

OUR TOWNS



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Original parts,
runs great

The Amenia Lions Car Show brought 84 classic cars and hot rods to the Four Brothers Drive-In in Amenia on Sunday, Sept. 14. Don Cummings and Stacey Renia parked themselves next to their Model A that they found for sale in Millerton. The couple said the car has all original parts and runs well.

Millerton is ‘last in line’ for major fiber optic upgrades

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — Village of Millerton Board members met on Sept. 9 for their monthly workshop, which included routine business, a public hearing on the Altice franchise agreement renewal and a presentation on the wastewater system. The presentation on the wastewater project provided an optimistic look at the timeframe and funding. Construction could begin in early 2027 and wrap up by the spring of 2028, according to Erin Moore of Tighe & Bond, an engineering and environmental consulting firm. During the public hearing regarding the renewal of the Altice/Optimum franchise agreement, it became clear

that Millerton is last in line for major fiber optic upgrades intended to improve cable service. Altice has committed to going 100% fiber but said the work could be several years away for Millerton and North East. A company representative explained that upgrades begin at “head ends” located in White Plains and Wappingers and progress outward, making Millerton a low priority. The representative added it would be extremely difficult to have crews “jump the line.” The village attorney will review contract revisions with Altice, with a final draft potentially presented at the October meeting. Meanwhile, the Altice rep says the company is addressing individual customer issues on a case-by-case basis, meaning residents

experiencing poor service can request replacement drops directly from the provider. In routine business, trustees unanimously renewed a one-year contract at a 3% increase with the Village of Rhinebeck for utilizing the services of zoning administrator, code enforcer and assistant building inspector Justin Noyes, who splits his time between villages. Deputy Mayor Matt Hartzog highlighted the upcoming Sept. 30 business forum to discuss plans for the village’s 175th Anniversary Celebration, scheduled for July 11–19 of next year. Mayor Jenn Najdek announced that the engineer for the delayed Eddie Collins Park renovation will provide a status update at the October board meeting.

abstained from the vote; James Walsh was absent. Representing the Keane Stud developers was attorney Diana Kolev, Partner of DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise Wiederkehr LLP of White Plains. Since June, the developers have sought to understand the steps necessary to define environmental and visual impacts of the proposed subdivision. The developers asked for the board’s advice about relevant sections of the state-mandated Full Environmental Assessment Form, a 13-page form that asks for impact determinations within a variety of categories. Planning Board engineer John Andrews reviewed which categories the developers should focus upon, encom-

passing impact on the land, whether through construction or re-contouring plans, although no impact on geological features is foreseen. Impact on surface water is expected but rated as a low impact. Planning Board chairman Robert Boyles asked that storm water runoff be identified. No impact was expected to affect the air, plants and animals. Since it was first envisioned, the developers have reduced the total Keane Stud development acreage from 704 to 605 acres and the number of proposed lots has been reduced from 27 to 23. Owner Juan Torres noted that 90% of each parcel will be reserved for conservation; 10% will be allowed to be built upon.

In fact, the eventual owners of the proposed lots may never build on some of them, planning board engineer John Andrews told the board. During public comment, resident Sharon Kroeger submitted a packet of summary materials supporting protection of the viewshed from DeLaVergne Hill. She also determined that multiple public hearings will be held as the review process progresses through the environmental impact and the visual impact stages. **Red Oak Trails Project** Having presented plans for the Northern Red Oak Trails Project to a recent meeting of the Town Board, following presentation of a preliminary plan to the Planning Board on June 11, the developer returned to the Planning Board. The Town Board has advised the developer to ask the Planning

Board to provide comments for the Town Board to consider. Andrews noted that it is likely that the Town Board will refer the plans on to the Zoning Board of Appeals for comment, although the Town Board remains the final approval authority. Lauren Zane of the Northern Red Oak Trails Project was present to answer questions about plans for 426 Old Route 22 that would create 10-12 miles of mountain biking and hiking trails on a 450-acre parcel that would combine three properties. Andrews noted that one of the properties is encumbered by an easement held by the Dutchess Land Conservancy. Parking for 24 cars and restroom facilities are envisioned.

An existing dilapidated structure on the property that was once a home but is now deemed uninhabitable would be demolished. That site is likely to serve as parking for 24 cars and restroom facilities for visitors to the trails. Maintenance of the trails would be ensured by the non-profit Hollyhock Foundation. That foundation supports environmental projects that battle greenhouse gases. “This project has the health and beauty of the community in mind,” said planning board member Ken Topolsky and chairman Boyles expressed concern about plans for emergency access. To accommodate a holiday, the next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 25, departing from the usual Wednesday meeting night. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

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Kent reviews 13-unit housing proposal

Public hears farm zoning amendment in Sharon

By RUTH EPSTEIN
Special to the Millerton News

KENT — Deciding to get an opinion from its engineer, the Planning and Zoning Commission Thursday continued the hearing until next month on Kent Affordable Housing’s application for the 13-unit affordable housing project off Maple Street despite pleas from KAH board members.

Justin Potter, chairman of KAH, went through a detailed presentation of the plan, which calls for a single 2.5-story building with an elevator to be located adjacent to the South Common affordable housing complex on 1.15 acres now owned by the town. Once all approvals are received, the town will pass the property to KAH.

Potter began by explaining the group has been working on this project for more than two years, aware of the great need for more affordable housing in town. There are currently 37 affordable units with 24 at South Common and three separate buildings at Stuart Farms. Rents range from \$400 to \$1,400. Typically, there are between 40 and 60 families on the waiting list and 70% of business owners say they have trouble with staffing because rents are too high for employees.

“In July, the figure for the median house price in Kent was \$665,000,” Potter said.

The property for the project is near the public works garage and recreational space



PHOTO BY RUTH EPSTEIN

A rendering of the proposed 13-unit affordable housing building that was discussed at Thursday’s hearing of the Kent Planning and Zoning Commission.

for Park and Recreation. Potter said those two entities would not be infringed upon.

Laura Crowley, an architect with Schader Seinau Associates, hired by KAH, gave details on landscaping, lighting and fire alarm systems. There will be two- and three-story walkouts from the building. Sidewalks will connect to the nearby park so residents can access it safely, as well as to South Common. She said conceptual approval has been received from the Sewer Commission.

Potter talked about the parking, which is being proposed at 18 spaces for the building that will contain nine one-bedroom apartments and four two-bedroom units. The proposal will seek reserved spots for the tenants, with additional parking provided at South Common, where there is an abundance of space.

Crowley said all fire and building code requirements have been met. Potter said

they would seek emergency access through the transfer station, which has been given by nod by the fire department and fire marshal.

Fire chief Alan Gawel spoke about needing access for dealing with a three-story building and suggested perhaps the gravel parking area near the tennis courts could be designated for the ladder truck if needed. First Selectman Martin Lindenmayer took strong exception, saying that was never part of the discussion when the whole proposal was formulated. “This is getting out of hand,” he said strongly. “We need more recreation. We already discussed this.”

Potter responded, “There’s a balancing of different priorities. We can work out details for making things easier for the fire department.”

When Commission Chairman Wes Wyrick said he had some concerns with storm-water runoff, KAH’s engi-

neer Roy Seelye of Cardinal Engineering said an analysis showed a small increase in runoff, “but because of its proximity to the brook, I didn’t think much about it.”

Donna Hayes, former zoning enforcement official, asked commissioners if they thought their engineer should look at the drainage. Members were polled and said they thought that was a good idea.

Current Land Use Administrator Tai Kern said if the commission’s engineer is brought in, the cost is borne by the applicant. Potter said he didn’t see the need since the application went through scrutiny by the Inland Wetlands Commission, which gave its approval.

KAH member Gregg Sheridan said, “KAH has been a responsible developer in Kent since the 1990s. What we’ve paid Cardinal is formidable. To put this cost on us, as a nonprofit, is unreasonable.”

Kern responded, “Someone has to pay them.” Sheridan said, “I expect a partnership. It’s not unreasonable for the town to take on some of the cost.” Potter said time is also a concern, since the matter won’t be discussed for another month.

When Seelye said it was his engineer’s intuition that there would be little increase in stormwater drainage from this project, commissioner Sarah Chase said, “We’ve never worked off intuition. It’s like working off assumption and the commission should never do that.”

By ALEC LINDEN
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SHARON — At the Sept. 10 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, residents weighed in on a proposed zoning amendment that would codify accessory uses for Sharon’s farms.

The regulation is meant to help farmers support their farming operations with supplementary income and is geared towards “sustaining the local agricultural economy and retaining the town’s rural character,” according to the regulation draft language.

The proposed uses available for special permit applications include year-round farm stores, farm to table dinners, wineries, breweries, farm product processing facilities, farm vacation stays and general indoor and outdoor events.

The draft stipulates that the proposed accessory use must be secondary to the primary agricultural operation of the farm, and the farm must be at least five acres and actively cultivated.

Some members of the public felt the language was dangerously vague and could allow for unintended consequences.

“This is way too general for what’s coming to this town in terms of development,” said Carol Flaton, voicing her concern that the loose definition of a cultivated farm could be abused.

Land Use Administrator Jamie Casey said that Sharon’s regulations are intentionally general to allow for greater collaboration between the applicant and the land use commissions during project design. It’s better when things are “a little bit vague,”

she said, allowing applicants more breadth and room for creativity. “These things are worked out at a meeting,” she said.

P&Z Vice Chair Betsy Hall pointed out that the requirement of the accessory use being secondary ensures that proposed uses overshadow the agricultural aspects of the property. “It’s not like we’re going to let a manufacturing operation open on the farm,” she said. “We’re talking about the working farmers.”

Selectman Lynn Kearcher suggested that the minimal property size be greater than five acres, which Hall said the Commission would consider when it picks the discussion back up at the next meeting.

The Commission plans to discuss the issue of noisy chickens in residential areas at its Sept. 24 planning session. Casey announced that she had received a complaint from Sharon Valley Road resident Letitia Brazee about a flock of chickens at a neighboring property. Brazee wanted clarification in the zoning regulations as to what animals are considered farm animals and how a farm is defined.

The current regulations, last modified in June 2023, allow farms in any zone in Sharon providing the lot is three acres or greater. The term farm is not included in the regulations’ list of definitions, and the only animals currently regulated for lot area are horses.

Further complicating matters is the state’s “Right to Farm” law, which exempts agricultural activity from being “deemed to constitute a nuisance” unless the municipality adopts an ordinance or regulation “to the contrary.”

