

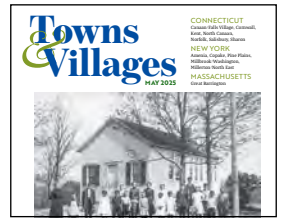


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PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Producing a blizzard of bubbles, the Bubble Bus delighted visitors to the annual Webutuck Community Day at the high school on Saturday, May 17.

Webutuck Community Day — indoor and outdoor fun festival

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Outdoor and indoor fun activities awaited area families who attended the Webutuck Community Day at the high school on Saturday, May 17. The popular annual event was co-sponsored by the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the Webutuck PTA.

In addition to outdoor displays including a car show, large trucks, a helicopter, a state police water

rescue vehicle and a bubble bus producing blizzards of bubbles, the indoor displays numbered more than 60 local and area organizations, vendors, demonstrations and volunteer opportunities, nearly all giving things away for free.

Old-fashioned sack races for kids were a popular outdoor feature organized and managed by Millerton Village Board members Matt Hartzog and Lisa Hermann. They provided information about the upcoming 175th anniversary Millerton's 1851 founding. A signif-

icant celebration is being planned for next year between July 11 and 19, 2026. Volunteers are being sought now.

"We're looking for people and organizations interested in helping out," Hartzog said, adding that organizations might contribute an event to be scheduled within that celebration week.

"We want to fill the week," Hartzog said. "It's a work in progress," Hermann added.

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\$125K grant funds NorthEast-Millerton Library repairs

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — The NorthEast-Millerton Library is set to receive a facelift thanks to a \$125,000 grant to support overdue repairs and necessary upgrades to the library's Annex.

NorthEast-Millerton Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson said the repairs are scheduled to begin around mid-June and conclude in early August. The grant will be used to repair structural and cosmetic damage, including rotting wood, chipping paint and damaged siding. Leo-Jameson said if there is any budget remaining, the library will replace an exterior door and window.

But it's not just about paint and repairs. As outlined in the library's strategic plan, which runs through the end of this year, a primary goal of the library is to "bridge the divide in our community" using the Annex to host events, meetups and offer the space to organizations

"The community deserves to have a place that is well-maintained and attractive."

Rhiannon Leo-Jameson,
NorthEast-Millerton
Library Director

looking for a place to gather.

"The Annex has become a community hub," Leo-Jameson said. "The community deserves to have a place that is well-maintained and attractive." The Annex is utilized by the library, community members and local organizations six days a week. It has also served as the polling location for the Town of North East.

This funding — secured by Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) — comes at a critical moment, as libraries across New York face uncertainty amid significant cuts

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Neighbors speak on Kent Hollow Mine settlement at town board

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Residents opposed to the court settlement in the Kent Hollow Mine case were given time at the regular meeting of the Town Board on Thursday, May 15, to air their views in the presence of the town's Special Counsel who served during the years of litigation that began in 2017.

The public comment segment on the regular agenda provided the opportunity for neighboring

and area residents to speak about their concerns to the town board. Special Counsel George Lithco was given the option of responding to the public comments at the end.

The atmosphere was respectful, with each speaker given a time limit of two minutes to present views. Most adhered to the time limit or ended close to it.

Comments were varied in subject matter, although many speakers were concerned about environmental impact represented by gravel mining operations particu-

larly when the mine stands within the Webutuck Agricultural Valley Historic District, a designation approved in September of 2024.

Of concern to some residents was the timing of the April meetings when resolutions were signed, bringing an end to the years-long litigation between the town, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the mine principals.

Another resident asked that the Town Board reconsider the signed

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Memorial Day events

Millerton

A parade steps off at 10 a.m. on Century Boulevard on Monday, May 26, and will proceed south on Maple Avenue and then west on Main Street.

There will be a short ceremony on the bridge between Railroad Plaza and Elm Avenue to honor those lost at sea, before continuing into Irondale Cemetery for a short ceremony and flag raising at the new Veterans plot.

The parade will return up Main Street to Veterans Park for a final ceremony that starts at 11 a.m.

Pine Plains

A parade and ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m., on Monday, May 26, proceeding from the Pine Plains Firehouse to Town Clock Memorial to Evergreen Cemetery. It is hosted by American Legion Post 426 and Pine Plains VFW Post 5519.



Millbrook

Residents and friends will gather at 11 a.m. for the traditional Memorial Day parade down Franklin Avenue, ending at The Tribute Garden for an official ceremony, in remembrance of the fallen. VFW Post 9008 is the event organizer.

Amenia

Families will gather at Fountain Square at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 26, for Amenia's traditional observance of Memorial Day, hosted by VFW Post 5444. The brief ceremony to remember the fallen will include prayers offered by the VFW Post chaplain, local clergy and speeches by elected officials. All are welcome.



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The 2025 edition of the Master Gardener Plant Sale at the Cornell Cooperative Extension draws crowds on Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17, at the Farm and Home Center, Route 44, in Millbrook. Bottom left, Serena Starzyk, of LaGrangeville, and Maureen Terranova, at right, of Rhinebeck, hold a flat. Now in its 32nd year, the popular fundraising event offers a wide selection of annuals, perennials, vegetables and herbs.

Grievance Day: Last chance to lower your taxes

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to The Millerton News

Throughout New York state "Grievance Day" is the one day a year when property owners can appear before the Board of Assessment Review ("BAR"), an appointed volunteer committee of people from your own town, to argue for a change in the assessed value of their property for taxation purposes.

This year Grievance Day in the Town of North East is on May 28 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Town Hall on North Maple Street.

In Amenia and Pine Plains Grievance Day this year is on May 27th.

Before appearing before the "BAR" complainants must complete Form RP-524, which in addition to general information requires owners to specify the basis of their argument for reducing their assessment.

The form targets whether its not comparable to other properties, is excessive based on its full value, and whether exemptions or classification are incorrect.

Ideally arguments should be supported by documentation of recent sales, comparison of assessments to neighboring properties, appraisals, and listing of factors that might decrease the value of the property such as wetlands or boarded-up buildings next door.

Experts note that simply saying something like "my

taxes are too high" is the wrong strategy.

The real driver of how much you will pay in taxes are the budgets of the town, county, fire department and, most of all, your school district which accounts for 50% of your total property tax burden.

The assessors in North East, Pine Plains and Amenia try to maintain 100% valuation of all properties. This means a property's assessment should reflect its current market value.

In late April all assessors mailed notifications of assessments that will be used as a basis for 2026 taxes. In North East commercial assessed values were increased 6% and residential values 8%.

If the proposed assessment of your home seems high or has gone up this year in excess of the general 8% consider going in and talking to your assessor before Grievance Day.

Based on recent sales assessors often look for assessments that seem out of whack with the market. For example, one owner saw their assessment go up 26% probably because of a sale across the street. Just call ahead to make an appointment and be prepared to argue your case for reducing your assessed value — but not your taxes.

And there are instances where owners want to increase their assessment if they are planning on listing their property for sale.

