



AMENIA
Wildcats qualify **A2**



MILLERTON
Local thriller **A3**



COMPASS
Taha Clayton's 'Historic Presence'; and more **B1-4**



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

Longtime Oblong Books employee Lisa Wright in the Millerton store on Main Street. Wright will be retiring from her position on Monday, Feb. 23, after more than 40 years at the shop.

Oblong bookseller retires after 42 years on Main Street

By ALY MORRISSEY
alym@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Longtime bookseller Lisa Wright has announced her retirement from Millerton's Oblong Books, marking

the end of a 42-year run that made her the longest-serving employee of the 50-year-old shop. She was among Oblong's first booksellers and said her departure is bittersweet. "I decided I wanted to walk away while I still loved it," she said.

Though she is stepping away from daily life behind the counter, Wright won't be disappearing entirely from the store. Even after her final day on Monday, Feb. 23,

See LISA WRIGHT, A6

Pine Plains surveillance controversy prompts questions in other communities

By NATHAN MILLER
nathanm@millertonnews.com

The discovery of site markings suggesting surveillance cameras were being installed in Pine Plains prompted town officials to call an emergency meeting last week to clarify their position on the controversial technology.

The meeting, held Monday, Feb. 9, followed public outcry. Officials explained that the proposed cameras — license plate readers — were set to be installed on local roads.

In response to the criticism, Town Supervisor Brian Walsh said in a prepared statement that a member of the Pine Plains Police Department signed a contract in February 2025 with Atlanta-based surveillance company Flock Safety. He said the Town Board was not



A license plate reader camera manufactured by Flock Safety captures images of drivers on Route 22 in the Town of North East.

consulted and did not authorize the agreement.

Town officials said the project will not move forward and that the planned installation of the cameras has been halted.

The controversy also spilled over into neighboring Millerton, where residents questioned the Village Board of Trustees about

See SURVEILLANCE, A6

Housing plan slowed:

Cascade Creek subject to full impact study

By LEILA HAWKEN
leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — The Planning Board voted Wednesday to require a more detailed environmental review of the proposed 28-unit Cascade Creek workforce housing subdivision — a move that could delay the project by six to 12 months.

Under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, the vote — known as a positive declaration — means the board determined the project may have significant environmental impacts that require further study before it can proceed.

Developer Hudson River Housing, a Poughkeepsie-based nonprofit, must now prepare a full environmental impact statement for the subdivision planned on 24.13 acres across Route 44/Route 22 from Freshtown Plaza.

"The positive declaration is a procedural vote to set the board on a path to create a full impact analysis, including completing a scoping process," Planning Board

attorney Victoria Polidoro said.

Board members identified four areas of potential impact, reflecting concerns raised by residents: a possible rise in local school enrollment, adequacy of water supply for firefighting, increased traffic, and visual impacts that may be inconsistent with community character.

The developers of the Cascade Creek subdivision have appeared before the Planning Board for more than a year, drawing a mixed reception from board members and the public.

Detailed site plans cannot be prepared until the environmental review process is completed.

Residents provided input most recently during an informal public comment session at a Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 14, expressing concerns over impacts on groundwater supply and other issues. George Bistransin presented a petition opposing the development with 204 signatures.

Project Engineer Peter Sander of Rennia Engineering reported that

See CASCADE CREEK, A6

Public debate on North East's zoning rewrite to continue March 20

By NATHAN MILLER
nathanm@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Town Board members voted last week to continue the public hearing on the town's proposed zoning overhaul, setting a new date of Friday, March 20, at 7 p.m.

The North East Town Board also scheduled a special workshop for Tuesday, March 3, at 5 p.m. to review public comments and concerns raised during February hearings, including calls for clearer explanations of the new code's intent and requests to expand permitted uses in commer-

cial districts. Board members set those dates at their regular meeting Thursday, Feb. 12, which included a public hearing on the zoning rewrite along with routine department reports.

North East's 181-page draft zoning code would update much of the town's existing regulations, with a particular focus on revising standards and approval processes in commercial districts to encourage development and expand housing opportunities. Public comment on the new zoning code during the hearing was brief.

See ZONING, A6

CONTACT

The Millerton News
editor@millertonnews.com
860-435-9873, ext. 608

Legals

Our Towns
Obits
Opinion

A2 Compass B1-4
A2-3 Our Towns B5
A4 Classifieds B5
A5 Specialist Directory B6

OPINION

Columns,
Letter **A5**



Print Subscription Includes
Free Access to Website
and the Replica Edition!

\$10 monthly

In County | \$12.25 Outside County

Local Matters



The Lakeville Journal
MILLERTON NEWS
Subscribe Today

860-435-9873 | circulation@lakevillejournal.com

LakevilleJournal.com | MillertonNews.com

OUR TOWNS

OBITUARIES

Ronald Ray Dirck

SHARON — Ronald Ray Dirck, affectionately known as Ron, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Jan. 17, 2026, in Phoenix, Arizona, at the age of 85. Born on Jan. 31, 1940, in Sedalia, Missouri, Ron lived a life filled with warmth, laughter, and deep devotion to his family.

Ron shared an extraordinary 62-year marriage with his high school sweetheart and beloved wife, Jackie. Their enduring partnership was a shining example of living life to the fullest.

Ron served his country as a captain in the US Marine Corps, flying helicopters during the Vietnam War. He then flew commercially for TWA for 25 years, both domestically and internationally. He finished his flying career with Nippon Cargo Airlines. Ron enjoyed the outdoors and enjoyed taking care of their beloved Sharon, home for more than 50 years. He was also an avid builder and enjoyed his many projects over the years.

In retirement, Ron and Jackie split time between Sharon, and Phoenix, Arizona, before settling full-time in Phoenix two years ago. Ron loved his evening cocktails with Jackie and their many

friends, as well as a hand or two of gin rummy.

He was a devoted father to Melissa Dirck Appel and her husband, Jeff Appel, and Patrick Dirck and his wife, Lisa Dirck. He carried the memory of his son Kevin with enduring love throughout his life. His legacy continues through his cherished grandchildren; Alexandra, Caroline, Emma, Natalie, Evan, Cooper, Elle, and Tanner. Ron is also fondly remembered by his brother, Jim and wife Lena.

Ron had a tender heart for animals. The loyal companionship of his beloved dogs Mini and Mae brought him comfort and joy over the years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jackie, and parents, Raymond and Gladys Dirck.

In honor of Ron's love of animals, the family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Aussie and Friends Rescue, www.aussiefriendsrescue.com.

His light lives on in the hearts of all who knew him. May his memory continue to bring comfort and smiles to those he touched.

A private celebration of life for the family will be held at a later date.

Linda Lyles Goodyear

CANAAN — Linda Lyles Goodyear was born in Bronxville, New York, on June 17, 1936, to Molly Gayer Lyles and James Adam Lyles. She died peacefully in her sleep on Feb. 4, 2026, of complications from dementia. As a child she spent her summers with her parents and sister, Sally, in Canaan at the family's home along the Blackberry River that was built in 1751 by her relative, Isaac Lawrence. Linda met the love of her life, Charles (Charlie) W. Goodyear, during her Bennett College years, and after graduating they married on Aug. 4, 1956.



very active throughout their lives, traveling the world and participating in many sports including alpine skiing, running, hiking, canoeing, biking and tennis.

In 1998, they built a vacation home in Hailey, Idaho, as a family gathering place for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Linda loved the beauty of the mountains and the opportunity to be in nature every day, but she especially loved being the matriarch of her ever-growing family.

Linda was very outgoing, and made new friends all over the world - people were drawn to her lovely smile, generous spirit and witty sense of humor. She was an incredibly caring person with boundless energy, a heart for service and love for others. Even in her final days her nurses and caregivers noted how sweet she was and how much she made them smile.

She is survived by her husband of almost 70 years, Charlie; her children, Chip (Elizabeth) Goodyear, Jim (Mary) Goodyear and Molly! Goodyear; her eight grandchildren; Charlie (Ellen) Goodyear, Adelaide Goodyear & fiance Alastair Sharp, Will (Jenny) Goodyear, Robert (Kacie) Goodyear, Annie (Spencer) Gorham, John Goodyear, Peter Wolter and Ella Wolter; three great-grandchildren, and her nieces Deb (Jim) Edwards, Amy (Bob) Clark and Chris (Ruth) Rees. She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Molly Lyles, and her sister, Sally Rees. She leaves behind many other relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or a charity of your choice.

Charlie and Linda were



Webutuck's varsity boys basketball team fights hard against Ellenville on Friday, Feb. 13, at Webutuck High School.



Senior James Singleton, center, goes up for a layup.

Webutuck varsity boys qualify for sectionals for the first time in a decade

By NATHAN MILLER

nathanm@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — The Webutuck boys varsity basketball team qualified for the Section IX Invitational this year for the first time in over a decade.

Varsity head coach Shawn Howard said the school hasn't been represented at the sectional tournament in the nine years he's coached basketball at the school.

He and varsity starters Evan Bremmer, James Singleton and Zach Hood credited the team's success this season to long relationships on the court.

"Most of the seniors this year, I started coaching them when they were in JV," Howard said. "They're used to my system and they put it together this year."

Singleton, Bremmer and Hood have all played together since middle school when they competed on Webutuck's

modified league team. They said they can communicate with each other without talking.

"You don't even have to tell each other, you can just see on each other's faces," Bremmer said. "And it makes the game so much easier, when you know how teammates play and what they want to do."

Howard said that cohesion steadily improved over the years and ultimately carried the team into sectionals.

The team maintained a 5-3 record within the Mid-Hudson Athletic League, with a 5-8 record overall for the season after a hard-fought game ended in a 60-48 loss to Ellenville High School on Friday, Feb. 13. Teams have to win at least half of their league games to qualify for the sectional tournaments at the end of the season.

"The biggest thing is playing as a team," Howard said.



Senior Evan Bremmer, center, fights through defenders.



A group of junior varsity players practices layups on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Kathleen Rosier

CANAAN — Kathleen Rosier, 92, of Ashley Falls Massachusetts, passed away peacefully with her children at her bedside on Feb. 5, at Fairview Commons Nursing Home in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Kathleen was born on Oct. 31, 1933, in East Canaan to Carlton and Carrie Nott.

Kathleen retired from Housatonic Curtain Company where she was a machine operator for many years.

She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, John A. Rosier Sr., her son John A. Rosier Jr., her son Frank H.

Rosier and her brother Jerome Nott.

Kathleen leaves behind her son, Brian Rosier and his wife JoEllen of East Canaan, her daughter, Theresa Morin of Ashley Falls, her daughter, Lisa Dawson of Great Barrington, a brother Henry Nott, her sister Ann Percy, 11 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

There will be a celebration of life held in her honor on Feb. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bitterman Center in North Canaan. All are welcome to come.

LEGAL NOTICES**Legal Notice**

Notice of formation of Glynevin Gundogs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/20/2026. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3657 U.S. 44, Millbrook, NY, 12545. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

02-12-26
02-19-26
02-26-26
03-05-26
03-12-26
03-19-26

Legal Notice

On-Center Contracting LLC filed an Application for Authority with the Secretary of State of NY on 11/14/2025. Office location: Dutchess County.

SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to 183 Lake Rd, Warren, CT 06777.

The purpose of the LLC is contracting/carpentry. On-Center Contracting LLC can be reached at (860)-806-4934.

01-29-26
02-05-26
02-12-26
02-19-26
02-26-26
03-05-26
03-12-26

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Your Mom's Bush Native

TW McCLELLAND & DAUGHTERS
fine jewelers since 1975

413-645-3399 . info@twmcclelland.com
twmcclelland.com . 597 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA

Local filmmaker debuts indie horror film at Millerton's Moviehouse

By ALY MORRISSEY
aly.m@millertonnnews.com

MILLERTON — Local writer and filmmaker Keith Boynton premiered his indie slasher film "The Haunted Forest" on Friday the 13th at the Millerton Moviehouse in front of a hometown crowd, marking the movie's first public screening — the same day it debuted on Amazon Prime Video and other platforms.

With a body of work spanning decades in drama and comedy — including "The Winter House," starring Lily Taylor — this is Boynton's first foray into the horror genre.

"As a filmmaker, I'm always thinking about what I can accomplish with the resources I have, what excites me, and what's marketable to audiences," Boynton, 44, said. "I go through phases where I think I've found 'my genre,' and then I move on." He added that "The Haunted Forest" is his first horror film — an intentional choice because there is a market for it and enough overlap with his own interests.

