



Valedictorian Olivia Wickwire of the graduating class of 2025 received her diploma from Superintendent Raymond Castellani at the 71st annual Commencement ceremony at Webutuck High School on Saturday, June 21. See full coverage of Webutuck and Millbrook's commencement ceremonies on page A6.



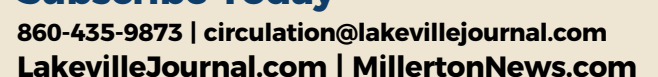
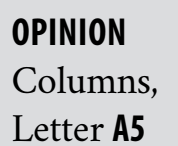
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Unveiling the new marker commemorating Revolutionary War veterans at Amenias Union Cemetery on Saturday, June 21, were left to right, Town Historian Betsy Strauss, Jim Middlebrook of the Sons of the American Revolution, and Gail Seymour, Union Cemetery Association President.



OUR TOWNS

Rural continuity over centuries is explored in Julian Strauss’ new book ‘Home Farm’

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — A sizable audience turned out on Wednesday, June 11, at the Amenia Free Library to hear local author Julian Strauss share stories of Amenia’s rural past and present.

Stories of local rural heritage are supported by Strauss’ 40 years as a farmer, along with experience as a beloved, recently retired veterinarian, historian, agriculturalist and steward of land. Admired for depth of character, having been raised on a 284-acre Amenia dairy farm where he continues to live and farm, Strauss attracted an enthusiastic audience to greet the publication of his new book, “Home Farm.”

“I learned so much about the area by working with Julian,” said the book’s editor, David Stanford, who introduced Strauss’ talk. “Julian was one of the joys,” Stanford said of the project.

Describing himself as “an aspiring agrarian,” Strauss said that one of his aims is “to encourage listeners and



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Retired local veterinarian Julian Strauss, whose Amenia roots run deep, shared stories of agricultural heritage and personal history based on his new book “Home Farm,” during a talk at the Amenia Free Library on Wednesday, June 11.

readers to write their own history.” Strauss has enjoyed membership in the After-School Boys Club, begun in 2015, that has boasted a membership of 15 men, many of whom have contributed to Amenia’s agricultural history, while meeting regularly for ice cream and to further the restoration of the Indian Rock schoolhouse.

The subtitle of “Home Farm” defines the book’s

theme, “The Love of Place in a Changing World.”

“I have more of an awareness of the civilization I am a part of,” Strauss said. “I am biased toward agriculture.”

An accomplished researcher with decades of practice in veterinary medicine, Strauss spoke of animals in rural life.

“I love draft horses,” Strauss said, reminding him of a rural cautionary note. “Never go through a gate

and fail to close it, even for a minute.”

“I still like cows, most of the time,” he mused.

A 1915 journal kept by farmer Ed Dean and purchased at a local yard sale by Boys Club member Bill Burke, provides an underpinning for the book as it describes local farming extending into centuries past. Strauss interjects his own decades of farming experience and thoughtful commentary.

Additional Dean family farming journals, provided by Ed Dean’s granddaughter and woven into the book, add insights into the evolution of farming from early family farms envisioned by Thomas Jefferson to agri-business, the pressures and struggles endured by local farmers.

Strauss’ invitation to explore selected passages from the 1867 and 1921 farming journals, along with his own recollections and modern insight offers an important view of local farming roots that once defined the town and still echo.

“Home Farm” is available from area booksellers.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

The Nine Partners Road Quaker Meetinghouse, built in 1780, will be the site of two summer lectures sponsored by the Millbrook Historical Society.

Historical Society announces summer Quaker lecture series

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Long in the planning, the Millbrook Historical Society has announced that it is sponsoring two lectures in observance of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. Both lectures relating to Quaker history are to be held in the historic Quaker Meeting House on Nine Partners Road.

For the first talk, scheduled for Sunday, June 29, at 2 p.m., the historical society has invited Sarah Gronningsater, Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania, to talk on “Quakers, Anti-slavery, and the American Revolution.” The topic will explore the role that New York’s Quakers, especially in the Hudson Valley, played in the rise of the anti-slavery movement that followed the American Revolution.

The second talk, scheduled for Sunday, July 27, at 2 p.m., invites Carl Lounsbury of the College of William and Mary

and Colonial Williamsburg to speak on the architecture of the Nine Partners Meetinghouse. His talk is titled, “Nine Partners Meetinghouse Plan: A New Form in the Hudson Valley.” Expert in early American architecture, Lounsbury’s talk will compare Nine Partners with other later houses of worship in New York and New England.

Both lecture events will be held at the 1780 brick Nine Partners Quaker Meetinghouse in Millbrook. An earlier meetinghouse on the site had burned. The building has remained largely unchanged since the 18th century.

Given the age of the structure, handicapped access is limited and there are no rest room facilities.

Visitors should enter through the cemetery gate entrance.

The lectures are free and open to all, supported by a grant from the county and offered as part of Dutchess County’s participation in the nation’s 250th anniversary commemoration.

Millerton voter turnout declines after 2023 peak

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — Voter turnout in the Village of Millerton dropped sharply in 2025, with just 58 ballots cast in this year’s village election — less than a third of the record turnout seen just two years earlier.

The election on June 17 marked a stark contrast to 2023, when signs littered the intersection of Route 22 and Route 44 and 208 voters headed to the polls to decide a competitive mayoral race between incumbent Jenn Najdek and challenger Kelly Kilmer. That year also featured two contested trustee positions and generated the highest turnout in at least five years.

This year’s ballot looked much different. All three candidates — Mayor Jenn Najdek, Trustee David Sherman,

and newcomer Katie Cariello — ran unopposed. With no contested races, just 57 voters turned out, plus one absentee ballot and one spoiled ballot.

Participation in village elections has fluctuated significantly over the past five years, often correlating with whether races were contested.

An uncontested trustee race during the first summer of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 saw unusually low turnout with just 17 ballots cast. The 2022 election, which also featured two unopposed trustee candidates, saw a more typical 135 ballots.

Years with competitive mayoral or trustee races saw spikes in participation. In 2021, 147 voters turned out, followed by a special runoff one week later that drew 157 ballots after a tied trustee race. During that race, three trustees ran for two seats,

with David Sherman and Laurie Kerr ultimately elected.

The most recent contested election in 2024 drew 122 voters. Matthew Hartzog, Matthew Soleau and Kelly Kilmer ran, with Hartzog and Soleau elected. While that marked a dip from the previous year, it was still more than double the number who turned out this year.

While elections in small villages like Millerton often see modest turnout, the wide swings from year to year suggest that competitive races — and clearer distinctions between candidates — play a major role in mobilizing voters.

Despite the lack of competition, this year’s election produced a few notable results. Trustee David Sherman led all candidates with 52 votes, including 13 on the Republican line and 39 on the Demo-

NECC offers free breakfast and lunch to Webutuck students

MILLERTON — North East Community Center will provide free breakfast and lunch to youth in the Webutuck School District from Monday, July 7, through Friday, August 15.

Meals are free to youth age 18 or younger.

The grab-and-go meals are available for pickup at Webutuck Elementary School at 175 Haight Road in Amenia on weekdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

To sign up, complete a short form at www.neccmillerton.org/summer-lunch

box.

Youth do not need to be enrolled in summer programming to register, but a parent/guardian or the child must be present at Webutuck Elementary School during the service window to pick up meals.



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Dulcet delights

Singer Wanda Houston, center, keyboardist Scott Heth, left, and drummer Jay Bradley, right, sang sweet jazz tunes to a crowd of 75 at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex on Saturday, June 21. Read the full story on millertonnews.com.

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OUR TOWNS



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‘Fur the love of dogs’

Dog Love NY, a local organization started by Ann Sartori of Amenia, held its first ever Fur the Love of Dogs adoption event at the Indian Rock Schoolhouse on Mygatt Road in Amenia on Saturday, June 21. Dogs from Bleu’s K9 Rescue and Upstate Pups were available to meet and greet potential new families, and a picnic lunch, ice cream and free dog supplies were available for visitors.

