

OUR TOWNS



Seated together at the NECC Brunch on Sunday, July 20, were some of the village and town staff honored at this year's North East Community Center Brunch. Left to right Christopher Kennan, Town of North East Supervisor, standing; Lisa Cope, Village of Millerton Clerk; Lorna Sherman, Town of North East Budget Officer and Marcy Wheatley, Town of North East Deputy Clerk.

NECC Chef & Farmer Brunch honors Village, Town of North East

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — The North East Community Center's 2025 Chef and Farmer's Brunch was a sellout on a sweltering July 20 under white tents looking over the Village of Millerton. With food supplied by local farmers and made by local chefs, volunteers served brunch to hundreds of supporters of the 35-year-old social services nonprofit that serves the North East corner of Dutchess County and the surrounding area. Mayor of the Village of Millerton Jenn Najdek and

Town of North East Supervisor Chris Kennan and their staff were celebrated as this year's honorees and spoke about the partnership between the town, village and NECC. Returning auctioneer CK Swett started off the fundraising with a live auction of two jars of locally made jam and a Hudson River Cruise with champagne and caviar from Pointy Snout. The brunch is the NECC's primary fundraiser and between the silent auction, the live auction and the paddle bidding, more than \$450,000 was raised with donations ranging from \$50,000 to \$100.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report June 26 to July 8
June 26 — Deputies attempted to stop a vehicle in the area of Route 22/55 in the Town of Dover for observed traffic violations. The vehicle failed to comply. Deputies terminated attempts to stop the vehicle, but shortly thereafter located same parked at a residence in Wingdale. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Scott Lampert, age 40, who was charged with Unlawfully Fleeing, Obstructing Governmental administration, Reckless Driving, aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle and other traffic violations. Lampert is to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.
July 1 — Deputies responded to Cumberland Farms in the Town of Amenia for a reported trespasser at that location. Investigation resulted in the arrest of one Owen Porres, age 24, for trespassing. Porres had previously been issued a trespass notice indicating that he was not allowed at this establishment. Porres to appear in the Town of Amenia court at a later date.
July 2 — Deputies responded to Old Route 55 in the Town of Pawling for a subject who called 911 to report that her husband was intoxicated and intended to drive. Parties interviewed at which time the subject decided not to drive.
July 4 — Deputies responded to Rudd Pond State Park in the Town of North East to assist the Park Ranger who was investigating a dispute between two intoxicated campsite residents. The matter was resolved without further police intervention.
July 5 — Deputies arrested

Aidan Kaprelian, age 25, for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd degree subsequent to a traffic stop in the Town of Amenia. Subject to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.
July 7 — Deputies report the arrest of Timothy E. Green, age 57, for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 1st degree and Felony Driving While Intoxicated subsequent to a traffic stop in the Town of Pawling. Green to appear in the Town of Pawling Court at a later date.
July 7 — Deputies arrested Tonia Smith, age 24, for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the third degree subsequent to a traffic stop in the Town of Dover. Smith is to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.
July 7 — Deputies arrested Robert W. Mead, age 25, for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd degree subsequent to a traffic stop in the Town of Dover. Mead is to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date
PLEASE NOTE: All subjects arrested and charged are alleged to have committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.
If you have any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office tip line at 845 605 CLUE (2583) or Email dc_sotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

Housing Board issues Silo Ridge condo plan recommendation

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — The Housing Board has considered an application from Silo Ridge and issued its recommendation to the Planning Board at a regular meeting on Thursday, July 17, to require that workforce housing regulations are met. Because Silo Ridge is seeking to amend its Master Development Plan through an application to the Planning Board, and because the Silo Ridge Development consists of more than 10 dwelling units, workforce housing requirements must be accommodated either through construction of designated

workforce housing units or through payment of a fee to the town to substitute for those units. Administration of workforce housing requirements is the responsibility of the Housing Board. The Housing Board voted 3-0 to approve its recommendation. Housing Board member Juan Torres recused because he serves on the board of Silo Ridge Ventures, and Housing Board member Mark Hussey, Silo Ridge employee, abstained because he felt that the number of units total of 220 was inaccurate as stated in the recommendation. "We're taking information given to us by the Planning

Board engineer, stating 220 approved units in connection with an application to change the site plan, reducing the number of units from 13 townhouse units to 10 condominium units," explained Housing Board chairman Charlie Miller. "We need to base our recommendation on what the Planning Board gave us," Miller added. Reviewing the status of Certificates of Occupancy, Miller noted that 114 COs had been issued as of the end of April, and there have been two COs issued since for a total of 116. In addition, six building permits are active. A workshop session with

the Planning Board, requested by Silo Ventures Consultant Patrick O'Leary, has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, expected to provide clarity on the numbers of units completed and planned. The public hearing on the change from 13 townhouse units to ten condominium units will then continue at the Wednesday, Aug. 13, meeting of the Planning Board. "We're saying that they have already reached the 50%," Miller said, referring to the point at which the workforce housing regulations come into effect. "This board's responsibility is to apply the law as it is," Miller added.

Amenia hears plan for hiking and biking trails

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Mountain bikers and hikers may soon enjoy miles of local trails thanks to the Amenia Trails Project described for the Town Board at its regular meeting on Thursday, July 19. Representing Hollyhock Foundation, a New York City organization that focuses in part on environmental solutions to combat greenhouse gases, was Lauren Zane who described planning for a biking and hiking park along Old Route 22 near Wassaic. Rock Solid Contracting would be hired to build 10 to 12 miles of trail on 470 acres distributed over three connected parcels of land. Trail


construction would take about six to nine months to complete. Trails would be three feet in width with minimal impact to the land and boardwalk installed only where necessary. An existing home on the property would be razed to accommodate a parking area. Existing forestry access roads on the property, six feet in width, would remain to offer passage for emergency vehicles. Participating partners in the project are the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Dutchess County Department of Public Works, New York State Electric and Gas and the Dutchess Land Conservancy, Zane reported.

Area residents offered positive comments on the plans seeing the value of recreational expansion and conservation of the land. Councilmember Brad Rebillard asked for details on access for emergency vehicles. Determining that the trails would be open from spring to fall for recreation, councilmember Nicole Ahearn noted that hunting season begins on Oct. 1 each year. Town Supervisor Leo Blackman commented that for people who travel north by

train to Wassaic, this trail system could be a popular draw for recreation. He asked about the possibility of a connector with the rail trail. "We're open to ideas," Zane said, adding that connector access is being researched. Asking about what the next step toward approval should be, Zane determined that she should approach the Planning Board about the plan. The Planning Board will then report back to the Town Board.



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OBITUARIES

Scott Drew Thornton

SHARON — Scott Drew Thornton, 68, of Sharon, passed away on Friday, July 18, 2025, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, New York, with his wife, Rebecca Carlson Thornton by his side, after a long and heroic battle with cancer.

Born on April 6, 1957, in Middletown, New York, he was the son of the late Charles J. Thornton, Jr. and Jeanne Coddington Thornton Schwager of Was-saic, New York.

Upon graduating from Webatuck High School, he attended college for law enforcement and later earned his coaching certificate. His career took him to positions at Digrazia Vineyards, Kilson Construction, the Kent Greenhouse, and South Kent School until his retirement. Following retirement, he worked part-time for his son-in-law Jeff Haab.

His biggest joy was his family, especially his wife Becky, and his two daughters and their families; Sawyer Thornton Haab and her husband, Jeffrey Haab, of Salisbury, and Paxton Thornton, and her fiancé Scot Leith, of Kent. He felt very blessed when his very first grandson, Carter Haab, joined the family in 2021, followed by three more grandsons, Bryson and Braxton Haab, and Luka Leith.