Written and directed by Boynton, the film was primarily shot at a haunted attraction in Maryland in 2023 over a period of 18 days. The film follows a teen who takes a job as a scare actor at a haunted theme park — until "fake" scares turn deadly and bodies begin to pile up.

Boynton credits his brother Devin McEwan with the idea for the film. The pair worked on the outline together, and McEwan's feedback shaped the story, Boynton said.

"I wrote a first draft that was just not ready for prime



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

Keith Boynton

time because I didn't understand the genre well enough," he said. McEwan recommended a longer climax and more on-screen deaths to better fit the genre.

Although "The Haunted Forest" leans into familiar horror tropes, Boynton said he does not see the genre as the driving force behind his work. "I've been thinking a lot about genre, and I think the purest approach is not to care about genre at all," he said. "I want to make movies that feel like movies." He said some of the best movies change genres halfway through, including one of his favorites, *Fight Club*. "It changes genre and tone, but always feels like the same movie," he said.

Boynton said his local upbringing and theater experience at Hotchkiss shaped his creative path and influenced his decision to shoot many of his projects in the Hudson Valley.

Boynton said he has been writing since before he could actually write. Though he is too young to remember, his parents said he wrote a poem at age two and never stopped.

"I've always liked lan-

guage," Boynton said. "I've always liked playing around with words, so I think I've been some kind of writer for, let's call it, 40-something years now."

By age 13, Boynton found himself bored at his grandfather's house in the era before smartphones and the internet, when he stumbled upon a paperback compendium of film critic Roger Ebert's movie reviews.

Captivated by Ebert's passion for cinema, Boynton said he was hooked.

"At first I thought I wanted to be a critic, too," he said. "But eventually I realized critics are outside the party looking in, and I wanted to be inside the party making the movies."

The fascination grew into a decades-long tradition of attending the Sundance Film Festival, beginning at age 17 and continuing through this year's final festival in Park City, Utah. Sundance organizers have announced the festival will move to Boulder, Colorado, beginning in 2027.

But for Boynton, who consumed as many films as possible at Sundance for nearly three decades, one memory will stay with him for the rest of his life. It was the moment he stood next to his idol Roger Ebert at a Park City urinal.

"I did not have the courage to talk to him," Boynton laughed. "It's not the right venue to tell someone, 'You changed my life.'"

"The Haunted Forest" is available for purchase or rental on Amazon and other streaming platforms.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Be my valentine

Ashlyn Price, 7, designs a festive Valentine's crown with sticky hearts and pipe cleaners during a craft session at Amenia Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 14. Children and parents created red-and-pink heart headpieces and other holiday crafts at the event, organized by the Amenia Recreation Commission. Recreation Leader Cassidy Howard said she was pleased with both the turnout and the enthusiasm.

Former church building approved for multimedia academy

By NATHAN MILLER
nathanm@millertonnnews.com

MILLERTON — The long-vacant Presbyterian church on Main Street is poised for a new life after the Millerton Planning Board granted approval to a new education business Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Caffeine Academy, founded by Alex That in West Babylon, New York, plans to transform the prominent building into a center for multimedia

production training, offering instruction in digital music, video production and related arts.

That sought site plan approval to renovate the building and bring it into compliance with current accessibility standards.

The next phase for That is to obtain building permits from Ken McLoughlin in the village's building department and begin construction. That said he expects to make

changes over the course of 2026, with a targeted opening for the business in 2027.

That's Caffeine Academy — which he runs with assistance from his sons — began in 2013 as a school for DJing and music production that grew to accommodate and cater to people with special needs and abilities. Now, Caffeine Academy offers classes for all abilities in video production and multimedia arts in addition to the digital mu-

sic classes.

The application passed with little discussion. That previously appeared in front of the Planning Board in December, but delayed the application to wait for a local law to go into effect that waived increased parking requirements for changes of use in Millerton's commercial district. The law allowed the application to avoid seeking a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR SHARON HOSPITAL

Northwell is committed to strengthening the vital care your community relies on.

This includes providing high-quality services, like labor & delivery—so families can continue to welcome their newest members with confidence. It's all part of our commitment to bringing a new chapter of care to Connecticut. To Litchfield County. To you.

Learn more at Northwell.edu/Sharon

RAISE
HEALTH



OBITUARIES

Roberta Katherine Stevens

CANAAN — Roberta Katherine (Briggs) Stevens, 86, of 99 South Canaan Rd. died Feb. 11, 2026, at Sharon Hospital. Roberta was born on March 7, 1939, in Sharon, daughter of the late Frederick and Catherine (Penny) Briggs.

Roberta has been a lifelong area resident. She studied pediatric nursing at St. Margaret's in Albany, New York and worked as a pediatric nurse. After leaving nursing Roberta was a cook at the Maplebrook School in Amenia. Her love for children extended to Roberta establishing a daycare out of her own home for many years. She loved collecting and displaying her dolls for the community. She would take her dog on walks to listen to the church bell ringing. Roberta's greatest joy came as she helped take care of her grandchildren. That opportunity provided Roberta with some of her fondest and most precious memories. Roberta is

remembered as a person who always had a story to tell...and a helping hand to lend. Always one to stay active, Roberta became the President of the Resident's Council of The Geer Health and Rehabilitation Center in Canaan.

Roberta is survived by her two children; Robert D. "Bob" Stevens of Millerton, and Donna M. Archer of Rockledge, Pennsylvania; her brother Frederick G. Briggs, and her sister Annette Shaffer. Roberta was predeceased by her sister June Briggs. Roberta is also survived by her two grandsons; Robert Stevens Jr. and his partner Elizabeth Gilett of Austin, Texas, and Josh Archer and his wife Ashley Archer Monteiro of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

There will be a small private service and celebration of Roberta's life in the future. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

Tilden W. Southack

SHARON — Tilden W. Southack Jr. a longtime resident of Sharon passed Feb. 13, 2026, peacefully, hand in hand with the person he cared about most, Karlee McGhee and a couple of his employees and friends.



ray, Charles Parmalee, and Prestyn Handlowich as well as some high school boys as Tilden called them.

Tilden also enjoyed anything that could go fast, whether that was a motorcycle or a corvette that he had fixed up to make 10x more horsepower than

it did before. Just as much he loved to tell stories about it to the people he held close. He was like a muscle car, he might yell and scream at you, but he would've given you all he had. He wasn't an easy person to read/understand, and he kept to himself about most things but if he allowed you to grow close to him and he said "Thank you" you were a lucky person.

He is survived by his chosen family; Karlee McGhee and Wayne McGhee and three nephews, Eric Muller, Bogart Muller, and James DiGangi.

There will be calling hours on Saturday, Feb. 21, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Burial will be held in the spring at Sharon East Side Cemetery.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Carolyn G. McCarthy

LAKEVILLE — Carolyn G. McCarthy, 88, a long time resident of Indian Mountain Road, passed away peacefully at home on Feb. 7, 2026.



the toil of yard chores. She was very independent and at 87 she still shoveled the driveway in the winter, mowed the grass, trimmed the bushes, raked the leaves and dragged the brush. She took pride in the manicure of the grounds where she resided.

Carolyn was a wonderful mother who had an enormous heart. She loved all animals, wild or tame. She will be dearly missed by her family and the people that knew her.

She is predeceased by her husband, Edward McCarthy Sr., her brother Dr. Stafford Gedge of Minnesota, nephews, William, James and Robert and niece Christine.

She is survived by her son, Edward (Anne) McCarthy of Greenfield, Massachusetts and grandsons James and Theodore, son Sean McCarthy of Oak Hill, New York, sister Nancy Dougherty of South Carolina, nieces Lynn Warner and Debra Phillips.

A private service will be held at a later date. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

'A beautiful soul': Kent mourns Robbie Kennedy

By RUTH EPSTEIN
Special to The Millerton News

KENT, Conn. — A sense of sadness pervaded the town this week as news of the death of Robert (Robbie) Kennedy spread. Kennedy died Monday, Feb. 9, at the age of 71.

Kennedy was a beacon of light, known by legions of citizens, if not personally, but as the guy who could be seen riding his bicycle in all kinds of weather, determined to get to his destination; yet always taking the time for a wave. Kennedy faced challenges, but there were no barriers when it came to making an impact on all who knew him.

Remembrances of him abounded in conversations throughout town and on the hundreds of messages posted on social media. His sister-in-law, Apple Kennedy, summed up what everyone was saying — "a beautiful soul."

The son of the late John and Olga Kennedy, Kennedy was born in Guam. His father, a physician, worked for the World Health Organization and was chief of public health for USAID. The family, which consisted of eight children, lived on and off overseas and would come back to Kent during leaves. Kennedy attended the Devereux School before entering Housatonic Valley Regional High School, graduating in 1974.

His sister Gretchen Kennedy said in their early days in Kent, her brother would walk her infant son in his stroller and visit all the businesses. That was his introduction to townspeople and how he became an integral part of the community. Joe Bianchi kept his cows in the Kennedys' barn, she said, which sparked Kennedy's deep love of animals. "He worshipped the ground Joe walked on, and would so look forward to him coming every afternoon to feed the animals and bring him candy."

His sister said the family was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and kind words about her brother. "He loved life to the fullest. His sudden death spared him so

much pain and loss of independence. It was very much a blessing."

Gary Davis, former owner of the local IGA supermarket, recalled how his mother, the late Anne Davis, hired Kennedy 31 years ago. He worked until Covid hit. He was assigned specific tasks, such as unloading trucks, cleaning the store or cardboard compaction. Davis said he took his responsibilities seriously, was always courteous with the customers and was a joy to be around.

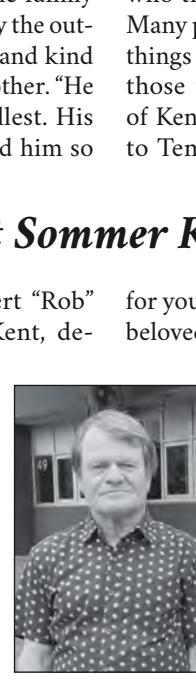
"Robbie was never in a bad mood," said Davis. "It worked out for us and for him. He was considered part of the IGA family. Recently I got together with him a lot. It's tough to lose a buddy. I miss him so much."

Davis echoed what many were saying about Kennedy. "Everybody knew him and he knew everybody. He was a real town character." His sister said some dubbed him, "The mayor of Kent."

Always eager to be involved and yearning companionship, Kennedy wanted very much to be part of the Kent Volunteer Fire Department. Member Ed Matson said he was honored to be named an active emergency member. He would ride his bike from his then-home in north Kent to the firehouse for meetings. "When his bike failed him, we all chipped in to buy him a new one that even had a flashing light to ensure his safety."

The department put out a statement about his death, saying "His smile, his wave and his spirit will be missed greatly, not just by his KVFD family, but so many in our community."

Matson spoke about Kennedy never uttering a bad word about anyone. "He was a simple, caring person who tried to help everyone. Many people didn't know the things he did for others." But those who were neighbors of Kennedy when he moved to Templeton Farms senior



Robert Sommer Kennedy

KENT — Robert "Rob" Kennedy (71), of Kent, devoted son of Dr.

John E. Kennedy and Olga Sommer Kennedy, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, at the home of his brother and sister-in-law in Kent. Rob was a long-time, well-loved member of the Kent community.

Born in Guam, Rob's early years were spent traveling the globe with his family for his dad's work as an MD in Micronesia, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia, Thailand, and Zaire. In 1962 the family of 9 settled in Kent, Rob attended the Devereux School and graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

Rob worked at South Kent School, where he was known for his good humor, and kindness toward students and staff. For most of his working life he could be found at Davis IGA in Kent, greeting customers with the warmth and familiarity that made him a recognizable and welcoming face in town.

Known to many in town as "Coach Rob," he spent countless hours volunteering with Kent Park & Recreation and at Kent School. His patience, enthusiasm, and genuine care

for young people made him a beloved friend to generations of local kids.

Rob was also deeply connected to the community through his involvement with the Kent Volunteer Fire Department and St. Andrew's Church, both of which were important parts of his life. Rob loved caring for animals. For many years he kept sheep and a donkey at the family homestead in North Kent. Neighborhood pets got daily walks while Rob lived in-town at Templeton Farms.

Rob is predeceased by his parents and infant brother, Michael. He is survived by 6 siblings; Kathleen Kennedy Enger (Filmore), John Kennedy (Kathleen), Karen Kennedy Wilson (Robert), Gretchen Kennedy, Clytie Kennedy, Jeffery Kennedy (Apple), 17 nieces and nephews, Uncle Donald Sommer, Nancy Sommer, and many friends who will miss him dearly.

