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## Flying high

Cooper Dodds of the Ford Sayre Ski Club flew during the ski jumping Sunday, Feb. 5. For more Jumpfest coverage, see pages A8 & A9.

## Price of eggs has farms, businesses scrambling; diners feel the pinch

By **DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS**  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — This is not a good year to be a chicken. Or a farmer who raises chickens. Or a business dependent on selling, baking with or serving chicken eggs.

Just ask Jessica Lejeune, who manages the popular Oakhurst Diner on Millerton's Main Street, which is a hot spot for customers with a penchant for their eggs sunny side up, in an omelet or in pancakes.

With egg prices soaring, the diner — which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner — is feeling the pinch.

"Our prices have gone up. We raised them at the beginning of last summer and have yet to raise prices again. We try not to, because if it's not eggs, it will be something else," she noted. "Last year it was avocados."



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**Multi-colored eggs from Dashing Star Farm in Millerton.**

Even though it's costing more to keep the diner supplied with eggs, said Lejeune, "we're not losing money, but we're just not making as much."

**Egg prices spiked 60% in 2022**

Many businesses that are dependent on eggs to sell or cook

See **EGGS, A10**

## Nuvance and Save Sharon Hospital lock horns again

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SALISBURY, Conn. —The Save Sharon Hospital (SSH) group held the first of two public meetings on Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Scoville Memorial Library to express opposition to the plan of Nuvance, the parent company of Sharon Hospital, to consolidate its intensive care and medical-surgical units on the hospital's second floor.

**"It's incomprehensible to me that they think this will work."**

*Dr. David Kurish*

The state Office of Health Strategy (OHS) is holding a public hearing (on Zoom) on the matter on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Dr. David Kurish had multiple objections to the plan. He said that a "Progressive Care

Unit" such as the hospital is proposing is an intermediate level of care, not as comprehensive as an ICU.

He said the PCU unit, with individual rooms instead of an open layout, will pose challenges in the monitoring of patients.

Kurish said that PCU nurses have less training than their ICU counterparts, and that the current ICU staffing level of one nurse for

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## EV charger in Village meets moderate usage in early weeks

By **DEBORAH MAIER**  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The electric vehicle charger on Century Boulevard has, since its installation in December 2022, offset 168 kilograms of greenhouse gas emissions, despite relatively modest usage so far.

That amount, according to Millerton resident Jennifer Dowley, "is equal to planting three trees and letting them grow for 10 years."

ChargePoint was chosen to provide the station after considerable research by Dowley, Andrew Stayman and other members of the Climate Smart Communities task force. No Village monies were used

to pay for it, but rather an incentive from Central Hudson and a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

Level 2 chargers like Millerton's require a 240-volt electrical source, much like an oven range or clothes

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## Movie to show the reality of fentanyl

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MILLERTON — "Mourning the loss of my precious son, Danny, writing has become a therapeutic activity. Words, however, often seem inadequate to describe how his death has affected our family and changed our lives forever."

This is how Linda Lajterman opens her 2014 memoir, "Life After You: What Your Death From Drugs Leaves Behind." In the immediate wake of finding her 19-year-old son dead in their suburban New Jersey home after overdosing on heroin laced with fentanyl, Lajterman turned her grief into writing and turned her writing into an ongoing dialogue with other parents.

In the years since, the overdose-related death toll has risen, and heroin and opiates have tightened



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**Florence Lozano as Linda and Jake Lozano as Danny in the film 'Life After You.'**

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OUR TOWNS

# Sparks fly over committee membership during Amenia Town Board meeting

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AMENIA — Of the various routine items on the docket at the Amenia Town Board meeting on Thursday, Feb. 2, the item that provoked dramatic tension in the room revolved around the Wastewater Committee and the Water Committee and who should be serving on them.

During the open comments portion of the meeting, Charlie Miller, chairman of Amenia's Wastewater Committee, raised the issue of the entirely vacant Water Committee, the group that would normally tackle the litany of issues currently plaguing Amenia's town water district.

That committee has remained vacant for nearly three years, and Miller had evidently been involved in previous discussion with members of the Town Board around merging the Water Committee with the Wastewater Committee.

Owing to the unique nature of Amenia's water district, a two-committee maximum for volunteering community members and the explicit establishment of a designated Water Committee in A.G.L. § 119-8, members of the Board raised questions as to whether or not staffing the committee with Wastewater members might undermine democratic processes. They also raised concerns around the differing scopes of the two committees.

Councilman P. Damian Gutierrez took time during that discussion to directly address community members

watching over livestream, and urged them to apply to serve on the Water Committee.

Miller, however, expressed frustration with the Board's reluctance to make use of resources available to them: "It is insane to me that you have people that are trying to help, on a committee that no one will serve on, and you're swatting us away like flies. I don't even know why somebody would try to show up and continue to help."

The high energy in the room around the issue was punctuated by community member Sharon Kroeger, who hustled in out of the cold to deliver an impassioned speech. Kroeger, who had evidently been watching the livestream from home and had hurried over to weigh in in person, urged both the Board and committee members to approach the issue of managing town water with care, and from an understanding based in history. She finished her comments and swiftly departed back into the night.

Speaking separately and after the meeting, both Miller and Gutierrez communicated the importance of finding community members to serve on the Water Committee and that their ultimate goals are to find the best way to solve Amenia's infrastructure challenges.

While the quality of Amenia's water is very high, the water district's infrastructure is in serious need of maintenance, from a town water tank near the end of its life to fire hydrants that can't be used to fight fires because of

low pressure. The role that the Water Committee serves in advising the Town Board on those issues is crucial to the town's ability to act proactively rather than reactively.

Other topics of equal import, and lesser conflict, were decided on and moved forward that evening. A public hearing on the Workforce Housing law and relevant Zoning Code sections was set for Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m. The board considered different options for hiring Choice Words LLC, a grant-writing and public relations consultancy, to help the town pursue infrastructure funding currently accessible for use in town infrastructure projects.

Later on, a sense of urgency was communicated by Town water operator Marco D'Antonio around the upcoming lead service line project. The project is federally mandated, and compels townships to complete a full inventory of water pipes in their town water districts by October 2024. The project will require "100% compliance" from the community, meaning access to people's backyards to dig up (but not remove) pipes and take photos of them. Both D'Antonio and Board members were quick to affirm that, at this stage, the work would be purely for the purpose of

inventorying current pipes. However, if any of the piping used in the town water district are found to be the sort that historically could contain lead, they will be replaced.

"This only benefits the public. This is nothing to get

anyone in trouble, it's to help prevent any kind of lead contamination. We haven't failed for lead yet in our water district. ... But we have to [remain compliant] with the EPA and New York state standards and regulations for this. It has

to happen." A recording of the meeting, titled "Amenia Town Board - 2.2.2023" is available online at [youtube.com/ameniatv](https://youtube.com/ameniatv). The next town board meeting is set for Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m.



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### Sunday breakfast at the American Legion

American Legion Post 178 on Route 44 in Millerton held one of its monthly Sunday breakfasts on Feb. 5 from 7 to 10 a.m. and served close to 200 meals. Among the many adults and children were (from right) former state Sen. Sue Serino (R-41); Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall, Bruce Flint and Steve Haire of the Sheriff's Department. The breakfasts are held on the first Sunday of the month.

### Correction

In an article in the Feb. 2, 2023, issue about an art auction and fundraiser to benefit relief for Ukraine, chef Matthew Lodes was incorrectly identified.

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# Help Save Our ICU!



## What will happen if Nuvance is allowed to close the Sharon Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and replace it with a Progressive Care Unit (PCU)?

According to Nuvance's public statements, "the PCU would provide the same level of critical care" the community now relies on. But Nuvance contradicts itself in filings with the CT Office of Health Strategy, stating:

- 1) Its proposed PCU would be "akin" to an "intermediate care unit,"<sup>1</sup> and NOT an ICU, which treats the sickest patients.
- 2) Patients with "clinical conditions requiring ICU level nursing care" would not be admitted to the proposed PCU.<sup>2</sup>

## The result of these changes?

- 10% of the patients now treated in our ICU would no longer qualify for admittance to Sharon Hospital<sup>3</sup> and would be transferred to another hospital.
- Nuvance will LOSE money at Sharon Hospital if this plan moves forward.<sup>4</sup>

## What would this change mean for our community?

While the Sharon Hospital ER would still stabilize patients before transfer to another hospital, our sickest people would not be admitted close to home. Families of critically ill patients would have to travel up to an hour (weather permitting!) to be with their loved ones.

## What can you do to help prevent this change?

Testify at the upcoming public hearing on Nuvance's application to close the ICU and replace it with a PCU.

- Wednesday, 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.

All references are part of Nuvance Health's Application to close the Sharon Hospital ICU, located on the OHS CON Portal website under docket #22-32504-CON, <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/Pages/Certificate-of-Need/CON-Portal>:

- (1) Second Completeness Letter Responses 11.14.22, page 3
- (2) Exhibit A- Sharon Hospital CON Application 5.27.22, Attachment D
- (3) CON Application Main Form 5.27.22, page 31
- (4) Second Completeness Letter Responses 11.14.22, Financial Worksheet (A), page 7

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# Legislators push tax break for EMS and firefighters

By EMILY EDELMAN  
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POUGHKEEPSIE — Members of the Dutchess County Legislature have called on the state to allow volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel to receive both a \$200 income tax credit from the state as well as a local property tax exemption. The members made their appeal for a legislative change in a letter to state representatives last week.

Legislation signed into law in December gives local governments the option to provide a property tax exemption of 10% to volunteer

firefighters and ambulance personnel, but Section 606 of New York state tax law makes accepting both an impossibility.

In an interview with The Millerton News, Legislature Chair Gregg Pulver said: "We feel that it's imperative that the state change their outlook on this. They say that you're eligible for one but not the other, and we think that, with the amount of hours that a dedicated volunteer puts in, to give them the opportunity to receive both tax credits is certainly a valuable thing."

The letter urges the state to introduce legislation for inclusion in the 2023-24 state budget.

Pulver continued: "The fact of the matter is that even if you've got both, it's probably lucky to get \$400 total. That seems an insignificant amount that the state has to worry about. . . . The state doesn't collect any property tax, so this has no effect on the state budget."

Following a vote by the Government Services and Administration Committee on Thursday, Feb. 9, the local law will be presented at the full board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, and will go into effect for the 2025 tax rolls.