Sharon art facility hearing closes with no decision

By ALEC LINDEN
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SHARON — The public hearing for the development of a commercial district office and event space for local arts nonprofit Low Road Sharon closed on Sept. 10 with a note of reconciliation between neighbors and the applicant.

The plans involve demolishing the two existing buildings at 1 Low Road and replacing them with two structures facing each other across a central green. A public footpath will connect Lovers Lane to Low Road.

Thomas Dore, who had been outspoken in his opposition to certain aspects of the plans in the two previous hearing sessions, took a propitiatory tone during his testimony on Wednesday evening. “I think we’d like to support it,” he said, though he reaffirmed his wish that impacts to Lovers Lane be mitigated and reiterated his disapproval of the footpath

intended to run alongside Beardsley Pond Brook.

The footpath has been a sticking point throughout the hearing process. Several Low Road and Lovers Lane neighbors have expressed trepidation over how the path might be used, and how it may impact foot, vehicular and even off-road vehicle traffic on Lovers Lane.

Lovers Lane resident Robin Leech, who had spoken at previous hearing sessions, voiced his worries about the path, describing it as a potential “lure” for people to travel between Lovers Lane and Low Road. He also said the “community at large” is concerned about a “land bridge to the other holdings,” referring to Jasper Johns’ other properties in town that are planned to be used for an artist colony in the future.

Selectman Lynn Kearcher spoke up about the potential for increased traffic on the narrow and half-paved Lovers Lane. “As a native of

Sharon, I’m very protective of our residents” on the street, some of whom have lived there for decades, she said.

Representing Low Road Sharon, Conley Rollins affirmed the project design is meant to have minimal impact on Lovers Lane, and that the downtown facility is planned to remain largely separate from the future artist retreat. He reiterated from previous meetings that the intended use of the development is staff offices and occasional public programming. “This is in the commercial district,” he said, suggesting that downtown cultural events would be attractive to the town.

As for the footpath, Rollins said he was happy to ban ATV or Gator use on the path except for occasional maintenance conducted by staff. P&Z alternate Jill Drew questioned whether the path is necessary at all to the broader project. Rollins replied, “we have felt that it’s additive to

the project” as a way to enjoy a scenic section of the property but is not strictly necessary.

After closing the hearing, the Commission briefly deliberated conditions to place on an approval. P&Z Secretary Stanley MacMillan Jr. suggested that the pathway be cut off about halfway across the property. Vice Chair Betsy Hall added that it should be incumbent upon Low Road Sharon to instruct attendees of any events to not travel through Lovers Lane.

The Commission ultimately decided to table any decision while the town attorney reviews the application. P&Z will resume the conversation at its next regular meeting on Oct. 8.



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OBITUARIES

William Sanford Kelsey

SHARON — William Sanford Kelsey, 81, of 397 Clayton Road, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025. He was the loving husband of the late Patricia Kilby Fleming Kelsey, who died in 2020.

Born on Feb. 18, 1944, in Sharon, Bill was the son of the late William Samuel and Frances (Morehouse) Kelsey.

Following high school, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving proudly in the U.S. Naval Air Corps from 1965 to 1969. After returning home, he worked in a variety of occupations, including mechanic and welder, but found his greatest satisfaction as a tractor-trailer driver for Westchester Modular Homes.

Bill was deeply committed to his community, serving with the Sharon Fire Department, on the Sharon School Building Committee, and as a member of the Sharon Congregational Church. A gifted builder and creator, he lived off the grid for over 20 years — an accomplishment he was very proud of. He loved working with his hands and always enjoyed building and creating new things. In his free time, he enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, and golfing, and any activity that allowed



him to spend time outdoors.

Above all, Bill valued family and deeply cherished his lifelong friends. He was always there to lend a helping hand to a friend in need and proudly shared the accomplishments of his children and grandkids. He is survived by his two children; Adam Kelsey and his wife Katy of Denver, Colorado, and Amy Wheeler and her husband Kevin of Woodstock, Vermont. He also leaves behind his two sisters, Patricia Beatty of Wakefield, Rhode Island, and Lin Peterson of Glastonbury, Connecticut; four grandchildren, Quinn and Violet Kelsey and Liam and Hannah Wheeler; as well as several cousins and extended family members who remained an important part of his life.

A Celebration of Bill's Life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025, at 11 a.m. with a reception to follow at the Sharon Congregational Church, 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT 06069. Burial with Full Military Honors will follow at 2 p.m. at Salisbury Cemetery, Undermountain Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.

Arrangements are under the care of Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, North Canaan, CT 06018.

Paul E. Rebillard

SALISBURY — Paul E. Rebillard, "Bing" to close friends and family, passed peacefully and surrounded by family on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was 82 years of age.

Born in Hartford, Connecticut on March 14, 1943, to the late Paul and Esther Rebillard, Paul grew up in Salisbury, where he graduated from the Salisbury School (Class of '61). After a brief European sojourn, he then settled in the Hartford area to attend the University of Hartford (Class of '66, '94), engage in a career in insurance at Connecticut Mutual, and raise a family with Ann, his former wife. He relocated to south Florida in the late '90s where he continued his second career as a radiologic technician — providing compassionate care to residents of senior living communities throughout the state.

When he was not working, Paul was a passionate fan



and collector of art, watches and music, enjoyed dancing and the live music scene of Dade and Broward counties, and explored Florida's natural beauty — boardwalks, beaches and parks, especially the Everglades. Above all, Paul will be remembered for his kind and generous nature, sweet and easygoing personality and sharply intelligent sense of humor, all of which were present until his final moments.

He is survived by his four children; Jean-Paul, Gabrielle, Nicole and Patrick; his seven grandchildren, Zoe, Aidan, Jack, Olivia, Anya, Margaux and Sophie; his sister, Lynn; his close friend Reta; and many colleagues, friends and family.

Memorial services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, the Rebillard family asks that donations be made in Paul's name to the American Kidney Fund (www.kidneyfund.org).

PINE PLAINS — Bonnie Jean Stedt died peacefully at home on Sept. 5, 2025.

Her body was 81 years old. Her spirit was forever young.

Originally from Southern California, Bonnie began her business management career at I Magnin in San Francisco in 1967. By the early 1970's, Bonnie had begun career-pathing up the ladder at Filene's Department Store in Boston. She was promoted often, ultimately to Vice President, Stores and to Senior Vice President, Personnel and Labor Relations. In those early days, Bonnie was widely known as the 'glass ceiling breaker.'

In 1986, Bonnie briefly returned to California to Bullock's Department Store as Senior Vice President, Operations, before being recruited to and joining the worldwide American Express Company, in 1988, headquartered in Lower Manhattan. She headed Human Resources for American Express for the next 13 years, as Executive Vice President. She met many world leaders and was connected to world events in this position. Her role in shepherding the employees of

the AmEx headquarters site, a near neighbor to the Twin Towers, through the 9/11 tragedy, was particularly notable.

Bonnie was an avid equestrian. In her corporate retirement, she loved nothing more than rounding up her three dogs and loading two or three of her magnificent horses into their trailer and driving to horse competitions all over the East coast.

She was a highly successful competitive rider and supporter of the Eventing discipline, the triathlon of equestrian sports. She won many championships and in 2005 was first in the year-end awards for the Northeast Area (USEA Area I) on her beloved horse Clancy Himself. Additionally she was Vice President of the Millbrook Hunt and foxhunted for over three decades. She owned Foxrace Farm, her personal horse farm. No one was more important to Bonnie than friend and Olympian Boyd Martin. She was an initial syndicate owner and sponsor of Otis



Barbotiere, Boyd's horse for the 2012 Olympic Games in London. This year, 2025, Boyd has many wins on Bonnie's horse, Miss Lulu Herself, including the Millbrook Horse Trials in August. Her relationship with Boyd and his wife Silva was close to 20 years.

Colleagues and cohorts, described Bonnie in so many different words, but all netted to 'superb friend,' 'wonderfully lively companion to travel the world with,' 'smart

and funny — never a dull moment,' 'appropriately serious when she had to be,' 'always full of heart and courage.'

Preceded in death by her father, Arthur R. Stedt, her mother Antoinette Verbraggen Stedt and her brother, Larry Stedt, Bonnie is survived by her niece, Shannon Casey. In her illness she was wonderfully cared for by Carolyn Oakman in Aiken South Carolina.

Bonnie leaves her neighbors in mourning from Pine Plains, New York and in Aiken, South Carolina, her two home locations, as well as good friends from around the whole country.

Celebration of Life

Scott Thornton

KENT — A Celebration of Life will be held for Scott Thornton on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 1 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Kent, 97 North Main St., Kent,

Conn. A reception will follow at the Kent Community House next door. Feel free to bring stories to share for a memory book.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

Richard Stratton

LAKEVILLE — Richard Stratton of Chappaqua, New York and Lakeville, passed away on Aug. 31, in Princeton, New Jersey, at the age of 92 with his loving wife by his side.

Born in 1933 in Buffalo, New York, Dick was the oldest child of Ida and Lou. He was predeceased by his brother Jerry and sister Judy.

He was a proud graduate of Cornell University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Business Administration degree. While at Cornell, he met the love of his life, Betty Oshman, who he married in 1956. He remained a devoted, loving husband throughout their 68 years of marriage. Nothing made him happier than being by her side.

Together they built a beautiful life raising their three children, Jon, Kathy and Lynne who survive him.

Dick began his career as an accountant with IBM, where he was a dedicated employee for 34 years. He later continued his work with the Westchester County Health Department, serving another 16 years before retiring.

Beyond his professional

life, he loved spending summers in Lakeville where he enjoyed time with family and good friends, and admiring the natural beauty of the area.

After retirement he and Betty continued their love of learning, taking many thought provoking and engaging classes at The Taconic Learning Center.

But more than his accomplishments or hobbies, he will be best remembered for his kind and gentle manner, his easy-going personality, and his big smile. He never had a harsh word for anyone, and his loving and generous spirit touched all who knew him.

He leaves behind the love of his life, wife of 68 years, Betty, his son Jon, daughter Kathy and her husband Steve Meersma, and his daughter Lynne and her husband John Kohnken. He also leaves his four cherished grandchildren; Melissa, Thomas, Kim and Brian.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his memory to The Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service Box 582 Salisbury CT 06068 or the Scoville Memorial Library, Box 455 Salisbury, CT 06068.



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Cary Institute reports massive algal bloom in Hudson River Estuary

MILLBROOK — Scientists at Millbrook's Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies reported a large algal bloom in the Hudson River Estuary between Kingston, New York, and Norrie Point in Staatsburg, New York.

