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Mickey Stringer of of North East, left, checks in with Chris Virtuoso, volunteering on Saturday,

May 12 at the Old Town Garage on South Center Street as a Climate Smart Task Force member.

Stringer's loaded pickup was part of a long line of vehicles along South Center as residents used

the opportunity to dispose of air conditioners, mattresses, lumber, and other bulk items. Town

Supervisor Christopher Kennan said he didn't recall seeing such a long line of vehicles in past years.

# Webutuck names top-ranked grads

By LEILA HAWKEN leilah@lakevilleiournal.com



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**Gissel Oros** 

# **Olivia Lopane** Wickwire Valedictorian

AMENIA - Well-positioned to move into her college years, Olivia Lopane Wickwire, 17, of Millerton has earned top ranking as Valedictorian of the Webutuck High School Class of 2025. Her devotion to a well-rounded school experience began with her enrollment in Webutuck's pre-K program.

"It means a lot being valedic-

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# **Gissel Oros** Salutatorian

AMENIA - Having attended the Webutuck school system since enrolling in Kindergarten, Gissel Oros, 18, of Amenia excelled in her studies from the start, serving as a role model for others, culminating in being named Salutatorian of the Webutuck High School Class of 2025.

"It means a lot to have my best friend, Olivia [Lopane Wickwire], as valedictorian because she un-

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Olivia Lopane Wickwire



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

MILLERTON - The Village of Millerton is on the move.

Two weeks ago Tallow, "Real Food, Real Fast" opened in the long vacant McDonald's, and Mad Rose Gallery expanded next door to 3-5 Main Street to a larger gallery with arts classes and community space for performances and lectures upstairs. The newly painted Greychurch is a reminder that there's still more to come.

Here's a quick list.

The former Presbyterian Church on Main Street will become the Caffeine Academy with creative classes in the former Sunday school rooms and a community venue upstairs. Owner Alex That hopes to start offering classes by September.

The owner of 54 Main St., for-

# **REPORTER'S** NOTEBOOK **Christine Bates**

**Opening soon in Millerton** 

merly Manna Dew, hopes to open a restaurant by the end of the summer with a new name, menu and expanded outdoor dining.

George Whalen III, President of the Bank of Millbrook, is predicting an opening of the bank's Millerton branch at 110 Route 44 by the end of June if all goes as planned. The Bank of Millbrook purchased the property from Elizabeth's Jewelry and Fine Gifts in October 2024 for \$890,000.

The Millerton Supermarket is still undergoing renovation with

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### PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Greychurch on Main Street expects to begin Caffeine Academy creative classes by September.

# Millbrook airs school budget, propositions ahead of May 20 vote

**By LEILA HAWKEN** leilah@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK – Preparing for the village-wide vote on the proposed 2025-26 school budget scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, the Millbrook Central School District held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 6, to review the budget and hear residents' comments.

The CSD proposed 2025-26 budget to be voted upon as Prop-

osition 1, showed total expenditures of \$35,649,651, an increase of \$1,074,576 (3.11%) over the current year.

"We're trying to trim as much as we can," said Elliott Garcia, Assistant Superintendent for Business, during his budget summary.

Two additional propositions are included on the ballot, both anticipating a bond issue to fund

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# **Local Matters**

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# **OUR TOWNS Millerton Zoning Board of Appeals hears** new variance request for 7-9 Main Street

### By NATHAN MILLER nathanm@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON - Ray Nelson of Millerton presented two possible updated floorplans for the apartment building at 7-9 Main St. to the Zoning Board of Appeals at a public hearing on Tuesday, May 6.

Nelson, on behalf of the building's owner, is seeking two variances for the property: one allowing a density increase and another waiving the parking requirements for the property.

Village code requires at least 5,000 square feet of lot space per unit for multi-unit properties and 1.5 parking spaces per unit.

The building was configured with 12 units under previous ownership, a nonconforming use.

Nelson submitted a 9-unit plan and a 6-unit plan. He argues the 9-unit plan, which would house one fewer total bedroom than the 6-unit layout, would not require additional parking because the smaller units attract tenants that use fewer parking spaces - young couples, single people and very small families.

"There's a need for apart-

ments that are in the village," Nelson said.

The submitted 9-unit floorplan is a reduction from a previously declined 12-unit plan that sought to maintain the current number of units in the property.

Zoning board members concluded the public hearing after brief discussion with the three Millerton residents that attended the meeting.

Zoning board members could not reach a final decision on the variances that night, citing required further deliberation, but they indicated a positive attitude to Nelson's new plans.



Ray Nelson, Earthwise Architecture, requested two variances for 7-9 Main St., one to allow a 9-unit floorplan and another to waive the parking requirements for the building, at a public hearing held by the village Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, May 6.

# **Irondale Schoolhouse to ring** bell on opening day May 24

### **By JOHN COSTON** johnc@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON – The Irondale Schoolhouse will celebrate its opening day on Saturday, May 24, when it will ring in its eleventh summer season with the old school bell.

Lemonade and cookies will be provided for visitors. A history exhibit is on display inside the schoolhouse and there will be a formal unveiling of a plaque commemorating membership in the Country Schools of America, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the memory of country schools.

The Irondale Schoolhouse is an 1850s one-room schoolhouse that served the Irondale community until 1930. It was moved in 2013 to Millerton to serve as a public information and visitor center managed by the Friends of the Irondale Schoolhouse.

The Schoolhouse will be open throughout the summer on Saturdays and Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A team of docents will be on hand during these times to share knowledge and stories of early rural education At irondaleschool.org a short video shows how the Schoolhouse was rescued from destruction, carefully restored, and moved to its present location. Over the years, under the leadership of Ralph Fedele, the Irondale Schoolhouse Board has worked to maintain the building, staff the docent team, and host special children's events.

Some of this year's activities include:

— Wednesday, May 14, and Thursday, May 15: Webutuck School Students field trip -"A Day in the Life of a One-Room School"

— Sunday, June 8: National Children's Day/Ice-Cream Social & Hoola-Hoop Competition

Board members of the Friends of the Irondale Schools House are: Catherine Fenn, President; Claire Goodman, Vice President; Dick Hermans, Treasurer; Shannon Olsen, Secretary; Ralph Fedele, President Ex Officio, Docent; Rob Cooper, Maintenance; John Brunese, Scholarship Program; John Hicks, Docent; Lisa Cope, Communications & Events; Alicia Sartori, Communications; Stone Scasso, Maintenance.



Ralph Fedele with Mary Leitch, 103, who attended the one-room Irondale Schoolhouse until it closed and she moved on to Millerton High School.

# Roast Beef supper at South Amenia church May 17

**By LEILA HAWKEN** Special to the Millerton News

WASSAIC - Long a tradition, the annual roast beef dinner at the South Amenia Church will be held on Saturday, May 17. The annual fundraising event will be "take-out only." Dinners may be picked up between 3 and 5 p.m..

In addition to the

charcoal-roasted beef, each dinner includes mixed green salad, rolls, baked potato, gravy, green beans and homemade desserts.

Dinners at \$17 each may be ordered in advance by calling 845-789-1206 or 845-877-3939.

The South Amenia Church parish hall is located at 229 South Amenia Road in Wassaic.

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It also has raised for annual local school scholarships. This year, \$2,000 awards will be given out to each of two winning applicants.

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# **OUR TOWNS**

# Amenia Garden Club invites birds and bees to check out the native garden at the library

**By LEILA HAWKEN** Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Trowels in hand, board members of the Amenia Garden Club set about planting a native garden of pollinator plants, its gift to the Amenia Free Library on Saturday, May 10, the plant choices to be an attraction for bees, insects and birds common to this area.

The new perennial garden measuring 6 feet by 12 feet replaces old rhododendron bushes and a patch of wild strawberries, adding a colorful native display throughout the growing season for all to enjoy.

A program offered through the Homegrown National Park organization, cooperating with Ecoplantia of Frederick, MD, provided 25 live plant plugs that will bloom throughout the growing season from spring to fall, attracting and nourishing pollinator species. The planting kit includes a kraft paper biodegradable template to spread over the prepared soil, showing precise placement for each plant. A bit of fertilizer and a cover of mulch completed the task.

