bathroom home on 4.26 acres sold to Miles K. Michael for \$760,000.

1145 Willow Brook Road -3 bedroom/2 bath home on 5.13 acres sold to 1145 Willow Brook Rd Inc. for \$322,000.

21 Hamlet Lane — 2 bedroom/2 bath house on .92 acres sold to Olivia Cipriani for \$415,000.

222 South Road — 1 bedroom/1 bath cottage on 3 acres sold to Richard Glenn Fischer

Ir for \$285,000.

995 Route 199 — 8 bedroom/4.5 bath two family home on 16.56 acres sold to Lale Uner for \$605,000.

586-594 Fitzsimmons Road - 2 bedroom/2 bath house on 14.25 acres sold to Stewart Cutler for \$600,000.

249 Becker Hill Road -16.34 acres of residential vacant land with Catskill views sold to Kenneth Florance for \$750,000.

*Town of Milan 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. Parcel numbers refer to parcel designation by Dutchess County and may be accessed on Dutchess Parcel Access. Only transfers with consideration are included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut

and New York.

Hall due to the unexpected snowfall of the night before.

By LEILA HAWKEN

Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK - Follow-

ing weeks of budget review,

the Board of Trustees unani-

mously adopted the proposed

2025-26 expenditure budget

at their regular meeting on

that \$1,181,167 is to be raised

by property taxes. No public

Budget totals indicate

Wednesday, April 9.

Millbrook approves \$1.18M village budget the vote to adopt.

> Mayor Peter Doro reviewed the areas of increase that resulted in a 6.2% overall rise in expense, although he noted that the percentage represented a reduction from earlier budget workshop versions that projected a 9% rise. To reach the lower percentage, Doro said that \$22,000 in expense savings were identified. For example, rather than paying overtime

take compensatory time off equal to their overtime hours.

A major contributor to the budget increase was a 26% increase in insurance costs.

"We achieved a good balance," Doro said of the budget, thanking all village departments and former mayor Tim Collopy for assistance with the long process marked by hard work and flexibility.

The new mill rate will be \$5.38 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of 28 cents per thousand over the current year.

The Trustees also approved the annual budgets for Water and Sewer district

users. The water budget totals \$822,900, up from the current year's \$768,764; the sewer budget totals \$870,200, up from the current year's \$778,972.

The 2025-26 budget is posted on the village website at www.villageofmillbrookny. com.

comment was offered at the public hearing that preceded to employees, employees will



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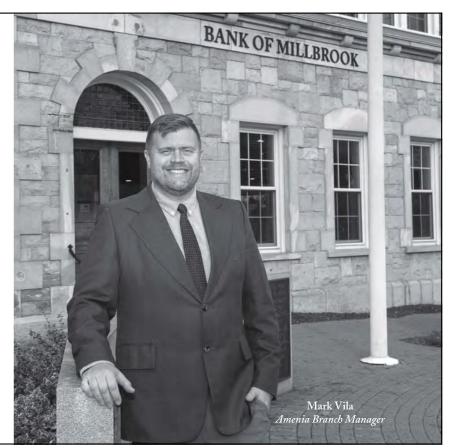
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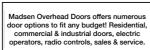


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