A statement released by Cary Institute researchers on Friday, Sept. 12, said the algal bloom is the largest since scientists began monitoring the Hudson River 40 years ago.

The bloom is caused by Microcystis, a cyanobacteria that can produce toxins that are harmful to people, pets, and wildlife.

"The magnitude and extent of this cyanobacteria bloom is

unprecedented, and concerning. While Microcystis is often observed in the Hudson, and sometimes produces blooms, this is by far the largest bloom we have observed," said Chris Solomon, a senior scientist and aquatic ecologist at Cary Institute.

Researchers encountered the harmful algal bloom while collecting samples from the estuary for an ongoing survey of the food web in the lower Hudson River.

The bloom complicated routine collection at the Kingston site because of the severity.

The statement from the Cary Institute explained that

harmful algal blooms are caused and exacerbated by many factors, including increasing water temperatures. Monitoring has shown rising temperatures in the Hudson River.


Wastewater and agricultural runoff contribute nutrients to bodies of water that can propagate harmful algal blooms, and dry weather in August may have also contributed to shifts in nutrients that benefitted the cyanobacteria, according to the statement.

Cary Institute researchers are monitoring the bloom with Riverkeeper — a nonprofit dedicated to protecting the quality of the Hudson River

watershed — the Department of Health and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

People and pets should avoid waters affected by harmful algal blooms, as their toxins can be inhaled, ingested, or cause skin irritation. Dogs are particularly at risk, as they're more likely to drink contaminated water.

If you notice algal blooms on the Hudson or other waterways, please report them using DEC's Suspicious Algal Bloom Report Form, or email HABsInfo@dec.ny.gov. Close-up and landscape photos aid in identification and help document impacts.

 Worship Services <i>Week of September 21, 2025</i>	
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A return to imperialism

I fear we've all got it wrong. The changes we are seeing are not about traditional authoritarianism nor about new-Nazism, nor fascism. To understand the global changes we're seeing, you have to go back into history to see the great expansions, the great empire building, the great periods of innovation and discovery. I am not sure which came first, happenstance technological innovations or the need for those innovations but the outcome was always the same: conquering of new peoples, socio-economic benefit at home with the advantage of exploitation abroad, and, never least, corrupted morals in the headlong pursuit of riches for nations and the very few. If you have any doubt of that, just look at the stately homes of Britain — all bought, paid for, off the backs of the labor of the poorest and other countries' peoples and resources.

Out of the Industrial Revolution in Britain came iron rule of the seas, the British Colonies, and pillage of resources and labor across the globe. Sure, much was undertaken in the name of the East India Company (a quasi-governmental corporation), but Belgium had a similar foreign enterprise in the Congo, Spain in S. America and Meso-America, France in parts of Africa and S. America, Portugal in Brazil, the Dutch in the East Indies and India, Russia in northern Europe and the Balkans, Italy in Ethiopia, and so on. China and Japan went for self-isolation (much as Trump professes to be doing for America — which may be a ruse) and it took China and Japan 150 years to change their minds and come out roaring and causing global instability.

To see where we, as a planet, are heading, you have to stop and ask the purpose of the sudden, dramatic, expansion of new inventions, the huge financial profits and benefits only flowing into even newer technologies for their owners. Specifically, technology is now making the impossible possible and that is raw power that has no control. Like the products of the Industrial Revolution (steam power, electricity, metalworking, inventions galore), today's new tools are the backbone of the new elite, the new barons of industry, and they are following a well tread path of past industrialists of conquer, subdue, reap rewards only for the few and their hangers-on. To do that, they either have to control the power brokers and governments or they have to so corrupt the political systems across the globe so as to gain free reign over the resources they need to achieve their goals.

The earth will suffer. Culture will suffer. People will suffer. Take Britain's 1800s past for example: Think of the pea-soup smog fogs in Britain, think of the Victorian cultural strictures, think of the 75-year battle to outlaw slavery, most of which was a British enterprise at the time — although Portugal, Brazil, Spain, France, and the USA were deeply involved. Think

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

the suffering of the new industrial revolution is over? See the modern pea-soup smog in Beijing? Or today's famine in Gaza and the Sudan? How about the Ukraine? The current list is long and lengthening.

Now we see Putin, Xi, Modi, along with a handful of world leaders including Iran, Slovakia, Malaysia, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Serbia, and North Korea chumming it up as they begin the industrial two-step of carving out personal (not national) power possibilities. Some of those possibilities may well be setting conditions for populations to decrease as reliance on machines becomes commonplace (factories) — why have to support the poor? Some of those possibilities may be medical advances to only prolong the lives of the richer elite at the cost of stopping vaccines and better medicine for the masses (think R.F. Kennedy Jr.). And, top of the list of control changes these new industrialists are pushing is cultural control. They know they have to change our open liberal society — forged at the close of WWII — to a more controllable one. And so perversion of the media is paramount across every platform. All across the planet, culture is under attack, from killing journalists, to book burning, to twisting facts and truth. It is not just in America, although here in MAGA world, that is plenty obvious.

This new industrial revolution has set out to change the globe, destroy liberal morals, build the elite, and change followers into believers desperate to "fit in." Brown and black shirts of the 30's become red hats with acronyms. The evidence is already there, but most western media is focused on the truthful day-to-day legal/political travesties, the political corruption of elections, the buying up of media conglomerates, and sexual deviant stories all the while the new barons of technology enjoy the political and media smoke screen to hide what they are truly up to: strategizing, globally, with allies, to secure a non-liberal future at the cost of most of the mores, values, and chances for most of us. Ask 99% of the British, French, Dutch, Spanish populations in the mid-1800s if they had any living comfort, control, or life-expectancy hopes and dreams. Ask their kids back then, many in forced labor, or families in debtor's prisons.

It was not by accident that the great capitalist Charles Dickens wrote the industrial-age moral truth of these elitists in "A Christmas Carol," quoting Scrooge: "If they would rather die, they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population..." Sadly, his words ring evermore true today.

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



Date night.

Call for civility, tolerance & respect

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

Be careful how you react to differences of political opinion, it could be deadly. In the past I thought money and greed brought out the worst in individuals. That thought just moved to second place replaced by radical politics and evil.

Recently we witnessed the assassination of Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA, by a radically deranged person reacting to the constant assault of political hate by politicians. Mainstream and social media spewing di-

visive words — fascist, racist, phobic this or that, socialist — whatever the coordinated flavor of the day may be. Charlie was gaining too much popularity, especially among young people and college students. The assassin engraved 'fascist' on the bullet casing meant to kill him.

Political violence is the norm these days; our enemies should not be our fellow Americans. It's hard to be a Christian and contain your rage; it's one political side inciting hate and blaming the other. Civility and common decency is declining. Search your souls and stop this hateful rhetoric. It's turning deadly.

We must create a new day of tolerance and respect or eventually be destroyed in this evil stew of intolerance. Farewell Charlie Kirk.

May God embrace you and grant you peace which was denied you on Earth. May your followers of tolerance and peace grow by the thousands under your guidance.

God bless you patriotic readers and your families. teach your children and grandchildren tolerance and to be open-minded. Til next time.

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

Shekomeko fire; Rudd Pond 'profit'; big oil spill

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

September 20, 1934

'\$5,000 Loss In Midnight Fire At Shekomeko'; SHEK-OMEKO—A midnight fire levelled the blacksmith shop owned by George Hunt, destroyed a fifty passenger school bus of the Pine Plains Central School and an automobile owned by James Decker last Wednesday night here with a loss of more than \$5,000. The Pine Plains Fire Department answered the alarm, but was unable to reach the scene of the blaze, which was six miles from the station, in time to save the building. The firemen were credited with saving other nearby buildings which were threatened, including the Community Hall, the Dairy-men's League milk station and several residences.

'About Millerton'; Miss Ethel S. Kimball has returned to her duties at the Millerton National Bank and reports a very pleasant vacation.

Miss Helen Gormley, of Amenia, is assisting at Shufelt's Bargain Basement this week.

Miss Janet Jenks left Wednesday for Pawtucket, R. I., where she will be the guest of Miss Barbara Kyle.

William and Ernest Hilperts-Hauser are attending the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, Mass., this week.

Willard S. Vail is enjoying a vacation this week from his duties at Shufelt's store

Miss Louise Merwin, of New York City, spent the week-end with her mother at Irondale.

September 18, 1975

'Rudd Pond Deal Profit Likely'; The Town of North East may make a profit of several thousand dollars from

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The Millerton News

its unprecedented operation of Rudd Pond this summer, according to figures released this week.

The State had abruptly closed the Taconic State Park at Rudd Pond on May 22 without evaluating the impact on the surrounding community. After huge protest from residents the state agreed to allow the Town to operate the park for the summer season. It was the first time such an agreement had been made in New York State.

'Village Chases Water Funds'; Millerton's Village Board will actively begin seeking Federal funds to aid in the creation of a pollution-free water system as result of action taken at the Board's Sept. 10 meeting.

Millerton Mayor John Hermans reported that he met with FHA representatives in early September. "It looks like we might get some money for our project if we ever do it," said Hermans.

Meanwhile, of the Village's 3 monthly water samples given to the County Health Department, 2 failed inspection tests.

'A New Library'; Alice Robertson of Stanfordville, chairman of the Board of the First Church of Christ Scientist in Millerton, hands over the church building's deed to Shirley Conklin, president of the Millerton Free Library Association. The library will move into the former church within the next few months.

'Veterans Day Restored To Nov. 11 Of Each Year'; Representative Hamilton Fish Jr. (R-N.Y.) this week announced the Congress has passed legislation, which he has sponsored, restoring Nov. 11 of each year

as Veterans Day.

September 21, 2000

'Tower Back In The News'; NORTH EAST—At a public hearing before the North East Planning Board last Wednesday, Sept. 13, Silver Mountain residents again voiced forceful opposition to the replacement of a communications tower off Perotti Road in North East.

The free-wheeling hearing ended in a 4-1 decision by the board to side with the town's attorney, Warren Replansky, in calling the proposed tower a "reconstruction" of an existing tower. As such, the project would face less scrutiny by the board before receiving a permit from the building inspector.

'Cheerleaders Attend Camp In Penn., For Prowess Earn Awards'; GREELEY, PA — Ninth-graders Tracy Rob-

ertson, Danielle Harvey, Dana Murphy, Tabbatha Sugrue and Erika Carrubba enthusiastically attended cheerleading camp to represent Webutuck High School.