As an avid sports fan and talented athlete, his second biggest joy was coaching sports. He spent many years coaching youth soccer, basketball and softball, travel teams and high school basketball. He loved not only to teach them how to play the game, but more importantly, to also love the game. He helped shape many young lives with his gift of patience, inspiration, and motivation, as he helped build self-confidence, good sportsmanship, and that you never give up. Things that made a lasting impact on their lives.

At six feet five, he was larger than life, with a quick wit and great sense of humor, his kindness, and his willingness to help anyone out at any time. If you met him, you quickly became his friend as he wrapped you into the fold called his family. He was a kid magnet, and every child he met was drawn to him for his sense of fun and adventure. He had a big smile, and an even bigger heart. He had a unique ability to touch people's lives and their hearts in a way that mattered deeply. He also loved animals, especially his dogs Preston, Brewster and Daisy, who could be seen riding in the back seat of his truck as they went for their weekly trip to the transfer station. And he traveled to many places with his wife over their

many years together. Following his years of playing slow and fast-pitched softball, basketball and bowling, he became an avid golfer golfing regularly in a league at Hotchkiss.

In addition to his wife, daughters, sons-in-law, grandsons, and mother, he leaves behind three brothers; Charles Thornton and his wife, Marcia Judson, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, David Thornton and his wife, Janet Davidson, of Mattituck, New York, and Douglas Thornton, and his wife, Julie Harbold of Bryan, Texas. He is also survived by his in-laws, the Carlson family, who quickly adopted him as one of their own, and his many nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly.

In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his younger brother, Gary Thornton.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY.

A celebration of life will be held at a date yet to be determined in August or September. Contributions in memory of Scott can be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center at (giving.mskcc.org), or to Precious Pound Pups (www.preciouspoundpups.org) in Hillsdale, New York. For directions or to send the family a condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

A strong start at new reduced-price market

By GRACE DEMARCO
Special to the Millerton News

MILLERTON — Since opening on Friday, June 20, the Tri-Corner F.E.E.D. Market has gotten off to a strong start in fulfilling their goal of making local, nourishing food accessible to all.

The pay-what-you-can market has been "super busy," said Blake Myers, the Director of Food Programs. "We feel really supported by the community and have had so many people really excited about what we're doing here."

Local produce, as well as snacks, coffee and other food items, are all priced on a scale based on need. The aim is to create a "really welcoming shopping experience for every person in the community, regardless of income," Myers said. The scale includes full priced items for shoppers who meet all basic needs, a 30% discount for shoppers who can sometimes meet basic needs and a 60% discount for shoppers who have consistent difficulty meeting basic needs.

In just under a month, Myers is excited that Tri Corner FEED already has regulars. "We've had a lot of repeat customers," she said. "It is always really exciting for me to really get to know the people in the community."

The market, which aims to strengthen the community, is also looking to support local farmers. "Being able to access local, fresh food here in Mil-



PHOTOS BY GRACE DEMARCO

Tri Corner F.E.E.D. on South Center Street in the Village of Millerton opened its doors on Friday, June 20.

lerton where we're amongst all of these amazing producers and farms has been really exciting for people," said Myers.

Although the immediate impact, support and enthusiasm has already been felt by the community and market alike, Tri Corner FEED hopes to reach a broader amount of the community in the future, and to work on social media marketing to get the word out

further.

Myers also hopes for more programs that creatively support the community, local businesses as well as their growing number of customers. "I think as we get our feet under us and get some of the systems more regular in the store, we hope to have more prepared foods and more volunteer opportunities for people," Myers said.



Tri Corner F.E.E.D. sells goods on a reduced-priced sliding scale where shoppers can choose a discount to meet their individual needs.

Audrey Lillian Watson

MILLERTON— With heavy hearts but grateful spirits, we celebrate the extraordinary life of Audrey Lillian Watson, who passed away on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at the age of 72. A force of energy, laughter, and love, Audrey lit up every room entered and left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

Born in Newfoundland, Canada, Audrey had a zest for life that was impossible to ignore. Whether dancing and singing in random outbursts, telling stories that made you laugh until you cried, or offering a helping hand to anyone in need, Audrey lived with unmatched passion and kindness.

She was never afraid to live boldly — playing bingo, spontaneous trips with her husband, and embracing every moment with joy. Audrey was the person who turned ordinary days into adventures and made everyone feel like family.

A devoted Wife, Mother, and Nanny. Audrey gave love freely and fiercely. Her legacy lives on in the many lives touched, the laughter shared, and the countless memories made along the way.

Audrey is survived by her husband, Ronald Watson, Rene and Rob Haskell, Jody Watson, Reneisha and Jonathan Vielman, Robert Haskell, Richard Johnson, Tatyana and Sam Watson, Christian Haskell, William and Noell Haskell, Kenya and Miguel Castillo, Daja and Mike Vecchio, Shan and Josh Thompson and all her great grands that she showered with endless love, her siblings, nieces, nephews and a community of friends who became family.

We remember Audrey's vi-



brant spirit, generous heart, and the sparkle that never faded. While our hearts are broken, we find peace in knowing that Audrey truly lived fully, fearlessly and with boundless love.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at Faith Bible Chapel, 222 Silver Mountain Road, Millerton, NY. Pastor Wil-

liam Mayhew will officiate. In honor of Audrey Lillian Watson, come as you are, wear bright colors and bring a memory to share. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, 14 Pennsylvania Plaza, #2110, New York, NY 10122, a cause close to Audrey's heart. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARIES

Margaret Heck

NORFOLK — The community lost a bright light on July 7, when Margaret (Peg) Heck passed away peacefully at her beloved cottage on Doolittle Lake in Norfolk. Her optimistic, cheerful disposition will be greatly missed.

Peg was born July 15, 1944, in Greenwich, Connecticut, and grew up in New Canaan with her family, including two brothers, David and Robert. She was the daughter of Germain A. Hubby and Margaret Fisher Hubby. Mr. Hubby died when Peg was 11. Mrs. Hubby remarried Arthur Knox who became her devoted stepfather.

Mrs. Heck graduated from the New Canaan Country Day School, St. Timothy’s School, Briarcliff College, and Boston University (’65) where she majored in History of Art. After graduation she spent a summer in Liverpool, England where she worked with the Winant Clayton Volunteers doing social work and incidentally earning a blue belt in judo. Later, she sometimes reminded Dave that she had that skill.

Peg and David Heck were married at the Congregational Church in Norfolk on July 15, 1967. The couple lived in Hingham, Massachusetts for seven years, during which the first two of their three sons were born; Timothy in 1970 and Daniel in 1972. She proved herself successful at managing her home as an airline pilot’s wife. The family moved to Lakeville in 1975 where they resided for 30 years at 56 Sharon Rd. before settling in Taconic. Matthew came into the family in 1981.

Peg was an outdoor person; a dedicated naturalist and teacher. She taught vari-

ous subjects for 30 years at the Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, leaving a legacy of respect for nature to hundreds of children. During special assignments around the state she was affectionately referred to as the “Bug Lady.” She loved skiing, fly fishing, birding, travel, and various racquet sports ending in later years with a passion for pickleball. Music was always a great part of Peg’s life, whether singing in choral groups or attending rehearsals and performances at Tanglewood.

She was involved in many church committees and community organizations including the former Women’s Support Services (now Project SAGE), Crescendo, The Corner Food Pantry and others. She was devoted to her Labrador Retriever, Cody, and loved walking him on some of her favorite trails. Above all, Peg took great joy in being with her grandchildren Joey and Will.

Mrs. Heck was predeceased by her father, Germain A. Hubby, her mother Margaret Fisher Knox, and her stepfather Arthur Knox, Jr.

She is survived by her husband David, sons Timothy, partner Dustin of Clearwater Florida, Daniel, wife Gillian of Lenox, Massachusetts, and Matthew, wife Morgan, of Maynard, Massachusetts with their two children Josephine and William.

Remembrances can be sent to nOURish BRIDGEPORT, PO Box 1859, Bridgeport, CT 06601, a faith-based mission for which Peg had a special passion.

