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## Susan Hassler named Publisher of Millerton News and Lakeville Journal

By **JOHN COSTON**  
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Susan Hassler, a longtime magazine editor and resident of Sharon, has been appointed chief executive officer of The Lakeville Journal Foundation and publisher of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News.

Hassler succeeds Janet Manko, who, for more than 25 years, has been a mainstay at the two newspapers, serving as editor-in-chief and publisher.

Hassler has been a full-time resident of Sharon since 2004, and with her husband, Bob Maxwell, raised two boys who attended preschool in the region followed by Indian Mountain School. Hassler currently serves as vice president of the board of trustees of The

**"I am very grateful for the opportunity to make sure that our local newspapers continue to flourish and grow."**

*Susan Hassler*

Hotchkiss Library in Sharon and is a member of the Salisbury Congregational Church.

Speaking of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, Hassler said: "I am very grateful for the opportunity to make sure that our local newspapers continue to flourish and grow. Our communities depend upon them."

Hassler is stepping down as

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**Susan Hassler**



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**Andrew Gordon of Carson Power presented the company's plan to install a community solar farm near Pulver's Corners on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Community Room of the Pine Plains Library.**

## Pine Plains residents pose concerns about proposed solar farm

By **JOHN COSTON**  
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**PINE PLAINS** – Residents showed up in numbers on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Community Room of the Pine Plains Free Library to state concerns and their largely overwhelming opposition to a proposed 10-megawatt community solar project at Pulver's Corners.

More than 60 people attended a two-and-a-half-hour Planning Board public hearing to hear about the project from the project sponsor, Carson Power of New York City, and to ask questions and

lodge testimony before town officials.

Andrew Gordon, a representative of Carson Power, began the hearing with a presentation of the project. The company proposes to install a 43-acre solar farm comprising 24,000 panels on 171 acres of agricultural and forested land located at 454 Bean River Road. Access is planned to be sited just west of the Central Hudson's Pulver's Corners substation near the intersection of Route 199 and Prospect Hill Road.

The project as outlined by Car-

See **SOLAR PROJECT, A8**

## My ride-along with Dr. Angell, traveling large-animal vet

*Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series focusing on a day in the life of a large animal veterinarian's practice in the tri-corner region.*

**AMENIA** – After tending to two old goats and three donkeys at an estate farm, our next destination was Elk Ravine Farm in Amenia, where a pregnancy check and a bull calf castration were on the docket.

The drive through scenic, hilly roads is time that Dr. Isaac Angell of Bentley Veterinary Practice, located in Standfordville, often uses to make calls or think through treatments, but he took the opportunity to talk about the qualities he sees as important for aspiring large-animal vets.

"An ability to not take yourself too seriously. The job is quickly humbling in a few ways. One is always, 'Oh wow, I've just gotten manure splattered in my face!' But also that things don't always turn out as expected."

"Then there's independence and persistence. Once you're out there on your own handling cases, there



PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

**Dr. Isaac Angel on the road to the next farm visit.**

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*Elias Sorich*

isn't anyone else to turn to. You're also often on call, and could get woken up in the middle of the night to handle a calving or a foaling, and find yourself laying the mud to get

the job done."

Angell was quick to note that many of the lessons he imparted were in turn passed down to him by his mentor, Dr. Gregory Hart, the vet Angell credits with inspiring him to pursue veterinary medicine. One of three mentors who, "Made Dr. Isaac Angell who he is," Hart was the Angell family's vet during

See **TRAVELING VET, A8**

## Law to lower property taxes for volunteer EMS personnel

By **EMILY EDELMAN**  
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**POUGHKEEPSIE** – Dutchess County Legislature Chair Gregg Pulver announced the introduction of a local law that will give a property tax exemption of 10% to volunteer firefighters and ambulance personnel.

The exemption, announced

on Wednesday, Jan. 18, applies to those who have served for at least three years and will be in effect for each year served after that. To take advantage of the exemption, members must live in the village, town or city in which the organization they serve is located. For those who have served for at least

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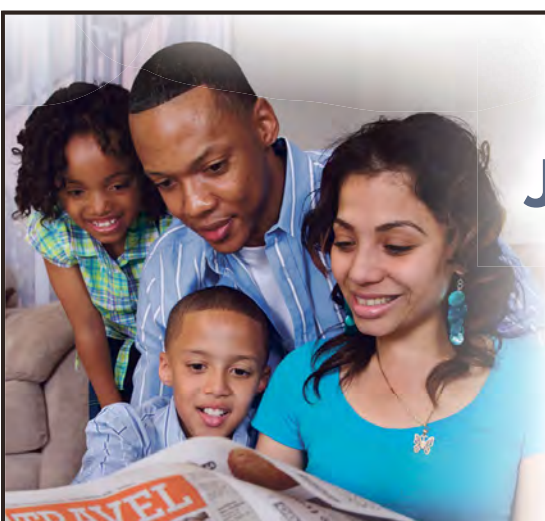


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OUR TOWNS

# Tax exemptions, resolutions passed at Amenia Town board

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**  
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AMENIA — Several resolutions were voted on during the Thursday, Jan. 19, meeting of the Amenia Town Board. The meeting began with an executive session pertaining to the appointment of a particular person. The public meeting began shortly after, with the voting on an approval of the minutes from Feb. 17, 2022 through June 10, 2022, and will be continued at the next meeting.

Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner said that she has received the tax roll; property taxes can be paid at Town Hall or online at the town website [www.ameniany.gov](http://www.ameniany.gov), by electronic check, or by card. She also read the voucher total for December 2022 (paid in January) and January paid and pre-paid: General Fund was \$221,944.64; Highway Fund was \$72,704.76; Amenia lighting was \$1,064.46; Wassaic lighting was \$396.23; and Amenia water was \$17,957.23. The board approved paying the sums. The total amount was \$314,067.32.

Klingner mentioned three trips for seniors in the coming year. She announced the yearly blood drive on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22.

It was announced that building inspector Thomas Basile has tendered his resignation; the Board accepted with regrets.

The Planning Board reported for December 2022 that four violations had

been issued. Its revenue was \$8,375.

New persons have been named to the committees and boards as well as new liaisons. The clerk asked that the supervisor's office be informed of meetings and how the meetings will be held — in person, on Zoom or both.

Town Supervisor Victoria Perotti raised the discussion of Real Property tax exemptions. The town currently has an exemption in place for seniors 55 and over, but the cap has not been raised for several years. The board decided to go along with the assessor's recommendation that the town align with the Dutchess County's raised cap of \$35,000-\$44,000 yearly income.

The tax exemption for Cold War and Alternative Veterans was also discussed; again, the recommendation from the assessor will be followed.

The question was then raised about the newly introduced law by New York state that allows firefighters, fire department workers and ambulance volunteers to be allowed a 10% property tax exemption if they have actively served for a three-year minimum, and for each year of service after that. The individual would have to be a resident of that town, city or village and, after 20 years of service, would be entitled to that exemption for their remaining years of life as long as their primary residence is in Dutchess County.

The public hearings for the seniors and the veterans tax exemptions will be on

Monday, Feb. 6. The other two categories, the volunteers and the disabled, will be done at a later time. This will also be up for discussion at a public hearing.

Recreation Committee Chair Paul Winters reported that the committee is seeking a full-time recreation director, as well as a director for the summer camp. The post will be left up until Thursday, Feb. 9.

There will be a Recreation Commission meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Town Hall that will include landscape architect Jane Didona, Mid Hudson Trout Unlimited, Amenia Wassaic Community Organization, the Wassaic Project, American Ramp Company, and possibly the state Department of Environmental Conservation to discuss the next steps for Wassaic/Borden Park. The Rec Commission is beginning to work toward implementing its reimagining of Wassaic Park.

Winters reminded the board that the Commission is giving out five \$1,000 scholarships in various areas to high school seniors.

Resolution No. 16 was introduced for setting schedule standards for retirement for full-time, part-time and elected officials who are in the program. Perotti read the standard hours expected for each category, a vote was taken, and the resolution passed.

Resolution No. 19 asked the Board to accept a donation of \$237,000 from Tower Hill 123 LLC for the purpose of purchasing asphalt to pave Tower

Hill Road from the Amenia border to the Town of Washington border to increase accessibility. Tower Hill 123 LLC would not be responsible for any other facet of the road, its upkeep, maintenance or repair; the gift would be their sole responsibility. The board voted to accept the donation with its provisions.

A raise in the building fee schedule was Resolution No. 21; it was noted that it has been several years since any raise has been scheduled. The vote was all ayes and passed.

The next Town Board meeting is on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall.



PHOTO BY GRIFFIN COOPER

## Lining up the shot...

The Webutuck Warriors fell to the Mount Academy Eagles 71-36 on Friday, Jan. 20. Webutuck falls to a record of 1-10 and fifth in the Class D Division. Here, Brayden Humbert takes a shot.