Amenia board honors employees for service

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Acknowledging the many years of service accumulated by town employees, the Town Board paused to honor that service at its meeting on Thursday, June 12.

“Thank you for making a difference,” said Town Supervisor Leo Blackman in recognizing Judy Carlson, Office Manager at the town garage, for her 35 years of service.

“Megan’s job is not an easy one,” Blackman said, honoring Megan Chamberlin, current Highway Superintendent who has served the town for 20 years.

Also among those honored was Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner for 20 years of service as Court Clerk.

Maureen Moore, Court



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Long-term town employees were recognized at the Town Board meeting on Thursday, June 12. Honorees pictured with Town Supervisor Leo Blackman, were Judy Carlson, Office Manager at the Town Garage, center, for her 35 years of service to the town and Megan Chamberlin, current Highway Superintendent, for 20 years.

Clerk, was also honored in absentia for her 20 years of town service.

Local author to give library book talk on his ‘amusing life’

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Fans of reading will want to attend an upcoming book talk at the Amenia Library on Saturday, June 28, 11:30 a.m., when local author Jorge Sanchez will discuss his short stories based on his own life, finding enough about his life that was amusing and engaging to want to share it with others.

Sanchez will discuss his stories published as Sanchez 5 Inbound: Collection 1 and 2. He also plans to answer questions, discuss the process, and sign copies.

Recognized for his self-deprecating sense of humor, the stories flow with plot lines that find the humorous side of muddling through chaos, promising a talk that will captivate and entertain.

A lifelong interest in writing suggested that the best

path would be a series of short stories. Sanchez chose the format as preferable to a full-length novel, choosing to write the stories that grew out of his own life’s experiences.

Sanchez was raised in Spanish Harlem, going on to attend college in Buffalo,

NY. After pursuing a musical career, gigging in New York City with a variety of bands, he returned to school to study web design and development, his career for the past 24 years. Within the past year, he has reconnected with his passion for writing.

Planning Board discusses Keane Stud visual impact

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — In an effort to clarify the next steps toward determining the visual impact of subdivision plans for the Keane Stud acreage, the Planning Board discussed the issue at their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 11.

“We’re trying to have the project move forward,” said Planning Board Engineer John Andrews, who had noted that the last review had been in April. An updated Full Environmental Assessment Form is needed for the review process.

Three areas of potential visual impact were identified by Andrews: agricultural operations, aesthetic resources, and community planning. The latter would address how the subdivision would fit within the Comprehensive Plan for Development.

Planning Board attorney Paul Van Cott noted that septic and water are not an issue due to the planned multi-acre lot sizes. He said also that the Planning Board must offer an explanation of why some aspect of the application may present a

significant adverse impact.

“If you identify one potential adverse impact, that will trigger an automatic environmental assessment process,” Van Cott explained.

Representing the Keane Stud developers was attorney Diana Kolev, Partner of DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise Wiederkehr, LLP, of White Plains.

Kolev indicated that issues of concern about the development had been addressed over the past three years, adding that the Keane Stud plans conform to the town’s Comprehensive Plan.

“This is a subdivision; we are not proposing any buildings,” Kolev said.

Van Cott advised the board that the next step would involve board review of materials on hand, assembled over three years and a plan to review and discuss those materials at the next meeting. He also recommended meeting with the board’s visual consultant, George Janes, as an assist in drafting a “final scope.”

In past meetings, consultant Janes had called for preparation of a “real world worst

case scenario” in connection with the subdivision plans.

Proposed Trails Project


In another matter, the Planning Board heard a preliminary presentation by Lauren Zane of the Northern Red Oak Trails Project describing plans for 426 Old Route 22 that would create 10-12 miles of mountain biking trails on the 450-acre parcel. She was seeking feedback from the board.

An existing structure on the property that was once a home but is now deemed uninhabitable would be demolished.

Planning Board member Ken Topolsky asked about liability if the property is to be operated through a special permit from the Town Board.


Maintenance of the trails would be ensured by the non-profit Hollyhock Foundation, Zane said. The foundation supports environmental projects that battle greenhouse gases.

The Planning Board agreed that the next step would be for Zane to contact the Town Board to discuss the proposal.



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Salisbury Inland Wetlands Commission has just approved a document listing the activities that can be done without a permit in the Upland Review Areas. This will help owners of lake properties or ones bordering wetlands to know that they can do a lot of maintenance on their properties without applying for a permit. For example, taking down dead trees, with a limit of 5 before a permit is required. Why 5, you ask? The reason is simple... because there are cases where many trees are simply taken down as declared dead, which they are after being cut! So this document should help clarify what is allowed without a permit and where one should contact the Land Office for guidance. This can be found on the Town's website at www.salisburyct.us/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/05282025-IWWC-Allowed-Activities.pdf.



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OBITUARIES

Joseph Robert Meehan

SALISBURY — Joseph Robert Meehan the 2nd, photographer, college professor and nearly 50 year resident of Salisbury, passed away peacefully at Noble Horizon on June 17, 2025. He was 83.

He was the son of Joseph Meehan the 1st and his mother, Anna Burawa of Levittown, New York, and sister Joanne, of Montgomery, New York.

He is predeceased by his wife, Elsie Lynn Meehan who passed away in November of 2023.

He leaves behind a son, Joseph Cortese, of Upton Massachusetts, his wife Mary and grandchildren, Michaela (Cortese) Donabedian, her husband Sevag and his great grandson, Ari, of Hopkinton, Massachusetts.

His grandson, Joseph Cortese, of Barrington, Rhode Island, and his granddaughter, Jaclyn Cortese of Tamworth, New Hampshire.

He also leaves behind his daughter, Kathleen Cortese Zito and husband Dominic, their three children, Michael, Alessandra, and Mathew Zito of Broomall, Pennsylvania.

After teaching psychology at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, starting in 1968, his 40-year career in photography started in the mid to late 70's and has included assignment work for a wide variety of commercial and editorial publications. Over a thousand of his photographs have appeared in newspapers, books, magazines and on web sites for clients such as Nikon, and Hasselblad cameras, SanDisk memory cards, Tiffen Filters, Fujifilm, Eastman Kodak, the U.S. Army, National Geographic, the Smithsonian Museum and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

His work ranged from the beauty of the Salisbury area to an expedition photographer for arctic animal studies in the high Canadian Arctic, photographing Inuit hunters in Northern Greenland

to landscape work in other extreme locals such as Death Valley, California.

Portfolios of his work have featured in such magazines as Outdoor Photographer, Shutterbug, Rangefinder and Popular Photography and his style has been characterized by the New York Times as "...alive with color and sparkling with light."

He also served as the technical editor of Photo District News for over a decade, writing about new technologies and products and was the former editor of the Photography Yearbook. He has authored over 20 books on photographic technique many of which have received "best book" awards and have been translated into several languages.

Born in New York City, he was a 1959 graduate of Levittown High School, Levittown, New York.

He received his baccalaureate degree with honors from Columbia and a Master of Arts degree from Manhattan College. He has taught photography on the college level in the U.S., England and at the National Academy of Arts in Taiwan and gave workshops at the Palm Beach Photographic Centre in West Palm Beach, Florida.

His eye always saw the beauty of the Salisbury area through a lens and he captured those images in an area that he and his wife Lynn loved.

When they were not on/in and around the lake, he and Lynn didn't miss any of their grandchildren's big events. Joe took great pride in photographing all these memorable events.

His beautiful images will always be here for all to appreciate.

Funeral services are under the direction of Newkirk-Palmer funeral home and a graveside service will be held this Friday, June 27, 2025, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery, 18 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Connecticut.



Florence Olive Zutter Murphy

STANFORDVILLE, New York — It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Florence Olive Zutter Murphy, who went home to be with the Lord on June 16, 2025, at the age of 99.

She was born in Sharon, Connecticut on Nov. 20, 1925, and was a long time resident of the Dutchess County area.