A celebration of Peg’s life will be held at the Salisbury Congregational Church, Sept. 6, at 2 p.m.

Francis Henry Sand Rossire

SALISBURY — Francis Henry Sand “Sandy” Rossire Jr., born April 2, 1949, age 76, passed away peacefully on June 20, 2025, in Syracuse, New York, due to complications from Parkinson’s disease after 30 years.

Born in Leonia, New Jersey, to Francis Henry Sand Rossire and Doris Minerva Pape Rossire, he and his family moved to North Wales Farm in Salisbury, Connecticut and summered on Twin Lakes for many years. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying taking care of the farm animals living on the farm and living on Twin Lakes. In his later years he became a private pilot.

He was a science teacher at Kent Center School for over 30 years and coached girls softball. Perhaps the most

important thing to memorate him is the fact he was the most kindest loving person to whomever he met.

His caregiver was the kindest, most caring caregiver to him for two and a half years, and treated him like he was her own father, and she loved him dearly. And, I will always be eternally grateful to her.

He is survived by his loving wife, Karen Rossire, his daughter, Jennifer, his sister Jeanne and multiple cousins, nephews and nieces. His older sister Mary Suzanne Rossire McLaughlin passed before him and he loved her dearly. A private memorial service will be held at his plot in Salisbury at a future date. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Judes Children’s Hospital.

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SHARON — Melinda Moore Sweet, 86, of Sharon, Connecticut, passed peacefully at her son’s home in Alpharetta, Georgia, on July 19, 2025, surrounded by her loving family after a brief battle with cancer.

Melinda was born on Jan. 31, 1939, in Akron, Ohio to Esther (Noonan) and James Howard Moore.

Melinda attended the Old Trail School in Akron followed by Sweet Briar College and graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York with a degree in political science and government. She loved Sarah Lawrence and some of her favorite classes were taught by Joseph Campbell, the author of “The Hero with a Thousand Faces.” Melinda went on to Hofstra University Law School, earning a JD in 1974, thereafter embarking on her long and distinguished legal career.

Melinda’s first marriage was to Howard Clinton Sweet Jr, a Brown University graduate, captain in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and University of Virginia law graduate. She had two children with him, Elizabeth and Howard Sweet. Melinda married her second husband, Barry T. Held, in 1980 and they were happily together for 34 years until Barry predeceased her in 2014.

Melinda built a successful legal career in New York City with early legal roles at the National Labor Relations Board, CBS and as the Assistant General Counsel at Macmillan Publishers. Her career culminated in an 18-year tenure at Lever Brothers (the US division of Unilever) where she was hired as Assistant General

Counsel and promoted to General Counsel – the first female elected to serve in this position. In another first for a woman, Melinda was also appointed to serve as Director of Environmental Affairs for Lever Brothers. She reported directly to Lever Brothers President & CEO, contributing significantly to plastic bottle recycling and sustainability initiatives, reflecting her long-held passion for climate preservation.

In addition to her career achievements, Melinda made a significant impact on her communities of Sharon, Connecticut and Sheridan, Wyoming. Melinda and Barry bought a home in Sharon in 1978 and she was an active member of the Land Trust Board, SVNA Board, and, most recently, the Sharon Playhouse Board. Melinda was a founding Chairman of the Sharon Housing Trust and is remembered for preserving key pieces of land in this beautiful community. She was appointed as a Director

Ruby Peterson

SHARON — Ruby (Crawford) Peterson passed away Wednesday, June 25, at Sharon Hospital.

Ruby was born in Ocie, Missouri in 1938 and moved to Connecticut when she married the late John (Pete) Peterson. She loved her Connecticut home and family but kept a special place in her heart for her Missouri home place, calling family and visiting as often as possible.

Ruby’s favorite pastime was gardening, and she spent many happy hours making a place of beauty. She loved to quilt, sharing beautiful pieces we will treasure. We hope that the items shared from her flower beds will provide lasting memories to her friends.

Honestly, we just think Mom felt that being away from Dad for 11 months was simply enough. She was wrong, but as usual, there was

no arguing with her.

Ruby is survived by her two daughters; Lynn Kent and her husband David, Lesa Tennant and her husband, Michael, her two grandchildren, Laura and Jessica, and her three sisters, Joanne, Deida and Linda.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Ambulance Fund - Sharon Fire Department, PO Box 157, Sharon, CT 06069.

The family would like to express their overwhelming gratitude to the Ambulance crew of the Sharon Fire Department for their support.

Special gratitude and appreciation to Linda and Peter Blasini and the other members of our family who took special care of Mom, she loved you all.

All services are private. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Appreciation

Fred Baldwin

Fred Baldwin was not only a graduate of the HVRHS class of 1956, Fred was class president then and continued loyally and diligently to lead his class for 69 years. Always kind, respectful with an engaging way, Fred generously organized our class reunions, often attended from distant corners of the country, assisted by long-time friend and class mates, John Berti and companion, Barbara Monroe. We all shall miss him deeply. Bless you Fred. Best always, Ellery “Woods” Sinclair, Class of ‘56



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So much time, so much pain, so much heartache with the pains that came with losing you so soon, that came when all our plans were ruined of making memories with you. But time goes on and we fight through, all these years imagining who you'd be what you'd become, we know you're not the only one, taken from this world so young, but you were such a special one. You left a lasting mark and we are grateful for the time we shared, and that you knew how much we cared about you and the dreams you had. Just know that we're forever glad that we can reminisce with joy You were a truly special boy.



We love and miss you Michael,
Your Aunt Ruth
Your cousins
Bobbie-Jo and Ruthanne

Melinda Moore Sweet

on the board of the Yellowstone National Park Foundation and held that position for ten years. As a board member, Melinda was responsible for installing recycled plastic lumber around Old Faithful Geyser in the Park. Additionally, she is honored for her work to create a new visitor education center, raising millions of dollars for the project. Her time on the Yellowstone board cemented her love for the west and conservation of this beautiful part of the country which prompted Melinda and Barry to build a home in Sheridan, Wyoming in 2000.

Melinda will be remembered for her vivacious and passionate spirit – always the life of the party. A fierce political advocate, she will also be remembered for her lovable quirks; her devotion to self-help books, to singing, which she did every Sunday in the choir and her closet full of J. McLaughlin shirts. She and her late husband Barry were avid world travelers, spending time in France, Italy, Anguilla, Spain, Turkey, Croatia and even exploring Antarctica together. Long time residents of the upper east side, Melinda and Barry enjoyed spending

time with family and friends, particularly at the University Club in New York and the Sharon Country Club.

Melinda was a devoted mother, stepmother, loving grandmother and loyal friend to many. She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Sweet Dowling and her husband, Tim; her son Howard Sweet and wife Lisa; stepdaughter Patricia Grunebaum, and her husband, George; and eight grandchildren, Emily and Grace Dowling, Adam and Lila Sweet, Jackson, and Sebastian, Annabel and Charlotte Grunebaum.

Hours of visitation will be at The Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main Street in Sharon, CT on Monday, July 28, 2025 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

A memorial service and celebration of life for Melinda will be held in the fall of 2025 at the Hotchkiss Chapel in Lakeville, CT followed by a reception at the Sharon Country Club.

