





OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

From left, Deborah Maier, moderator, Megan Wolff, Nicole Clanahan and Olivia Skeen.

Millerton ends Earth Day week with film and talk on pervasive plastics

By JOHN COSTON  
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MILLERTON — The Climate Smart Task Force celebrated the end of Earth Day week on Sunday, April 27, with a free showing of “Plastic People,” a documentary about humanity’s relationship with plastic, cosponsored by The Moviehouse.

The award-winning film portrays a pervasive role plastic plays in our lives and explores its effect on human health, especially as microplastics.

Microplastics have found their way into human organs and even into the placentas of new mothers. The film is a call to action by science journalist Ziya Tong, who talks with scientists and undertakes self experimentation to prove her points.

Following the showing, attended by approximately 50 people, Deborah Maier, a member of Millerton’s Climate Smart Task Force, hosted a panel on stage at The Moviehouse, leading a half-hour discussion on topics that ranged from examples of plastic present in food and cosmetics to ways to reduce plastic use.

One panelist, Megan Wolff, executive director of P-SNAP, a physician and scientist network, appealed to the audience to reach out to New York state legislators to urge them to support a Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act in Albany. Wolff also is a professor at Bennington College.

“Right now you have the most power on the planet to change this,” Wolff said, referring to the Albany legislation. “It (the bill) caps the production of plastic. It pulls out some of the most toxic chemicals. And it creates a producer-pays principle,” she said.

Wolff urged the audience to write and call their representatives, and to go to Albany on May 7, which is lobby day.

Wolff said that a lot of chemicals in food are known

neurotoxins. The same is true, she said, of the presence of chemicals in cosmetics.

Composting

Olivia Skeen, a manager at McEnroe Organic Farm in Millerton, described the farm’s state-of-the-art composting operation that composts from a wide variety of sources, including households and bulk food waste from the Northeast region and New York City.

Skeen explained that compostable plastic can takes about 140 days to break down, compared to 40 to 60 days with food waste.

One particularly troublesome problem are produce stickers on food, which are made of a heavier plastic that is difficult to sort in the process.

Skeen noted that McEnroe’s offers three composting bins for drop-off at its former farm market and eatery on Route 22.

Reusing

Nicole Clanahan, who runs Rural Center Refillery in Pine Plains, spoke about ways to change habits around products used every day. Those products include not only food goods, but cleaning products as well.

“Once they’re in the store,” she said, “it’s an opportunity for us to show them something that’s so easy to do.”

Rural Center Refillery last summer began a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program with local farms.

“We have about 60 members right now,” she said. Members pay a monthly fee to get a portion of goods.

Maier closed the discussion with an optimistic note: “We still can do something about it.”

The members of the Climate Smart Task Force are Chris Kennan, Town of North East Supervisor; Matthew Hartzog, Village of Millerton Trustee; Kathy Chow, Task Force Coordinator; Deborah Maier, Kathleen Spahn, Rich Stalzer, Andrew Stayman, Chris Virtuoso and Steve Fahmie.

Amenia Planning Board calls for more detail in Keane Stud subdivision covenant study

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — A report from the town’s visual impact consultant in connection with the application submitted by developers of the proposed Keane Stud subdivision led to discussion of the type of detailed information needed to satisfy local requirements at the regular meeting of the Planning Board on Wednesday, April 23.

At the April 9 meeting of the Planning Board, Keane Stud subdivision’s Senior Planner Peter Sander of RENNIA Engineering had reviewed plan changes that had reduced the number of lots planned from 27 to 23 with a corresponding reduction in total acreage from 704 to 605. Changes had been made to protect the viewshed from DeLaVergne Hill, Sander said.

Deed restrictions would limit the scale and visibility of development on any lot as each lot is acquired by a buyer, Sander had indicated.

Board input was key to the next steps, leading Sander to ask for such comments as well as comments from George Janes, the town’s visual resources consultant. Planning board member James Vitiello commented that he would want to see scope of vegetative screening around each future home as part of the current planning.

Covenant requirements are important in each instance, Planning Board Engineer John Andrews said, citing lighting, building materials and plantings that can be specified in envisioning visual effects of future development.

In advance of the April 23 meeting, the developers had provided a Declaration of Covenant document for review by the town’s visual consultant George Janes, who reported his findings to the Planning Board. He described the Cov-

enant Report as incomplete and inadequate in identifying likely changes to the viewshed visible from DeLaVergne Hill.

Because of the topography of the land, for example, Janes said the developers failed to indicate any grading challenges that might require retaining walls were a home to be built on the site. The photos also failed to show recreational additions such as swimming pools, tennis courts and outbuildings. No access roads were shown in the photo views, all of which would impact the viewshed.

The developers had also failed to address whether the proposed lots might be expected to add perimeter walls or fencing on the properties, or solar panels.

“We want to know as a town what the viewshed would look like,” planning board member Ken Topolsky said. As an example, he said that if a property that might be allowed to support seven horses would need a barn and perhaps an additional ring that would likely be visible.

Although not scheduled to appear, attorneys for the Keane Stud subdivision asked to be heard and agreed that more conversation between the developers and the town is needed.

The Keane Stud attorney reminded the board that the current drawings represent only a subdivision application, too early to expect to see engineering studies and site plans. The town would be a party to any deed restrictions devised for each lot’s design.

Planning board engineer Andrews noted that Janes’ language used in requesting the Covenant Report had asked for a “reasonable worst case development” on a few key lots, to assist the board in visualizing possible viewshed impact.

Seeking clarification on the meaning of “worst case,” board member John Stefanopoulos asked as an example whether

the developers would need to imagine 20 swimming pools on 20 lots.

Ready to re-review plans presented at the April 9 meeting, Senior Planner Peter Sander of RENNIA Engineering was present, indicating that no changes had been made to the drawings since the previous meeting.

“Things that are in a viewshed are not necessarily

unsightly, such as trees and fences,” said planning board member Nina Peek, although she would want to see examples of “reasonable worst-case scenarios.”

“We need to see it,” Peek said, indicating that the planners and board officials will work together to gather necessary details in the coming weeks, preparing for the next report to the public.

Millerton Bulk Trash Day returns on May 10

MILLERTON — The Town of North East will hold Bulk Trash Day on May 10 at the old Town Garage on South Center Street from 9 a.m. to noon.

A North East Millerton Climate Smart Task Force’s flyer notes fees for a pickup truck or trailer ranges from \$30 to \$60. Cars are \$15 to \$30. Trash Day is hosted by the Town of North East for residents of the town and the Village of Millerton.

Mattresses, springs and couches are \$20. Units with

freon are \$30.

Acceptable items include metal, lawn mowers, tools, furniture, carpeting and junk refrigerators and air conditioners. Electronics, paint cans, batteries and heavy construction debris is not accepted.

At a recent meeting, Town Supervisor Chiis Kennan said a special effort will be made this year to collect old tires with a \$15 charge, including rims, which is the amount it costs the Town to dispose of them.

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Amenia Fire Company plans ham dinner May 3

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — The long-anticipated Ham Dinner, an annual event put on by the Amenias Fire Company, is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Mechanic Street.

Diners are welcome to eat-in or take-out.

Each dinner will include sliced ham, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, dinner rolls, apple sauce and dessert, all at a price of \$17 per person, or \$15, if the customer is at least 60 years of age.

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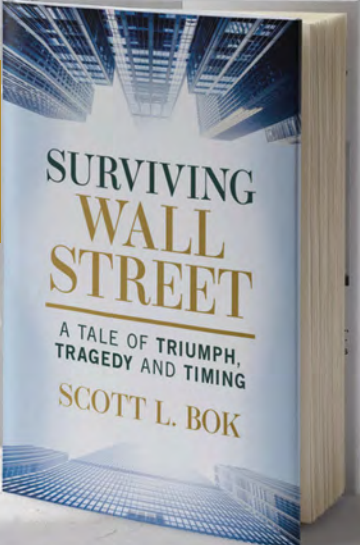

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How gardening can nourish birds in everyone’s backyard

By RUTH EPSTEIN  
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Watching birds find nourishment in nature can be an enjoyable experience. Supporting them in that endeavor can be even more rewarding.