"Maybe it was an oversight," said Pulver. "I'm hoping that they will correct this. That's why we sent the letter."

## American Legion to host 17th annual chili cook-off

MILLERTON — American Legion Auxiliary Post 178 will hold its 17th annual chili cook-off fundraiser on Sunday, Feb. 19, at noon. The Daytona 500 race will be screened, and this year's cook-off includes the addition of soups and chowders. There will also be raffles and a dessert auction.

Anyone entering the cook-off can drop off their submission in a slow cooker at 155 Route 44 between 11 a.m. and noon on the day of the event. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. The admission fee will be waived

for those providing an entry. A panel will judge the entries and cash prizes will be awarded, with a "bragging trophy" for the people's choice.

All proceeds will support

auxiliary projects including scholarships, veterans' assistance and community activities. For more information or to donate a raffle prize, call Zandra at 518-325-9889 or Charlene at 845-877-3734.



PHOTO BY RHIANNON LEO-JAMESON

## Landscape art at NorthEast-Millerton Library

MILLERTON — Abstract landscape paintings by Philmont resident Maria Crespo are on display through the end of the month at the NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St. According to library director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, who is a big fan of the work: "You have to see them in person. They're just very striking with colors that are very vibrant." Library patrons Mindy Weiner, left, and Doris Barrett did

just that, braving the town's ultra-cold snap on Saturday, Feb. 4, to get an early look at the art work. Crespo has been featured in other shows since she returned to painting after taking a hiatus for motherhood

and business, but this is her first display at the library where all the paintings are up for sale. Leo-Jameson suggests that any artists interested in presenting future shows should contact the library at 518-789-3340.

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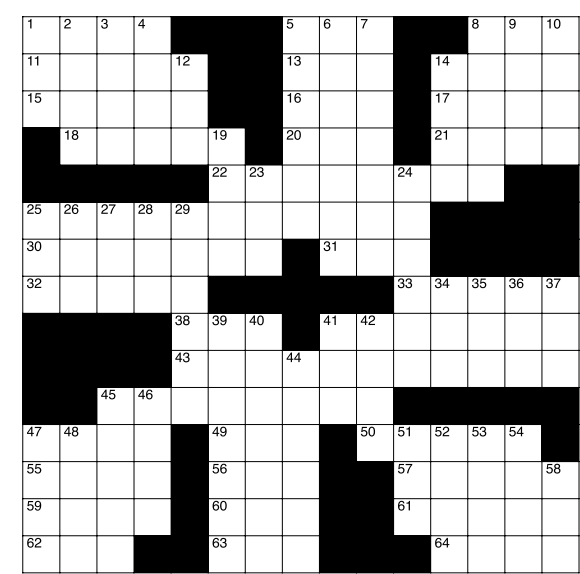
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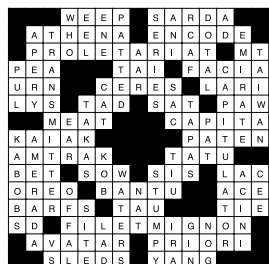
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5. Records electric currents associated with contractions of the heart
8. Trigonometric function (abbr.)
11. Secret political clique
13. Type of gibbon
14. Nocturnal S. American rodent
15. Famed American playwright
16. Mesopotamian goddess
17. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
18. Long ridge of gravel and sediment
20. A place to stay
21. Actor Idris
22. One who behaves in a rebellious way
25. A way to measure movement
30. Distinguish oneself
31. Type of drug (abbr.)
32. Basketball great Baylor
33. Masses of salivary matter
38. Calls balls and strikes
41. Plant that grows along the ground
43. A recreational activity in the air
45. Consumes too much
47. Island nation
49. Pistol
50. Mixtures of soul and calypso
55. Ancient Greek City
56. Similar
57. Roughly trimmed tree trunk used in a Scottish game
59. Semitic fertility god
60. Born of
61. Frogs, toads, tree toads
62. School in the northeast (abbr.)
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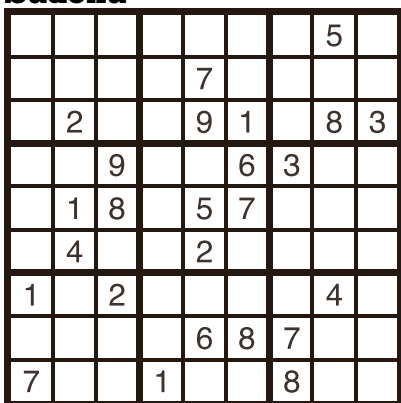


6. Book of tickets
7. The last name of "Hermione"
8. Type of TV package
9. Helps to heal a cut
10. Town in Galilee
12. Actor Horsley
14. "Hocus Pocus 2" actor Ed
19. Bird-loving group (abbr.)
23. They respond when someone is sick
24. Emerged
25. Midway between south and southeast
26. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
27. Unit of work or energy
28. Indicates near
29. Famed river
34. For each
35. News organization
36. CNN's founder
37. They \_\_
39. Areas off to the side
40. Satisfies
41. A spare bed
42. Legendary singer Diana
44. Frothy mass of bubbles
45. A kind of sorcery
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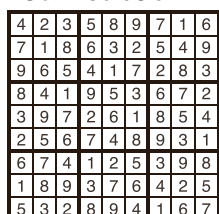
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## OBITUARIES

### Tommy L. McCartha

BLOOMINGBURG, N.Y. — Tommy L. McCartha, 74, a thirty six year resident of Bloomingburg, New York, died peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, with his loving family by his side. Tom had a long career with New York State where he worked as an electrician for over 35 years. He retired in 2003 from the Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Center.



out him. He loved to be outside tinkering with different things and always had working hands. He leaves behind nothing but the most beautiful memories of his great smile, his love and his infectious laugh. His greatest joys above all else were his beloved grandsons, Nicholas and Alec and the times he spent with them.

Born July 7, 1948, in Gouverneur, New York, he was the son of the late Patrick N. and Madeline (McEathron) McCartha. He was a graduate of Gouverneur High School.

On May 12, 1979, in Nyack, New York, he married his loving wife Diane Milano. Mrs. McCartha survives at home. Tom was a former member of the S. W. Johnson Steam Fire Engine Company in Garnerville, New York. He was also a longtime member of the CSEA and Mountaineers Rod and Gun Club, Inc. in Middletown, New York, where he loved to hunt with his buddies.

Tommy loved his entire family with his whole heart and he will forever be remembered for his selflessness and his kind and caring ways. He absolutely loved, got great pleasure from and made so many memories at his beloved camp on Lake Bonaparte in Harrisville, New York, with his entire family and his extended lake family. McCartha's Point since 1955 will never be the same with-

In addition to his loving wife Diane, Tom is survived by his beloved daughter Jamie L. Kahn and her husband Eric of Bloomingburg; two adoring grandsons, Nicholas and Alec Kahn; his cherished sister, Donna J. Craft and her husband Howard of Dover Plains; his dear sister-in-law Rita Munkelt; many cousins and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews who will miss their Uncle Tom dearly. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his father-in-law and his mother-in-law, Daniel and Eleanor Milano and his brother-in-law, Rick Munkelt.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wm. M. Gagan Funeral Home, 1525 Burlingham Road, Pine Bush, NY. A service of remembrance and celebration of Tom's life took place at 7:30 p.m. during visiting hours. Cremation will follow and all other services will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lake Bonaparte Conservation Club, P.O. 273, Harrisville, NY 13648, an organization dear to Tom's heart.

### Lawrence S. Nestor

EAST CANAAN — Lawrence S. Nestor, 92, of 4 College Hill Road passed away peacefully on Wednesday morning Feb. 1, 2023, at Sharon Hospital. He was the husband of Joan (O'Connor) Nestor of Greenwich, Connecticut. Larry was born May 5, 1930, in Stamford, Connecticut, son of the late Lawrence and Kathleen Heffernan Nestor.



Larry served in the US Navy on the USS Saipan during the Korean War and was a volunteer fireman for the Springdale Fire Department. Larry worked as a carpenter and skilled cabinet-maker. He crafted beautiful antique reproductions until his retirement in 1997. He was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph Church in Canaan. He also served as the Grand Knight for the Berkshire Council Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph's Church. An avid horseshoe player, Larry was also a musician. He was a talented violinist and musician and a true dog lover. However, his true passion was his family.

In addition to his devoted wife, Larry is survived by seven children from his first marriage: Kathleen M. Nestor, L. Steven Nestor, wife Barbara Miller Nestor, Dan-

### Stephen John Gradowski

SHARON — Stephen John Gradowski, 78, of Cornwall Bridge Road, passed away Feb. 3, 2023, at home. He was the loving partner of Eileen Tedesco. A grave-side service will be held at the new Saint Francis Cemetery in Torrington, Connecticut on Friday, Feb 10 at 11:00 a.m. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

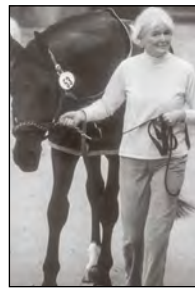
WEST CORNWALL — Isabelle Crocker Osborne died peacefully Jan. 3, 2023, at her home in West Cornwall, among family and friends and her devoted caregivers. Ms. Osborne inspired those close to her with her perseverance against illness and family tragedy. She was predeceased by both her children and her husband, Charlie. She also coped for many years with emphysema, although she quit smoking in the 1960s. Despite such personal burdens, she took great joy in her horses and equestrian pursuits, and set an example for inner strength and a zest for living.

Known to family and friends as Philla, Ms. Osborne was born Feb. 28, 1929, in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, the daughter of the late Douglas and Isabelle Crocker.

She graduated from Smith College magna cum laude in 1951 where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in 1956.

In her youth she was a hiker and mountaineer, making trips to Geneva, Switzerland, where she had studied during her junior year abroad. She was friends with noted Swiss climber, Raymond Lambert, who in 1952 narrowly missed being the first to summit Mount Everest with famed sherpa Tenzing Norgay. Weather stopped them a few hundred meters short. Norgay successfully summited with Sir Edmund Hillary in 1953. Ms. Osborne reminisced recently with family that she helped Lambert provision other Himalayan expeditions, and was a secretary to Norgay when he was hiding from the paparazzi at his friend Lambert's home in Switzerland.