Contributions may be made to the Sharon Land Trust or Yellowstone National Park Foundation in the name of Melinda Sweet.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



Worship Services

Week of July 27, 2025

Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. <i>Transitioning through prayer</i> All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org	The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442
Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville <i>Offering companionship along the Way</i> Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627	St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) <i>In-Person and on You-Tube</i> www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290
North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC <i>Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people</i> 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7252 FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org	Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT <i>Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons</i> Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokiuloi@gmail.com All are Welcome
Congregation Beth David <i>A reform Jewish Synagogue</i> 3344 East Main St., Amenia SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM Twice Monthly - Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) ALL ARE WELCOME Rabbi Jon Haddon 845-373-8264 info@congbethdavid.org	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH <i>Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk</i> St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 4 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078
The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net	UCC in CORNWALL <i>Cornwall Village Meeting House</i> Worship Sunday, 10 am Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 www.uccincornwall.org Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community
Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour <i>A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!!</i> 860-824-0194	The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Holy Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following service All Are Welcome! www.allsaintscornwall.org Rev. Mary Gates!
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Cruel Calculus

Reconciliation bill proves an intentional tool to deny healthcare access

The reconciliation bill signed into law on July 4 — paying for tax cuts by slashing health-care access — represents a cruel and devastating blow to rural America. For the 17 towns where Northwest Connecticut meets New York’s Greater Harlem Valley, these cuts aren’t abstract policy debates. They’re a direct threat to our neighbors’ survival.

In our 17-town region, the stakes are deeply personal. Based on statewide enrollment patterns, we estimate that roughly 32% of residents across our 52,000-person community — approximately 17,000 neighbors — depend on Medicaid coverage to stay healthy. This includes an estimated 8,000 children, representing about two-thirds of kids in our region. I’m talking about the cashiers at our local market, the home health aides caring for our elderly parents, the restaurant workers serving our families. What’s particularly striking is that 73% of the adults on Medicaid are working — they’re just caught in jobs that don’t offer decent health benefits.

When federal Medicaid funding — \$6.6 billion annually in Connecticut and \$62.4 billion in New York — gets cut, rural communities like ours face a perfect storm of healthcare collapse.

Rural healthcare operates on razor-thin margins. When Medicaid reimbursements drop, the domino effect is swift and merciless. Community health centers that serve regardless of ability to pay suddenly can’t meet payroll. Emergency departments become overwhelmed as uninsured residents seek primary care there, the most expensive setting possible.

For families scattered across our 17 towns, the nearest hospital might be 30 minutes away on a good day. When facilities close due to funding shortfalls, that distance becomes life-threatening. Transportation services currently provided by healthcare and social service organizations — often the only way elderly and disabled residents reach medical appointments — disappear overnight.

School-based health centers will likely be among the first casualties of healthcare cuts, and our communities will feel this loss acutely. Connecticut’s Region One School District and New York’s Webutuck Central School District have seen tremendous community support for bringing healthcare directly to students during school hours.

These programs aren’t luxuries, they’re necessities born from reality. When Foundation for Community Health began serving this region in 2003, we discovered that 60% of third graders had never received preventive dental care. Not because families didn’t care, but because the nearest dentists were hours away, requiring unpaid time off work that many couldn’t afford.

Over two decades, we’ve learned that preventive dental care correlates directly with overall health outcomes. Yet in February 2025, Community Health & Wellness indefinitely suspended dental services due

GUEST COMMENTARY
Nancy Heaton

to Connecticut’s inadequate Medicaid reimbursement rates. While other providers across the state may have quietly cut services too, ours was the only publicly announced suspension, a troubling sign that rural communities bear the brunt of funding shortfalls first and most visibly.

Healthcare cuts don’t just affect those who lose coverage, they devastate entire communities. When working families can’t access preventive care, we see sick children in classrooms, spreading illness and hampering learning. Healthcare costs will increase for everyone as emergency departments become primary care providers.

While Connecticut recently raised Medicaid reimbursement rates, the increase falls short of covering actual cost of care. Healthcare providers face rising wages, workforce shortages, and increasing procedure costs, while reimbursements remain inadequate. The math simply doesn’t work.

For rural providers serving large geographic areas with limited patient volumes, these financial pressures become existential threats. When the nearest alternative provider is hours away, losing even one clinic can leave thousands without access to care.

While the Medicaid cuts won’t take effect immediately, the reconciliation bill demands our urgent response now. The next two years present a window of opportunity to make our voices heard —and protect access to care — before these devastating reductions become reality. We still have the infrastructure and services that these cuts will eliminate, but only if we act.

This means reaching out to our representatives with the specific stories of healthcare access challenges in our region — the real experiences of families who drive long distances for routine care, or who delay treatment until conditions become emergencies. We need to share how working families in our 17 towns depend on Medicaid coverage, and amplify the voices of those already harmed by inadequate healthcare funding, like the families who lost access to dental care when Community Health & Wellness suspended services.

This is not the time to be quiet. Rural communities have always been resilient, but we cannot survive the deliberate dismantling of our healthcare infrastructure. Every resident of our 17-town region has a stake in this fight.

The overall health of our community depends on each of us demanding accessible healthcare for all.

Nancy Heaton is the President and CEO of Foundation for Community Health, serving northwest Connecticut and New York’s Greater Harlem Valley. She has over 30 years of experience in public health and has led FCH for 21 years.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Northwell’s affiliation will help Sharon Hospital

In your July 17 article on a University of North Carolina study, you reference possible Medicaid cuts or closings at Sharon Hospital. Your article says Sharon Hospital was included on a national list of endangered rural hospitals because it had experienced three years of negative profit margins. Although Sharon

Hospital technically qualifies to be included in the list, its new affiliation with Northwell Health wasn’t taken into account, and therefore, actually, Sharon Hospital should not be considered to be in the same boat as these other hospitals.

The Sharon Community should know that:

- 1. Northwell has one of

the strongest balance sheets of any major U.S. hospital systems in the U.S.

2. As part of their agreement with the State of Connecticut, Northwell has agreed to maintain essential services at Sharon Hospital, including maintaining and even expanding maternity services for a minimum of 5 years.

3. Northwell has agreed to invest up to \$1 billion in the Nuvance hospital system.

4. Northwell has to appoint independent monitors for all of Nuvance’s hospitals and to hold public meetings for the next 5 years where the public can make their voices known.

Victor Germack
Sharon, Conn.

1934 tax revenues rise, 3-year old takes poison, revived by doctor; Millerton’s aquifer studied

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

July 26, 1934
“Tax Revenues Total \$29,747.03”; The July distribution of personal income tax revenues to the cities, towns and villages of Dutchess County totals \$29,747.03, according to a report issued last week by County Treasurer Paul J. Miller. This distribution compares with a distribution of \$18,747.92 received in July, 1933.

‘County Receives Liquor Revenues’; County Treasurer Paul J. Miller has received \$34,416.52 in beverage tax and alcoholic control license fee revenues from the state comptroller for distribution among the two cities and twenty towns of Dutchess County. The distribution is made on the basis of population.

‘Copake Falls Child Drains Poison Bottle; Three - Year - Old Girl Revived By Physician’; Beatrice Burdick, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Burdick, of Copake Falls, was revived by Dr. R. L. Bowerhan, of Copake, Friday afternoon after she had lapsed into unconsciousness as the result of having swallowed a few drops of poison from a bottle she had found in a rubbish barrel. The child was discovered by her mother immediately after she had drained the bottle which had contained a poison used in exterminating chicken lice.

Mrs. Burdick summoned Dr. Bowerhan at once, and while waiting for the physician, forced the child to drink a quantity of mustard water as an emetic. Dr. Bowerhan arrived within a few minutes. He stated that the girl would have died had been [sic] ten minutes later.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Millerton News

‘About Millerton; Returns From Fair’; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fischer have returned from the Century of Progress Exposition where they were the guests of the Ford Motor Co. Dealers of the Edgewater district were taken to Chicago on a special train and after spending three days at the Fair, returned to New York. Mr. Fischer also visited the Thor factory while in Chicago.

‘Smoke Causes Damage In Fire At Loope Home’; Considerable damage was done by smoke when a kerosene water heater started a fire in the cellar of the Warren L. Loope residence on Simmons Street at about ten o’clock yesterday morning. The blaze was extinguished with chemicals by the Millerton Fire Department within a few minutes after its arrival upon the scene. The heat of the fire was so intense that it melted the solder with which the seams of the oil tank were sealed.