Ken Monteiro, president of the Garden Club, provided details, describing the various plants, all native to the region and therefore of interest to pollinating insects and birds that search for these specific plant species.

Visitors to the library during summer will delight in purple coneflower attracting a variety of butterflies and later, goldfinches. Then Black-Eyed Susans will appear in summer, along with Beardtongue, irresistible to bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Ornamental purple Lovegrass will also appear along the way, as will a profusion of Coreopsis and Aster.





PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Board members from the Amenia Garden Club were at work on Saturday, May 10, planting a new native pollinator garden in front of the Amenia Free Library. Amenia Library to take advantage of a newly planted native pollinator garden. The entire board of the Amenia Garden Club gathered on Saturday, May 10 to do the planting using a Homegrown National Park/Ecoplantia kit. Left to right are Ryan Bagley, Nina Peek, Michael Peek, Ken Monteiro and Paul Arcario.

# North East man held on fentanyl, cocaine charges

# By JOHN COSTON johnc@millertonnews.com

NORTH EAST - A Dutchess County Deputy Sheriff conducted a traffic stop on May 4 related to a minor traffic infraction that led to the arrest of a North

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East man on drug charges involving quantities of fentanyl and cocaine.

Michael Jarvis, 49, of Cooper Road in the Town of North East, was charged with two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance, 3rd Degree, intent

Stay informed millertonnews.com to sell, a class B Felony, and one count of criminal possession of a controlled substance, third degree, (weight), a class B Felony.

The arrest of Jarvis followed an investigation begun by the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force after information was obtained from the community about alleged significant drug activity in the area of Cooper Road.

Drug Task Force Agents provided intelligence to the Dutchess Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau regarding a specific area on Cooper Road and requested traffic enforcement in that area and surrounding areas to identify the person or persons involved.

Deputy Sheriff Dylan Merritt conducted the May 4 traffic stop of a vehicle for minor traffic infractions. While conducting an investigation, the deputy allegedly found Jarvis to be in possession of more than 150 bags of fentanyl packaged for sale as well as over an ounce of crack cocaine packaged and ready for sale.

Drug Task Force Agents responded to the scene to assist in the investigation.

Jarvis was arraigned in the Town of North East Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail.

If anyone has information regarding this case or about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by emailing your tips to Drugtaskforcetips@gmail.com.



Michael Jarvis



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# Celebration of Life Michael R. Tesoro, M.D.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life to honor Michael R. Tesoro M.D. (May 20, 1941—Dec. 25, 2024) whose vibrant spirit touched so many. We will gather on May 17 at 11:30 a.,m. at Trinity Lime Rock to remember Michael's life with love and laughter. A light fare reception to immediately follow at the church's Walker Hall.

Trinity Lime Rock, 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lakeville. In lieu of flowers please direct donations to: Malta House of Care, Inc.,136 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105 www.maltahouseofcare.org

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# REGIONAL

# Northwell Health completes merger with Nuvance Health

NEW HYDE PARK, N.Y. — Northwell Health and Nuvance Health announced Wednesday, May 7, the two nonprofit health systems have officially joined together to form a new integrated regional health system that will enhance care for communities across greater New York and Connecticut, serving a population of more than 13 million.

The integrated system, with a combined \$22.6 billion operating budget, now encompasses over 104,000 employees, a diverse network of 22,000 nurses and 13,500 providers at 28 hospitals, more than 1,050 ambulatory care and 73 urgent care locations while tapping into the world-class expertise of the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research, visionary Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and the Hofstra Northwell School of Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies.

The New York State Department of Health and Connecticut Office of Health Strategy, along with the attorneys general of each state, approved plans for the integrated health system, which received final clearance after the board of trustees from both organizations voted to move forward.

As part of the agreement, Northwell Health will invest at least \$1 billion in Nuvance Health hospitals.

Northwell Health is New York State's largest health care provider and private employer, with 28 hospitals, more than 1,000 outpatient facilities, 22,000 nurses and over 20,000 physicians.

# Regional leaders hear testimony of 'rural healthcare crisis'

# Keith Raven Johnson

SHARON — Keith Raven Johnson, a long-time resident of Sharon, died on April 26, 2025, a month after his 90th birthday, at Geer Rehabilitation and Long -Term Care

facility in Canaan. He was born on March 21, 1935, in Ithaca, New York, the son of John Raven Johnson and Hope Anderson Johnson.

Keith was a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and Cornell University where he was editor-in-chief of the Cornell Daily Sun and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

After serving his active duty in the New York National Guard, he joined the New York Herald Tribune as a reporter in 1957. Four years later he moved to Time magazine where he served as a writer and editor in New York and as a correspondent based in Los Angeles, Washington, Paris and London, with temporary assignments in Africa, Germany, and Vietnam. He was executive editor of Money magazine and later of Discover magazine. He retired as a member of the board of editors of Fortune magazine in 1993.

Before his retirement, Keith served on the vestry at St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York City where he was also chair of the Choir School. He later became a member of the Lime Rock

# Joan Anderson Turnure

SALISBURY — Joan Anderson Turnure, 91, died after a long illness on May 3, 2025, at Noble Horizons in Salisbury. She was the loving widow of Michael DeBurbure Turnure.

Joan was born July 29, 1933, in Mexico City, Mexico, the daughter of the late Lawrence Anderson and Barbara (Ryan) Anderson. She grew up in Mexico and Maryland, later attending the Shipley School in Pennsylvania and earning a Bachelor of Arts in English from Vassar College. Joan dedicated her life to her family. While the family was living in Venezuela in the 1960s, she taught high school English and founded a preschool. In their two years living in Paris, she took cooking lessons while shuttling four kids to schools and caring for her fifth baby.

Episcopal Church. After retirement, Keith

served on the executive committee of the Lakeville Journal where he also contributed a column called "Cars" reflecting a life-long interest in performance automobiles. He also served as a trustee and treasurer of the Hotchkiss Library in Sharon and was on the board of the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut. He was a member of the Cornell University Council and at one time chaired the Advisory Council of the College of Arts and Sciences at Cornell.

Keith is survived by his brother, Leonard Johnson, and his wife, Patricia, his son, Stephen Main, his niece, Paige Johnson Roth, his nephew, Keith Raven Johnson II, and his niece, Heide Novado Johnson. He was predeceased by his parents and his nephew, Eric Anderson Johnson.

Donations may be made in Keith's memory to ACLU of Connecticut, 765 Asylum Avenue, Hartford CT 06015, or Keith Johnson '52 and Leonard Johnson '56 Scholarship Fund, Phillips Exeter Academy, 20 Main Street, Exeter NH 03833.

A celebration of Keith's life will be held on Saturday, July 12 at 11 am at the Lime Rock Episcopal Church, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

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of a single plant. This was the first time in over 100 years that a Millbrook Garden Club member had received it.

Joan represented the fifth generation of women in her family to be born in Mexico. Fluent in Spanish, she was well-known within the Hispanic community and often advocated for their rights. A devoted dog lover, Joan always had a puppy or two throughout her life. Her last dog, a Chihuahua named Itsy-Bitsy, was, she said, her "best dog." She is survived by five children: Lili Bassett (John), John Turnure (Evie), Barbara Turnure, Virginia Morgan, and Richard Turnure (Bethany); twelve grandchildren: Eva, Eliza, Jack, and William Bassett; Nicholas and Henry Morgan; Nicole Halstead, Christine Turnure, David Turnure; Charlotte, Ryan, and Griffin Turnure; and six great-grandchildren: Adaleigh, Kinleigh, and Beckett Halstead; Westyn Turnure; and Christian and Savannah Boulier. She was predeceased by her husband, Michael; her brother, Lawrence Anderson; and her sonin-law, Jeffery B. Morgan. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Church in Salisbury on June 1, followed by a reception at The White Hart Inn. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

# Sue Ann Miller Plain

NORTH CANAAN — Sue Ann Miller Plain, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, and sister, passed away on May 4, 2025, after a courageous battle with ALS. Sue Ann faced her illness with incredible strength, grace, and determination, never losing her spirit or her love for those around her.