Those attending a talk at the Amenia Free Library on Saturday by Bethany Sheffer, volunteer coordinator and naturalist at Sharon Audubon, heard about the plants on which birds feast, and gently encouraged listeners to consider adding some to their property. The program was sponsored by the Amenia Garden Club and the Conservation Advisory Council as part of Earth Day events.

“We do a lot of work with forest conservation at Audubon to improve the environment for the habitat of birds,” Sheffer said. “That provides a long impact of feeding birds throughout the year.”

Her talk was accompanied

by a PowerPoint filled with images of colorful birds and their habitats. She listed the various types of offerings for birds, including those under the category of hard mast, such as nuts and seeds. When Sheffer asked what birds would benefit from those items, she was delighted to find the audience so knowledgeable. The answers were bluejays, wild turkeys and wood ducks, noting that such things as acorns and hazelnuts provide 80% of their winter diets.

Dry seeds, which are a bit softer and found on maples and birches, are attractive to cross beaks, chickadees and cardinals, while flowers, buds, pollen and nectar on sugar maples, dogwoods and oaks, provide sustenance for orioles and scarlet tanagers due to the insects that inhabit them.

Turning to soft mast, which are fruits and berries, Sheffer described the plants that contain them, such as

black cherry for thrushes and robins, red cedar for ruby-crowned kinglets and American holly, for hermit thrushes, bluejays and chickadees. She shared that berries are not that nourishing for birds.

Properties containing wetlands are often a good source of food for birds. Dispelling the myths surrounding the Virginia creeper and poison ivy, Sheffer said they don’t strangle trees and bring them down. “If you don’t come in contact with them, leave them be to offer food for birds.” When she asked if anyone has Virginia creeper in their yards, she elicited a loud

round of laughter. “Is there anyone who doesn’t?” asked one audience member.

Sheffer said trees and shrubs not only provide food for birds, but cover as well. She also broached the subject of insects, which help sustain the bird population. Passing on some statistics, she noted that 96% of birds feed insects to their young. She surprised the audience with the fact that nesting chickadees eat 390 to 570 caterpillars a day and over 9,000 until they fledge.

Sheffer recommended apps that might be of interest to gardeners, including PictureThis and iNaturalist.



Bethany Sheffer, volunteer coordinator and naturalist at Sharon Audubon, gives a talk on supporting birds using native plants at the Amenia Free Library Saturday, April 26. The program was put on by the Amenia Garden Club and Conservation Advisory Council as part of Earth Day events.

Amenia EDC eyes goals, including becoming a visitor ‘destination’

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Having agreed upon goals at previous meetings in January and February, the Economic Development Committee set about discussion of early steps toward making progress at its meeting on Monday, April 21.

Envisioning the town becoming a destination for visitors, committee chairman Ken Topolsky saw a need for coordination among other town committees sharing the same or similar goals. He described that coordination as key to progress.

“What can the town offer and where would the town put it,” was an early discussion question asked by Topolsky, adding that the committee is not ready for implementation of plans but rather to envision

the type of thing that could be possible.

Goals identified at the previous meeting in early February included parking, a farmers’ market and a cell tower to expand phone service.

“We need to look at how to publicize features, particularly outdoor attractions,” Topolsky said.

Discussion turned to the work of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, summarized by that committee’s chairman, Bill Flood. He reported that a town-wide public input session is scheduled for Monday, June 9, at the Town Hall, coordinated by the Pace University Land Use Law Center’s collaborative consultants, Nexus Creative Design.

Town Board liaison Rosanna Hamm commented that the initial presentation by the consultants at a recent

meeting of the Town Board demonstrated a good amount of energy toward completing the task.

Topolsky praised a recent meeting of town committee chairpersons who shared their views of town goals relative to the work of their committees. He noted that each committee seems to be focused on the same community issues, citing parking, housing and wastewater solutions.

The work of the Economic Development Committee, Topolsky said, might be to create a structure that will provide guidance to developers, helping them navigate through various community, county and state requirements.

Committee member Damian Gutierrez agreed that it is best if multiple committees work as a group and approach

the Town Board with resulting thoughts.

“We don’t need to restrict ourselves,” Gutierrez said, however, cautioning against an anticipatory approach that would be overly deferential to other committees.

Seeking consistency of structure, committee member Tom Buttacavoli said that once there is a vision, then the lines of communication among committees would activate.

Gutierrez suggested that the Town Board should create clear guidelines for each involved town committee to define or clarify the scope of responsibility for each. He also saw value in inviting local business leaders to Economic Development Committee meetings to hear from them about their experience and current challenges needing attention.



Some of the local volunteers who planted a native tree on Arbor Day, Friday, April 25, gathered around the tree for a photo to mark the occasion. Left to right are Ana Hajdak, Maryanne Pitts, Christy Gast, Leo Blackman, Ken Monteiro, and Vicky Doyle.

Wassaic tree replaced with native bur oak

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

WASSAIC — Local tree enthusiasts assembled in Wassaic village center to plant a young tree at the entrance to the rail trail in observance of Arbor Day.

The event on Friday, April 25 was co-sponsored by the Amenia Conservation Advisory Council and the Amenia Town Enhancement Committee.

Volunteers were attracted to help with the project led by Maryanne Pitts, CAC member. Some set to work to accomplish the task, others advised, and still others photographed the progress.

Bringing a wheelbarrow to the session was Wassaic resident Edwin Erreyes who saw the group of volunteers and wanted to help.

The new tree, a bur oak donated by the Amenia Garden Club, replaced a non-native dogwood that had failed to thrive at the location.

Garden Club president Ken Monteiro noted that the bur

oak, native to eastern North America, produces acorns, each sporting a tiny burr.

“Oaks are a key help to native species, including their tendency to host insect larvae that feed birds,” Pitts said before the work began. “Birds need to feed their young the caterpillars because very young birds do not eat seeds,” she added. “They need protein.”

Pitts said that the interval between the egg and the fledgling is only two weeks in duration.

“So, it is critical that they have native trees and shrubs available to them,” Pitts said, adding that she is a supporter of the Homegrown National Park program.

“The gardens of today are the natural world,” Pitts commented. “Everything else is choked with invasives.”

As Pitts is working toward earning a designation of being a “Tree City,” she said that 2025 is the first step in what will be an annual event.

“We’ll do it every year,” she said.

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OBITUARIES

Eleanor Anne Sternlof

LIME ROCK — Eleanor Anne Sternlof (née de Guise) of White Hollow Road, passed away on April 25, 2025 at Geer Village in Canaan. She was 94 and the loving wife of the late Paul William Sternlof, who died on Aug. 12, 2005.

Eleanor was born July 14, 1930, in Lowell, Massachusetts as the eldest child of the late George and Vera (née Gale) de Guise. Eleanor graduated from Chelmsford High School in 1948 and from Clark University in 1954. She met Paul as a fellow student at Clark and they married in May 1954.

Eleanor worked for Mohawk Airlines while Paul earned his MBA in Hospital Administration at Yale University. In 1958 they moved to Baltimore, Maryland, and started a family while Paul worked as Assistant Administrator at Baltimore General Hospital.

Their first two children, Karl and Kurt, were born in Baltimore. They moved to Sharon in 1962 when Paul became President of Sharon Hospital. Two more children followed, and the family settled on White Hollow Road in 1965.

Eleanor and Paul were together avid beekeepers, vegetable gardeners, brewers of mead and motorcycle enthusiasts. She was a skilled seamstress, doll maker, canner and general DIYer who

learned carpentry taking adult-ed classes at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. In 1977, while her two middle boys were students there, Eleanor took a job in the Superintendent's Office and quickly became notorious for riding her motorcycle to work. She retired in 1992.

In 1995, Eleanor and Paul bought a winter home on Fripp Island, South Carolina, and made many new friends. She volunteered for years there as a teaching aide at the public school and sang alto in the island choir. After Paul passed, she spent a decade plus traveling the world with a close-knit band of fellow adventurers. Eleanor moved back to White Hollow full-time in June 2020 and finally to Geer Village in Oct. 2021.