# County offers two Medicare savings clinics sponsored by the Office for the Aging

DUTCHESS COUNTY — Residents on Medicare who earn less than \$2,107 monthly as an individual or \$2,839 as a couple and would like help applying to have their Part B Medicare premium paid for them are invited to participate in one of two Medicare Savings Plan enrollment clinics held by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA).

The first clinic is Friday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sun River Health, 3360 NY-343, in Amenia, and the second on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at OFA, 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie.

Participants are advised

to bring proof of income and address, a Medicare card, and a bill if they pay for dental insurance or Medicare Supplement.

The event is subject to cancellation due to weather and/or community infection prevention measures. Masks are

required. Space is limited. For more information and to sign up for an appointment at the Amenia event, call Ed at 845-206-7526 or Mitzi at 845-475-4159. To make an appointment for the Poughkeepsie clinic, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555.

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## Help Save Our ICU!



The public hearing to determine whether NuVance will be permitted to close the Sharon Hospital ICU and replace it with a downgraded Progressive Care Unit has been scheduled for February 15. Learn about what this would mean for our community from the doctors themselves at one of our upcoming community roundtables, and testify at the public hearing against this closure.

**Community Roundtables**  
Thursday, February 2 at 5:30pm  
Scoville Memorial Library  
Wardell Community Room, Salisbury, CT

**Wednesday, February 8 at 6pm**  
Northeast-Millerton Library  
Library Annex, Millerton, NY

### Testify at the Public Hearing

Testify against NuVance's application to downgrade the ICU.

- Tuesday, February 15 at 9:30am via Zoom, with public comment scheduled to begin at 3pm.
- To provide written comment: email [CONComment@ct.gov](mailto:CONComment@ct.gov) and reference docket #22-32504-CON by February 14.
- To provide oral comment: log onto Zoom at 2pm to sign up, and public comment will begin at 3pm. Please see [www.savesharonhospital.org](http://www.savesharonhospital.org) for the Zoom link.

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The Millerton Inn, 53 Main St. in Millerton, will kick off this year's Dine Out for History series, to benefit the North East Historical Society, on Sunday, Jan. 29.

## Dine Out for History series returns after two-year hiatus

By MEG DOWNEY  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The North East Historical Society is bringing back its Dine Out for History series, in which it collaborates with area restaurants to help preserve the region's past. The series went on hiatus in mid-March 2020 because of the outbreak of COVID-19.

On select dates from Sunday, Jan. 29, through Monday, Feb. 27, three restaurants will host their own Dine Out for History nights, during which 10% of the proceeds from all patrons on specific nights will be donated to the historical society to support its research; digitize its collection; and make historic content more available to the public, particularly educators.

"We are so happy to bring back this event," said North East Historical Society President Edward Downey. "Besides generating interest in the historical society, we also aim to benefit local restaurants in wintertime when business is often slow. Our supporters really turned out for the first two years we did this, and we hope to have the same support this year."

Diners can go whenever they want at dinnertime on the designated nights, but they are encouraged to mention Dine Out for History to the hosting restaurant.

The historical society will launch the series at the Millerton Inn, 53 Main St., on Sunday, Jan. 29. An optional brief presentation on the history of patent medicines in the 19th and early 20th cen-

tury will begin at 5:30 p.m. for those who arrive early. It will be offered with a glass of wine, and guests can enjoy their dinners at the inn after that. Dinner reservations are requested.

The other participating restaurants are the Oakhurst Diner, 19 Main Street, on Monday, Feb. 13; and Round III, 5523 Route 22, on Monday, Feb. 27. To receive a reminder, sign up for the North East Historical Society newsletter by contacting Ed Downey at eddowney12@gmail.com.

The North East Historical Society is on the second floor of the NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays or by appointment. For more information, contact Ed Downey at eddowney12@gmail.com.

## Could the Amenia Town Hall kitchen open in 2023?

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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AMENIA — During the Amenia reorganization meeting on Thursday, Jan. 5, Amenia Town Supervisor Victoria Perotti mentioned some goals she'd like to see accomplished in the coming year.

One was to see the Town Hall's kitchen renovated and open for service. Upon investigation, it seems that the kitchen has basically been gutted, and that this is a project that has been on the horizon for years.

Perotti reminded those at the meeting that Amenia is a Red Cross-designated shelter, and said that in case of a disaster, it would be good to have the kitchen working to be able to feed those who are at the shelter.

The original plan was to use it for the farmers market, which meets in season on Fridays in the parking lot of Amenia Town Hall. The idea was for the vendors to prepare their products there to get ready for selling, but upon inspection, it didn't have enough

storage space. It is currently gutted, although a grease trap has been installed.

"They did have a plan in place, but we will now have to come up with a modified plan; they haven't started yet," Perotti said.

"They" are most likely members of the Kitchen Committee, or those who may be on a new kitchen committee. Starting in 2015, there was a mention of the Kitchen Committee at all the reorganization meetings, but it was not mentioned this year or last. COVID-19 may have been at fault for holding up work on the project. But the kitchen remained a goal nevertheless.

"I'm looking to see if we can reach that goal," Perotti said. "It's been on the back burner for a while now," she added, saying that there have been funds donated for that specific use. "We'll look for grants. It could also be used for events along with a room next to it." It would also be possible to offer meals to needy residents, possibly on a once-per-month basis.

Looking over records from the past years, the Kitchen

Committee was active from 2015 through 2018. At a meeting on Aug. 30, 2017, the minutes showed that Perotti told them that ceiling and floor tiles had been removed, as was asbestos. At the March 16, 2018, meeting, the committee submitted a 19-page Kitchen Use Policy document.

Over those years, there had been contact with the Board of Health (BOH). Mention was made of working with the BOH on septic tank issues, and it was mentioned at one point that they were getting bids, discussing plumbing and electrical issues, and were actively seeking grants. The Jan. 3, 2019, reorganization meeting lists the Kitchen Committee as one of the Town's standing committees.

Could Perotti's goal be realized in 2023? It seems that much of the groundwork has already been done, and there is money set aside for the project. In earlier minutes it was noted that the Amenia Lions Club was enthusiastic about the project and was willing to help.

There was no mention of a Kitchen Committee at the 2023 reorganization meeting.

### Millbrook Arts Group's Winter Concert series continues

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Arts Group will hold the next installment of its Winter Concert Series on Saturday, Jan. 28, from

5 to 7 p.m. at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, with the Lost Radio Rounders, presenting music from Pete Seeger's "American

Ballads" book. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact info@millbrookarts-group.org.

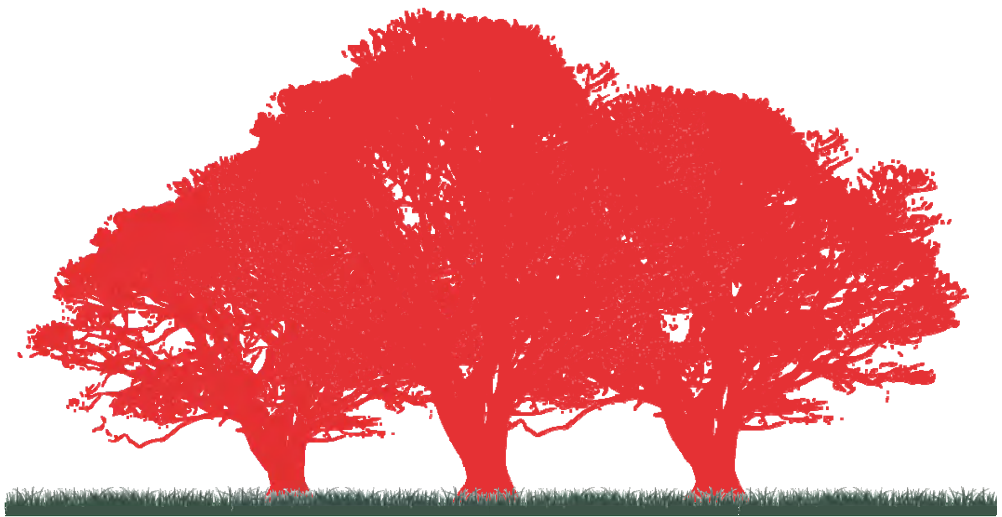
### Senior Park Prints art series comes to Millerton

MILLERTON — In association with Dutchess County Parks and the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA), the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century

Blvd., will host the Senior Park Prints nature-themed art series for older adults on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

The workshop is free, all

supplies will be provided, and participants will be able to take their artwork home with them. Space is limited and registration is required by calling OFA at 845-486-2555.



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## OBITUARIES

**Jo Ann Diamonti**

SHARON — Jo Ann Diamonti, 78, a longtime area resident, died on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at Sharon Health Care Center, Sharon. Jo Ann was a supervisor in the Food Service Department at Wassaic Development Center in Wassaic, New York for many years.