A service is planned for May 9 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Kent followed by a celebration of life at the Kent Fire House. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rob's memory may be sent to the Kent Volunteer Fire Department or St. Andrew's Church.

apartments, knew first-hand how he would always give assistance. Ruth Woodard described his kind acts, including shoveling snow off cars or bringing residents their mail. "He had such a big heart," she said.

Ben Martin met Kennedy when they both attended youth park and recreation games: Martin as a dad and Kennedy as a spectator. Martin is the football coach at Kent School and just before the season started two years ago, he invited Kennedy to be his volunteer assistant coach. It was a deep honor and a responsibility he took seriously. He would do all the tasks asked of him, along with encouraging accountability from the players.

"He was my right-hand man," said Martin. "Often he and I were the first at practice and the last to leave. The kids really loved him. He was my best buddy. We'd sometimes go out for lunch or to a movie. I valued my relationship with him."

Martin and the team pre-

<h3>Worship Services</h3> <p>Week of February 22, 2026</p>	
Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon <i>9 South Main, Sharon CT</i> Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. <i>Transitioning through prayer</i> <i>All welcome to join us</i> <i>860-364-5260</i> www.christchurchsharon.org	The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. <i>30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT</i> Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org <i>Sharing God's shalom:</i> Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! <i>(860) 435-2442</i>
Trinity Episcopal Church <i>484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville</i> <i>Offering companionship along the Way</i> Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org <i>trinity@trinitylimerock.org</i> <i>(860) 435-2627</i>	St. John's Episcopal Church <i>12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT</i> <i>SUNDAY SERVICE</i> 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) <i>Rev. Dr. Johan Johnson,</i> <i>Priest-in-Charge</i> <i>In Person and on YouTube</i> www.stjohnssalisbury.org
North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC <i>Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people</i> <i>172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT</i> Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcananacongregational <i>860-824-7232</i> FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, <i>50 Granite Ave., Canaan</i> <i>Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm</i> www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org	Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT <i>Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons</i> Sunday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Lai <i>at jokialoui@gmail.com</i> <i>All are Welcome</i>
ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH <i>Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk</i> <i>St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan</i> <i>St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville</i> <i>MASS SCHEDULE</i> Saturday Vigil 5 p.m., St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 a.m., Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church <i>DAILY MASS SCHEDULE</i> Wednesday 6 p.m. <i>St. Joseph Chapel or Church</i> <i>Thursday 8 a.m.</i> <i>Immaculate Conception Church</i> <i>Friday 8 a.m.</i> <i>Church of St. Mary</i> <i>ALL ARE WELCOME!</i> For information, <i>please call 860-824-7078</i>	The Lakeville United Methodist Church <i>319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039</i> <i>9:15 a.m. Worship Service</i> <i>9:15 a.m. Sunday School</i> <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> <i>The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse</i> <i>860-455-9496</i> Lakevillemethodist@snet.net
Falls Village Congregational Church <i>16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village</i> <i>10:00 a.m. Family Worship</i> <i>Coffee Hour</i> <i>A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!!</i> <i>860-824-0194</i>	Congregation Beth David <i>A Jewish Synagogue 5344 East Main St., Amenia</i> <i>SERVICES SATURDAY 10:30 AM</i> Twice Monthly • Followed by Oneg (Calendar at congbethdavid.org) <i>ALL ARE WELCOME</i> <i>Rabbi Jon Haddon</i> <i>845-373-8264</i> <i>info@congbethdavid.org</i>
The Sharon United Methodist Church <i>112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green</i> <i>Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits</i> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer <i>The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse</i> <i>860-364-5634</i> sharonumc5634@att.net	The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall <i>29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT</i> Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday Eucharist: Sundays at 9 a.m. Trinity Retreat Center Chapel Lower River Road, West Cornwall in person and on zoom Warm fellowship following Worship <i>860-672-6840</i> www.allsaintscornwall.org <i>Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister</i> <i>Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</i>
The Smithfield Presbyterian Church <i>656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY</i> Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org <i>21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</i>	St. Thomas Episcopal Church <i>40 Leedsville Road Amenia, Union, NY</i> <i>SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE</i> Visit our website for links <i>845-373-9161</i> www.stthomasamenia.com <i>A Community of Radical Hospitality</i>
Promised Land Baptist Church <i>29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT</i> Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM <i>(860) 824-5685</i> VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org	Sharon Congregational <i>25 Main Street, Sharon, CT</i> Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org
Canaan United Methodist Church <i>2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT</i> 8:00AM - Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sunday <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> <i>The Rev. Dr. Anna C. Camphouse</i> <i>860-824-5534</i> canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com <i>We hope you will join us!</i>	For more obituaries, see Page A2

THE MILLERTON NEWS

EDITORIAL PAGE A5

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks from Fire Co.

On Sunday, February 15, the Amenia Fire Company sponsored our monthly Pancake Breakfast. We were pleased to have a nice crowd of 180 people in attendance for our monthly meal. We rely on the breakfasts to raise needed money for general operations and we always appreciate the support of the community. We thank everyone who attends our events and hope you will join us at our next breakfast on March 15 at the firehouse.

Andy Murphy,

on behalf of the Breakfast Committee, Amenia Fire Co. & Auxiliary
Amenia



Natalia Zukerman

Ozempic, GLP-1 the money shifter

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

based on a per-ounce calorie calculation. A bag of potato chips is 150 calories. But if you only eat two or three chips the small bag they sold you is salt and very few calories, hardly "healthy" anymore.

As GLP-1 goes global and generic, there is huge money to be made keeping the prices as high as possible. That money has to come from somewhere... that's why the investors are switching from the traditional food industry to the drug companies. To keep profit share, companies like Coke are planning 1/2 sized cans, McDonalds is planning tasters maybe called "McBites." Will those reduced sized products cost the buyer less? A bit, but the profit margins built-in will have to be the same as before to keep the food industry viable, to keep the cattle association thriving, to keep dairy and produce farmers in business.

So, what started out as a medicinally beneficial drug for diabetes and grossly overweight patients, has quickly become the drug of choice for personal beauty and physical perfection ideals. And in that vanity-unleashed world, industries will change, adapt, and create a new norm of visual perfection, dealing with dietary imperfections, malnutrition, as well as increased medical (physical and mental) treatments. Look for money sprinting from the dietary programs, leveraging profit margins within food industries, growing the entire medical and pharmacy industries and, in the end, reshaping the ideals of beauty, so-called health, and cultural visuals of what humans are naturally supposed to look like.

GLP-1 is the harbinger of a whole new world driven first by real medical need, taken over by perhaps false ideals of beauty and health. Once set, it becomes impossible to undo such cultural norms. Like plastic surgery fads, we may never again enjoy the diversity and origin of the species as nature intended.

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

Think Local: We Do

Local Matters

Please visit millertonnews.com/donate to give a donation of any size.

The Lakeville Journal • The Millerton News

The views expressed here are not necessarily those of The Millerton News and the News does not support or oppose candidates for public office.

We accept gifts, grants and sponsorships from individuals and organizations for the general support of our activities, but our news judgments are made independently and not on the basis of donor support.

Accepting financial support does not mean we endorse donors or their products, services or opinions.

Letters to the editor deadline is 10 a.m. Monday for that week's publication. No more than 500 words. Send to editor@millertonnews.com. Include town and phone number for confirmation.

Millerton, rails, traffic safety, NECC

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Millerton News

Feb. 21, 1935
Oliver W. Valentines
Parents of 8 1/4-Pound Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Valentine are the parents of a son born Monday at Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie. The baby, weighing 8 1/4 pounds, has been named Richard. Both mother and son are getting along nicely, it was reported at the hospital. Mr. Valentine is chief of the Millerton Fire Department.

About Millerton

William Pulver, who has been a patient in the infirmary at Hotchkiss School, has recovered from his illness.

Bill Vogt, noted fly fisherman, is visiting Arthur Terni.

Kenneth Brusie has resumed his duties as gate tender at the New York Central Railroad crossing after a week lay off because of illness.

John Brusie is ill at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley MacMaster attended the funeral of Mrs. Elia Nodine MacMaster on Monday at Amenia Union.

February 19, 1976
Penn Central Delays
Rail Abandonment

Penn Central has postponed abandoning freight service on the Harlem Division for at least a month, a member of the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) said Tuesday.

Robert Colucci, a DOT transportation regulatory analyst, said that the date of Harlem Line's transfer of ownership from Penn Central to the Consolidated Rail Corporation (ConRail) has been changed from March 1 to April 1, but added that it may occur as late as May 1.

Colucci said that the delay is due to President Gerald Ford's late approval of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976. The bill was not signed until this month and Colucci said that ConRail needed more time to conduct the rail line transfers.

The State DOT excluded the section of the Harlem Division north of Millerton to Chatham in its State Rail Plan released last December. This means that the Harlem Line will become a stub line ending at Millerton once the Penn Central-ConRail transfer is complete. The line is presently a through line that connects with the Boston and Albany line at Chatham.

ally placed there. Oh.

Next, we wondered why the beacon request was turned down just because most of the people who get creamed on the curve are passing through from out-of-state during the day (We hazard a guess that after getting racked [sick] up on the curve, people are not likely to be too anxious to make a return visit to our Village).

February 15, 2001
New Director Wants to Make NECC 'A Place for Everybody'

MILLERTON — "What I'd like to do is just throw open the doors," said Jenny Hansell, the new director of the North East Community Center (NECC), referring to her desire to "reach out to the community and make the NECC a place for everybody." Ms. Hansell said her first priority is to support and enrich the programs already in place at the center, and then "start from scratch" on new projects. And she is not without experience in program development.

A graduate of Yale University, Ms. Hansell has a long history of work in volunteer and philanthropic organizations.

Her focus has always been to educate children and teens while encouraging social activism. Ms. Hansell described several of her past assignments for an organization called Heaven, at which Ms. Hansell attempted to "make volunteering and philan-

thropy hip for young adults;" while at another job she "developed curriculum for teens to learn technology while volunteering."

However, Ms. Hansell welcomes the change from working on-line to hands-on.

"Working on-line for three years has caused me to become a couple of steps removed," said the new director. "I could reach millions of faceless people before, but it's worth it if I can reach 10, face-to-face, now."

One of the first steps Ms. Hansell plans to take is to revive teen involvement at the center, including developing and/or reinstating programs geared towards youth enrichment and environmental awareness. Also, she hopes to help the center to further incorporate the growing Hispanic community.

Riley's Opens Online Showroom

MILLERTON - Riley's Furniture has opened its online showroom on FurnitureFan.com.

Furniture shoppers may browse Riley's Internet showroom 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

FurnitureFan.com is the largest-of-its-kind furniture search engine in the country, according to its sponsors. Its concept allows consumers to narrow their search for furniture online and then "see, feel and buy" it at a local store such as Riley's Furniture.

Riley's Furniture is located at 135 Main St., Millerton.

THE MILLERTON NEWS

(USPS 384600)

An Independent New York Newspaper

Town of Millerton, Town of North East,

Town of Washington, Town of Amenia, Town of Pine Plains, North East

(Webutuck) Central School District and Millbrook Central School District

Published Weekly by LJMN Media, Inc.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; Dan Dwyer, Chair

P.O. Box 625, Millerton, NY 12546

(860) 435-9873 ext. 608 • millertonnews.com • editor@millertonnews.com

Volume 95, Number 5

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Mission Statement

LJMN Media, Inc., Publishers of

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News

Our goal is to report the news of our communities accurately and fairly, and to foster the free flow of information and opinion.

James H. Clark

Publisher & CEO

Thomas K. Carley

Chief Operating Officer

Christian Murray

Executive Editor

In Appreciation

William E. Little, Jr.

Chairman Emeritus

Janet Manko

Publisher Emeritus

A. Whitney Ellsworth

1936-2011

Managing Partner

Robert H. Estabrook

1918-2011

Editor and

Publisher Emeritus

EDITORIAL STAFF: Nathan Miller, managing editor; Natalia Zukerman, arts, lifestyle & engagement editor; Aly Morrissey, reporter.

ADVERTISING SALES: Roxanne Lee, Mary Wilbur, advertising account managers; Lyndee Stalter, classified advertising.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION: Sandra L. Lang, controller; Michelle Eisenman, legal & obituaries billing; Sally André, Development Associate.