Eleanor is survived by her children; Karl Sternlof (Kerin Woods) of New London, Connecticut, Kurt Sternlof of Newton, Massachusetts, Mark Sternlof of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Erika Sternlof of Bath, Maine; her grandchildren, Emma Sternlof (Michael Conlin) of Durham, North Carolina, Nora Sternlof of Chicago, Illinois and Erik Sternlof of Newton, Massachusetts; her great grandchild Brian Conlin and her sister Evelyn Webber of Rochester, New York.

Memorial activities will be announced at a later date. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of all arrangements.

Frederick Wright Hosterman

KENT — Frederick Wright Hosterman passed away peacefully in his home in Kent on April 16, 2025. Born in 1929 in Auburn, Nebraska, he was the son of farmers. He attended a one-room schoolhouse just outside of Brownville, Nebraska, adjacent to his family's farm.



The little brick schoolhouse is still standing! After graduating from high school, Fred attended the University of Nebraska (Lincoln), eventually earning a master's degree in agronomy. He took a job with Monsanto in Buffalo, New York, where the company was a pioneer in applying biotechnology to agricultural sciences. In Buffalo, Fred met his future wife, Dorothy. Fred and Dorothy moved to New York City for several years in the early 1960s, before settling down in Norwalk. In Norwalk, Fred and Dorothy had three children. The family later moved to Kent. In 1980, Fred and Dorothy divorced, and Fred bought a large tract of land on Carter Road in Kent. He built a house there, largely by himself, which he maintained until his death at age 95. After taking early retirement, he spent the following decades working on his property, adding various buildings, woodcrafting, landscaping, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Fred had a jovial and close relationship with many of his neighbors, who he saw daily, all willing to share a cup of coffee or receive various bits of wisdom from Fred on any number of projects.

Fred was predeceased by his parents; Helen and Arch Hosterman, step-mother Cassie Hosterman, sisters Ruth and Esther Marie, brother Richard, and former wife Dorothy. He is survived by his three children and their spouses; John and his husband Eric of Northfield, Minnesota, Tracy and her partner, Sam, of Amenia, New York, and Catherine and her husband, Josh, of Cornwall. He is also survived by his five grandchildren; Nicky, Dan, Ian, Zachary, and Eliza, and several nieces and nephews.

Fred loved to flirt with the ladies, even in his 90s, doing a little "dance" for almost anyone he met. Another of Fred's favorite hobbies was chopping down trees on his land. Initially, this started out as a necessity for fueling his wood stoves. Later, tree-clearing projects were aimed at enhancing the magnificent view from his house high atop Carter Road. Even at age 95, Fred was frequently on his excavator moving boulders or building a retaining wall, as he was strong, healthy and witty until his final weeks.

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Nancy (Case) Brenner

CANAAN — Nancy (Case) Brenner, 81, of Canaan, passed away peacefully in her sleep at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington, following a long illness on Good Friday, April 18, 2025.

Nancy was born on April 10, 1944, to the late Ray Sargeant Case Sr. and Beatrice Southey Case.

She was the second youngest of five children, predeceased by her three brothers, Ray S. Case Jr., David E. Case and Douglas C. Case, and her sister Linda (Case) Olson. She grew up in New Hartford and Winsted, where she graduated from Northwestern Regional 7 High School.

Nancy is predeceased by her husband and the love of her life, Thomas E. Brenner. Often nicknamed "the love birds," they were true soulmates and shared many wonderful years together filled with love, laughter, travel and family. Nancy is also survived by 11 nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly — Lori, Richard, Kathleen,

Kevin, Debbie, Karen, Carrie, Jennifer, Tom, Scott and Kimberlee. She was a special aunt leaving behind so many happy and joyful memories. She never missed attending her nieces' and nephews' special events.

Nancy worked for over 20 years at Raynard and Pierce in Canaan. There she made many friendships and brightened the day of everyone who went through the door greeted by her smile and jovial spirit. Nancy was a loving wife, daughter, aunt and friend and will be missed by all who's lives she touched.

A graveside service will be held at Collinsville Cemetery on Huckleberry Hill Road in Canton on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11 a.m. followed by a reception at 5 Cherry Brook Road, Canton. Memorial donations may be made in Nancy's name to the Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Road, Pittsfield, MA 012011, where Nancy adopted her loving cat and faithful companion, Dusty.



David William Matheson

FALLS VILLAGE — David William Matheson, 81, of East Hartford, formerly of Falls Village, died April 23, 2025, at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Hartford. David was the husband of Margaret (Kirkpatrick) Matheson. David and Margaret celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in May of 2024. David was born Jan. 10, 1944, at Sharon Hospital, son of the late Walter and Mary (Murphy) Matheson.

David graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village. He worked for 32 years for the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation and retired as a General Supervisor.

He was very involved in youth sports and coached his son, David, in little league baseball, basketball (CYB) and the HVRHS golf team. He also coached his daughter, Erin, in basketball (CYB) as well. David's greatest joy was his family, including nightly wiffle ball games.

In addition to his wife, David is survived by his son, David, his wife Nicole, and grandson, Nicholas, of Southington, Connecticut, and his daughter, Erin, of Peabody, Massachusetts. David is also survived by his brother, Sandy Matheson and his wife Diana; his sister Ann Matheson; his nephew John Matheson, his wife Judy and children, Paige and Jack; his sister-in-law Hazel McGuire; and his niece Michelle Hansen, and her husband Matt. David was predeceased by his in-laws Ralph and Sara Kirkpatrick; brother-in-law John Kirkpatrick; brother-in-law Edward McGuire; and Uncle Jack.

Funeral services will be private. Memorial donations may be sent to The East Hartford Fire Department, Attention: The Medical Division, 31 School Street, East Hartford, CT 06108. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT 06018.

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Adam Rand

SHEFFIELD — Adam Rand, 59, of Sheffield, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully in his home on April 22, 2025, after a long battle with ALS.

Adam was born on April 6, 1966, to Lee and Charles Rand II of Boston, Massachusetts. Adam spent his early childhood in Nantucket, where his love of fishing and water was born before moving to Sharon. It was here where he made many lifelong friends and later graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1984. He attended Hiram College in Ohio before settling in Connecticut.

Adam was a master of all trades, a seasoned contractor and practiced carpenter. He was always eager to learn and



became a skilled woodworker in his later years of life. His work ethic was undeniable. Adam was passionate about his family, his work and anything with an engine.

Adam leaves behind his loving wife, Annie Rand, his children, Samantha Rand (Nantucket) and Jack Rand (Canaan), his brother and sister-in-law, Greg and Cindy Rand (Nantucket), and their children, Olivia, Maxwell and Samuel Rand (Boston), as well as the mother of his children and former wife, Nancy Rand (Collinsville)

Services will be held for immediate family only. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: Compassionate Care ALS, PO Box 1052, West Falmouth, MA 02574. Or Online at ccals.org

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Linda L. Dodge

LAKEVILLE — A Celebration of Life for Linda L. Dodge will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at the Lakeville Town Grove at 10 a.m. in Lakeville.

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<p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p><b>UCC in CORNWALL</b> Cornwall Village Meeting House Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
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<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
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LETTER TO  
THE EDITOR

How to advocate  
for local food access

Widespread hunger and food insecurity continue to be hidden problems throughout the region. A whopping \$1 billion in funding cuts, announced by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in mid-March, have resulted in swift, direct, and devastating local impact. At St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia, our Community of Radical Hospitality hinges on food distribution to neighbors in need—921 of whom visited the Food of Life/Comida de Vida Food Pantry on the last Friday in February. These individuals live in our neighborhoods and work at local businesses; they are the parents of our children’s classmates and contribute to the local community; and, amidst rising inflation and ongoing political uncertainty, they turn to us for assistance because they can’t afford to buy groceries.

As members of the New York Regional Food Bank, the USDA has been our primary source of reliable low- to no-cost protein—including pork, chicken, beef, fish, eggs, nuts and peanut butter—for the last 15 years. In the wake of drastic and unexpected cuts, the once abundant selection of quality protein is growing smaller and more costly. While we have been spared any weeks without protein for distribution (a blessing due to careful advance planning by our pantry manager), we anticipate availability will continue to plummet. The end of two pandemic-era programs (including the Local Food Purchase Assistance Program, which enabled states to buy

fresh food direct from farmers and distribute it to local organizations helping communities in need) has revealed a stark truth: the vast chasm between the haves and the have-nots in Dutchess County is growing, and the impending crisis demands immediate attention from the community at large.