July 24, 1975
‘Millerton Centennial Celebration Takes Off’; The Village of Millerton is ready to celebrate the centennial of its incorporation.

The first of 3 big weekend festivals takes off on Friday, July 25, when a carnival opens at 7 p.m. at Eddie Collins Field, just north of Millerton on Route 22.

On Saturday a flea market will be held at the same location at 10 a.m. Reserved space costs \$5 and set-up starts at 7 a.m. The carnival will continue all day Saturday.

The big day is Sunday, July 27, when the streets will be filled with the grandest parade ever seen in Millerton.

Starting at 2 p.m. on Rudd Pond Road, the marchers will make their way through the village to Eddie Collins Field. The parade will feature 27 fire companies, Cyprus Shrine unit, 16 bands, clowns, horses, oxen, state and national dignitaries and floats. The carnival and musical entertainment will follow the parade at Eddie Collins Field.

July 27, 2000
‘Aquifer Study Termed ‘Unique’; NORTH EAST—The water in Millerton doesn’t come from the Hudson, nor from a reservoir. Where does it come from, then?

The ground, of course. If the village continues to grow in population and industry, it’s going to need more of it, said Russell Urban-Mead from the Chazen Companies Monday evening. So the area

might as well have a plan for managing it.

That’s the reasoning behind the Harlem Valley Watershed Investigation, which Chazen produced in conjunction with five other municipalities in the Oblong Valley. The effort dates back to 1997, when engineers sat down with town officials to “brainstorm” about water policy.

The study, which looks at the watershed shared by the towns of Amenia, North East, Dover and Pawling, as well as the villages of Millerton and Pawling, was completed in January of 1999 and is funded by the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council and the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority (DCWWA). Mr. Urban-Mead called the effort “unique” in New York state.

“It’s rare to have six municipalities working on the same project,” he said.

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OUR TOWNS

For the love of libraries

Expert face painting by Happy Cheeks was a popular feature for kids at the annual Amenia Library Carnival at Indian Rock Schoolhouse in Amenia on Saturday, July 19. Simona Grillon Paez, 6, of Amenia chose the “cat” design. Right, a favorite with area youngsters, the Bubble Bus was dispensing bubbles of all sizes from sudsy to huge, to the delight of all.



PHOTOS BY LILA HANSEN

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, at a meeting held on the July 17, 2025, duly adopted the resolution published herewith subject to a permissive referendum.

Dated: Amenia, New York, July 17, 2025
Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 17, 2025.

A RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING THE BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 5, 2024, TO AUTHORIZE, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$3,936,116 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW

TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE AND SALT STORAGE SHED, IN AND FOR SAID TOWN.

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described has been determined to be an Unlisted Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the implementation of which as proposed, the Town Board has determined will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, by a bond resolution dated December 5, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New

authorized the issuance of \$6,333,449 serial bonds of said Town to pay the cost of the construction of a New Highway Garage and Salt Storage Shed on a Town-owned parcel of land on the east side of Route 22 between South Sinpatch Road and Tower Hill Road, including original furnishings, machinery, equipment, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements, site water supply, septic system and storm water drainage improvements, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said Town; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined to authorize additional financing for

said capital project; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The construction of a New Highway Garage and Salt Storage Shed on a Town-owned parcel of land on the east side of Route 22 between South Sinpatch Road and Tower Hill Road, including original furnishings, machinery, equipment, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements, site water supply, septic system and storm water drainage improvements, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, is hereby authorized at a revised maximum estimated cost of \$11,334,977.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of said class of objects or purposes is as follows:

a) by the issuance of the \$6,333,449 bonds of said Town authorized to be issued pursuant to the aforesaid bond resolution dated and duly adopted on December 5, 2024;

b) By the appropriation and expenditure of \$1,065,412 other monies; and

c) by the issuance of an additional \$3,936,116 bonds of said Town hereby authorized to be issued therefor, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid class of objects or purposes is thirty (30) years, pursuant to subdivision 11(a) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of issuance of the first obligations therefor. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New

are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same

respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Town by the facsimile signature of the Supervisor, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Town), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Supervisor. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations



Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF AMENIA NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, at a regular meeting thereof, held on July 17, 2025, duly adopted the following Resolution, subject to Permissive Referendum:

RESOLUTION No. 81 of 2025

RE: AUTHORIZING TOWER AND GROUND SPACE AGREEMENT WITH T-MOBILE NORTHEAST LLC

WHEREAS, the Town of Amenia (“Town”) owns real property located at 12 Washington Court designated as Section 7167, Block 00 and Lot 410168, in the Town of Amenia, New York (the “Premises”); and

WHEREAS, the Town desired to construct a municipal tower for municipal use and for other companies requiring electromagnetic signal distribution; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 17, 2002, the Town of Amenia entered into a Master Management Agreement with JNS Enterprises, Inc. whereby JNS was engaged to arrange for the development, construction and management of a municipal cell tower and to manage the ongoing operations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town Board Resolution #20 of 2002, the Town Board, in accordance with New York State SEQRA Regulations, caused an Environmental Assessment Form to be drafted and, after careful evaluation, issued a Negative Declaration determining that the proposed municipal tower would not have any significant adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, the municipal tower was constructed along with an accessory structure for storage on the Premises; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 31, 2011, JNS

Towers, LLC (“JNS”) and Crown Communication LLC (“Crown”) entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement which included the Assignment and Assumption of the Master Management Agreement from JNS to Crown; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Master Management Agreement, Crown has negotiated a new agreement with T-Mobile Northeast LLC (“T-Mobile”) for the installation and maintenance of communication equipment including antennas, cables, connectors, wires, radios, radio shelter or cabinet and related transmission and reception hardware and software to be installed and maintained on a portion of the cellular tower and the land owned by the Town located at 12 Washington Court, for the purpose of transmitting wireless signals and maintaining an equipment shelter (the “T-Mobile” Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Amenia determines that the T-Mobile Agreement is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and therefore not subject to review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the approval of the T-Mobile Agreement annexed hereto is subject to a Permissive Referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The recitations above set forth are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.

2. The Town Board hereby approves the T-Mobile Agreement in substantially the same form as annexed hereto and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Town.

3. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign any additional documents that may be necessary to effectuate the Agreement and to take such administrative and ministerial action as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

4. The monthly revenue from the T-Mobile Agreement will be deposited in accordance with Resolution #4 of 2011.

5. This Resolution is adopted subject to Permissive Referendum.

6. The Town Clerk shall give Notice of Adoption of Resolution by publishing a copy of this Resolution, together with the Notice of Adoption thereof, in the official newspaper of the Town, and, in addition, the Town Clerk shall post or cause to be posted on the bulletin board maintained by the Town Clerk at Town Hall and on the Town’s website, a copy of such Resolution and Notice of Adoption thereof, with the publication and posting to be done within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

Motion made by S/ Blackman

Seconded by C/Hamm
The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmembers voting as follows:

Supervisor Blackman
Aye
Councilmember Hamm
Aye
Councilmember Ahearn
Aye

Dated: Amenia, New York
July 17, 2025

DAWN MARIE KLINGNER
TOWN CLERK
07-24-25

Legal Notice
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF STENDS DIGITAL LLC

Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (SSNY) on June 16, 2025. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: St Ends Digital LLC, 94 Yellow City Road, Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

07-17-25
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08-21-25

Legal Notice
Please take notice that the Town of Pine Plains Town Board will be accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following materials for the year 2026:

1) Bituminous asphalt (various sizes) including cold mix asphalt using the most current posted price index.

2) Crushed stone (all sizes).

3) Ice control sand- all crushed stone shall meet Section 703 of the NYSDOT ‘Standard Specifications’ and Natural and Processed Sands and Gravels, Crushed Stone, Aggregate, Run of Bank Gravel specifications of County of Dutchess. All stone and asphalt materials shall come from NYSDOT approved plant. Bid prices on all of the above materials per ton, with the exception of asphalt should be for both F.O.B. and delivered.