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application
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PO Box 333
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Facility: INDIAN LAKE CO RTE 62
Access at end of Red Cedar Ln
MILLERTON, NY 12546
Application ID: 3-1338-00105/00006
Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands
Project is located:

in NORTHEAST in DUTCHESS COUNTY

Project Description:
The applicant proposes to treat 91.5-acres of Indian Lake with aquatic pesticides to control curly-leaf pondweed and lilies. Treatment is within a NYS Freshwater Wetland and its state regulated 100-foot adjacent area.

Availability of Application Documents:

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

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

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

SEQR Lead Agency
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

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

Availability For Public Comment Contact Person
Comments on this project must be FRANK J BENEDETTO, III submitted in writing to the Contact NYSDEC

Person no later than 05/14/2025 21 S Putt Corners Rd or 28 days after the publication date New Paltz, NY 12561 of this notice, whichever is later. (845) 256-0208

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Methodist Church BBQ set May 31

MILLERTON — The Millerton Methodist Church plans a takeout chicken barbecue on Saturday, May 31 with Doug Westfall's recipe and helpers.

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Amenia Planning Board hears Cascade Creek conservation analysis

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Having received an updated conservation analysis and map describing the Hudson River Housing (HRH) subdivision acreage bordering Cascade Creek, the Planning Board held a public hearing on that portion of the planning process at its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 14.

Plans for the 24.13 acres of land show that 50% of the land is marked for conservation, one of the requirements for a conservation subdivision that would allow smaller building lots. Under the current concept, 28 lots are planned to be developed to create an affordable housing project.

Discussion centered on concerns voiced by residents and details of the next steps in the long process of consideration of actual subdivision plans. Project planner RENNIA Engineering was represented at the meeting by Engineer Richard RENNIA and Senior Planner Peter Sander.

Sander noted that the conservation analysis included changes to the conceptual planning to accommodate residents' concerns heard at past meetings.

One neighboring resident who spoke at this week's public hearing was opposed

to the idea of converting open farmland acreage into a 28-lot subdivision, expressing concern about plans to install the subdivision's septic system within the area designated for conservation. Another resident asked that attention be paid to identifying and conserving soil quality.

Planning board members focused discussion on regulation requirements concerning location of utilities in conservation areas.

Board member Jamie Vitiello shared his impression that utilities should not be incorporated into conserved land, reasoning that original intent of code would have been to keep housing density low by disallowing disturbance of conserved areas.

Feeling that the code does allow utilities to be buried on conserved land was board attorney Paul Van Cott, who read the pertinent portion of the code aloud.

Vitiello asked that HRH detail infrastructure plans in the next application steps, once the conservation analysis step is concluded.

Once the conservation analysis is accepted by the planning board, Van Cott said, the next step in the process will be for the engineers to provide preliminary site details, adding that it is then that the State Environmental Quality Review

Act process begins.

Reports including utilities and traffic impact will follow as part of the review process that includes numerous studies and approvals, Van Cott said.

"So, it would be unusual to disapprove this initial document," Vitiello said, referring to the conservation analysis.

"When the site details are fleshed out, then the public hearings can proceed," Van Cott said.

"The conservation analysis is not a binding document," planning board engineer John Andrews said. "As the SEQRA process proceeds, the board can make changes," he explained.



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Main Street crash

A collision between a red Suzuki Forenza and a flatbed truck disrupted the morning commute on Main Street in Millerton on Tuesday, May 13, at approximately 8 a.m. State Trooper Krystal Paolicelli of Troop K said the Suzuki made a wide right turn onto Route 44 from Dutchess Avenue, causing a crash at the turn. The disabled Peterbilt flatbed truck was carrying a Fontaine trailer and blocked two-way traffic. No injuries were reported.

Amenia approves modified contract for sidewalk project

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Members of the Town Board voted unanimously to approve an amended contract for the sidewalk to Beekman Park as one of several actions taken at the regular meeting of the board on Thursday, May 15.

LaBella Associates, the contractor installing the sidewalks, provided a contract re-bid in late January to accommodate new regulations imposed by the state Department of Transportation that require construction administration and full-time construction observation for a projected cost of \$36,800. With the increase, the total cost of the project is estimated

at \$121,743.

Also approved unanimously was the closure of Wassaic's main street on Saturday, May 31, to accommodate the Classic Car Show and Flower Event. Closure hours will be 10 a.m. to noon.

In other action, the board voted unanimously to extend the contract of town grant writer Christina Gast, effective July 1.

A new part-time recreation director was hired by unanimous vote. Cassidy Howard was scheduled to begin her duties on May 19. Also hired by unanimous vote was Matthew Hamm who will serve as the videographer for the town, responsible for live streaming meetings and posting the resulting videos online.

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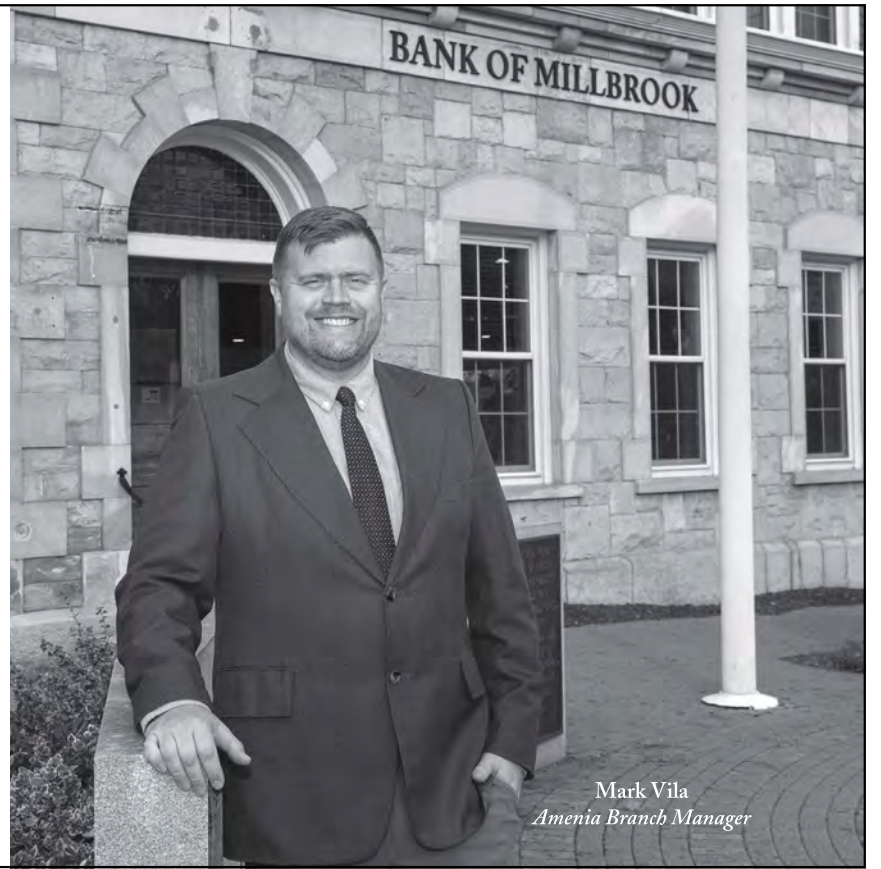
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The news feed

About a year ago, we dropped off some just published copies of The Millerton News for patrons at Irving Farm's coffee shop on Main Street. It was a Wednesday morning. The papers were fresh off the press, having been driven to The Lakeville Journal offices in Falls Village from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where they are printed on the presses of The Berkshire Eagle.