COMPOSING DEPARTMENT: Caitlin Hanlon, production manager; Olivia Montoya, graphic designer.

DRIVERS: Gary Hufner, Geoffrey Olans, John Runge.

CORRESPONDENTS: Christine Bates; Leila Hawken.

LJMN Media, Inc. is a

501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Subscription Rates - One Year:

\$120.00 in Dutchess and Columbia Counties, \$147.00 Outside Counties

Known Office of Publication: Lakeville, CT 06039-1688. Periodical Postage Rate

Paid at Millerton, NY 12546. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to LJMN Media, Inc., PO Box 1688, Lakeville, Connecticut 06039-1688.

LISA WRIGHT *Continued from Page A1*

she plans to continue writing her signature "shelf-talkers" — handwritten notes taped to the shelves to help browsers discover new books.

Wright's relationship with Oblong began, fittingly, as a customer. She spent hours perusing the shelves and listening to music when the store was still located across the street from its current Main Street home. As business picked up and founders Holly Nelson and Dick Hermans decided to open on Sundays, Wright was offered a job.

"It started very haphazardly," she recalled. "Needless to say, it was a lot smaller back then."

Over the decades, Wright helped shepherd Oblong Books through many changes — including its physical move across the street. She remembers everyone pitching in to help, including a handful of their regular customers.

"It was fun, actually," Wright said. "Hard work, but fun."

In those early days, records were more popular than the books, and music was always playing in the store. Asked who chose the records, Wright didn't skip a beat. "Dick," she said with a smile.

Hermans, a longtime music aficionado, even hosted a radio show during those years — and he continues to share his love of music on the airwaves today.

Back then, most of the customers were regulars, Wright said, and tourism in Millerton hadn't yet picked up. "We knew everybody," she said, noting that times have changed. Now, some longtime customers steer clear of weekends

to avoid the influx of visitors.

Through it all, Wright's love for books stems from their ability to transport her to other worlds. She was first drawn to the fantasy genre, but her taste has evolved over the years to include nonfiction — especially narrative nonfiction because she loves a good story — and science.

Ultimately, she said, the subject doesn't matter as long as the author is excited about the topic.

"Those are always the best books," she said. "If you can find one where the author is really excited about their subject, it's wonderful, because you get caught up."

While Wright said she couldn't possibly name all

of her favorite books, some recent recommendations include "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus, "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans and "Someone You Can Build a Nest In" by John Wiswell — all debut authors. The latter, she said, was par-

the faster you read. She also holds a firm — and often polarizing — rule.

"If you're not in love with a book, stop reading it," Wright said. "Reading should be fun and it should transport you. Don't waste your time reading something you don't like."

She's also a believer in the cognitive benefits of reading. "Your brain is imagining what you're reading," Wright said. "There's nothing else that has that same effect."

What she loves most, though, is sharing books with other people.

"It's such a good feeling when they come back and say, 'Oh, that book you recommended was so good.'"

For the foreseeable future, shoppers can still expect to find Wright's legendary shelf-talkers at Oblong Books, guiding readers to their next story.

In a letter to the community, Oblong Books co-owner Suzanna Hermans said, "Lisa has been such an important part of my life, and of the lives of our booksellers over all these years — it's hard to imagine our store without her."

CASCADE CREEK *Continued from Page A1*

all concerns from the January meeting had been considered and responded to in reports to the planning board. Changes had been incorporated into the plans based on comments voiced, he said.

Cascade Creek is classified as a conservation subdivision. Sander said 59% of the acreage would be set aside for open space.

Sander said that since November, he has submitted additional data on construction phasing and timelines, completed a second traffic study in addition to one conducted in September 2025, and met with fire officials to incorporate their suggestions, including increased spacing between homes and the use of fire-retardant materials.

"We feel we have provided sufficient information," Sander said, asking that steps be taken to complete requirements for the conservation analysis phase, allowing the project to reach the design process when actual plans can be presented.

Sander projected that an estimated seven to 15 students might be added to the Webutuck School District as a result of the development, noting that he had difficulty in receiving a response to questions about Webutuck

School District's capacity for students.

Board members discussed how best to estimate potential enrollment increases and the difficulty of predicting how many school-age children might live in the homes.

"We are not school district predictors," said Mary Linge, HRH vice-president for Real Estate Development, reasoning that other sources should be able to provide reliable data.

Adequacy of water supply to combat a home fire was a focus of board discussion, particularly a suggestion from local fire officials that a 180,000-gallon water tank would be needed for the purpose. Planning Board members debated how the matter could be resolved through compromise and the difficulty of reaching a decision without expertise in water supply standards.

"We're just here for SE-QRA impact now," Sander said. "We've responded to fire department and citizen input. We're going to work with you. We need your guidance."

Planning Board member Nina Peek said the board should continue the process and move toward a public hearing once the impact statement is prepared.

SURVEILLANCE *Continued from Page A1*

potential surveillance efforts. Board members and Village Mayor Jenn Najdek said neither county officials nor representatives from Flock Safety have contacted the village about installing cameras.

License plate readers manufactured by Flock Safety started proliferating across Dutchess County after District Attorney Anthony Parisi and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office secured funding for a unified surveillance system known as the Analysis and Real Time Crime Intelligence Center at the end of 2024.

The network comprises 371 cameras across the county, according to transparency. flocksafety.com/dutchess-county-ny-so, which serves as the county's "transparency portal" for the Flock network. That network includes a camera in the Town of North East on Route 22 across from Silamar Farms and several temporary cameras in a neighborhood in the village of Millbrook.

Town of North East officials said they had no knowledge of the camera located on Route 22 near Harney & Sons Fine Teas Headquarters.

Najdek said she also was unaware and noted that the village has no jurisdiction over that location.

Millbrook Village Clerk Sarah J. Witt said she was unaware of the temporary cameras in the village located on light poles along Reservoir Drive and Maple Avenue.

Town of Washington officials in Town Hall on Reservoir Drive said they had noticed the cameras, but didn't know why they were there,

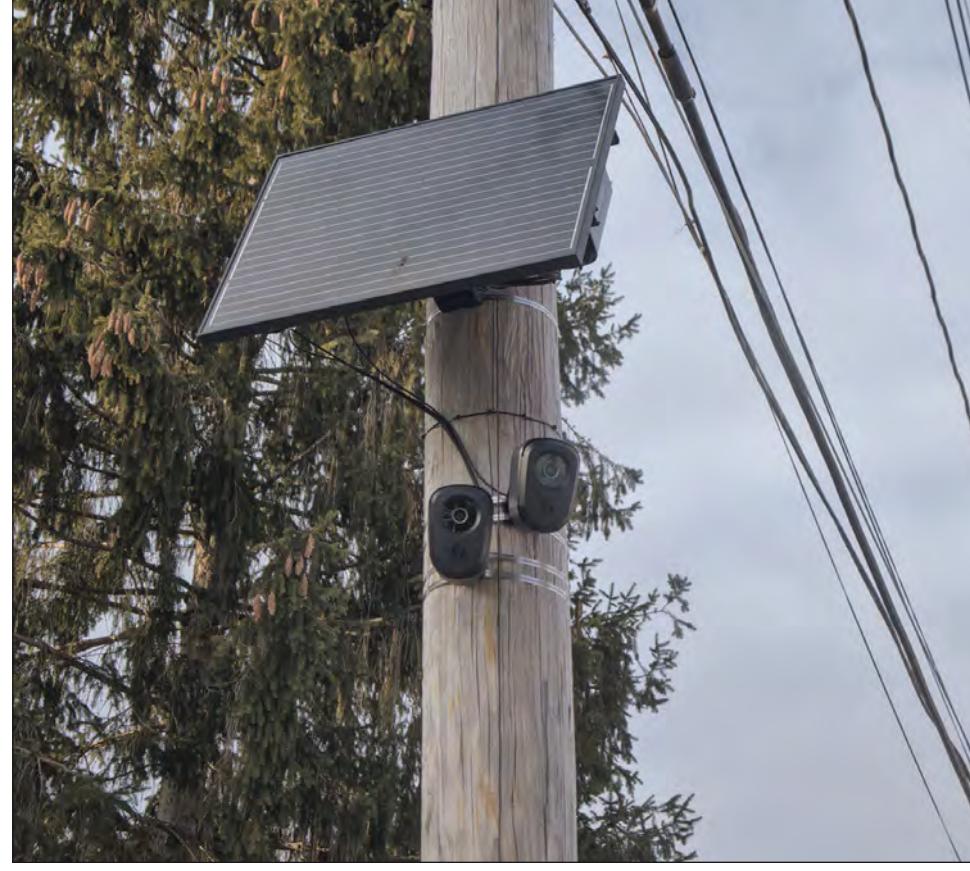


PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Two license plate reader cameras on a light pole on Maple Avenue in the Village of Millbrook.

saying most of the traffic in the area is churchgoers, children and residents.

Village Mayor Peter Doro said he became aware of the cameras after Millbrook residents began asking questions, at which point Parisi told Doro the cameras were related to a covert, targeted surveillance operation and asked him not to share the information publicly.

In an email, Parisi said four cameras were installed in Millbrook after threats were made against a judge who lives in the village. He described the operation as temporary and said the cam-

eras are set to be removed.

However, Parisi said the village had been notified before installation. "Prior to installation, the Village of Millbrook was advised," he wrote.

The camera in North East, Parisi said, is permanent and part of a decade-old perimeter surveillance strategy that

places license plate readers on major roads entering and leaving the county.

He said the camera is located on private property and is part of a broader effort to link private and public systems into a "professionally staffed, centralized intelligence center."

Just two people — North East residents Rob Cooper and Kathy Chow — offered comments at the third public hearing on the zoning overhaul since the Town Board opened debate on the draft on Jan. 8.

Cooper requested more permitted uses in the west Boulevard District, but he didn't specify what additional uses should be included. The Boulevard Districts comprise parcels along Route 44 between the eastern border of the Village of Millerton and the Connecticut state line, and was a central focus of the current re-zoning effort.

Cooper said his property — the historic Mobil gas station on Route 44 across from CVS — is divided by the village border. "It divides the building in half," Cooper said, explaining that Millerton land use regulations are more permissive than the Town of North East.

"Part of the property is in the village, and I'm allowed to do a tremendous amount of things over there," Cooper said. "It wouldn't look too uniform if I did everything on the left side of the property and we couldn't do anything on the right side."

Chow suggested the Town Board include purpose statements for each of the al-

tered sections of the code. "Especially the Irondale district," Chow said. "It's a very different character than the boulevard and I'd like to see that explained." She said some narratives explaining the changes and the purpose of the new code would be helpful for residents and developers seeking a deeper understanding of the process and how it benefits the community, echoing North East resident Ed Downey's comments at a prior hearing.

In other business, Town Clerk Tilly Strauss read a complaint about gunfire noise at the Millerton Gun Club. Millerton resident David Decker submitted the complaint and asked to have it read into the public record, Strauss said.

The newly-formed Communications Committee provided an update following its first-ever meeting.

Councilwomen Rachele Grieco-Cole and Meg Winkler said the committee has set its sights on improving the town's website, laying out short- and longer-term goals including basic readability and organization on the site's homepage, revitalizing the town's Facebook page, and starting a regular digital newsletter to aid in proactive communication efforts.

What makes us different is what makes us unique.

We are Dutchess County's only locally-based trust and investment department, serving clients throughout the Hudson Valley and Connecticut.

We take a proven and conservative approach to growing and preserving wealth. We are small, local, and adaptable — allowing us to fit our investment solutions to our client's needs.

And our clients don't wait to speak to a person. We answer the phone. We meet one-on-one with each client. It's how every great relationship begins.

BANK OF MILLBROOK**TRUST AND INVESTMENT SERVICES**

The Strength of Relationships

845-677-4266 BANKOFMILLBROOK.COM

44 Front Street, Millbrook, NY 12545

Appointments are also available in our new

Millerton branch at 110 Route 44.

Investments through the Bank of Millbrook Trust and Investment Services are not FDIC insured, are not guaranteed by the Bank of Millbrook Trust and Investment Services, and are subject to investment risk, including possible loss of value.

**Think Local: We Do****Local Matters**

Please visit millertonnews.com/donate to give a donation of any size.