4) Liquid calcium chloride for summer and winter.

5) Blended diesel fuel.

6) #2 Heating oil for garage, winter mix December through February for heating oil only.

7) Mid-Grade and Regular no lead gasoline.

8) Liquid Propane for garage and library.

All bids should use the Albany OPIS for the Friday immediately preceding the bid opening date.

Bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon Friday August 8, 2025 at the Town Clerks Office, PO Box 955, 3284 Route 199 Pine Plains, NY 12567 at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

In order for your bid to be considered complete, the following must be submitted as required by Section 103D of the Municipal Law:

Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate

Certificate of Insurance Naming Town of Pine Plains as Certificate Holder

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes with the following information on the outside:

1. Materials Bids 2026

2. August 8, 2025, 12:00PM

The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The F.O.B. plant price will be analyzed with full consideration given to the distance of the plant to the project location.

Any questions should be directed to the Highway Department at (518) 398-6662.

By order of the
Town Board of the Town
of Pine Plains
Madelin Dafoe
Town Clerk
07-24-25
07-31-25

Thorne Building renovations continue

By CHARLIE GREENBERG
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Renovations to Millbrook’s Thorne Building are now in the final stage of planning with the restoration work expected to finish just beyond the 2027 deadline.

Leading the renovation efforts is the Millbrook Community Partnership, or MCP, a nonprofit organization which acquired the Thorne Building from the Village of Millbrook to renovate the building and operate it as a community center.

The Thorne Building was constructed in 1894 in response to criticism from a Poughkeepsie newspaper columnist who observed that Millbrook, while having strong public infrastructure in general at the time, lacked a suitable public school. Samuel Thorne, whose distant nephew Oakleigh Thorne leads the MCP, elected to build a school — the recognizable beaux-arts building undergoing renovations today.

“[The Thorne Building] is really the reason Millbrook became a village,” said Krista Fragos, project manager of the building’s renovation. At the time of the school’s construction, Millbrook was an unincorporated community. As a formal village government was required to accept the building as a gift, the construction of the Thorne Memorial School, as it was known, provided the motivation for Millbrook to incorporate.

Following the relocation

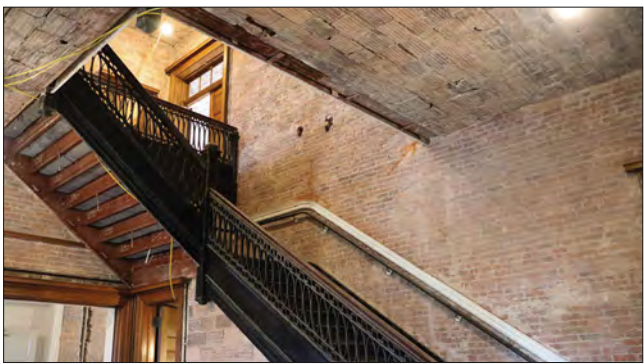


PHOTO BY CHARLIE GREENBERG

The historic Thorne Building on Franklin Avenue in the Village of Millbrook is undergoing renovations expected to finish in 2027.

of Millbrook High School, which was previously located in the Thorne Building, to its present location in the 1960s, the Thorne Building has seen infrequent use. Though the structure has not deteriorated majorly, significant modernization is required to adapt the building to any of the various uses proposed for it.

In keeping with the Thorne Building’s historical place at the core of the village, The MCP decided that it should be converted into a versatile community center.

The Thorne Building’s location in the geographical center of Dutchess County and recognizably in downtown Millbrook makes it well-suited to its future function serving a wide range of interests in the community, said Michael Sloan, the redesigned building’s architect.

A multi-purpose theater, designed by renowned theatrical architect David Korins, will be the centerpiece of the refurbished Thorne Building. “We’re paying special atten-

tion to the acoustics,” Fragos said; the MCP has engaged acousticians Charcoalblue to that end.

Additionally, the planned community center will house coworking spaces, arts facilities and a professional kitchen.

Work has already been done to strip the building of decayed plaster and asbestos, a representative of the MCP said.

“The board has approved all the major design plans. At this point, it’s just down to where things like outlets go,” Fragos said. While architects and engineers are at work on the final granular details of the building’s design, the MCP is preparing for the next steps and is planning to release an update in the near future.

Once the final plans for the building are in, the MCP will open bids to contractors for the construction work on the building. At that point, construction work will take around two years.

“We’re making progress every day,” Fragos said.

Special delivery

Visitors to the Copake Falls Day celebration on Saturday, July 19, enjoyed complimentary ice cream at the Post Office on Route 344 in the hamlet. Other attractions drawing in visitors included the swimming lake in Taconic State Park, a silent auction and tag sale, hamburgers and hot dogs grilled by the Copake Fire Department, tours of the Copake Ironworks Blast Furnace and the Roeliff Jansen Church, home of the Copake Falls historical society. A total of 22 stations drew visitors looking to enjoy a sunny Saturday in Copake Falls.



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THEATER: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Grumbling Gryphons’ set to celebrate 45th anniversary with gala and summer theater

The Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children’s Theater is preparing to celebrate its 45th year — not with fanfare, but with feathers, fabric, myth, chant, and a gala finale bursting with young performers and seasoned artists alike.

The Gryphons’ 2025 Summer Theater Arts Camp begins July 28 and culminates in a one-night-only performance gala at Housatonic Valley Regional High School on Friday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. Founder, playwright, and artistic director, Leslie Elias has been weaving together the worlds of myth, movement and theater for decades.

“We’re a touring company that is participatory,” Elias said with her trademark storytelling cadence. “Even when there’s no pre-performance workshop, it’s still participatory. Always.”

Founded in 1980 “in a little basement apartment on the lower east side with co-founder



Celebrating its 45th year, the Grumbling Gryphons will perform at HVRHS Friday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m.

Vanessa Roe,” said Elias, Grumbling Gryphons (recipients of the 2003 Connecticut Governor’s Arts Award) has long occupied a unique niche: part performance troupe, part educational outreach, part community ritual. Whether dramatizing Greek myths, Native American legends, or original tales about bees and bogs, the company’s ethos centers on inclusion, transformation, and hands-on engagement. This summer’s camp offers children ages six

and up five fast-paced days of storytelling, acting, mask-making, and rehearsal. The first three days will take place at Elias’s own home studio — a tucked-away space filled with costumes, puppets, and instruments — before moving into full performance prep mode. “In the ideal world, we would have more time,” she laughed. “It’s a lot of pressure to be performing for the public after five days. But we’re going to do our best.” The gala performance, she explained, is a kind of theatrical mosaic — scenes and excerpts from Grumbling Gryphons’ vast

repertoire, some showcasing seasoned adult performers and others giving campers center stage. The cast will include returning campers, newcomers, and guest artists drawn from the Gryphons’ decades-spanning circle of collaborators including mask maker and artist Ellen Moon. “We’re still figuring out exactly what we’ll do,” said Elias, “but it’s kind of like a smorgasbord... a celebration. And it’s open — if anybody wants to get their kids involved, or even volunteer, we welcome you.” Elias’s own theater background winds through early improvisa-



PHOTOS PROVIDED

tional schools, Viennese dance traditions, and experimental spaces like Henry Street Settlement. As a child on Long Island, she studied with jazz pianist Ivan Fiedel and dancer Rosalind Fiedel, eccentric mentors who nurtured her taste for the surreal and spontaneous. “Mr. Fiedel was a character,” she recalled. “He would smoke a cigar... and take the cigar in his ear and the smoke would come out the other end. I don’t know how he did it.” Elias built Grumbling Gryphons with this sense of magic — not as a traditional company, but as a living, evolving story in itself. Whether working

with preschoolers or middle-schoolers, audiences in botanical gardens or historic town halls, the Gryphons invite kids to become creators — to chant, to improvise, to embody archetypes from ancient lore or environmental parables. And that’s what this summer’s camp and gala are all about. “It’s more than theater,” Elias said. “It’s myth, poetry, movement — it’s about building self-esteem, imagination. It’s about transformation.” For more information, to register a child for the 2025 Summer Theater Camp, or to inquire about volunteering, visit grumblinggryphons.org

