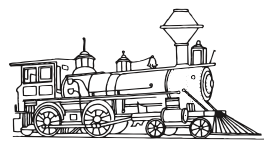




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Village will not pursue local ICE law

By ALY MORRISSEY
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At a May 21 meeting, the request was added to the board agenda. Supporters urged trustees to draft a law that would safeguard due process and prevent local police from assisting ICE without a judicial warrant. No action was taken then, but public interest surged ahead of the July 29 follow-up meeting, which drew nearly triple the crowd and required a

He described the goal as a “call to adopt a local law limiting the police department’s involvement with ICE,” clarifying that the request was not to obstruct federal authorities. Rather, the hope was to create legislation that would prohibit local police from collecting immigration status information or supporting ICE in detaining individuals without the

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Deputies respond to downtown Armenia political dispute

Kimberly Travis of Amenia was conducting her daily "No Kings" anti-Trump administration protest at Fountain Square at 1:15 p.m. when Jamie Deines of Amenia, a candidate for Town Board in the

A man who asked to be identified only by his first name, Tom, stopped by the square on his lunch break to chat with Travis just before Deines's arrival. He said he too was alarmed by Deines's demeanor and made the first call to 911 shortly after the interaction began.

The Millerton News received a letter to the editor from Travis on Monday, July 28, detailing the interaction and condemning Deines for her conduct. She sat down in The News's office in Millerton for

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***Oblong Books to celebrate
50 years with block party bash***

While the festivities mark 50 years since the founding of Oblong Books, co-owner Suzanna Hermans

A highlight of the event will be New Yorker cartoonists Liza Donnelly and Michael Maslin, who will create simple, impromptu drawings inside the main store.

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Dick Hermans



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Hitchcock estate marks one year on the market

Opulent furnishings and decoration ranging from Asian statues and paintings to Gulf Oil gas station signs adorn the mansion at the Hitchcock Estate.

Billy Hitchcock and his brother Tommy purchased the 2,087-acre property, which is roughly one-

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The Hydrilla Menace

East Twin Lake finds new hope as hydrilla fades

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS
Special to the Millerton News

SALISBURY, Conn. — A fierce and costly battle to halt the spread of hydrilla in East Twin Lake may have finally paid off.

All but three remaining small patches, one near the shoreline at O'Hara's Landing Marina and two others in deeper water as boats exit the marina and head out, have been destroyed by this summer's treatment with the aquatic herbicide fluridone, which began on May 20. None of the remaining plants are thriving.

"We hit 90 days in mid-August, and most of the hydrilla is dead," reported Dominic Meringolo, an environmental engineer with SOLitude Lake Management, whose company was retained by the Twin Lakes Association (TLA) to apply the lake's 2025 herbicide treatments.

The announcement was



Gregory Bugbee, associate scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), where he heads the Office of Aquatic Invasive Species (OAIS), was a guest speaker at the Aug. 2 annual meeting of the Twin Lakes Association.

met with relief and applause from the approximately 100 members of the Twin Lakes Association who attended the group's annual meeting Aug. 2 at Isola Bella.

"This is the first good news we've had in three years with hydrilla, but we're far from being able to say that the coast is clear," said TLA President

Grant Bogle.

He stressed that vigilance is required and Northeast Aquatic Research (NEAR), the TLA's limnologist, will continue to do detailed plant surveys throughout the lakes. "In East Twin, we supplement these with diver-assisted surveys in the deeper water, which are expected to take

place in late August or September."

Russ Conklin, vice president of lake management for the TLA concurred. "We are going to have to do this two, three more years, or maybe longer."

According to TLA officials, experience from past eradication and control efforts is that

this is a multi-year endeavor. Left untreated, hydrilla has returned in lakes like Coventry Lake, which took a year "off" from treatment.

"The fact is," said Bogle, "We don't know how long we will need to continue treating the East Bay, but by keeping it in control in this section of the lake, we are attempting to keep it from spreading further both within Twin Lakes and as boats exit Twin Lakes."

Possibly spread by fishing boats

The battle to stop the spread of the robust Connecticut River variant of hydrilla in East Twin began in the fall of 2023, when it was discovered near the marina.

At the time of its discovery, East Twin was the first lake in the state outside of the Connecticut River, where it had been wreaking havoc, to have identified the virulent strain in its waters.

Gregory Bugbee, associate scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES), where he heads the Office of Aquatic Invasive Species (OAIS), was the first environmental expert to visit East Twin after the TLA's limnologist, George Knocklein, found the stringy, dark green plant, which looks similar to the native waterweed, elodea.

"We got out there within a week, got our boat out on the lake and sent out DNA analysis confirming the Connecticut River strain," recalled Bugbee who, along with Meringolo, were guest speakers at the TLA meeting.

"How did it get from the river into East Twin? Fishing tournaments were in the river and some people went to O'Hara's for a tournament here," the CAES scientist noted.

He said the Connecticut River strain had likely been around for "many, many years" before hydrilla was detected and was thought to have been contained to the river.

"But that all changed with East Twin Lake in 2023, when George Knocklein found

it floating around O'Hara's Landing Marina," said Bugbee.

Since then, he noted, nine additional lakes have been invaded by the rapidly growing water weed. To date, they have been met with limited success in knocking back hydrilla.

Among a few of the lakes' attempted remedies to rid hydrilla include the introduction of sterile grass carp, hand-pulling or raking them.

"Pulling it is not effective," said Bugbee, a certified diver, who tried the method. "We went back a month or so later and the hydrilla had all regrown."

Another lake group sponsored a "Take a Rake to the Lake Day," where a \$500 prize was offered to the person who raked the largest haul of hydrilla out of the water.

"I said, I've got to see this, so I went out in my boat," said Bugbee, who recounted with humor the vision of a woman raking hydrilla into a wagon. The winner, he recalled, removed 750 pounds of plant and muck.

While the event was unsuccessful in eradicating the invasive weed, he said it did bring the problem to the forefront of people's attention and eventually was tackled with herbicide treatments.

The immediate impact of the herbicide on native plants is being assessed by NEAR.

"We know that outside the treatment area, the plants are doing fine," said Bogle. "We will have more definitive information on the native, rare and invasive plants at our scientific coalition meeting in the fall."

Meanwhile, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has been working for 7 years now doing trials with herbicides, said Bugbee.

"USACE does the research then turns it over to the states. We are doing boat launch surveys on all the boat launches in the state looking for hydrilla. If we can find it by the boat ramps, we can suggest management, potentially."

Street Fair celebration echoes spirit of service

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
Special to the Millerton News

SALISBURY, Conn. — The Lakeville Journal Street Fair took place on a blocked-off Academy Street Saturday, as families brought children to get their faces painted, receive a custom-tied balloon, a toy duck and/or octopus, and sing along with Danny Tieger.

Meandering down Academy Street attendees encountered the sibling team of Izzy and Charlie Wolff, who were selling bracelets they made themselves for \$10 apiece to benefit Camp Jabberwocky, a camp for persons with disabilities in Martha's Vineyard.

Missy Wolff, their mother, said that this was the third summer the children had been selling the bracelets. They had raised some \$6,000 over that period, which is impressive at \$10 a pop, and even more so at \$5, which was the original price.

Audrey Cole, whose business card refers to her as being with the "Senior Medicare Patrol" for the Western CT Area Agency on Aging in Waterbury, secured her signs and pamphlets from a persistent breeze.

She said her specialty is Medicare fraud as committed against unwary senior citizens.

In a nutshell, her advice to anyone who gets a dodgy phone call about their Medicare status is "Don't engage."

What makes a call dodgy? "If you didn't initiate the call." In other words, this isn't someone calling the senior back with an answer to a question.

Other signs of skullduggery are calls that raise fear

in some way. Sometimes it's as crude as a threat to cancel a person's Medicare unless they give up bank account information.

Or calls that come during holidays.

Cole said that when banks and government offices are closed, it gives the crooks more time to empty a victim's bank accounts.

On a more bucolic note, Danny Tieger — with his guitar — was singing to an ever-shifting group of children, most of whom seemed to know him.

As parents held up phones to record the doings for posterity, Tieger got a group to pitch in on a number called "Penelope Poppins."

Over in the non-profit organization tent, State Rep. Maria Horn, D-64, chatted with Lakeville Journal Editor John Coston as well as Anne Childs and Caroline Collins from Great Mountain Forest.

Christine Gevert urged visitors to sign up for season tickets for Crescendo, and Craig Davis and Lynn Martorell spread the word about East Mountain House, a new hospice facility opening soon in Lakeville.

Vance Cannon from the 21st Century Fund for HVRHS had a special treat for the younger set: little octopi that were made with a 3D printer at the Mahoney-Hewat Science and Technology Center



Connecticut State Rep. Maria Horn talks with Great Mountain Forest's Anne Childs in the nonprofits tent at the Lakeville Journal Street Fair on Academy Street in Salisbury on Saturday, Aug. 2.

at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

The octopi made an excellent set when paired with the toy ducks available at The Lakeville Journal tent.

At the balloon and face painting tent, the youngsters who weren't having their faces adorned were choosing from a balloon menu that in-

cluded a sword, dog, flower, snake and magic wand.

Northwest Passage, with Ed Thorney, Scott Camara, Greg Riess and Dave Mallison started their set at about 1 p.m., opening with "Drift Away."