Born on Dec. 17, 1944, in Sharon, she was the daughter of late Edward and Eva (Decker) Ackerman. Jo Ann was a former member of the Wassaic Fire Company Auxiliary in Wassaic.

Jo Ann is survived by four children, Brian Diamonti and his wife, Kyjuana, of St. Petersburg, Florida; Christine Diamonti of Canaan; Patricia Dashner and her companion, Reginald Hough, of An-

cram, New York and Melissa Dashner of Dover Plains. She is also survived by three brothers, Thomas Ackerman of Wassaic; Michael Ackerman of Dover Plains, and David Ackerman of Kent; a sister, Heidi Short of Illinois; a granddaughter, Marilyn Butts of Amenia, and longtime friend, Christopher Cressor of Canaan.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Patrick Diamonti; two brothers, Robert and Randy Ackerman and two sisters, Jill Caldarelli and Eva Ackerman.

Graveside services and burial will take place in the spring at Valley View Cemetery, Dover Plains, New York.

To send the family an online condolence, please visit [www.hufcutfuneralhome.com](http://www.hufcutfuneralhome.com).

**Constance 'Connie' Elaine Geisenderfer**

SHARON — Constance (Connie) Elaine Geisenderfer, age 90, of Sharon, CT, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023.



Connie was a longtime resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. She was a graduate of Liberty High School in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and of St. Luke's School of Nursing, Class of 1952, where she was president of her graduating class and crowned Ms. St. Luke's.

Connie worked as a registered nurse for 50 years in various specialties including the ER, Medical Surgery, OR, Cardiology, Home Health, and was Director of Nursing at Hotel Reed and Driftwood Nursing Centers for many years. She was an active member of her community and church wherever she resided including Maryland, Mississippi, and Pennsylvania. Our mother was gifted with a beautiful lyric soprano voice. Along with being a frequent soloist in various church choirs, she was a founding member of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Choral. They traveled to Europe to compete at an international music festival in Vienna and performed in various other venues in Austria, and Hungary, as well as at Carnegie Hall in New York City. She spent many years as a girl scout leader, she volunteered as a Hospice grief counselor, was a volunteer for the Advent Moravian Church's homeless shelter program, and taught Sunday school at Advent Moravian church for several years. She formed

her own book clubs, bible study groups, and generally enjoyed socializing and singing with her friends. Always "the nurse," Mom never failed to help someone in need. She loved her family and was proud to be a part of the nursing profession and made a positive impact on the communities where she lived.

Connie is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Davis Geisenderfer, her parents, Velma and William Ferenczy and siblings, William Ferenczy Jr., and Edward Ferenczy.

Survivors include her loving children, Kristine Balena (Kenneth), Karen Fitzgerald (Samuel), Kathy Marshall (Randy) and Kim Jenkins (Joseph); 9 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and siblings Jane Ferenczy (Bethlehem, Pennsylvania) and Thomas Fina (Alexandria, Virginia).

Services will be held at Long Beach Presbyterian Church on Thursday, Jan. 26, at noon. Friends may visit beginning at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Biloxi National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to your local hospice, senior center, Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind or Meals on Wheels in Connie's name.

Thank you to VNA Hospice services of Northwestern Connecticut. Thank you to our mother's angels on earth at Noble Horizons in Salisbury, (you know who you are). We are eternally grateful to you.

View and sign online tribute at [www.bokfh.com](http://www.bokfh.com)

**Laurie 'Dolores' Jean DuBois**

MILLBROOK — Laurie (Dolores) Jean DuBois, 94, passed away Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at Noble Horizons with her daughters by her side.



Laurie was born August 30, 1928, to the late Ray LaVene and Leah Travaglio. She spent most of her childhood in the Los Angeles area, later attending John Marshall High School and UCLA where she received a BA in English. After graduation Laurie remained in Los Angeles working for The Haynes Foundation and later for the Boy Scouts of America where she met her husband, the late Frank DuBois.

Laurie and Frank moved east and settled in Millbrook, where they raised their four daughters: Susan Kozlowski of Falls Village, Sharie Schwaikert of Salisbury, Jessica Toscano of Drums, Pennsylvania, and the late Kate Barnes of Summerville, South Carolina.

Laurie was a homemaker for many years with a talent for sewing and knitting. Her mother would send beautiful fabrics from which she made dresses for her daughters, and dresses for their dolls too. She also took great pleasure in making sweaters and afghans for her daughters and later for her granddaughters. She volunteered at the Millbrook Library and was the assistant librarian at the former Bennett College.

Laurie and her husband shared a love of classical mu-

sic, often attending operas in New York City. They also shared a love of Cape Cod where the family vacationed each summer. Laurie and Frank retired to Southern Pines, North Carolina in 1989 where Laurie was an active member of her neighborhood serving as treasurer for the James Creek Association. She enjoyed gardening, crossword puzzles, and writing classes.

After her husband's death in 2009, Laurie relocated to Noble Horizons in Salisbury to be near her daughters. She was a volunteer in The Country Store, a regular in the fitness center, a member of the Book Club, and was often found singing at socials in the Community Room. Laurie was known for her apple pies which she made not only for special occasions, but for those who were special to her. She was an avid reader and enjoyed playing Scrabble with her daughters up until her passing.

In addition to her daughters, she is survived by five grandchildren: Tasha Richardson, Joshua Smith, Leah Schwaikert, Hayley Kozlowski, and Lauren Toscano. A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donation checks can be sent to The Noble Horizons Auxiliary Library Fund, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.

**U.N. diplomat sees risk of nuclear war on rise**

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SALISBURY, Conn. — Chris King, acting chief and senior political affairs officer for the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch in the Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) at the United Nations, said he remains "resolutely optimistic" despite his opinion that the threat of nuclear war has increased dramatically in recent years.

King, who splits his time between New York City and Salisbury, spoke at the Scoville Memorial Library on Saturday, Jan. 21.

A native Australian, King told the audience that if his accent was hard to follow, to speak up and he would try again.

He made some introductory remarks and then took questions for most of the hour. King stressed from the outset that his opinions are his own and he was not speaking for the U.N.

He said there are about 12,500-13,000 nuclear weapons in the world, down considerably from the peak of 60,000-80,000 during the

1980s, at the coldest period of the Cold War.

Who has these weapons? King said the "legal" possessors of nuclear weapons are the U.S., the UK, France, China and Russia. These are also the permanent members of the UN Security Council, he noted.

Other countries with nuclear weapons are India, Pakistan and North Korea.

What about Israel? "They neither confirm nor deny," said King, adding that Israel's possession of such weapons is "kind of an open secret."

King said that since the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, "we had about 30 years of trending in the right direction" regarding nuclear weapons.

But he is concerned that the threat of nuclear war has receded from the public mind.

King said that in his discussions with young people, he has found them already accustomed to thinking in terms of "existential risk" in the form of climate change.

He finds this level of engagement encouraging.

"I am confident they will forge ahead on this."

**Stephen Michael Lango**

LAKEVILLE — Stephen Michael Lango, 65, of Lakeville passed away Jan. 17, 2023, at his home.

Stephen was born Sept. 4, 1957, in Sharon to Joseph Jr. and Mary (Carrberry) Lango.

He attended Auburn High School in Auburn, Florida. He enjoyed woodworking and was an expert craftsman. He was a self employed contractor in the Sharon community, making others dreams a reality in home construction and improvements.

Stephen enjoyed traveling, motorcycling, golfing, fishing, boating, kayaking and hiking. He loved cooking and getting together with friends and family, with his dog Pepper at his side.

Stephen is survived by his brother Paul and (Lynn) Lango of Easley, South Carolina, sister MaryJo and (Terry) Baker of Auburndale, Florida, sister Karen Lango of Winter Haven, Florida, brother Thomas and (Lou Ann) Lango of Walling, Tennessee, and

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Stephen was predeceased by his father Joseph, mother Mary and older brother Joseph Lango III.

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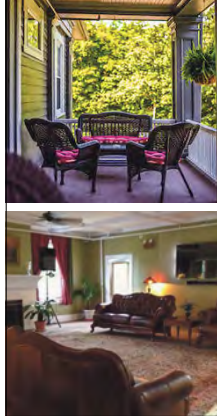
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# Border control, the garden variety

I have been thinking about borders, those of the garden variety. The word can connote both a barrier, such as a border with the neighbors, and a gateway, as with a border along a path, or with an entrance into the woods. Aesthetically, plant borders create focus, drawing the eye toward them. The traditional herbaceous border is comprised of plants that die back in winter; typically many are non-native. Mixed borders can include trees and shrubs along with herbaceous plants and annuals — a good opportunity to go native.