She was a devoted mother, loving wife to James Francis Murphy, who passed on Oct. 11, 1971, and a dear friend to many.

Florence, who was also known as Flo, managed a dairy farm for many years on Carpenter Hill Road in Pine Plains, New York. She is remembered for her delicious home cooked meals.

After raising her children she became an avid square dancer, racketball and tennis player. She then discovered her love for bike riding. She

enjoyed embarking on bike tours well into her mid 80's. When Flo wasn't out riding her bike she could be found taking care of her property. She loved gardening, clearing the woods and building rock walls one stone at a time.

Florence was an amazing woman of great integrity, strength and tenacity. She was adored, respected and greatly loved by her family and those who knew her.

Florence is survived by her seven children — Bonnie June Chase, James Albert Murphy, Donna Sue Strauss, Jackie Lynn Merwin Disher, Glenn William Murphy, Lori Lee Mora and Clint Evan Murphy as well as 16 grand children and 20 great grand children.

She will always be remembered and greatly missed.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

REGIONAL

Bear claws man in North Canaan

By RILEY KLEIN
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NORTH CANAAN, Conn. — In the early hours of Monday, June 23, a North Canaan man was attacked by a bear

while out with his dog.

The man sustained scratches to his chest but denied emergency medical services. He requested to remain anonymous.

North Canaan First Selectman Brian Ohler said, "He's

Cornwall homes face bear entries

By RILEY KLEIN
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CORNWALL, Conn. — "Bears are back," said First Selectman Gordon Ridgway at the start of a selectmen's meeting Tuesday, June 17. "Since we last met [June 3] we've had three homes in Cornwall broken into on Cherry Hill, Whitcomb Hill and Town Street."

Homeowners were present during two of the incidents, but no injuries were reported. Ridgway noted the distance between impacted homes would suggest it was not the same bear.

On Town Street, the bear opened the refrigerator for a snack before ransacking the

house and leaving. The next day, Transfer Station Coordinator Ted Larson was present to scare away the bear when it returned for seconds.

Troop B and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection were called to respond and reportedly tagged one of the bears.

A fourth bear was hit by a car on Route 4 June 21. Ridgway said the injured bear wandered away from the scene, resting near a tree before disappearing into the woods. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection responded to the incident approximately four hours after the fact.

Bear sightings have been common in Cornwall this

fine and in good spirits." Ohler added that DEEP placed a trap near the property in case the bear returns.

In a press release later that day, DEEP stated the bear was with cubs. The man was at-

tacked after coming between his dog and the bear.

Bird feeders were present on the property. DEEP noted the risk that comes with leaving out food sources that can lure bears into yards.

spring. Ridgway said he saw a mother with four cubs in his driveway recently.

"It's a problem," said Ridgway, encouraging people to report encounters to Town Hall. "If they have a real emergency, of course, call 9-1-1. But if you want to report damage, report it to the selectmen's office. We are keeping track."

Cornwall submitted 45 pages of bear incident reports to the state from last year, but "the environment committee did not send a bear bill out," said Ridgway. "It seems to be a western Connecticut problem... they're not paying attention to what's happening here."

Ridgway heard from resi-

dents who have grown fearful to leave their homes. "I think it really is a public safety issue," he said.

ZEO retiring

Zoning Enforcement Office Karen Nelson will be stepping down at the end of June.

Spencer Musselman, of Goshen, has been hired to fill the role effective July 1. Musselman also serves as the land use administrator of Litchfield.

Ridgway said after the interview process, "We were all very impressed by his resume, his references and his knowledge of the field."

A farewell party was planned for Nelson, to be held at Cornwall Library June 24.



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Window view in Salisbury

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Space is the future

Everything you know, everything you think you can plan for in the next 10+ years is wrong. Faster than the changes to the backbone of civilization and industry during the '70s and '80 resultant from the Apollo Program (computer chips, MRI, CAT Scans and an endless list — including your cell phone) — what is taking place now will change everything on Earth in the next 10 to 20 years.

Data centers and all communications are moving off Earth. Why? Because computers and data centers (which are only many, many computers in one warehouse) need massive cooling and cooling needs energy. Some data centers now operating use more electricity than the New York City Subway system, hour after hour, day after day. The same data center, in space, in near absolute zero needs only low power for the chips from solar panels. China is building a solar array in space, right now, with a design of over one square mile. Yes, almost 6 football fields in size.

Now, let's explain something here. Arthur C. Clarke, the sci-fi author, was a brilliant scientist. He calculated a point above the Earth where the gravitational pull of Earth would balance out with a satellite's inertia to move away from Earth and the satellite would, in effect, rotate over a specific spot on Earth... seemingly stationary above that point. Originally called the Clarke Orbit, it is now called GEO (geostationary orbit). You put your computer and data center at that point and up and down links to Earth are constant and clean.

A scientist recently said, "You control GEO and you control the world's industry and communication." When you put Quantum computers at GEO along with the data centers, you can save more than 50% of all — the entire! — electrical consumption now being built and planned for on Earth.

Millerton class of '34; DSL internet arrives

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

June 28,1934

"Thirteen Students Graduate in Millerton Class of 1934"; Members of the 1934 graduating class of Millerton High School received their diplomas at commencement exercises held Monday night in the school auditorium. The thirteen graduates, attired in caps and gowns, filed into the packed hall at the opening of the program, taking their places on the stage which, banked in a profusion of beautiful floral decorations tastefully arranged, formed a striking setting for the exercises.

Members of the graduating class were: June Barth, Edith Blanchard, Kenneth Brown, Raymond Cole, Roselyn Glynn, Bertha Hanley, Dorothy Hansen, Marjorie Hosier, Berkeley Miller, William Pulver, Berkley Symington, Lucia Willson and Marian Wheeler.

George W. Brown is making improvements to his home on Elm Avenue. A front porch has been added to the house.

June 26, 1975

'Millerton Group Plans Centennial Celebration'; A

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

Now you may wonder at news items about a return to the Moon. That same scientist said, "And if you control the Moon, you also control GEO." Why? Because the moon has all the advantages of low gravity, easy solar arrays, and cool temperatures for these data and computer locations. Oh, and the moon has lava tubes for safe habitation and there's Helium3 there — a vital cooling chemical for Quantum computers. Why Quantum computers? Quantum computers compared to the fastest current computers are like a F1 race car is to a hula-hoop. One Quantum computer recently performed a calculation that would have taken a Cray Supercomputer 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 years to perform, it did it in under 5 minutes. Couple that with automation and AI and tasks will be performed you cannot possibly imagine.

Think space exploration is all about satellites and warfare? Medical research in zero gravity accounts for 50% of the greatest breakthroughs in medicine in the last decade—that's why Russia is staying in the game with another \$56,000,000,00 next year to rebuild their own space station. And China? Their space station is growing in size and capability, already 75% of ours.

The Apollo era brought us a 100% change in everything we have, everything we use, everything we know, design, invest in, and invent. This next space era will come quicker and with more fundamental change than you can possibly imagine. So, the message I want to impart here? Space is the future. Buckle up and get involved.

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

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Millerton News

group of Millerton residents have pulled out all stops to celebrate the centennial of the incorporation of Millerton. Under the banner "we've waited long enough to celebrate," the Centennial Committee of Dick Valentine, Chet Lyle, Pete Cahill, John Hermans, and others have put together "a multi-colored program probably never attempted anywhere around the area."

'Village Mug On The Market'; The Centennial Mug has finally arrived and is being offered for sale by the merchants listed below. The Mug, selling for \$5 per copy, is ceramic and illustrates the "Town Clock," long a village landmark, and is suitably inscribed.

'2 Girls Win Fellowships To France'; Two Tri-State area girls — JoAnn Campbell of Millerton and Lillian Friend of Lakeville — have won 3-week fellowships in France sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Greater Paris.



"To be honest, I don't enjoy being touched. But if you must..."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A tribute to Oblong Books after 50 years

As Oblong Books turns 50 this year, I would like to express my deep gratitude.