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Village Trustees vote on Local Law X, pro-housing push

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — At their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 29, the Village Board of Trustees addressed two key issues that could affect village governance and planning. The meeting drew a crowd of more than 50 people, prompting a last-minute venue change to the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex to accommodate the turnout.

While much of the evening focused on public feedback regarding a proposal from village and Town of North East residents concerning cooperation between the Millerton Police Department and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, trustees also discussed several additional items with long-term implications.

One of those was a public hearing on “Local Law X,” a proposal that would allow members of the village’s Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to reside anywhere in Dutchess County rather than within the village limits. The goal, according to board members, is to widen the pool of qualified candidates at a time when interest in these volunteer roles has been low.

Both boards have had vacancies for over six months. Mayor Najdek noted that with the village’s small population, there’s a limited number of potential applicants. She also clarified that, per legal counsel, the board could not limit eligibility to just the Town of North East. “It is not legal to only open it up to the town,” Najdek said. “You have to open it up to the entire county.”

Newly appointed Zoning Board Chair Kelly Kilmer addressed public concerns during the hearing, citing confusion circulating on Facebook. “This does not apply to the village board,” she said, explaining that the



A large group of Millerton and North East residents turned out for the meeting, causing a last-minute venue change to the NorthEast-Millerton Library annex on Century Boulevard.

change would affect only appointed members of the planning and zoning boards. “It is very crucial that we get people on these boards.”

Kilmer acknowledged concerns about non-residents having influence over village matters but emphasized that limited participation has forced the board’s hand. “Unless village residents step up to the plate and want to have a say in what’s happening, this law has to go into effect,” she said. “Currently we only have four members on our zoning board. So we could have a tie at any point in a vote, and that’s not good. When people are trying to plan things to upgrade the village — whether it be their home, their business, or whatever — we need people who are going to be here and engaged in the village.”

One resident was in favor, urging people to think of the town and village as one community working toward the same goals, rather than separate entities. “We have to think that even though we might live in the town, we might also have businesses in the village, and we have to work together.”

Not everyone was in favor of the change. Ray Nelson, a village resident and architect, expressed skepticism. “It’s a shame we can’t get someone in the village to step up,” he

said, adding, “I’m not particularly excited about this idea. Someone from outside might not understand the issues in the village or the nuances of our community.”

As of now, the Zoning Board of Appeals has one open seat. The Planning Board has one vacancy and is expected to have a second seat open in September 2025. Those interested in learning more or applying should contact Village Clerk Lisa Cope at clerk@villageofmillerton-ny.gov

While Local Law X will open up the pool of applicants, the appointments are made by the mayor’s office and candidates would be fairly vetted prior to being invited to join a board.

A motion to adopt Local Law X passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

In other business, the board unanimously voted to pursue a state designation as a Pro-Housing Community, following in the Town of North East’s footsteps. The certification, granted by New York State Homes and Community Renewal, recognizes municipalities that actively support housing growth and reduce development barriers. Trustees authorized Mayor Najdek to submit a letter of intent — the first formal step in the application process.

The board also voted unan-

imously in a roll-call vote to finalize two inter-municipal agreements with the Town of North East. The first was for a shared court officer, which the town approved with a 3% increase over last year. The second was for the joint parks and recreation program. While the village had requested a 3% increase for that contract as well, the town approved it with no increase, citing the cancellation of this year’s summer camp due to projected construction of the new community park. Both agreements will be revisited in September to allow more time for negotiation ahead of next year.

In other routine business, the board approved meeting minutes, voted on vouchers and village bills, and heard department and mayoral updates. During public comment, members of Townscape raised the issue of moving forward with tree replacements along South Center Street and Main Street.



Oblong Valley views

Millerton community pool construction pushed to 2026

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON – During her mayor’s update at the Tuesday, July 29, trustees meeting, a visibly dejected Mayor Najdek shared a significant delay in the timeline for the community park project — specifically the long-awaited swimming pool.

“I’m sure you’ve all seen that construction has not started,” she began. After meeting recently with project engineers, Najdek said she was told that construction would not be feasible before April 2026.

“With that in mind, it was my recommendation that we wait until after the 175th celebration so that we actually have a physical place to host it,” she said. Najdek, who has championed the park project for years, acknowledged the frustration and added, “It will never be ready in time for our celebration regardless of how

hard we push any permitting agencies, so we’ll be waiting on that.” The celebration of the Village’s anniversary is scheduled to take place from July 11-19, 2026.

Originally slated to begin this past spring, construction of the park has now been pushed back more than a year, largely due to a slow permitting process related to wetlands on the property, according to Najdek. Roughly a month ago, she warned of potential delays, though at the time, there was hope the setback would be measured in months — not a full year.

Najdek did not elaborate on the reason for the year-long delay during the meeting, but in July she noted that both the Dutchess County Board of Health and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation were still reviewing the project in connection to septic system placement and wetland buffer regulations.

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DUTCHESS COUNTY SHERIFF’S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office Harlem Valley area activity report July 24 through July 30

July 25 — Deputies arrested Vicente A. Mejia, age 48, for Felony Driving While Intoxicated subsequent to a traffic stop on Route 55 in the Town of Dover. The subject is to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

July 26 — Deputies responded to Fairway Drive in the Town of Pawling for a mother-son domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

July 28 — Deputies report the arrest of Abigail C. Sprague (36) for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the third degree subsequent to a traffic stop in the Dover. Subject to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date

July 30 — Deputies report the arrest of Elizabeth J. Mueller, age 71, for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the third degree subsequent to a traffic stop in the Town of Pawling. Subject to appear in the Town of Pawling Court at a later date.

July 30 — Deputies responded to 7 Fish St. in Millerton for a father/daughter domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

PLEASE NOTE: All sub-

jects 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.

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John Richard Krupinski

LITCHFIELD — John Richard (Jr.) Krupinski, of Winsted, Connecticut passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2025, at Hartford Hospital.

Born on Jan. 13, 1948, in Torrington, Connecticut he was the son of John Joseph Krupinski and Eleanor (Kavsky) Krupinski.

John grew up in Litchfield, Connecticut and graduated from Litchfield High School in 1967. While still in high school, John was a member of the Litchfield Volunteer Fire Department.

John joined the Air Force in 1968 and was honorably discharged in 1972 as a Sergeant. John went on to work for the State of Alaska with the Department of Fish and Game as well as being an Alaska State Trooper. Upon returning to Connecticut John worked for the State of Connecticut as a Deputy Warden for the Forestry Department.

John loved the outdoors, was an avid fly fisherman and from a young age enjoyed tying his own flies. John was known as the best fly tier in

Northwest Connecticut. John also competed in Archery, receiving numerous trophies.

John is survived by his daughter, Cheryl L. Bentley, sister, Karen J. Krupinski, and brother, Thomas J. Krupinski. John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Eleanor Krupinski, his wife, Margery Hull Krupinski, and their beloved pets.

Calling hours will be held at Thurston Rowe Funeral Home, 283 Torrington Road, in Litchfield, on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. A funeral service with Military Honors will be held at Hillside Cemetery, 76 Walnut Street, in Torrington, on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Farmington River Anglers Association, Housatonic Fly Fisherman's Association or Trout Unlimited, Northwest Connecticut Chapter.

To send the family online condolences kindly visit www.thurstonrowefuneral-home.com



Lisa Mae Keller

LIME ROCK — Lisa Mae Keller of Lime Rock, Connecticut, passed away peacefully at her home on July 26, 2025, following a yearlong battle with cancer. Lisa remained at home between lengthy stays at Smilow Cancer Hospital – Yale New Haven. Throughout Lisa's ordeal, the family home was a constant hub of love and support, with friends and relatives regularly dropping by. Their presence lifted Lisa's spirits and helped her stay positive during even the toughest moments. The family remains deeply grateful to the community for their unwavering kindness and encouragement.

Born on June 2, 1958, in Bridgeport to Mae and Robert Schmidle, Lisa graduated from Newtown High School in 1976. Lisa first attended Ithica College to pursue a degree in fine arts concentrating on opera. Drawn to a more robust and challenging curriculum, Lisa transferred to Whittier College, Whittier, California earning a Bachelor of Science degree. It was in 1988 that Lisa met and married Robert (Rob) Keller in Newtown, Connecticut. Together, they embarked on a remarkable journey. The couple started small businesses, developed land in Litchfield County and welcomed in quick succession their sons Baxter and Clayton. The growing family discovered the long-abandoned historic Lime Rock

Casino in 1993, while attending a race at Lime Rock Park. The couple found it difficult to commute for work while raising a family and restoring a vintage home. Lisa persuaded her husband that chimney sweeping was a noble profession, leading them to purchase the established business, Sultans of Soot Chimney Sweeps. She later leveraged her role into ownership of the largest U.S. importer of vintage Italian reproduction gun parts. Even as her entrepreneurial ventures expanded, Lisa continued managing the pick, pack, and ship operation for Kirst Konverter, though she sold the remainder of the business prior to her illness. Lisa will be remembered for her business acumen, community service, and being a trained vocalist with the Crescendo Coral Group of Lime Rock. Lisa tended the extensive gardens around the home and curated an art collection that adorns the walls within. Baking cookies was a passion. Countless cookie packages were sent world wide to each son and their military friends while deployed. It is still undetermined in the Keller house whether the Army or Marines leave less crumbs. At Christmas, the Lakeville Post Office staff would post over 80 packages of cookies to lucky recipients, while receiving a tray for their effort. Unable to bake cookies in her last year, Lisa selflessly compiled and self-published "Pot Luck at The Casino", a 160 page book of all of her favorite recipes, sent to everyone on her cookie list. It was a true labor of love.