The Lakeville Journal • The Millerton News

YOUR NEWS

Stay informed

millertonnews.com

COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts, Entertainment & Lifestyle

Thursday, February 19, 2026 • The Millerton News • MillertonNews.com

Page B1

our
community



PHOTO BY JENNIFER ALMQVIST

**Bobby Graham
and Matthew Marden**

Bobby Graham and Matthew Marden

The story behind Dugazon

By Jennifer Almquist

Bobby Graham and his husband, Matthew Marden, opened their home and lifestyle shop, Dugazon, in a clapboard house in Sharon six months ago. Word spread quickly that their shop is filled with objects of beauty, utility and elegance. Graham and Marden tell a story of family, tradition, joy, food, community and welcome.

Jennifer Almquist sat down with the couple for a conversation about design, storytelling and building a life — and business — together.

Jennifer Almquist: When did this dream begin?

Bobby Graham: This truly is a dream come true. I wanted to open this shop for more than 30 years, to

CONTINUED ON PAGE B2

BUSINESS

Geary Gallery relocates from Millerton to Salisbury

By Sally Haver

Geary, a contemporary art gallery with roots on New York City's Lower East Side, is opening a new chapter in Salisbury, relocating to a restored 1840 building at 14 Main St. after five years in Millerton. Owned by Jack and Dolly Bross Geary, it was at 34 Main St. in Millerton and is reopening in the handsome teal-colored, two-story building built in 1840 and until recently owned by the interior design and architecture studio of Hendricks Churchill. Geary's first show in the new building is scheduled for Feb. 21 and will feature the work of one of the gallery's five artists, Alan Prazniak.

"Our lease on the gallery space in Millerton was coming up in March, and we questioned whether or not to renew," Jack Geary said. "We were interested in owning our next space, and fortuitously, the Salisbury building came on the market." The new building offered more space than the Millerton

CONTINUED ON PAGE B2

INSIDE

REAL ESTATE

Amenia median price rises 11% as home sales climb

AMENIA

Amenia moving forward with \$1.6M in water district improvements

ART

Taha Clayton's 'Historic Presence' opens at Tremaine Gallery

By Natalia Zukerman

For Brooklyn-based artist Taha Clayton, history isn't something sealed behind glass. It breathes, moves and stands before us in the bodies of everyday people. His upcoming solo exhibition, "Historic Presence" at the Tremaine Gallery at Hotchkiss, takes its philosophical cue from James Baldwin's declaration that "History is not the past. It is the present."

Clayton's luminous portraits center on elders, friends and acquaintances whose quiet dignity embodies what he calls "the common everyday story" often missing from official narratives. "The historical is talking about something from the past," Clayton said, "but these are men and women that are living in this day, walking with the ancestors, creating the stories."

Clayton describes the series as rooted in a search for these overlooked narratives. "It started with Baldwin and John Coltrane... and then it blossomed to the people of the times, the stories that get overlooked." His subjects are people he knows or meets through everyday encounters. "It's the models, it's their lives. It's us collaborating, as opposed to me putting a costume on someone," he said.

Born in Houston, raised in Toronto and now based in Brooklyn, Clayton brings a cross-cultural sensibility to classical realism. His figures frequently appear in clothing inspired by mid-20th-century style, echoing the visual language of the 1930s through '50s. But rather than nostalgia, he's after something more layered,



'Stoned Soul Picnic' by Taha Clayton.

a kind of collapsing of timelines. "I'm documenting this moment," he explains, "but I'm also challenging myths and creating new ones."

The use of fabric is a striking element in Clayton's work, operating on both aesthetic and symbolic levels. "I'm playing on ideas like 'being cut from the cloth,' 'the thread' of an idea," he explained. The act of painting on cotton alone carries layered historical meaning, but he deliberately reframes it as a site of empowerment. For him, cloth/cotton signals ceremony, resilience and transformation.

Clayton has an evolving and deepening relationship with this area. As an artist-in-residence at the Wassaic Project in Amenia, he said, "We were the first residency out of the pandemic, and I brought my wife and daughters. It was a two-week residency that ended up being the whole summer. It just kind of evolved and that's how my relationship upstate has been." His series "The Cloth" was presented at Troutbeck in Amenia in 2022 and he has returned as a featured speaker and educator for the Troutbeck Symposium, the multi-day gathering

at Troutbeck where middle and high-school students present year-long research projects on under-told local and national histories. "It's been four years I've been with them, so I'm like artist/mentor now," said Clayton.

Clayton will be in residence again at Hotchkiss for the week leading up to the opening, offering students multiple ways to engage with the artist and providing a rich, hands-on experience of his practice as well as his guidance. "Taha is a re-

CONTINUED ON PAGE B3

FOOD

Bold flavors with a side of punk attitude at No Comply Foods

By Jennifer Almquist

At No Comply Foods in Great Barrington, skate culture, punk music and globally inspired comfort food collide in a pink frame house on Stockbridge Road where community matters as much as what's on the plate. Opened in 2024 and named for a skateboarding trick, the restaurant hums with eclectic music while its walls double as a gallery of patron-gifted art — brightly colored skateboard cartoons, portraits of the owners' pug, Honeybun, and offbeat collages.

High school sweethearts Julie and chef Steve Brown are both loved skateboarding and punk music, especially the 90s California ska-punk band, Skankin' Pickle. They also share a love for good food and a strong sense of community and fairness. After stints at Lutèce and the 21 Club in New York City, Steve helped open Prairie Whale in Great Barrington as the inaugural chef and worked there for 10 years. His partner, Julie, is a full-time special ed-

uation teacher at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village.

They opened No Comply Foods with their unique vision. "It's a place that we did on our own terms," said Julie. "Despite people trying to tell us things that we needed to do to be a successful restaurant, we do the things that we want to do." Those things include no alcohol, no tips and no reservations. "It's a place that anybody can come

into, just sit down, eat and feel welcome. A complete reflection on who Steve and I are, and who we have been. That's what this place is."

Clearly, their formula is working. In its August 2025 issue, Bon Appétit Magazine named No Comply Foods one of the 14 best new breakfast spots in the U.S.

Brunch on the first warm Saturday this winter offered Turkish eggs with labneh; two

sunny-side-up eggs on a Japanese sweet potato topped with chili crisp; tender soft-boiled eggs resting on steamed spinach with silky béarnaise sauce, rye toast and smoked bacon; a plate piled with buttermilk pancakes with a dollop of maple butter and circles of powdered sugar; and mugs of strong coffee. The place stayed packed for hours, every seat filled as families fresh

CONTINUED ON PAGE B3



We here at Robin Hood Radio are on-air and on-line
keeping you informed and updated 24 hours a day
on the following stations of the Robin Hood Radio Network.

WHDD AM 1020

Serving Northwest, CT and Adjacent Eastern, NY

WHDD FM 97.5

Serving the Route 7 corridor from Cornwall to Kent,
and the Route 22 corridor from Amenia to Pawling

WHDD FM 91.9

Serving Sharon, Millerton, Lakeville, Salisbury and Falls Village,
and adjacent Eastern, NY

WLHV FM 88.1

Serving in New York - Northern and Eastern Dutchess County, Columbia County,
Eastern Ulster and Windham County, and Southern Greene County

WBSL FM 91.7

Serving North Canaan, CT, Sheffield and South County, MA



...Bobby Graham and Matthew Marden

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1

create something containing all the things I've loved that have inspired me.

Matthew Marden: Dugazon has exceeded our expectations. Having our own business, no longer part of a large corporate structure, allows us to tell our stories and work together.

JA: What is your earliest memory that set you on your journey?

BG: My earliest memories include going to flea markets and antique shops with my mom. I still have my vast collection of wooden animals that my mom started when I was a little boy.

JA: What are your earliest memories that drew you to beauty, design and fashion?

MM: I've always been a visual person. I was fascinated with The Muppet Show and Sesame Street. I loved their imaginative worlds. It was the late '70s, and I remember being oddly interested in pop culture, loving the colors and textures of the different puppets, their crazy hair or colorful fur.

JA: What were your favorite stories growing up?

MM: I grew up in Hopkinton, a small town in New Hampshire. I loved "Goodnight Moon." I remember C.S. Lewis' Narnia books and their combination of fantasy and reality. I was a voracious reader, drawn to the more macabre world of Stephen King. My dad read me "Watership Down." I remember the "Madeline" books. I was terrified by the nuns.

BG: I loved books that were visual, especially a pop-up book called "The Great Menagerie," published by the Metropolitan Museum in the '70s. I



Matt and Bobby with customers at Dugazon.

"This truly is a dream come true... to create something containing all the things I've loved."

BOBBY GRAHAM

loved "Danny the Dinosaur" and "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs."

JA: What roles do family and tradition play in your lives?

BG: My mom was a home-maker in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where I grew up, but she was from Baton Rouge. I

spent three weeks every summer with my grandparents in New Orleans. It was all about food and family. In our home, Matt and I keep those traditions alive.

MM: We have been married almost two years, but we've been together 20 years. When we first started dating, we discovered that despite being from different parts of the country, we had much in common. Family is important to us both.

JA: Are your families supportive of your new venture?

BG: They're so proud of us. My dad calls every day.

JA: Matt, what drew you to

fashion as a career?

MM: I studied art history in college. For five years, I worked at a New York fashion photography gallery, Staley-Wise. I worked at Town & Country, was a fashion director at Interview, then fashion director at Details magazine, where I stayed most of my career. I became style director at Esquire.

JA: Bobby, what was your experience in advertising and publishing?

BG: I worked in banking for a couple of years using my business degree, but it just wasn't right. I went to work at Condé Nast as a sales executive for Vogue, GQ, Vanity Fair, AD and The New Yorker.

JA: How did you meet? When did you marry?

MM: It was my first morning at Details. I noticed Bobby in the elevator. We were married in August 2024.

JA: What is your business philosophy?

BG: My business philosophy is that you work hard, you have integrity, you have fun and the money will come. There are no shortcuts in life.

MM: At Dugazon, we sell what we love.

JA: What is your most beautiful, most favorite item in Dugazon?

MM: A photograph by our friend Matt Albani called "Lost," shot under a pier in the summer. We had a copy in our house on Fire Island for years.

BG: My favorite item is our candle wall. I just love the way it presents visually. I love the colors.

Dugazon is located at 19 West Main Street, Sharon. For more information and shop hours, visit: dugazonshop.com.

... Geary

CONTINUED FROM B1



PHOTO BY BOB ELLWOOD

Jack and Dolly Geary outside the new location in Salisbury.

location — 5,000 square feet on two floors in turnkey condition. "In addition to three exhibition rooms, there's even a bedroom with an en suite bathroom for a visiting artist to stay," said Jack.

The Gearys founded their gallery in 2013 on the Lower East Side in New York City, then moved to Varick Street in SoHo before landing at their final New York City location on the Bowery in 2020. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit and the Gearys found themselves living primarily in their Lakeville home, they discovered the Millerton space on Main Street. With its white walls and track lighting, they determined it would be the perfect spot for a gallery. As it turned out, having two geographically disparate spaces proved cumbersome to program and maintain, so they consolidated their efforts in Millerton which they will transfer to Salisbury.

The Gearys are already planning events for the new space, including art classes, lectures, readings and parties. During the gallery's time in Millerton, from 2020 to the present, Geary hosted 28 exhibitions, as well as performance art events, poetry readings and dinners celebrating exhibitions. Most recently, they hosted a dinner for artist Dana Sherwood in conjunction with her exhibition. Ever the creative artist, Sherwood made all the plates, candlesticks and serving bowls used at the dinner.

The gallery currently represents five contemporary artists: Will Corwin, Tura Oliveira, Alan Prazniak, Reeve Schley and Sun You. Most are painters, though some also work in sculpture and installation. "We are focused on showing our represented artists," Dolly said, "but we also enjoy showing other artists with whom we have relationships." The Gearys have exhibited at art fairs in Miami, Chicago and San Francisco and have placed works in museum collections and exhibitions, raising artists' profiles and building momentum for the gallery's future.

Alan Prazniak, whose work will be featured in the opening exhibition, describes the show, "Earth Tones," as "a collection of work that chronicles the time after moving my studio to the Catskills from Brooklyn in 2024. 'Tones' refers to the colors, but also — maybe more importantly — to the frequencies of the mountains. There's a music to them; it can be overwhelming if you let it in. Staring at a giant hill in the distance, listening to it hum, falling under the spell of whatever's out there. But finally turning your back to it to go into the studio, trying to make something of it."

Geary is open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. Information is available at info@geary.nyc.

...No Comply Foods

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1

from skiing — suspenders hanging, boots clomping — came in for warming meals. One couple marked a post-Valentine's moment by sharing a chocolate heart doughnut by Pastries by Hanna, a baker in Canaan, Connecticut.