Sue Ann was born on April 21, 1957, in Jersey City, New Jersey. She lived in North Canaan for 50 years where she built lasting friendships and began a life rooted in community and family.

She was the cherished wife of David W. Plain and devoted mother to Dara Robinson and Shanna Robinson, as well as loving stepmother to Felicia Plain and David K Plain. She was the proud and adoring grandmother to seven grandchildren, Collin Thyberg, Kartel Henry, Owen Henry, Rustin DeJesus, Colter DeJesus, Chayton Pastre and Brynn Pastre who were the light of her life and whom she loved more than anything in the world.

Born to Grace and Robert Miller, Sue Ann was raised with strong family values and a generous spirit. She was predeceased by her father, Robert, in 2008, and is survived by her mother, Grace Miller, and her two brothers, Robert and Rick Miller. Sue Ann found great joy

and purpose in community service, particularly through her involvement with the Women's Auxiliary at the Couch Pipa V.F.W. Her dedication, warmth, and vibrant presence will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Sue Ann's life was defined by love—love for her family, her community, and the many friends she gathered along the way. Though ALS took her from us too soon, Sue Ann's strength in the face of adversity and the love she gave so freely will never be forgotten.

Her legacy lives on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Service details will be shared by the family at a later time. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Sue Ann's memory to the North Canaan V.F.W., 104 S. Canaan Rd, North Canaan, CT 06018, a cause close to her heart.

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Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org Trinity Episcopal Church	The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442						
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### By ALEC LINDEN alecl@lakevillejournal.com

LITCHFIELD, Conn. —

Joanne Borduas, President and CEO of Community Health and Wellness Center, had an urgent message for Northwest Connecticut leadership at the May 8 meeting of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments:

"We need to sound the alarm on rural health."

The Community Health and Wellness Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center, commonly known as a FQHC, which is a federal qualification given to certain healthcare organizations in regard to the quality of services, community-oriented approach, and accessibility for all patients regardless of their ability to pay.

Community Health and Wellness Center, which has locations in Torrington, Winsted, and recently North Canaan, is one of 17 FQHCs in the state and the only one in the region.

While presenting to the assembled officials, Borduas said that her organization, like many others, is facing critical financial threats due to widespread federal cuts under the Trump administration.

Community Health and Wellness Center receives approximately 30% of its payroll through federal grants and has already had to cut back on some of its central programming, including suspending its dental services.

Borduas described Community Health and Wellness Center as an indispensable resource for Northwest Connecticut, a region that she described as experiencing a "rural healthcare crisis."

"Access issues and unique challenges in rural areas lead to poorer patient outcomes compared to our urban counterparts," Borduas explained. She said those challenges are especially acute given heightened risk factors in many rural communities, such as increased socio-economic disparities, economic downturn, elderly populations who wish to remain at home as they age, and funding and resource scarcity for healthcare facilities.

Around 500,000 people benefit from community health centers across the state, she said, of which some 300,000 are covered by Medicaid, a program which is threatened with major cuts. Medicaid is "not just low income," Borduas said, but helps vulnerable populations like young adults recently off their parents insurance, single mothers and the elderly.

Borduas encouraged COG members to make their voices heard both in their communities and in Hartford: "We need to eliminate barriers to healthcare access."

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In 1971, she and Michael returned to the U.S. and purchased Community Service, the northwestern Connecticut lumber and building materials business where Joan worked alongside her husband.

In Salisbury, Joan was active as a bridge player, a book club member, and a member of the Millbrook Garden Club. Joan won the Garden Club of America Catherine Beattie Medal for horticulture. This medal is awarded for vibrancy, prime condition, and perfection of grooming



Very excited to announce a free showing of the Disney movie Tarzan this Sunday, May 18th at 2pm at the Colonial Theater in North Canaan. I have always wanted to see this on the big screen and listen to Phil Collin's soundtrack! Not to mention Minnie Driver as Jane and Glen Close as Kala, so this should be wonderful way to celebrate Spring and all are invited. To reserve your ticket, please visit www.canaancolonial.com/ event-details-registration/ free-community-screeningtarzan-1999.



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Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00 P.M. 518-789-3138 Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information,

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THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

# Targeting the Library of Congress

o you know there is a Library of Congress? And do you know what the Library of Congress does? You should or better learn, quickly, because this Administration is targeting the Library to prevent access to facts and real information.

Set up by Congress in April 1800, the Library has a critical function in our democracy. First, and perhaps most importantly, the Library of Congress provides research and information to the U.S. Congress through the Congressional Research Service (CRS).

The CRS is the go-to place for information, checking facts, comparing past laws and bills with intended new legislation. The CRS operates in a totally non-partisan manner as a comprehensive and reliable legislative research and analysis center, providing timely, objective, authoritative, and confidential, information for the national legislature.

Secondly, the Library is the largest library in the world. Yes, largest, most comprehensive. Some of which will shortly be off-limits.

Third — and this is critical for all industry, media, publishing, inventions — the Library controls copyright. The U.S. Copyright Office is within the Library of Congress and administers the whole national copyright system. It is where you go to file a copyright protection for your output as a creator. And that's for every major industrial corporation, all of publishing, the media, all the way down to the street artist.

Fourth, the Library of Congress gives tremendous access to the public, some of which includes research facilities, exhibitions, and digital collections. And every major media outlet, from FOX to CBS, will tell you they use this resource every day.

Oh, and a small matter, the

# A VIEW FROM THE EDGE Peter Riva

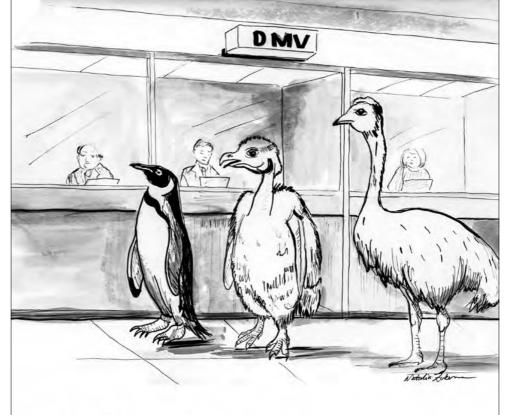
probably already banning access to parts of the Library preventing legislators from proving facts on past Congressional activity and laws.

Some Senators are fighting back — fighting against this form of book-burning control of reality. Senator Martin Heinrich of New Mexico: "While President Trump wants to ban books and tell Americans what to read – or not to read at all – Dr. Hayden has devoted her career to making reading and the pursuit of knowledge available to everyone. Be like Dr. Hayden."

The Trump Administration fired Shira Perlmutter, the top copyright official in the U.S. The move comes two days after the White House fired Carla Hayden, the head of the Library of Congress, which maintains the Copyright Office. Hayden appointed Perlmutter to the position in 2020. Perlmutter received an email last Saturday reading, "your position as the Register of Copyrights and Director at the U.S. Copyright Office is terminated effective immediately," the AP reports.

The register of copyrights, however, is a legislative position. Congress could fight Perlmutter's termination.

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



"So it might take all day to get this Real ID thing but we can't have another reason why we don't fly."

# **OPINION**

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Vote 'No' on Webutuck school budget

The Webutuck BOE proposes the 2025-2026 School budget increase 5.95%, which is more than twice the Consumer Price Index (2.95%), according to their Spring 2025 Spring Newsletter.

The Newsletter curiously is silent on student enrollment. A search online on NYS Education Department statistics reveals the latest K-12 total (2023-2024) enrollment for Webutuck as 637. The proposed '25-'26 budget (\$28,665,850), divided by 637, is a whopping \$45,001 per student.

The Newsletter curiously is also silent on student per-

formance. The results of the \*Spring\* 2024 standardized tests in math and reading were buried in the Millerton News just before Christmas. The performance was abysmal — not quite as bad as Baltimore — but horrible, attributable by inference in the story to the more than onethird non-English speaking student body.