Her first job out of college was working for the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington. Of the CIA, all she would say was that "my bosses were only interested in me spying on my colleagues down the hall." She married Charles Cabot Osborne in 1959, a reporter for Life magazine, whose assignments moved them from New York City to Atlanta and Chicago. They returned to New York City in 1961 for good, where Ms. Osborne raised their two children, Caroline and Tom, and worked as a freelance researcher.



Cornwall. They both became avid horse enthusiasts, keeping horses at Once Again Farm, in Meriden, and participating in dressage and jumping. In one reunion report for Smith College, Ms. Osborne wrote that she had made "a full time occupation of horseback riding, which is extremely time consuming and mentally and physically humbling." Friend and dressage coach, Vicki Hammers-O'Neil, said "Philla and Charlie were generous volunteers at all Connecticut Dressage Association activities and horse shows, and eventually an annual volunteer award was named in their honor: 'The Philla and Charlie Osborne Volunteer Award.' Their generosity with their horses allowed me to show both Theo and Blackjack successfully, winning many awards."

At least two of her research employers were prominent critics of the military industrial complex. In the early 1980s, Ms. Osborne was secretary and researcher for Seymour Melman, a Columbia University economist known for his work on measuring negative impacts of the military economy and advocating for conversion of military spending to civilian purposes. Ms. Osborne also conducted research for Ruth Leger Sivard, an economist known for her annual publication of "World Military and Social Expenditures," chronicling and analyzing military spending versus social spending in countries around the world. Sivard's statistics illuminated "what she regarded as 'grotesque' excesses in defense spending," according to a Washington Post remembrance. Ms. Osborne worked on and off for Sivard from the mid 1970s until the early 1990s.

In her later years, she and Charlie moved to their longtime country home in West

### Edward William O'Dell Jr.

SHARON — Edward William O'Dell Jr., 58, a lifelong resident of Sharon, passed away on Jan. 29, 2023, at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in North Canaan, with his wife Cindy and daughter Ariel by his side. He had been battling an illness for the last six years and his body could no longer fight. The last few months had been a struggle.



Ed was born at Sharon Hospital in Sharon to Edward and Donna O'Dell on Aug. 1, 1964.

He was one of five children. On Nov. 20, 1993, he married the love of his life Cindy (Propiescus) O'Dell. They have been together 35 years and married 29.

He is predeceased by a brother Michael O'Dell.

Ed is survived by his parents Ed and Donna, wife Cindy, daughter Ariel O'Dell (Kyle), and grandson Bearrett. He is also survived by his siblings Donna Peterson (Pete),

Eric O'Dell (Tammy) and Rebecca Osuch, as well as his nieces, nephews and many close friends.

Ed had the biggest heart and found joy in helping friends and loved ones. An adoring husband, he treated his wife like a newlywed every day and loved her with his whole heart. Ed also loved the outdoors. He was happy hunting, fishing and camping, but his greatest joy was spending time with his wife, daughter and grandson. Ed is greatly missed but not forgotten.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the staff at Geer Nursing and Rehab for their care and kindness during this difficult time.

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

Calling hours were held at Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main Street, Sharon, CT on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

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Worship Services Week of February 12, 2023	
Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.	
<p><b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7252</p>	<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 519 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons The next meeting will be Sunday, February 12 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoio@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p><b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b> 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT 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 (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p><b>UCC in CORNWALL</b> Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p><b>Falls Village Congregational Church</b> 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p><b>Sharon Congregational</b> 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online Bible studies and Sunday services Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH</b> 860-927-3003 Rev. Robert Landback The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday &amp; Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Tuesday 9 AM - St. Bernard</p>
<p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>	<p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mmgates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.</p>
<p><b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340   allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	

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## OBITUARIES

### Ellen Elizabeth Hilpl

MILLERTON — Ellen Elizabeth Hilpl, 67, a former Pound Ridge, New York, resident most recently of the Village of Millerton since 2017, died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at her home in the village.



Born May 26, 1955, in Port Chester, New York, she was the daughter of the late John E. and Norma Dean (Lasher) Hilpl of Pound Ridge. Ellen Elizabeth was a graduate of William Patterson College, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1979, and the College of New Rochelle, receiving her master's degree in 1984 in education as well as a master's degree in music. For many years Ellen Elizabeth was a beloved kindergarten teacher at Pound Ridge Elementary School in Pound Ridge where she would dress up every Halloween as the beloved "Mother Goose".

Her teaching career lasted for over 25 years and she retired in 2010. She was also a recognized teacher of voice and stringed instruments, certified in the Suzuki method of teaching violin. She had a magnificent voice and enjoyed singing from the pews at Christ Trinity Church in Sheffield, Massachusetts, where she was an active and much-loved member. For many years she assisted the Franciscan Friars at Graymoor in Garrison, New York with their musical selections and she also had the opportunity to sing on Broadway

in New York City. She was an avid cat lover and had a great affection for horses as well. Her easy laugh and infectious good humor will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Ellen is survived by three brothers, Mark Hilpl and his wife Christina of Cortland Manor, New York, Peter Hilpl and his wife Lisa of Uxbridge, Massachusetts, and Neil Hilpl of Pound Ridge; her dear uncle, Paul Lasher of Utica, New York and several cousins and many close friends. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her brother, Michael Hilpl of Antioch, Tennessee, in January of 2000. A funeral service will take place on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Christ Trinity Church, 180 Main Street/CT Route 7, Sheffield, MA 01257 at 11 am. The Rt. Rev. Jack M. McKelvey will officiate. Burial will follow in the Memorial Garden at Christ Trinity Church of Sheffield. A reception in Ellen Elizabeth's honor will follow in the parish hall at Christ Trinity Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ellen E. Hilpl Memorial Fund at Christ Trinity Church at [www.christtrinitychurch.org](http://www.christtrinitychurch.org) To send an online condolence to the family please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com) Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, NY 12546.

### Jessica Lee Snyder

PHILMONT, N.Y. — Jessica Lee Snyder, 42, of Philmont, New York, formerly of Sharon, passed away at Albany Medical Center on Jan. 23, 2023.



Jessica was born on Dec. 12, 1980, in Sharon, the daughter of Shirley and George Martin and Kim Snyder.

She was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School. She worked as a waitress for the White Hart Inn in Salisbury and later worked for Four Brothers in

Hillsdale, NY.

She is survived by her parents and her children Mark Spucches Jr., Brynn Spucches and Max Spucches. She is also survived by a brother Jason Snyder and sisters Jennifer Snyder and Carisa Gaetano. As well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, Feb. 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main Street, Sharon, CT. All other services are private.

### Susan Harper Bohlmann

SALISBURY — Susan Harper Bohlmann, 75, of 17 Cobble Road died Sunday morning Feb. 5, 2023, at Noble Horizons. She was born May 1, 1947, daughter of the late John "Jack" and Mignon (Taylor) Bohlmann.

Susan was a lifelong resident of Salisbury. She graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village. She was employed as a machine operator for many years at the former Lakeville Precision Molding /company. Susan was a member of the Lakeville United Methodist Church.

However, Susan's greatest passion was assisting the community at Noble Horizon. She volunteered at Noble for over 30 years. Susan would be seen with her red vest, and all would know that she was there to help. Susan continued to assist those resi-

dents at Noble even after she became a resident herself.

Susan is survived by her niece Renata Hawks of Thomaston, Connecticut; nephew John Bohlmann of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and her cousin Dorinda Pizone of Easton, Connecticut. She was predeceased by her brother Robert C. Bohlmann in 2016.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday Feb. 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lakeville Methodist Church, 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039. Burial will follow in Salisbury Cemetery. Susan has requested that memorial donations in her memory be sent to the Little Guild of St. Francis, 285 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., North Canaan, CT 06018.

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## OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY MATTHEW KRETA

David Baranowski played during the monthly midday program at the Salisbury Congregational Church on Friday, Feb. 3.

### Meditation on Bach, Brahms and Buxtehude

By MATTHEW KRETA  
Special to The Millerton News

SALISBURY, Conn. — The Congregational Church of Salisbury, UCC held its monthly midday Music and Meditation on Friday, Feb. 3, a concert performed by the church's music director, David Baranowski, who played three pieces on organ.

Baranowski started with the first movement of the Brahms Requiem, a famous choral piece that he arranged purely for organ for the sake of the concert. He gracefully navigated the rises and falls of this work with great expression, leaning into the heavy emotion of the piece. Baranowski got the idea to perform this movement as he will be directing the Brahms Requiem with a choir of 100 in May at Manhattanville College.

The next two pieces — Buxtehude's "Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne in C, buxWV 137" and Bach's "Toccat, Adagio, and Fugue in C major, BWV 564" — were picked for their connection and influence on each other. Both pieces are from the Baroque period, and

Bach is considered one of the primary composers of the time. Buxtehude was nearing the end of his life when Bach was a student, and held a great deal of influence on Bach's compositional style through his own compositions.

Baranowski played the Buxtehude for last month's presentation, but elected to play it again this month for the sake of comparison with the Bach.

Both pieces required a steady and practiced hand which Baranowski exhibited with ease, weaving through complex and blindingly fast runs of notes with both hands and feet while still bringing appropriate emphasis to each piece's melodic material. This particular Bach piece is famously difficult for its speed and level of precision, and was executed flawlessly.

The musical meditations take place on the first Friday of every month at Salisbury Congregational at noon. March will feature flutist Cecilia Burns joining Baranowski for a Bach flute sonata and will feature Baranowski on harpsichord.

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# Keeping busy, creating beauty, staying young at any age

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**  
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**MILLBROOK** — If beauty is in the eye of the beholder, then there is a lot of beauty at the Fountains retirement community, being created every day in the art studios, hung along the walls near the auditorium and leading to the reception area: many different subjects painted from a myriad of perspectives.

The artworks are created by residents, most of whom are retired, yet keeping young by keeping busy, and the art show that opened on Sunday, Feb. 5, was an example of just how busy they can be. Three artists are showcased, and the scope of the show is from wild animals to domesticated cats, flowers, forests, lighthouses, sea scapes and people. The artists are from different places and have led different lives, but all agree that being at the Fountains keeps them busy, young, happy and engaged.