Inside Irving Farm, a few papers were placed on tables for anyone to read. A few people reach out to glance at the paper, maybe even pull it closer to read some part of it, then return to their phone. Some will flip through pages, but only to return to their digital news source. Swipe. Swipe. And swipe.

The News, The Journal and The Eagle all thrive today because of readers who want to know what's happening in their own local communities. Yet it's a growing fact of life that news readers are turning more and more to digital sources for that news. According to a report this month from the Pew Research Center, while Americans continue to see value in local news, they also prefer news websites or social media to print newspapers — and by a wide margin. From 2018 to 2024, the preference of news websites or social media as Americans' news sources grew from 37% to 48%. Print newspapers declined from 13% to 9%, and television dropped from 41% to 32%. Radio inched up to 9% from 8%.

The News and The Journal are committed to providing a weekly print product. Our 'Local Matters' motto aligns with the Pew Research Center's finding that the vast majority of Americans see local news as important to the community. In a recent poll, only 15% of respondents answered that local news was either 'not too important' or 'not at all important.'

We also embrace a digital future with enthusiasm. We've upgraded our websites and continue a push to keep fresh posts coming on our social media pages. We strive to get news to you when it happens and where you want to read it.

The Pew report notes that most people say local journalists are "in touch" with their communities and perform well at "reporting the news accurately." In fact, roughly two out of three readers surveyed said local news was being reported accurately, that the most important stories and issues were being covered, that journalists were transparent about their reporting and were keeping an eye on local political leaders.

A relatively small percentage of consumers of local news — 15% — reported that they paid for local news in the past year, and 63% believe that local news outlets are doing well or "somewhat well" financially, even though thousands of newspapers have folded over the past two decades.

We remain a thriving local news source because of the support of our readers, advertisers and donors. Even as readers' relationship with the delivery of news changes — long gone is the ubiquitous youngster on a bicycle tossing papers on your doorstep — we celebrate the fact that readers see value in what we deliver.

And we are optimistic about the future. This summer, The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal will sponsor eight journalism interns from high schools and colleges. Demand for these paid positions has steadily grown, and is another indication that local news — in print or online — is here to stay.

So keep that phone charged.

Drinking at bars; Rudd Pond shut; circus comes

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

May 24, 1934

'Drinking At Bars Is Now Permitted'; Drinking at bars in dining rooms of licensed restaurants and hotels became permissible Monday after the State ABC Board, of which Edward P. Mulrooney is chairman, had taken action in anticipation of provisions of the permanent liquor control bill just passed by the Legislature which will become effective July 1.

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will do the rest.

May 22, 1975

'Rudd Pond Shutdown Stuns Community'; Without warning, New York has closed the Taconic State Park at Rudd Pond. Today (Thursday) is the last day that visitors are allowed on the state land. The action, taken at the start of the major tourist season, has stunned the community. The park was closed for "strictly austerity" reasons, said Peter Rain, regional administrator for the Taconic State Park Commission. He said that the entire Taconic State Park would save \$14,000 by cutting off Rudd Pond.

'Village Residents Upset Over Goats'; The Millerton Village Board, at its monthly meeting in the Village Clerk's office last Wednesday night, May 14, held discussion but

took no action on citizen complaints concerning goats.

Mayor John Hermans said he had received numerous complaints from Dutchess Avenue residents, particularly elderly citizens, concerning goats. According to the Mayor, a resident on the west side of Dutchess Avenue owns several goats and neighbors have been upset over the noise and odor.

May 25, 2000

'Pool Is Patched'; MILLERTON — Denny Memorial Pool has been patched by a diver from the Waterbury, Conn., firm of Scott Pools, said Millerton Mayor Michael Cawley this week. About 60 feet of crack was patched, a pump replaced and the water cleaned.

"The Department of Health will be inspecting it, and it should be open June 2nd," said Deputy Mayor Mariley Najdek.

'Vidbel Circus Coming To Millerton'; MILLERTON - Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus is coming to Millerton, Sat-

The Trump administration vs. Harvard

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER

Mac Gordon

viduals all over the country, no other university has dared to take a position along with Harvard in strongly defying Trump's extremely overbearing demands. The only other Ivy League university to take a public stance is Columbia, which acquiesced to nearly all the administration's demands several weeks earlier.

The administration has placed much of its case for punishing Harvard on exaggerated claims that the University was guilty of antisemitism. But the only documented antisemitism that the administration has cited exists at an individual not an institutional level.

As Jonathan Chait wrote in a recent issue of The Atlantic "The Republicans use of antisemitism as a justification to extend political control over universities has nothing to do with protecting Jews and everything to do with undermining liberal democracy."

Trump did receive an Ivy League bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania but he nurses

a grudge against most elite universities thinking them more politically "liberal" than he would wish. The controls he has wanted to place on Harvard, especially the college are more closely related to college life and teaching. Most of the research grants, in medicine and the sciences are miles away from academic or political controversy.

The Trump administration's list of demands that Harvard essentially relinquish control of its hiring of personnel including professors, student admissions, and many other matters was so offensively presented that even administration officials tried to "walk it back" by saying that it was just a preliminary draft. But Harvard's president wrote back a very polite but firm letter refusing the terms of the demands and saying that he considered several (if not all) of them to not only be crippling but unconstitutional.

A May 6 letter from the Secretary of Education, Linda McMahon, to Dr. Garber was even more negative and insulting than the earlier one from the administration and it stated that unless Harvard made many changes that the administration demanded there would be no more federal money going to the university whatsoever.

It doesn't stop. On May 16 the Trump administration announced a series of inves-

tigations including one by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission into whether Harvard had discriminated against "white, Asian, male or heterosexual applicants...". Several other such investigations have begun.

Meanwhile, what about all the other colleges and universities that were quick to congratulate Harvard for its courage in standing up to the Trump administration's unreasonable demands? Where are they now, especially other Ivy League universities that the administration has issued more hate-filled rhetoric and nasty threats to? All of the Ivy League schools except for Dartmouth and Yale have been threatened by Trump; now other colleges such as Haverford are being attacked by the House Education Committee and its leading interrogator Rep. Elise Stefanik.

What's next for Harvard? The future looks troubled. Few think Harvard's tax-free status will be successfully challenged but the various grants may be stifled just by delaying them. Harvard's endowment is mostly in encumbered accounts and cannot be easily drawn upon like a checking account. Whatever happens Harvard is likely to have a few very difficult years ahead.

Architect and landscape designer (and Harvard graduate) Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.



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Take us out to the ballgame

Webutuck Majors played the Taconic Red Sox on Friday evening, May 16 at at Beekman Park in Amenia. Parents, grandparents, friends and fans took to the stands and relaxed in folding chairs to enjoy perfect baseball weather. Above, Webutuck's Cody Deister connects with the ball.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

After early lead, Pine Plains Bombers won 13-7.

Warriors host Bombers at Beekman Park

By NATHAN MILLER
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AMENIA — The Pine Plains boys baseball team traveled to Beekman Park in Amenia on Tuesday, May 13 to face off against the Webutuck Warriors.

The game ended with a Pine Plains win of 13-7.