Several years ago I was looking for guidance to plant a border by the river, which would serve the purpose to both reinforce the river bank and enhance the view from the house. Knowing that I wanted to work only with native plants, my friend and garden guru introduced me to Robin Zitter, a Sharon-based horticulturist with extensive knowledge of, and passion around, native plants. Robin helped me create a border that could echo the more formal non-native plantings established when the house was built. Robin added a path that she describes as 'a meander through the border as one ex-



periences the ecological and human connections of built landscape, border, and river.' Robin added structure using native dogwood, nine-bark, inkberry, fothergilla, sweet fern and witch hazel, and filled in with native perennials and grasses. It was proof to me that, with creativity and ingenuity (and money of course, although some of the plants were sourced from our woods) a native plant border can be as beautiful as one planted with non-native species, preserving the riverbank from erosion and creating a habitat inviting to native bees, insects and birds.

If your property abuts the woodland, it is visually pleasing to have sight lines into the woods — to see beyond — but still bring the liminal space between shade and light to focus. According to Robin, most plant diversity exists in these transition zones. At the edge of the woods nature creates its own borders, as the dappled light encourages growth. This is

where you will find, if you are lucky, the creamy flowers of a native dogwood or a serviceberry's white blossoms, though you are far more likely to see nature's equivalent of a border wall, thanks to the razor-sharp thorns of barberry which is effectively barbed wire, keeping out humans as well as other animals who used to rely on woodland habitats. Here is an obvious place for a border between traditional gardening and ungardening. Repair this important area by removing the invasives, including the spread of non-natives from garden planting (the Japanese snowball viburnum is a common border jumper.) If you are dealing with a large woodland area, you might try removing a slim layer of invasives each year so that you can also remove the herbaceous culprits; for me, these are garlic mustard, narrowleaf bittercress and nipplewort. In place of these, Robin recommends installing a dense edge where sunlight doesn't come in, as this will mitigate invasives. Remember that a border is also a gateway in; don't forget to create an entrance into your woodland, after which you can begin to plot out a trail throughout your woods.

Borders also exist as property lines. In fact, we call the area between our delightful neighbor's property and ours the 'DMZ' because the dogs are not allowed beyond the far end. This was easier to enforce before we took out all the invasive barberry and bittersweet. We planted Mountain Laurel and native Rhododendron, adding soil acidifier for a couple of years to counter the alkaline effect of decaying barberry leaves. This year I will add some plant 'fencing' for which Robin suggests native roses. She describes Virginia rose as 'exuberant' and also recommends the hard-to-find climbing prairie rose (try Prairie Moon Nursery). Also good for the purpose, Robin suggests, are sucker-ing shrubs such as gray stem dogwood. We are fortunate to have neighbors who allow us to do this work and who have even shared the cost of replanting; I realize this is not always the case. Let's save a discussion around the more complicated neighbor for another time.

# Pine Plains Free Library seeks board members

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

PINE PLAINS — A search for two new members for the board of trustees of the Pine Plains Free Library is providing what head librarian Alexis Tackett describes as an opportunity to "get involved with the community as an active, volunteer member in an organization that is focused on diversity, equity and inclusion, which is a really great topic to be involved in today's age," as the library focuses on keeping up with societal changes.

It is, she says, a chance "to do good work with good people" in a "very rewarding position."

Any full time resident of Pine Plains, whether a renter or property owner, is eligible to apply for one of the positions, which also affords the chance to learn a great deal about the way in which nonprofit boards operate.

Applications for the positions are available online, with the new trustees then needing approval by "the board and town hall."

The openings, which must be filled in order for the library to continue to conduct business, are available because, under its policies, members are allowed to serve for only six years, after which time they must resign and not rejoin the board for another year.

At this point, the board is operating with a new president and vice president because those two previous officers, Beth McLiverty and Patty Hall, were required to resign under that policy.

Tackett said, "They were both excellent, and we would have loved to have them continue," but she is grateful that Claire Gunning and Keary Hanan are now ably filling those positions.

Tackett said that the required service cap does sometimes cause difficulties, as new members must be recruited, but she feels the policy also ensures that fresh faces can bring fresh ideas to the board, some-



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The Pine Plains Free Library at 7775 S. Main Street.

thing that is important, as modern libraries do so much more than simply providing access to books and other printed materials.

In the case of the Pine Plains Free Library, the first in Dutchess County when it was incorporated in 1798, that means implementing the library's stated mission to "provide resources, programs and services that facilitate life-long learning, community engagement, and public awareness of local information," following through on its vision to be a "facilitator of learning, the recognized source of community information, the place to gather and discuss, and a promoter of reading for all ages."

Tackett believes it is important that the board is able to look at issues from a number of different viewpoints and feels that can be best accomplished by having a mix of individuals of various ages, genders, experiences and backgrounds.

"We're looking at some exciting projects in the future and we could use someone who is good at coming up with some fundraising techniques" while the library's website also encourages applicants with "strengths in law, finance, project management, policies, fundraising or other non-profit organizations."

She also notes that it would be particularly helpful at this point to have some young parties join the group to provide a perspective on the needs of families.

Board meetings, generally taking less than an hour, are

held the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

As is the case with many organizations which began internet access due to the pandemic, meetings are livestreamed. Under the bylaws, a trustee may attend the meetings virtually, but must attend at least eight meetings per year in person.

In most instances, discussions center on regular library reports, revisions to the budget, bill approvals, and personal matters. General policies are also reviewed periodically. If changes in those are contemplated, written summaries of those issues are given to board members to take home and consider before a vote is taken, generally at the next meeting.

In addition to the above, current trustees are: secretary Kenda Ward, Darrin Culver, Ethan DiMaria, and Patrick MacMurray with board-elected financial advisor Ted Mallozzi. To reach any, email director@pineplainslibrary.org.

For further information, including the way to view via Zoom or meetings on YouTube, visit the library at 7775 S. Main St., call 518-398-1927, or visit pineplainslibrary.org/board-of-trustees for access to the New York State Handbook for Trustees, which details the functioning of boards and the requirements of members.

# Amenia Town Hall hosts blood drive on Feb. 1

AMENIA — A blood drive will be held in the gym of the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. There will be free

fun socks for all donors. For more information, call coordinator Dawn Marie Klingner at (845) 373-8118. Register online at [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org).

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editor-in-chief of IEEE Spectrum Magazine. She has more than 20 years experience as an editor and journalist covering scientific and technical topics ranging from neurobiology to computer engineering. During her tenure at Spectrum, the magazine won numerous awards, including a National Magazine Award for General Excellence in the Thought Leadership category.

IEEE is the world's largest technical professional organization dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity.

Manko, who began her career at the Journal on the production side in the early 1990s, was appointed associate publisher 25 years ago this month. After more than two decades at the helm when the climate for community journalism was put to the challenge, she is stepping aside.

Noreen Doyle, chair of The Lakeville Journal Foundation board, said, "Since Janet's retirement announcement in October, the board has conducted a search to find a successor — large shoes to fill. "We are pleased to an-

nounce the appointment of Susan Hassler. For the past 20 plus years Susan managed the editorial operations of IEEE Spectrum, the flagship magazine of IEEE. She has recruited and trained journalists, mainly in the field of science and technology, many of whom have gone on to become award-winning writers and editors."

In an editorial, Manko wrote: "I feel the utmost gratitude for all that (Board) support and for the hard work of our stellar staff over the years. Now, looking forward to the next stage for The Lakeville Journal publications, I wish incoming CEO and Publisher Susan Hassler and all the new and ongoing staff the best, and continuing success in covering our vital towns in Connecticut and New York."

The Lakeville Journal Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established in 2021, publishes The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News and tricornernews.com, a website for both publications.

**SOLAR PROJECT** *Continued from Page A1*

son Power calls for a six- to eight-month construction period. The company also says the life cycle of the project is 25-40 years, after which time the solar farm would be decommissioned and the 171-acre property would be put into a permanent conservation easement.

Carson Power plans to participate in New York state's NY-Sun community solar program, a private-public partnership to promote solar energy production. The project would allow town residents to subscribe and receive credits on electric bills. New York State provides incentives for companies that develop such projects. Carson Power plans to partner with SolaREIT, a real-estate investment trust in Vienna, Virginia, which would be the owner of the 171 acres. Another partner, Nexamp, would be a co-developer and manage construction, operation and subscriptions, Gordon said.

Planning Board Chairman Michael Stabile called upon more than a dozen residents who had signed up to make public comment about the project. Others submitted letters to the board.

Leanne Fremar, who lives on Bean River Road, was among the first to speak.

"I live less than 1 mile from this site," she said, adding that she was concerned about the "impact on wildlife, about heat and light pollution, and runoff into wells and property values."

Fremar's comments drew strong applause from other residents at the hearing.