Ray Merritt has been at the Fountains for three months and, having painted most of his life, felt right at home in the art studio. Originally from Poughkeepsie, his talent may derive from his mother, who also painted. Some of his paintings reflect an earlier Poughkeepsie, and one, of Wappingers Falls, may bring back memories to some who see it.

At 92, Merritt keeps busy when not painting by visiting the gym, working to regain some lost strength. He worked for about 40 years as a bread truck driver, but after slowing down upon retirement, he said he felt as

though, after living alone for 28 years, he was losing interest and the gift of talking. His move to the retirement community has brought new life to his days.

Dolores Levy moved to the Fountains in July 2022 and immediately felt at home. From the South Shore of Long Island, she lived in Florida for 20 years, and also Portland, Maine. Levy likes to go to the art studio to study with Eileen Metzger O'Shea once or twice a week, but prefers mainly to paint at home. Her paintings reflect her interests, which are many and varied.

Levy worked as a social worker, specializing in child welfare. A second career followed, and she worked until she retired as a children's school photographer. Today, at 90, aside from painting, she enjoys all the many activities that are offered at the community, as well as meeting new people.

The third artist is the "baby" of the group, a spry 89 who will turn 90 in September. Shirley Fernekes is a longtime artist

whose paintings have twice been chosen to be a part of the Watermark Calendar, published every year with artwork chosen from the works of over 1,000 artists from the Watermark Communities, of which the Fountains is one.

Fernekes has been at the Fountains for about four years, and loves painting, but also loves the fact that she can stay busy and never be bored. Her love of flowers is evident in her works, but her interests are varied, and she takes her inspiration wherever she finds it: Three geraniums, all blooming at once in the window of her studio, became a large study of their bright red blooms. In her earlier life, Feneke taught painting.

Art teacher Ellen Metzger O'Shea has been at the Fountains for about seven years, and loves what she does.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left: artist Shirley Fernekes, art teacher Ellen Metzger O'Shea, and artists Ray Merritt and Dolores Levy. Fernekes, Levy and Merritt shared an opening day for their artworks on Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Fountains at Millbrook, a collection O'Shea called an artist's retrospective.

A skilled artist herself, her lessons come with warmth and affection, and she holds

each and every artist in great esteem. Some of them have been painting most of their lives, some learn when they join the retirement community. To O'Shea, the level of

skill doesn't matter as much as the desire to create and to learn.

The works are on display now through the next opening, in spring 2023.

## Workshop for landlords online Feb. 23

**MILLERTON** — Hudson River Housing Inc., in cooperation with the North-East-Millerton Library, will present a Zoom workshop for landlords — current or future — on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. It will cover "all aspects of being a landlord including risks, rewards, [and] legal responsibilities." Go to [nemillertonlibrary.org](http://nemillertonlibrary.org) for required registration.



PHOTO BY KRISTIN PERKINS

## Monthly community music jam

From left to right: Dawn Galente, Mary Nanos, Tom Nanos, Eric Marshall, and Eric Harvey playing music together on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Millbrook Library. On the first Wednesday of every month, the library hosts Jammin' With Eric Marshall. The group meets indoors by the fireplace when it's cold. All are invited to sing, jam or just listen.

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# Jumpfest 2023 triumphs over crazy weather

By PATRICK L SULLIVAN  
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SALISBURY, Conn. — The Salisbury Winter Sports Association Jumpfest got off to a frigid start.

The Friday, Feb. 3, nighttime activities were canceled due to subzero temperatures and high winds.

Saturday morning, Feb. 4, was still bitterly cold at Satre Hill, with daytime temperatures struggling to get into double digits.

However, the wind died down, allowing for the jumping to proceed.

For fans who needed a break from the cold, the Scoville Memorial Library had s'mores. Around 12:30 two adults and two children were toasting marshmallows outside, prior to going inside for the graham crackers and chocolate bars.

Attendance on Saturday was light with 400 attendees both paid and unpaid (children under 12 were admitted free).

Before the action on the big hill, the 20m and 30m hills were busy with junior competition.

Sunday, Feb. 5, was positively balmy, with afternoon temperatures reaching the mid-40s.

This attracted a much bigger crowd of 1500. The parking lot of Indian Cave Road was packed and fans parked anywhere they could. There were long lines at the concession stands as vendors did brisk business.

The difference in temperatures was most apparent in the attitude of the crowd to the bonfires on either side of the main jumping area.

On Saturday, people got as close as they could, never mind the smoke and occasional flurry of sparks as more fuel was added.

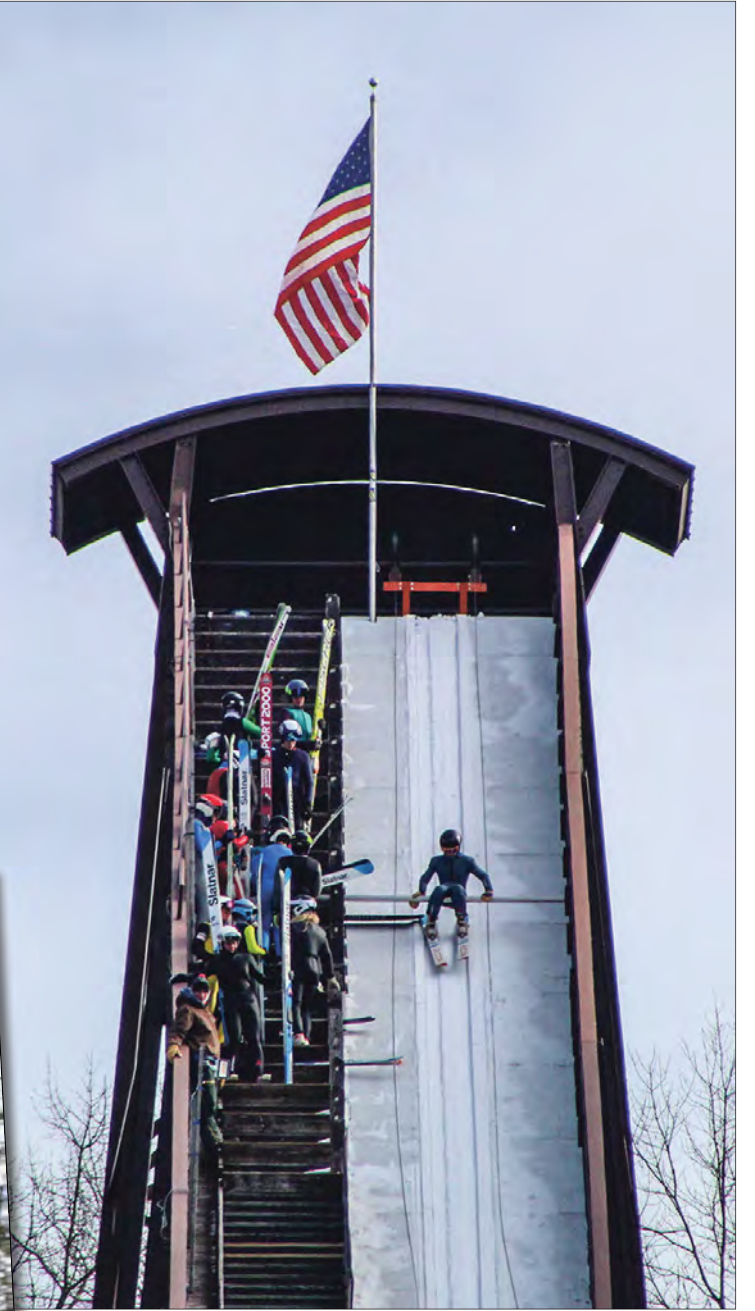
On Sunday, the crowds stayed several yards away from the fire.

A small kids' hill saw very



Above, Henry Johnstone looked on as the competition took flight at the Big Hill in Salisbury. Right, a jumper prepared to launch down Satre Hill during Jumpfest.

Photos by John Coston, Patrick L. Sullivan, Lans Christensen and Randy O'Rourke



Will Coffin competed in the Salisbury Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 4. The jumper placed first in the U14 K30 competition.

little action Saturday, but on Sunday it was full of youngsters sliding down on their backs and fronts amid much giggling.

The Friday night target

jumping was rescheduled for both weekend days, and Kai McKinnon and Schuyler Clapp each won \$250.

The Human Dogsled Race was not rescheduled.

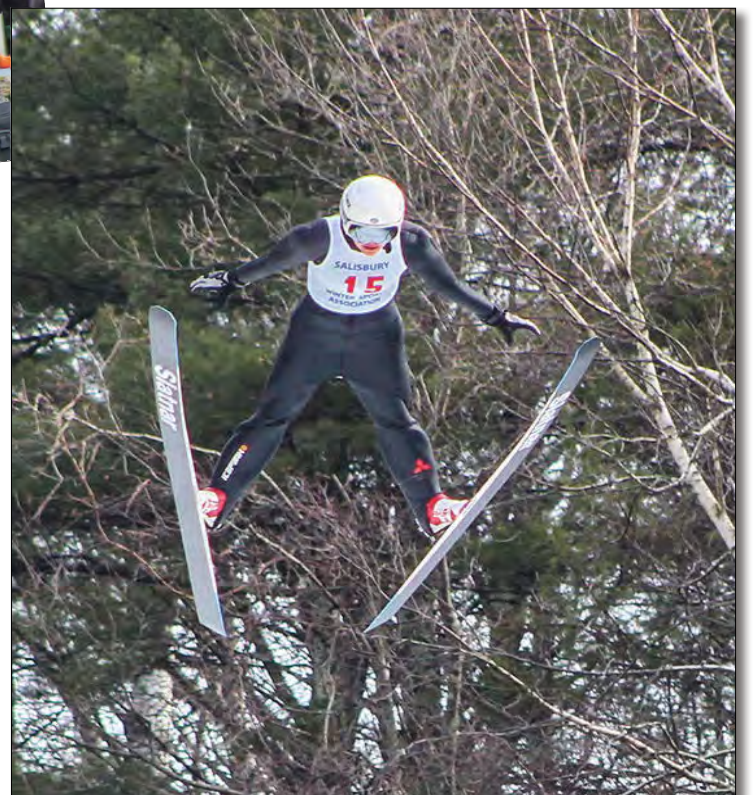


SWSA's Islay Sheil placed first in the K20 Open Female competition on Saturday, Feb. 4. Jhala Gregory from Hanover School won silver and SWSA's Carley Bannerman took bronze.

Fans stayed warm around the ever-burning bonfires situated on each side of the Big Hill.