The Bombers racked up an early lead in the first two innings, scoring four runs in the top of the first and a fifth in the top of the second before the Warriors managed to score two runs in the bottom of the second.

Webutuck defenders held back the Bombers in the third inning and scored another run, bringing the score to a manageable 5-3 Pine Plains lead going into the fourth in-

ning. Then the Bombers let it rip. Six more runs in the fourth inning brought the score to 11-4 Pine Plains going into the fifth.

Webutuck managed to score another three runs before the end of the game, but the Bombers nearly matched with two more of their own for a finishing score of 13-7.

The Bombers' pitchers — Warren Lounsbury, no. 11, and Luke Blackburn, no. 4, only gave up four hits to Warrior batters through the game. Between the two pitchers, the Bombers struck out 13 of Webutuck's batters. The Warriors' pitchers — Zach Latrell, no. 1, Gabe Domingez, no. 9, and Pearse Williams — managed to strikeout 11 of the Bombers' batters.

Webutuck softball tops Housatonic 14-9 in state-line showdown

By RILEY KLEIN

FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. — Webutuck High School softball defeated Housatonic Valley Regional High School 14-9 on Thursday, May 15.

The non-league game was played in Falls Village, Connecticut, in what is a becoming an interstate rivalry. When these teams met last year, Housatonic won 16-3.

The match was paused in the second inning due to a lightning delay. At the time of the delay, Webutuck led 5-4.

Housatonic's Madison Dewitt tied the game with a

homer to center field once play resumed.

Webutuck pulled ahead as the game went on. Bella Milano led the team offensively. She drove in six runs for the Wildcats and hit 3 for 4 at the plate with a triple.

Pitcher Madison Krueger earned the win for Webutuck with 10 strikeouts in five and two-thirds innings. Her performance put the team total for strikeouts this season at 103.

For Housatonic, Kylie Leonard hit 3 for 5 with two RBI. Freshman Payton Wagner pitched six innings for the Mountaineers.



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Housy's Madison Gulotta, left, watches at the ready as Webutuck's Olivia Wickwire poises for takeoff.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Senior Night honors

At left, Troy Brazee, a senior at Webutuck High School, winds up for a pitch on Friday, May 16 at Beekman Park in Amenia. Fellow Webutuck team members and seniors Eric Golden, short stop, and Nate Brizze, right field, all were honored as graduating seniors before the game started against Dover.

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LIBRARY *Continued from Page A1*



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Funding for repairs to the NorthEast-Millerton Library were secured Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106).

to federal support. Barrett, a longtime supporter of public libraries, said the threats to funding streams from the federal government “will, without question, impact the libraries in our district.” She said libraries like the NorthEast-Millerton Library, which generally operate on shoestring budgets, will feel these funding cuts deeply.

“It’s a critical dynamic in our country right now,” Barrett said, adding that the public has a role to play in the sustainability of libraries. “I

think now is the time for the community to step up and become members, look at ways to be supportive, teach kids about programs at the libraries and get involved.”

Barrett has visited the library over the years for meetings, political events and talks. “I love that the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex is a hub with energy and a sense of community and when it’s a newly refreshed building I know it will be super exciting for the community.”

MINE *Continued from Page A1*

resolutions, feeling that the mine operations may endanger public water quality and trout habitat, fearing contamination by heavy metals.

Later in the meeting, Lithco said the Town Board and the ZBA, in signing the resolutions, were taking the necessary step of accepting a determination by the courts that had been negotiated by the parties.

Reduced home values brought on by the presence of a mine and traffic volume and safety were of concern to others.

“We’ve always preferred farms to gravel mines,” said one 30-year resident.

Characterizing the views expressed as “a broad and diverse collection,” Lithco acknowledged that there was probably much to agree with. However, he reiterated that the town was accepting the courts’ determination during their April signing.

“We’ve heard from two courts about the case,” Lithco said, referring to decisions from the Dutchess County Supreme Court and the Southern District of New York.

“There has been a determination that Kent Hollow operates under a non-conforming use and it can continue operations under New York State law that holds that a mine is a resource,” Lithco said. He pointed out, additionally, that gravel operations ebb and flow, and so do mining activities.

“The land will be reclaimed,” Lithco said, in alignment with the details of the settlement as but one of the concessions agreed to by Kent Hollow Mine. Other controls include hours of operation

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COMMUNITY DAY *Continued from Page A1*

For information about the celebration, go to www.villageofmillerton-ny.gov/175th.

The Millerton Fire Company was represented by members volunteering to hand out fire safety kits, plastic helmets and baked goods, while providing fire safety information.

Second Grade teacher Sydney Cipriano was looking after the PTA Book Fair display. The Book Fair is an ongoing PTA activity. Community Day organizer and PTA President, Anna Kall, busily came and went from the Book Fair display ensuring that the event ran smoothly.

Faith Bible Chapel offered information about their Vacation Bible School, scheduled for June 23 to 27. Pastor Bill Mayhew said that the free-of-charge program for kids 2 to 18 has steadily grown in numbers over the years.



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Young contestants hop forward with amazing skill in an old-fashioned sack race at Webutuck Community Day on Saturday, May 17.

Bee Bee the Clown of Milan, an area favorite, made balloon animals.

Local libraries were there. The Amenia Library’s program assistant Megan Marshall had been kept so busy, she said, she had given away all of her cookies, but still had a few handcrafted bookmarks made of recycled materials to

give away. NorthEast-Millerton Library children’s librarian Naomi Schmidt was distributing stickers to children who shared a poem.

Outdoors, not far from the bubbles, the New York State Troopers had brought along an air boat used in underwater rescue or recovery emergencies.



Delighting youngsters with balloon creations, Bee Bee the Clown paused for a photo with Third Grade teacher Sydney Cipriano in the PTA book booth.

“We get to give back to our communities,” said Recovery SCUBA team member Michael Polishuk, adding that they were there to talk to children about water safety.

Hazmat scare prompts FBI investigation

By RILEY KLEIN
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NORTH CANAAN, Conn. — The Becton, Dickinson and Company facility in North Canaan was locked down Thursday, May 15, after a hazmat scare.

A package that arrived at the facility was identified as suspicious due to an “unusual address,” Norfolk Public Information Officer John Barbagallo said. Details of the contents of the package have not been released.

Emergency authorities were notified of a potential hazmat incident and several agencies responded, including the FBI, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, state police, area fire departments and ambulances.

The facility was evacuated and about 300 employees entered decontamination protocol, requiring them to leave clothing behind and shower before going home.

Ken LeClerc, emergency



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

BD’s facility in North Canaan manufactures syringes.

response coordinator for DEEP, said Thursday, “The package was opened inside the building and what we’re looking at is primarily a potential airborne contaminant.”

“At this time, two individuals have been transported to a nearby hospital as a precaution,” a release from DEEP said Thursday afternoon. “Approximately 300 to 350 personnel at the facility are undergoing a decontami-

nation process as a precautionary measure. DEEP has deployed a contractor to the site to manage the decontamination operation, including shower trailers and the safe collection for clothing for those exiting the facility.”

The FBI transported the package from BD to the state laboratory in Rocky Hill.