At the awards ceremony, the Webutuck cheerleaders took a Superior Trophy, 10 ribbons and a much-coveted Spirit Stick.

'MFD Fights Oil Spill On Main Street'; MILLERTON — It wasn't exactly the Exxon Valdez, but Main Street became a slippery slope last week as an unknown vehicle spilled gallons of motor oil onto the road.

Village Mayor Michael Cawley called the Millerton Fire Department around 4 p.m. Friday after he drove his van west on Route 44, tried to brake for the light at Route 22 and skidded all the way from the former Stitch-In-Time storefront into the intersection.

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OUR TOWNS

North East nears finish line on commercial zoning review; launches new budget cycle

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — The Town Board gathered on Sept. 11 for its monthly meeting, where Supervisor Chris Kennan opened with a reflection on the date and addressed recent news.

“Today marks the 24th anniversary of 9/11. I was in New York City on that day, and it comes alive very vividly for me,” said Kennan. He also expressed shock at the recent shooting of political activist Charlie Kirk, calling it “one of many acts of violence that have taken place against people in public life from both parties.” The flag in front of Town Hall was lowered to half-staff.

The meeting began an hour early to continue a zoning review of the commercial district with Town Attorney Warren Replansky. After running out of time at an Aug. 26 workshop, the board worked through the remaining sections, mainly clarifying definitions.

Discussion focused on signs and lighting, multi-family buildings, fences and walls and food trucks. Legal counsel and the review committee will make additional minor edits before presenting a final draft and resolution to amend the district’s commercial zoning at a public hearing. Kennan expressed gratitude toward

the Zoning Review Committee, which has held a whopping 100 meetings since the process began.

Kennan then turned to EMS services, confirming that Empress EMS, which recently purchased Northern Dutchess Paramedics, has committed to honoring the town’s existing contract.

“They have committed to honoring the agreement we had with NDP, and I take them at their word,” said Kennan. While this is encouraging given that a clause in the current contract would allow Empress to terminate the partnership, the town’s broader EMS challenges remain. The cost of North East’s EMS contract in 2025 is \$511,000 and is projected to rise by 36% next year, to \$696,000.

“When people ask why we can’t come in under a 2% increase in the budget cap and you’re dealing with a 36% increase in something that large, it sort of answers its own question,” Kennan said.

In related news, a public hearing was held on Local Law #1, allowing the town to override New York State’s property tax cap. The board passed the measure. Additionally, the town has started the budget process, led by Kennan and Councilwoman Lana Morrison who say they will take a close look at the upcoming budget with taxpayers in mind.

The town may also pursue state funding through New York Forward, which offers two \$4.5 million grants for small communities. Kennan has discussed applying jointly with Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek, focusing on the wastewater project. Applications are due in October and November.

Other resolutions approved included budget adjustments, naming three new streets in the McGhee Hill Road subdivision (McGhee Meadows Lane, McGhee Vista Drive, and McGhee Hollow Drive), continuing the snow-removal contract with Dutchess County, and accepting the Water District Benefit Assessment Roll, with a public hearing set for Oct. 9.

The board delayed action on selecting a new IT provider. While Professional Computer Associates has been responsive throughout the proposal process, Northeast Computer Services — a smaller, local company that serves the village — submitted a late bid after not responding to initial outreach from the town clerk in March.

Councilwoman Winkler was hesitant to rubber stamp a company that wasn’t responsive in the initial stages of the months-long vetting process. “We never got a phone call, we never got an email. This is an IT company and I don’t find that responsive.”



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Centenarian celebration

Staff Sergeant George Phillips of Pine Plains celebrated his 100th birthday surrounded by family and well-wishers at the Sharon Health Care and Rehabilitation Center on Saturday, Sept. 13. Four generations of the Phillips family posed for a picture with the decorated veteran just before the cake got cut.

North East becomes certified Pro-Housing Community; Millerton begins process

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — The town of North East announced last week that it has achieved certification as a New York State Pro-Housing Community, a designation that encourages and rewards municipalities taking steps to increase their housing supply.

North East is now one of 352 Pro-Housing Communi-

ties in the state — when the town began the process, there were just 75.

“This sends a signal to developers and others that we want more housing in our community,” said Councilwoman Meg Winkler, who heads the housing committee and has been spearheading this process. “It may also give us increased opportunities for grants moving forward.”

The Village of Millerton has also begun the certification process. During their Sept. 9 board meeting, village

trustees passed a resolution adopting the state’s Pro-Housing Pledge, a first step toward showing commitment to addressing the housing shortage and qualifying for Pro-Housing Community status.

Winkler offered to collaborate with the village on the logistics and paperwork, which she noted can be daunting. Supervisor Chris Kennan thanked her for the considerable effort that helped North East achieve its certification.

Planning Board approves Bennett Park trail extension with conditions

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — Plans for extension of the Bennett Park trail system were reviewed during a public hearing and later approved unanimously by the Planning Board at its regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 8, although a few conditions were attached to the approval.

Reviewing plans during the public hearing was Richard Rennia of Rennia Engineers, who was accompanied at the meeting by Senior Planner Peter Sander.

The 600-foot trail extension will enhance public use of the 35-acre property, once the campus of Bennett College that closed its doors to students in 1978. With no activity since, the buildings fell into serious disrepair and have been demolished as plans for Bennett Park have sought to reclaim the property for town use.

The woodland trail included in the site plan was previously approved as part of Phase One of the ongoing Bennett Park project, but an amendment for an extension to an entrance off of Franklin Avenue brought the project back to the Planning Board for public hearing.

The Bennett Park project in three phases is being undertaken under the auspices of the nonprofit Millbrook Community Partnership Inc., also overseeing the renovation of the old Thorne Memorial School into a cultural, educational and civic center on Franklin Avenue.

Describing the proposed trail extension as “a walk through a wooded area,” Ren-



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Bennett Park’s eastern portion is now open to the public, offering paved walking and biking paths.

nia said that the trail would be paved with pervious packed gravel to ensure good drainage as well as a relatively even walking surface. The new trail extension would lead to an internal loop paved with wood chips. The trail lies along an old roadbed that connected with Franklin Avenue. Any tree removal will be minimal.

“We are not removing significant existing trees,” Rennia explained, adding that a felled tree might become a log bench beside the trail for those wanting a respite from walking.

Planning Board chairman Frank Redl noted that there is no plan for introducing lighting to the area that would be open from dawn to dusk daily. He also asked about introducing signage at the Franklin Avenue entrance to the new trail.

Residents who spoke favored the idea of the trail extension but asked whether the deteriorated inadequate sidewalk along Franklin Avenue could be upgraded for a safe approach to the trail. That suggestion was determined to be outside of the scope of the Bennett Park project, but it

could become a town project.

Rennia indicated that the next step following approval is to seek additional approval from the Department of Environmental Protection for a stream protection plan. A three-sided box culvert is anticipated to be installed along the trail to correct water flow.

Additional residents’ con-

cerns included parking and increased traffic from visitors to the park, with one resident asking for consideration of the needs of disabled visitors, not that the area needed to be ADA-compliant but perhaps made easier for the disabled.

Following approval, Redl agreed to bring the Franklin Avenue sidewalk upgrade idea to the Board of Trustees for discussion and perhaps pursuit of grant funding.

Conditions to the approval included obtaining approval from the DEP, submission of a detailed plan for the bridge and landscaping and signage plans detailing open hours and barring of motorized vehicles.

As residents’ concerns can be further addressed within the next phase of the plans when parking and traffic will be charted, Sander stayed on after the meeting to make note of those concerns before the residents left.



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Millbrook joins Hometown Heroes banner program

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — Having been awarded a grant to participate in New York State’s Hometown Heroes program, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously at its regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 10, to create a budget item to manage the grant.

The Hometown Heroes program, administered through Dutchess County has awarded a grant of \$5,000 to the town to honor veterans on banner flags to be displayed on utility poles throughout the town. Since receiving the grant, the town has received additional private donations totaling \$1,000 for the local program.

Mayor Peter Doro reported that the program and

the application process had been discussed over several local administrations before the application was submitted and the grant received. The next steps to implement the program will be open to residents’ comments. The anticipated date when banners would be hung is May 2026, in advance of Memorial Day.

“Supporters want the program to be inclusive and in keeping with the Millbrook aesthetic,” Doro said. “This program is for people who want it.”

Residents who wish to subscribe to a banner to honor a veteran may do so for a fee of \$250 according to the program guidelines. About 20 or 25 banners are estimated to be correct for Millbrook.

Several towns who par-

ticipate in Hometown Heroes have adopted various additional guidelines detailing location, and months when the banners are displayed, some putting them away into storage during winter months.

A resolution will be drafted in the coming weeks to implement the program and residents will have an opportunity to provide comment at that point.

Some public comments were heard from residents at the meeting, including from a few who felt that the town’s Tribute Garden provides a proper memorial for those who bravely served and sacrificed. Others saw an advantage in celebrating diversity and educating young people about their town’s history of service.

Some residents were concerned about traffic safety and the readability of the banners.

Accessible parking space formalized

A parking spot designated for accessible parking across the street from the Millbrook Library on Friendly Lane needed its existence to be formalized by the Trustees.

Accordingly, the Trustees set a date of Wednesday, Oct. 8, to hold a public hearing on the required resolution to agree to make the existing spot official. The space is located across the street from the library’s accessible ramp.

The library’s accessible space is one of five spaces throughout the village providing convenient access to town buildings, Doro explained.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Continuing what is now a long-standing monthly gathering, the Amenia Library’s Tea Society’s event on Saturday, Sept. 13, featured teas and pastries from China. Organized by program assistant Megan Marshall, left, attendees were introduced to Asian pastries, including scones, lotus seed and mung bean mooncakes and sugar-coated hawthorns and more.

Amenia Tea Society planning presentation on poisons for October

By LEILA HAWKEN
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borly conversation that a cup of tea invites.

The gathering on Saturday, Sept. 13, featured the teas of China: Dragon Pearl Jasmine and Lychee Black. Examples of treats were green curry onion scones, lemon jasmine tea scones, chestnut mung bean pastries, lotus seed and mung bean mooncakes, and more.

The next meeting of the Tea Society will be Saturday, Oct. 11, at noon. Marshall said that rather than the usual formal tea and pastries format, the meeting will feature a talk by area resident Madame Datura titled “Poison in Relation to Tea,” including spooky foods. As Hallowe’en approaches, the theme is thought to be timely.