A group of youth jumpers posed with the United States Eastern Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined flag after a cold day of flying down the hills.



Kai McKinnon took flight as she soared down Satre Hill and had the longest jump of the day on Saturday reaching 65.5m.



# Braving bitter cold to win the gold

By RILEY KLEIN  
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Jumpfest 2023 featured a series of competitive events, each with subcategories full of youth jumpers who put their soaring skills to the test.

During the Salisbury Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 4, jumpers were split into U20 female and U20 male categories.

New York Ski Educational Foundation's (NYSEF) Kai McKinnon dominated the U20 female group and had the farthest jump of the day with 65.5 meters. After tallying the judges scores and style points, she finished with 200.3 points. In second place for U20 females was Caroline Chor of Ford Sayre, totaling 63.1 points from judges and a 38-meter distance on her longest jump. Kerry Tole from the Andover Outing Club placed third with 22.9 points and a long jump of 30 meters.

For U20 males in the Feb. 4 Salisbury Invitational, Schuyler Clapp of NYSEF topped

the field with 200.9 points. Clapp reached 63.5 meters on his second jump and collected enough style points to finish in first. NYSEF teammate Jack Kroll placed second with 197.5 points despite having the longest jump of the category at 65 meters. In third for the U20 males was Angelo Goodwin of the Lebanon Outing Club, who scored 184.5 points with a 61-meter-long jump.

As the sole competitor in the Masters category on Saturday, Cooper Dodds scored 206.9 points and leaped to 64.5 meters in his longest jump.

During the Eastern Championships on Sunday, Feb. 5, four groups of jumpers faced off on the big hill: U16 males, U20 females, U20 males, and Masters.

U16 males was won by Max Fey of NYSEF, who scored 177.4 points from judges with a 60-meter best jump. His teammate Jack Kroll placed second after laying down a 66-meter jump and receiving 177.3 judges' points. In third

was Angelo Goodwin with 170.2 points and a long jump of 57.5 meters.

In U20 females, Kai McKinnon laid down another series of monster jumps, leaping to 62.5 meters and a score of 160.5. In second was Caroline Chor of with 58.3 points and a 37-meter jump. Third place belonged to Celia Osborne from Ford Sayre, who scored 10.4 points with a 28-meter-long jump.

The U20 male category was won by Schuyler Clapp as he leaped to 61.5 meters and scored 194.6 points. In second place was Ford Sayre's Eli Mansur with 97.2 points and a 43.5-meter jump. Charlie Forbush of Hanover High School placed third after jumping 41 meters and receiving 90.4 points.

For the Masters jumpers, Henry Johnstone achieved the longest jump of the weekend as he soared to 67 meters, winning the group with 222.7 points. Cooper Dodds placed second with a 64-meter jump and 82.1 points.



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## On the perimeter

Webutuck High School's JoAnna Voigt looks for a path on the perimeter on Friday, Feb. 3, at Webutuck against the defending state champion Millbrook Blazers. The Warriors fell to Millbrook 68-18.

## Webutuck Little League registration opens; meeting set Feb. 9 amid call for volunteers

MILLERTON — Registration is open for the 2023 Webutuck Little League season and the league also is looking for volunteers.

The league encourages parents and anyone interested in the program to attend a meeting Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 NY-22, Amenia.

Organizers will discuss Opening Day and give a report on enrollment so far. This year, there is interest in getting a softball program off the ground and the league is in need of coaches.

At its last meeting in January, the league elected a board of directors and filled other positions for the upcoming 2023 season. Officers elected were D.J. Reilly, president; Rob Cooper, vice president;

Aimee Walsh, secretary and Amiee Duncan, treasurer.

The league is aiming to hold its opening game for the 2023 season in mid-April. Last year, the league expected that it would have about 40 players and ended up with around 100. This year players will have games in Millerton at Eddie Collins Memorial Park and at Beekman Park in Amenia.

The Webutuck Little League has become affiliated under the Little League Baseball nonprofit organization based in South Williamsport, Pennsylvania, that organizes local youth baseball and softball leagues throughout the United States and the world.

Volunteers can register at this link: [leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1305306](https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1305306)

## Pine Plains Feb. 18 solar project meeting canceled

PINE PLAINS — The Planning Board has canceled a scheduled Saturday, Feb. 18, meeting on the Carson Power community solar project due to a conflict.

A new date for the meeting will be announced after the Planning Board can meet to reschedule.

More than 60 residents attended a Jan. 21 public hearing to air concerns and ask questions about the plan 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.

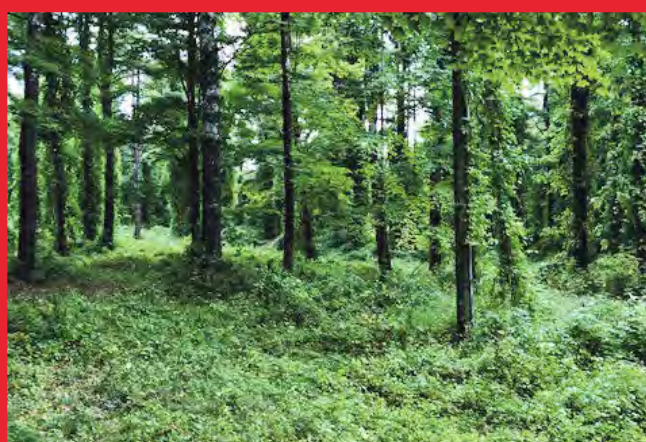
The project as outlined by Carson Power of New York City calls for a six- to eight-month construction period. The company also says the

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.

The 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).

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**SHARON HOSPITAL** *Continued from Page A1*

two patients would change to one nurse for four patients.

"It's incomprehensible to me that they think this will work."

Victor Germack said the end result of the consolidation plan will be transferring more patients from Sharon Hospital to other Nuvance hospitals.

"It's called 'network optimization.'"

SSH president Nick Moore urged the audience of some 25 people to tune into the hearing and to write letters opposing the Nuvance plan, as happened prior to the recent OHS hearing on Nuvance's application to close the Labor and Delivery unit

at Sharon Hospital.

SSH held a second meeting in Millerton Wednesday, Feb. 8.

In an interview Monday, Feb. 6, Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch explained the proposal.

She said that currently the medical-surgical unit on the second floor has 28 beds, and the average census is 10 patients. The ICU on the first floor has nine beds with an average census of between three and four patients.

What Nuvance wants to do, she said, is move the ICU upstairs and combine the two units into one, called a progressive care unit.

"Everything we do in ICU

will move to the second floor. It's a unified approach."

She said some of the rooms on the second floor are visible from the nurses' station. Windows have been added to the doors of the rooms, and for those patients located out of eyeshot of the nursing station, Nuvance has introduced "virtual sitting."

Rooms have a camera and several rooms can be monitored by a technician, who also can communicate directly with the patient. McCulloch noted that there are privacy safeguards in place.

McCulloch said the new unit will have the same staff as currently exists.

McCulloch also said that,

contrary to rumor, the Emergency Department at Sharon Hospital is open and operational 24 hours a day. She said the hospital had received phone calls asking if the ED was open.

To watch the Feb. 15 hearing, the Zoom meeting ID is 828 7732 3149, and the password is 347949. To reach the meeting by phone, the number is 1 646-876-9923.

To comment, log onto Zoom at 2 p.m. to sign up. Public comments begin at 3 p.m.

To submit written comment, email CONComment@ct.gov and refer to docket number 22-32504-CON by Feb. 14

**EV STATION** *Continued from Page A1*

dryer. It is located near the old telephone building, connected to a power pole with a needed transformer, which Central Hudson replaced and moved when the equipment proved to be outdated.

Since it began operating on Dec. 15, 2022, the station has provided charges for 19 unique vehicles. In December, it dispensed 62.9 kilowatt hours; 145 kWh in January; and 29.3 kWh early this month, with an average charging time of one hour and 11 minutes. Currently, the Village is charging 35¢ per kWh for up to four hours or when the charge is complete. After that point, the user pays \$5 per hour, which is known as an "idle fee," or limits intended to discourage overnight parking and to make the station available to more drivers.

ChargePoint chargers are among the more user-friendly

options, according to one longtime Millerton resident who has traveled widely in her EV and experienced other types of charging stations.

"All you need is your smartphone, nothing else," she added. Like most brands of charging stations, with one well-known exception, this station can be used by drivers of various EV makes and models.

As to next steps, "We will know more soon about whether we're covering our costs of operating [the charging station]... that is our immediate goal," Dowley pointed out. That will become clear when the Village receives a bill from Central Hudson, which charges a flat monthly fee for every meter it installs, and when ChargePoint sends a check, which it will do once the station earns \$50. Dowley said, "It would be great to earn a little revenue."

**EGGS** *Continued from Page A1*

with are forced to either pass higher costs on to their customers, or find alternative ways to operate.

Avian influenza, which has been ravaging hen houses since an outbreak last year, has wiped out about 10% of the egg-producing chickens nationwide, resulting in production decline, heightened consumer demand for the common household staple, and supply shortages.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 58 million birds in 47 states have been affected by a new strain of the avian flu, which is highly transmissible and deadly. The USDA further reports that the culling (killing) of infected birds at commercial facilities has led to an average 7.5% drop in the nation's domestic egg supply each month since the outbreak began.

Experts predict that the outbreak, the largest in recorded history, will continue into 2023. Traditionally, avian flu hits during spring migration and then disappears a few months later, but this time, the virus has stayed around.

"It's still here, unfortunately, because it was so intense last year," said Sunny Kellner, wildlife rehabilitation and outreach specialist at the Sharon Audubon Center. "It will be around for a while, in a concerning way," she said, fueled by new wild bird migration in the spring.

Compounding the problem, every aspect of the egg industry is under pressure, from the chickens to the feed to the gas and diesel to transport eggs.

Egg prices increased 60% last year, according to the consumer price index, which measures inflation. Egg producers and food economists suggest the bird flu outbreak has compounded into a major supply problem at a time of peak demand and rising transportation and feed costs.

And late last month, an estimated 100,000 hens died when a devastating fire tore through a barn at Hillandale Farms in Bozrah, Connecticut, one of the country's largest egg producers. The cause remains under investigation, and the state Department of Agriculture said it did not expect the fire would affect either the egg supply or cost of eggs.