Friday, May 16, North Canaan First Selectman Brian Ohler released an update stating the CT Department

of Public Health “received negative PCR test results for Anthrax, Burkholderia Species, Plague, Tularemia, and Smallpox. In addition to those biological tests, a negative Ricin test result was also confirmed. A Day 1 culture test was then performed, which has also resulted in ‘no growth.’”

Ohler added, “While we are still waiting for an exact identity of the substance, we are being told by state DEEP officials that there is no threat to the public, or to the surrounding area near the facility.” Additional lab results were released on Saturday, which confirmed no culture growth on the sample.

The health department cleared BD to reopen its facility and operations resumed at the medical manufacturing company Sunday.

Details of the FBI investigation have been limited. The agency confirmed that reopening the facility will not interfere with the investigation.

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THEATER: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Richard Maltby talks 'About Time'

You think growing older means everything you've learned will finally pay off," said Tony Award winning writer-lyricist-director Richard Maltby Jr., "but it turns out, most of what you thought you knew doesn't apply anymore."

"About Time," is Maltby's third and final entry in a musical trilogy that began in 1977 with "Starting Here, Starting Now," returned in 1989 with "Closer Than Ever," and now finds its coda in Chester, Connecticut, at Goodspeed's Terris Theatre, opening May 24. It's a musical revue that navigates the terrain of later life with songs about memory, missed chances, adult children, tech-savvy grandkids and more. "About Time" is a gently cosmic, sometimes blisteringly funny meditation on the "Third Act."

Written with longtime collaborator David Shire — Maltby's college friend turned creative life partner of over six decades — "About Time" is deeply personal. The pair got to test early material at their 65th Yale reunion on the same stage where they wrote and performed their first musicals. The show then went through iterations and workshops in New York City, with each presentation revealing more. "Each time you add a song," Maltby said, "the whole show changes."

Of this current cast, which includes Darius de Haas, Lynne Wintersteller, and Olivier nominee Issy van Randwyck, Maltby said, "They are breathtaking, and they own the show. It's the best when a cast is just in love with the show, and they are in love with it."

Maltby is also directing the production at Terris Theatre because, in many ways, who else could? "These songs are not what they seem," he said. "If they sound happy, there's probably something dark underneath. If they seem sad, there's a joke hiding inside. I need to protect the words and the meaning."

There are emotional layers to the show that are revealed slowly, that take time and perhaps repetition to surface. "People used to say if you put the songs in order, it felt like a life story," said Maltby. "Well, 'About Time' is the last chapter. It's about the strange joy



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Richard Maltby

and unexpected confusion of seeing your whole life laid out behind you."

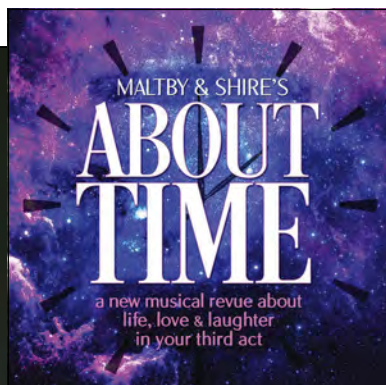
Maltby, of course, has seen the long view before. With "Miss Saigon," for which Maltby won the Tony for best score in 1991, he revealed the truth of America's wounded mythology through the lens of the Vietnam War. "Suddenly, we weren't the good guys. John Wayne wasn't coming over the hill, and our mythology was crushed." In contrast, "About Time" doesn't engage in overt politics, yet a sense of cultural reckoning still simmers under the surface. "There's a song called, 'What Do I Tell the Children?'" explained Maltby, "which is really the dilemma of a grandparent wanting to teach morality to a grandchild, to be the person who sets them on the right path. But when they turn on the news and see that crooks

and charlatans win, how can you tell them that honesty pays? Honesty doesn't pay. Dishonesty pays these days."

Goodspeed's Terris Theatre, which reopened post-COVID with a slimmed-down season, is presenting the perfect stage for the show that will have just over a three week run. "They haven't gotten back to a full season yet," Maltby noted. "But that intimacy is perfect for this. These songs are surprising. They're about the things most people don't write songs about."

And in true Maltby/Shire fashion, the music sneaks up on you. "Our shows are subterranean," he said. "You think they're about nothing special, then you find yourself crying, and you're not even sure why."

Maltby has lived in Lakeville since 1972. "My wife, Barbara and



Show poster for "About Time"

I moved to Lakeville as a summer house and since have built a second house." His son, David Maltby now lives in the family home. He and his wife, Chelsea Altman are the new co-owners of The Moviehouse in Millerton. "It's all about storytelling," Maltby said. "In one way or another, that's the family business."

When pressed on what comes next for "About Time," Maltby offered the kind of wisdom only someone with his experience could. "All futures depend on the present," he laughed. "When you're growing up, really, for most of your life, you live in the future. Today almost doesn't matter. It's about planning for tomorrow. And then at a certain point, you can suddenly see the whole trajectory of your life, from where you started, what happened along the way, and where you've arrived. It's often jarring, sometimes fulfilling, but never what you expected. If I'd set out as a young person, would I have imagined living the life I'm living now?" He shook his head and said, "Not a chance." "About Time" runs May 24 to June 15. More info at www.goodspeed.org.



PHOTO BY L. TOMAINO

Local authors William and Susan Kinsolving met attendees at a book talk they hosted at the Scoville Memorial Library on May 15.

BOOKS: ROBIN RORABACK

Partners in life and literature

Local authors and married couple William and Susan Kinsolving, each with a new book, gave a book talk at the Scoville Library in Salisbury on May 15.

William Kinsolving, an author of five novels, is also a screenwriter, a Ford Foundation Playwriting Grant recipient, and a critically acclaimed actor and director. His new novel, "Dangerous Times," delves into the antebellum South, drawing sharp parallels to today's divided world and shedding light on enduring truths from then and now. Susan Kinsolving's

novel, "The Head's Tail," is a witty, irreverent romp through the messy world of prep school drama. It is sharp, funny, and thoroughly entertaining.

Susan is the author of four poetry collections, one of which, "Dailies & Rushes," was a finalist for The National Book Critics Circle Award. She has taught locally at the Hotchkiss School, as well as at colleges, universities, and a men's prison.

The evening began with readings from both authors' books. The Kinsolvings' cousin, Katy Kinsolving, read

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LIFESTYLE: CHRISTINE BATES

Trade Secrets is better than ever

Trade Secrets' "Sunday in the Park" had a record number of gardeners, volunteers, plants, books and antiques on a cool May 17 at Lime Rock Park.

By 9:30 a.m., early ticket holders filled the parking lots, enjoyed a quick cup of coffee and a muffin and started inspecting the overwhelming variety of curated antiques, garden ornaments and plants from shy native shade lovers to blooming peonies and even vegetable starts.

The annual destination event that attracts gardeners from as far away as Indiana benefits Project SAGE, a nonprofit organization based in Lakeville that is dedicated to supporting, advocating, guiding and educating victims of relationship violence through a range of services and outreach programs.

Over 50 vendors exhibited their wares from French garden chairs and exotic plants to large



PHOTOS BY CHRISTINE BATES

Martha Stewart was busy talking to buyers of her new book "Martha Stewart's Gardening Handbook."

stone urns under peaked white tents. Natalie Randall of RT Facts in Kent, who has exhibited since the very first Trade Secrets held at Bunny Williams's house in Falls Village 25 years ago, observed that there were more vendors and more buyers than ever.