AMENIA — Since the series began in 2024, the monthly Tea Society events at the Amenia Library have been a popular draw, inviting visitors to engage with teas associated with a variety of the world’s tea-drinking cultures and to sample accompanying culinary treats associated with those cultures.

Organized and curated by the library’s program assistant, Megan Marshall, every detail is attended to, including proper presentation with china teapots, cups and saucers and plates of goodies either made by Marshall or bought. A bonus is the neigh-

North East Town Board declines zoning change for now; Country Inn plan stalled

By ALY MORRISSEY
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MILLERTON — The Town Board has decided not to move forward with a petition to change agricultural district zoning that would have allowed construction of a new country inn and wedding venue.

The proposal, tied to a 36-acre parcel at Route 44/22 and Smithfield Road, came from John and Kristen King, who hope to develop a winery, guest accommodations and event space.

At the Sept. 11 meeting, Supervisor Chris Kennan

announced the board was not ready to pursue changes to Code 180-40. Though the board initially seemed inclined to support the project for its economic potential, feedback from the Planning Board, the Conservation Advisory Council, and zoning consultant Nan Stolzenburg led members to reconsider.

“It is a question of whether we’re able to really feel that we understand the implications of what this could lead to,” Kennan said.

Attorney Joshua Mackey, representing the applicants, expressed disappointment and asked about next steps. Kennan

replied that the board does not want to rush the process, noting the exhaustive commercial zoning review now nearing completion — a process that required more than 100 committee meetings.

Because the petition was still preliminary, no resolution was under review and no vote was required. Town Attorney Warren Replansky suggested the proposed amendments could be considered in the second phase of the zoning review, which will change focus from commercial to residential districts. “I think it would be too ambitious to include in this first round,” he said.

Kennan added that he hopes to launch the second phase before the end of the year and expects it to move more quickly. “The goal would be to get a committee appointed, hire the appropriate professional resources and move on that as quickly as possible,” he said.

Kennan emphasized the town’s interest in new investment. “We appreciate the applicant’s interest, and we welcome people who want to come and start a business and create economic activity. We just want to make sure it’s done in a way that keeps the nature of the town consistent with what we know.”



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Gathering for Charlie Kirk

A crowd gathered in Amenia’s Fountain Square to honor slain conservative commentator Charlie Kirk on Friday evening, Sept. 12. Amelia Bailey, right, of Amenia said she organized the gathering just after news broke of the shooting that killed Kirk on Sept. 10. About 40 people gathered at the square with candles and signs, Bailey said.

Witchcraft history among Amenia Library’s September offerings

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Gearing up for the fall season of activities, the Amenia Free Library has lined up three intriguing sessions for the month of September. The free programs will be of interest to adults and young people alike.

“The History of Witchcraft” will be an illustrated talk offered by the library’s program assistant Megan Marshall on Saturday, Sept. 20, beginning at noon, based on her own research. The content will take listeners back to the Colonial era and

could be helpful in preparing for Halloween.

“It’s being presented in response to a recent heightened interest in the subject,” Marshall said, during an interview on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

Then, on the following Tuesday, Sept. 23, there will be a program, “Make Your Own Turkey Wing Broom,” Marshall said. It will be a two-hour program presented in the library kitchen by “The Enchanted Altar,” a business based in Lee, Massachusetts. All materials will

be furnished. The program will begin at 5 p.m.

Looking to the ancients, a program will be offered on Friday, Sept. 26, introducing “Greek Mythology,” presented by Marshall who expects to touch on most of the notables, including Athena, Apollo, Zeus and more.

“We have a group of people interested in Greek mythology,” Marshall noted, adding that the program, of interest to teens and adults, is part of a series of talks that will explore mythology and folklore.

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Archer raises Scottish Highlands cattle and Southeast Asian water buffalo because of their affinity for rugged terrain and dense, unappetizing foliage. They serve as all-natural weed-eaters, Archer said, going into habitats and eating plants that more typical livestock would avoid.

“They’re replacing an herbivore that has become extinct through millennia,” Archer said.

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good that would come from removing invasive plants.

The water buffalo are especially fond of an invasive called phragmites — also known as common reed. These non-native plants form dense clods that choke out native species, according to the New York Invasive Species Information website, eventually killing all diversity in a wetland.

“Scottish highlanders don’t want to go where the footing is bad,” Archer said. “So I asked if we could proceed with Southeast Asian water buffalo and we’ve been working with them for about two years now.”

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individual homes and businesses to a new treatment plant on a village-owned parcel off Mill Street.

While homeowners will pay the electricity to run the pumps, which Moore describes as an “incredibly efficient system and operates infrequently,” the village will be responsible for installing and maintaining the equipment through permanent easements. An added benefit for residents, Moore noted, is that replacing traditional septic fields could free up outdoor space, potentially allowing for development on previously protected leach fields.

The total project cost is estimated at \$13 million, which includes construction, engineering, contingency and legal fees.

The village’s share is about \$10.8 million, with annual operations and maintenance projected at \$144,000.

Funding to date includes \$200,000 from a Dutchess County Municipal Investment Grant, nearly \$960,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency secured through Congressman Pat Ryan, and just over \$5 million from the New York Environmental Facilities Corporation.

A zero-percent interest loan through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund will cover about 30% of the remaining balance, leaving roughly \$5.7 million still to be secured.

Moore said the next step

is for trustees to finalize and sign the engineering contract, which will unlock the remaining EPA funding. Board members have been asked to submit final questions within the week so the contract can move forward. The NYSEFC funding also requires a short list of outstanding items before it can be closed.

Over the past two years, house-to-house investigations and individual conversations with residents have taken place, surveys have gone out, and geotechnical testing have been completed across the service area.

Moore said that once the final authorization is given — conservatively estimated by January 2026 — the design should be finished within a year, and construction within a year after that.

“We have a great team that is really excited and ready,” she said.

In addition to the existing grants, the village and town are preparing to pursue new funding opportunities. As announced at a recent Town of North East board meeting, the municipalities are in talks to apply jointly for the state’s New York Forward program, a competitive grant which offers two \$4.5 million awards for small communities. Town Supervisor Chris Kennan and Village Mayor Jenn Najdek said the wastewater project would be the focus of their application, which is due next month.

rently a far better state than it was prior.”

Owner Brian Seiler spoke up in support of his proposed store, also promoting the tax revenue benefits to the town.

“What comes with a cannabis store is positivity,” Seiler said.

The Pine Plains Fire District and the Hose Company submitted identical letters to the board objecting to the proposed site. The letters cited community events where children play on the fire house property as their chief reason for opposing the project.

“There is a law in place for a reason about the distance away from such buildings and it is our stance that the law was made for this very reason,” the letter states. “At no time are we objecting to such business, we are objecting to the location that is being presented.”

Planning board members decided to hold open the public hearing for the dispensary until the following meeting on Oct. 8. Members expect to be able to issue a decision on the distance waivers at the next meeting, pending clarification from the fire department on potential compromises with the developers.



Jim Archer keeps sheep, goats, pigs, emus, horses and a variety of fowl on his farm on Smithfield Valley Road in Amenia.

The operation is under expansion with 13 water buffalo and between 35 and 40 highlands cattle.

Archer’s environmental work is expensive, though, and he refuses to accept donations or even volunteer labor to help him with his operation. Instead, he sells educational tours of his Amenia farm to fund the conservation efforts. “I have to earn what I get,” Archer said.

Archer has amassed a menagerie of animals at his 90-acre farm — all raised from adolescence by him and his fiancée — including pigs, sheep, highlands cattle, water buffalo, emus, goats, pheasants, horses, pigeons, ducks and peafowl.

Tourists start by meeting the highlands cattle, the animal that generally draws a group to the farm, Archer said. “Everybody wants to pet a fluffy cow.”

Archer’s tours put visitors in direct contact with nearly every animal on his farm, except for the horses. Those are just for pulling Archer’s restored stage coaches, including a re-creation horse-drawn ambulance — a hobby for him and his fiancée.

The experience can be overwhelming for some. “I get a lot of people that cry,” Archer said, because many of his visitors are urban or suburbanites with limited experience with animals, and the interactions can be moving.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

“Emus are dinosaurs,” Jim Archer said as he exposed the claw located on his emu’s wing.

“Somebody was suffering a loss of their partner,” Archer said. “They came here to see the animals to help through their grieving process. Billy, the water buffalo, was laying down so she sat down and he put his head in her lap. The whole time we were there — 30, 45 minutes — she was just there bonding with him.”

The most divisive animals on the property are the emus. Archer has five of them that live in an enclosure with some goats. The emus are curious and friendly, but they have a

funny way of showing it. The birds have to explore things using beaks, leading to a lot of nibbling and pecking as visitors stand in the pen with them. Some people, understandably, find that a little annoying, Archer said.

Interested visitors can book tours through Archer’s website, www.elkravinefarm.com, or by texting 914-262-4737. A two-hour tour of the farm for a group of four people costs \$250. An appointment is required to visit the farm.

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people were looking for,” said Cornell, who opened the restaurant alongside head chef Nate Long in April.

While the rebrand comes on the heels of the official opening, Cornell joked, “Patience isn’t one of my virtues.” When he realized the restaurant was quickly outgrowing its original identity, he acted with urgency. “I felt like there was no time to waste.”

Early feedback from customers catalyzed the team to rethink their identity as a fast-food brand. With elegant dishes popping up on the menu — like grilled peach burrata salad and steak frites — Cornell said the evolution was natural. “We decided to rebrand according to who we already were, but who we wanted to be in the future.” The duo also expanded the menu to increase options for vegetarian and gluten-free diets.

Cornell describes his partner Long as the creative force behind the menu. The two first met during the pandemic in Virginia, where Long, with 12 years in fine dining, had made a name for himself with elaborate 12-course private dinners. In the summer of 2024, when Cornell decided to open a restaurant in Millerton, he immediately thought back to that dinner — and to Long.

Within weeks, Long agreed to take a chance on the venture and relocated to the Hudson Valley. “He took a huge leap moving here and joining this project,” Cornell said. “I had the ingredient standards and the name, and Nate designed the entire menu from there.”

With Tallow’s original tagline, “Real Food, Real Fast,” Pasture Kitchen will stay true to its founding mission but broaden its horizons. Their commitment to organic, “real food” without the use of pesticides or artificial ingredients persists. The new name aims to evoke nature and scratch-cooked food — sourced from the earth and made in-house.