A love of pearls and turquoise inspired Lisa to design and commission heirloom quality jewelry to be passed down thru the generations. Visitors were often gifted Tahitian pearl jewelry and knowledge gleaned from years of research. Travel plans for further pearl and gem study were cancelled when Lisa received her cancer diagnosis. One of her most enduring passions—and a decades-long devotion—was embracing the role of American mother to the young German football players on scholarship at Salisbury School. Unable to return home during holidays and school breaks, the boys found a second family with the Kellers. Lisa did what any mother would do: baked endless batches of her legendary cookies, cooked countless home-made meals, and often counseled the young men through the trials and tribulations of young love. Years later, and with families of their own, they still make it a point to 'swing by' and visit 'Momma Lisa' whenever they're back in the States.

Lisa is predeceased by her parents and is survived by her husband, Rob, and two sons, Baxter (Elizabeth) and Clayton (Brette), two grandchildren, Isabel and Ezra, two brothers Robert, Jr. (Pam) Schmidle, Paul (Wendy) Schmidle, and multiple nieces and nephews. Grandson Ezra was born and met Mama Lisa just days before she passed.

A graveside ceremony will be held on Aug. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Lime Rock cemetery, with a reception at the Lime Rock Episcopal Church. A celebration of life will be held at the family home, The Historic Lime Rock Casino, on Oct.11, 2025 at 4 p.m.

All are welcome to both events. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to SalvageUSA.org, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the special operations active duty and veterans community.



Gilbert Kenneth Schoonmaker

WINSTED — Gilbert Kenneth Schoonmaker, of Monroe, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on July 24, 2025, at the age of 77. Born on Jan. 18, 1948, in Winsted, Connecticut to Gilbert and Alta (Bierce) Schoonmaker, Gil spent four decades enjoying life on Highland Lake before settling in Monroe.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of 56 years, Sally (Gustafson) Schoonmaker, and his two daughters, Lynn Sindland and her husband Lee of Lead Hill, Arkansas, and Deb Pikiell and her husband Tim of Bristol, Connecticut. Gil was a proud grandfather to Ozzie, Tommy, Betsy, Katie, George, Lucy, Maddie, Joey, and Julia, and he cherished his time with his eight great-grandchildren. Gilbert leaves behind his siblings Ann, Gary, Gail, Jan, and Tim.

Gil met Sally, the love of his life, while attending Housatonic Valley Regional High School. He went on to

attend Northwest Community College before serving in the United States Air Force. Professionally, he was the longtime owner of Universal Business Equipment in Bridgeport, a role he held with pride for more than 20 years.

Gil had a lifelong passion for the outdoors and was an avid golfer and fly fisherman. He also enjoyed birdwatching and gardening. Perhaps more than anything, Gil will be remembered for his love of cooking. He took great joy in preparing meals for family and friends. Right up until his final days, he was finding joy in discovering new ways to cook the vegetables he grew in his garden.

Friends and family attended a funeral service at Stepney Baptist Church, 423 Main Street in Monroe on Tuesday, July 29 at 11 a.m.

To leave an online message of condolence, please visit Gilbert's tribute page at www.OBrien-FuneralHome.com



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Tensions rise as black bear population boom continues

By MIA DIROCCO
Special to the Millerton News

CORNWALL — Bear sightings, encounters and even home break-ins have been on the rise in Connecticut this summer.

According to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the number of reported home break-ins over the last year has nearly tripled since 2019. It has caused some in the Northwest Corner to call for a bear hunting season and other measures as a matter of public safety.

Roxanna Robinson of Cornwall encountered this issue first-hand. After multiple home invasions and a car break in from the same bear, she called DEEP to see what to do.

"They trapped him, and then released him on the same site," said Robinson. "They don't relocate bears. What they try to do is to teach the bear never to come back, and hopefully to educate him to stay away from humans."

Robinson's experience is not unique. Many other car and home break ins have been reported around the Northwest Corner.

In North Canaan, Troop B's response to a June home

entry resulted in the killing of a bear. Later that month, a North Canaan man out walking his dog was clawed in the chest by a bear on his property. DEEP set traps and advised the man to remove bird feeders from his land.

"It's a problem," said Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway this summer.

Cornwall submitted 45 pages of bear incident reports to the state 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 residents who have grown fearful to leave their homes. "I think it really is a public safety issue," he said.

DEEP has tended to focus on public education when it comes to safety. In 2024, it began the "Be Bear Aware" campaign, which can be accessed on portal.ct.gov.

The primary goal of this was to use education over action. Instead of a hunting season, residents could learn both lethal and nonlethal options for defense, such as scare tactics, electric fencing and increase documentation

of bear sightings. Euthanizing bears is only permissible for those with a history of behavioral issues.

"Education is essential and I think part of it is making ourselves invisible," said Robinson. "What happens when we leave trash out or put bird feed out is we are making ourselves attractive to the bears."

Town officials have been struggling with finding ways to keep communities safe, especially considering the complicated nature of the problem. The lack of bear safety regulations in such a highly bear populated area has caused public frustration.

According to a July article on CTMirror.org by Susan Masino, a Trinity College professor, "There is a relentless push for a bear hunt — most recently under the guise of public safety. But the public pays hundreds of professionals across the state to protect public safety and the public trust, and all these professionals can remove problem bears."

Following bear protocols and reporting issues has been the most effective safety measure so far.

Yet the issue begs the question — are we bear aware?



PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

Bears with multiple cubs have been a common sight this summer.

 <h2>Worship Services</h2> <p>Week of August 10, 2025</p>	
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 a.m., 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 trinity@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 YouTube</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 860-824-7232 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 jokiauloi@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!
The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green <i>Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits</i> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net	St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality
The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building	Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT <i>Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow!</i> Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting — 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org
All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 515 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Special Services Online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us	Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 8:00AM - Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sunday <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com <i>We hope you will join us!</i>

EDITORIAL

Ready for a change

The Millerton News has been a trusted source of news and information for our community for nearly a century. That’s at least four generations of readers who have turned to the paper for a weekly report on life in our towns, maintaining a tradition as a reliable go-to for news and information. And we’re still here, thanks to our readers, advertisers and donors.

It’s reassuring to realize that through all those decades — and all the necessary change that came over time — the many generations of reporters and editors have stayed the course, fulfilling our mission of providing in-depth news and arts coverage of the communities we serve.

Today, the paper once again is ready for a change — to hand over the reins to the next generation. John Coston, Editor-at-Large, who has spent a career in newsrooms — including The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal since 2022 — will step back from the top editorial role in September. This week, we will launch the search for an Executive Editor who will work with Managing Editors Nathan Miller and Riley Klein, Arts & Lifestyle Editor Natalia Zukerman and the rest of the newsroom staff to lead the newsroom into the next era.

You, our readers, can be assured that through this transition, one thing that won’t change is our commitment to community-centered journalism. But it is an opportunity to build on the progress we’ve made — to expand our coverage, grow our digital presence, and continue finding new ways to serve and connect with our communities.

Our newsroom is stronger, even as we continue to tackle the challenges facing local journalism. Because of community support from our readers, advertisers, and donors, we have been able to bring on additional staff, making it possible to expand our coverage to give you a solid weekly report on what’s happening in your towns and across the region.

That continued support has also put The News on stronger footing, allowing us to plan for a change like this without missing a beat. As it has for generations, the paper will continue to evolve — not only to keep pace with the times, but to serve our communities with deeper, more meaningful coverage in the years ahead.

Tobacco firm fights leprosy rumor; Sandy Berger at Webutuck reunion;

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

August 2, 1934
‘Sheriff Revokes Cook Appointment’; The career of Jesse L. Cook of the town of North East as a deputy sheriff was terminated after four days by Sheriff Hiram Carroll because he “exceeded his authority” and “acted without directions from the sheriff’s office.” Cook was a deputy sheriff in possession of a badge and full powers for six days, the records show, but Sheriff Carroll explained that the appointment was actually in force for only four days, it having taken two days to make out and file the papers.

‘Illustrates Liberty Story’; Harold Denison, nationally prominent Boston Corners artist, is the illustrator of “Wild Wings,” a novel by Bogart Rogers and Frank M. Dazey, the first installment of which appears in the August 4 issue of Liberty magazine.

‘Annual Meetings Will Be Conducted By Union Free School Districts’; Local District To Elect President And Member Of Board

District No. 6 of Millerton and fourteen other union free school districts of Dutchess County will hold their annual meetings next Tuesday evening. Convening at the Millerton High School building, inhabitants of the local district qualified to vote at school meetings will elect a president of the Board of Education and another member of the board, the terms of Elmer W. Simons, president, and Herman

FROM THE ARCHIVES
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E. Brown having expired.
The proposed budget for the 1934-’35 [sic] school year, which will be presented for the approval of the voters, totals \$30,491.

‘Reward Of \$25,000 Is Announced’; Tobacco Company Brands Rumors False And Malicious
Rumors which were widespread in this section the first of the week to the effect that the public we had been warned by radio Saturday against smoking Chesterfield cigarettes packed in factory No. 25 because four cases of leprosy had been discovered in the plant, met with complete denials from the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., Inc., manufacturers of the cigarettes.