Admirers of Martha Stewart, one of the earliest supporters of



Very heavy stone garden ornaments and urns are a specialty of Judy Milne Antiques from Kingston.

the event, waited in a very long line to have a personally signed copy of "Martha Stewart's Gardening Handbook." The Sunday sale was preceded by a day of garden tours on Saturday includ-

ing Bunny Williams's own garden and other gardens in Salisbury, West Cornwall, and Millbrook.

More photos of the event are online at lakevillejournal.com



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A hemlock infested with woolly adelgid

Beetle mania

Late last summer I noted in this column the observation of far more purple loosestrife than in years past; some of you concurred. I knew that there had been a biological control in place in the Northwest Corner and the thought, "Is the biocontrol no longer working?" nudged me from time to time over the winter.

Biocontrol is the science of enlisting a natural predator to control a plant or animal that has become invasive and is harming an ecosystem. I had read about one that is being developed — but not yet approved — to curtail phragmites. Given its prevalence and destructiveness to habitat, a biocontrol for phragmites would be a game changer in the United States.

There is already a viable biocontrol against hemlock woolly adelgid, the insect that has been decimating hemlock trees on the east coast, and the scientist working on this biocontrol is right here in Connecticut.

Carole Cheah is an agricultural scientist with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and I spoke with her recently.

The woolly adelgid is a small, aphid-like insect that comes from Japan where it feeds on Hemlock and Spruce trees. It was accidentally introduced in Virginia in



the 1950's where it found Hemlock trees here to its liking. The woolly adelgid's telltale white fluff is easy to spot on hemlock stems. It has been decimating trees for years here, and many have already died.

Dr. Cheah has been studying the issue for over 30 years. After her predecessor at the CAES traveled to Japan and brought back the one insect that only feeds on woolly adelgid, the lady beetle (*Sasajiscymnus tsugae*), Carole worked to understand the viability of introducing this insect to the U.S.

These lady beetles are black and the size of a sesame seed. Since they only feed on woolly adelgid, the potential of lady beetle damage to other plants and insects was not an issue, as can be the case with introducing biocontrol. The key to this solution's viability was, then, rearing the lady beetle for mass production. Even though the beetles overwinter in mild winters, they do still need to be produced in labs. Funding was accessed to set up an operation to research and rear the beetles in Connecticut and, when funding ran out, Jayme Cabrera, founder of

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ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Wassaic Project's summer exhibition now open

"So It Goes," the 2025 summer exhibition at the Wassaic Project opened on May 17 and runs through Sept. 13.

The show features work from 43 artists responding to cycles of horror and desensitization.

The title "So it goes" is a nod to Kurt Vonnegut's

Slaughterhouse-Five. In the book, the phrase appears every time death or tragedy is mentioned, acting as a resigned, almost numb acknowledgment of suffering. In this context, the show uses the phrase to highlight how people become emotionally desensitized

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PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Religious textile sculptures by John Brendan Guinan

...book talk *Continued from previous page*

Susan's excerpt. Laughter erupted as the reading progressed and the protagonist, Miranda, embroiled herself further and further into a situation filled with "carnal danger."

William brought his book to life with a vivid reading, voicing each character with distinct accents and drawing the audience into the antebellum era. Through his performance, the audience was introduced to his character William Fairfield, aide to a senator, who meets President Zachary Taylor. This meeting brings forth issues of the day, including slavery and the deep divisions of the country.

A question-and-an-

swer period followed the reading where the Kinsolvings were asked about their work habits.

Susan answered that William is the disciplined one. William explained, "I go downstairs to my office and shut the door. I don't hear anything." He works for six to seven hours a day. Susan admitted she was more disciplined in writing her novel than when she writes poetry. When writing poems, she takes breaks feeling they "are benefitted by absence." In contrast, "Prose is not benefitted by absence," and requires a more consistent schedule.

She added, "When I finally finished "The Head's

Tale," I really missed my characters" and so, she began another novel, which takes place in the 1960's.

William is at work on the next book in the se-

ries of which "Dangerous Times" is the first. It will deal with the time period of 1851-1856 and "James Buchanan, the second worst president of the United States."

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Clay-baked chubs with the private fishing club

I took a few days off at the start of May to do a standard task and to do something new, in keeping with the theme of the 2025 fishing season, which by an astonishing coincidence is “Do Something New.”

The routine stuff was opening the house, assessing the mouse dropping situation, re-arranging the DVDs into “regular” and “schlock,” and getting humiliated in my home river, the Esopus.

A new season hasn’t really started until I have cast numerous flies, picked with devilish cunning, to Esopus trout that could not possibly care less.

I did avoid the skunk, though. After four hours of flogging a wild rainbow decided to play, taking a brassie soft-hackle that Gary Dodson gave me.

I was also rewarded for my perseverance by the sight of Gary leaping about 18 feet in reverse after almost stepping on a snake curled up on a rock in the shallows. It was a move worthy of a 1970s kung fu movie.

Over the weekend I motored to an undisclosed location in the Catskills, to meet the members of a private fishing club I joined over the winter.

I did not ask directly how the members feel about publicity. I didn’t have to. They don’t like it.

So since the Catskill region is about 5800 square miles and contains six major rivers with innumerable tributaries, I think “the Catskills” is a suitably vague descriptor.

The first day we caravanned from spot to spot stocking trout and greeting the cooperating landowners.

One family put out an incredible spread for us, which was completely wasted on me as I had consumed a convenience



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Gary Dodson had a close encounter with a snake on the Esopus Creek in early May. He was not inclined to inspect the creature more closely.



TANGLED LINES
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

store burrito earlier in the morning when I realized I was about to faint.

This was a grave tactical error which I will not repeat. However, it did come under the heading of trying something new.

And I didn’t faint.

The members were very welcoming and after the stocking we settled right into talking a lot of fishing guff. As guff goes I’d give it a B, but it was a small sample.

The next day we had a luncheon with the landowners, where I chatted with a fellow who is 90 and used to catch chubs and bake them in river clay in a streamside fire. He was about 10 when he did this. He said they were delicious. I pri-

vately doubted this, but I have learned over the years not to argue with 90 year old gents who allow me to clamber over their property to fish. So it’s official: Clay-baked chubs are a rare and refreshing treat. (This is something new, but I’m not going to try it.)

Over the years I have resisted joining fishing clubs, primarily because of the expense.

But this one I can afford.

It was an abrupt shift from the April steelhead adventure on the Salmon River in and around Pulaski, where I was introduced to plugging, drift boats and guides, and the new and uncomfortable experience of being a complete novice instead of an award-winning fly-fishing writer.

So I think that’s enough novelty for the 2025 season. And it’s only May.

...Wassaic Project

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...beetle mania *Continued from previous page*

Tree Savers in Jermy, Pennsylvania, continued to rear them. Tree Savers now remains the sole production source of these beetles which are sold to the public. They are delivered in the spring and should be released when received. An arborist is not needed for release.