Oblong has been a part of my life since the late 1970s in its first incarnation in the old Millerton Card and Coin shop on Main Street. As an early teen, I shopped there with my mother where I purchased my

first records and incense. Living in such a rural area with no shops nearby, Oblong was wholly unique and special.

Thank you to Dick and Holly and long time employees and the new generation of booksellers led by the phenomenal Suzanna. You all have created and sustained

a wide community through decades of political ups and downs as well as a world wide epidemic! It is a tribute to you all that both stores are flourishing and a sign of its meaning and importance to the community.

I would not be exaggerating to say, and I am sure this

is true for so many others, that my life would not have been the same without this wonderful and independent institution which holds a special place in my heart.

Thank you and congratulations!

Alison Francis
Wassaic

Recalling General George Patton's prayer

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

George Patton, "Old Blood and Guts" as his troops fondly called him, commander of the Third U.S. Army.

Many considered following him into the hell of battle an honor knowing he would be the tip of the spear leading them with 45's strapped to his belt — pearl-handled revolver on his left, Colt 1911 pistol on the right. He had a reputation for toughness and strict discipline.

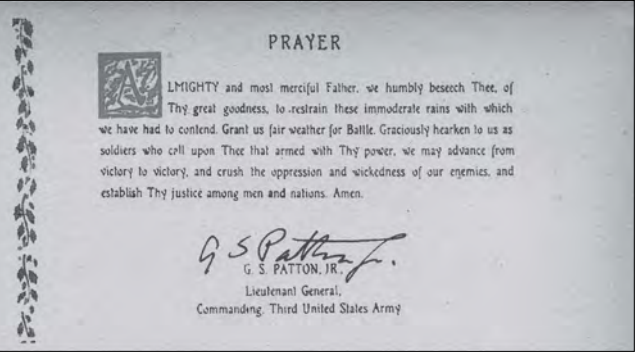
cyclists and rollerbladers. The Millerton leg of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail is now officially open.

'Postal Service Honors Two Baseball Greats'; The United States Postal Service will honor 20 baseball legends with a sheet of 33-cent commemorative stamps to be issued July 6 in Atlanta, Ga. Among athletes featured on the stamps are two familiar to this town: Eddie Collins, who was born here, and Babe Ruth, who vacationed here.

'Bon Voyage'; Almost 20 Webutuck students and chaperones left Monday for a nine-day tour of Germany. Led by Webutuck German teacher Sondra Sirico, the group flew from Kennedy Airport to Frankfurt. From left, Meaghan O'Neil, Jannifer Schuster, Chaperone Michelle Lull, Mike Lull, Doug Deleo, Josh Hapeman, Eve Deleo, Ashleigh Ellis, Jenn McGhee, Jenn Zies-Way, Chaperone Lori McGhee, Ms. Sirico, Alyssa Sprossell, Sara Winchcombe, Chaperone Gunther Pentz, Chaperone Theresa Day, Bonni Pentz and James Webb.

June 29, 2000

'Millerton Leg of Rail Trail Now Open'; MILLERTON — Attention all runners, walkers,



After the Normandy invasion he and his Army found themselves stuck in Luxembourg while advancing on Germany — an incessant cold rain creating a quagmire with heavily overcast skies. Patton was nervous and desperate. Bastogne was under a heavy German assault from armor and infantry. Patton needed to advance and go to the rescue.

He realized he needed help from God and his old friend Chief Chaplain Fr. James O'Neill. Summoning him to H.Q.s he asked him to create a brief prayer and distribute 250,000 cards to his Army immediately. The weather finally cleared allowing Pat-

ton to advance and dash to the rescue of those pinned down, later to be named The Battle of the Bulge.

Patton credits victory to God's intervention and the prayer cards cards carried by his troops.

God bless you patriotic readers and your families. Protect your freedoms and our Constitution as our forefathers intended. Have a great summer.

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

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OUR TOWNS

Webutuck graduates urged to embrace change

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — A variety of paths will lead the 45 members of the graduating class of 2025 in vastly different directions. To mark the milestone, they assembled with family and friends for their Commencement ceremony at Webutuck High School on Saturday, June 21.

Pride in school and individual achievement was a clear theme as well as the joys of the moment. The weather was sunny and mild for the event held under a huge tent filled to capacity. The view of the far-off hills was silently symbolic.

“Our future is in reality, really good hands,” said Webutuck Superintendent Raymond Castellani during welcoming remarks. Reflecting on the words of martial arts star Bruce Lee, Castellani advised the students to “be like water,” citing the properties of flexibility and adaptation.

“Embrace change,” was Castellani’s advice to the rapt graduating class.

“My commitment is absolute,” proclaimed co-Principal Matthew Pascale who has

served alongside Principal Robert Knuschke for this year, ready to assume full responsibilities as Principal in the coming school year.

Pascale highlighted qualities of the graduating class, including compassion, potential and intellect, urging them toward a lifetime of service.

“Service enriches the lives of others, as well as your own,” Pascale said.

Invited to present the commencement address, Aaron Howard, now completing his first year on the Webutuck teaching staff, specializing in technology, noted that he had been a member of the graduating class of 1999.

In the ensuing years, Howard has served as a volunteer firefighter and Chief of the Amenia Fire Company, and as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Howard praised the 2025 class, telling them that their school experience was out of the ordinary, due to adjustment to the pandemic.

“You are stronger and more resilient,” Howard said.

Advice included to “serve before you’re ready, treat people well, define success for



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Members of the graduating class of 2025 received their diplomas from Superintendent Raymond Castellani at the 71st annual Commencement ceremony under a tent at Webutuck High School on Saturday, June 21.

yourself, and be part of something bigger than yourself.”

“Be bold, be kind,” Howard concluded.

Recognizing the significance of her graduation, salutatorian Gissel Oros spoke of the sacrifices made by her

family, noting that she will be the first generation in her family to attend college.

“Never give up,” Oros told her classmates. “Keep moving forward.”

“We start a new chapter,” Oros said, eliciting loud cheers from her audience.

Next to the podium was valedictorian Olivia Wickwire whose first move was to adjust the microphone to a proper angle, indicating ease in a public speaking setting.

Wickwire shared memories with her classmates and particularly described the solid influence of her family, conveying a sense of profound gratitude to her grandmother who provided her with an unfailing, foundational role model.

“Be the person you want people to know you as,” Wickwire told her classmates.



The 71st annual Commencement at Webutuck High School on Saturday, June 21, was a time of celebration for the class of 2025. Classmates Luis Cabrera, left, of Wassaic and Alex Hernandez of Millerton, paused for a photo in the moments following the ceremony marking their milestone achievement.



Valedictorian Olivia Wickwire spoke to the graduating class of 2025 and those gathered for the 71st annual Commencement ceremony under a tent at Webutuck High School on Saturday, June 21.



Salutatorian Gissel Martinez Oros spoke to the graduating class of 2025 and those gathered for the 71st annual Commencement ceremony under a tent at Webutuck High School on Saturday, June 21.



PHOTOS BY GRACE DEMARCO

Members of the Millbrook High School class of 2025 line up before commencement.

Millbrook commencement celebrates class of 2025

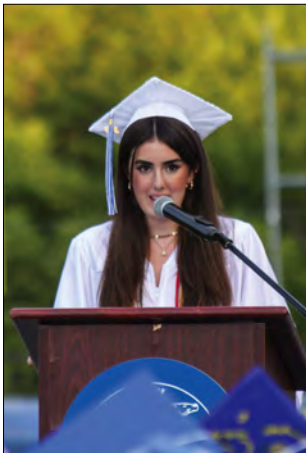
By GRACE DEMARCO
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — On a cool, breezy evening, friends, family, and the 69 members of the graduating class gathered on the football field for Millbrook High School’s Commencement ceremony on Friday, June 20.