Donations of shelf-stable food are not the answer. In an effort to provide well-rounded pantry staples for all, we need to raise dollars and awareness in equal amounts. Money means we are able to expand our relationships with local farmers, through partnerships with Tri Corner FEED (Food Equity, Education, and Distribution) and the Tenmile Farm Foundation, to keep our neighbors nourished. Advocacy equates to contacting your state and federal representatives; voicing concern about barriers to local food access; and letting them know you are a constituent who is asking for action!

Food is a basic human right. While eradicating the myriad barriers to access in our region may not be imminent, it is our collective responsibility to ensure dignity for all. Together, many hands will surely make light work of bringing this issue into the spotlight where—with increased visibility—it can be seen and solved.

**The Rev. AJ Stack**  
**Priest-in-Charge**  
**Executive Director,**  
**Food of Life/Comida de**  
**Vida Pantry**  
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Turkey hunting, a duel of patience

VETERAN’S  
CORNER

Larry Conklin

Spring has finally thawed me from semi-hibernation and activated my pre-planned ‘things to do’ list. Lawn cleared and trees/brush trimmed (check). Garden tilled and lightly limed for future planting (check). Chest freezer defrosted and cleaned spring and fall; always revealing forgotten packages. (check). Dry well cleaned and treated. (check). Wood delivered and stacked with more to come. (check). Turkey gear cleaned and ready to go. Ditto fly rods (check).

Turkey hunts in the a.m. and trout fishing in the p.m. often go hand-in-hand. Any May morning will find me on a mountain hillside or a wooded/field transition area attempting a duel with a tom. His gusty gobbles and calls vs. my attempts.

In darkness I await dawn

probably wander off with them unless I can entice a hen to my calling hoping he will follow.

Turkey hunting is a duel of patience and persistence. Tom usually wins and that’s okay with me. I win as well. We will meet another day for another duel, the sounds sights and colors of nature an added bonus.

God bless you patriotic readers and your families.

Help one-another and get outdoors to enjoy nature’s offering: fresh air, exercise, bounty from your garden and color and sounds of flowers, blooms and birds.

*Town of North East resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam veteran and a member of both the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Connecticut.*

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Air rifle mishap; dump fire; \$19.2M Webutuck capital project approved

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

**May 3, 1934**

Sentence suspended’; Maud Smith Rundall, 54, district superintendent of schools, was given a suspended sentence Monday in traffic court, Poughkeepsie, when she appeared before Acting Judge McCambridge on a charge of parking overtime in Market Street April 6.

‘Boy shot in face’; Harry Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lawrence, was painfully injured when he was struck just below the eye by a shot from an air rifle which he had been cleaning. The wound is responding satisfactorily to treatment being administered by Dr. G. E. Ganons.

‘Five Companies Called To Forest, Grass Fires’; Fire departments from Millerton, Pine Plains, Wassaic and Millbrook were summoned late Tuesday night to battle a forest fire in the town of Amenia, but because of an error in the instructions received from Amenia, the Millerton, Pine Plains and Millbrook companies went in search of a blaze said to be in the vicinity of Jackson Corners. The Amenia and Wassaic departments battled the raging fire until early Wednesday morning before bringing it under control.

FROM THE  
ARCHIVES

The Millerton News

**May 1, 1975**

‘Town Dump Burns; Causes \$6000 Loss’; The entire North East Town dump was burned off in a fire that drew out 4 fire companies on Wednesday afternoon, April 23.

Millerton Fire Captain Ray Loper said that the blaze, at Coleman Station which caused about \$6000 damage, covered about an acre of land and destroyed 400-500 tires, 2,800-pound propane cylinders, a storage shed, old appliances and lumber. The town’s new cleat-track landfill machine was unharmed. Captain Loper said that the cause of the fire was unknown.

‘Law Day Proclaimed’; North East Supervisor Frank Perotti has proclaimed Thursday, May 1, as Law Day U.S.A. “American’s[sic] Goal — Justice through Law” is the theme of this year’s Law Day, reported the supervisor.

He urged every citizen to “reflect on the role of the rule of law in safeguarding individual rights.”

‘Filmmaker To Show Work At Library’; A unique experience is coming up for movie buffs. Millerton Free Library has been selected to show the films “Allas of Bedford County” and “Helios” by Mark

Anderson on Friday, May 9 at 8 p.m.

This event is part of the Independent Filmmakers Festival sponsored by the Mid-Hudson Library System under a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts. Mr. Anderson teaches film and video to children in New York City. tributed in the area.

‘Dance Pupils To Present Showtime 75’; The pupils of Christine’s Dance Studio, Millerton, will present their annual recital “Showtime 75” Saturday evening, May 3, at the Webutuck High School auditorium at 8 p.m.

This year’s theme is a salute to the U.S.A. with its many seasons and holidays.

‘McArthur’s Smokehouse Uses Centuries Old Technique’; McArthur’s Smokehouse in Millerton, as it begins its 100th year of business, is using the same meat curing and smoking techniques as used a century ago.

Jack Crawford, general manager and part-owner of McArthur’s, said this week, “In our 100th year we’re doing everything the same as Ward McArthur did it in 1876, and what he was doing was pretty much the same as the early settlers of New England, 200 years ago.”

The smokehouse product line includes ham, sausage, bacon, turkey, capon, trout, leg of lamb, corned beef, crown roast of pork loin, Canadian bacon, ham morsels and bangers, a British sausage.

**May 4, 2000**

‘Webutuck Capital Project Passes; Some 1,300 Residents Cast Votes’; WEBUTUCK - Results of the Webutuck Central School District’s “McGraw” capital project vote were announced to a loud cheer last Thursday evening, minutes after the last voters filed from booths.

Voters passed both propositions decisively.

Proposition 1, for building improvements estimated at \$19,200,000, passed 905 to 443, while Proposition 2, for \$1,450,000 worth of athletic field improvements, passed 838 to 479.

The majority of votes were recorded in person, with only 43 absentee ballots received.

Approval of Proposition 2 was contingent on approval of Proposition 1.

Margins were much higher than those of the June 1999 vote on a similar project, when about 800 voters gave the thumbs down by a mere 20 votes. The October 1998 vote on a \$26-million plan went down by two to one, with a turnout of about 1300.

‘Special Fund-Raiser Planned June 4’; MILLERTON - Townscape of Millerton-North East, a committee of the Millerton Chamber of Commerce, has set its goal to strengthen the community economically, socially and environmentally. To grow as a healthy, vibrant and attractive place in the Hudson River Valley, all possible resources must be called upon.

‘Oblong to Host Local Designer and Author’; MILLERTON —Designer and area author Diane Love will be at Oblong Books and Music Saturday, May 6, at 5 p.m., to explain the original principle of home design embodied in her new book “Yes/No Design” (Rizzoli).

As a designer who owned her own shop on Madison Avenue in New York, Ms. Love was frequently approached by customers who did not trust

their own sense of style. “Yes/No Design” grew out of that experience. She wanted to help people break free of trendsetters and fashion gurus, to discover and apply their own taste in home decorating.

‘Fire Department To Host Spring Dance’; The Millerton Fire Department’s second annual spring dance will be held Saturday, May 13, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the firehouse on Century Boulevard.

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SPORTS



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The 2025 Webutuck Little League celebrated Opening Day on Sunday, April 27 at Beekman Park in Amenia. Members of the league pose under the scoreboard that now honors Amenia's Noah Thompson, a lifelong baseball player who died in a drowning in 2023.



T-ball coach DJ Reilly throws out the first pitch (a ball) to Kaitlynn Dean, 12, of Wassaic at Beekman Park in Amenia during an Opening Day celebration for the Webutuck Little League. The infields were groomed and lined by Richie Howard, of the Town of Amenia. Parent volunteers fed the crowd with hamburgers and hotdogs on a chilly, damp afternoon.

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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04-24-25  
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**Legal Notice**  
Notice of Formation of Haultra LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 04/06/2025. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: Haultra LLC, 2878 NY-9D, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: lawful activities.