The Newsletter's most egregious misrepresentation, however, is the statement by the Superintendent that the local tax levy (5.27%), "at the allowable levy limit set by NYS," is "fiscally conservative." That is intellectually dishonest. It is patently obvious - in fact, it is stated twice by the Superintendent within the Newsletter — that the \*goal\* of the proposed budget was to increase the budget as much as possible, yet stay within the "allowable limit set by NYS" in order to enable qualified homeowners to be eligible for NYS STAR tax relief. The goal should be to present a budget that is limited to what is essential and necessary and targeted to need, \*not\* to reflexively increase it to an "allowable limit set forth by the State."

The School Board and Superintendent need to turn their attention to cutting administrative and academic bloat and to improving student performance by addressing the problems it has with illiteracy and innumeracy among its substantial non-English speaking student body.

Rejection of this proposed school budget will result in a Contingency Budget which is still an increase of 2.36% over last year's budget and more in line with the CPI. I recommend taxpayers send a message: Take the trouble to vote NO on Tuesday, May 20th, at the High School!

Dan Brown Millerton

# Mrs. Roosevelt's 'OK'; enveloping dust storm; diner for sale

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

**FROM THE ARCHIVES** *The Millerton News*  length, may grow to 50 to 60 pounds as they devour weeds, and eventually die off.

Over the past few years an aquatic harvester has re-

Transportation via a shuttle bus from the Webutuck Junior-Senior High School to the Amenia entrance to the Rail Trail (Mechanic Street) will begin at 9:30 a.m. Bring a baseball glove. Tamburrino said her grand opening this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. will include a live remote broadcast by WQQQ-FM.

Library is the national library center for the blind and physically handicapped. But this Administration is marginalizing them anyway.

Why worry? Well, this week Trump fired Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden, the first woman, the first African American, and the first career librarian to hold the position. Not a DEI by any means, she was appointed in 2016. But suddenly, in only an email, the White House said, curtly (and only), "Carla, On behalf of President Donald J. Trump, I am writing to inform you that your position as the Librarian of Congress is terminated effective immediately. Thank you for your service." They avoided the obvious "...and don't let the door hit you on the way out."

Why did they do this? The ultra-right wing American Accountability Foundation (AAF), called for her ouster. "The President and his team have done an admirable and long-needed job cleaning out deep state liberals from the federal government. It is time they show Carla Hayden...the door and return an America First agenda to the nation's intellectual property regulation," said AAF's president, Tom Jones (in the Daily Mail two weeks ago). Jones used to work for Senators Ron Johnson and Ted Cruz in their opposition propaganda activities. The AAF gets funding and guidance from the Heritage Foundation, creators of Project 2025.

Librarian Hayden is gone, and the Administration is

# May 17, 1934

'County Girl Scout Fund Campaign Wins Approval of Mrs. Roosevelt'; Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, has pledged her approval and support of the Dutchess County Girl Scout Council's fund campaign which is in progress this week. The first lady of the land is honorary president of the national Girl Scout organization.

Upon learning that the Girl Scout Council of her home county had no official director and was about to conduct a drive to raise money for employing one, Mrs. Roosevelt wrote the campaign committee a letter of encouragement immediately.

'Dust Storm Passes Over This Section'; Hudson Valley Enveloped Friday; Believe Storm Came From Mid-West

Various parts of the Hudson Valley area, including this section, were enveloped by an unusual dust storm last Friday.

Believed to be similar to the dust storms which had been passing over the Middle West although of less intensity, the storm followed closely upon the heals of a violent rain and wind storm which passed through the Hudson Valley the night before.

The dust storm hung aloft at an altitude of between 4,000 and 5,000 feet, it was reported by officials of the Department of Commerce Airways station at New Hackensack.

### May 15, 1975

'Owner Puts Diner On The Market'; The Village Diner on Main Street, long a fixture in Millerton, is up for sale. Lois Shaffer of Millerton, the owner since 1973, has put the restaurant on the market for a price of \$55,000.

Asked why she is selling, Shaffer said, "It's too big an operation for me alone. I'm not a man and when this breaks and that breaks I have to get someone to fix it. It's too much." She also said she would like to spend more time with her children.

'North East Votes Flood Insurance'; The North East Town Board, at its regular meeting last Thursday, voted to apply to the Federal Government for flood plain insurance.

### May 18, 2000

'New Weed Fighting Effort: Sterile Carp Put Into Rudd Pond'; NORTH EAST - New York state engineers and North East residents gathered last Wednesday at Rudd Pond and introduced 480 sterile carp, a measure described as a natural way to keep weeds at bay.

George Carmody, an engineer with the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, said the carp will enhance the pond for recreation use during summer months, though the effects may not be seen until next year.

The fish, about a foot in

duced weed concentration in selected areas. Caretakers will continue to use the contraption on a limited basis.

Rudd Pond, along with hundreds of other lakes in the northeast, has gone through a natural process called "eutrophication." Also known as "aquatic succession," eutrophication occurs when nutrients leach into the lake and feed the growth of aquatic plants. The result is that the body of water eventually converts into a wetland or swamp.

The process is exacerbated by the tendency of milfoil, a non-native species, to rapidly proliferate.

Connecticut officials had raised concerns about the carp in the past, contending that the species significantly changes the ecosystem in which it lives. Connecticut had become involved because Rudd Pond drains into the Webatuck Creek, which becomes the Tenmile River near Wassaic and eventually drains into the Housatonic River.

To prevent migration, New York has erected screens at the pond's outlet to Webatuck Creek, said Mr. Carmody.

'Wellness Weekend: Walk, Run and Roll'; WEBUTUCK - The Webutuck Central Schools Drug and Alcohol Prevention Task Force will host a Wellness Weekend, Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities will include Walk, Run and Roll, a barbecue and a pick-up soft ball game. 'Jump Start Café Leaps onto Millerton Scene'; MIL-LERTON — A new deli and coffee shop set up shop early this week in Millerton, with a grand opening slated for this weekend.

The Jump Start Café opened Monday in Railroad Plaza in the storefront formerly occupied by the Manna Dew Café. Owner Maria Touted as "a kid-friendly place," Jump Start has food that appeals to kids and grown-ups alike, but there is a small play area for children featuring a TV, VCR, book shelf and tiny chairs.

In addition to lunch fare, Jump Start offers a full assortment of breakfast items including bagels, muffins, doughnuts, pastries, cereals and egg-based sandwiches. Except for the doughnuts and bagels, the above items

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torian, especially being best friends with your salutatorian," Olivia said during an interview on Thursday, April 3. Her friend, Gissel Oros, had been named Salutatorian.

"You know your friend realizes how hard it was to get where you are today. It's very important to me that other people don't think it's an easy thing. Gissel understands what it was like to get here and we did it together."

Olivia has served as the president of the National Honor Society and co-president of the senior class.

'Good time management is important, along with persistence and dedication," is Olivia's advice to all students, but particularly those who will begin as high school freshmen in the fall.

Developing leadership skills has been an important focus for Olivia, exemplified by her service to the community.

"Ever since I was young, I never wanted to be a follower; I wanted to be a leader," Olivia said. "I just love being able to lead people in the right way and I like being an example and good role model for people."

Olivia appreciated the small school population at Webutuck and the helpfulness of the teaching staff and the students. Her advice to any entering freshman was to "advocate for yourself."

Olivia has served as a member and current Treasurer of the high school Climate and Culture Club that works to build morale and nurture the school's environment. The club organized a Wellness Day in 2024 and administers the program that selects Students of the Month.

Sports have also been a focus for Olivia. She competed on the varsity boys' golf team and the varsity girls' softball team, serving as softball team captain. She is a member of the Student Council and Environmental Club.

Outside of school, Olivia volunteers in both the food pantry and the Early Learning Program at the North East Community Center in Millerton

Planning to study biochemistry at Marist University, Olivia described her relationship with her grandmother, Petrina S. Lopane, who lost her husband at a young age to cancer. Her grandmother's story motivates her toward a career in medical research.

"She's my everything; she has inspired me," she said of her grandmother's important influence.

Olivia is the daughter of Craig Wickwire and Petrina Lopane of Millerton.

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derstands we worked hard to get where we are now," Gissel said during an interview on Thursday, April 3.