In his presentation, Gordon said that there are no wetlands and no critical habitats for local threatened or endangered species that would be affected, and added that there were no sensitive archeological resources on the property. Questions, however, were raised by residents who debated his statements, and were accompanied by a call for a more thorough study.

Speakers who followed echoed comments about environmental issues and property values, and raised a litany of concerns ranging from the visual impact of the project on the farmland viewsheds to specific questions related to due diligence in evaluating the project in terms of its timing, whether other companies would be considered for such a community solar project and whether New York State in-

centives are lapsing at year-end, a suggestion that implied an urgency created for Carson Power's benefit.

Residents also had questions about the added tax revenue accruing to the town over a 20-year period—said to be valued at an additional \$1 million—compared to the impact on the landscape and on property values.

Eric Galliher, a new resident of Skunks Misery Road who built a home approximately five years ago for his young family, spoke near the end of the public hearing. His home would be within view of the solar farm and he urged the Planning Board members not to rush in evaluating the project.

Galliher summed up what other speakers had said, expressing the view that there seemed to be more questions than answers at this point.

"I hope this is the beginning," he said, to vigorous applause from those present.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18, at 11 a.m. at the Community Room if it is available.

The Pine Plains Planning Board posts information about meetings and the project at a Dropbox link, and on Facebook and Youtube. To find the links, go to [www.pineplains-ny.gov/boards-committees/planning-board/](http://www.pineplains-ny.gov/boards-committees/planning-board/)

**TAXES** *Continued from Page A1*

20 years, the exemption will be in place for each person's life as long as they live in Dutchess County.

The legislation comes on the heels of a bill signed by Gov. Kathy Hochul in December that gives local governments the option to provide the exemption.

"The state law that was passed asks every taxing entity to opt in," said Pulver in an interview with The Millerton News. "Every town has the option on their own."

Following a hearing at the full board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, the local law will go into effect for the 2025 tax rolls.

As to how the discount will affect coffers, Pulver said: "We think that we can absorb it. We'll put that into the budget. It doesn't take effect until the 2025 tax year, so we'll have plenty of time to see who applies and how it is affected."

Millerton Mayor Jenn Na-

**TRAVELING VET** *Continued from Page A1*

Isaac's upbringing, and has provided guidance and advice to him throughout his career. This included hiring Angell to his first job out of Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine and later helping him establish his own practice.

Turning down the ochre dirt road to Elk Ravine, we were greeted by the whinnying of horses, and the sight of shaggy Highland cattle roaming a very Scottish-looking hillside. Angell's first task was to castrate a bull calf, and without going into too much detail, it was a surprisingly gore-free and humane process.

Then it was time to check the pregnancy status of a young pony. For nearly 30 minutes, Angell knelt in the mud angling and repositioning the ultrasound, trying to get a perfect image for Jim Archer and his wife — a tiny beating heart popped up for a moment but then become impossible to locate. The ghostly image of a ribcage was a more reliable find that, along with a few other signs, indicated a healthy foal about six months away from birth.

Then Angell took a look at a growth on the ear of a massive Belgian draft horse, used to draw the carriage rides that Elk Ravine deploys as part of its eco-friendly and environmentally conscious farm-tourism business. As Angell dispensed advice and possible treatments, a calf born a week and a half earlier on Christmas Eve danced around our legs, making for a fairly idyllic scene.

**The reluctant bull**

Our final visit of the day had the potential for explosive action. A fully grown bull named MacDuff had been causing some trouble with his penmate, MacBeth at the property of Gregory Quinn, popularizer of the blackcurrant in the U.S. A castration had been decided upon, and were the procedure to move forward, it would involve some degree of lassoing, tranquilizing and field surgery from Angell.

"You know, a lot of the time my work is pretty low-key, but sometimes it can actually get dangerous. And for now, I'm still young enough to remain a bit adventurous in that way."

Muddy conditions and a lack of frost, however, meant that surgery risked contamination, so it was postponed. Doubled with that, however, was the "attitudinal" bull, who seemed to know immediately that things were amiss and refused to come nearby. As Angell and the owner



PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

**Dr. Isaac Angell checks on a pregnant pony at Elk Ravine Farm in Amenia, N.Y.**

stood strategizing, MacDuff retreated past a small stone wall, never taking his eyes off us, stubbornly refusing the prospect of emasculation. Plans were for a future date, and MacDuff's manhood was left intact for the time being.

Throughout the day, Angell's comfort around farm animals of the MacDuff variety was in stark contrast to, for instance, my own. We spoke about this phenomenon more broadly as one of the factors leading to a decrease in the popularity of large-animal veterinary medicine among veterinary students.

In the U.S., only 2% of the population are in regular contact with farm animals, meaning many folks in vet school don't have the same level of ingrained familiarity with larger animals. This can lead to a knowledge gap — from knowing how to position oneself physically in relation to a herd-system, to being able to tell from the body language of an animal if it might be ill.

The value of this kind of intergenerational knowledge was one of the recurring themes of the day, particularly as it was clear how much Angell has benefitted from it. His mentor Dr. Hart was mentored by a vet named Dr. Webster, and it was evident from our conversations that this vocational lineage charted a clear pathway of knowledge leading down the generations.

As farming families disappear and large-animal veterinary medicine becomes less economically sustainable, the kind of knowledge that can't necessarily be gained from a textbook becomes less accessible, and therefore more prone to being lost.

**"I feel incredibly lucky to be in a line of work where I just love my job, and love the work I do... When I look at my life and realize that I'm living the dreams I had as a young person, I have to pinch myself."**

— Dr. Isaac Angell, Bentley Veterinary Practice

**Day's end**

At the end of the day, we made a visit with Clarence Knapp, another of Angell's three mentors, who, "Was able to speak into my life at an important moment."

Knapp, a kind and quiet man in his late 70s, is the fourth generation of his family to live and farm on his property. But after Clarence, there is no one set to take over.

"I'm the last."

I got the feeling that Angell brought me to Knapp's property for a variety of reasons. One was certainly to introduce me to an influential figure in his life, but the visit also served the purpose of emphasizing community as a means by which to preserve traditions and ways of life. Angell's family, it emerged, often helps Knapp with the reduced farm operations he still manages, and Knapp has housed some of Angell's cattle. This intertwining and connection across generations is something that Angell seemed to cherish deeply and took great pains to acknowledge during our conversations.

Indeed, before any of our adventures together, Angell and I had spoken on the phone to plan things out, and one of the first things he said stuck with me throughout our day.

"I feel incredibly lucky to be in a line of work where I just love my job, and love the

work I do... When I look at my life and realizing that I'm living the dreams I had as a young person, I have to pinch myself."

If there's anything to say about Isaac Angell, it's that an earnest love of veterinary medicine was on full display during our ride-along. But that love was about more than a passionate devotion to his work, it was about all that surrounds that work: a love of helping his clients, of caring for animals, of honoring the agricultural traditions of the region, of driving through the hilly countryside and making calls, of thinking through treatments, and of being a contributing member of a community.

There is also a love of being close, in his own words, "to the aura of nature. To the sublimity of a birth, and the rawness of a death. Being close to the cycles of nature."

As the region continues to change, it's all but certain that practices like Bentley Veterinary will have to change alongside them. But if the success that Angell's business has been able to find is any indication, those shifts can still be intertwined with a respect for what came before.

[Part 1 of this series, which appeared last week, can be found at [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com).]

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HISTORY: EMILY EDELMAN

## Cary Lecture Highlights Prehistoric Formation of Artistic Landscape

“Our part of the world is a gift of the Ice Age,” stated Johanna Titus during a virtual lecture on Wednesday, Jan. 18, presented by the Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies. She and her husband, Robert — both of them scientists, authors, and journalists as well as longtime residents of the Hudson Valley and Catskills — discussed the landscapes expressed by artists of the Hudson River School and their geological foundations in a lecture titled “The Hudson River School of Art and Its Ice Age Origins.”

“The geologic processes of the Wisconsin glaciation, more commonly known as the last ice age, shaped the landscapes and defined the first art movement in America: the Hudson River School of Art,” said Johanna.

Bloggling at [www.thecatsskillgeologist.com](http://www.thecatsskillgeologist.com), the Tituses have spent countless hours researching and exploring the Catskills, especially the area known to Hudson River School artist and founder Thomas Cole, who Johanna called “the movement’s heart.” Cole’s first trip to the Catskills resulted in his 1825 painting “Lake With Dead Trees,” which was created in what is now North-South Lake Campground in Hunter, one of the most popular state parks in New York.

After a bit more background and identification of other Hudson River School artists including Asher Brown Durand, Robert began his explanation of the geology of the region with

how the aforementioned North Lake and was created by a glacier.

“North Lake and South Lake weren’t always there,” said Robert. “Fifteen thousand years ago, they did not exist. But then 14,000 years ago, the glaciers came along and scoured out these basins.”