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**TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to NYS Town Law § 277 and Chapter 105 of the Town of Amenia Code, the Planning Board of the Town of Amenia will hold a public hearing on the application by Jeff Wandersman at Cascade Mtn. Lands (the "Applicant") for lot line adjustments (the "Application") between lands

located at Cascade Mountain Road in the Town of Amenia that are designated Parcel Grid Identification ## 7168-00-025330, 7068-00-990325 and 7068-00-930290 (the "Project Site"). The Project Site is located in the Rural Residential and Rural Agricultural zoning districts.  
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board will hold the public hearing on the Application on May 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501.  
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Application is on file in the Amenia Town Clerk's Office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours. The Application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at [www.ameniany.gov](http://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 Judith Westfall at [jwestfall@ameniany.gov](mailto:jwestfall@ameniany.gov).  
Dated: April 10, 2025  
Robert Boyles, Jr.,  
Chairman  
Town of Amenia  
Planning Board  
05-01-25  
**Legal Notice**  
Please take notice that a meeting of the lot owners in Irondale Cemetery Located in Millerton N.Y 12546 will be held at North East Muffler at 5654 rt 22  
Millerton N.Y 12546 on May 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm for the purpose of electing trustees and for such other matters

that may properly come before the meeting.  
The annual meeting of the trustees will immediately follow the meeting of lot owners.  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE WE WILL DO A CLEAN UP OF ALL DECORATIONS, PLANTS, PLASTIC PLANTS AND ANYTHING PAST ITS PRIME OR DEAD ON FRIDAY THE DAY AFTER THIS MEETING SO IF YOU WISH TO KEEP ITEMS PLEASE REMOVE BEFORE THEN. THANK YOU.  
Cindy L Heck  
Irondale Cemetery Sexton  
04-24-25  
05-01-25  
05-08-25  
**Notice of Grievance Day**  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to § 508 & § 525 of the Real Property Tax Law that the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, shall hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments. For more information contact the Assessor at 518-789-3300 x605 or [assessor@townofnortheastny.gov](mailto:assessor@townofnortheastny.gov).  
The Board of Assessment Review will be in attendance at 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, NY on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 between the hours of 3:00PM-5:00PM and 6:00PM-8:00PM. All complaints and related paperwork must be submitted to the Assessor prior to or on Grievance Day. Please call 518-789-3300 x605 for an in-person appointment in the morning on Grievance Day.  
The Board of Assessment Review will then file a copy of the determinations with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.  
Lisa Cope,  
Board Chairperson  
05-01-25



Day at the track

Sunny skies complemented the good spirits for the Millbrook Blazers track and field team's visit to Dover High School Wednesday, April 23. The Dover Dragons ultimately came out on top with combined scores of 89 for the boys team and 87 for the girls team from success at the day's events.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

LEGAL NOTICES

**Legal Notice of Completion of Tentative Assessment Roll Pursuant to §506 & §526 of the Real Property Tax Law:**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess, has completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year, a copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk after May 1, 2025.  
The Assessor will be available via telephone and by appointment with such tentative roll at: Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Assessor's Office. Telephone contacts and appointments for in-person meetings can be made for the following days and between the hours listed:  
5/6/2025 between the hours of 10:00 pm and 2:00 pm.  
5/8/2025 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
5/10/2025 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.  
5/13/25 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.  
Individuals with complaints with respect to the assessments are encouraged to contact the Assessor's Office prior to Grievance Day to discuss their concerns and to see if an agreement can be reached. If no agreement is reached, the

written complaint shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the Board of Assessment Review on Grievance Day.  
A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available online at [www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf)  
Sara Foglia, Assessor  
Grievance Day: Tuesday, May 27, 2025  
(\$508 RPTL)  
(\$525 RPTL)  
NOTICE is hereby given that the BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW for the Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess shall hear complaints in relation to assessments at:  
Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, (518) 398-7193 x 7  
The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will be in attendance on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 during the following times:  
5/27/25 between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.  
5/27/25 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.  
The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will then file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.  
05-01-25  
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The Assessor will be in attendance with such tentative roll and available to discuss assessment issues at 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, NY on the following days: Thursday, May 8, 1:00PM-5:00PM; Saturday, May 10, 8:00AM-12:00PM; Tuesday, May 13, 4:00PM-8:00PM; Thursday, May 15, 1:00AM-5:00PM; and at other times by appointment which can be made by calling 518-789-3300 x605 or emailing [assessor@townofnortheastny.gov](mailto:assessor@townofnortheastny.gov).  
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Katherine Johnson  
Assessor  
05-01-25

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PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

First Grade students at Elm Drive Elementary School lined up to take turns at shoveling soil to secure the roots of a sugar maple tree planted at their school on Friday, April 25. Dennis Gendron of Twin Brooks Tree Farm was ready to assist as needed with proper shovel technique.

## Elm Drive School students dig in to observe National Arbor Day

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — With each shovelful of soil that covered the roots of a newly planted sugar maple tree at Elm Drive Elementary School, First Grade students continued a long-standing tradition in observance of National Arbor Day on Friday, April 25.

By his estimation, Dennis Gendron, owner of Twin Brooks Tree Farm, has annually contributed a tree to the Village of Millbrook’s annual observance

for twenty years. Gendron had prepared the spot where the young tree would thrive, fluffing up the pile of soil to make the shoveling easier for the children.

“It’s a joint effort,” said Gendron as he prepared for the event. The Village Highway crew will look after the care and watering of the tree for the next year.

The new tree is planted on the school’s property to the rear of Village Hall.

“We always try to plant the trees near the Village Hall, close to the kids,” said Mike Herzog, Climate Smart Task

Force member.

Village Trustee Julia Bucklin, a history educator, told the children that Arbor Day was first celebrated in 1872, making them a part of a very long tradition.

Mayor Peter Doro read an official proclamation speaking to the children’s connection to the natural world and encouraged attention to planting trees.

Then it was the children’s turn to participate in finishing the planting, each child taking to the shoveling task with purpose and diligence, appropriate to the occasion.

## Roe Jan Housing Task Force offers owner-renter workshop on May 10

HILLSDALE — Homeowners and renters can learn about assistance programs at an upcoming housing workshop hosted by the Roe Jan Housing Task Force at the Hillsdale Firehouse.

Speakers and displays will

inform on services and opportunities for first time homebuyers; rental assistance programs; help with home repairs; and Habitat for Humanity programs.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, at the Hillsdale Fire-

house, 9387 Route 22.

Featured speakers will talk about rental housing counseling, affordability issues, home improvement assistance and mobile home replacement.

Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

## SPORTS

### SOFTBALL *Continued from Page A1*

batters. Kruger struck out 16 batters through the game.

In the fifth inning, Germantown’s batters managed three more runs, spurring the Warriors back into action in the batters box. Webutuck responded with six more runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Germantown managed another run in the sixth, but Webutuck scored two more, brining the score to 14-7 going into the top of the seventh.

A few hundred feet away the varsity baseball squad played against the boys from

Germantown.

The Warriors won that matchup 4-3 after a tie-breaking run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Webutuck pitcher Troy Brazee led in strikeouts with six. Zach Latrell had two and Pearse Williams had one.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

Above, yelling from the dugout is apparently just as important to the game as throwing. Webutuck players cheered and shouted at their teammates on the field the whole afternoon. Left, Abby Keefer, no. 8, waits at third base for an opportunity to run to home plate. The Webutuck Warriors varsity softball team beat the Germantown Clippers 14-7 at home Friday, April 25.



Photographer Anne Day works with 2024 interns.

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for and having been granted a permit in 1978 as a non-conforming use. That original permit expired in 1989. The mine sought to expand operations through a 2016-17 application process.

It then submitted an application to the town of Amenia to increase operations in 2016 but withdrew that application shortly afterward, resubmitting it in February 2017.

The ZBA denied that 2017 application based on the mine's non-conforming use designa-

tion and other issues, leading Kent Hollow to appeal. Litigation suing the town and officials resulted seeing the case considered eventually by the Dutchess County Supreme Court and the Southern District of New York.

During a special meeting on Monday, April 28, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to authorize the settlement that had been agreed to by the Town Board. ZBA members David Menegat and James Wright recused from the vote.