"Both girls are certainly representative of the school, more than just academically," said Robert Knuschke, high school principal. "They are involved in many activities, clubs, community service and are very active in leadership roles. There is a reason why they're the valedictorian and salutatorian; it's because they've put the extra time in."

Gissel has served as copresident of the senior class and vice president of the Naas a member of the varsity girls' softball team. She is also a member of the Student Council and environmental club

About leadership, Gissel said, "I've always been a follower, but as I've grown, I've seen it's more important to be a leader."

Gissel plans to study Criminal Psychology and Law at the University of Albany. Her career goal was inspired by a criminal justice class she took with Webutuck teacher Douglas Matthews.

"I really enjoyed it. The further I got into the school

### **BUDGET** Continued from Page A1

repairs, renovations and improvements to school buildings.

Proposition 2 would bring repair to the Middle and High School buildings, with more work at the middle school estimated to cost \$37,381,383. Work would include HVAC, electrical, window replacement, roof and ceiling repair, elevator service and doorway improvements.

The high school work would include HVAC at a total estimated cost of \$1,883,099.

The total amount would, however, be reduced by \$12 million in currently available funding, so that a bond issue would be needed to cover a total of \$27,264,482, to be repaid over a number of years. Taxpayers would need to pay the annual interest on the bonds during the life of the bonds.

Separate funding of energy efficiency improvements at the middle school and high school would carry at total estimated cost of \$3 million that would also need to be bond-financed, but that funding would return to the school budget in the form of energy cost savings. Proposition 3 would bring

HVAC, electrical and window replacement at the elementary schools at an estimated cost of \$21,779,259, also to be financed by bond issue.

Students from the Middle School Student Council presented a report on a recent survey they conducted and analyzed. Their report was titled, "Repair Our School."

For their building conditions study, the nine students conducted an in-school survey of students, teachers and staff, receiving 228 responses. Interpreting the responses

as percentages, the students reported that 90% indicated that the middle school does not look as good as it could; more than 80% said they were concerned about the state of the building; 67% had classes interrupted by roof leaks; 75% said it was difficult to learn because of the roof leaks; and 94% said that if the school were their home, they would not stay.

"Our student government never stops working," said Principal Steven Cabello, adding that the students' efforts have been invigorating.

School superintendent Caroline Hernandez-Pidala praised the students' project, the time and care invested in their survey study and their reporting of the results.

"I'm super impressed," Hernandez-Pidala told the students.

The May 20 polling loca-

tion is at the Middle School. in the Band room adjacent to the auditorium. Polls will be open between noon and 9 p.m.

The proposed budget, details of the propositions and a copy of the ballot are posted on the CSD website at www. millbrookcsd.org.

Voters in two other school districts will decide on higher spending plans for the coming school year on Tuesday, May 20.

Webutuck Central School District and Pine Plains Central School District propose higher K-12 budgets for the 2025-2026 school year.

The proposed budget for Webutuck, with an enrollment of 637 students from K-12, shows a 5.96% increase from the previous year to \$28,665,850. Pine Plains proposes spending \$38,712,336, an increase of 2.71%.

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an opening possible by September or October according to Kim Choe. The Choes, owners of the Sharon Market, purchased the former Grand Union in November 2024 for \$1.75 million.

Demolition of the Village Department of Public Works on Route 22, which was destroyed by fire on February 3, 2025, is expected very soon, said Mayor Jenn Najdek. Once Dutchess County Health Department approves, a new temporary structure will be constructed to house the well and equipment of the Village Water Department.

A new pay-what-you-can food pantry on 56 South Center St., formerly Hathaway & Young, is planning on opening in the middle of June according to Linda Quella of Tri-Corner Feed. The building was sold for \$582,000 in January 2025.

St Patrick's Church on Church Street was closed ten years ago, but conducted a noontime mass in Irish, Spanish and English on St. Patrick's Day. A celebration of



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE BATES Above, The Bank of Millbrook anticipates opening its Millerton Branch on Route 44 by the end of June according to bank president George Wha-

tional Honor Society.

"Stay on top of your work and be sure to hand work in on time. Don't wait until the last minute," Gissel said when asked for her advice to young students just beginning their high school years.

Engaged with the community, Gissel volunteers in the food pantry and early learning program at the North East Community Center in Millerton. Her work has included food delivery for those unable to visit in person, restocking supplies and helping with the coat and clothing drive.

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year, the more I realized I wanted to do this," she said.

"I've always had a passion for Criminal Psychology," Gissel explained. "I just find it cool knowing how people's brains work and function. With law, I want to help immigrants who don't necessarily have someone to rely on. I want to be that person to help them through their legal issues."

Gissel is the daughter of Arnulfo Oros and Elizabeth Martinez of Amenia.

"My parents have sacrificed so much for me," Gissel said. "I want to be able to repay them and give them everything they still want."

Ascension Day is planned for May 29 in the burial ground conducted by Father Andrew O'Connor. Elyse Harney is spearheading an effort to reopen the church.

len III. Right, Painting is underway inside 56 Center Street where a new food pantry is expected to be open by the middle of June.

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# **Trade Secrets at 25**

n May 17 and 18, the 25th anniversary of Trade Secrets will unfurl like a perennial in full bloom. Held at Lime Rock Park and at private gardens in the area, the beloved garden and antiques fundraiser is part curated spectacle, part country house weekend, and all entirely for a cause — it is the primary fundraiser for Project SAGE, the Lakeville-based nonprofit that supports survivors of domestic violence across Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts.

"People may think they're coming for the bunnies and birdbaths," said Richard Lambertson, co-chair and board member. "But they're really helping fund emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and education. We want that to be clearer this year."

Lambertson, co-chief executive and creative director of Lambertson Truex, has held leadership roles at Gucci, Geoffrey Beene, and Bergdorf Goodman, earning CFDA and ACE design honors for his distinctive American accessories vision. He and his fellow co-chair Carolyn Piccirelli, founder of Honeychurch Home based in Lenox, Massachusetts, are also Trade Secrets vendors themselves, meaning they're sourcing, curating, designing, placing tents, approving flower choices, measuring every inch of the site with what can only be described as couture-level precision. "We vet every vendor. We place every sign. We want every detail to speak the same language - classical, elegant, creative, and exciting," said Piccirelli. The event began in 2001 as the brainchild of designer Bunny Williams, antiques dealer Naomi Blumenthal, and horticulturist Deborah Munson, as a garden-themed tag sale on Bunny's own property. Today, the show has evolved into a fully trademarked brand of its own, still deeply imbued with its founders' eye and purpose. Lambertson and Piccirelli estimate that about a quarter of the current vendors have been part of the event for 20 years or more. Still, the co-chairs work to keep the aesthetic crisp and focused. "We don't want it turning into just an antique show," Lambertson said. "It has to be



Carolyn Piccireli, left, and Richard Lambertson, co-chairs of Trade Secrets.

garden-forward."

While Trade Secrets runs like a well-oiled estate garden, it's entirely volunteer-driven with over 300 volunteers from Hotchkiss and Indian Mountain students to entire families who've made it an annual tradition. Vendors often arrive from across the Northeast and are treated to a cozy Saturday night dinner, complete with Bunny's personal welcome and a talk from Project SAGE that, Piccirelli said, "brings people to tears."

Along with the garden tour and the rare plants and antique sale, there will also be book signings on Sunday at Lime Rock Park. Meet Martha Stewart, Bunny Williams, Frances Palmer, Mieke ten Have and Rosie Daykin from 9:30 a.m. on. son agreed. There will be a refreshed entryway with a surprise design from Bunny herself, and deeper integration between the event and the nonprofit it supports.

"This is our 25th anniversary, so it's a big deal and our underwriting is off the charts compared to last year," said Lambertson. "I think the state of the world has made people more willing to support a cause they believe in, and this year, everyone on the Project SAGE staff is working the show, the entire board is volunteering, and we're putting the 'why' behind the weekend front and center because it's not just a flower and antique show, it's about the real

impact those donations make."

Still, for all its purpose, Trade Secrets is also pure pleasure—a ritual of spring, a place where heirloom roses and antique statuary coexist with conversations over peonies and local cheese.