The Tituses continued in much the same vein throughout the talk, with Johanna identifying key landscape features in various Hudson River School artworks and Robert examining how said features were formed.

“The climate eventually changed . . . all that ice began melting and all that meltwater glutted the local streams, and they eroded into even more scenic landscapes,” Johanna explained, dis-

cussing the formation of glacial Lake Albany and how the valley captured in Durand’s 1848 painting “Dover Plains, Dutchess County, New York” is the lake bottom.

“The Hudson River School painters were painting at a place in time when a lot of science was changing,” said Johanna.

For those who were interested in seeing the physical locations depicted in the Hudson River School artworks, the Tituses pointed to the existence of the Hudson River Art Trail, a project of the Thomas Cole National Historic Site in Catskill, as well as the Tituses’ own forthcoming book that will include “probably 100 locations and



COURTESY OF THE SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM

*Dover Plains, Dutchess County, New York, 1848 by Asher B. Durand*



COURTESY OF THE ALLEN MEMORIAL ART MUSEUM

*Lake with Dead Trees, 1825 by Thomas Cole*

directions on how to get to them and what you’re going to see when you get there,” according to Robert.

“We write mostly

about the geology of the region and how the geology influenced the culture of the Catskills and, of course, the greater Hudson Valley,” Johanna said. “We often talk about the paintings where the Hudson River

is seen and the fact that there is no industry in those paintings. . . . [They] decided to paint that stuff out, and I think it was just to encourage people to come and see the beauty of the place.”

A video of the program is available to watch at the Cary Institute’s website at [www.caryinstitute.org](http://www.caryinstitute.org) and its YouTube channel.



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# A Photography Series 400 Million Years in the Making

‘A stone is a thought that the earth develops over inhuman time.’

This line from Louise Erdrich’s story “The Stone” served as inspiration for photographer Sarah Prud’homme when creating her new series that is now on display at the Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn.

The exhibit entitled *Inhuman Time* opened to the public on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Prud’homme described the series as “a meditation on stones from New England’s coasts,” and says the natural world has always been a key influence on her art.

“I was just struck how nature could form something like this,” said Prud’homme as she held one of the roughly 400-million-year-old basalt stones. “These are from a cove which is very narrow, and because the wave action was so intense, they



*Black I* by Sarah Prud’homme

became very rounded.”

Many of the stones in Prud’homme’s series were found along the coast of Maine and were formed when volcanic magma erupted to the surface almost half a billion years ago.

“Mostly basalt, they have high concentrations of magnesium, iron, and calcium, which gives them a rich

black hue.”

Prud’homme hoped the series would allow viewers to “reflect on the fact that humans and stones are composed of the same minerals, that the universe is interconnected, and that our survival depends on this awareness.”

The images on display were created by



PHOTOS BY RILEY KLEIN

**Photographer Sarah Prud’homme at the opening of her show at The Cornwall Library.**

layering up to 50 unique photographs of each stone into a “hyper-focused composition that appears both flat and three dimensional.”

“*Inhuman Time*” is

Sarah Prud’homme’s debut exhibit at the Cornwall Library and her first solo show since 2012. The prints will be on display in the library through March 4.

## TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Send calendar events to [compass@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:compass@lakevillejournal.com)

### Introduction to Bookbinding

A class introducing the skill of bookbinding will be led by Lily Rand Barnett on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. at Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn. Materials will be provided but attendees can also bring their own paper to use in class. For more information go to [www.scovillelibrary.org](http://www.scovillelibrary.org)

### House of Books Author Talk

Author Amy Poeppel will discuss her new book “The Sweet Spot” at House of Books in Kent, Conn., on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. She will be joined by author and head of Emerald Audio Jane Green. To register go to [www.houseof-booksct.com](http://www.houseof-booksct.com)

### Learn Chinese Cooking

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon in Sharon, Conn., will host a virtual cooking demonstration on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. Author Maggie Zhu will discuss her cookbook “Chinese Homestyle: Everyday Plant Based Recipes for Takeout, Dim Sum, Noodles, and More” as she guides audiences at home in making Mapo tofu, a popular spicy Chinese dish that Zhu will prepare in a vegetarian style. This instructional program is free to join, but registration is required at [www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org](http://www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org)

### Romantic Era Chamber Music Concert

Close Encounters with Music presents “Town and Country” on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Saint James Place in Great Barrington, Mass. The evening will juxtapose chamber music by early Romantic German composer Felix Mendelssohn and Romantic-era Czech composer Antonín Dvořák. Pieces will be performed by pianist Renana Gutman, violinist Xio-Dong Wang and cellist Yehuda Hanani. A reception will follow the concert. For tickets go to [www.cewm.org](http://www.cewm.org)

### Whiffenpoofs concert at St. Andrew’s in Kent

The Whiffenpoofs, Yale University’s male a cappella group, will performed on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew’s Parish on N. Main Street in Kent, Conn. Tickets are \$30. For more information go to the Eventbrite registration at [www.bit.ly/whifs](http://www.bit.ly/whifs) or contact St. Andrew’s at [office.sa.kent@gmail.com](mailto:office.sa.kent@gmail.com).

### Sharon Playhouse Announces 2023 Season

The Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., announced their summer/fall 2023 season, which will include the musical “Something Rotten” from June 23 to July 9, Thornton Wilder’s “Our Town” July 10 to 26, the musical “Oliver!” based on the Charles Dickens novel from Aug. 4 to 14 and “The Lifespan Of A Fact” from Sept. 29 to Oct. 15. Children’s productions will include “Peter and The Starcatcher,” a prequel to J. M. Barrie’s “Peter and Wendy,” “A Year With Frog and Toad” and a youth version of Disney’s stage musical “Newsies.” For more information go to [www.sharonplayhouse.org](http://www.sharonplayhouse.org)

### North Canaan Library Children’s Day

The Douglas Library in North Canaan, Conn. will host “Take Your Child to the Library Day” on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event was created by the Connecticut Librarians Association and is held once a year in February in participating Connecticut libraries.

There will be a story time, craft projects and a performance by Jonny G of the Music Cellar in Millerton, N.Y. Music will begin at 11:30 am. For more information, contact the library at 860-824-7863.

### Bridge class on Wednesdays

Classes on the basics playing the card game Bridge are being held at Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn. on Wednesdays at 2 p.m.. To join e-mail John Dippel at [jvdippel@gmail.com](mailto:jvdippel@gmail.com)

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# Killearn Road options discussed, but further meetings are needed

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WASHINGTON — At a special Town of Washington meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11, the Town Board met with representatives from Colliers Engineering, which presented its findings on what can be done with Killearn Road, one of 30 dirt roads in the Town and is a scenic roadway.

The Colliers representative pointed out some of the major problems. Killearn Road has no crown, for one thing, but the main problem is drainage. There is a lot of wear and tear on the road, and a lot of heavy traffic such as fuel delivery trucks and other vehicles that wear down the gravel and the dirt. There are potholes in the middle of the road.

He went on to point out that there are geometric limitations, and that the road was originally an old farm road, not built like a regular country road. It is narrow in spots, going from 16 to 25 feet, so it is basically a one-track road.

The soil conditions are not ideal. Having had the soil analyzed, the reports declare it the worst underlying soil, the type of soil that fosters road failure. It is 73% silt and clay, it freezes and is a soft material. The threshold of some of the road in places is very close to silt. The road is settling and has potholes and collapsed culverts. The representative referenced the PASAR scale of road-surface examination and Killearn Road as 1.5 out of 10.

The suggestion was made to conduct a survey to determine the Town's right of way. A traffic study might be useful. The road right now is posted for 10 tons. Is that enforced? Does that need to be changed? The board also suggested that Colliers might want to visit the road currently, as its studies were all conducted during non-winter seasons.

Ciferri asked if, when the road was being assessed, the waters that come from neighboring fields factored into the summation and did the firm assess the natural drainage from the fields that lead to the flow. Some adjacent fields and yards have runoff. When a council member asked if the property owner could be held responsible, it would seem not, because the runoff is a natural occurrence of a downward flow pattern.

Councilman Robert Audia said he was thinking of how many tons of gravel had been brought to the road over the years. It was also pointed out that asphalt is not without its own set of problems.

Resident Richard Kirby wrote to the board after the meeting and said that Highway Superintendent Joe Spagnola had milled the road in several places and that seemed to help.

Colliers laid out options: the town can go for basic repairs or a complete rebuilding. The cost would be, for the lower option, about \$1.7 million. The complete rebuilding would come in at

about \$7 million. In his letter, Kirby pointed out that the annual Town budget is about \$4 million. Therefore, the project would need to be funded, possibly through a bond, which has to be repaid and comes with interest.

He noted that none of the Killearn residents in favor of redoing the road has mentioned that they would help pay for it. So, in essence, for this road, the entire Town would be paying for it.