NEW PRIEST *Continued from Page A1*

batical in Florence studying sacred art. In 2000 Father O'Connor founded Sacred Art Heals, a Catholic not for profit, that fosters collaborative projects with local artists in parishes from Mississippi to Paris. His fashion line, Social Fabric, produces organic cotton with natural dyes in Central America for clothing made in the United States. Cameron Diaz modeled his linen shorts in a Vogue feature article.

Father O'Connor discov-

ered his talent for learning languages at an early age — first French, then Spanish, Irish in Dublin, Italian and now he's studying German. He became ordained in 1996 and served in parishes in the United States, Europe and Latin America. For the last ten years he was pastor of St. Mary's Church in New York City's East Village where he was part of a Lower East Side preservation effort. Here he is supportive of reopening St. Patrick's church in Millerton.

National accreditation renewal lauds HVA's conservation practices

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

CORNWALL, Conn. — For the third time in a row, the nonprofit Housatonic Valley Association has earned a five-year accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, a national distinction which recognizes the organization's conservation work throughout the Housatonic Valley region.

Founded in 1941, the Cornwall Bridge-based association is the only regional watershed organization dedicated to protecting the natural character and environmental health of the entire tri-state region from the Berkshires to Long Island Sound.

It has been accredited since 2014 and is one of 479 accredited land trusts in 46 states and territories, including 27 organizations in Connecticut, 12 in Massachusetts and 44 in New York.

In making the renewal announcement on April 25, longtime Executive Director Lynn Werner said the Land Trust Accreditation program drives excellence throughout HVA's operations and builds trust and good faith with its donors and conservation partners.

"We're proud to be a part of an incredibly strong network of accredited organizations working together to protect precious woodlands, wildlife, water and open spaces where we can connect with nature across generations."

Werner, who joined HVA in 1983 and was appointed executive director in 1995, recently announced she will be stepping down from her position this year.

During her tenure, the association had earned the original accreditation as well as the subsequent two renewals. Werner had noted that the search process for her successor is "well underway" and the board is expected to share news of that appointment before the end of June.

The organization's Conservation Director Tim Abbott pointed out that there are relatively few accredited land trusts that are also watershed organizations.

"HVA saves thousands of acres of land every year by supporting the sound transactions of our land trust and agency partners with our

expertise, resources and regional conservation partnerships. Although we rarely add land and easements to our own conservation holding," he explained, "accreditation ensures that our fundraising negotiations, recordkeeping and deal structures deserve the full faith and support of our partners and the communities we serve."

Connie Manes, executive director of the Kent Land Trust, which in 2010 became the second Connecticut land trust to be accredited, lauded HVA's recent renewal on behalf of her organization's board and staff.

"Accreditation has been transformative for our organization, and I firmly believe the high proportion of accredited land trusts in our state's Northwest Corner sets us apart with respect to conservation impact and long-term environmental sustainability," she noted.

By achieving this latest renewal, said Manes, the Housatonic Valley Association, leader and underwriter of the premier Regional Conservation Partnership known as the Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative, demonstrates to its partners and stakeholders an expectation of professionalism and adherence to high standards of organizational ethics, governance, fiscal responsibility and conservation.

"I hope funders and private donors will take note, for there is no better assurance of the long-term return on their investments."

The Land Trust Accreditation Commission was established in 2006 as an independent program of the national Land Trust Alliance and is governed by a volunteer board of diverse land conservation and nonprofit management experts.

According to its website, the accreditation seal is a "mark of distinction" and being accredited helps land trusts stand out. In surveys of accredited and renewed land trusts, 100% report that the distinction helps the land trust community maintain the trust of Congress, the Internal Revenue Service and the public

"We have heard numerous land trusts who report of receiving a specific donation or a grant because of their accredited status."

VETERANS *Continued from Page A1*

of the American Revolution, talking about the process of acquiring the sign from the Pomeroy foundation. He thanked the Burke family, longtime neighbors of the burying ground, for the work they and their father, Bill Burke, had done with the cemetery.

Bill's son, Stephen, said he and his father spent a lot of time mapping and cleaning the burying ground. "Putting the stones back up," he said. "Putting them back up again."

Stephen said his father had completed a map of the burying ground with the identifiable plots. That was part of Bill Burke and Betsy Strauss's work with the historical society to find revolutionary war veterans and attain historical recognition for the cemetery.

"It's pretty impressive, it's all this poster board that he put together," Stephen said. "When I first saw it I said 'wow.' Then my sister Karen said 'Oh we've already translated all that and into this.' I thought I had found a hidden gem."

After Middlebrook's remarks, the crowd moved into the burying ground for snacks and mingling, where the graves of revolutionary war veterans had been marked with American flags.

Betsy Strauss had lists of the names for visitors:

Col. William Barker  
1740-1820

Daniel Bartlett  
1755-1837

John Bates  
1756-1801

Maj. Simeon Cook  
1726-1811

Maj. Robert Freeman  
1727-1798

John Garnsey  
1734-1799

Robert Hebard  
1737-1798

Capt. Job Mead Sr.  
1735-1819

Job Mead Jr.  
1761-1838

Capt. Abiah Palmer  
1758-1834

Capt. Elijah Park  
1744-1795

Capt. David Parsons  
1748-1812

David Rundall  
1757-1848

Samuel St. John  
1752-1785



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Tim Middlebrook of the Sons of the American Revolution and Amenia Historical Society President Betsy Strauss prepared to unveil a new historical marker honoring Revolutionary War vets at the Amenia Burying Ground.



Bill Burke and his son Stephen spent a considerable amount of time mapping and cleaning the burying ground, including putting stones back in place.

New eatery

The tables and chairs were ready on Monday, April 28 on the eve of the opening of Tallow, a new fast-food restaurant located at the site of the former McDonald's on Route 44 in Millerton. The site has been vacant for more than eight years.



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FILM: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Schlock and Awful: Turning up the heat

Let’s get straight down to the nitty and the gritty: “Raw Force,” aka “Kung Fu Cannibals” (1982) has got it all. It’s difficult to encapsulate the majesty, but here goes: There’s a Pacific island with cannibal monks who only eat shapely young women. They trade jade for shapely young women with a fat German who’s named Speer and has the last toothbrush moustache in the world. Add the wacky crew and customers of a cut-rate ocean liner, zombie martial arts warriors, a heaping helping of gratuitous nekkidity, continuous mayhem and absolutely zero plot to get in the way of the story, stir briskly, and you’ve got “Raw Force.” With Cameron Mitchell as the grumpy ship captain and the immortal Vic Diaz as the main monk.

Here’s a real oddball entry. “New York Ninja,” (1984/2021), a sprightly tale of a kung fu vigilante and the brainchild of John Liu, was shot in 1984 and never made it to post-production. Decades later the people at Vinegar Syndrome, a purveyor of the finer things in dreck, got hold of the footage and managed to get it into screenable form, despite handicaps such as no audio, no script, and no idea what the hell it was about or who all these people were. The only reason it came to the attention of the Bad Cinema desk is that the world’s greatest kung fu female, Cynthia Rothrock, was hired to do voiceover work for one of the characters.

We’ll have a future



Left, John Liu was the New York Ninja in 1984, and thanks to the folks at Vinegar Syndrome, he is the New York Ninja today. Below, “Sugar Hill” features slow-moving, cobweb-covered zombies.



PHOTOS COURTESY IMDB.COM

edition of S&A devoted to Rothrock.

The result warrants more than one paragraph, a rarity in S&A. We’ve got multiple villains, many wearing silly masks. One main villain with a melty face from his habit of looking into a box full of plutonium. Group of kids who overwhelm both bad guys and cops with cuteness. Kung fu badminton net. Ninja vs. maitre d’ with rattail that he sucks on while fighting. Enough gratuitous nekkidity to be going on with. The worst martial arts displays this side of “Fungicide.” Only the faintest hint of plot to get in the way of the story. An outstanding effort all around.

“Sugar Hill” (1974) answers the question “What happens when the mob bumps off a

lady’s boyfriend and she’s friends with voodoo people?” Answer: One by one the gang members are knocked off in uniquely hideous ways. Marki Bey does a pretty fair Pam Grier imitation. The zombies are the traditional, slow-moving type. In an unusual twist, the zombies are covered in cobwebs, which suggests they need to get out more. Severed chicken foot attack. Death by many many snakes. Death by quicksand. Zombie massage parlor. Zombie rhythm section. Perfunctory nekkidity we could have done without. Add completely blatant rip-offs of James Bond music and voila! It’s the poor man’s “Live and Let Die.”