Browning cooks globally influenced food with chef Dimitri Koufis, and the dinner menu changes daily. Recent offerings have included French fries with black pepper aioli; fried cauliflower with couscous, olive tapenade, orange and fennugreek yogurt; hot dogs and fries with jalapeño cheddar and special sauce; leek and mushroom pot pie with oyster mushrooms, spinach, cream and mascarpone; and rigatoni Bolognese with Grana Padano, onion soubise and herbed breadcrumbs. If you still have room for dessert, you might try an apple crostada with caramel sauce and ice cream or chocolate mascarpone mousse.

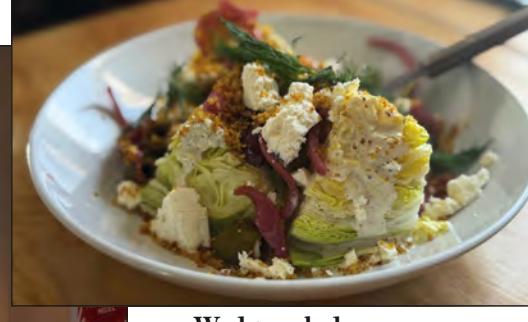
Prices are reasonable. The menu emphasizes fresh food to reduce waste, and produce is seasonally sourced from local farms. Guests can plan a party in the brightly lit upstairs space, enjoy special evening events



Steve and Julie Browning, co-owners of No Comply Foods in Great Barrington, have built a restaurant that reflects their skate-punk spirit and love of globally inspired comfort food.

that might include live music or comedy, or attend themed menus such as Greek Night. No Comply Foods is dog-friendly.

For hours and more information, visit: nocomplyfoods.com



Wedge salad.



Jena Battaglia at No Comply Foods in Great Barrington, serving tomato garlic cream soup and artichoke grilled cheese sandwiches during Sunday brunch.



GIVE SOMETHING THAT Means Something

GIVE BLOOD

Blood Drive

Noble Horizons

Community Room

17 Cobble Road Salisbury, CT 06068

Friday, March 6, 2026 | 11am - 5pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org or scan the QR code below

Noble HORIZONS

17 Cobble Rd.
Salisbury, CT 06068
860-435-9851
noblehorizons.org

Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

©2024 The American National Red Cross | 469801-3

HISTORIC PRESENCE

TAHA CLAYTON

FEB 14 - APR 5, 2026

Reception: Sat, Feb 21, 4 - 6 p.m.

HOTCHKISS
Tremaine Art Gallery

11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, CT
www.hotchkiss.org/arts



At The Movies

SHOWTIMES & TICKETS ► 

FRI 02/20 > THU 02/26 (518) 789-0022

WUTHERING HEIGHTS

MIDWINTER BREAK

GOAT

OSCAR SHORTS
LIVE ACTION : ANIMATION : DOCUMENTARY

Sat. 2/21 @ 9PM Late Night Classics:
ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND

GIFT CARDS * MEMBERSHIPS * DONATE TODAY

The Moviehouse is a non-profit 501c3 independent cinema & arts organization.

CC AD

48 MAIN STREET, MILLERTON, NY

GARDENING

A taste of spring at the annual bulb show

By Robin Roraback

The Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge is offering the perfect solution to the winter doldrums with its annual Bulb Show, beginning Feb. 20. Depending on how long the bulbs bloom, the show is estimated to run until about March 20.

Inside the Fitzpatrick Conservatory, hundreds of tulips, daffodils and grape hyacinths will be waiting to give visitors a welcome taste of spring.

Some rarer blooms to look for are the "Hoop Petticoat Daffodil" (*Narcissus bulbocodium*) and three from South Africa: "African Corn Flag" (*Chasmantine bicolor*), "Fairy Bells" (*Melasmaea ramosa*) and "Forest Lily" (*Veltheimia bracteata*).

Preparation for the bulb show begins in summer, when bulbs are chosen and ordered. They are planted in fall and then spend about 15 weeks at temperatures simulating winter.

Eric Ruquist, direc-



PHOTO PROVIDED BY BERKSHIRE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Spring arrives early at Berkshire Botanical Garden.

tor of horticulture at BBG, explained. "We have two small, air-conditioned rooms, or CoolBots, in the basement. We pull out our pots of bulbs in three stages. The first pull was Feb. 7, and since we didn't get too much sun last week, they are off to a bit of a slow start, but they

are all budded up and I'm sure we will have blooming bulbs for our opening day."

A point of interest besides the blooms is the display of succulents. Ruquist said to look for "hens and chicks, aloe, agave and sedum."

"The Bulb Show is BBG's

gift to the community," Ruquist said. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Multiple visits are encouraged to enjoy a range of blooms.

Berkshire Botanical Garden is located at 5 W. Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

GARDENING

Garden Matters

The Millbrook Garden Club and Millbrook Library are launching a "Garden Matters" series, a free lineup of talks, walks and workshops on eco-friendly gardening presented with Stonewood Farm. Beginning Feb. 21 and running through July, the program highlights local experts sharing practical tips on soil health, regenerative growing, native plants and pollinator habitats.

Sessions include a

soil-building workshop with farm managers, a creative seed-starting class led by Jessica Williams of Odd Duck Farm, a pollinator garden walkthrough with designer Andrew J. Durbridge, and a native meadow tour at the Cary Institute guided by president Joshua Ginsberg. All programs are free and open to the public at the library unless noted. Details and schedule updates: millbrooklibrary.org.



Kristen Essig of Stonewood Farm.

COMMUNITY

Winter Weekend in Norfolk

The Ninth Annual Winter Weekend Festival returns to Norfolk, Feb. 21-22, offering a full slate of seasonal activities for all ages. The community celebration features outdoor adventures such as hiking, skiing and wildlife walks, alongside concerts, art shows, workshops, open studios, historic exhibits and family events. Highlights include live music, artist meet-and-greets, a pickleball tournament, stained-glass tours, craft demonstrations and a "Blizzard of Fun" kids program. Many activities are free, with select ticketed workshops. Early-bird events begin Friday evening with a pop-up gallery reception and documentary screening. Visitors can also enjoy special cafe and bakery offerings throughout the weekend. Organizers encourage guests to check the festival schedule at weekendinnorfolk.org for updates and return this summer for the three-day Weekend in Norfolk celebration July 31-Aug. 2.



Artist Cheryl Heller, who makes eight-foot-tall paintings of song birds will have an open studio from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21.

... Taha Clayton

CONTINUED FROM PAGE B1



PHOTO BY NATALIA ZUKERMAN

'Sunkiss' by Taha Clayton.

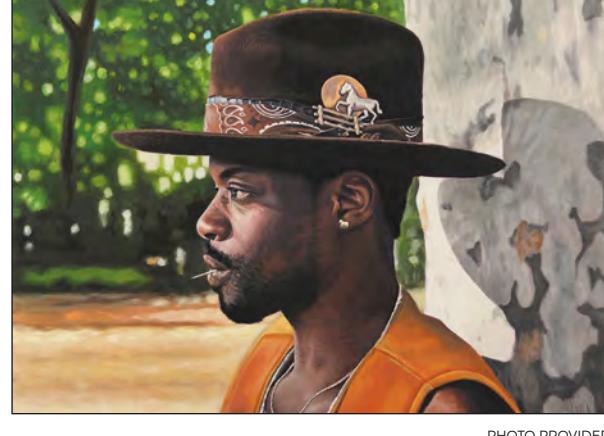


PHOTO PROVIDED

'Crown Maker' by Taha Clayton.

markable artist to work with because he meets students where they are," said Tremaine Gallery director, Terri Moore. "He listens deeply, treats their ideas with real respect and shows them that their own stories are worthy subjects. That combination of humility, rigor and generosity is rare — and it's why students respond to him so strongly."

Clayton's career has garnered international — even interstellar — recognition, including exhibitions in cities from New York to Barcelona. One of his works was selected for the Lunar Codex's "Nova Collection" in 2024, part of an ambitious global archive designed to preserve creative works on the Moon as a time capsule of human culture. Clayton recalled the moment the capsule landed with characteristic understatement: "I'm just on the computer watching with a beer thinking, 'Ok, this is cool.' But, like the next day, I still had to get up and take the kids to school."

Interspersed throughout the gallery are ceramic shields that add to the war-

rior-like quality of some of the subjects. The repetition of a water fountain is particularly evocative, another reclamation that amplifies history without obscuring the truth that shaped it.

Clayton describes his practice as a form of meditation, saying he feels time dissolve while working. "It's like past and future is all happening," he said.

That sense of temporal layering resonates with the exhibition's central idea that personal memory and collective history are inseparable. Clayton's portraits are about recognizing and celebrating the magnitude and multitudes contained in ordinary lives, the reclamation and attention to historical detail and the carrying of history forward with incredible beauty and unwavering dignity.

"Historic Presence"

will be on view Feb. 14-April 5 at the Tremaine

Gallery at Hotchkiss, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville.

An artists' talk is sched-

uled Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7

p.m., followed by an open-

ing reception Saturday,

Feb. 21, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Indigo ROOM

This Saturday!

CHRISSI POLAND
FOREVER MUSCLE SHOALS
SAT FEB 21 AT 8PM

Hip hop, classical, jazz, funk & more!

BLACK VIOLIN
FRI FEB 27 AT 8PM

BETTER THAN EZRA
FRI MAR 27 AT 7:30PM

PARSONS DANCE
SAT APR 4 AT 1PM & 7PM

Movies, Opera, Drama & MORE!

14 & 20 Castle St, Great Barrington, MA • 413-528-0100 • mahaiwe.org

A Good Mechanic Is Not Hard to Find!

Ask for a proven pro
An ASE Certified Technician

(518) 789-3462

52 S. Center Street
Millerton, NY

MILLERTON SERVICE CENTER

Quality Used Cars

Maintenance - Repairs

MICHAEL D. LYMAN

ADAM LYMAN

MASTER TECHNICIANS



Movies, Opera, Drama & MORE!

14 & 20 Castle St, Great Barrington, MA • 413-528-0100 • mahaiwe.org



PHOTO PROVIDED

"This Beautiful Place," paintings by Torrington artist Suzan Scott exploring the Litchfield Hills and surrounding landscapes will be on view Feb. 12-March 13 at the David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village. Opening reception: Saturday, Feb. 21, 5 to 7 p.m. Art talk: Thursday, March 12, 5:30 p.m. Free and open to all.

Tri-Corner Calendar

FEBRUARY 19

Creativity for Adult Beginners

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org 2 to 3 p.m. Supportive one-hour art class on Thursdays through March 12 for adult beginners led by artist Paul Bacsik. Explore creativity, try new techniques and build confidence—no experience needed; supplies provided. Registration required at hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com.

FEBRUARY 20

LEGO Club

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org From 5 to 6 p.m., Join us in the community room for a monthly LEGO club meeting. Ages 5 and up. Registration required at cornwalllibrary.org/events/

Poetry Workshop with Sally Van Doren

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org Sally Van Doren's workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. is an immersive experience of writing, reading, and listening. Registration is required at scovillelibrary.org

Duo Al Rouh

The Grace Note at The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Join Palestinian master musician Zafer Tawil and Rabbi Zachi Asher for a magical evening of old and new Arabic sounds, transportive trances and prayers and Sufi melodies to whirl us into enchantment. 7:30 p.m. Tickets at stissingcenter.org

FEBRUARY 21

Personaman

Five Points Annex, 15 Water St., Torrington, Conn. 2 p.m.

Images, objects, animations, performances and interactions by Stewart Wilson, aka "Personaman"

Dorodango—A Meditative Craft Workshop at Shop BES

50 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. 12 p.m.

A traditional Japanese pastime used to teach mindfulness to children becomes a relaxing activity for adults. Shape and polish a simple ball of mud to a mirror-like shine. Pre-registration required at www.shop-bes.com/classes

Deadgrass at The Stissing Center

The Stissing Center 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y. Deadgrass is a high-energy string band reimagining the music of Jerry Garcia. Blending bluegrass, Americana, and improvisation, the band explores songs from Old & In the Way, the Jerry Garcia Band, and the Grateful Dead with warmth and virtuosity. Tickets at www.thestissingcenter.org

Earth Tones

Geary, 14 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. Geary presents Earth Tones, a solo exhibition by Alan Prazniak, at its new location. Opening reception Saturday, Feb. 21, 4 to 6 p.m.