Welcoming remarks were given both by Principal Eric Steipp and Superintendent of Schools Caroline Hernandez Pidala. Steipp, inspired by Detroit Lions General Manager Brad Holmes, prompted students entering into a world that is hard either way to “choose your hard.”

“Graduation isn’t just a celebration of what you’ve done,” Steipp said. “It’s a launchpad of what comes next. The world will continue to challenge you, some moments will test you, others will reveal your strength. Through it all, you will have your chance, again and again, to ‘choose your hard.’”

“I see a community of change-makers,” Hernandez Pidala said as she commended the work of the students and envisioned what all their futures hold. Summarizing a quote by Margaret Mead, Pidala advised students to “Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact it’s the only thing that ever has.”



Millbrook valedictorian Amber Concannon offered a message of inspiration to her classmates in a speech at the ceremony.

Brendan Lee, Chemistry Instructor and Co-Advisor of the National Honor Society, provided a message of assurance to the class of 2025. Lee spoke of the world in which the graduates are stepping into and provided comfort in sharing that everyone is always learning how to navigate life, no matter how old.

“Today’s problems are unique and challenging, but not uniquely challenging,” Lee stated. “Being able to see the humor in a tough situation is part of accepting your mistakes and learning from them.”

Addresses were also given by Salutatorian Lisa Cameron and Valedictorian Amber Concannon. Cameron compared the milestone of gradu-

ation to the transformation, growth and emergence of butterflies.

“The caterpillar transforms. Not instantly, not easily, but gradually and with intention,” Cameron said. And although education is their chrysalis, graduation does not signify that growth or learning stops.

In Concannon’s address, she noted the date not just as their high school graduation, but also the summer solstice. “A symbol of growth, prosperity, and new beginnings, it is the day of the year where the light stretches longer than any other,” she said. “It’s nature’s way of reminding us to take the space to stretch, because the solstice is the day that the world gives us time for more.”

“Carpe diem,” Concannon said to her fellow eager graduates. “Make the most of this moment without dwelling on the future.”

After the conclusion of the speeches, graduates walked the stage and received their diplomas, and before the presentation of the graduates, were treated with a time capsule video, advice from the Class of 2037 and a student-designed slideshow.

Upon the final Presentation of the Graduates to the Board of Education by Superintendent Hernandez Pidala, the caps of the 69 Millbrook High School graduates flew in celebration.



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the Columbia Mid-Hudson chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, attended along with other members of his chapter. Speaking before the unveiling, Middlebrook said that the historic marker project had begun in August 2024, and included a detailed process to certify the names on the graves.

Middlebrook described the work of the William C. Pomeroy Foundation of Syracuse whose mission is to promote “pride of place” by providing grants in support of installing historic markers and plaques nationwide to honor patriots for their service. Active now in seven or eight states, Middlebrook said, the foundation will soon add Connecticut and Massachusetts to the list.

The new Amenia Union marker honors “at least five veterans of the American Revolution interred between 1787 and 1810,” although Town Historian Betsy Strauss lists six veterans buried in the cemetery. The sixth, Gerhard Winegar, whose burial

had been in 1781 could not fully satisfy the certification standards.

- Strauss provided the following listing of six names:
- Col. Colbe Chamberlain, 1739-1796
 - Capt. William Chamberlain, 1745-1810
 - Lieut. Samuel Snyder, 1712-1808
 - Gerhard Winegar, 1750-1781
 - Ensign Henry Winegar, 1723-1787
 - Capt. William Young, 1747-1806

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the event.

Among the planned festivities are live music from John Stey and the Resilience Brass Band, performances from Bee Bee the Clown, face painting by students from Webutuck High School, and a community-wide scavenger hunt for kids. Other kids’ activities include egg and spoon races, and a “touch-a-truck” open house

pervisor. During that time, she also studied criminal justice at Dutchess Community College, earning college credits and strengthening her interest in a law enforcement career.

“I’ve always known I wanted to work in law enforcement,” she said. “As a kid, I was fascinated by forensics, but lately I’ve become more interested in the community side of the job.”

Hannah added that she is interested in criminal behavior and the psychology behind it. She added, “I think it’s fascinating to understand how

people think and learn what drives them to make certain choices ... not just criminally, but in life in general. It’s interesting how the way someone was raised can shape how they live their life.”

Hannah said she is especially excited about what lies ahead in Millerton. “Chief Olenik has a lot of great ideas and knows exactly where he wants to take the department. I think that’s really important,” she said. “I’m looking forward to getting to know the community and the people I’ll serve.”

Millerton Police Chief Joseph Olenik shared her enthusiasm. “We’re so looking forward to having her here,” he said. “She’s going to be fantastic with community relations.”

Dworkin will fill the position vacated by Officer Julia Phillips, who recently resigned to spend more time with her family. “She was a great officer,” said Chief Olenik at a recent Village Board meeting, where Dworkin’s candidacy was introduced and approved unanimously.

Hannah’s parents looked on proudly at the swearing-in ceremony. Her mother, Mary Dworkin, grew emotional. “Hannah has looked up to her brothers and her dad for so long, and it’s nice to see things come full circle,” she said. “This is something she’s really wanted, and we’re thrilled she’s following in her family’s footsteps.”

Her father agreed. “This is something she’s worked hard for,” said Millbrook Police

Chief Keith Dworkin. “To see her achieve that goal — it’s fantastic. We’re very proud.”

In August, Dworkin will begin a five-month training and certificate program at SUNY Ulster in Kingston, which includes all state-required police academy components, such as physical training and academic coursework. Chief Olenik says she will begin working with the Millerton department upon completing the program.

Triathletes brave a cool rain in Pine Plains

By NATHAN MILLER
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PINE PLAINS — Triathletes from across New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts — and one from as far as Niles, Michigan — competed in the Stissing Triathlon on Sunday, June 22.

The race consisted of an 800 meter swim in Stissing Pond, a 12.6 mile bike ride through the hills surrounding Pine Plains and a 3.3 mile run around Stissing Pond.

A cool, misty rain hung in the air most of the morning, but it didn’t delay the race or deter any of the competitors.

A crowd of about 30 people cheered on triathletes at the transition area. Neighbors living along the race route stood in their front yards with noise makers to cheer on the racers.

Racers competed in three divisions — triathlon, aquabike and relay. The triathlon division featured 96 racers competing solo in the full triathlon. Three aquabike competitors competed in a swimming and cycling race. Four relay teams competed in the relay division.

Sprint Triathlon — top three men

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First — Brian Northrop of Middletown, Connecticut — 1:07:56

Second — Sermet Alver of Yorktown Heights, New York — 1:10:57

Third — Sean Dillon of Fishkill, New York — 1:12:14
Sprint Triathlon — top three women

First — Julia Mavrodin of Stanfordville, New York — 1:16:16

Second — Ellery Keifer of Salisbury, Connecticut — 1:22:25

Third — Erica Feller of Brewster, New York — 1:23:21

Aquabike results

First — Louise Dagosta of Oak Ridge, New Jersey — 56:40

Second — Alfonso Naranjo of Beacon, New York — 1:23:39

Third — Christopher Keegan of Bronxville, New York — 1:26:39

Relay results

First — “Triforce” — 1:25:33

Second — “Bag of Cans” of Beacon, New York — 1:26:16

Third — “Uncle Pepe’s Taco Team” of Brooklyn, New York — 1:29:11

Fourth — “Hahn (Not Solo)” of Schuylerville, New York — 1:40:36

Photos from the race are online at millertonnews.com

Route 199 closed in Pine Plains

PINE PLAINS — Route 199 will be closed between Chase Road and Shultz Road in the town of Pine Plains starting Monday, June 23.

State Department of Transportation crews are replacing a culvert under Route 199 east of the intersection with Shultz Road. Construction is scheduled to end Aug. 31.

A posted detour will route motorists around the construction. Drivers travelling from Millerton to Pine Plains on Route 199 will be routed north on Bean River Road to Ancramdale, New York, and then on to Route 82 southbound to Pine Plains.