Just over the Connecticut border at nearby LaBonne's Market in Salisbury, store director Eric Siperas said he has seen a slight dip in the price of eggs in recent weeks. At the height of the holidays, one dozen large, Grade AA white eggs were priced at \$5.40 a dozen, but as of early February, he said, the store was selling them for about \$4.99 a dozen.

The supply shortage, he said, was not linked to hoarding by customers. "The prices were so high that they only

bought just what they needed."

**Grain price hikes impact farmers**

Lynn Mordas of Dashing Star Farm, a Millerton commercial egg producer with a flock of 300 hens, said that while avian flu has severely impacted large egg operations outside of New York, farms in New York faced another major issue that impacted the price of eggs: two successive years of drought, resulting in grain price hikes.

"We provide a supplementary non-GMO and organic grain mix to our hens. The cost of that feed has gone up 100% over the past two years."

As a result, said Mordas, her farm's Grade AA eggs rose in price by \$1, from \$8 to \$9 per dozen.

"This is a far cry from what could make up for our increase in grain costs. Granted," she said, "other producers have increased their prices by a much greater proportion."

Dashing Star Farm's customers are a combination of direct retail — from the farm, at the Cold Spring or Beacon farmers markets — and wholesale — through Farms2Tables for numerous restaurants within a 100-mile radius, Good Farmers for their home and business delivery customers, and locally at Silamar Farm in Millerton.

At Q Farms in Sharon, Connecticut, a small livestock farm with a flock of pasture-raised chickens cofounded by Linda and James Quella, a dozen eggs sells for \$7.

"We started seven years ago at \$6 a dozen and kept the price there until last year," said Linda Quella.

Demand from customers, she said, has remained steady. "We just have our loyal customers who know our eggs and the quality. Many people haven't yet sought out new places."

The rising cost of grain is impacting farmers like the Quellas.

Q Farms buys its grain from Stone House Grain in Hudson.

"The one thing we focus on is sourcing local. That's

**Online memes to crack you up**

As was the case with the toilet paper shortage in 2020, rising lumber costs in 2021 and skyrocketing gasoline prices in 2022, the 2023 egg shortage has hatched endless memes.

"Back in my day there was so much toilet paper and eggs that we would throw them at the houses of our enemies!" reads one post.

And then there is this fitting comment: "Welcome to 2023, where the price of eggs will cost you more than a gallon of gas."

In another post, people

pretend to be doling out eggs in plastic baggies, like drug dealers.

Someone got clever creating a meme showing a single carton of eggs ensconced with a security device.

In a tribute to Valentine's Day, a couple is enjoying a romantic dinner date in a supermarket egg aisle with the quote "Take me somewhere expensive."

And then there is the image of a closed carton of eggs with the comment: "Just two more payments and it's all mine."

important to our model: to support other farmers," said Linda Quella.

She explained that her grain prices rose from \$520 a ton in 2021 to \$593 a ton in 2022, resulting in a 14% increase. This year, she said, the price is expected to rise another 11% to \$657 per ton, representing a 26% increase overall.

James Quella noted that small, local farms are more stable than large-scale, industrial producers, which face major global pressures and pass on higher costs to consumers.

"It shows how important our local food systems are," he said. "We are more resilient to those kinds of supply cost shocks."

**Beware pitfalls of raising backyard chickens**

The high egg costs may tempt people to raise a few chickens in their backyards, but Kellner at Sharon Audubon warned that could be a huge investment with big risks for the novice.

"Especially people getting chickens for the first time. They may not be aware of what is required to keep them safe" not only from wildlife predators but from the deadly bird flu. "A lot of people don't realize it's labor-intensive and requires a huge investment."

Theresa Freund, owner of Freund's Farm Market

and Bakery in North Canaan, Connecticut, recalled how devastated she and her daughter were when one of the white chickens in their small flock got snatched by a swooping hawk.

"We literally watched it happen. People who think they are going to raise free-range chickens outside don't realize they need wildlife dogs who hang out with them and protect the flock."

Keeping surroundings sanitary is critical, said Kellner. Wild birds, particularly ducks and geese, are notorious for spreading the bird virus through their droppings during spring migration. For that reason, staff and volunteers at Sharon Audubon wear personal protective equipment (PPE) when caring for the birds at the center, and perform rigorous sanitizing afterwards, something she expects will be necessary moving forward into 2023 and beyond.

"It's our new normal."

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Being a part of last week's Summit on Housing and Conservation sponsored by the Connecticut Land Conservation Council was excellent. There were representatives from most of the towns in NW CT on both the land trust and affordable housing side of the issue. The central point throughout the day was that both parties have a common interest on how to ensure better futures for their communities. And the key to that future begins with land trusts and housing groups working collaboratively together to provide both additional conserved lands and adequate housing for their towns. For more information, here is a link that summarizes the Summit and that offers more resources: [ctconservation.org/resources/resources-from-the-summit-on-housing-and-conservation](https://ctconservation.org/resources/resources-from-the-summit-on-housing-and-conservation).



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## The Yoga Studio Where You Come To Breathe

To cure a 5 a.m. wake-up, there was no better balm than an 8 a.m. slow yoga class with Nina Embiricos at Riga Yoga.

The hour-long session centers around what Embiricos calls “a precise framework.” Meaning attention to anatomy, spacial and bodily awareness, and a willingness to provide gentle correction to form to ensure no one injures themselves. The studio space itself is well-balanced and well-appointed, and gets beautiful morning light — so it is the perfect environment to get limber and energized before a long day of work.

Located in Salisbury, Conn., Embiricos opened Riga Yoga to the public in December of 2022—and though the business is in its beginning stages, Riga is already holding classes every day of the week. Ranging from prenatal yoga, to more standard Vinyasa, and into trauma-informed practices — Embiricos has set out to provide a space that is both welcoming to newcomers and in which more seasoned yogis would find opportunities to learn and grow.

“It’s a place for people to learn techniques. Whether you’re new to yoga or you’re experienced, you can come and refine your technique.

“But I also wanted Riga to be something more holistic than a fitness studio. I wanted it to include the breath and the mind. Where people could get peace for a little bit! We’re in a fight or flight mode all day long, responding to emails, and working. I wanted Riga to be a place where you can come for an



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hour, unplug, and be with yourself.”

It was clear to see that Embiricos is deeply thrilled to be a yoga instructor and excited to provide a space where yoga instructors and casual practitioners alike can find community. Having grown up in France and moved to New York City in her 20s, finding a regular yoga practice was revolutionary to Embiricos, and also involved a degree of trial and error.

“As someone who was really anxious in my head, it was a way to disconnect from those feeling and get centered and calm. To find a space within myself that felt safe and happy... And I was like, wow, this is life-changing!”

“So what I wanted to do was offer a yoga practice to people that they can sustain. That just feels like it’s a longevity practice, that’s sustainable and joyful, and brings them

centering and health in the long term. Where you can come, and then go back to your life, and there are no frills. That’s what I wanted for myself when I was a student and couldn’t find, and I’m hoping to offer that to people.”

The opening of Riga Yoga was preceded by years of hopping between studios and teaching extensively throughout the Tri-State area. Exiting that period of movement, and laying down roots in Salisbury was a simultaneously difficult, and clarifying experience for Embiricos — from which the positives have already begun to arrive in droves.

“The community here has been amazing. I opened the studio and they came, they showed up... That’s what I’m most proud of — the community we have managed to build in such a short time. I see the same faces every week, if not every day, and a



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lot of them tell me about the heightened sense of well-being they experience after taking a class. That makes it all worthwhile.”

Embiricos is committed to expanding Riga Yoga’s offerings as she builds the business, and

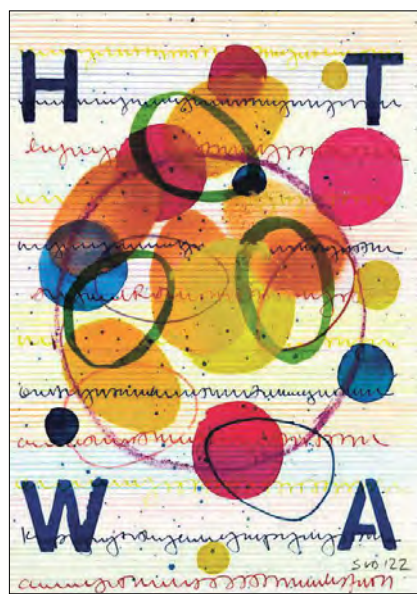
emphasized the importance she places on bringing experienced, and curious instructors into the fold. Riga currently houses roughly four teachers that specialize in different yogic approaches, including Vinyasa, Hatha, Katonah,

prenatal, and trauma-informed practices.

“That’s an amazing thing, right? I’m the owner and I get to learn from the people who come through the doors. Personality-wise, they’re amazing people. And then they have really clear teachings to offer. And they’re curious. We all come to each other’s classes, and we all learn from each other... I think the community is going to be so happy to have them.”

For more information on classes at Riga Yoga go to [www.rigayoga.com](http://www.rigayoga.com).

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# The Art of Words With a Poet Turned Painter

Sally Van Doren is the Walt Whitman Award-winning author of three volumes of poetry whose carefully chosen words tempt readers toward interpretations, but as an emerging painter, her work is purposefully inscrutable.

"All of my work relates to asemic drawings, that's the source I draw from," Van Doren said during a phone interview from her home in Cornwall, Conn.

Free from linguistic context, asemic writing is an avant-garde expression of movement and writing without communication. This illegible form of calligraphy invites us to rethink the relationship between writing and drawing and has been used by artists like Mirtha Dermisache, Brion Gysin, and perhaps most famously by American painter Cy Twombly. Asemic writing in art has often been about capturing the frenetic movement of the pen in hand, leaving the viewer with motion, but not meaning.

For nearly 20 years Van Doren has started her day with this meditation on paper. "I do it every morning, so I now have thousands of pages of this asemic writing. I

have always written in journals, but at a certain point I no longer cared if I could read them, and as my handwriting became increasingly sloppy, I began to like

that my writing was illegible. Eventually, what I realized is that I was not writing, I was drawing."