Biocontrol for hemlock woolly adelgid obviates chemical control, especially important as chemicals containing Imidacloprid and Dinotefuran, used by arborists against woolly adelgid, are also harmful to beneficial insects.

Currently, Tree Savers has a waiting list for

beetles, but last year Dr. Cheah received extra beetles due to over-production by Tree Savers. She released them in the Northwest Corner, specifically in Mohawk Mountain’s Black Spruce bog, at Dean Ravine in Falls Village, around Furnace Brook and at Gold’s Pines.

My final question to Dr. Cheah was about the purple loosestrife re-appearance. She found my observation interesting. It turns out that Donna Ellis, from University of Connecticut, had led the beetle rearing program for loosestrife biocontrol until the USDA funding ended in 2014. Donna

then retired in 2019 and since then, nobody has been working on this invasive plants proliferation.

On a different note, for the second year, The Cornwall Garden Club is hosting a native plant sale where you can add gorgeous native pollinators to your garden at gentle prices. I even grew some from seed! Please join us Saturday, May 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the veranda of The Pink House Restaurant located at 34 Lower River Road in West Cornwall.

Dee Salomon ‘ungardens’ in Litchfield County.



Photographer Anne Day works with 2024 interns.

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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MAY 22

Ann Kraus: I Collect Clouds

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

Kraus's subject matter of skylines 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 an art talk on Thursday, May 22, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Worming for Truth: Archival Literary Research with Jeannie Yang

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

Archives store secrets – that's why Hotchkiss senior and MacLeish Scholar Jeannie Yang spent last summer poring over yellowed paper in the basement of Yale's Beinecke Library. Hear about her discoveries of hidden messages in modernist writer Marguerite Young's phantasmagorical novel, *Miss MacIntosh, My Darling*, Thursday, May 22, 6 to 7 p.m. Registration is required. scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14509620.

MAY 23

Focus on Sharon: Documenting Through Photography – Opening Reception

Sharon Historical Society & Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn. sharonhist.org

Friday, May 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. is the opening night for a new photo exhibition highlighting Sharon's history from the 1890s to today. Features rare and newly digitized images. Free admission. Exhibit runs through December 31.

Happy Hour Piano Series: Jennifer Hill

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn.

Join us in the mural gallery for an early evening of live music, art, and mingling. Piano music starts at 5:30 p.m.

Dazzle Camouflage

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

A group show curated by ceramic artist Caitlin Rose Sweet, the show explores how queer artists "use abstraction as a way to weave between legibility and the safety of coded language to create new meanings." The artists in the show work in a variety of media rooted in craft and are all based in the Hudson Valley. Artists: Lukaza Branfman-Verissimo, Saffronia Downing, Alex Patrick Dyck, Maria Molteni, Libby Paloma, Heather Renee Russ, Caitlin Rose Sweet, Becca Van K. Opening Reception Friday, May 23, 5 to 7 p.m.

MAY 24

Frank Rosen: Wood/Art

Souterrain Gallery of the Wish House, 413 Sharon Goshen Tnpk., West Cornwall, Conn.

On Saturday, May 24, 3 to 6 p.m., there will be an opening reception for Frank Rosen: Wood/Art at the Souterrain Gallery of the Wish House with live music by Carol & Nick Duo.

Exhibit open Thursday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., through July 20.

Fine Art Festival

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

The Voice of Art is organizing its fifth annual outdoor juried fine art show, "Fine Art Festival" Sharon on the Green (formerly, Litchfield Art Festival). This show is free and

open to the public Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Fine Art Festival will be a highlight for art collectors and residents from the Tri-State region, New England and beyond.

MAY 26

Memorial Day Community Gathering at Off the Trail Cafe

Off the Trail Cafe, 107 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn.

Refreshments provided from various community organizations. Tour the new space and learn more about the cafe's upcoming opening. This event begins after the Memorial Day parade.

Pine Plains Presbyterian Church Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue

The First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains, 3039 Church Street, Pine Plains, N.Y.

The First United Presbyterian Church of Pine Plains will host its Annual Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue on Memorial Day at the Church, 3039 Church Street, Pine Plains. Pick up will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The menu will consist of 1/2 a barbecued chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, dinner roll, and dessert. Each dinner is \$18, and 25% of the profit after expenses are paid will be donated to local food pantries – the Pine Plains Community Food Locker & Willow Roots. For reservations, call or text the Church at (518) 398-7117.

Last week's WoTW

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MAY 28

All Pro Dads Group

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

Wednesdays, May 21, June 18, 6 to 7 p.m.

Calling all fathers and father figures! Bring your kids (ages 3-12) and join Project SAGE for a free, fun night of pizza and activities. Register online or by phone at 860-364-5041.

MAY 29

Book Discussion with Project SAGE: "Nobody's Victim," by Carrie Goldberg

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

Join the staff of the local non-profit domestic violence agency Project SAGE on Thursday, May 29, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., for an informal discussion of the book "Nobody's Victim," by victims' rights lawyer Carrie Goldberg: a riveting, personal, and empowering book about victim. Registration requested. Books available for loan at the Scoville Library. scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/13748620

MAY 31

TREKKING MEXICO at Stissing Center

2950 Church St, Pine Plains, N.Y.

Saturday, May 31 at 2 p.m. Interactive cultural performance by Mexico

Beyond Mariachi featuring music, dance, and storytelling. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$10 children. Free family workshop at 3:30 p.m.

Details and tickets: thestissingcenter.org

Spring Fest Vendor Market

Lawrence Field, Main St. North Canaan, Conn. www.northcanaaneventscommittee.org

North Canaan's Spring Fest Vendor Market will take place at Lawrence Field Saturday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be handmade items, jewelry, candles, baked goods and activities for kids.

Fix-it Pop-up!

The Congregational Church of Salisbury & The Scoville Library, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org

Have an item that needs repair? Bring it in on Saturday, May 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for a Fix-it Pop-up! Sign up for an appointment, tell us what kind of repair you need, then carry in your item on May 31, and our expert volunteer fixers will work their magic while you watch and learn. Advance sign-up is requested. scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14192007

Prelude to a Summer

Eckert Fine Art, 10 Titus Road, Washington Depot, Conn.

On Saturday, May 31, 2 to 5 p.m., Eckert Fine Art presents a summer

preview featuring works by Hunt Slonem and others, including Wesselmann, LeWitt, Rauschenberg, and Forstmann.

Paul Hawken Talk & Book Signing

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn.

The American Mural Project (AMP) will host renowned environmentalist, best-selling author and leading voice on climate change Paul Hawken for an evening of bold ideas and meaningful dialogue. On Saturday, May 31, at 6 p.m., Hawken will take the stage at AMP's immersive gallery space in Winsted to discuss his new book, *Carbon*. A book signing and audience Q&A will follow.

Nurturing Nature

Spencertown Academy Arts Center, 790 State Route 203, Spencertown, N.Y.

Six women artists explore connections with the natural world through painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, and wearable art.