"My favorite part is just when it opens," said Piccirelli. "You feel the excitement, people are so happy to be there. The energy is electric."

And like a true garden, it's that combination of roots and bloom, tradition and reinvention, that keeps Trade Secrets



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

At the Colonial Theatre in North Canaan, Peter Canellos, left, sat down to talk with Scott Bok, resident of Salisbury and author of "Surviving Wall Street: A Tale of Triumph, Tradgedy, and Timing," about his career.

**BOOKS: ROBIN RORABACK** 

# Surviving Wall Street: Scott Bok on power, protest, and collapse

n May 10, the Colonial Theatre in North Canaan hosted Scott Bok, author of "Surviving Wall Street: A Tale of Triumph, Tragedy, and Timing." Bok is a forty-year veteran of Wall Street. He has served on the boards of several nonprofits and is a resident of Salisbury.

Moderator of the event was Peter Canellos, senior editor of "Politico," a former editor of the editorial page at the "Boston Globe," and author of biographies of Ted Kennedy and Supreme Court Justice John Harlan.

When Bok started out, Mergers and Acquisitions was something you "didn't hear about;" private equity and hedge funds did not exist. "Now," he said, "Wall Street pervades American life."

With his book, Bok wanted to "tell the history of modern Wall Street. "I aspired to write a fun adventure story."

Bok survived five major crises, "hedge funds, dot coms, the pandemic,

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At The Movies

For this anniversary year, the co-chairs have also made a few upgrades including new, bigger tents. "It's going to look really pretty," Piccirelli and Lambertgrowing strong. For more information

and tickets, visit: www. tradesecretsct.com

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# ...Scott Bok

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the Ukrainian War, and coming out of the pandemic."

Canellos asked about Bok's thoughts on tariffs. "Will they go away?" Bok said, "Hard to know. On the days when people think he's (the president) going to back off, stocks go up. When they think he's getting serious, stocks go down. If the tariffs stay, I probably stand with every economist I've read. It's going to be very difficult."

Canellos and Bok spoke extensively of the University of Pennsylvania's crisis which began in September of 2023. At its heart was the issue of free speech. Bok said that in all his years on the board, there had never been any suggestion of antisemitism. He became chair of the board of trustees in 2021.

UPenn had always been lenient and tolerant of protests. Bok said only about "1% of the student population participated" in the protests.

The spark was a Palestinian writer's festival. Some students wanted it to be moved off campus. On Oct. 7, the Hamas attacks on Isreal "turned up the heat," said Bok or "things would probably have died down on their own."

Bok relayed that some people on the board said "I am all for free speech" but then "hate speech cannot be allowed. How do you handle it?"

He said the board's attitude was to "let it be, until the students crossed a line and then they had In Bok's opinion it was just what the committee was waiting for and had led Magill into. In her opening statement at the hearing Magill had already come out firmly against antisemitism and had said, "I have condemned antisemitism publicly, regularly, and in the strongest possible terms. And today, let me reiterate my and Penn's unyielding commitment to combating it."

Canellos commented, "President Trump was taking aim at elite institutions along the same lines as Elise Stefanik did in questioning Liz Magill."

Both Magill and Bok ended up resigning their positions at UPenn. Bok said he felt it was "a battle for the soul of the university." The schools were being attacked for what the administration considered being "too woke, too liberal."

"Multi-million dollar levers are at play. International students who are a great part of the graduate programs, can't get visas or don't feel safe. Schools will lose students," said Bok.

Tax-exempt status for schools is at risk. If they lose that, they will have to pay taxes on their property and land. There would be no tax deductions for donations to schools.

He said he is "rooting for Harvard and what it is doing." Harvard "came out swinging" and is fighting back.

Canellos asked Bok, "How do you think this will end up?"

## **MUSIC: ALEC LINDEN**

# Singer-songwriters 'break the fourth wall' at Down County Social Club

inger-songwriters Natalia Zukerman, Gail Ann Dorsey, and Séamus Maynard conjured "the conversational nature of reality" at a free-flowing performance for the Race Brook Lodge's Down County Social Club on the evening of Thursday, May 8. The trio traded tunes for about an hour and a half, allowing the music to develop in dialogue with each other, the audience, and even an exploding amplifier.

Alex Harvey, who curates the speakeasy-style shows of the DCSC, offered the above words while introducing the three musicians. The ethos of the DCSC is to "break down the barrier" between the artists and audience; to make it "hard to hold up a fourth wall even if they wanted to."

A mid-show equipment meltdown ensured this, requiring the musicians to go unplugged for the remainder of the night. Amplified or acoustic, though, the artists needed no assistance in cultivating a deeply conversational atmosphere that complemented the warm, rustic interior of the Lodge's Pine Grove Porch.

Harvey said he was thrilled when Zukerman pitched the idea. "The caliber Natalia was talking about is mind-blowing," he said during his introduction.



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Left-to-right, musicians Gail Ann Dorsey, Séamus Maynard and Natalia Zukerman in-the-round at Race Brook Lodge.

this newspaper, a role she took after full-time touring for over 15 years, said in an interview a few days after the show that she loves the "in the round" style format that structured the performance. Each musician played a song, back to back to back, sometimes improvising accompaniment over each other's music.

"I just think singer-songwriters lend themselves to that," she said. "You get to really broaden beyond yourself."

The chemistry between the three artists was palpable, though they had never shared a stage prior to Thursday evening. Early in the set, a theme of struggle and mental health developed, with Zukerman reminding the room that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Zukerman sang a song called Widow's Walk about committing no flame of hell ever held a candle to the light").

Dorsey answered with a "lullaby" to loved ones she had lost to suicide, with her clear, soaring voice carrying a spectral guitar melody, assuring them of "an army of compassion on your side."

After the show went acoustic, the tone changed and collaboration ensued, at one point involving all three with Zukerman contributing wilting slide guitar accompaniment and Dorsey adding some rhythmic plucking over Maynard's lively fingerpicking.

The remainder of the session was characterized by a dynamic cadence between Zukerman's complex guitar and layered storytelling (often accentuated with a dry wit), Maynard's explosive yet deeply controlled playing and dense songwriting, and Dorsey's powerful voice and gentle folk melodies. Zukerman said she's hopeful that the format will become a series in the future, but may have to take the show elsewhere as the Race Brook Lodge will be closing at the end of the year. Owner Casey Rothstein-Fitzpatrick assured that the Lodge's cultural programming will remain robust through November, but will wrap up after that.

And how does Zukerman manage to organize shows and play music while working as a full-time editor and creator at the Lakeville Journal (not to mention the many additional roles she holds in other cultural institutions)? It's all about loving what you do, she said.

"At the end of the day, I spend my time playing music, writing, teaching, drawing, talking to brilliant people," she said. "I feel incredibly privileged to get to do what I do."

to act aggressively and did."

Meanwhile, Liz Magill, president of UPenn, was called to a Congressional hearing, along with presidents of Harvard and MIT where she was questioned for hours.

Magill was asked "Does calling for genocide against Jews violate university code of ethics?" by Elise Stefanik of the House Education and Workforce Committee.

She answered, "It is a context dependent decision."

Bok said that Magill was focused on what the Constitution says that speech alone is not punishable. As for call for the genocide of any people, she said, "It's evil-plain and simple" and wouldnot be tolerated.

Bok said, "This was a viral 'gotcha moment."

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Canellos concluded by saying, "I admire your courage in taking on these difficult subjects."

All of the profits from "Surviving Wall Street" go to City Harvest, New York City's first and largest food rescue program.

Zukerman was joined by Dorsey, a world-renowned bassist who was a core member of David Bowie's band from 1995-2004 and has recorded and toured with other giants such as Tears for Fears, Lenny Kravitz and the National, and Maynard, a singer and virtuosic guitarist who Zukerman said "blew [her] mind" after finding him through Craryville, New York community market and performance venue, Random Harvest.

Zukerman, who is also the cartoonist and Compass editor for



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**BOOKS: OLIVIA GEIGER** 

# Nancy Kricorian's **'The Burning Heart** of the World'

n May 8, Nancy Kricorian discussed and read from her latest book, "The Burning Heart of the World" at Roeliff Jansen Community Library in Hillsdale, New York.