Well-known in the area as a poet, in 2017

Van Doren unveiled her visual work to her New England community at a gallery show held at The Cornwall Library. "That show was the first time I liberated this asemic

*"I have always written in journals, but at a certain point I no longer cared if I could read them, and as my handwriting became increasingly sloppy, I began to like that my writing was illegible."*

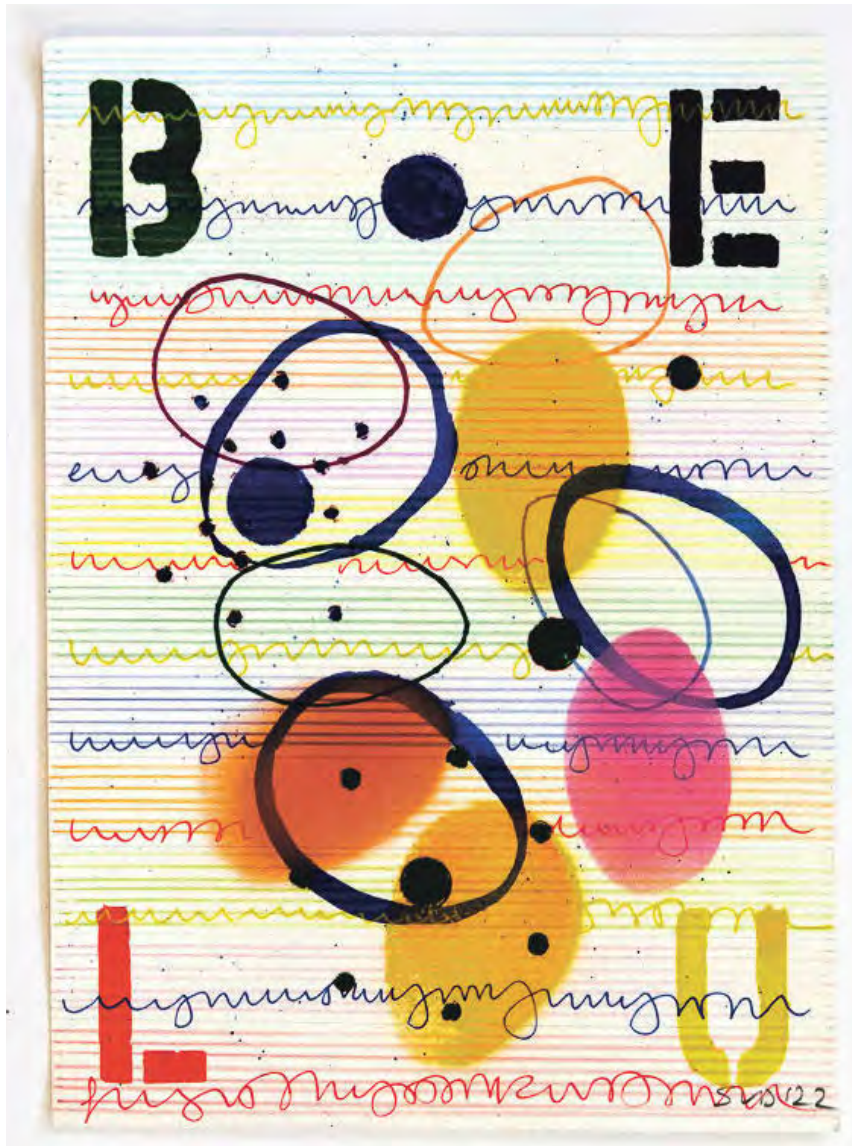


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**BELU** by Sally Van Doren

drawing from the pages of my notebook and put it out into the world. I was nervous about it then, a few years later now I'm much more comfortable and confident in this artistic exploration."

Since the library showcase, Van Doren's work has been seen at Cornwall's annual Rose Algrant art exhibition and at the Longview Farm House Art Gallery in St. Louis, Mo. She enrolled in an undergraduate art program at Hunter College in New York City and now has a dedicated art studio in West Cornwall.

"Having a studio space has had a big impact on both the work I have been making and my increased visibility as an artist. It has enabled me to have studio visits with artists, collectors, curators, and sometimes lost tourists. I've done commissions for private collectors and just finished a large public print commission."

New works by Van

Doren will be unveiled at her upcoming solo show at Furnace - Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn. Curated by gallerist Kathleen Kucka, paintings in "Tangled Language" combine Van Doren's signature scrawling with blocky, stenciled letters reminiscent of Cecil Touchon, floating out of order as shapes to be seen, but not read.

"My art is a liberation from the poet's pressure of being specific with the use of words. In my painting I look for a freedom I don't have in poetry."

"Tangled Language" opens on Feb. 11 at Furnace - Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn. Van Doren will also read from her upcoming collection "Sibilance," and will be joined by Cornwall, Conn., author Roxana Robinson reading from the 2020 edition of "Georgia O'Keeffe: A Life." For more information go to [www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com](http://www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com)

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### Bard Professor's Newest Translation at Oblong

Frederick Hammond, Irma Brandeis Professor of Italian Culture Emeritus at Bard College, will read from his new English translation of "Sette e Mezzo" by Giuseppe Maggior, originally published in 1952, at Oblong Books in Rhinebeck, N.Y., on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. "Sette e Mezzo" or "Seven and A Half" has been compared to Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa's novel of Sicilian high society, "The

Leopard." Hammond's publications include an edition and translation of "Scarlatto Alessandro e Domenico: Due vite in una" by Roberto Pagano, and editing "Ambiente Barocco: Life and the Arts in the Baroque Palaces of Rome" published by Yale University Press for the Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative Arts. RSVP is required for this event. For more information go to [www.oblongbooks.com](http://www.oblongbooks.com)

### Winter Weekend Art Classes

Collette Hurst will lead three February classes in ink drawing and watercolor painting at The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn. Classes are limited in size and are \$75 for the full package. Each class will meet on Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 11, 18 and 25. For registration go to [www.cornwalllibrary.org](http://www.cornwalllibrary.org)

### Short Story Writing Workshop

The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., will host a fictional writing workshop, "Crafting The Short Story" with crime and mystery novelist Shelley Costa on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. Costa's work has been nominated for the Edgar Awards and the Agatha Awards, and has received an Honorable Mention for The Pushcart Prize. To register email [dmmhuntlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:dmmhuntlibrary@gmail.com)

### Berkshires Bulb Show

Berkshire Botanical Garden will present their annual Bulb Show at The Fitzpatrick Conservatory in Stockbridge, Mass., from Feb. 24 through March 10. The Bulb Show will feature thousands of bulbs in dozens of varieties, each one identified, including an evolving collection of traditional New England favorites such as narcissus, tulips and grape hyacinths together with hardy varieties new to the show. For more information go to [www.berkshirebotanical.org](http://www.berkshirebotanical.org)

### Illustrator Nora Krug at Norman Rockwell Museum

The Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass., will host an artist talk to unveil the opening of the new exhibit "Nora Krug: Belonging" on Saturday, March 18 at 4:30 p.m. Nora Krug is a German-American author and illustrator whose drawings and visual narratives have appeared in publications including The New York Times, The Guardian and Le Monde diplomatique. Her collaboration with historian Timothy Snyder, a graphic edition of "On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century" was named a Best Graphic Novel of 2021 by The New York Times. To RSVP go to [www.nrm.org](http://www.nrm.org)



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### Young Locals Board Game Nights

On the third Thursday of the month Kent Memorial Library in Kent, Conn., hosts Young Locals Board Game Night for attendees 21 to 30 years old. The next game night will be Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. For more go to [www.kentmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.kentmemoriallibrary.org)

OUR TOWNS

# Millbrook Rotary celebrates its 50th anniversary

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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**Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Millbrook Rotary Club on Jan. 28, from left: Vickie Doyle, Council member, Amenia Town Board and senior donations specialist at Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies; Catherine Forbes senior director of advancement at Cary Institute; Mona Staaf-Gunther; Cindie Kish; Nan Greenwood; and David Greenwood.**

MILLBROOK — Saturday, Jan. 28, was a festive occasion for the Millbrook Rotary Club, as it celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Links at Union Vale in LaGrangeville. The program started out with a cocktail hour followed by dinner, and a program directed by mistress of ceremonies Sarah O'Connell. David Brinkerhoff was called upon to reflect on the 50 years of service of the Millbrook Rotary Club, and he gave a short history of the club.

Originally the Dutchess Rotary Club, the Millbrook Rotary Club had to be started by another club and have well-attended meetings for one year before it could actually become a club. It was started by the Rotary Club of Hyde Park, and members met at the Cottonwood Inn. The bell, still rung at the meetings, is inscribed

with "Central Dutchess Rotary Club."

From that beginning, ideas flourished; there were Charter Night parties, summer night parties, a taco hut for selling

sandwiches at Community Day, craft sales and yard sales. Eventually, the idea of creating a business directory was started, and today it is one of the major Rotary projects of

the year. The club then helped three other clubs get started in Pleasant Valley, East Fishkill and LaGrange. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at the Millbrook Cafe.

Brian Bunch shared some reminiscences, and then Cindie Kish was called upon to announce the presentation of awards, one of which went to George Whalen III, president and CEO of the Bank of Millbrook; it was noted that the bank always buys the inside front cover of the Rotary Business Directory and that, since the early 1970s, there has always been a member of the bank in the Rotary membership.

Thanasi Theodoropoulos, owner of the Millbrook Diner, was the second award recipient. He and the diner helped facilitate the giving away of thousands of meals during the pandemic. The diner also participates in other works during the year, such as the Christmas meals given out

at Lyall Memorial Church on Christmas Day.

The third award was given to Michael Flanagan, owner of Reardon Briggs, which helps with the school supply giveaways each year at the beginning of the school year, precipitated by the Rotary Club.

The keynote speaker was CaraMia Bacchiochi, founder and executive director of Hope on a Mission (HOAM), a street outreach ministry that strives "to restore hope and dignity, with love & grace, to homeless,

addicted women (and men) in the streets of Poughkeepsie" and elsewhere. Bacchiochi was presented with a check for HOAM.

The finale was the gathering of all the past presidents around the anniversary cake, which was then cut and handed out to guests.

The 50th anniversary was said to be a great success, but the Rotary Club, as per its motto of "Service Above Self," is already planning what it will do as it enters into its 51st year.

## Takeout dinner at Stanford Grange

STANFORDVILLE — Stanford Grange No. 808 will serve a chicken and dumplings dinner on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 5 p.m. at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82. The menu will consist of chicken and dumplings with vegetables, carrot slaw, French bread, tomato soup, and spice cake for dessert.