And made in-house it is. Pasture Kitchen receives a 100% grass-fed cow every two weeks and uses the whole animal to honor its life. Delivered fresh in 80-pound parts called “primals,” the meat is butchered in-house into ground beef, the fat is rendered into tallow and the bones are simmered for bone broth. Premium cuts go into steak frites, while brisket and short ribs make up The Melt. They also make their own buns, sauces and pickles.

That whole-animal approach connects directly to Cornell’s own food journey. His passion developed in high

school while working at Subway. “While you can’t classify that as ‘real food,’” he said, “I switched from eating really glutinous, ultra-processed food to minimally processed real food.” In six months, he lost 60 pounds, alleviated chronic health issues and watched his energy and metabolism skyrocket.

After learning more about the problems with the food system and the impact of ultra-processed foods on metabolic health, Cornell was inspired. “I wanted to play a part in fixing our food system. And I wanted to start small and local, right here where I live.” He considered creating an app or social group but ultimately decided he wanted to make and serve real food directly.

“That’s when I realized I had to start a restaurant because it felt like the highest impact I could have on a local level.”

Asked why Millerton was the perfect spot, Cornell responded passionately. “It’s got a great community and we’re surrounded by regenerative and organic farmers, which is very rare in the country. It’s such a blessing to be surrounded by farmers who are growing according to nature.”

Pasture Kitchen’s roster

of farm partners is growing steadily. What began as a 12-farm partnership has expanded to about 30 since April. Two of the main partners, Chaseholm Farms in Pine Plains and Autumn’s Harvest Farm in Romulus, employ 100% grass-fed practices that prioritize both the environment and animal welfare, with regenerative agriculture methods at the core of their approach. Pasture Kitchen sources produce from local farms like Thistle Pass Farm right in Millerton.

In addition to a new name and more diverse menu, visitors will notice a wall-sized mural on the outside of the building. Commissioned from Texas-based muralist Cade Kegerreis, the artwork depicts a realistic scene honoring the animals and the land.

Looking ahead, Cornell says the rebrand is just the first step. “Our long-term vision for Pasture is to have many Pasture Kitchens and to try different variations of restaurant concepts, like Pasture Steakhouse or Pasture Dinner,” he said. “We want to sell Pasture goods like beef jerky and frozen tallow fries, and we really want to drive down the cost of real food so we can serve amazing ingredients at a price that’s affordable.”

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Public comment on the business was mixed, but generally criticism centered around the location rather than the nature of the business itself.

Sarah Jones of Pine Plains spoke in opposition, saying that as a member of the town board she voted to approve the town’s cannabis law and cited the ordinances distance requirements. That law requires cannabis retailers be at least 300 feet from an “essential service.”

“It’s really disheartening to me that those restrictions would not be complied with on the first dispensary application to this board,” Jones said. “We thought they were necessary, we thought they were reasonable.”

Jones and other critics also focused on the historic significance of the site, cautioning that the building ought to be preserved.

Supporters of the project touted the fiscal benefits the dispensary would provide to the town, including Town Board member Kevin Walsh.

Walsh also praised the efforts of Upstate Pines in restoring the building. “A great amount of effort has gone into preserving that building,” Walsh said. “It’s in now cur-

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MOVIES: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

‘Garland Jeffreys: The King of In Between’ at the Moviehouse

There is a scene in “The King of In Between,” a documentary about musician Garland Jeffreys, that shows his name as the answer to a question on the TV show “Jeopardy!” “This moment was the film in a nutshell,” said Claire Jeffreys, the film’s producer and director, and Garland’s wife of 40 years. “Nobody knows the answer,” she continued. “So, you’re cool enough to be a Jeopardy question, but you’re still obscure enough that not one of the contestants even had a glimmer of the answer.”

Garland Jeffreys never quite became a household name, but he carved out a singular place in American music by refusing to fit neatly into any category. A biracial New Yorker blending rock, reggae, soul and R&B, he used genre fusion as a kind of rebellion — against industry pigeonholes, racial boundaries and the musical status quo. Albums like “Ghost Writer” (1977) captured the tension of a post-civil rights America, while songs like “Wild in the Streets” made him an underground prophet of urban unrest. He moved alongside artists like Lou Reed and Bruce Springsteen but always in his own lane — part poet, part agitator, part bridge between cultures.

“I think what I tried to do with the film, wittingly or unwittingly, was just to show that we all have these lives and they don’t often meet our dreams of what we think we’re entitled to, we’re talented enough to get or whatever,” said



STILL FROM “THE KING OF IN BETWEEN”
Claire and Garland Jeffreys in the film “The King of In Between.”

Claire. “We all have these goals, but we’re sort of stymied. Often, it’s partly circumstance and luck, but it’s also very often something that we’re doing or not doing that’s impeding us.”

This is not the typical rock-and-roll redemption story. There are no smashed guitars, no heroic overdoses, no dramatic comeback tour. What we get instead is something quieter and more intimate: hours of archival footage that Claire spent years sorting through. The sheer effort behind the film is palpable — so much so that, as she admitted with a laugh, it cured her of any future ambitions in filmmaking.

“What I learned with this project was A, I’m never doing it again. It was just so hard. And B, you know, you can do anything if you collaborate with people that know what they’re doing.”

Claire worked with the editing team of Evan M. Johnson and Ben Sozanski and a slew of talented producers, and ended up

with a truthful portrayal — a beautiful living document for Garland’s legions of fans and, perhaps most importantly, for the couple’s daughter, Savannah.

“She’s been in the audience with me maybe three or four times,” said Claire. “The last time, I could tell that she was beginning to feel very proud of the effort that went into it and also of being a part of it.”

Savannah pursued a career in music for a while herself but has changed tracks and become a video producer.

“I think she couldn’t quite see music happening for herself,” said Claire. “She was like, ‘I don’t know if I want to struggle the way I saw my dad struggling and I’m going to get a job with a salary.’”

The film doesn’t just track the arc of an underappreciated musician, however. The music, always playing, is the soundtrack of a life — of a man navigating racial, musical and personal boundaries while balancing marriage, parent-



hood, aging, addiction and recovery. Garland and Claire speak plainly about getting sober in the film, a life choice that gave them both clarity and shows Claire as a co-conspirator in his survival.

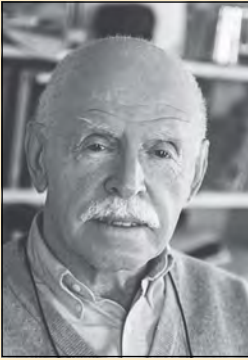
“I did some work early on with a director,” said Claire. “He wanted the final cut, and I didn’t feel like I could do that — not because I wanted so much to control the story, but I didn’t want the story to be about Alzheimer’s.”

Diagnosed in 2017, Garland, now 81, is in the late stages of the disease. Claire serves as his primary caregiver. The film quietly acknowledges his

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Betsy Lerner, author of “Shred Sisters,” is giving the 2025 Brendan Gill lecture at the Haystack Book Festival.



Jerome A. Cohen, author of the memoir “Eastward, Westward: A Life in Law.”

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BOOKS: JENNIFER ALMQUIST

Haystack Book Festival: writers in conversation

The Haystack Book Festival, a program of the Norfolk Hub, brings renowned writers and thinkers to Norfolk for conversation. Celebrating its fifth season this fall, the festival will gather 18 writers for discussions at the Norfolk Library on Sept. 20 and Oct. 3 through 5.

For example, “Never Take the Rule of Law for Granted: China and the Dissident,” will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, at 4 p.m. at the Norfolk Library. It brings together Jerome A. Cohen, author of “Eastward, Westward: A Life in Law,” and Mark Clifford, author of “The Troublemaker: How Jimmy Lai Became a Billionaire, Hong King’s Greatest Dissident, and China’s Most Feared Critic” in dialogue with journalist Richard Hornik to discuss the rule of law and China.

The Council on Foreign Relations stated, “Few Americans have done more than Jerome A. Cohen

to advance the rule of law in East Asia. He established the study of Chinese law in the United States. An advocate for human rights, Cohen has been a scholar, teacher, lawyer, and activist for sixty years.”

Cohen, a professor at New York University School of Law and director of its U.S.-Asia Law Institute, revealed his long view on China: “We are now witnessing another extreme in the pendulum’s swing toward repression. Xi Jinping is likely to outlive me but ‘no life lives forever.’ There will eventually be another profound reaction to the current totalitarian era.”

In “The Troublemaker,” Clifford chronicles Lai’s life from child refugee to pro-democracy billionaire to his current imprisonment by the Chinese Communist Party. Clifford is president of the Committee for Freedom in Hong Kong Foundation, a

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COMMUNITY: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Salisbury Family Services to honor Danielle Mailer at Sept. 27 benefit

On Saturday, Sept. 27, Salisbury Family Services (SFS) will hold a benefit dinner and barn dance, honoring artist Danielle Mailer. Taking place at Stillwater Farm in Salisbury, this festive fundraiser will feature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and lively barn dancing — all in support of the critical services SFS provides.

Founded in the mid-1930s during the Great Depression, Salisbury Family Services has been a lifeline for residents of Salisbury and the surrounding villages of Amesville, Lakeville, Lime Rock, and Taconic for nearly 90 years. What began as an effort by local women to mend clothes and provide food has evolved into a professional social service agency offering confidential support for housing, food, childcare, medical needs and more.

This year's benefit celebrates Danielle Mailer, a nationally recognized visual artist and longtime local resident whose vibrant work and generous spirit have left a lasting impression on the Northwest Corner. Known for her bold, figurative style and large-scale public installations, Mailer has brought color and life to communities throughout



PHOTO BY PETER MCEACHERN

Danielle Mailer with her 12 foot aluminum mountain lion outside of the Scoville Library.

Connecticut and beyond. "I suspect that they honored me because they think I've given back to the community in various ways," said Mailer from her studio in Goshen. Mailer just began her tenth year as a teacher at the Salisbury School. Prior to that, she taught at Indian Mountain School for 15 years. "So that's, what? That's 25 years of teaching in the community," said Mailer with a laugh.

Alongside teaching, Mailer will also be honored for her artistic contributions to the area. If you've driven through Torrington and seen the undulating sea of fish on

the backside of Staples ("Project Fishtales") or delighted in her playful blue lion outside of the Scoville Library, you've seen her art do what it does best: transform public space into something personal and joyful. Mailer has shown in major galleries, had retrospectives at the Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, Connecticut, and helped shape The Tides of Provincetown, a traveling tribute to her hometown of Provincetown, Massachusetts. Currently, she's getting ready for the unveiling of a large-scale ballerina she created for the Nutmeg Ballet Conservatory in

Torrington on Oct. 3. Some of Mailer's work will be on view and for sale at the event on the 27th. Proceeds directly support the SFS's ability to provide emergency assistance and essential services to those in need.