Rose Algrant Art Show returns Aug. 8

WEST CORNWALL — The 67th Annual Rose Algrant Art Show runs Friday, Aug. 8 through Sunday, Aug. 10 at the Cornwall Consolidated School. The show exhibits artists from Cornwall and spans across painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, carpentry, video and textiles. The show provides an opportunity to connect with local artists, view wide-ranging diversity in form and expression and contribute to the Cornwall community and cultural heritage. Opening for free to the public on Friday, Aug. 8, the show hours will be 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug 9 it will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Concluding on

Sunday, Aug 10, the hours will be 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Last year, with more than 50 artists participating, the show contributed \$3,700 to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department. To continue the event’s tradition of supporting the local community, 15% of proceeds will be donated to the Cornwall Food and Fuel Fund, which contributes to the Cornwall Food Pantry, gives fuel assistance and aids in mental health services. The rest of the proceeds from sales go to the artists. For more information visit rosealgrantartshow.org or follow @rosealgrantartshow on Instagram and Facebook.

INK: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Learning calligraphy by hand

Calligrapher Debby Reelitz came to the David M. Hunt Library to give a group of adults and children an introduction to modern calligraphy Thursday, July 17. Reelitz said she was introduced to calligraphy as a youngster and has been a professional calligrapher and teacher for more than 25 years. She said there is no age barrier to learning the basics. “Once children can hold a pen or pencil, they can do it.” Reelitz said her 5th-grade teacher introduced her to the art. Then her mother pressed her into service doing the lettering for “4-H certificates and gift cards.” Reelitz handed out a sampler and blank

sheets of paper and then turned to the easel for demonstration purposes. She noted that the letters (I,T,H,L,E and F) on the top row of the sampler were not alphabetically arranged. Rather, they comprised a “latter family” of similar shapes. Soon enough the entire group of six adults and three children were concentrating and turning out decent versions of the letters. Reelitz alternately demonstrated and encouraged the novices. “Remember, this is not an instant gratification skill.”

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Attendees practice brushstrokes led by calligraphy teacher Debby Reelitz.

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Playhouse brings beloved ‘Annie’ to the stage

The Sharon Playhouse’s production of “Annie” is set to open on July 26, and will run until Aug. 10. The classic family musical is being directed by Playhouse Artistic Director Carl Address, with choreography by Krystyna Resavy and music direction by Eric Thomas Johnson, the same trio behind last year’s Playhouse production of “The Prom.” The cast brings familiar and new faces to the Olsen Theater, including cast members from the recent national tour of “Annie” which concluded in May of this year.

The story of “Annie” takes place in the 1930’s during the Great Depression and follows the bright eyed and optimistic orphan Annie as she lives with and wins the heart of billionaire Oliver Warbucks. Carl Address expressed his deep appreciation and love for this show, having seen the original production when he was only six years old. He also expressed his excitement in working with the same creative team as last year’s “The Prom.” “We really have a rhythm and a camaraderie, and we work together

well. It’s a wonderful collaboration,” he said. This will be the first time that “Annie” has come to the Olsen Theater. “What makes ‘Annie’ so unique is that it’s not only a heartwarming story for kids — it also carries a profound resonance for adults. Its humor and themes of hope, resilience, and the search for family speak to us all, regardless of age,” Address wrote in a press release. Address also said the Playhouse was honored to work with William Berloni, a renowned animal trainer who trained the original Sandy in the first production of “Annie.” Berloni has assisted with animal behavior and training on many stage and television productions. “It’s really wonderful to get to work with him on this production, and see him honored for his work with rescues and animals,” Address said.

The Playhouse’s season will follow “Annie” with “Sylvia,” a comedic and heartwarming play by A.R. Gurney opening Aug. 29. Tickets and info available at www.sharon-playhouse.org



PHOTOS BY ALY MORRISSEY
Above, the full company of “Annie” at Sharon Playhouse.



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
Bearrett Eliss-Odell, age five, examined a fossil dug out of a box of samples provided by North Carolina’s Aurora Fossil Museum during a paleontology event at the David M. Hunt Library Thursday, July 10.



Savannah Stevenson and Avery Hope in rehearsal for “Annie” at Sharon Playhouse

BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Searching for fossils

A group of youngsters discovered their inner paleontologist at the David M. Hunt Library Thursday, July 10. The children were digging and sifting through boxes of samples from the Aurora Fossil Museum in North Carolina. The library’s Brittany Spear-Baron explained that she found the Aurora connection in a previous teaching job. The museum has a large shale deposit and within it there are fossils galore — shells coral, and occasionally something dramatic, like a shark tooth.

“If someone finds a shark tooth they get to take it home,” she said. The children dug right in. Bearrett Eliss-Odell, age five, found a piece of coral almost immediately. Pausing briefly to check with Spear-Baron for the ID, she set her treasure aside and resumed the hunt, tongue sticking out as she concentrated. Spear-Baron said in the children’s non-fiction sections, books on dinosaurs are very popular. “So many kids love dinosaurs. It’s a subject that captures the imagination,” Spear-Baron said.



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Moviehouse in Millerton screens independent film

MJ Alhabeeb, Ryan Manuel, Ava Hall and Jeff Brannon, members of the cast and crew of the independent film “Plight,” answer questions at a Q&A after a screening of the film at the Moviehouse in Millerton on Thursday, July 17. The movie was screened as part of its ten-city theatrical release this summer. Alhabeeb wrote, directed and produced the film; Manuel played the role of “Patrick Gerrard;” Hall played the role of “Samantha” and Brannon headed the film’s sound department.

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JULY 24

Berkshire Opera Festival: Behind The Curtain - A Presentation Exploring BOF's 10th Anniversary Season

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass.

4 p.m. FREE, Reservations required.

Please join Berkshire Opera Festival for a presentation and discussion of BOF's upcoming mainstage production of Verdi's La Traviata. This free public preview event will be led by BOF Co-founders, Artistic Director Brian Garman and Director of Production Jonathon Loy, as they pull back the curtain on the history, story, and magic of this iconic opera.

Ingrid Freidenbergs: COLLAGE REDUX!

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

Exhibit: July 12 through August 8

Art Talk: Thursday, July 24, 5:30 p.m.

For her art talk accompanying the exhibition "COLLAGE REDUX," Ingrid Freidenbergs will present "Cycles," a short film by her son, Paul Feder, who also co-composed the score with fellow musician Sam McCoy. The film presents the photography of Freidenbergs' late husband Jack Feder, whose photos appeared in "Life," "Newsweek," and "The New York Times." Freidenbergs said that the film is an important piece of the show. "This is my first show without Jack here. A way to bring Jack in is to show the film."

JULY 25

Photo Exhibit Opening

Sharon Hospital, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, Conn.

A photo exhibit featuring work by The Housatonic Camera Club will be on display at Sharon Hospital beginning July 25. An opening reception will be held 5 to 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

JULY 26

New Art at the Akin Free Library

Akin Free Library, 378 Old Quaker Hill Road, Pawling, N.Y.

Contemporary works by 12 regional women artists shown throughout the historic Akin Free Library.

Open: July 26-27 | Hours vary (most 1 to 4 p.m.)

Understanding AI

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

Starting on Saturday, July 16, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Hotchkiss Library "Understanding AI: What It Is and What It's Not," is a beginner-friendly series that will separate fact from fiction about AI technology. Pam Doran, Digital Accessibility Coordinator at SUNY Empire State University, will present the program with a follow-up session Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. Register online at hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org.