Drivers travelling between Route 22 and Pine Plains should expect longer travel times during the closure.



The state Department of Transportation’s official detour as filed with the Town of Pine Plains will route drivers north on Bean River Road to County Route 8 and then to Route 82 in Ancramdale to avoid the closure at Shultz Road on Route 199.

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Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Pine Plains in the County of Dutchess for the year 2025 has been completed by the undersigned assessor, and a certified copy is filed in the office of the town clerk on the 1st day of July, 2025, where the same will remain open for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours.

Assessor for the
Town of Pine Plains
Sara Foglia
06-26-25

Legal Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District shall hold a public hearing on the 7th day of July, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., in the Webutuck High School Library regarding the review of the 2025-26 District Safety Plan to be considered for adoption by the Board of Education.

The regular Board of Education meeting will follow the Public Hearing.
Tracy Trotter,
District Clerk
North East (Webutuck)
CSD
06-26-25

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District Clerk
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CSD
06-26-25

Legal Notice

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on the 16th day of June, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Webutuck Central School District is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

A complete copy of the

bond resolutions summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the School District Clerk of the School District for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Therese Trotter
District Clerk
North East CSD

BOND RESOLUTION
DATED JUNE 16, 2025
OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF THE
WEBUTUCK CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING NOT
TO EXCEED \$249,190

AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACTS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF A SCHOOL BUSE AND TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES AT AN AGGREGATE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$249,190, LEVY OF TAX IN ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS IN PAYMENT THEREOF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT STATE-AID, THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH SUM FOR SUCH PURPOSE,

AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Class of objects or purposes:

Acquisition of one (1) 2025 65-passenger school bus and two (2) Chrysler Voyager LX transportation vehicles

Maximum Estimated Cost: \$249,190

Period of probable usefulness: Five (5) years

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$249,190

Notice of Completion of Final Assessment Roll
Notice is hereby given

that the Assessor of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, has completed the final assessment roll for the year 2025. A certified copy will be filed for public inspection with the Town Clerk at North East Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, N.Y., on the 1st day of July, 2025. It will also be available on our website https://townofnortheastny.gov/.

Katherine Johnson
Assessor
06-26-25

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COMMUNITY: SALLY HAVER

Chore Service hosts annual garden party fundraiser

On Saturday, June 21, Mort Klaus, longtime Sharon resident, hosted 250 enthusiastic supporters of Northwest Corner's beloved nonprofit, Chore Service at his stunning 175-acre property. Chore Service provides essential non-medical support to help older adults and those with disabilities maintain their independence and quality of life in their own homes.

Jane MacLaren, Executive Director, and Dolores Perotti, Board President, personally welcomed arriving attendees. The well-stocked bar and enticing hors d'oeuvres table were popular destinations as the crowd waited for the afternoon's presentations.

The Garden Party is Chore Service's only major fundraising event of the year, so it was not only a wonderful social activity, but a vital support mechanism to keep our most vulnerable residents in their homes.

First to present was MacLaren, who underlined the organization's mission, thanked all caregivers for their important work, and said, with gratitude, to all donors, "Our accomplishments are your accomplishments." Ellen Ebbs, a Litchfield resident and Chore client, delivered a powerful and deeply personal testimony, sharing how the organization's services transformed her life after a serious fall left her "disabled, dependent, and depressed." Her story resonated with the audience and highlighted the vital impact of Chore's work.

Patrick Roy, high-energy incoming Chair of the Board, as well as First Selectman of Roxbury and Chief of its police force, told the crowd of his "Fragile List" — those in the community a step away from losing their independence, and how he ensured that this group was adequately taken care of. Priscilla McCord, outgoing Board



Chore Service hosted 250 supporters at its annual Garden Party fundraiser. Right, Priscilla McCord, outgoing Board Chair of Chore Service and Patrick Roy, incoming Chair



PHOTOS BY BOB ELLWOOD

Jane MacLaren, Executive Director of Chore Service, and Mort Klaus, host of the Garden Party event

Chair after twelve years of unstinting service, asked for donations for Fund the Cause, urgently needed to support the recently-expanded transportation services before funding runs out in September. As Patrick Roy said, "In rural towns like ours, our clients depend on us for basic services — to get to their medical appointments, go grocery shopping, as

well as life-enhancing activities like going to the library and getting a weekly lift to visit family and friends." Both Roy and McCord emphasized the area of greatest current concern — that of an upcoming decrease in federal funding, something we will learn more about in August.

Chore Service supports the towns of Cornwall, Falls Village,

Goshen, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, Norfolk, North Canaan, Roxbury, Salisbury/Lakeville, Sharon, Warren, and Washington.

For those interested in accessing services or providing them, please contact Chore Service at (860) 435-9177. To learn more about the organization or to donate, go to www.choreservice.org.

Sally Haver has lived in the Berkshires, on and off, since the mid-'70s and her horse lives in Amenia.

MUSIC: ROBIN RORABACK

Bach and beyond

The mission statement of the Berkshire Bach Society (BBS) reads: "Our mission is to preserve the cultural legacy of Baroque music for current and future audiences — local, national, and international — by presenting the music of J.S. Bach, his Baroque predecessors, contemporaries, and followers performed by world-class musicians."

Its mission will once again be fulfilled by presenting a concert featuring Dane Johansen on June 2 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 29 Main Street, in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Terrill McDade, Executive Director of BBS, said, "Dane is a supremely talented musician and a musical poet. Audiences will hear his cello speak in three different musical dialects: those of Bach, Gaspar Cassadó, and Benjamin Britten. They will experience and be able to find the idiom that means the most to them. The music is classical, contemporary, and modern. It is contemplative, energetic, lyrical, rhythmic, and, in the end, philosophical. The audience is in for that rare musical treat of an intimate recital of profound music interpreted by a solo player who gives them something to think about — whether consciously or sub-consciously."



PHOTO PROVIDED

The Berkshire Bach Society (BBS) of Stockbridge will present a concert by cellist Dane Johansen on June 28 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

McDade added, "Berkshire Bach believes it is very important to present live performances of a variety of Baroque music throughout the season, especially in this time in our society. Music has restorative power, and when played by fine musicians, can provide moments of respite and reflection that do us good."

Johansen's recital on June 28 is a case in point. The sound of the cello — so close to that of the human voice — makes us feel better somehow — refreshed in our spirit, hopeful, better able to carry on in difficult times," said McDade.

Johansen grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska. He

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BOOKS: OLIVIA GEIGER

‘The Giving Game,’ a guide for leadership

In a rapidly changing business market James Turk’s new book, “The Giving Game,” is a guide for team members transitioning to mangers. As an executive coach and CEO of The Turk Group — a boutique learning and consulting company — Turk has honed his leadership skill set through years of working in Human Resources at Random House, P&O Nedlloyd and Goldman Sachs, not to mention a stint in the acting world. Ultimately, Turk found his niche was in training and development. Now he services notable clients such as BuzzFeed, Spotify, NYSE, and many more.

At a pivotal moment in Turk’s career, he faced two choices: to push through fear, or to sit in the comfort of stagnancy. In the early stages of Turk’s career his supervisor, the head of HR, needed someone to represent the HR depart-

ment at a sales conference in Chicago. His supervisor sensed Turk’s hesitancy and laid out a high-level plan, conducting practice sessions to ensure success. Despite being scared, Turk presented.

Through perseverance, Turk learned how to trust someone else with his professional development and “how to work through fear and just show up, in spite of it,” he said.

Through this experience, Turk benefited from the results of the “Giving Game.” Turks supervisor saw an opportunity that would aid in his growth, and in response he dedicated time and resources with a mutually beneficial result.

In this book, Turk provides a guide on how new managers can embody this giving mindset. The beginning of a management position is often the most difficult, so Turk outlines the



James Turk, author of “The Giving Game.”

first stage with the “F45 Playbook.” It is critical to gain clarity of manager responsibilities, complete self-assessments, identify key stakeholders, and meet with team members one on one.