August 7, 1975
‘Centennial Slates Weekend Of Music’; As part of the Millerton Centennial Celebration, there will be a weekend program of children’s entertainment Saturday afternoon Aug. 9, at the Millerton Theater.

‘Library To Move’; The Millerton Free Library has entered an agreement with the Church of Christ Scientist for the acquisition of the church’s building on Main Street, according to Robert Trotta, a library trustee.

August 3, 2000
‘More Than 300 Attend Three-Day Webutuck Millennium Reunion’; MILLER-



“Sure, Pablo. We can call this your crayon period.”

Farewell to Public Broadcasting

Editor’s Note: The Corporation for Public Broadcasting announced on Friday, Aug. 1, that it would shut down next year.

On July 15 the Senate voted to rescind \$1.1 billion in funding that they had voted to spend under the Biden administration for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the organization that funds National Public Radio and the Public Broadcasting System.
For more than fifty years, Republicans have been trying to cut off funding for public broadcasting. President Trump’s longstanding dislike of public broadcasting together with his threat to

OCCASIONAL OBSERVER
Mac Gordon

support primary challenges against any Republican who voted against the rescission all but guaranteed the 51 to 49 vote for the rescission with only the Republican senators of Maine and of Alaska voting no (all the Democrats voted no). According to Sen. Edward Markey (D; Mass.) who has led the effort to protect public media, Republicans who had supported PBS and NPR for decades this time voted to kill it solely because of pressure from President Trump.

Back in the mid 1960’s the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission Newton Minow gave a speech in which he castigated commercial television for being ‘a vast wasteland’ of game shows, formula comedies about totally unbelievable families, blood and thunder. He beseeched broadcasters to “make a conscientious effort to serve the public interest with higher quality fare.”
A study shortly after by the Carnegie Corporation concluded that the federal government should finance a system of stations to produce programming that was “of human interest and importance” without regard for the free-market incentives of ratings or ad revenue.

Although detested by President Richard Nixon who tried unsuccessfully to defund it, public radio and television were a success despite their small budgets.

In 1972 veteran newscasters Jim Lehrer and Robert MacNeil were assigned by the station to cover the Senate Watergate hearings. What at first appeared to be a boring event turned out to become a captivating spectacle as PBS covered it hour after hour. Their Emmy award winning gavel-to-gavel coverage led to a new half hour news program, a first for PBS, named in early 1976 The MacNeil/Lehrer Report. In 1983 the program expanded from one half to a full hour. Public television’s longest lasting and most notable news program continues today as its early evening newscast, The PBS NewsHour.

Many years ago while being interviewed for another public affairs program, MacNeil was asked about what made his program special, what set it apart from other news programs. “We have

a motto here,” he said, “we dare to be dull!” In contrast, the most popular network news show these days is one that features excitement: killings, spectacular rescues, screaming fights, etc. The PBS NewsHour, at a slower pace, tries to leave its viewers more knowledgeable.

The day after Congress rescinded all federal funding for NPR and PBS, Edith Chapin, the top Editor and acting Chief of Content Officer of NPR announced that she was resigning at the end of the fiscal year. Although she said her resignation was totally independent of Congress’ decision, both events promise a serious blow to NPR’s situation as Ms. Chapin has been a guiding force at NPR for nearly a quarter century.

PBS and its member stations get about 15% of its funds from the federal government, NPR only 2%. For some isolated tribal and rural stations federal funding represents nearly half of their overall budgets. The recent federal rescissions will hit all public broadcasting stations hard but for many rural stations, they may be a death knell as these stations have no access to big donors or corporations. For them the federal grants really matter, they’re a lifeline not a luxury.

Throughout its 55-year history PBS has produced a remarkable array of memorable programs and long running series. For many years the wonderfully avuncular Alastair Cooke introduced us to modern English drama and after his retirement, the

extraordinary program Masterpiece Theater continued to flourish with its biggest hit Downton Abbey charming audiences for a decade. Julia Child’s The French Chef and This Old House each introduced these popular activities to the home screen. Characters from children’s shows such as Sesame Street were even called to testify before Congress and Mr. Rodgers became the de facto pedagogue for thousands of schoolchildren. Originally known as “educational television,” NPR continued educating its audience with The American Experience, Finding Your Roots and Nature.

The annual budget for President Trump’s ICE force is \$28 billion and for continuing construction of his border wall: \$46.5 billion. The total amount of federal funding for NPR and PBS that had been budgeted and then rescinded last week by Congress was \$1.1 billion, little more than what budget analysts would call a rounding error. The \$1.1 billion that the federal government has rescinded from the CPB represents approximately 1/100 of one percent of the federal budget.

This act has nothing to do with saving public money but was instead a shortsighted, vituperative move by President Trump and the Republican party to stifle independent expression not subservient to the President and the Executive branch.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

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OUR TOWNS



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Rockin’ summer nights

A crowd of more than 100, most of which came prepared with their own seating, gathered in the basketball court and skate park at the Amenia town park adjacent to Town Hall for a performance from Broken Ones & Cynics, a New York City-based band fronted by Dan Santos, for the weekly Monday night concert Aug. 4.

Summer Stroll set for Saturday

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — The Millerton Summer Stroll returns for its third year on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. along Main Street. Community members and visitors are invited to enjoy special sales, activities for kids, complimentary refreshments and a classic, small-town vibe.

This year’s event is intentionally timed to coincide with Oblong Books’ 50th Birthday Bash, with the Stroll dovetailing into a block party on South Center Street.

“The Summer Stroll is nice because you’re working together with the people in your town,” said Dana Scarpa, co-chair of the Millerton Business Alliance. She noted that

each business adds its own flair to the day — whether through free food, crafts or other surprises.

“It’s a way of bringing our community together,” she added. “And to focus our day on Oblong Books — and co-founder Dick Hermans — is wonderful. Oblong is truly the staple in our town as they’ve been here for 50 years.” Scarpa added that Dick Hermans was actually the driving force behind the Millerton Business Alliance, noting that it speaks to his passion for local business and community.

With the Summer Stroll and Oblong’s block party combined, attendees can expect live music, great food, friendly faces and a festive atmosphere in downtown Millerton this weekend.

Local candidates gear up for November election

By LEILA HAWKEN
AND NATHAN MILLER
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Town caucuses in Northeast Dutchess County have concluded and candidates have started campaigning for the upcoming Nov. 4 election.

North East

Democratic candidates:
— Casey McCabe, Town Justice
— Rachele Grieco-Cole, Town Board
Cross-endorsed:
— Chris Mayville, incumbent running for a full four-year term to the Town Board
— Katherine Johnson, Town Assessor

Amenia

Democratic candidates:
— Rosanna Hamm, Town Supervisor

— Charlie Miller, Town Board
— Walter Dietrich, Town Board
— Vicki Doyle, Town Board
— Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk
— Christopher G. Klingner, Town Justice
Republican candidates:
— Terrence McCauley, Town Supervisor
— Nicole Ahearn, incumbent for Town Board
— Brad Rebillard, incumbent for Town Board
— Jamie Deines, Town Board
— Megan Chamberlin, Town Highway Superintendent

Washington

Democratic candidates:
— Susan Mancuso, Town

Board
— Maxine Verne, Town Board
Republican candidates:
— Gary Ciferri, Town Supervisor
— Nicholas Galente, Town Board
— Douglas Giles, Town Board

Pine Plains

Democratic candidates:
— Kevin Walsh, Town Supervisor
— Murphy Birdsall, Town Board
— Trevor Roush, Town Board
Republican candidates:
— Brian Walsh, incumbent for Town Supervisor
— Robert Ambrose, incumbent for Town Board
— David Prentice, Town Board

Stanford
Democratic candidates:
— Julia Descoteaux, Town Supervisor,
— Teddy Secor, Town Board
— Charlie Cunningham, Town Board
Republican candidates:
— Michael Roche, Town Supervisor
— Frank Marcin, Town Board
— Durga Taylor, Town Board
— Jim Myers, Highway Superintendent
Cross-endorsed:
— Ritamary Bell, Town Clerk
— Dennis Smith, Town Justice

USA Archery’s Go for Gold event set for Aug. 9 in Pine Plains

PINE PLAINS — The USA Archery Foundation’s Aim for Gold fundraising event is set for Saturday, Aug. 9, in Pine Plains.

Archery events will kick off with clay shooting at 9:30 a.m. at Mashomack Preserve Club.

Tickets in three tiers are available ahead of the event at usaarcheryfoundation.org/aimforgold in three tiers — the exclusive clay shooting tier for \$2,500 per person, the jamboree individual tier for \$80 per person, and the family ticket which includes

afternoon jamboree access for up to five people.

Jamboree and family tickets include full afternoon access to the event, featuring games on the Mashomack Preserve lawn, trick shooters, archery lessons, a barbecue, refreshments and entertain-

ment. The clay shooting tier places individuals in a four-person team with Olympic athletes for a round of trap shooting with shotguns followed by an exclusive lunch and afternoon jamboree access included.

Bard College retains real estate broker for sale of Simon’s Rock

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass. — Commercial real estate broker JLL will represent Bard College in the sale of the Simon’s Rock campus. The broker announced the

pairing in a press release on July 23. Bard College announced the closure of the Simon’s Rock campus last November. The college is in the process

of relocating Simon’s Rock programs to the school’s Massena campus in Barrytown, New York, nearer to the main campus in Anondale-On-Hudson, New York.