Kricorian was interviewed by Patricia Ononiwu Kaishian, the curator of mycology at The New York State Museum and author of "Forest Euphoria: On the Abounding Queerness of Nature," to be published May 27, 2025

Kricorian's latest novel is fourth in a series of books focused on the post-genocide Armenian diaspora experience.

"I am to be a voice for my people," stated Kricorian who grew up in an Armenian community in Watertown, Massachusetts alongside her grandmother, a genocide survivor.

April 2025 marked the 50th anniversary of the Lebanese Civil War and the 110th anniversary of the Armenian genocide. Published in April, Kaishian's novel tells a story of an Armenian family from Beirut. Across four generations they have lived through the Lebanese Civil War, the Armenian genocide, and the 9/11 attack on New York City.

Of the book, Kricorian stated, "It is about women who struggle to cope and take care of their families in times of mass violence. It is also about the way that these traumas reside in



PHOTO BY OLIVIA GEIGER **Author Nancy** Kricorian reads from her book "The Burning Heart of the World" at Roeliff Jansen Library on May 8.

the bodies of those that survive them."

Sorting through the wreckage of mass violence and existential threats to sovereignty and territorial integrity, these stories provide a homeland to displaced people.

In 2014, Kricorian did an Armenian heritage trip. She expressed an intense feeling when looking at flowers on the side of the road or walking along the bridges, realizing that her grandmother had seen those same flowers and walked those same roads. She felt deeply rooted in place and history — yet also confronted by the reality of uprooting and displacement.

With each section of the book broken down by geographical regions, Kricorian worked to replicate this feeling with immersive and sensory writing that drops the reader amidst the flowers. The use of nature as a literary tool is woven throughout her writing, particularly through the recurring image of birds.

**Throughout Armenian** folklore, birds are often used as a symbol for the community's ability to rebuild their nests elsewhere when their homes are destroyed and the flowers are no longer familiar.

The novel begins with a passage from Armenian musicologist Gomidas:

"My heart is like a house in ruins, the beams in splinters,

the pillars shaken. Wild birds build their

nest where my home once was."

As a part of her research for this novel, Krikorian signed up for an intro to Arabic class. A portion of the class focused on Lebanese food in New York City. The chef who taught the course shared, "I came here like a wounded bird from a burning country."

Kricorian used that line in her novel. Like a bird, she gathered pieces of insight and information from the dozens of Armenians she interviewed to cultivate this piece of art - a nest of words, experiences, traumas and laughter.

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

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# **TRI-CORNER CALENDAR**

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### **MAY 15**

**Double Book Release!** Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On May 15 from 5 to 7 p.m., come celebrate the release of two new books by local authors: acclaimed poet Susan Kinsolving and best-selling novelist William Kinsolving. A reading and talk by each author will be followed by a reception and book signing. Registration is required. scovillelibrary.libcal. com/event/14014494

### Film Screening: **Uprooting Addiction**

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

On Thursday, May 15, from 5 to 7 p.m., join us for a screening of Uprooting Addiction, a locally-produced film exploring trauma, addiction, and recovery. A panel discussion with the producer and local organizations will follow. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Sponsored by Greenwoods Counseling and the Regional Opioid Response Fund. Refreshments provided.

### **Live Well with Diabetes** Workshop – Torrington

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Free 6-week workshop for adults with type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes. Thursdays, May 15-June 19, 2 to 4 p.m. at Hungerford Center, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. Space is limited-register at 860-496-6676 or Carla. Angevine@hhchealth. org.

# **MAY 16**

### **32nd Annual CCEDC Master Gardener Plant** Sale & Fundraiser

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### **Blue and Gold Student Art Show**

Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, HVRHS, Falls Village, Conn. Blue and Gold Student

Art Show at Kearcher-Monsell Gallery, HVRHS. Reception 4 to 6 p.m.; awards at 5 p.m. Free admission. Artwork for sale to benefit the Art Department. Quilt raffle by Sharon Woman's Club. More than 80 students exhibiting.

# MAY 17

### **Book and Plant Sale**

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn.

Douglas Library in North Canaan will hold a \$5 a bag book sale on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale is in the upstairs rooms only. Bags are provided. The library's plant sale fundraiser will take place the same day. Call 860-824-7863 for more information.

### **Hunt Homegrown Plant** Sale

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

Sat. to Sun., May 17 and 18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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**May 8 Solution** 

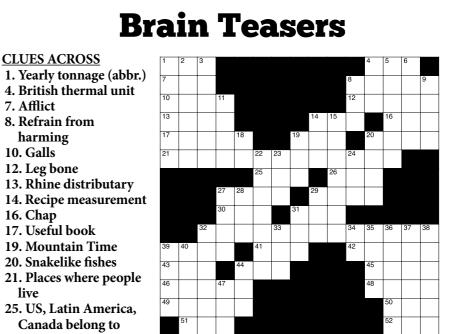
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# Word of the Week

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.

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		2. Firmly grip or comprehend
		3. British for "cup of tea"
		4. Orchard fruit, makes cider
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- 8. Engine additive
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# REGIONAL Salisbury Forum examines 'pervasive' loneliness in America

By ALEC LINDEN alecl@lakevillejournal.com

SALISBURY, Conn. — Writer, podcast creator and relationship theorist Casper ter Kuile spoke at the Salisbury Forum May 9 to offer his insights on the modern loneliness crisis, delivering a stimulating talk on how the ancient act of covenant may offer a salve for increasing social disconnect in the United States.

The evening was hosted at Salisbury School's Miles P.H. Siefert '53 Theater.

Early in the presentation, ter Kuile related an anecdote from his youth at a boarding school: "Being in this beautiful school campus is reminding me a little bit of that childhood." He said he was an "awkward" child when he was around 10 and struggled with friendships with his classmates.

As a solution, he developed a points system for each other boy based on "how nice he'd been to [him] that day." At the end of the week, "whoever had the highest score was my best friend," he related to a chorus of laughs from the audience.

"It was a lonely childhood," he said, breaking into laughter himself.

The loneliness his talk addressed though was a more pervasive kind than mere adolescent awkwardness, one that is deeply rooted in culture and economics and affects many in the U.S. and beyond.

"Hanging out with friends, dating people, working life all drastically down amongst our younger generation," adding that the phenomenon of loneliness is not unique to young people, but other factors such as higher rates of living alone and fewer close relationships — both family and friends — affect all age groups. "One in four Americans say they have no one to talk to about the most meaningful things in their lives," he added. "And that includes family members." Ter Kuile explained that these statistics are not without cause. Individualism, as it is "baked into" Western politics, democracy and culture, has turned us largely away from each other and toward ourselves.



PHOTO BY ALEC LINDEN

Casper ter Kuile spoke at the Salisbury Forum on Friday, May 9 at the Salisbury School offering insights on the impact of higher rates of people living alone and fewer close relations among all age groups.

New technologies have also contributed in surprising ways. He recounted an example told to him by a fisherman about a practice in bygone days of sharing the catch with neighbors when there was surplus. Since the advent of the freezer, the fisherman told him, the tradition disappeared as people could store their fish for themselves to have later.

One of ter Kuile's major points described the disappearance of "containers" for social connection, the term he applies for large cultural meeting points and organizations, such as a church. With an academic background in theology, he said he's curious about what happens when these centers for community ritual disappear.

He posited the "philosophy and practice" of "covenant" as a balm to these disappearing and eroding social resources — a vulnerable, commitmentoriented relationship that helps people transition from "independent to mutually dependable."

Ter Kuile asked audience members to turn to their seat neighbor and talk about covenants they would like to forge

a community hub for women both established in the area or new to town, which Campbell said had been deeply valuable for herself and other women as a new type of social "container."

After the event had ended, Campbell said she had been "just so inspired" by ter Kuile's words as they helped her reflect on her own experiences of community and intimacy. "Everything he talked about just jazzes me up," she said.

As the audience filtered out of the theater, several attendees approached Campbell hoping to learn more about the non-profit.