"Around the Pond" Game and Story with DEEP

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

Saturday, July 26, 10:30 a.m.

Explore outdoor spaces with DEEP through this interactive, life-size game at the library on July 26th at 10:30am! Participants will collect natural objects and answer questions to upcycle a t-shirt into something new as we explore what animals and life could be found "around the pond". Please bring a spare t-shirt.

This event is free and open to the public.

JULY 27

Words to America from Ukraine

The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.

Sunday, July 27, 5 p.m.

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And Still We Sing! - Litchfield County Choral Union

The Music Shed, Battell-Stoeckel Estate, 12 Norfolk Rd, Norfolk, Conn.

Sunday, July 27, 4 p.m.

The Litchfield County Choral Union presents its 126th annual concert, And Still We Sing! A Journey from Conflict Toward Compassion, conducted by Gabriel Löfvall. The program features Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass and works by Gwyneth Walker, Sarah Wuertel, and Elaine Hagenberg. Tickets available at litchfieldcountychoralunion.com or at the door.

'Let's Make Art' classes for Kids, Adults

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

Copake Grange #935, 628 Empire Road, offers Let's Make Art classes for children (ages 7 to 18) on Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.: July 27, Drawing Techniques and August 10, Tie-Dying.

Three Let's Make Art classes for adults take place Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.: August 3, Drawing Techniques; August 24, Book-making and September 7, Marbling Paper.

The cost is \$5/session for children; \$10/session for adults

Tickets may be purchased at the door. To get more information contact cleo42002@yahoo.com or 917-539-2009.

JULY 29

Kids' Paint and Snack Workshop

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

On Tuesday, July 29, 3:30 p.m., come learn to how to make your own turtle painting with step-by-step instructions from artist Anne Pattison! Snack and paint your way to fantastic art in this fun art workshop. Registration heavily recommended — sign up today on our website or by contacting the library. Families and kids of all ages are welcome!

JULY 30

Meteor Shower Watch Party

Kent Farmer's Market Field, 37 South Main St. (Route 7), Kent, Conn.

Join the Kent Land Trust from 9 to 11 p.m. under the stars to watch the Alpha Capricornids and Southern Delta Aquariids soar. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets, enjoy the snacks and even learn how to improve your night sky photography skills. Registration is required at kentct.myrec.com/info/default.aspx. For questions, email parkandrec@townofkent.org or call 860-927-1003.

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JULY 31

Book Release: Author Thomas E. Weber in Conversation with John Coston

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

On July 31 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., join author Thomas Weber and Lakeville Journal / Millerton News Editor at Large, John Coston, for a conversation about Weber's new book, "Cloud Warriors." Learn about weather-prediction pioneers and groundbreaking technologies that are transforming our ability to foresee and respond to deadly storms, wildfires, heat waves, and other weather events. Registration is required, and information is available at scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/14720599



Left to right: Andy Stack, Kaia Dedek, Tai Bennett and Kristofer Ryan Wilson

Where The Mountain Meets the Sea

A Haitian father drives west with his pregnant wife; years later, his estranged gay son traces the route in reverse. The story, told through a back and forth monologue between father and son — played brilliantly by Bennett and Wilson — charts a cross-country journey

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10. Express delight
11. More curvy
12. Expression of uncertainty
14. Indicates before
15. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
16. Southwestern CA city
18. Unified
22. Less attractive
23. Base of jellies
24. A large and noisy party
26. He was traded for Luka
27. Wolverine genus
28. "Happy Days" actress Moran
30. Root of taro plant
31. Student environmental group (abbr.)
34. Silk garments
36. Unique power
37. Ray Liotta cop film
39. Leak slowly through
40. Notion
41. Atomic #55
42. Fixed in one place
48. About heat
50. Type of baseball pitch
51. Seedless raisin
52. Large wading birds
53. Similar
54. Time zone
55. Atomic #34
56. Program
58. Old world, new
59. Contrary belief
60. "To the __ degree"

CLUES DOWN

1. Plain-woven fabric
2. Classed
3. Suppositions
4. Midway between south and west
5. Tropical American trees
6. Leveled

7. Published false statement
8. Adolescent
9. Junior's father
12. Aurochs
13. Not low
17. Boxing's GOAT
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21. Eavesdropper
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5. Recent extreme weather

WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The 3.5 acres of land where the Dollar General Store now sits on Route 343 in Amenia was formerly a Sears appliance store. The property was sold for \$925,000.

Catching up with land and commercial sales in Amenia

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Dutchess County released all property transfers for March through May. In Amenia this includes the private sale of large parcels of vacant land and commercial properties. Two parcels classified as rural vacant land on Amenia Union Road totaling 286.6 acres sold for \$918,000 or \$3,203 an acre. Two parcels of agricultural land on Depot Hill Road sold for \$2.5 million or \$29,412 an acre. County transfer information includes privately negotiated deals, like these sales of land and commercial properties, as well as sales listed on public multiple listing services. Of the 16 recorded

transfers with consideration from March through May only 10 appeared as sold on sites like Zillow and Realtor.com. Below are transfers from March through May not previously appearing in the Millerton News. 3352 Route 343 — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home on .25 acres sold for \$300,000. Amenia Union Road (#914323) — 286.6 acres of vacant rural land in two parcels sold to the same buyer for \$918,000. 3379-3383 Route 22 — Commercial property on .92 acres sold for \$500,000. 3338 Route 343 — Dollar General store on 3.5 acres sold for \$925,000. Depot Hill (# 290482 & #430145) — 84.91 acres of vacant farmland in two parcels

sold to the same buyer for \$2.5 million. 38 Prospect Ave. — 2 bedroom/1 bath sold for \$240,000. 69 Yellow City Road — 3 bedroom/4 bath home sold for \$1.65 million. 209 Perry Corners Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 2.8 acres sold for \$403,840. *Town of Amenia property transfers from March through May not previously reported as sales in The Millerton News are sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Office monthly reports for March through May. Details on property from Dutchess Parcel Access. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

Millerton soccer squads finish clash 0-0

By THEO MANIATIS
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Nearly 100 spectators lined the sidelines at Eddie Collins Field Sunday, July 13, to watch a hard-fought men's soccer league match between Millerton and Quiche F.C. The match ended in a physical, scoreless draw, but not for lack of chances. Five minutes after the starting whistle, a Millerton player in a bright orange and white jersey sprinted onto a cross and rocketed the ball off the crossbar from eight yards out. Millerton generated other chances but could not convert before the referee blew the whistle for halftime. As the teams went to talk tactics, fans grabbed barbecue, fruit ices, and meat platters from food vendors. One of the stands sold freshly fried papas fritas, their smell wafting across the field. Reflecting on his favorite part of these Sunday afternoons, Millerton coach Hector said, "To spend time with friends — it's the best thing." The sun emerged for the second half and Spanish music thumped from a fan's speaker. The game kicked into high gear. Quiche F.C. pleaded for handball as a Millerton player slid in front of a shot, but the referee firmly waved it off. Shots from the nearby Millerton Gun Club rang out as Millerton pushed for a winner.



PHOTOS BY THEO MANIATIS

A defender makes a sliding attempt at a steal.



Spectators gathered on the benches lining the soccer field at Eddie Collins Memorial Park on Sunday, July 13, to watch the hotly-contested match.

Millerton pinned Quiche F.C. in the penalty area, whirling crosses into the box and fizzing shots past the goal, but they could not manage to score. Quiche F.C. dabbled in dark arts, delaying the game whenever possible to hold onto the point. When the referee blew the final whistle, some fans headed to their cars, but most stayed on the sideline — the next game would start in thirty minutes. These community-driven but competitive matches will continue into August until a champion of the league is crowned. Games are played every Sunday at Eddie Collins Memorial Park in the Village of Millerton on Route 22.

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