Imagined Realities: Pulse and Pattern

Tyte Gallery, 3280 Franklin Ave. (2nd Floor), Millbrook, N.Y. Feb. 21 through April 12, Tyte Gallery presents a three-artist exhibition featuring works by Sabri Sundos, Shannon Carroll and Sophie Kitching. Opening reception Saturday, Feb. 21, 3 to 6 p.m. Gallery hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed Tuesdays.

Fred Stein: Icons of the 20th Century

Mad Rose Gallery, 3 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. On view Feb. 7 to April 30, Mad Rose Gallery presents "Fred Stein: Icons of the 20th Century," a landmark exhibition bringing together 50 legendary portraits by master photographer Fred Stein. Dual opening reception: Feb. 21, 4 to 6 p.m. Refreshments served.

Villains in Your Backyard: Managing Invasive Plants

Sharon Town Hall, 63 Main St., Sharon, Conn. Learn practical strategies for controlling invasive plants and supporting native species from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Led by Michael Nadeau and Tom Zetterstrom. Free; open to all. Pre-registration required. bit.ly/4qVIE69

The Hotchkiss

Philharmonic Orchestra

Katherine M. Elfers Hall, The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn.

Feb. 21, 7:30 p.m. Internationally acclaimed mezzo-soprano Magdalena Kulig joins the orchestra, conducted by Fabio Witkowski, in a program featuring Handel, Gluck, Mahler and

Items appear as space permits. Submit calendar items to editor@lakevillejournal.com.

Saint-Saëns, plus selections from John Williams and Arturo Márquez. Free and open to the public.

Chrissi Poland performs Forever Muscle Shoals

Indigo Room at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 20 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass.

8 p.m. The show celebrates classic Muscle Shoals recordings from the late 1960s and early '70s. Tickets are \$40, general admission with café table seating; on sale Jan. 7 at noon at mahaiwe.org or through the box office, 413-528-0100.

FEBRUARY 22

Resilience: Measuring Your Strength

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

Transformational coach and educator Caroline Phipps leads an empowering program on cultivating personal resilience, with practical tools to navigate uncertainty, reduce stress and strengthen emotional well-being. 4 p.m. Free; registration required at hotchkisslibrary.libcal.com

Cartooning Workshop with Natalia Zukerman

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

Join this hands-on class at 11 a.m., and explore cartooning as an outlet for observation, humor and storytelling with Millerton News cartoonist and arts editor Natalia Zukerman. Registration required at scovillelibrary.org

FEBRUARY 25

Knitting with Bruce Weinstein: Entrelac & Reversible Cables

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

Join best-selling author and knitting expert Bruce Weinstein and learn two new stitches to add texture and variety to scarves, sweat-

Last week's WotW

C	H	E	E	R
A	N	G	L	E
E	M	A	I	L
M	E	T	A	L
M	E	D	A	L

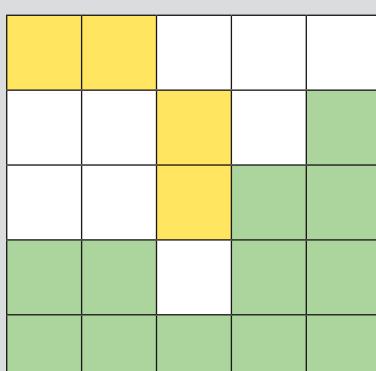
Word of the Week

Hints relate to adjacent five-letter words. Solve to reveal correct letters.

Green tiles indicate correctly placed letters in the Word of the Week.

Yellow tiles indicate a correct letter in the wrong place.

Uncolored tiles indicate letters that do not appear in the WotW.



- No. of Snow White's dwarves
- "Ctrl + V" command
- ... but no cigar
- A standalone home
- Chinese New Year animal

WORD OF THE WEEK ©THE LAKEVILLE JOURNAL

MUSIC

The Grace Note speakeasy

By Aly Morrissey

The Stissing Center officially opened The Grace Note on Friday, Feb. 13, a new speakeasy-style venue aimed at turning Friday nights into a weekly home for local and regional talent.

Hidden in the basement of The Stissing Center, The Grace Note certainly has the feel of a speakeasy, with its brick walls, dim lights and fully stocked bar. Executive Director Patrick Trettenero welcomed the first sold-out crowd and said the inspiration for the reimaged venue came



PHOTO BY ALY MORRISSEY

Natalia Zukerman opens Stissing Center's new speakeasy, The Grace Note.

from a desire to offer performances that connect audiences with artists in an intimate setting.

The debut performance featured Natalia Zukerman, Compass Arts & Entertainment editor and Stissing Center advisory board member, who will also co-manage booking for the space as it rolls out weekly programming. From the moment she stepped onto the stage, Zukerman held the audience in the palm of her hand, leaving concert-goers hanging on her every word. There were moments of raucous laugh-

ter and moments when you could hear a pin drop.

A storyteller at heart, Zukerman wove an introspective thread throughout the night, exploring how connection, art and beauty can exist even amid injustice and a relentless news cycle. Between songs, she offered commentary and her personal reflections, while her lyrics echoed many of the same themes.

The Grace Note will be open every Friday night. For a schedule of upcoming performances and to purchase tickets, visit thestissingcenter.org

Welcoming new voices

We welcome story ideas, tips and pitches, and we're interested in working with writers and photographers who want to contribute thoughtful, independent arts and lifestyle coverage. Send inquiries to nataliaz@lakevillejournal.com.

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Cut quickly
- A way to state clearly
- River in NE Scotland
- Expansive
- Lacking social polish
- Amount of time
- Frame
- Automobile
- Toadstools
- High school dances
- Utilize
- Experimented with
- One-sided
- Acquisitive
- Potted plants
- Everyone has one
- Kalahari Desert lake
- Unidentified flying object
- People 65 and over
- Small amount
- Daughter of Acrisius
- Ornamental box
- Government agents
- Uncertain
- A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- Treeless plains
- One's sense of self-importance
- Consumer advocate
- Type of lounger
- Body part
- Can be persuaded
- Woman (French)
- Ready and willing to be taught
- Arab ruler title
- Unhappy
- Gradually went away
- Able to think clearly
- Pages can be dog—
- Ukrainian city
- A citizen of Denmark
- Month
- Hindu queens
- Group of chemicals
- Rider of Rohan
- Wet dirt
- Southwestern Russia city
- Observed
- Angry
- Drivers' licenses
- Musical composition
- Auction
- They __
- Women
- Be filled with love for
- Thick-soled sock
- Appears
- Old World lizard
- the leading performer
- Protein

February 12 Solution

A	C	E	D	F	T	C	M	O	B
S	H	I	E	S	A	H	A	C	R
L	I	R	A	S	S	E	N	A	R
C	A	F	E	S	T	O	N	N	A
P	R	E	M	A	T	R	E	L	Y
E	N	E	M	I	E	S	M	Y	M
C	A	G	E	B	R	E	N	N	E
A	N	B	A	N	C	L	A	R	I
M	O	A	B	D	K	M	S	A	B
E	L	B	A	Y	E	P	A	I	L
N	E	B	N	N	E	R	A	B	I
D	A	I	E	N	D	S	E	N	D

February 12 Solution

5	7		3	2		8
1	9		6			
4	2					
		8				7
9	5					
2	6	9				
4	1				8	3
			3	4		
			2	5		7

Level: Intermediate

Senior Living • Rehabilitation • Skilled Nursing

A nonprofit organization
17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068
(860) 435-9851 • <a href="http://www.n



Amenia's pump house on Lavelle Road is a central part of proposed capital improvements to the town's drinking water system.

Amenia moving forward with millions in drinking water improvements

By LEILA HAWKEN
leilah@millertownnews.com

AMENIA — The town's Water Committee made progress at its first meeting of 2026 in planning a three-phase project to repair and modernize the water system that supplies drinking water to the Amenia hamlet.

Committee Chair Bill Flood, who was re-elected to the post at the Wednesday, Feb. 4, meeting, said representatives from Albany-based civil engineering firm Delaware Engineering are overseeing project planning and grant applications.

The Town Board has earmarked \$1.6 million for the first phase of the project, which includes replacing the Lavelle Road pump house and repairing the two wells that serve the municipal water district.

The existing pump house

will be replaced with a new prefabricated structure.

Engineers are expected to provide a Phase One project timeline and payment schedule ahead of the Water Committee's March meeting.

State grant funding has been approved for all three phases of the project, including a \$2,731,995 Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant and a \$118,000 Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability grant.

Flood said the grant funds will not be available until the town meets state compliance requirements in the coming months.

The committee also discussed the possible creation of a Water District reserve fund. Establishing such a fund would require Town Board approval and could include a schedule for future maintenance costs.

Amenia median price rises 11% as home sales climb in December

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Home prices in Amenia reached their highest level of the year in December, capping off a 2025 market that saw both rising values and increased sales activity.

The median sale price for a single-family home in Amenia was \$389,000 in 2025, up 11% from \$351,000 in 2024. The number of house sales also increased to 29, up from 25 the year before.

December's trailing 12-month median marked the high point of the year, with every recorded residential transfer that month closing above the \$389,000 annual median. Three single-family homes sold in December.

Despite rising prices, Amenia remains more affordable than much of northeastern Dutchess County. In 2025, the median single-family house price was \$529,000 in Pine Plains, \$661,000 in Washington, \$662,500 in Stanford and \$427,000 in North East.

Inventory in Amenia remains limited. In mid-February, 12 single-family homes were listed for sale — roughly a five-month supply — including five priced under \$400,000 and three listed above \$2 million. Among them was a publicly listed 6,500-square-foot lakeside home in Silo Ridge offered at \$8.9 million.

December transfers
3343 Route 343 — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 0.5 acres sold to Shauna Henschel for \$405,000.

174 Perry Corners Road — 3 bedroom/3 bath home on 1.93 acres sold to Emily Kate Higgins for \$513,000.

18 Furnace Bank Road — 4 bedroom/2 bath two family house on 0.2 acres in Wassaic sold to Trent Morey for \$450,000.

4848 Route 44 — 3 bedroom/2 bath house on 10.36 acres to Buck Ripley LLC for \$2.08 million.

Old North Road (#356987) — 0.19 acres of rural vacant land at the intersection with Route 44 sold to Frederick Lattrell for \$7,500.

*Town of Amenia property transfers in December are sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Office monthly reports. Details on all parcels from Dutchess Parcel Access. Only arm's length transactions with compensation are included. Recorded transfers typically lag closed sales. Market data from Smart MLS Info Sparks does not include private transactions or Silo Ridge sales. The Dutchess County parcel number is indicated when no specific street address is included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES
Located in the center of Amenia on Route 343, this house built in 1790 was renovated and sold as a turn key property for \$405,000.

Realtor® at Large



JOHN HARNEY
Associate Broker with
William Pitt Sotheby's
International Realty
Office: 19 Main Street,
Salisbury, CT 06068
Email: jharney@wpsir.com
Cell: 860-921-7910
Instagram: @johnharneyjr

ADVERTISEMENT

To Place an Ad Call 860-435-9873 or visit lakevillejournal.com/classified-ad

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME CARE-GIVER NEEDED: possibly LIVE-IN. Bright private STUDIO on 10 acres. Queen Bed, En-Suite Bathroom, Kitchenette & Garage. SHARON 407-620-7777.

THE SALISBURY ASSOCIATION'S LAND TRUST SEEKS PART-TIME LAND STEWARD: Responsibilities include monitoring easements and preserves, filing monitoring reports, documenting and reporting violations or encroachments, and recruiting and supervising volunteer monitors. The Steward will also execute preserve and trail stewardship according to Management Plans and manage contractor activity. Up to 10 hours per week, compensation commensurate with experience. Further details and requirements are available on request. To apply: Send coverletter, resume, and references to John Landon at info@salisburyassociation.org. The Salisbury Association is an equal opportunity employer.

HELP WANTED

WEATOGUE STABLES IN SALISBURY, CT: has an opening for experienced barn help for Mondays and Tuesdays. More hours available if desired. Reliable and experienced please! All daily aspects of farm care - feeding, grooming, turnout/in, stall/barn/pasture cleaning. Possible housing available for a full-time applicant. Lovely facility, great staff and horses! Contact Bobbi at 860-307-8531. Text best for prompt reply.

SERVICES OFFERED

HECTOR PACAY LANDSCAPING AND CONSTRUCTION LLC: Fully insured. Renovation, decking, painting; interior exterior, mowing lawn, garden, stone wall, patio, tree work, clean gutters, mowing fields. 845-636-3212.