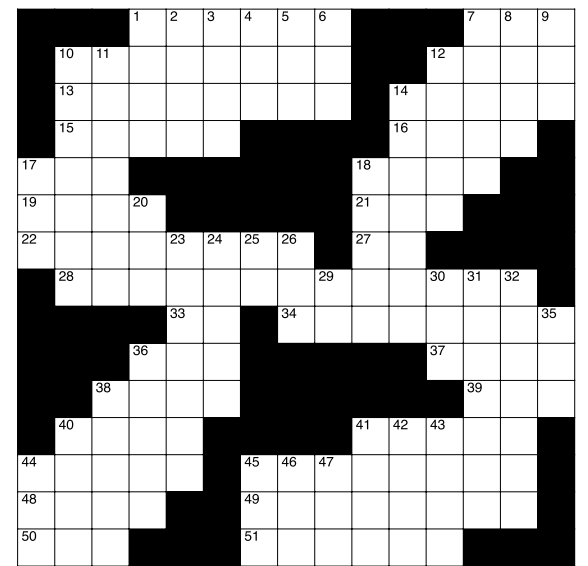
On view from May 31 to June 29. There will be an opening reception with live performance on Saturday, May 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. Gallery hours are from Saturday to Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Free admission.

Info: spencertownacademy.org

Brain Teasers

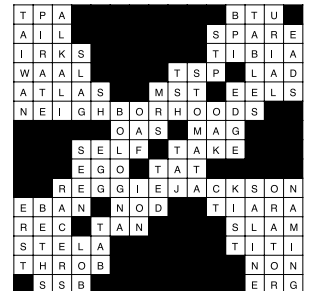
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- Child
- Formal written defense
- Bangladeshi currency
- Burial site
- In the lead
- Large recesses in a church
- Count on
- Defunct phone company
- Golf scores
- Afflicts
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Prominence
- "The Great Lakes State"
- SoCal ballplayer
- Location of White House
- Magnificence
- Hip hop songstress
- Capital of Yemen
- ___ Blyton, children's author
- Bomb
- Pancake made of buckwheat flour
- Pinkish-violet color
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- Region south of Dead Sea
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- Harsh cry of a crow
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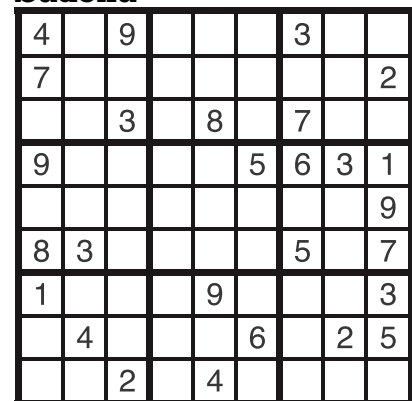


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- Argentinian province
- A bad act
- Moving in a circular way
- Battery type
- Atomic #58
- Popular breakfast food
- An alternative
- Tooth caregiver
- A way to conform
- Disfigured men
- Cool!
- Genus of mosses
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- Round water pot
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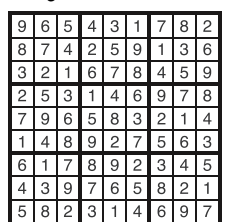
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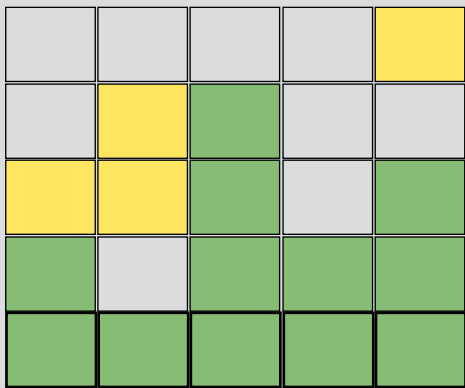
May 15 Solution



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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.



- Humanity's closest cousin
- Past tense of "type"
- Formally go out for a job
- Tiny curious paws
- Memorial Day symbol of tribute

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OUR TOWNS

Millerton and North East real estate

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — In the first months of the year in the tiny Village of Millerton only two sales of commercial property occurred and zero sales of single-family homes. Although there are pending sales in the Village, by the middle of May there were also no village homes listed for sale.

Of the nine transfers and sales through April not previously reported in the Town of North East, four were vacant lots and the remainder were homes all under \$510,000. In mid-May there were 23 town properties listed for sale. Of those, 16 are vacant parcels ranging from \$3.4 million for 258 acres to \$45,000 for a single acre. Only seven homes are listed for sale including three on the market for less than two weeks.

January

Church Street — Parking lot of .59 acres sale recorded for \$40,000.

56 Center St. — Commercial building on .17 acres sold for \$582,000 on Jan. 15.

23 State Line Road — 2 bedroom/ 1.5 bath home on 1 acre sale recorded for \$425,000.

4523 Route 199 — 2 bedroom/1 bath home on 2.5 acres sale recorded for \$185,000.

Charlie Hill Road — 6.11 acres sold for \$150,000.

Route 22 — 3.8 acre vacant lot sale recorded for \$80,000.

February

1 John St. — commercial building built in 1851 on



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This renovated 1930's, 1,044 square foot bungalow perched beside a brook on Skunk's Misery Road sold for \$495,000 in April.

.33 acre village lot sold for \$820,000 on Feb. 14.

State Line Road — 20.82 acres sold for \$150,000 on Feb. 24.

March

36 Scribner Road — 5 acres of land sold for \$625,000 on March 26.

700 Smithfield Road — 3 bedroom/3 bath home on 5 acres sold for \$510,000 on March 17.

April
6 Moadock Road — 2 bedroom/3 bath home on 5 acres sold for \$430,000 on April 4.

24 Skunk's Misery Road — 2 bedroom/1 bath home on 15 acres sold for \$495,000 on April 7.

*Town of North East real estate transfers recorded in Jan. 2025 are sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Off

market transfers recorded in March and April not yet available. Sold information from One Key MLS is from Feb. 1 through April 30. Information on active listings taken from First Key MLS. Only transfers with consideration are included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.



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The annual Columbia County event draws hundreds of bargain hunters to Hillsdale's Hamlet Park.

Hillsdale flea market returns May 24 to Hamlet Park

HILLSDALE — The town of Hillsdale's flea market returns Saturday, May 24.

Dozens of vendors will be selling things at Hillsdale Hamlet Park, southwest of the intersection of routes 22 and 23 in Columbia County.

Items expected to be on sale range from the practical — kitchenware, furniture, toys, garden tools and clothing — to unique hand-made items, antiques and collectibles.

Vendor spaces are available. Spaces cost \$50 for a 15-by-15 foot space or \$30 for 10 feet by 10 feet. Vendors must bring their own tables.

"The Hillsdale Flea is a great excuse to gather up all those treasures you have laying around your house and give them a new home," said Tim Stookesberry, a co-organizer of the event. "I've had a blast selling at the market the last couple of years —

and have made some decent money, too."

The market will open at 9 a.m. for early-bird shoppers during the first hour, with a suggested donation of \$10 for the Hillsdale Fire Company no. 1. The market will continue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Fire Company will also be raising funds by serving breakfast sandwiches and coffee at the event. Other food vendors also are expected to be on hand.

As this is an outdoor event, a rain date for severe weather is set for Sunday, May 25, with the same times. Notice of a rain delay will be posted on Hillsdale's various Facebook pages as well as the town website, hillsdaleny.com, and other social media outlets.

For more information on the event, contact the organizers at hillsdaleny.com@gmail.com.

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