The Simon’s Rock campus sits on 275 acres of partially forested land on Alford Road in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice
Formation of LLC
TrueClean Solutions, LLC.
Filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/28/25. Office: Dutchess Co. NY Sec. of State designated agent for service of process. Mail to: 3 Neptune Rd, Ste Q19, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Purpose: Anylawful activity.
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Legal Notice
McIntyre Law PLLC, a domestic PLLC, filed with the SSNY on 7/18/2025. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 554 Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: Law. Section 1203 of the Limited liability Company Law.
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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.
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Legal Notice
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned Collector of School Taxes in and for the Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District, in Dutchess County the towns of Amenia, Dover, Northeast, Stanford and Washington and in Columbia County the town of Ancram has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes for the school year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

The collection period is September 2, 2025 through October 31, 2025.

For the purpose of paying taxes, checks and money orders shall be made payable to School Tax Collector and mailed to P.O. Box 377, Wassaic, New York 12592; online payments visit <https://infotaxonline.com/FindProperty.aspx?40>
In person payments may be made at the Webutuck CSD, District Office Tax Collector Lockbox during regular school hours or by visiting on
9/11 4:00pm-6:00pm;
9/15 4:00pm-6:00pm;
9/25 4:00pm-6:00pm;
10/3 2:00pm-4:00pm;
10/17 2:00pm-4:00pm;
10/31 2:00pm-4:00pm;
or by contact the Tax Collector to make other arrangements.

Taxes may be paid on or before October 3, 2025 without penalty (payments must be postmarked on or before October 3, 2025 to be penalty free). On all such remaining unpaid taxes after October 3, 2025, a two percentum (2%)

will be added through October 31, 2025 at which time the remaining unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, Poughkeepsie, New York to be then receivable on the land tax bills for 2026 with a seven (7) percentum penalty.

For Dutchess County residents paying partial payments there will be assessed a 5% surcharge.

The first installment is due and payable by September 15, 2025. The second installment should be paid directly to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance by March 15, 2026 as indicated on the installment payment schedule portion of the tax bill.

Dawn Marie Klingner
School Tax Collector
08-07-25
08-14-25

Legal Notice
Notice of Formation of Tailored Tails Grooming LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/25/25.

Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Kim Czelowalnik, 15 Millstream Court, Pawling NY 12564. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
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Legal Notice
Notice of Formation of Compa De Danza Folkl Regional Mexicana, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with

SSNY on 7/24/25. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Karina G Powers, 26 Wing Rd. Millbrook NY 12645. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF AMENIA
MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT BIDS
BIDS FOR THE PERIOD 9/18/25-9/17/26

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for the purchase of material and equipment used by the Town of Amenia during the year will be received until 2 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 2025 at the Town Clerk’s Office, Town of Amenia, Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501 and opened and read at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, on Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Bids are requested for the following road materials: Bank-run, sand, Item #4, crushed quarry stone and washed gravel, light, medium, and heavy stone fill, sub base NYS DOT Type #2, calcium chloride, bituminous mix hot and cold, road oils, concrete, catch basins and equipment rentals, Tree Work, Sweeping.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Highway office at 845-373-9922. All bids must include a notarized non-collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate

resolution with a corporate seal. All envelopes must be clearly marked “Bid 9/18/2025 to 9/17/2026”.

The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids will be awarded at the next scheduled Town Board Meeting September 18, 2025.

Megan Chamberlin
Superintendent of Highways
Town of Amenia
08-07-25
08-14-25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF AMENIA
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
AREA VARIANCE RELATED TO
PROPERTY LOCATED AT
81 RANDALLS ROAD,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 121-59(G) of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Amenia, New York, on August 18th, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Applicants Stephen and Laura Holt (the “Applicants”) seek an area variance from the Zoning

Law with regard to property located at 81 Randalls Road, Tax Parcel # 132000-7267-00-475821-0000 (the “Property”). The Property is located in the Rural Residential (“RR”) Zoning District. The Property consists of an existing lot of record which does not comply with the 5-acre minimum lot size requirement and 40-foot minimum front

yard setback requirement pursuant to the Dimensional Table in Section 121-11B of the Zoning Law. Applicants seek: (i) an area variance of approximately 1.47 acres, to accommodate the existing lot size of approximately 3.53 acres, which is not proposed to change in connection with this application; (ii) an area variance of approximately 2.8 feet from the 40 foot minimum front yard setback requirement, which represents a reduction of the existing nonconformity of approximately 6.3 feet; and (iii) such other variance relief as the ZBA deems necessary and appropriate.

A copy of the application is on file in the Planning/Zoning Office, 2 nd Floor for public viewing and inspection, Monday-Thursday, 9-3 P.M by appointment. Please call 845-373-8860 X 122 or email jwestfall@ameniany.gov for comments or questions.

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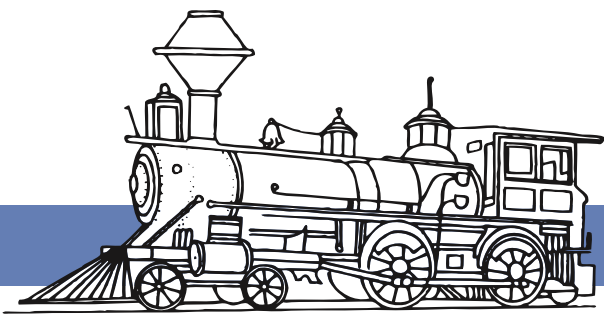
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presence of a judicial warrant. Such measures, he said, would uphold constitutional protections, enhance public safety, and build community trust. He pointed to a model law published by the New York State Attorney General’s Office that outlines similar measures — offering it as a ready-made framework to eliminate legal or logistical hurdles.

Millerton Police Chief Joseph Olenik was not present at the July meeting but had played a central role in the earlier discussion in May. In a conversation with The Millerton News late Monday evening, Olenik offered clarity on several points.

Regarding the first request from residents, Olenik confirmed that the Millerton Police Department does not, under any circumstance, collect immigration status information. He elaborated that during traffic violations or arrests, officers do collect names, addresses and dates of birth — but not immigration status.

When asked directly if he or his officers would request to see a judicial warrant before aiding in an arrest spearheaded by ICE, he responded unequivocally.

“No, I would not ask for a judicial warrant,” said Chief Olenik. He went on to say, “It’s their arrest, so to speak, and we would only be there as a supporting and assisting agency. We’re not there to second-guess their policies and procedures.”

He added that federal law supersedes state and local law,

and “if ICE calls us for assistance and we are on duty — we are mandated to go.”

Though his comments echoed those from the May meeting, they marked a more definitive stance. However, they did not address the legal precedent for local governments that opt out of voluntary cooperation with ICE under sanctuary or non-cooperation policies.

Constitutional concerns raised

Bryan MacCormack, co-founder of the Columbia County Sanctuary Movement, attended as both a supporter and subject-matter expert. Resident Brooke Lehman, co-founder of The Watershed Center in Millerton, ceded her speaking time so MacCormack could provide an educational perspective.

With years of experience helping municipalities implement sanctuary policies, MacCormack said policies like the one proposed have been shown to increase community safety. While he acknowledged the limits of local jurisdiction, he emphasized the village’s responsibility to uphold the U.S. Constitution — particularly the Fourth Amendment. He described warrantless searches and detentions by ICE as constitutional violations and cited them as justification for local protections.

MacCormack also highlighted his work training municipalities and businesses to develop policies that protect rights during interactions with federal agencies. This

work resulted in clear policies, resolutions and executive orders within the Hudson Police Department and Columbia County Sheriff’s Department.

Some attendees expressed that even if trustees or police are unwilling to pass a law, adopting internal policies that reflect the spirit of the proposal would still be meaningful. Others expressed relief that village trustees chose not to move forward.

Next steps unclear

Although the meeting featured extensive public input — and legal counsel was present — no formal proposal was presented or made available for public review. In the end, trustees chose not to move forward with legislation.

While some trustees pointed to a “recently updated” police policy as reason to forgo a

law, it’s unclear whether that policy addresses the concerns raised. A document posted on the village website appears to date back to 2021, stemming from Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order No. 203. That document does not explicitly mention immigration enforcement, ICE or warrant procedures.

Multiple requests to village officials for clarification went unanswered throughout the week. However, Chief Olenik said Monday night that the department’s policies are “currently being updated” in preparation for accreditation through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services — and were not readily available to the public. Asked if those updates would include language related to immigration, he said “no.”

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an interview on Wednesday, July 30; just over two weeks after the interaction.

Deines paints a different picture of the interaction. “I just countered some of her arguments about Trump,” Deines said. “And she apparently didn’t like that so she called the cops.”

Deines wouldn’t go into specifics about the conversation, but she denied being threatening or physically intimidating to Travis during the interaction. Deines said during a brief interview in the Freshtown parking lot in Amenia that responding deputies told her she wasn’t doing anything wrong.

“We were standing there, talking,” Deines said. “I was just walking and saying my piece and talking to her and asking her questions, that’s all. It’s loud. Cars are going by, so

it’s loud.”