Ter Kuile's most direct summary of his philosophy of connection was in response to a question posed by Salisbury Forum Vice President Sarah Tennyson, who asked about the value in forming a covenant with oneself.

"I think we're a little obsessed with ourselves," he responded. Rather than follow the age-old guidance of looking within for answers, he suggested that perhaps it is time to look towards each other.

# For exercision of the fatal plane crash in Craryville on April 13

# NTSB details timeline, flight path in probe of Copake plane crash

By JOHN COSTON johnc@millertonnews.com

COPAKE — The National Transportation Safety Board issued its preliminary report on the April 12 plane crash near Craryville that claimed six lives, four of whom were family members.

The NTSB report, issued Friday, May 12, focuses largely on the flight path of the plane, on communication between the pilot and air traffic controllers and the weather at the time of the crash.

The plane was a a Mitsubishi MU-2B-40 that had departed from Westchester County Airport in White Plains destined for Columbia County Airport in Hudson.

The report details the communication between the tower and the pilot, who indicated he had missed his first landing approach and would take instructions for another approach. The pilot acknowl-

edged and was shortly advised that he was cleared for Runway 3, and the pilot again acknowledged.

"About 1 minute later, the controller advised the pilot of a low altitude alert, and to check his altitude immediately, with no response from the pilot," the NTSB report states.

"Despite the controller's multiple attempts, no further radio transmissions were received from the pilot. About 12:03:55, the controller advised the pilot that radar contact was lost," the report states.

The report further states that a low overcast cloud layer was recorded by security camera video at the time of the accident, and that the plane was viewed "descending from the cloud layer in a steep descent until it impacted terrain."

"The sound of the engines could be heard throughout the recording," according to the report.

Flight data reveals that the

plane had maintained an altitude of between 3,800 ft and 3,975 ft with a groundspeed fluctuating between about 139-189 knots before making a turn to the southwest at 12:02 p.m. About 34 seconds later, the plane began a descent. The impact of the crash is set at 12:03 p.m.

While fragments of the plane were scattered in a 150foot radius, all major components were contained within the debris area.

According to a family statement, the victims were: Karenna Groff, a former MIT soccer player who was named NCAA woman of the year in 2022; her brother Jared Groff, a 2022 Swarthmore College graduate; and their parents Dr. Michael Groff, a neuroscientist who was the pilot, and Dr. Joy Saini, a urogynecologist. Two other victims were Alexia Couyutas Duarte, Jared Groff's partner, and James Santoro, Karenna's partner.

Ter Kuile's practice of scoring his classmates is an example of the "commodification of relationships," he said — a "give and take" model of connecting with others. in their own lives. Beth and Bruce, a couple from Cornwall, said that they both had ideas: Beth would like to be a resource and helpful presence in her grandchildren's lives as they "spread their wings" into adolescence, while Bruce said he'd like to help a former coworker navigate the retirement process.

When ter Kuile opened the floor for questions, an audience member called for Mary Campbell to stand and speak about the non-profit she founded in 2006, Walking our Talk. Based in Berkshire County, the group offers



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Mill Road near the intersection of Indian Lake Road in North East was closed due to flooding on Saturday, May 12.

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# Norfolk breaks ground on affordable housing development

### By ALEC LINDEN alecl@lakevillejournal.com

NORFOLK, Conn. - The groundbreaking ceremony for Norfolk's Haystack Woods net-zero affordable homeownership development was a celebration of tenacity and cooperation that even pouring rain couldn't dampen.

The rain that fell on Friday, May 9 was the all-day, drenching type, though the Foundation for Norfolk Living and Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity were well prepared for inclement conditions.

Foundation Director Kate Briggs Johnson and LCCHO Director Jocelyn Ayer stood under umbrellas at the site, directing visitors to take a turn around the property in their cars before heading down to the Norfolk Hub for the speech portion of the ceremony.

The site sits on a cleared patch of land surrounded by the thick forest on the slopes of Haystack Mountain. The 10 homes that will populate the clearing - currently marked by rectangular plots of concrete or gravel set in tiers on a gentle slope — will be powered by on-site solar that will also charge backup batteries in case of a grid failure. More than half of the 39-acre plot is under permanent protection by the Norfolk Land Trust.

After directing the final vehicles around the loop road that runs through the site, Johnson said she had planned the ceremony for May in hopes of sunnier skies. "May is still dangerous," said State Rep.



OTO BY ALEC LINDEN

From left: General Contractor David Jones, Conn. State Rep. Maria Horn (D-64), Foundation for Norfolk Living Director Kate Briggs Johnson, Connecticut Department of Housing Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno, and Project Architect Paul Selnau attended the groundbreaking May 9.

Maria Horn, D-64, who joined the group before the caravan left for town.

Once within the dry interior of the Norfolk Hub, a coworking space used by many area nonprofits, speeches commenced.

David Jones, who developed the model for the net-zero affordable home with Johnson in 2015, said that structural resilience against bad weather and other unpredictable disasters is foundational to the Haystack Woods affordable ownership model.

"Haystack's primary mission is controlling what we call total cost of ownership," he said, a concept identifying that owning a home often involves unforeseen expenses that can accrue significantly beyond the price tag of the homes themselves, which are set at between \$159,000 and \$261,000 at the development. He said the buildings will be constructed of "very simple mechanical systems with very durable materials," which makes for homes built to last.

He noted the first floor of each home will be constructed of concrete - "nothing to burn, nothing to rot." This design, plus the renewable energy and backup battery system, makes the homes more resistant to damage and blackouts.

"Even a small disaster can be expensive," he said.

Johnson explained that the "net-zero" component of the project is also fundamental in keeping costs down for future residents, who will pay nothing except utility connection fees for energy.

The homes are intended to generate as much electricity as they consume annually.

The cost and energy efficient approach, combined with the backup battery component and shared electric vehicle charging ports, makes the Haystack Woods development the first of its kind in Connecticut, she said.

Other speakers at the ceremony highlighted a different type of resilience as equally essential to the project's success. Seila Mosquera-Bruno, the commissioner of the state's Department of Housing, gave the final speech of the event, citing the unique challenges that affordable housing initiatives in small, rural towns face.

"I know how difficult it is," she said, citing infrastructure difficulties, scarce funding and resident disagreements as issues that affect housing campaigns disproportionately in the Northwest Corner. She said the success of Haystack

Woods is due to "volunteers that just don't give up" and a region that comes together across town lines to see projects through.

Johnson agreed that Northwest Connecticut "pulls together" as a demonstration of "how to work together and not compete with one another."

The long-term persistence of the Foundation and its partners, despite numerous obstacles, is what enabled the Haystack Woods project to make it this far, said Norfolk First Selectman Matt Riiska, who described it as "a feather in our cap."

Representative Horn said that the development sets a precedent that community partnerships in the Northwest Corner are working: "When Norfolk succeeds, other towns see that success and say, 'Oh, maybe we can make that work."

# Pine Plains records four public home sales in March and April

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

PINE PLAINS - Four properties closed in Pine Plains during March and April ranging from \$3,425,000, the highest residential sale in the last 10 years, to \$130,000 for a house in need of renovation in Pine Plain's hamlet.

On May 11 there were just 10 homes for sale in three price tiers: three over a million; four below \$400,000 and three in between.

420 Carpenter Hill Road - 6 bedroom/4.5 bath home built in 1996 sold for \$3,425,000 on April 6.

2854 Church St. - 3 bedroom/2 bath house built in 1911 sold for \$810,000 on April 11.

3088 Church St. - 3 bedroom/2 bath home built in 1872 sold for \$307,500 on March 20.

10 Academy St. - 2 bedroom/1 bath home in need of



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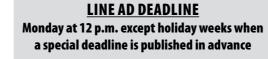
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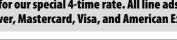
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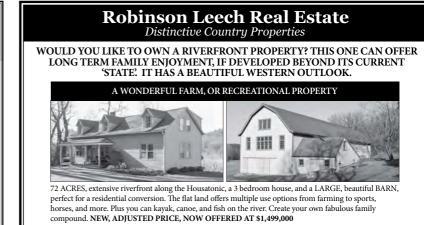
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