With this foundation, managers can begin

to lead with intention, empathy, and to cultivate value.

Data shows that employees’ job satisfaction and engagement are linked to their relationship with their direct supervisor. With this comes the power of influ-

ence, especially over the workplace climate. Some critical questions managers need to ask themselves include: do people feel heard, seen, and appreciated? Are expectations clear? Do I know my employees’ individual working/learning styles? Is feedback provided and is it effective? Do people feel safe and accepted to be themselves?

In his book, Turk provides helpful resources to answer these questions, such as the Daniel Goleman emotional intelligence (EQ) model and many more that can be found in the Resources section of the book.

The aim of this book is to be immediately useful, and that it is.

When asked how his book can guide young professionals to be leaders in such uncertain

and divided times, Turk responded with:

“In uncertain times, people need steady, honest leadership. The book helps young professionals lead with confidence, even without all the answers. It focuses on building trust, supporting your team, and creating a healthy culture. A giving mindset helps leaders move beyond self-preservation and think about how to lift others up — which is exactly what teams need right now.”

“The Giving Game” is available for purchase on Amazon or at The Dutchess Trading Company in Millerton.

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

MUSIC: MIKE COBB

Junior Brown charms Infinity Hall

On Wednesday, June 11, country guitar wizard Junior Brown thrilled a packed and rowdy crowd at Infinity Hall in Norfolk, Connecticut. Known for his pyrotechnic playing, Brown dexterously jumped between clean chicken pickin’, blues, rock, western swing, and jazz.

Brown plays an instrument he made himself called the “Guit-Steel.” Two guitars in one, it features a Fender Telecaster neck on top and a pedal steel guitar below, all in one body.

With his homemade axe, Brown brought listeners on a sonic journey through Americana and made his guitar “speak,” at turns imitating the human voice or tractor trailer horns. His great group included upright bass, simple snare drum and his wife Tanya Rae on acoustic guitar.

Lyrically, his humorous songs tell tall tales about staying out too late as in “Too Many Nights In A Roadhouse” or his biggest hit “My



Junior Brown and his band: Drew Phelps (bass), Scott Matthews (drums) and Tanya Rae (acoustic guitar) at Infinity Hall in Norfolk.

Wife Thinks You’re Dead.” He’s also composed dreamy, steely guitar for television including “SpongeBob Squarepants,” “The Dukes of Hazard,” and “Better Call Saul” which exemplify his range.

But don’t let the cowboy hat fool you — Junior Brown is a Connecticut native. Born in Wilton, his grandfather was a commercial artist with a studio in Westport. Brown’s father taught at various American universities. Growing up he was exposed to the popular music of the 1960s.

“The college kids had the cool records, the bubblegum stuff, Blues records and deep folk. Those records really helped my guitar playing. There was no Internet. You’d have to find the records,” Brown said.

Brown’s life journey took him from Texas to Oklahoma to Missouri, where he lives today.

While he absorbed all of those influences, he was always drawn to country music.

“I have a big heart for country music. I thought it would be interesting to play country or play rock,” he said.

Brown toured with fellow guitar master Bo Diddley, who, like Brown, also toured with his wife. He also had the chance to play with drummer Mitch Mitchell and bassist Noel Redding of the Jimi Hendrix Experience.

“I played with them at the Bumbershoot festival in Seattle, which is a tribute to Jimi. So I am ‘experienced.’ Subconsciously, you repeat things you heard that you like.

Sometimes, you’re not aware of where you get stuff,” he said.

In a tender moment during his show at Infinity Hall, Brown paid tribute to the recently deceased musical genius Brian Wilson. Brown

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Correction

Sophie Eisner’s solo show at The Norfolk Library, as mentioned in “Matter and memory: The mixed media art of Sophie Eisner” in the June 18 edition of Compass, runs through July 1.

SAT., JUNE 28 | 7:00 PM

Wynona Wang,
Piano Recital

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& Rachmaninoff

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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JUNE 26

Garden Legacies

Hollister House Garden, 300 Nettleton Hollow Road, Washington, Conn.

On Thursday, June 26, 4 to 6 p.m., Vin Cipolla, President and CEO of Historic New England in conversation with Thomas L. Woltz, Senior Principal of Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects. Light refreshments will be served. Enjoy the gardens after the conversation. This event is free and open to the public.

Drawing & Watercolor with Peter Cusack

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

For three Thursdays starting June 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., join West Cornwall artist and art teacher Peter Cusack for a drawing and watercolor workshop. The workshop is free, and materials will be provided. Registration is required.

Author Talk: Karen Chase – Two Tales

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

On Thursday, June 26, 5:30 p.m., local author Karen Chase discusses Two Tales, her new book of verse blending 16th-century love and a futuristic dystopia. Books available for purchase and signing.

JUNE 27

Senior Lunch & Learn: Active Agers

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

On Friday, June 27, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., join the Active Agers Walking Group for a social, energizing walk around Sharon Green. For older adults looking to stay active and connected. Register at: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/13742298

Book Talk: Drawn Together

Manor House Patio, Troutbeck, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia, N.Y.

5 p.m. on June 27. Free with RSVP. Open to all.

Join Britt and Damian Zunino of Studio DB for a conversation about their new book, Drawn Together: Studio DB: Architecture and Interiors, moderated by David Graver of Surface Magazine. Books available for purchase from Oblong Books. Dinner reservations encouraged.

JUNE 28

Sharon Playhouse Stars

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn.

Saturday, June 28 at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Original musical inspired by The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse, performed by local children ages 5 to 7. Conceived and Directed by Sarah Cuoco. Music Direction by Beckie Scattergood.

Real People Real Stories at The Hilltop Barn

The Hilltop Barn at Roeliff Jansen Park, 9140 NY Route 22, Hillsdale, N.Y.

On Saturday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m., Ancram Center for the Arts kicks off its 10th anniversary season with Real People Real Stories, an evening of true-life storytelling by local residents. This edition features Simone Stevens, Brooke Schooley, and Macey Levin sharing personal stories curated and directed by Paul Ricciardi. Tickets: \$25 general / \$15 student Info and tickets: www.ancramcenter.org

Author Hali Lee in Conversation

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

A special evening with Hali Lee, author of "The Big We, How Giving Circles Unlock Generosity, Strengthen Community, and Make Change," interviewed by Betsy Vorce. Saturday, June 28 at 5 p.m. Attend in-person only, with registration requested online at cornwalllibrary.org/events

Hands-On Drumming with Craig Norton (All Ages)

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

On Saturday, June 28, from noon to 1 p.m., there will be an interactive drum circle for kids and families—everyone plays! Register online.

Qigong for Summer

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

On Saturday, June 28, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, learn the joyful “monkey frolic” Qigong practice—great for balance, agility, and heart health. Beginner friendly. Register online.

Twin Flames at The Stissing Center

2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.

On Saturday, June 28 at 7 p.m., experience Indigenous folk duo Twin Flames with special guest Ed Koban at The Stissing Center in Pine Plains. A powerful evening of music blending folk, rock, and Indigenous traditions. Tickets at thestissingcenter.org.

Where The Roads Took Them: Ceramics by Feng Bin & Jack Rosenberg

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

On Saturday, June 28, 2 to 6 p.m. there will be an artist's reception at Eckert Fine Art for "Where The Roads Took Them: Ceramics by Feng Bin & Jack Rosenberg." Refreshments will be served. Eckert Fine Art is pleased to announce a joint show featuring the work of Jack Rosenberg and Feng Bin. Show runs through July 26.

Westerly Canteen at Foxtrot Farm + Flowers

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Summer Celebration dinner on the farm. The evening begins at 6pm with drinks in the garden, followed by a lovely 4 course plated dinner featuring Hudson Valley farmers as they ramp up their peak season crops. (ticket price includes wine) Tickets at www.exploretock.com/westerly-canteen/event/552914/summer-celebration-foxtrot-farm

Wynona Wang, Piano

Gordon Hall, Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn. musicmountain.org

At 7 p.m. on June 28, Music Mountain will host a concert by Wynona Wang on piano.