Police arrived and took statements from Deines and Travis, recorded in a redacted police report obtained by the Millerton News on July 25. According to the report, deputies told both parties they had a right to be in the square and participate in peaceful protest.

Deputies left the scene and Deines left shortly after. Travis packed up her signs and left as well, as she usually does at that time in the afternoon. There were no fines, charges or other enforcement action taken as a result of the dispute.

The News obtained a police report from the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office with redacted names. A FOIL appeal for the unredacted report was filed with the Dutchess County Attorney on Thursday, July 31, and is still pending.

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Hermans is the daughter of Oblong co-founder Dick Hermans, who opened the store in 1975 with a vision of creating a welcoming space for lovers of good books and music. With a \$10,000 loan, he and founding partner Holly Nelson opened their first 400-square-foot shop on Main Street — now home to Demitasse.

As the business grew, Oblong expanded into Harold’s Apparel — now Cottage+Camp — in 1981, and eventually purchased its current building, then an antiques store. The staff walked the books across the street by hand during the move. Oblong Jr., located next door in what was once a shoemaker’s storefront, came later, as did a second location in Rhinebeck.

Today, Suzanna Hermans is a second-generation owner of Oblong Books. Her parents met at the bookstore, and she has fond memories of going to preschool in the mornings and spending afternoons roaming the shelves with her father, always with a book in hand. As soon as she could see over the counter, Hermans would assist customers, recalling how exciting it was to finally be old enough to take credit card payments. “My dad was smart enough not to push me into it and let me come back to it naturally,” she said of taking over the family business after college.

A lot can happen to a local business over the course of half a century. Navigating shifts in technology, consumer behavior and the broader economy, it’s no small feat that Oblong has not only endured but become an iconic fixture of the community. “Bookstores have had ups and downs over the years, and we’ve been there to see most of them,” Hermans said.

In the 1990s, the rise of big-box chains like Barnes & Noble and Borders contributed to a steep decline in independent bookstores across



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Dick Hermans, left, and Suzanna Hermans in the Oblong bookstore on Millerton’s Main Street.

the country. According to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the number of physical bookstores in the U.S. dropped from 13,136 in 1992 to just 6,448 by 2016.

The emergence of eBooks and Amazon further disrupted the industry. “They devalued books and taught consumers that books mean nothing,” Hermans said, adding, “Amazon will continue to be a challenge for us on a national scale.” Oblong has compensated for that by offering online purchasing and a digital storefront.

More recently, bookstores are facing the threat of censorship and efforts to limit access to books. “Today, things are crazy, and there are a lot of communities that are working very hard to ban books — including queer stories — from stores and libraries,” Hermans said. “We’re seeing a lot of freedom of speech and freedom to read issues as our next chal-

lenge, but I hope we’re shielded from that here in Millerton.”

Through it all, Hermans said it has been the support of the local community that helps Oblong weather these industry-wide changes.

“One thing that spans the whole length of it is our incredible staff that has worked for us over these last 50 years,” Hermans said. Since its founding, Oblong has employed more than 200 people — many of whom have stayed for five to 40 years. “Folks tend to stay a long time, which is an incredible testament to their admiration for bookselling,” she said. “But we also work really hard to be a great place to work.”

Even a casual walk through the store reveals the passion of its booksellers. Handwritten staff recommendations known as “shelf talkers” and colorful hand-drawn displays embody the charm and personality of an independent bookstore while a diverse, up-to-the-minute selection reflects the store’s commitment to a high-quality bookstore experience.

“Our staff picks are truly special,” Hermans said. With 24 booksellers across the two locations, each with their own distinct tastes, the result is a diverse and unique collection of recommendations. Hermans said the store’s “shelf talkers” are among Oblong’s most popular features. Some recommendations sell 20, 50 or even 100 copies — books that are often overlooked elsewhere.

Over the decades, Oblong has also become a destination

for top-tier literary events featuring celebrity authors, local favorites and emerging voices. “We love our authors,” Hermans said. “We’ve built up a reputation that you can send your best-touring authors here to the Hudson Valley and they’re going to sell their books at our events.”

She adds that there is an “incredible depth” of literary talent in the region. Oblong now participates in approximately 150 events per year, an impressive number for an independent bookstore.

Though much has changed, the heart of Oblong Books remains the same: books, music and community. Originally called Oblong Books and Records, a section for vinyl and CDs can still be found in each location — a nod to the store’s musical roots.

“A lot of our shoppers are hardcore music lovers and people who like the novelty of buying a record or an LP,” Hermans said, noting that while music doesn’t drive profits, it remains part of the store’s identity. Her mother is a musician, and her father, “in all of his spare time,” she jokes, is a DJ for a folk radio show on WKZE.

Fifty years in, Oblong remains a cultural cornerstone of the Hudson Valley — not just a store, but a gathering place, a literary sanctuary and a celebration of the written word.

Dick Hermans is a member of the board of LJMN Media, publisher of The Millerton News.

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seventh the size of Manhattan, in 1963. Psychedelic pioneer Timothy Leary famously came to live in the house after being introduced to Billy through his sister Peggy Hitchcock.

Following Leary’s time in the estate’s main house, it fell into disrepair and was boarded up. After undergoing some restoration by historian John Foreman, Tommy finished repairing the house to a liveable but not modernized state.

“My brother did a wonderful job fixing the big house and putting it back together,” Billy Hitchcock said. Tommy handled the maintenance of the estate and lived on it part time. However, upon his death in 2023, there was nobody to coordinate the property’s extensive maintenance needs, prompting the Hitchcock family to list the estate for sale, Billy said.

While the Hitchcock Estate is best known for its role in the psychedelic awakening, that period reflects only a small part of the broader segments of American society between which the estate serves as a nexus.

The estate has attracted

numerous illustrious occupants throughout its history. The estate’s builder, Charles F. Dietrich, was a German-born industrialist who made his fortune in the acetylene gas business, building the estate to remind him of his native Bavaria; Charles Mingus wrote the song “Peggy’s Blue Skylight” about Peggy Hitchcock after visiting.

Tommy Hitchcock III’s restoration work is evident. Freshly painted, the main house looks quite tidy with the exception of some overgrown trees around the veranda. Windows broken during the Leary years have been replaced, though the house’s more ornate leaded glass windows remained intact.

Old and new money, creators of and rebels against the establishment each have passed through the estate, leaving psychedelic artwork and Gulf Oil memorabilia testament to past times behind the open landscapes and ornate architecture.

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Grace DeMarco

I grew up in New Fairfield, Connecticut, and will be entering my junior year at Marist University majoring in communications with a journalism concentration, and minoring in studio art. On campus, I am on the board of the Society for Professional Journalists, manage the Ice Hockey team, and have written for the newspaper, The Circle.

My passion for learning and writing has really directed me towards the dream of pursuing journalism from a young age. I love hearing people's stories, what is important to them and the community, and being able to learn about a wide variety of issues. Having the privilege of this, along with the responsibility of conveying and delivering the stories in an accurate and concise way, is something I have been able to do through my internship with The

Millerton News.

I have learned that local news is such a powerful thing to be a part of. Not only am I able to learn and report on the community, but I am also able to engage with and immerse myself into it. My most valuable takeaway is my growth in confidence for conducting interviews, along with the amazing people I have met through reporting on the community. Reporting on small towns as an outsider has also given me a new perspective to look at the small town that I come from as well.

This upcoming semester, I hope to further participate in the Marist Circle as a "foreign correspondent" columnist when I study abroad in Florence, Italy, in the fall. My long-term goals are to work for a big publication or magazine, and be able to incorporate my love of art, music and culture into my work.

Meet the next generation of community journalists. Eight interns contributed to The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News this summer. Below, each wrote a brief bio.



Mia DiRocco

I'm Mia DiRocco, and I'm a rising senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. I began working for The Lakeville Journal this spring with the new student paper HVRHS Today. Writing about anything from tennis teams to school lunches, I loved learning more about the journalistic process, and thanks to the paper I learned about The Lakeville Journal's summer internship.

Growing up in New York, the headlines of the city's iconic papers were always a part of my daily life, and I think that's what first began my interest in writing. I hope to continue pursu-

ing journalism both as a major in college and a future career, and interning for The Lakeville Journal has been such a fun and fascinating way to experience what working in media is like.

I was also able to attend the School of The New York Times this summer, which would never have been possible without the knowledge and experience I gained learning from The Lakeville Journal reporters and editors. Working here this summer has been an incredible experience, and I'm so grateful to Riley Klein, Nathan Miller and the rest of The Lakeville Journal's staff for providing this opportunity.



Simon Markow

My name is Simon Markow, I am a rising senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. This is my second year being an intern for The Lakeville Journal.

Since I began, I have made almost 50 video reports for the Journal, some of which exceeded three thousand views on Instagram. Many of my photos have been put in the paper and have even made it to the front cover. I have been learning how to write articles, which I have never done before. I have enjoyed being a part of page layout for the newspaper, organizing how the articles are arranged on the page.

What I am most proud of during my time at The Lakeville Journal are the experiences I have had covering stories big and small in my hometown of Cornwall and across the Northwest Corner.

My best memory has been the NASCAR truck

race at Lime Rock Park. I was excited to go and with press credentials I was able to get behind the scenes and even on the track. I got to go into the paddocks and see the racecars and drivers up close. I would never have been able to do this if it wasn't for this internship. I was able to get experience with what it's like to be a media person at a big event, which is a career path that I am considering. I was even able to go to the post-race press conference and ask the winner of the NASCAR truck race, "What's your favorite food on a hot day?" He answered with PB&J sandwiches. Covering the race is a story I will share for the rest of my life.