"I readily donate my art to lots of things because I think that's something art can do — to support the different community events that are very necessary to keep the town humming," said Mailer. "And I am really flattered. It's been really fun to be honored."

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.salisburyfamily-services.org

FILM: BRIAN GERSTEN

TRIFEST brings global youth filmmakers to Great Barrington

Great Barrington's Triplex Cinema will soon roll out the red carpet for a new generation of filmmakers. TRIFEST, a new youth film festival, is set to showcase the creativity and voices of young storytellers from across the globe.

The three-day festival, running from Sept. 19 to 21, will feature 44 short films from filmmakers aged 25 and under, representing over 17 countries. Categories include narrative, documentary, animation, and experimental films. In addition to screenings, a variety



PHOTO BY BRIAN GERSTEN

TRIFEST, a new three-day festival featuring work by international filmmakers aged 25 and under.

PGA Award-winning documentarian ("We Will Rise," "War Game"); and first-time feature filmmakers Zia Anger ("My First Film"), Carson Lund ("Eephus"), and Haley Elizabeth Anderson ("Tendaberry").

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of industry panels and conversations are scheduled with internationally renowned filmmakers and producers, including Peter Becker, president

of Criterion Collection; Hamish Linklater ("The Big Short," "Nickel Boys"); Tony Gerber, Emmy and

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Walter Bagehot Fellow at Columbia University, and holds a PhD in history from the University of Hong Kong. He was the former editor-in-chief of the South China Morning Post and The Standard (Hong Kong and Seoul).

Richard Hornik, adjunct senior fellow at the East-West Center, will moderate the discussion. Hornik is the former executive editor of AsiaWeek, news service director of Time magazine, and former Time bureau chief in Warsaw, Boston, Beijing and Hong Kong.

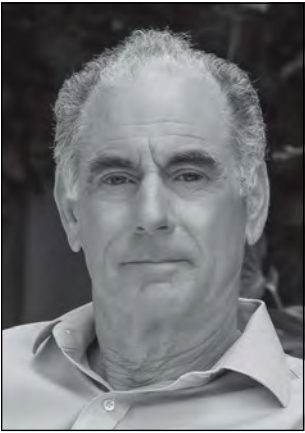
The Brendan Gill Lecture is a highlight of the festival honoring longtime Norfolk resident Brendan Gill, who died in 1997. Gill wrote for The New Yorker magazine for fifty years. Betsy Lerner, New York Times-recognized author of "Shred Sisters," will deliver this year's lecture on Friday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m. at the Norfolk Library.

Visit haystackbook-festival.org to register. Admission is free.



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Journalist Richard Hornik, adjunct senior fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu.



Mark Clifford, author of "The Troublemaker: How Jimmy Lai Became a Billionaire, Hong Kong's Greatest Dissident, and China's Most Feared Critic."

...Garland Jeffreys

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diagnosis, but it doesn't dwell — a restraint that feels intentional. Garland spent a career refusing to be reduced: not to one sound, one race or one scene. And so the documentary grants him that same dignity in aging. His memory may be slipping, but the film resists easy sentimentality. Instead, it shows what remains — his humor, his voice, his marriage,

the echo of a life lived on the edges of fame and at the center of his own convictions. The Moviehouse in Millerton will be screening "The King of In Between" on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. Peter Aaron, arts editor of Chronogram Magazine will conduct a talkback and Q&A with Claire Jeffreys after the film. Purchase tickets at themoviehouse.net.

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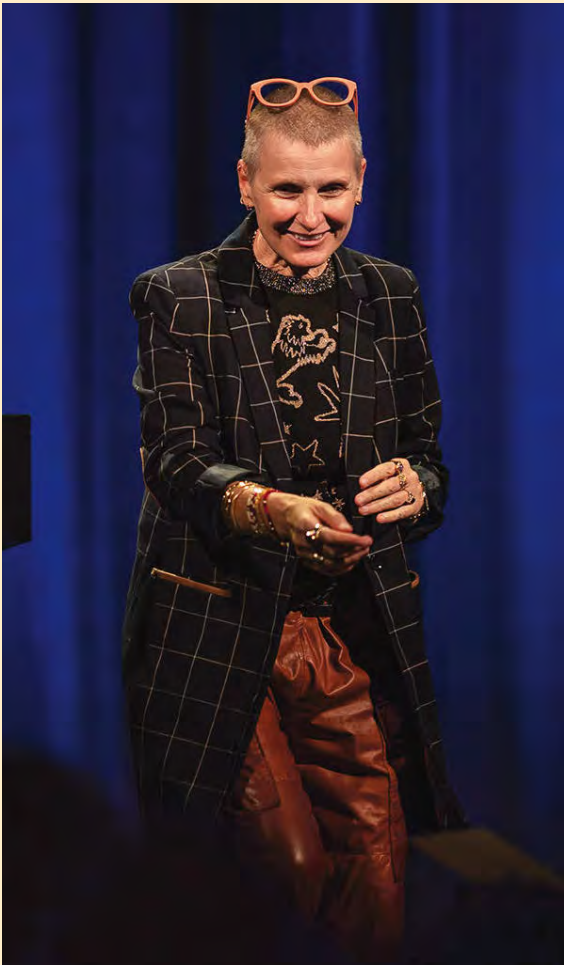


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Elizabeth Gilbert
Author Elizabeth Gilbert spoke to a sold-out crowd at The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie on Sept. 10 during an event presented by Oblong Books, celebrating the release of her new memoir, “All the Way to the River.”

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TRIFEST founder Nicki Wilson led the charge to save the Triplex from the threat of closure back in 2023 when its future was in limbo. As a longtime arts advocate and film lover, Nicki explained “I could not imagine living in a town without a theater.”

Wilson and other community members formed the grassroots non-profit Save The Triplex in an effort to keep the theater open and operating.

The group successfully purchased the theater in the summer of 2023. Soon after, Wilson identified another opportunity.

“I’m working non-stop trying to get submissions from Wil-

liamstown and North Adams, and Sheffield, and I’m getting submissions from China, India, Germany, Ukraine — and I thought, well, wouldn’t it be interesting for the Triplex to actually start an international youth film festival?” she said. “It would be inspirational and educational to the younger people in our area, but at the same time, it would be interesting for all of us to see what younger people were making around the world. It just seemed like a perfect fit for the Triplex.”

Tickets are \$10 per program, \$20 for evening shows, or \$45 for a 3-day pass. Tickets are available at trifest.org and thetriplex.org.

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THEATER: RICHARD FEINER AND ANNETTE STOVER

Ancram Center presents ‘Penelope’ and fall lineup of original works

The Ancram Center’s 10th Anniversary Season continues this fall with “Penelope,” a cabaret-style musical based on Homer’s “The Odyssey,” told from the point of view of Penelope, Odysseus’ long-suffering wife. With music and lyrics by Alex Bechtel and a book by Bechtel, Grace McLean (who also stars) and Eva Steinmetz (who also directs), “Penelope” runs Sept. 19-21 and 25-28.

The show tells a story you think you know. In Homer’s poem about Odysseus’ return home after the Trojan War, Penelope is a minor character. She is trapped at home, lonely and isolated, yet she runs the city of Ithaca and fends off suitors.

“She is meant to be a paragon of fidelity,” said Paul Ricciardi, Ancram Center co-director, “but this version is a refreshingly feminist take on the Greek epic. And this Penelope has a lot to say.”

With genre-bending songs and a powerful narrative, presented in an intimate cabaret setting with a live band that doubles as a Greek chorus, the show reframes the ancient tale to bring the mythological Penelope to vibrant life with 21st century resonance.



PHOTO BY SHERVIN LAINEZ

Grace McLean co-wrote and stars in “Penelope.”

McLean is a multi-hyphenate actress, singer, writer and teacher, and a breakout star of “Suffs,” the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical about the American women’s suffrage movement.

This is the first time she is featured in a play she wrote herself. With humor and insight, she casts a spell that illuminates the myriad meanings in the classic text —

waiting and loneliness, as well as determination and resilience.

This show promises to be a mesmerizing and unforgettable theatrical love letter to all who wait and hope.

The Ancram Center season continues on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m. with Mary Murfitt’s “Framed: The Murder of Beulah Simons.” This is the second production of Ancram Center’s 2025 Play Lab series, which

provides theatre artists of all practices the time, space and resources to develop new, innovative projects. “Framed” is based on true events: an Ancram love triangle in the early 1940s that ends with a murder, and a questionable trial that leads to the conviction of a young farmhand.

Every fall also brings a new edition of “Real People Real Stories,” Ancram Center’s signature storytelling program. Since 2016, this celebrated series has provided a forum for area residents to share humorous, poignant and surprising true tales about themselves. The production, at 3 p.m. on Nov. 22, will cap the 2025 season.

For tickets, visit www.ancramcenter.org
Richard Feiner and Annette Stover have worked and taught in the arts, communications, and philanthropy in West Berlin, Paris, Tokyo, and New York. Passionate supporters of the arts, they live in Salisbury and Greenwich Village.

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TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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SEPTEMBER 18

Community Mental Health Discussion and Supper

Copake Grange, 628 Empire Road, Copake, N.Y.
6 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for an introductory program on mental health concerns in our community, hosted by Copake Grange with support from the National Grange. This free event will include open discussion on topics such as stress, anxiety, and depression, followed by a buffet supper prepared by Chef Oleg Shcherbakov.

RSVP to copakegrange@gmail.com with the number in your party. All are welcome.

The Revolutionary Love Project

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
Thursday, Sept. 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Free interactive workshop in partnership with Project SAGE exploring the impact of love through reflection, journaling, and vision board creation. Open to adults and young adults; no experience needed.

Register: zeffy.com/ticketing/revolutionary-love-project

For info on a children's version, contact Linda at lindac@project-sage.org.

Last week's WotW

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SEPTEMBER 19

TRIFEST: International Youth Film Festival

Triplex Cinema, Great Barrington, Mass.
The Triplex Cinema launches its inaugural international youth film festival, showcasing 44 short films by filmmakers age 25 and under from nine countries. Special guests include Peter Becker (Criterion Collection), Hamish Linklater, Lily Rabe, Tony Gerber, and others. Events include screenings, conversations, and community programs for local students and families. Tickets: \$10–\$45. Info: trifest.org or thetriplex.org

SEPTEMBER 20

Haystack Book Festival

Various locations
Sept. 20 to Oct. 5.
A dynamic series of author talks and conversations presented over three weekends, featuring leading voices in history, law, literature, the environment, and more. Events take place at various times and locations. Registration required for all events.