PROFESSIONAL HOUSEKEEPING & HOUSE SITTING: Experienced, dependable, and respectful of your home. Excellent references. Reasonable prices. Flexible scheduling available. Residential/commercial. Call/Text: 860-318-5385. Ana Mazo.

PETS



12 WEEK OLD BLACK AND TAN/BLUE TICK COONHOUND: mix for sale. First set of puppy shots done at 8 weeks. Call 860-248-9947 for more info and price. Ask for Eric.

REAL ESTATE

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE: Equal Housing Opportunity. All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1966 revised March 12, 1989 which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap or familial status or national origin or intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination. All residential property advertised in the State of Connecticut General Statutes 46a-64c which prohibit the making, printing or publishing or causing to be made, printed or published any notice, statement or advertisement with respect to the sale or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, physical or mental disability or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE



FOR SALE: 39 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon. 1680 sq.ft. Two family, rare side-by-side units. 4 bed; 2 full bath, 2 half. Great investment, or live in one and rent other side. \$485,000. Call/text Sava, 914-227-4127.

Email ads to classified@lakevillejournal.com

To view all the news and Classifieds from The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News each week, go to our websites at lakevillejournal.com and millertownnews.com

Robinson Leech Real Estate

Distinctive Country Properties

A UNIQUE RENTAL LOCATED IN THE BERKSHIRES AREA. COME AND ENJOY BERKSHIRES LIVING FOR A SEASON, YEAR, OR LONGER. A 2 bedroom home, fabulous view, and convenient to the Arts, Sports area, other area features.

A LUXURY RENTAL

2 BEDROOMS, 3 BATHS, STUNNING VIEWS; set on a wonderful hillside lot in the hills. Provides convenient access to all the ARTS, OUTDOORS, AND OTHER NICETIES, that NW CT and the BERKSHIRES have to offer. CALL FOR CURRENT AVAILABILITY AND PRICING TERMS.

A WONDERFUL, REMOTE, HILLSIDE LOT

10 acres, with power, well off the highway, stunning views, mountain stream with possible pond area. Extremely private. Agent Owned. OFFERED AT \$550,000.

Selling properties in CT, Mass, and New York, since 1955

318 Main Street • Lakeville, Connecticut • 860-435-9891 • www.robinleechrealestate.com

Finance Associate Full-Time

The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News seek a Financial Assistant to assist with payroll, HR, processing accounts payable, data entry and customer service. Knowledge of accounting, QuickBooks and excel preferred. Must be able to work independently. Full-time with benefits.

Please send resume to accounting@lakevillejournal.com

The Lakeville Journal

lakevillejournal.com • 860-435-9873

The MILLERTON NEWS

millertownnews.com • 860-435-9873 ext. 608

Subscribe Today

You'll never miss vital reporting with a subscription to your community news source.

Just \$10 monthly

Email circulation@lakevillejournal.com or call 860-435-9873 x303.

The Lakeville Journal **MILLERTON NEWS**

860-435-9873 • 64 Route 7 N, Falls Village, CT 06031



Leaders in the athletic equipment repair and supply industry. Est 1948

NOW HIRING

FULL TIME & PART TIME
Great Hours! 7:00AM-3:25PM

Range of Benefits
Competitive Pay
POSITIONS OPEN:

- DATA ENTRY
- ASSEMBLY & DISASSEMBLY
- INVENTORY CHECK IN
- DECORATION DEPT
- WAREHOUSE
- SPRAY PAINTER

HOW TO APPLY
*Call 800-708-0059
*Email HR@stadium-system.com
* Apply In Person



THE NEWS THAT MATTERS to you

You'll never miss vital reporting with a subscription to your community news source.

Just \$10 monthly

Email circulation@lakevillejournal.com or call 860-435-9873 x303.

To Have Your Service Listed and reach 30,000 Potential Customers Call 860-435-9873

Specialist Directory

DEADLINE
Friday at 4 p.m. for the following
Thursday's publication date.

Full color available.
Call your advertising
manager today!

The Lakeville Journal • The Millerton News • Compass • lakevillejournal.com • millertonnews.com

Auto Repair

NORTH EAST MUFFLER INC.
Custom Bending Up to 3 Inches
Tires • Brakes • Mufflers • New York State Inspections
Open Monday - Friday 8 to 5; Saturday 8 to 1
Route 22, Millerton, NY
John Heck (518) 789-3669 Cindy Heck

Blinds

BUDGET BLINDS
Style and service for every budget!
JOHN & JUNE KINSKY
BUDGET BLINDS OF LITCHFIELD COUNTY
860.619.2811
jjkinsky@budgetblinds.com
budgetblinds.com/litchfieldcounty
HIC#048748
FREE In-Home Consultation

Shades, Blinds, Shutters,
Home Automation and more
www.budgetblinds.com
An Independently Owned and Operated Franchise

Building/Remodeling

Is your chore list out of control? Need a hand around the house?
HandyMa'am
is here to help.
CARPENTRY - HOME REPAIRS - DOORS & WINDOWS - FRAMING &
DRYWALL - BUILT-INS & SHELVING - PAINTING - DECKS - GUTTERS -
PRESSURE WASHING - RAISED BEDS - YARDWORK - AND MORE
(917)658-1262 / yourhandyamaam@gmail.com

Floor Refinishing

THE FLOOR SPECIALIST
"When You Want The Best"
Old/new resurfaced to perfection.
Frank Monda
thefloorspecialist@verizon.net | 860-671-0468

Insulation

AIR TIGHT
INSULATORS, LLC
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
SPRAY FOAM
OPEN & CLOSED CELL SPRAY FOAM
BATT INSULATION • BLOWN-IN & DENSE PACK
FIREPROOFING • INSULATION REMOVAL
BRENDA LEE
P.O. BOX 1135 SHARON, CT
860.689.5677
ATISSPRAYFOAM@GMAIL.COM

Landscaping

Greener Gardens
LANDSCAPING, LLC
FULLY INSURED CT & NY
860-671-7850
PAINTING • PATIOS • LAWN MOWING
WOOD CLEARING • SNOW PLOWING
LAWN FERTILIZER • HANDYMAN WORK
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT • EXCAVATION

VADNEY'S
LANDSCAPING
INC. TREE SERVICE
Transforming Outdoor Spaces
(860) 248-9442 • VADNEYSLANDSCAPING.COM
Complete Site Work • Brush Hogging • Excavation • Tree Work
Land Clearing • Septic Systems • Lawn Care • Snow Plowing
Free Estimates • Fully Insured • E-mail: DylanVadney@yahoo.com

Lightning Rods

Lightning Protection!
ASSOCIATED LIGHTNING
Rod Company, Inc
Free Estimates / Inspections!
845-373-8309 / 518-789-4603
www.alrci.com **info@alrci.com**

Moving


KARL ON WHEELS
Let us move your stuff
Prompt, Safe Delivery • Fully Insured
(860)499-0406
karlonwheels.com

Overhead Doors

Madsen Overhead Doors offers numerous door options to fit any budget! Residential, commercial & industrial doors, electric operators, radio controls, sales & service.
= MADSEN =
OVERHEAD DOORS
Fast, friendly service since 1954
(518) 392 3883
673 Route 203, Spencertown, NY
www.MadsenOverheadDoors.com

Painting

Hussey Painting 
Decorating & Wallpapering
Interior & Exterior
Residential, Commercial & Industrial
State Licensed Home Improvement Contractors
Insured & EPA Certified
Now accepting most major credit cards
Family Owned and operated Since 1978
Emmet Hussey www.hussey-painting.com
860.435.8149 emmethussey@gmail.com

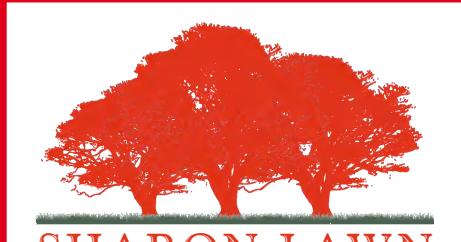
CREAM HILL
PAINT & PAPER
INTERIOR & EXTERIOR PAINTING • WALLPAPERING
CREAMHILLPAINTING@GMAIL.COM • 917 400 1154
FULLY INSURED • INSTAGRAM: @CREAMHILLPAINTING


CHIK'S PAINTING
"Quality work at its best"
Interior/ Exterior
Carpentry/ Remodeling
Powerwashing
Drywall & Taping
Popcorn Removal
Wallpaper Hanging & Removal
Over 40 years experience
Fully insured • Local references
Credit Cards Accepted
860-484-9127 HIC0673003

lakevillejournal.com
millertonnews.com

When you need
to know what's happening
in your area, we're there.

Property Services



SHARON LAWN & LANDSCAPE

Serving Northwest CT and Dutchess County, NY

Winter Months Are Perfect For:

Land Clearing • Brush Clearing
Vista Clearing • Tree Takedowns

Commercial Snowplowing, Sanding & Salting of Parking Lots

- EXCAVATORS • BACKHOES •
- BULLDOZER • CHIPPER •
- DUMP TRUCKS •
- GROUNDS MAINTENANCE •
- LANDSCAPING •

INQUIRE ABOUT OUR OFF-SEASON DISCOUNTS

Commercial & Residential | Credit Cards Accepted
(860) 672-5260
sharonlawnandlandscape@yahoo.com

Home Improvement Contractor: #0652878

Roofing Services

THOMSON ROOFING LLC
"WE GO ABOVE AND BEYOND"
STANDING SEAM METAL • SHINGLES
Brad Thomson
413-854-3663 • bthomson75@yahoo.com
Sheffield, MA

DJ Hall Roofing & Siding, LLC
Quality Work at Competitive Prices
Roofing • Damage Repairs • Gutters • Solar
Interior/Exterior Painting • Drywall • Repairs
Fully Licensed & Insured | Residential & Commercial Repairs
GAF Master Elite Installer & BBB Rated
Over 35 years experience
69 Ginger Ln, Torrington, CT • djhallroofing.com
860-485-5887 • djhallroofing@optonline.net

Paramount Professional ROOFING
Serving the Greater Litchfield County area
**ROOFING • SIDING
GUTTERS • REPAIRS**

Snow removal and ice dam
maintenance by licensed and
insured roofing contractors.
Remove snow from your roof before
ice dams become a problem for you
and your insurance company.

Fully Insured
860-459-9921 | ParamountProRoofing.com

Tree Service

Applewood
Tree Care LLC

Tree Care • Tree Removal • Tick Spraying
Jason Bresson CT arborist license# 62658, NY pest license# CO-653231
J. Phillip Bresson CT arborist license# 65653
applewoodtreecare@yahoo.com
860-733-2020
B-2580

JOHN'S TREE SERVICE
Tree removal • Chipping • View Cutting • Land Clearing • Logging • Firewood
860-824-8149
PO Box 414 East Canaan, CT 06024
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

PEROTTI
TREE SURGEONS LLC
Shade Tree Preservation • Home Orchard Care
Landscape Renovation • Hazard Tree Removal
Tick Control • Organic Options
Native Arborist since 1997
Jeff Perotti • 860-824-5051
perottitreesurgeons.com
CT Pest Registration #B-2341
CT Lic. Arborist #S4607 MA Cert. Arborist #2136

Christopher Toomey
Licensed Arborist

860-824-4956
Telephone & Fax
25 Years Exp.
6 Barracks Road
Free Estimates
Canaan, CT 06018
CT Arborist license #S-4207
Pruning-Bracing-Clearing
Ornamental & Hedge Trimming
Removals-Vistas
Tree Fertilization

**your news
your community
your life!**

Not sure who to turn to
when you need a service?

Every week we bring you
this directory of Specialists
in print and online.
From Automobiles to
Windows, the Specialist you
need is at your fingertips.

We'll keep you connected.

And, when you find the
Specialist you're looking for,
let them know you found them
in your independent, locally
owned, community newspapers.

The Lakeville Journal
The MILLERTON NEWS

We've made it even easier to
Stay Informed.

Visit lakevillejournal.com or
millertonnews.com to purchase
a print or online subscription.
Or call 800-339-9873 ext. 303

**Your Local News
Just the Way You Like It**

Print Subscription Includes
Free Access to Website
and the Replica Edition!

\$10 monthly

In County | \$12.25 Outside County

The Lakeville Journal
The MILLERTON NEWS
Subscribe Today
860-435-9873 | circulation@lakevillejournal.com
LakevilleJournal.com | MillertonNews.com