This internship has provided me with a range of skills that will open new opportunities and possible career paths in my future, along with being the best summer job I have ever had.



Theo Maniatis

Hello. I live in Washington, Connecticut, and New York City. I'm a rising sophomore at Middlebury College in Vermont.

I spent my fall semester playing soccer in Valencia, Spain. Once I arrived at Middlebury, I started writing sports for the campus newspaper, working my way up to Sports Editor — a surprising turn because I had never enjoyed writing in high school.

I spent weeks in April writing emails to newspapers across the region, looking for a summer opportunity. The New York Times did not respond to me, but I got one email back from Nathan

Miller at The Lakeville Journal. After an interview process, I started at the Journal this June.

The Journal's program seems unique in the country. From week one, I was writing real stories and carrying a Canon T7 to photograph sporting events. I shadowed reporters and attended classes led by industry experts the Journal brought in for the interns.

I have gotten better at writing, learned how to interview people and picked up photography basics. I still have no idea what I want to major in or do with my life, but I'm really glad this program happened.



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Behind the scenes

Simon Markow asks a question to Corey Heim, winner of the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series LIUNA 150 at Lime Rock Park, in the post-race press conference Saturday, June 28.

Courtside experience

During halftime of a Torrington Summer Basketball League game, Theo Maniatis chats with the referees about pay rates, handling the roughly 90-degree heat inside Torrington Armory, making touch calls during games and how to deal with angry parents on the sidelines.



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Jules Williams

My name is Jules, and I'm currently a rising senior at the University of Virginia, though I grew up in Redding, Connecticut. When I first applied to college three years ago, I, like many other high schoolers, had a general idea of what I was interested in, but no real plan; I just knew I couldn't handle another semester of physics. Exploring every discipline my school had to offer allowed me to settle on a dual major in both English and media studies. Through my studies, I've delved deep into the art of writing, learning about both the technique and styles that define good literature and the ramifications of the media and what it says about different cultures and their ideologies. Interning at The Lakeville Journal this

summer has been a continuation of my prior exploration, taking my learnings from the academic scene outside of the classroom. While I am confident in my writing ability, journalism requires many skills beyond it, some of which I had a background in and others that were new and occasionally uncomfortable. In particular, this internship challenged me to familiarize myself with the process of reaching out to and conversing with total strangers, and taught me that people are much more willing to help than one might anticipate. The collaborative environment at the Journal allowed me to both show off my strengths and tackle my weaknesses and I'm excited to take that new growth into the next chapter of my life.



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Newsroom knowledge

Each Thursday, Lakeville Journal and Millerton News interns took part in journalism classes led by professionals in the Northwest Corner. Each class focused on a specific aspect of the field including interviewing, AP style, reporter's toolkit, libel and legal matters, how to write an op-ed and a lesson on photography. Above, photographer and former Compass Editor Anne Day teaches the group how to best utilize the camera that's always in their pocket: a cellphone.



David Carley

My name is David Carley, and I am a rising sophomore and studio art major at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. Considering that Kenyon is a known as writer's school, writing is a passion of mine, yet I had never done it in a journalistic setting until this summer internship. Journalism has always been important to my family and me. My father has worked in journalism since before I was born, so it was about time I got involved with it myself. I've had a passion for photography since middle school, so this program has proven to be a perfect mixture of something new and something I already have experience with. Furthermore, my interest in design led me to get involved with the page layout process of the newspaper, and learning the puzzle that is putting together a page has been one of

my favorite parts of the whole experience. I've truly learned a lot in my time at The Lakeville Journal. For starters, I've gotten a lot better at going up and talking to strangers and honing my interviewing skills, learning what questions are important to glean information to write a story. I've also had many experiences I wouldn't have had if it weren't for an assignment, like going to a magic lesson at David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village or visiting the Accordion Museum in North Canaan. It is experiences like those that make me extremely grateful for the internship, along with the many skills picked up along the way. I'm from New York City, but I have been coming up to Norfolk, Connecticut, for my whole life. It has been great to have even more memories and reasons to love the towns of the Northwest Corner.



Charlie Greenberg

My name is Charlie Greenberg and I live in Millbrook, New York. I will be a junior at Riverdale Country School in the Bronx this September. I am an editor of Riverdale's school newspaper, The Riverdale Review. This summer, I was excited to intern at The Millerton News as the program allowed me to engage in the work of journalism myself rather than to simply observe other people and hope to pick up knowledge along the way. It has been an extremely rewarding experience to learn in real time, pursuing assignments from the first day. I've enjoyed speaking

with people I wouldn't ordinarily have any reason to. In the relatively short span of six weeks, I've met farmers, tattoo artists and even a local scion. I've particularly appreciated the flexibility of this program that has allowed me to pursue what I find interesting. As the environment for all careers, particularly those that involve writing, continues to change so rapidly — and will no doubt look very different by the time I enter it — I am glad to have engaged in journalism firsthand, against a local backdrop. It will certainly be an experience on which I reflect going forward.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Rotary recognizes intern

Each summer, the Salisbury Rotary Club presents the Bob Estabrook Intern Award to one Lakeville Journal intern. This year, David Carley was chosen for his dedication to contributing to all aspects of the newspaper. He conducted research, interviewed community members, wrote articles, photographed events and people and helped with page layout in the newsroom each week. Above, Rotary President Bill Pond presents the award to Carley Tuesday, July 29.



Copey Rollins

I'm Copey Rollins. I live in Sharon and will be starting my senior year at The Hotchkiss School this fall. Before attending Hotchkiss, I was a student at the Indian Mountain School in Lakeville. I got interested in journalism by doing sports writing for Hotchkiss over the winter of my sophomore year. This is my second summer with The Lakeville Journal, and I feel as though I have learned so much throughout my time at the paper. These past summers I have gotten to go to a wide

variety of sporting events to cover and photograph them with the community. I have loved getting the chance to interview people, take pictures and overall, just become more invested in my local community. When not working for The Lakeville Journal, I also spend my summers running outdoors and working with the Sharon Land Trust. The Lakeville Journal has been such a great experience and I am so thankful for how much it has taught me about the Northwest Corner.

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Water chestnut removal plan to be reconsidered

By ALEC LINDEN
Special to The Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — Invasive management efforts on Mudge Pond began in earnest last week, though the removal team quickly realized that more intensive methods may be required to deal with what is a growing problem on the lake.

The Mudge Pond Association, a community lake protection and management organization formed earlier this year, received approval from Sharon’s Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission on July 14 to hand pull invasive water chestnut from the lake. The approach was notable in that it omits the need for herbicide use, a contentious topic in aquatic invasive species management but a route that many other lake protection groups have taken to combat their own infestations.

On July 31 and Aug. 1, a team led by Matt Vogt of New England Aquatic Services floated out on a pontoon, a paddle board and a kayak to begin the process. The team found far more of the invasive waterweed than anticipated, and in a complex environment where plentiful lily pads shielded many floating tendrils of water chestnut.

Vogt said that after two days on the water, the team realized that the issue had progressed to the point it “needs a different sort of attention.”

Water chestnut was identified as a first target by the Association because it is less



PHOTO BY ANDREW CAHILL

The New England Aquatic Services team searches for water chestnut embedded in extensive lily pad growth.

established in Mudge Pond than the other invasive plants, and as such is primed to be dealt with before it becomes a more pervasive issue.

A study published earlier this year on the lake’s ecological health and water quality identified five colonies of water chestnut in the pond, and while New England Aquatic said they don’t have reason to believe it has extended beyond those colonies, the density of the plant where it is growing in complex environments will require more than hand-pulling to be dealt with effectively. Vogt recommended a mechanical harvester, which is a powerful but less precise removal method, to Mudge Pond Association Chair Andrew Cahill as a means to eliminate the plant without

resorting to herbicides.

“Trying to pick around the other plants is going to be beyond hassle — it’s going to be detrimental,” said Vogt, explaining that attempting to locate each plant by eye

will inevitably lead to missed weeds.

A mechanical harvester clears all the floating biomass from an area, which would include native lily pads, but Vogt affirmed that lily pad

roots grow back. Crucially, the water chestnut reproduces from its floating leaves, so clearing those from the pond will prevent future growth since it does not grow back from its roots.

Cahill said that he’s been in conversation with the Land Use Office about amending the approval to include mechanical harvesting, but may have to return before the IWWC with a new application before the work can begin.

Water chestnut is just one of five invasive species identified in the report, which was conducted between April and December of 2024. The report recommends that the more established populations — the most pervasive of which are Eurasian milfoil, curly-leaf pondweed and fanwort — be treated with herbicides.

Cahill said that he recognizes the community’s reluctance to use herbicides in Mudge Pond, and feels am-

bivalent about the prospect himself. “I was paddle boarding on the lake yesterday and, like, do I want to be paddle boarding in some kind of herbicide? I don’t know,” he said in a recent phone call.

He recognizes, however, that the topic is becoming unavoidable. “Yesterday’s meeting was eye-opening for me,” he said, referring to the Saturday meeting of Salisbury’s Twin Lakes Association, where invasive management professionals advocated for herbicide as the only effective path to an invasive plant free lake.