Speaking of Pam Grier, one of her lesser-known efforts is “Sheba Baby” (1975), the stirring tale of a woman who takes revenge on the loan sharking hoods who destroyed her father’s legal loan sharking business. No gratuitous nekkidity, a grave flaw, but the car wash scene makes up for it. We’ve got a bad guy who looks like the young Al Sharp-ton dressed in carpet remnants. Lots of gun-

play as opposed to kung fu. An extended fair-ground scene that gets filed under “Why yes we have permission to film here.” A fairly humdrum affair, all told.

Let’s wrap this up with “Red Star Rising” (1994), a Don “The Dragon” Wilson vehicle that also features the immortal Mako. This brings us to the Iron Law of Martial Arts Flicks: “If it has Mako, you must watch.” Japanese/American cop comes to LA to hunt bad guy. Cop endures many bad jokes about Japanese people. Bad guy specializes in a fatal kung fu move called the Death Touch. Plenty of mayhem and a touch of gratuitous nekkidity. Gnomic utterances, such as “Fate has pitted Thomas against this assassin” and “When day meets night only one can survive.” And, of course, the Death Touch, which isn’t as good as its counterpart in “Kill Bill” but it’ll do.

...Belden House

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lawn club for croquet. The iconic 1891 Litchfield Firehouse will complete the Belden House complex in mid-2025, re-purposed as a meeting house for guests and community special events.

Anthony Champalimaud mused, “We felt acutely - again, as we do at Troutbeck - a responsibility to get it right. To occupy a role within our wider community which over time becomes essential. That here we had the chance to insert within the heart of a National Historic Landmark town, a new and missing element, is both an enormous privilege, exceptional opportunity, and profound responsibility. That said, it ought to be fun, and we very

much hope it will bring much joy to both our guests and our neighbors.”

For reservations, visit [beldenhouse.com](http://beldenhouse.com) or call (860)337-2099

...ArtEast

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Vintage Sampler by Donna Castelluccio (fiber/mixed media)

artist who reworks vintage materials into one-of-a-kind pieces. “When people come to my studio they will see many projects in different stages that I’m working on,” said Castelluccio. Bill Prickett, a photographer, producer, and creative chameleon “makes it a point to be a rookie at something all the time,” as his website states. Brian Wahrman works out of Lagrangeville and is a self-taught sculptor whose welded tribute to his late father started him on a path of transformation through art.

David Tumblety is a sculptor trained in anatomy and classical technique whose

accolades include the Lucchesi Grant and Stewardson Prize. Of the open studios, he said, “A few years ago, I converted the small, dilapidated barn behind our house in Millbrook into a studio. I spend most of my time working alone there so, it’s a welcome break from my solitude to have visitors to the space.”

ArtEast brings together over a dozen artists across Dutchess county, inviting viewers to experience the creative process firsthand — from initial spark to final piece.

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ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

# The alchemy of light at Kenise Barnes Fine Art

‘Convert Light Energy’ opened at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent on Saturday, April 26, pairing Julia Whitney Barnes’ hand-painted cyanotypes with Sarah Morejohn’s organic drawings. The show is a conversation between these two artists’ investigations of nature’s slow, secret work — a meditation on time, decay and beauty.

Barnes works with a cyanotype process, a camera-less photographic printing process invented in 1842 by scientist and astronomer, Sir John Hirschel, which produces a cyan-blue print when a chemically-coated surface is exposed to sunlight. Using weeds and flowers harvested from her own garden and nearby locations, Barnes

exposes their silhouettes on photosensitive cotton paper before meticulously reanimating them in watercolor, gouache, and ink. The results feel both antique and joltingly alive, like a pressed flower found between the pages of a secret love note.

Morejohn, meanwhile, draws with a kind of meditative, trance-like quality, letting lines tangle and mutate until they resemble nerve endings, snow crystals, maps of imaginary weather. Her drawings are not so much of nature as from it — diagrams of an ever-changing world.

The show’s title, “Convert Light Energy,” describes both artists’ reverence for the fleeting and delicate — attempts not so much to preserve



The “Planting Utopia” series by Julia Whitney Barnes (above) and viewers surrounded by Barnes’s paintings at the opening of “Convert Light Energy” at Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent

what fades, but to transform it into something fierce, tender, and alive.

The show runs through June 8 at Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane, Kent.



PHOTOS BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

LIFESTYLE: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

# The Ticking Tent: A one-day treasure hunt at Spring Hill Vineyards

Shop the original brocantes-style, or elegant flea market, The Ticking Tent on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Spring Hill Vineyards (229 Bee Brook Road, New Preston, Connecticut).

Don’t miss this one-day shopping extravaganza featuring decorator treasures, antiques, and artisan objects. The Ticking Tent happens twice a year in different locations. More than 50 vendors will be “under the tent” including talented artisans, makers and bespoke brands from around the globe such as: Arilloom, Cabana, Cherval Studio, Chairish vintage fine jewelry, Dumais Made, Eleish van Breems Home, Philip Gorri van, RT Facts, The Green Vase, The Barns by Ali Mahon.

According to Modern Luxury media, “The Ticking Tent co-founders Christina Juarez and Benjamin Reynaert have transformed the passion of the hunt into a premier shopping destina-



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Benjamin Reynaert and Christina Juarez, co-founders of The Ticking Tent

tion rooted in the art of discovery.”

Christina Juarez is a luxury and interior design consultant with 35 years’ experience. She worked with Oscar de la Renta, and as senior VP at Christian Dior for communications and special events for North America. Juarez and her friend Benjamin Reynaert, founder and creative director of Benjamin Reynaert Creative and market director of Elle Décor, created The

Ticking Tent together.

Christina wrote of its origins, “We are both consumed with the thrill of the hunt, identifying and shopping for beautiful, unique finds with provenance, or made by hand by artisanal creatives. Anything under a tent is usually an indication that something wonderful can be found. Ticking fabric is reminiscent of the Marches aux Puces de Saint-Ouen in Paris — the world’s largest flea

market — where it was used as frequently as muslin for upholstering bedding and furniture. Our special ticking cloth was created for us by Schumacher.”

From Elle Décor: “This year I’m definitely planning on heading to the Ticking Tent, an artisan and decor fair that is popping up in New Preston, Connecticut on May 3.” There is early bird shopping and breakfast is available from 9 to 11 a.m. NOTE: The Green Vase paper flower workshop with Livia Cetti at 3 p.m. is limited to 15 people.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, check their website: thetickingtent.com

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MAY 1

LGBTQIA+ Game Night

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

The David M. Hunt Library will partner with Out in the Corner to host a LGBTQIA+ game night on Thursday, May 1 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Bring your own game, play one of the games provided, or just come to hang out. This program will be held monthly on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Out in the Corner is an LGBTQIA+ coalition based in Litchfield County, CT, whose mission is to provide a safe and inclusive space for the LGBTQIA+ community to come together and share resources.

74th National Day of Prayer

War Memorials next to the Salisbury Town Hall, Salisbury, Conn.

The 74th National Day of Prayer at 6 p.m. in front of the War Memorials next to the Salisbury Town Hall. Community members will gather to pray for government, towns, families, businesses, churches, schools, military, and volunteer services. In the event of rain, the celebration will be held across the street in the Salisbury Congregational Church.

MAY 2

First Friday Music

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

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, May 2, at noon. The Meeting House will open at 11:45 a.m. For this month's program, cellist Hannah Alexander will play the music of Barton, Chopin, Couperin and Fauré. David Baranowski will accompany on piano. Free to the public.

Planter Pop-up

Bes, 50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.

May 2 to 19. Local artists include Sarah Hazelke, Benjamin Clark, JRN Pottery, M Starr Studio, Alexis Tellefsen, Val Chan Eldridge, Sarah Mijares Fick, Karen Culbreth and Erica Recto.

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Ann Kraus: I Collect Clouds

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

Kraus's subject matter of landscapes explores the intersection of memory, nature, and human emotion, inviting viewers to reflect on the connections between themselves and the environment.