Individual mailings should go out, Kirby also stated. So far, meetings on the project have only been advertised on the website. At the meeting on Jan. 11, no questions from the in-house audience or the Zoom audience were allowed as Ciferri said this was an information-gathering session only.

There will be more meetings on the topic of Killearn Road and what, if anything, needs to be done. The information from the meeting, the Colliers report and the Kirby letter are all available for perusal on the town website at [www.washingtonny.org](http://www.washingtonny.org).



PHOTOS BY JOHN COSTON

## Kemmerer Farm recognized for longevity

The barns and goats at Kemmerer Farm in Stanfordville on Saturday, Jan. 21, one of two Dutchess County family farms recognized as Century Farms at the New York State Agricultural Society's 2023 annual meeting, held Jan. 12 in Syracuse. Kemmerer Farm, along with Wonderland Farm in Rhinebeck, received governor's proclamations and outdoor signs signifying their legacies. To receive Century Farm status, a farm must be in continuous operation by the same family on the same property for at least 100 years.



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## Field Hall Foundation announces spring grant cycle

CORTLANDT MANOR — Field Hall Foundation is accepting proposals for new, expanded and/or proven programs that improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers in Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester counties. The foundation's priority is to fund programs that provide direct services to vulnerable seniors and unpaid caregivers in areas includ-

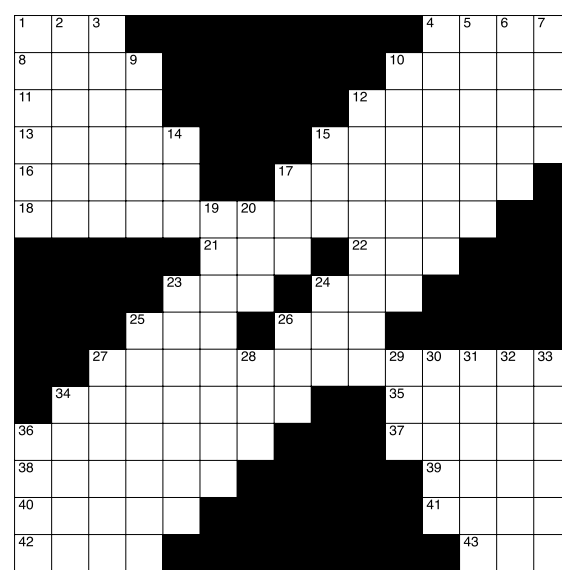
ing respite and support services, transportation, food insecurity, home-based services, and safety and security.

The range of grant requests is \$5,000-\$50,000 and the deadline to submit a letter of inquiry is Tuesday, Jan. 31. More information is available by contacting Patti Horvath at 914-813-9103 or [phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org](mailto:phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org).

## Brain Teasers

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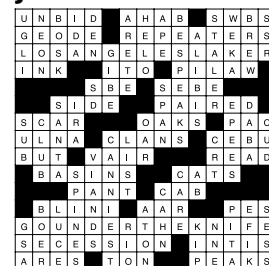
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- A metric for athletes
- Food storage location
- Colossus
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- \_\_\_ Kubrick, filmmaker
- You might ask this at Thanksgiving
- Arkansas city
- Gave food to
- Request
- V-shaped open trough
- Make lively
- It accompanies feather
- Blonde bombshell
- One who revolves
- Bluish greens
- Charity
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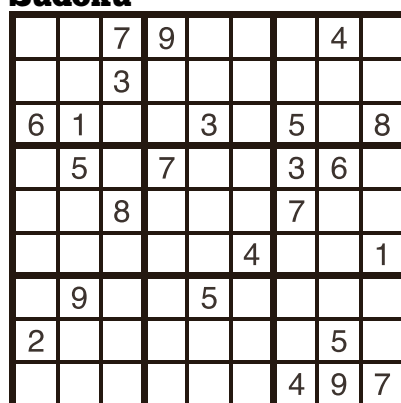
- Boisterous get-together
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- Canonized
- A politician's official stances
- It can catch fish
- British thermal unit
- Helps little firms
- Where patients go for treatment
- Large red deer
- Pokes holes in
- "Star Wars" hero Solo
- One in a hospital
- Scandinavian god of battle
- Famous cat
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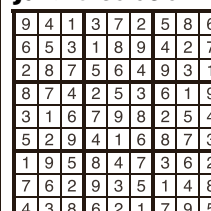
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EDITORIAL

# 25 years: It's been an honor to serve our communities

If readers take note of a small item in last week's Lakeville Journal column by Norma Bosworth, Turning Back The Pages, they will notice that I am celebrating the beginning of my tenure (this time around) at The Lakeville Journal. "This time around" refers to the fact that I spent a few years on the production side of the newspaper when it was being printed in Lakeville, in the early 1990s. Norma's column notes my hiring as associate publisher in the 25-years-ago space.

Let's consider those 25 years and the way in which the industry of newspapering has dramatically changed in that time frame. The odds were definitely against the survival of an independent and independently owned local news group during those years, when so many in the region were bought up by large conglomerates and underfunded or closed, even before the desperate financial challenges of more recent years. Yet here, miraculously, The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News still are.

The Winsted Journal, which was begun by this company in 1996, was unfortunately shut down in 2017, after our trying to find every way we could to make it work financially. We still believe that Winsted is a community that should have its own newspaper, and wish Ralph Nader and Andy Thibault the best as they begin a new venture there. Here's hoping the time is now right.

Some are thanking me for saving the two newspapers that remain for their communities, yet of course the truth is more complicated. Talk about a team effort. Every year the company had to be reevaluated to pull it along into the next year, acknowledging the extremely challenging finances and finding new ways to save money yet still pay our amazing staff enough to make it by in these expensive communities. It was kind of like a startup every year. So it took some creative thinking and action.

Luckily, our owners from 1995 to 2021, The Lakeville Journal Company LLC board of directors, were flexible and supportive of community journalism in a way that made our continuation possible. They believed in what we were doing, and we owe them the utmost gratitude for sticking with a losing, but vital, resource for the region. I will mention especially William E. Little, Jr., of Lakeville for keeping us afloat throughout that time, along with the late Whitney Ellsworth of Salisbury and the late Robert Estabrook of Lakeville. Such accomplished people, these and all on our board, who were so willing to give of themselves financially, intellectually and emotionally in order to help us maintain the service we provide for our readers.

Then, in 2019, when there was an urgent need to find another path for survival, our readers stepped up to support us going into 2020, a year that would become one of the most challenging of our long tenure due to the pandemic. If not for that support, these publications would not have made it. Then, receiving more and more votes of confidence and financial support from the community, we strove to achieve nonprofit status. Once this was done, our current Lakeville Journal Foundation board of directors energetically stepped forward to support us in the next phase of life for local journalism in the region.

I feel the utmost gratitude for all that support, and for the hard work of our stellar staff over the years. Now, looking forward to the next stage for The Lakeville Journal publications, I wish incoming CEO and Publisher Susan Hassler (see front page story) and all the new and ongoing staff the best, and continuing success in covering our vital towns in Connecticut and New York. It has been a lot of fun, as well as moving and enlightening, to take part in this local journalism project for 25 years. Here is wishing for all those with the company to enjoy learning about and writing about this unique part of the world.

— Janet Manko, publisher and editor in chief

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## News for seniors, their families and caregivers

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging celebrates 50 years of operation in 2023. We have lots to celebrate, and just as much work to do. Most notably, we expect continued significant growth in demand for services as the baby boom generation continues to age. Even the youngest "boomers" will turn 60 in 2024.

The Older Americans Act took effect in 1965 but its original version did not address many issues of concern to older adults like nutrition, congregate meal services, legal services, volunteer programs, transportation, and many other programs for older adults. The goal from the beginning was the same then as now: to help older Americans stay as independent and engaged as possible, for as long as possible.

In 1973, states were required to establish area agencies on aging — including the Dutchess County OFA, under the direction of Wanda (Lou) Glasse (1927-2017), who later became director of the New York State Office for the Aging. In 1990, in observance of the 25th anniversary of the Older Americans Act, she wrote:

"As we enter the 21st Century, we foresee the continuing impoverishment of older women, (now 3 out of 4 of the elderly poor), an increasing number of older minorities with unique problems, and the rapid growth of those over the age of 85 whose health needs are often inadequately met. All require new approaches."

Familiar concerns, both then and now. While Dutchess County's poverty rate remains lower than the New York state and national average, the predicted rapid growth of those over 85 has certainly come to pass here in Dutchess. Census figures from the past decade show our 85+ population growing faster here than anywhere else in the state, in the 80% range compared to

### GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

2010. It looks like that trend will continue; the Cornell Program on Applied Demographics predicts our 85+ population will continue to rise until at least 2040. We're counting on the county's 85+ population doubling by then, to around 10,000.