JUNE 29

Erick Johnson in Conversation with Gary Stephan

Furnace — Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

On Sunday, June 29 at 4:30 p.m., join abstract painters Erick Johnson and Gary Stephan for a conversation on geometry, color, and visual language. Artwork will be on view through July 6.

Last week's WotW

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Word of the Week

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

1. Worn to catch a baseball
2. One who lays tile
3. Untamed animal behavior
4. A king's domain
5. Interns are here to ____

Stissing House Feast with Chef de Cuisine David Nathans

Stissing House, 7801 S. Main St., Pine Plains, N.Y.

On June 29, 5 to 8 p.m., join Chef David Nathans for an intimate, all-inclusive feast featuring wood-roasted chicken, salt-baked trout, seasonal sides, and craft cocktails. Includes cocktail hour, open bar, and silent auction. Proceeds benefit Greater Hudson Promise Neighborhood. Cocktail attire.

Euclid Quartet

Gordon Hall, Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn. musicmountain.org

At 3 p.m. on June 29, Music Mountain will host a concert by the Euclid Quartet.

JULY 1

"Dancing With Hoops" Hula-Hooping Workshop

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

On Tuesday, July 1, at 2 p.m., join Judi Jones aka ENERGIZER for a musical and interactive hula-hooping program at the David M. Hunt Library. Please register on the library website or contact the library via phone, email, or in-person.

First Tuesday at 7 Summer Talk

South Canaan Meetinghouse, 12 Rte. 63, Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society's next First Tuesday at 7 Summer Talk will be on July 1, 7 p.m. at the South Canaan Meetinghouse. Guest speaker will be Peter Vermilyea and his topic is called All Honor to the Ladies: Litchfield County Women and the Civil War. The talks are always free. Donations are appreciated. Light refreshments will be served.

JULY 2

Plywood Bugs Art Workshop with Erika Crofut

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

Wednesday, July 2, at 2 p.m. Join Hunt Library as every kid designs and paints their own plywood bug to decorate the library garden with local artist Erika Crofut! Materials and artistic inspiration provided. Please register online.

JULY 3

Annual Cake Auction and Party

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

July 3 at 5:30 p.m.

One of Sharon's favorite summer cocktail parties and biggest fundraiser of the year for the Historical Society. Local bakers compete with creative cakes. Bid high, eat well, and meet new Executive Director Abbey Nova.

...Junior Brown

told the audience about recording with the Beach Boys on their “Stars and Stripes Vol 1.” album before launching into their song “409.” A studio performance can be seen on YouTube.

These days, Brown doesn’t have any plans

to record new music of his own. Instead, he’s stepping aside to give his wife more moments in the limelight.

“The next project is gonna be Tanya’s. She’s got one called ‘Meet the Misses.’ It’s available on our website. She’s just

great,” he said.

With several Grammy, Academy of Country Music, and Country Music Association Awards, Brown has received well-deserved accolades. But he has to be seen live to fully comprehend his incredible talent.

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Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Computer manufacturer
5. Noted space station
8. Kurt Russell film “Captain”
11. Automaton
13. Everyone has one
14. Incline from the vertical
15. Fights
16. Dunn & Bradstreet (abbr.)
17. Finishes off
18. Places to store things
20. Dutch painter Gerard
21. Smaller quantity
22. There’s a North, South and Central of these
25. In an early way
30. More spacious
31. Short-term memory
32. One who possesses
33. Sesame
38. Forbid
41. A way to explain
43. Not around
45. Evoke or suggest
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Dekameter
50. Fencing sword
55. “Luther” actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Hong Kong food stall: ____ pai dong
63. Not the start
64. Post

CLUES DOWN

1. Creative expression
2. Fiber from the outer husk of a coconut
3. City in ancient Syria
4. College army
5. More disturbed
6. Pays no attention to
7. Restored
8. Competitions
9. Lyric poems
10. Famed American lawman
12. Expression of disappointment
14. Scars

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19. Satisfy
23. Central European river
24. Brass instrument
25. One who gets paid to perform
26. Propel with oars
27. Long period of time
28. Woman (French)
29. Type of plane
34. Pitching stat
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Pro sports league
37. Body part
39. Inoffensive
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Feline
42. Does not tell the truth
44. Set out to attract
45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
46. Abba __, Israeli politician
47. Repair

48. Genus of flowering plants
51. Tributary of the High Rhine
52. Prejudice
53. C. European river
54. Restrain
58. Father

June 19 Solution

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OUR TOWNS

Show of American muscle convenes at Millerton’s restored Mobil station

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — A decade ago, Pine Plains car enthusiast Alan Benson was on the hunt for a classic. He searched far and wide for an early 1960s Chevy Impala, unaware that the car of his dreams was parked just down the road.

A neighbor, known for building hot rods, happened to be clearing space in his garage and agreed to sell Benson his 1961 Chevrolet Impala Sport Coupe.

“It’s an iconic car,” Benson said of the Roman Red coupe, adding that he felt lucky to land such a rare collector’s item.

Affectionately dubbed “The Survivor,” the Impala stands out for its originality. Unlike many restored classics, Benson’s car has remained largely untouched. According to the owner, the paint, interior, and drivetrain are all factory original, with just 27,000 miles on the odometer. Even the original spare tire still sits in the trunk. To keep the car in top condition, Benson drives it between 600 and 800 miles a year.

As rare as The Survivor is, it was just one of many standout vehicles on display Friday, June 20, at a local car show held at the retro Mobil gas station on Route 44. The event, hosted by owner Rob Cooper of Millerton,



Front and center, a 1958 Chevy coupe with plenty of steel and chrome to go around.

Alan Benson of Pine Plains shows off his 1961 Chevrolet Impala Sport Coupe.



PHOTOS BY ALY MORRISSEY

has quickly become a favorite among regional car lovers.

Without much formal promotion, the show continues to draw crowds from across the Tri-State area. Cooper credits the venue itself for much of the event’s success.

“I think it’s the backdrop that draws people here,” he

said, gesturing toward the vintage-style gas station he restored. “People are looking for uniqueness,” Cooper added. “They come to show off their cars and to check out everyone else’s. It’s really nice.”

Classic cars filled the Mobil lot and spilled into the ad-

jacent property as collectors mingled, shared stories, and admired each other’s vehicles.

With sunshine gleaming off polished chrome, live music in the air, and the smell of grilled hot dogs wafting across the lot, the evening had all the makings of a perfect small-town summer afternoon.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This three bedroom raised garrison built in 1971 on Doodletown Road on two acres sold for \$249,107.62 early in May.

Ancram home sales rise after lull in April transfers

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — After no recorded deed transfers in April, spring selling has arrived in Ancram with four sales of homes and land recorded in May. Only two homes traded hands including another million-dollar sale on modest acreage on Wildflower Hill and two sales of vacant land. Nine homes are currently listed for sale ranging from \$12 million to \$90,500.

30 Doodletown Road — 3 bedroom/1 bath 1,812 square feet on 2 acres sold by Tisha William Rothvoss as Administrator to Karly Rothvoss and Eric Shutts for \$249,107.62 recorded on May 8.

1675 County Route 7, Westfall Road — 18.24 acres vacant land sold by Donald Sosin and Joanna Seaton Sh-

rager to Markella Los and Jason Mortara for \$470,000 recorded on May 13.

48 Wildflower Hill Road — 3 bedroom/3.5 bath 2,367 square foot home on 3.39 acres sold by Katherine Mosby Trust by Katherine Mosby Trustee to Psyche Farms LLC recorded on May 5 for \$1,175,000 on May 2.

County Route 3 — Vacant residential land sold by Keith D. Valden to Homewrights Development LLC for \$400,000 transferred on May 22.

Ancram real estate recorded as sold from Columbia County public deed transfers and active listings data is from realtor.com, and Trulia.com. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby’s International Realty, licensed in Connecticut and New York.

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