Full schedule and details: www.haystackbookfestival.org/

Claudia Kaatziza Cortínez: Salt and Bone

Furnace Art on Paper, 107 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
Reception: 4 to 6 p.m.

Solo exhibition featuring photographic works by Claudia Kaatziza Cortínez exploring memory, transformation, and architecture through analogue processes on paper, linen, and silk.

The Voice of Art: Fine Art Festival

Sharon Town Green, 63 Main St., Sharon, Conn.
Sept. 20 to 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Outdoor juried art show featuring fine art and fine functional art from regional artists. Free and open to the public. Includes food trucks and a raffle. Hosted by The Voice of Art. More info: TheVoiceofArtOrg@gmail.com | 203-379-0015

EBB & FLOW

Mad Rose Gallery, 5916 N Elm Ave., Millerton, N.Y.
Opening Reception
Saturday, Sept. 20, 4 to 6 p.m.

Featured Glass Artists: Eric Hilton, Lisa Sacco, Natalie Tyler, Steven Weinberg. Exhibitions
Run: Sept. 20 to Dec. 31

Grunge Unplugged: LIVE @AMP – A Tribute to the Seattle Sound

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn.
Saturday, Sept. 20 | 8 p.m. (Doors 7 p.m.)

Gryme performs an acoustic tribute to 1990s Seattle grunge, featuring music by Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Soundgarden, and more—reimagined in the spirit of MTV Unplugged. Tickets: \$10–\$35 More info: gryme-liveatamp.eventbrite.com

Author Talk

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org
On Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. Cornwall Library will host a discussion with John Tauranac, the author of "New York's Scoundrels, Scalawags, and Scrappers: The City in the Last Decade of the Gilded Age."

Registration is requested at: cornwalllibrary.org/events/.

Claudia Kaatziza Cortínez: Salt and Bone

Furnace Art on Paper, 107 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn.
Saturday, Sept. 20, 4 to 6 p.m. A solo exhibition by Claudia Kaatziza Cortínez featuring gum bichromate and cyanotype prints on paper, linen, and silk. "Salt and Bone" explores memory, transformation, and the physical traces left in landscapes and architecture. Free and open to the public.

Gail O'Donnell and Rika Laser: Works on Paper

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Reception: Saturday, Sept. 20, 5 to 7 p.m. Art Talk: Thursday, Oct. 16, 5:30 p.m. On view: Sept. 20 to Oct. 17. A dual exhibition featuring contemporary works in drawing, printmaking, papercutting, and fiber art by Gail O'Donnell and Rika Laser. Free and open to the public.

SEPTEMBER 21

"Two Worlds: Different Perspectives in Painting"
UCC Parish House, 8 Bolton Hill Rd., Cornwall, Conn.
Paintings by Cornwall artist Michael Worobec and New Fairfield artist Lisa Orleman will be

exhibited from Sept. 21 through Oct. 23 at the Parish House in Cornwall. All are welcome at the Opening Reception on Sunday, Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to noon, Sundays 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment.

SEPTEMBER 24

Bingo Night at the Interlaken Inn

Interlaken Inn, 74 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn.
Buffet dinner at 5 p.m. Games start 6 p.m. Cash bar. All proceeds go to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut.

Torrington Remembers – A Community Conversation About Your Favorite Places
Torrington Historical Society, 192 Main St., Torrington, Conn.
Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Join the Torrington Historical Society for a free, interactive evening of memories and conversation about favorite local places from the past—shops, hangouts, workplaces, and more. Space is limited; registration recommended at Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.com/e/torrington-remembers-your-favorite-places-tickets-1636480149179?aff=oddtcreator) or visit torringtonhistorical society.org.

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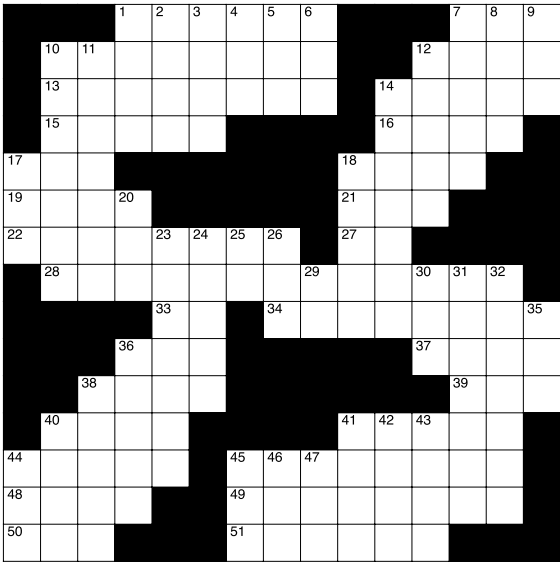
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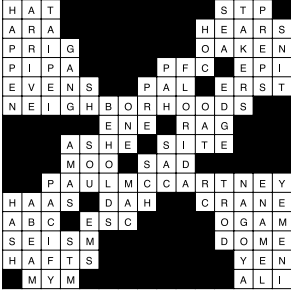
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- Invests in little enterprises
- Perimeter
- Chicago ballplayer
- Animal body part
- It's everywhere these days
- Fictional ad exec
- Mr. T character Baracus
- Against the current
- Subway rodent
- Armor plate
- Hair on the head
- Strong insect
- Swollen lymph node
- A way to lessen
- Walter White poison
- Sleeveless garment
- Long accompanied song
- Without features
- Yankee great Mattingly
- Removes from record



- Restored
- Official
- Skin lesions
- Electroencephalograph
- Middle Eastern country
- Extremely angry
- Title used before a woman's name
- British thermal unit
- By the way (abbr.)
- Anger
- Nullifies
- Ones who acquire
- Time zone
- Arabic name
- Protein in mucus
- Ballpoint pen
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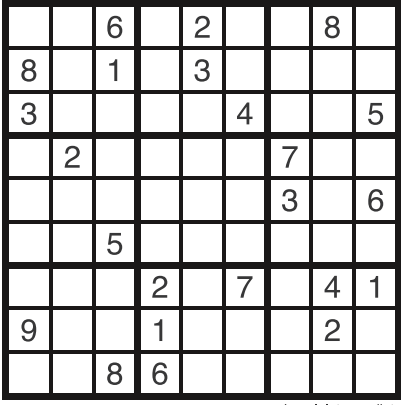
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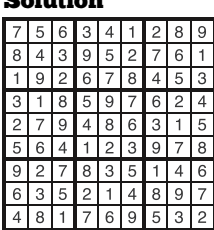
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- Appliances have one
- A way to sing
- Midway between east and southeast
- Animal dwelling
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OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This Arts and Craft home with on Depot Hill close to the Rail Trail sold for \$410,000.

Amenia market sees nine sales during July and August period

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Nine home sales were recorded in Amenia in July and August with a median price of \$410,000. Seven of these sales were below \$500,000 with only one above \$1 million, the sale of a Silo Ridge home for \$5.05 million which has an assessed market value of \$2,717,100. Twelve single family residences are listed for sale at the beginning of September with six below \$500,000 and six above \$1 million.

2 Eagle Pass — 4 bedroom/4.5 bath home on 0.27 acres sold to Ajay Ayyappan for \$5.05 million.

141 Poplar Hill Road — 4 bedroom/3 bath home on 8.52 acres sold to Federal Home Loan Mortgage for \$456,450.

214 Old Route 22 — 3 bedroom/2 bath home built in 1881 sold to Frederik Tata for \$325,000.

34 Prospect Ave. — 3 bedroom/1 bath home sold to Seth Michael Finley for \$358,000.

22 Depot Hill Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath/2 half bath home sold to Carolyn Wong for \$410,000.

18 Ohandley Drive — 3 bedroom/2.5 bath home on 1.09 acres sold to APT Real Estate LLC for \$565,000.

31 Old Route 22 — 4 bedroom/2 bath home on .14 acres sold to Cyber Secure New York

Inc. for \$105,000.

4913 Route 44 — 1 bedroom seasonal residence on 0.8 acres sold to Erik Green for \$25,000.

5304 Route 44 — 3 bedroom/2 bath home sold to Menachem Mendel Mochkin for \$495,000.

** Town of Amenia property transfers in July and August are sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Office monthly reports. Details on parcels from Dutchess Parcel Access. Only arm's length transactions with compensation are included. Recorded transfers typically lag behind closed sales. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.*

Silo Ridge Masters is coming back bigger

By NATHAN MILLER
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AMENIA — Silo Ridge Masters is returning to Keane Stud this year with an additional weekend of showjumping competition.

A three-star competition will draw riders to Amenia from Wednesday, Oct. 1, to Sunday, Oct. 5, and a new five-star showjumping competition will follow from Wednesday, Oct. 8, to Sunday, Oct. 12.

The second weekend brings an even higher level of competition to the showjumping contest that brought top riders from across the globe to Keane Stud last year.

And it marks a rebrand and significant expansion of the event itself. Under the auspices of the Highlands Cup, the event now features two nights of concerts and a car competition.

“My brother really likes cars,” said Juan Torres, Highlands Cup vice president, explaining some of the new aspects of the event.

Torres said the inaugural Silo Ridge Masters last year was a great success, so he and his brother, Highlands Cup President and Keane Stude owner Pedro Torres, decided to make it bigger.

“Part of what we’re trying to do is promote the equestrian world in the Northeast,” Torres said. The new Highlands Cup five-star showjumping competition



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

The success of last year's inaugural competition inspired brothers Pedro and Juan Torres to expand the event.

will bring the best of the best riders to compete at the highest level of the sport, adding an additional stop to close out the season in the Northeast, Torres said.

And it will be a fun event for the family, too, with vendors selling food, live music, and a kids section complete with a bounce house, face painting and arts and crafts.

Then at night, on Friday, Oct. 10, Third Eye Blind and Dinosaur Jr. will perform and on Saturday, Oct. 11, Brothers

Osborne and LeAnn Rimes will perform.

Torres said he and the event planners hope the expanded offerings will bring a large crowd to learn more about horses and equestrian sports. The event is supporting five organizations including animal rescues, equine therapy providers and the Maplebrook School.

Attendance to day-time activities is free. Tickets for the concerts are on sale at siloridgemasters.com.

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