On view May 2 to 30. There will be a reception on May 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. and an art talk on Thursday, May 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Where Have All the Wildflowers Gone? Restoring Healthy Woodlands with Dr. Bernd Blossey

Lovejoy Auditorium, Cary Institute, Millbrook, N.Y. or Online

At 7 p.m., Dr. Blossey will explore the complex relationships between native and non-native species and how we can make a difference by restoring healthy woodlands. Blossey will explain what individuals can do in their yards or woodlots, and how they can affect change in management of deer populations.

Register for the in person event at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/where-have-all-the-wildflowers-gone-restoring-healthy-woodlandsin-person-tickets-1306917037039](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/where-have-all-the-wildflowers-gone-restoring-healthy-woodlandsin-person-tickets-1306917037039)

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The premier artisan, antiques, and design shopping event returns, featuring top vendors in home, fashion, and decor. Enjoy early bird shopping, general admission, a café, and wine tastings.

Tickets on sale March 1 at Eventbrite.

Info & vendor list: [@thetickingtent](http://thetickingtent.com)

MAY 3

Sharon Classic Road Race

Veterans Field, Sharon, Conn.

The 40th annual Sharon Classic Road Race, a 5.3-mile race, will be held on Saturday, May 3. Festivities and activities begin at 9 a.m., with the main race starting

promptly at 10:15 a.m. Proceeds benefit Sharon Day Care Center.

Discovering Cornwall's Apple Heritage Past, Present & Future

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. [cornwalllibrary.org](http://cornwalllibrary.org)

Come to Cornwall Library May 3 at 5 p.m. to hear about efforts to identify Cornwall's historic apple varieties. We will also discuss Cornwall's amazing history with apple cider history going back to the early 1800s. As a special bonus and a fundraiser for the Cornwall Library, we will have "ready to plant" four-year-old trees propagated from the only known specimen of a unique Cornwall variety, 'Burnham Sweet,' for sale after the talk. This is your one chance to plant a piece of Cornwall history in your garden!

Celebrating World Labyrinth Day

Copake Falls, N.Y.

On Saturday, May 3, beginning at 12:30 p.m., the World Labyrinth Day Walk for Peace will be celebrated with a facilitated labyrinth walk in The Universal Prayer Garden at Our Lady of Hope Church, 3084 State Rt. 22, Copake Falls, N.Y. The walk will be accompanied by live music, and followed by an informal gathering with refreshments. All are welcome; there is no fee or registration needed.

Last year's WLD included an estimated 5,000 participants in over 25 countries around the world.

MAY 5

Workshop to Manage Falls

Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main St. Sharon, Conn.

The Housatonic Valley Health District is hosting award-winning program "A Matter of Balance," which helps older adults address and manage concerns about falling. The program will have a series of dates in May and June from 9 to 11 a.m. at 63 Main St. in Sharon. Registration is required by calling HVHD at 203-264-9616 or emailing [cht@hvhdct.org](mailto:cht@hvhdct.org).

MAY 7

The History of Beekeeping

The Torrington Historical Society, 192 Main St., Torrington, Conn.

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on May 7. Free talk with Tammi Worsham of the Back Yard Beekeepers

Association on the evolution of beekeeping from ancient to modern times. Register at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-history-of-beekeeping-bees-in-connecticut-north-america-and-the-world-tickets-1302276296459](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-history-of-beekeeping-bees-in-connecticut-north-america-and-the-world-tickets-1302276296459)

MAY 9

Student Art Show Opening

Standard Space, 147 Main St. Sharon, Conn.

A new Sharon Center School art exhibition titled "Dream Makers" opens Friday, May 9 at Standard Space. An opening reception will take place from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Friday, and the show will be on display from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, and Sunday, May 11. Every SCS student will have work in the show.

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MAY 12

"The Catskills Come to the Berkshires" Gala

Triplex Cinema, Great Barrington, Mass.

A special evening featuring the documentary "The Catskills," with a discussion, live music, and food to benefit

Congregation Ahavath Sholom's historic synagogue roof restoration campaign.

Tickets: [thecatskillscometotheberkshires.eventbrite.com](http://thecatskillscometotheberkshires.eventbrite.com)

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Hotchkiss Library Spring Soirée May 17

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon has announced the return of its Spring Soirée and Auction benefit, which will take place at the Sharon Country Club from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. The Library invites Northwest Corner residents to enjoy a lively evening while supporting its functioning and programming as a community hub. Fundraising covers 70% of the library's expenses, so sip on a cocktail or bid on one of the auction items, which include

artwork from Jasper Johns, Robert Kipness, Gail Rothschild and others. Jewelry, a dress designed by actress Gretchen Mol, and more experiential options such as a private garden tour or day out at Lime Rock Park will also be up for grabs, among other enticing opportunities. Tickets are available on the Library website at [hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/annual-library-gala-auction/](http://hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/annual-library-gala-auction/). For more information, call 860-364-5041.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Herring-like fish
- Perform on stage
- Soda
- Small growth
- In support of
- Step taken when walking
- Hollyhocks
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- Feel pain
- San Diego ballplayer
- Inches per minute (abbr.)
- Fat from a pig's abdomen
- Create again
- Honors once more
- Thin coating of gold
- Welsh river
- Japanese novelist Mizumura
- Husks of corn
- Green vegetable
- Showing guilt
- Soldier
- Photographers
- Language spoken in Nigeria
- Mimic
- Expressed pleasure
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Beverage container
- Night monkey genus
- Lace bugs
- Hogshead (abbr.)
- Frameworks
- Keyboard key
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Influential Korean independence figure

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- Sportscaster Andrews
- Records electric currents
- Popular Hitchcock film
- Revolutions per minute
- NY Giants legend
- Sports radio host Patrick
- When you hope to get somewhere
- French seaport
- Thai river
- Rocker's accessory
- Extra charge
- Influential American president
- Pain in the head
- Great Plains people
- Consumed
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Improves
- Secret clique

- Behind the stern of a ship
- Dough made from corn flour
- Fallow deer
- Swiss river
- Grayish white
- Engrave
- College's Blue Devils
- Midway between south and southeast

April 24 Solution

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April 24 Solution

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Word of the Week

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- Savory marinated Filipino dish
- A pirate's plunder
- Used by witches to travel
- Spring into life



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OUR TOWNS

Amenia home price gap widens

By CHRISTINE BATES  
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Even without the inclusion of high-priced homes at Silo Ridge, the same wide price gap persists in America home sales.

In the last 60 days, seven properties have been closed. Five of those homes were on small lots, selling for \$310,000 and below. One 153-acre land parcel sold for \$800,000, and one historic farm complex for \$1.83 million. Starting this week, recent real estate activity will only show sales of

publicly listed properties and will exclude private transfers which have previously been included.

In the case of America, most sales within the Silo Ridge Club are private and will only become available once Dutchess County resumes reporting on all property transfers, private and public, in July.

This wide price gap is even more apparent in homes on the market with six residential properties listed for over \$2 million, while 11 homes were available under \$500,000

with nothing in between.

13 Glen Hill — 3 bedroom/1 bath home on .51 acres sold on March 19 for \$245,000.

3367 Route 22 — 2 bedroom/1 bath home on .45 acres sold on March 24 for \$245,000.

212 Old Route 22 — 5 bedroom/3 bath triplex in Wassaic on .22 acres sold on March 25 for \$170,000.

13 Lango Road — 3 bedroom/1 bath home on .5 acres sold on March 25 for \$310,000.

426 Old Route 22 — 152.9

acres of land sold on April 4 for \$800,000.

460 Sinpatch Road — farm complex on 174.96 acres sold on April 9 for \$1.83 million.

*\* Town of America closed real estate sales for the 60 days ending April 24 are sourced from One Key MLS. Information on active listings taken from First Key MLS. Private transfers are not included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.*



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

With a price of \$1.83 million, 460 Sinpatch Road, formerly a dairy farm and now a horse operation, was the most expensive property sold in America in the last 60 days. The property includes a main residence with 5 bedrooms and 4.5 bathrooms, plus a carriage house and a cottage, multiple agricultural buildings and 175 acres of land.

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