Cahill said he hopes to organize a meeting in Sharon where experts and residents may discuss the topic in a constructive public format, and let the community decide how best to address the problem.

“This is what the experts are saying, and this is what the other lakes are doing,” he said. “What do we think?”

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AUGUST 7

Aug. 7 North Canaan Railroad Days Events

North Canaan, Conn.
Community Picnic at the Canaan Union Station, 5:30 to 7 p.m., small bites grilled and provided by C. A. Lindell & Sons, local vendor tents. New England Accordion Connection, Canaan Union Station, tours and music 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

AUGUST 8

Aug. 8 North Canaan Railroad Days Events

North Canaan, Conn.
New England Accordion Connection tours and music, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Canaan Union Station. Story hour and free children's concert, 10:30 11:30 a.m. at the Douglas Library. CRHA Train Museum at the Canaan Union Station, 6 to 9 p.m. Night Market at Canaan Union Station, 6 to 9 p.m., music and vendor fair.

Summer Concert Series: Community Open Mic

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
The David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Recreation Committee are excited to offer a summer concert series on the lawn of the David M. Hunt Library. On Friday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. we'll host a Community Open Mic. Community members are invited to bring songs, stories, music, poetry, jokes or talents to share. Pack a picnic, bring chairs or a blanket, and join us on the library lawn for music this summer! These events are free and open to the public.

AUGUST 9

Fill A Bag at Douglas Library

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. douglaslibrarycanaan.org
Douglas Library of North Canaan will hold a FILL A BAG for \$5 book sale on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bags will be provided, upstairs books only. Call the library at 860-824-7863 for further info.

Aug. 9 North Canaan Railroad Days Events

North Canaan, Conn.
CRHA Train Museum 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tag Sale hosted by the Cranford Club, at Canaan Union Station, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Trains and More, hosted by The Housatonic Railroad Co.: explore the latest locomotive and rolling stock, kids booth, activities and balloons. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Canaan Union Station.

Bunco Fundraiser

Sharon Fire House, 36 West Main St., Sharon, Conn.
Play Bunco at the Fire House at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9 to raise cash for the Sharon Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary. Entry is \$20, half of which will go towards prizes while the other half will contribute to the fundraiser. Doors open at 6:30. For questions, call Tina at 860-364-0486 or Helen at 860-364-0292.

Oblong Books Block Party

Oblong Books, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y.
Oblong Books celebrates its 50th Anniversary on Millerton's Main Street Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be live music, food trucks, raffles and entertainment for all ages and everyone is invited to come and join in the fun. Guests are encouraged to park in the new parking lot off Route 22 at Eddie Collins Memorial Park and stroll down to Main Street.

Walking Not Talking (Nature as Muse)

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane, Kent, Conn. kbfa.com
Exhibition Dates: Aug. 2 through Sept. 7, 2025 Reception: Saturday, Aug. 9, 4 to 6 p.m., public invited. Kenise Barnes Fine Art is thrilled to announce our midsummer exhibition focused on three artists whose keen observation and connection to the natural world invites us to pause and appreciate. Featuring artists Margot Glass, Richard Klein, and Francis Sills. For inquiries or to schedule a preview, contact Lani Holloway at Lani@kbfa.com or 860-560-3085.

AUGUST 10

Special Film Screening of Skategoat

Mad Rose Gallery, 3 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. madrosegallery.com
Sunday Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. Leandre "Skategoat" Sanders grew up in gang-ridden Venice Beach, LA, but found his escape in skateboarding. While his brothers turned to crime, Leandre spent his days skating with his younger brother. Discovered at 11 by filmmaker Van Alpert, his journey was documented over a decade as he honed his craft and battled homelessness. Despite hardship, Leandre developed a unique "no stance" style and rose to global respect. Skategoat is a raw, street-level story of resilience, survival, and chasing dreams against all odds.

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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.

A Conversation with Skip Barber

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org
Join us at 4 p.m. for a special community event featuring Skip Barber, founder of Lime Rock Park. In a live Q&A moderated by David Moore, Barber will share personal stories and insights into Lime Rock's history and impact. A vintage car will also be on display. Free and open to the public.

More info and registration: hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com/event/14806387

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AUGUST 14

Indigo Workshop

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Artist Gail O'Donnell will lead an indigo and clay resist workshop at the David M. Hunt Library on Thursday, Aug. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. Come Join us as we explore the exciting world of indigo! People have used and been fascinated by indigo for thousands of years. It has influenced art and artists throughout the ages and has been used to color everything from crayons, paint, cosmetics and fabrics. Everyone will leave with two or three flour sack dish cloths they have painted themselves with a special clay paste and then dipped in indigo.

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10th Anniversary Concert

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle Street, Great Barrington, Mass.
Thursday, Aug. 14, 7:30 p.m.
Berkshire Opera Festival celebrates 10 years with a special concert featuring highlights from past and future seasons. Performances by cast members of La Traviata, guest artists, and the BOF Orchestra and Chorus, led by Artistic Director Brian Garman.

Premium tickets (with post-concert party): \$125

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AUGUST 16

101 Dalmatians, Kids

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn.
Saturday, Aug. 16 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Musical adaptation of the Disney classic, performed by local youth ages 8 to 11.

AUGUST 17

Columbia County Jewish Festival

Henry Hudson Riverfront Park, 1 Water St., Hudson, N.Y.
Time: 1 to 3 p.m. Rain Date: Sunday, Aug. 24 Admission: Free (registration required)

Columbia County's first Jewish cultural festival features live klezmer music, kosher food, wine tasting, family activities, and art demonstrations. Open to all.

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Westerly Canteen Summer Series at Hammertown Pine Plains - Night 2

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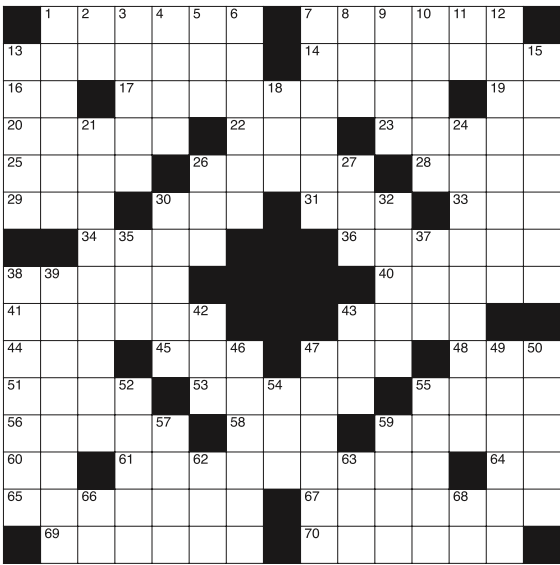
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The Falls Village Ladies Auxiliary hosts Bingo Night at the Emergency Services Center on Route 7 Saturday, Aug. 9. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and play starts at 7 p.m. The entrance fee is \$10 plus 25 cents per card. Snacks available for purchase.

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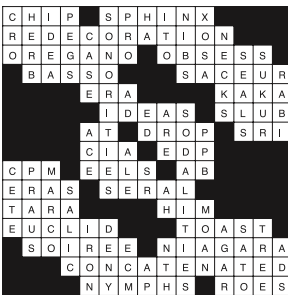
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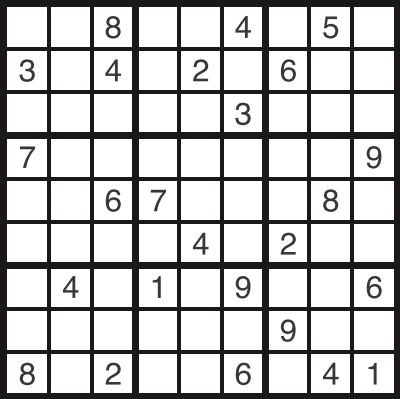
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- 49. Malaise
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- 52. Inauthentic person
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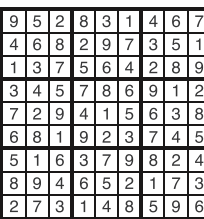
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OUR TOWNS

Silo Ridge sees \$13M sale after spring lull

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — The titles to five properties were exchanged in Amenia in the month of June.

After a pause this spring in transfers at Silo Ridge, a 5,800 square foot home was sold for \$13 million.

The \$1,625,000 purchase of 40 acres of productive agricultural land on Depot Hill Road — at \$40,625 an acre — was the other multi-million dollar sale.

The three single family sales were more representative of the Amenia market where the rolling 12-month median sale stood at \$320,000 in June.

Depot Hill Road (#515033) — 40 acres of productive agricultural land sold for \$1,625,000.

14 Sparrow View Drive, Silo Ridge Field Club — 6 bedroom/6 full bath/2 half 5,817 square foot home built in 2022 on .83 acres with 3 fireplaces and a pool sold for \$13 million.

24 Under Mount Drive — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on .32 acres remodeled in 2005 sold for \$285,000.

208 Old Route 22 — 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home on .29 acres sold for \$341,000.

35 Prospect Ave. — 4 bedroom/2 bath home on .75 acres sold for \$439,000.

** Town of Amenia property transfers in June are sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Office monthly reports. Details on parcels from Dutchess Parcel Access. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.*



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The renovated home at 208 Old Route 22 with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths in the hamlet of Wassaic sold for \$341,000 in June to William H. Bontecou.

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