The COVID-19 pandemic may not be in the headlines every day, but its effects continue to disrupt older adults' financial security. Compared to families with children, older adults were not as eligible for federal pandemic relief payments. While the emergency aid did drive down the overall poverty level to its lowest level in 2021, the poverty rate among older people rose during the pandemic.

It's with this knowledge that OFA aims to intensify its efforts to reach isolated and homebound older adults throughout Dutchess County, along with other older adults residing in Dutchess who haven't yet familiarized themselves with OFA services. They're the ones with the most to gain from OFA services while often being unaware of what's available to them.

We did mention there's also plenty to celebrate as we move into our second 50 years of operations. It may be early January, but we're already scheduling a 31st summer of OFA Picnics. Before that, we're planning to join Dutchess County Parks for a Maple Weekend older adults' breakfast in late March; we're joining several county departments for another County Health Fair in the spring.

*Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, Todd N. Tancredi, director. Email him at ofa@dutchessny.gov.*

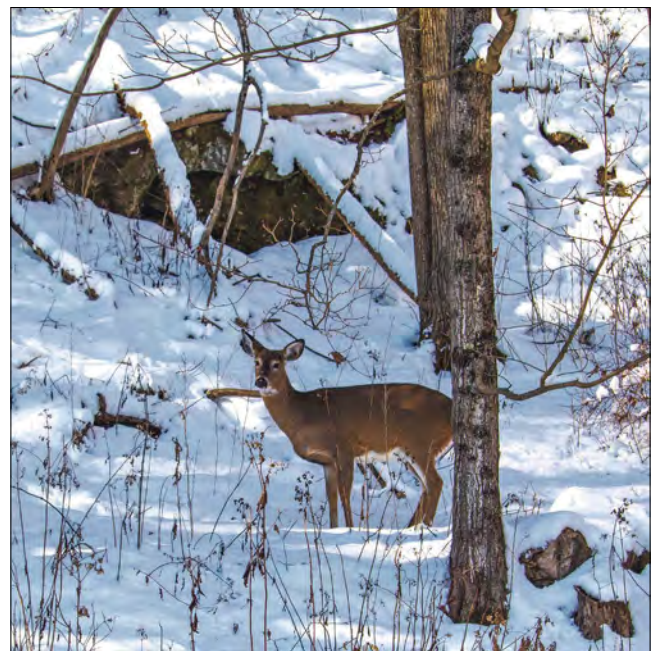


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Winter foraging

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### In defense of the other

I am a covid-vaccinated and covid-boosted woman of 70 years. I am privileged to have the means and the choice to do so. I am a partner in a public-serving business in which we determined, a year ago, that staff would also be vaccinated and boosted. But we also decided that we would not limit our clientele to vaccinated persons only. During these ebbing and flowing covid times, we have sometimes required all to mask and sometimes awaited our clients wishes in that regard, depending on our perception of the general need. We're doing the best we can, as we understand it, for ourselves and our clients.

But I write today to comment on others in my life and the decisions they have made. I count among my closest friends those who have vaccinated against covid, but not boosted, and those who have chosen not to vaccinate. Each of these individuals has made a conscious choice based on their

best understanding of their own body's need. None of them have endangered me nor, to the best of my knowledge, anyone else.

I am quite certain that my own behavior in the world of covid has sometimes been careless, such as not always masking in group gatherings. Just because I am vaccinated doesn't mean I can't endanger myself or another. Many in the world, regardless of vaccination status, behave carelessly. And many in the world, regardless of vaccination status, behave respectfully.

We all get to make a choice about who we see and in what settings, and hopefully, all of us are respectful of those we encounter. I'm suggesting, in these difficult times, that we relinquish some of our judgements and spread a bit of kindness. We're just doing the best we can.

Janice Hylton

Millerton

### Re: the film 'The View From Hiroshima'

Few people in the world would be against a Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the film's author is to be commended for her untiring efforts to obtain such a treaty.

However, the bombing of Hiroshima, referred to in the film, perhaps should have been put in perspective ie. a war started by Japan, the subsequent ravaging of Korea, China, The Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Indo-China and Pearl Harbor, which resulted in the deaths of millions of people, all done with the attitude and rational by Japan that their nation, and the Japanese people, possessed a superior culture to all others and thus they were justified in their conquests. An attitude not unlike that of Nazi Germany.

An attempt at negotiations with Japan was to begin in December, 1941, but instead Admiral Yamamoto decided to destroy the U.S. naval base in Hawaii, resulting in the beginning of a long war for America and thousands of lives lost.

The realism of parts of the film, for a good reason, "pulled on the heart strings of its viewers." At the same time, shouldn't we also recognize those millions who lost their loved ones as a result of the Japanese aggression?

In early August, 1945, terms of surrender were given to the Japanese government but they were turned down. The war had to end, Japan had to be defeated, the options were few. An invasion of their country would prolong the conflict and result in thousands more killed on both sides.

Again, terms of surrender were presented after Hiroshima and again rejected.

To end the war the way we did will always be debated, but a perspective, (a reality check) on the "why" this happened should certainly be considered and presented to the hundreds of student and adult viewers of "The View From Hiroshima."

Peter Smith

Taconic, Conn.

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OVER THE BORDER

# Dillon elected president of Sharon Land Trust

By LEILA HAWKEN  
Special to The Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — Jennifer Dillon, a member of the Sharon Land Trust's (SLT) board for three years, was recently elected president.

Dillon has firsthand experience observing rapid development of small towns brought on by increased demand for large tracts of land, she said.

Having resided in Sharon for more than two decades, Dillon has a deep commitment to the town and the SLT's interests in conserving and preserving acreage to benefit the natural world and the community's rural character for residents, present and future.

"I love Sharon, with its unique character and beautiful views," Dillon commented on Friday, Jan. 20. "It's easy to think that it will never change. But I grew up in New Jersey, and when I drive past the acres of sub-divisions and big box stores there, I am acutely aware of what it looked like 'before.' I can remember the farms and local businesses that have literally been paved over. For that reason, I don't take Sharon's natural beauty for granted. I know that it endures, in part, because the Sharon Land Trust has worked for over 40 years to maintain the area's rural character and open spaces."



PHOTO SUBMITTED

**Jennifer Dillon, a resident of Sharon for more than two decades, is the new president of the Sharon Land Trust.**

Before moving to Sharon, Dillon lived and worked in Asia, including in Wuhan, China, experiencing the effects of unchecked development on cities and small towns, giving rise to her lifelong interest in zoning and preservation.

Dillon earned her BA and MBA from Columbia University and has been employed by Goldman Sachs and the Asia Society.

Dillon said that she and her husband bought their Sharon home 23 years ago, across the street from what she describes

as one of the prettiest, most quintessentially New England farms in Sharon.

"When our kids were little, we would walk on its dirt road, chat with the farmer, and watch as the foals and calves grew," she recalled, adding that, today, the farm is protected in perpetuity thanks to an agricultural easement donated by the owner and held by the Sharon Land Trust.

Dillon said she is deeply committed to SLT's mission, saying its board and staff have done a great job in recent years of raising the organi-

zation's profile and increasing public access to its properties.

"When I travel through Sharon and see the signs marking SLT's miles of public hiking trails and nature preserves, I'm filled with pride and a sense of community," Dillon said.

Dillon noted that maintenance of the properties is achieved through donations of funds, lands, and volunteer hours — and there are many ways for people to get involved. SLT even offers a scholarship program, Dillon added.

Executive Director Maria Grace indicated that SLT protects more than 3,000 acres of open space in Sharon, with nine public preserves and 24 miles of passive hiking trails open to the public daily from dawn to dusk.

For more information about SLT, go to [sharonlandtrust.org](http://sharonlandtrust.org).

## SWSA preparing for Jumpfest

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN  
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SALISBURY, Conn. — The Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) is not worried about the mild winter weather and a lack of snow.

SWSA members were at The Lakeville Journal office in Falls Village Thursday, Jan. 19, putting the final touches on the Jumpfest 2023 program included in this week's edition.

SWSA's Willie Hallihan said the SWSA snowmaking team, led by Ken Barker, is experienced in creating the right conditions in less than ideal weather.

He said the tactic SWSA uses is to make large piles of snow, to be distributed later, rather than the blan-

ket approach used at ski resorts.

He recalled another unseasonably warm January 15 years ago.

"I was playing golf in shorts."

A couple of cold nights later, the snowmaking was "all set." For snowmaking purposes, Hallihan said overnight temperatures of 28 degrees Fahrenheit or less is the standard.

"We've endured this challenge long enough."

In 2019, the target jumping and the Human Dogsled Race on the Friday night of Jumpfest was canceled because of relatively warm temperatures and rain.

But things cooled off and the major jumping events proceeded according to plan.

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