There is a \$17 donation per dinner, and all dinners are take-out only. Participants are asked to drive to the back door of the Grange Hall, pay for their dinner, get their food through their car window.

For reservations or more information, call Stanford Grange secretary Ryan Orton at 845-868-7869.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

Please take Notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton designates the following offices as vacant position(s) at the end of the current official year to be filled at the Village Elections to be held on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 for the following terms.

Mayor: Two (2) Year Term

Trustee: Two (2) Year Term

Trustee: Two (2) Year Term

By the order of the Village Board  
Nicole Richard  
Village Clerk  
02-09-23

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AREA VARIANCES RELATED TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT

4723 NYS ROUTE 22

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 121-59(G) of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Amenia, New York, on February 21st 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Video conferencing will be used to allow a member of the ZBA to participate remotely. Accordingly, the hearing will be accessible to the public at the following locations:

- Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Town of Amenia, NY
- 201 N. John Rodes Blvd. Melbourne, FL

32934-8955 (One ZBA member will be participating via video conference from this location.)

The following matter is scheduled for a public hearing:

Applicant New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") seeks area variances in furtherance of proposed modifications to its existing electrical substation known as the Amenia Substation. The requested area variances include: (i) a two hundred eighty five (285) foot variance to allow a setback of 335 feet where the maximum front yard setback in the HR District is fifty (50) feet and the current setback is one hundred forty (140) feet; (ii) a twenty-four (24) foot variance to allow a setback of seventy-four (74) feet for a replacement

fence, where the maximum front yard setback in the HR District is fifty (50) feet and the current fence setback is seventy-four and feet (74.5) feet; (iii) a variance to allow 38% impervious surface coverage where the maximum impervious surface coverage in the HR District is 30% and the current impervious surface coverage is 32%; (iv) a two hundred forty eight (248) foot variance to allow a one thousand two hundred forty eight (1,248) square foot footprint where the maximum footprint for nonresidential structures in the HR District is one thousand (1,000) square feet; (v) a five (5) foot variance to allow a twenty-five (25) foot work light mounting height where the maximum allowable exterior lighting fixture height is twenty (20) feet and (vi) a twenty (20) foot variance to allow a sixty (60) foot lightning mast height where the maximum allowable height in the HR District is forty (40) feet.

The property is located at 4723 NYS Route 22, Tax Parcel # 132000-7067-20-935134-0000.

A copy of the application is on file in the Planning/Zoning Office, 2nd Floor for public viewing and inspection, Monday-Thursday, 9-3 P.M by appointment. Please call 845-373-8860 X 122. The Application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at [www.ameniany.gov](http://www.ameniany.gov).

At the public hearing noticed herein, the ZBA will hear all persons interested in the application and also submit written comments to the ZBA prior to or at such hearing to [jwestfall@ameniany.gov](mailto:jwestfall@ameniany.gov)

Dated: February 1, 2023.

Terry Metcalfe, Chairman  
Town of Amenia  
Zoning Board Appeals  
02-09-23

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Law known as "LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_ OF 2023 AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA ENTITLED "TAXATION": ARTICLE II, SECTION 109-3.2 "COLD WAR VETERAN'S EXEMPTION ESTABLISHED".

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has determined that the enactment of the aforementioned Local Law is a Type II Action pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Part 617 NYCRR (SEQRA) for which no further environmental review is required.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a copy of the proposed Local Law will be available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York and on the Town website at [www.ameniany.gov](http://www.ameniany.gov).

Dated: Amenia, New York

February 2, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER  
TOWN CLERK  
02-09-23

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board is Lead Agency for this action and has determined that the enactment of the aforementioned Local Law is a Type I action pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Part 617 NYCRR (commonly known as "SEQRA") and the Town Board reserves its obligation to make a Determination of Significance until after the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a copy of the proposed "Local Law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Year 2023 Amending Workforce Housing Law and other Relevant Zoning Code Sections to Preserve and Promote Affordable Housing within the Town of Amenia." will be available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York

and on the Town website at [www.ameniany.gov](http://www.ameniany.gov).

Dated: Amenia, New York

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interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard regarding the Draft Amendments to the Town Comprehensive Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has determined that the Proposed Action is a Type I action pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and Part 617 of the New York State Code of Rules and Regulations (commonly known as "SEQRA") which requires that a full Environmental Assessment be completed prior to Adoption.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a copy of the Draft Amendments to the Town Comprehensive Plan will be available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York and on the Town website at [www.ameniany.gov](http://www.ameniany.gov).

Dated: Amenia, New York

February 2, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER  
TOWN CLERK  
02-09-23

### LEGAL NOTICE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR TOWN HALL AMENIA, NY FILING FOR ALL REAL PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS

The Town of Amenia Assessor's office wishes to advise that the final day for filing for ALL Real Property Tax Exemptions, is March 1st of each year.

Forms or additional information are available by contacting the Assessor's Office, Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY. (845)-373-8860 ex. 104

Donna M. DiPippo  
Sole Assessor  
02-09-23

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EDITORIAL

Still here, thanks to all our donor support

Since 2019, this newspaper has found its viability not only from advertising and sales of newspapers (on paper and online), but also in the extremely generous donations that have come in from our readers and supporters. So many have given so much, even before The Lakeville Journal Foundation attained non-profit status, to keep local journalism alive throughout the pandemic and its current reality.

Please see the donor listing that is published in this edition of your newspaper. Those who support us come from all groups in the region, full- and part-time residents, newcomers and people whose families have been here for generations, and people from every economic situation. The range of gift amounts is very wide, and some donors give one-time gifts, some give monthly to make their support last all year round. Either way, and no matter the amount, it all adds up to salvation for this local nonprofit community weekly newspaper group.

Knowing how much our work means to our communities gives all of us the impetus to continue it and seek out others in our communities who wish to take part in it as well. That has been a time-consuming project, but one that is so worthwhile. If you have read any articles that particularly caught your attention over recent months, from new or longtime writers, please do let them know how their work affected you.

Also, make suggestions to reporters and editors for any stories you would like to see in The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News or Compass Arts. Our goal is always to inform our readers of what is happening in their communities, and surrounding towns, that will affect their lives, whether positively or negatively.

We are too well aware that without local journalism, there are many things happening in a region that can go unnoticed or only be observed through a lens of inaccuracy. We will try our absolute best to stay on top of all the local news and delve into it more deeply to help our readers understand their environment as well as possible.

Many, many thanks once again to all who supported these local publications during the current annual appeal campaign, which began Oct. 15 when the donor list timing begins, and through the previous ones. Without you and your engagement and support, The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News, and all the additional publications we produce (Compass, TriCorner Real Estate, special sections and our online presence) would not be here.

Our unique area is one that makes it clear its residents want coverage of local news in their towns. These publications will continue to maintain that well into the future, with more staffing and reporting, due to your support.

More than just the winter blues

The days get longer in January, but nowhere as quickly as many of us would like. This week we enter the meteorological "dead of winter," the coldest part of winter. Here in New York, that's usually from mid-January to mid-February.

You might start to feel sad this time of year, without being able to put a finger on why. The "winter blues" are common enough, but some people may have a type of depression that cycles with the seasons, peaking in the winter. It's called seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

Why winter? Winter brings colder weather, shorter days and longer periods of darkness which can bring symptoms of depression including loss of energy, changes in appetite and sleeping habits, irritability, and loss of interest in participating in social activities.

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GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

Treatment, pharmaceutical and otherwise

Like other forms of depression, SAD can be treated with antidepressant medications. Because medications can take time to work, it is best to start treatment prior to the onset of symptoms each year. Talk therapy may help, either with or without antidepressants. A non-pharmaceutical option for treatment of SAD is light therapy. Bright light therapy utilizes a piece of equipment called a "light box," which is a fluorescent lamp that emits a spectrum of light intended to simulate natural sunlight. It's important to make certain the light box has a filter that blocks harmful UV rays, so the light does not cause any damage.



Sharon Hospital board supports the PCU

We are members of Sharon Hospital's Board of Directors. We serve on our hospital's community Board because as residents of this region, we understand the importance of Sharon Hospital to the communities it serves. We are also patients, and some of us are current or former medical and clinical staff members. We write today in firm support of the proposed establishment of a Progressive Care Unit (PCU) at Sharon Hospital.

It is important to understand that this plan is not reflective of a major revision to the care currently offered at Sharon Hospital; instead, it is mainly a change in name and location to reflect the level of care that the hospital currently provides. For example, we all find comfort in knowing that the hospital has resources like ventilators and cardiac monitoring equipment. We will still have access to these resources in a PCU, with the key difference being that we will receive this care upstairs from where it is currently, in a single unit as opposed to two separate units.

Our community should continue to come to Sharon

Hospital for all care needs. Sharon Hospital's Emergency Department is open 24/7, and will continue to serve as the community's first stop for care. Sharon Hospital's skilled staff members will continue to accept, treat, and triage all patients just as they do today, determining whether a patient is best served by remaining at Sharon Hospital or by being transferred for more intense inpatient care.

For us as patients, the impact of the transition to a PCU will be limited, but for the trusted caregivers working at the hospital, the centralization will allow increased flexibility and more supportive resources. When planning for the future of Sharon Hospital, there were many discussions about the need to adopt a more contemporary and efficient model for inpatient care. Our Board and the hospital's leadership team agreed that engaging the staff who work in the hospital every day would be crucial to ensuring the plan was right for both patients and staff.

The proposed PCU is a result of this work, informed by input from a group of staff and hospitalists (the physicians who oversee inpatient care across the hospital). This team feels strongly that establishing a PCU is the best way for the hospital to continue providing high-quality care to our community, with added efficiency. We trust leadership and these caregivers, as they are the most familiar with the process already used to decide whether a patient is best served by remaining at Sharon Hospital or moving elsewhere. This successful process will continue to be used if the CON is approved. If patients are transferred, they will return home to receive follow-up care locally once they are discharged, just as they are today.

This centralization of resources will allow Sharon Hospital to embrace a more sustainable model to serve our community into the future. We urge our neighbors to join us in asking the Connecticut Office of Health Strategy to approve this application.

- Rick Cantele**, Board Chairman, Salisbury
- John Charde, MD**, Lakeville
- Margaret Coughlan, MD**, Millbrook
- Randall Dwenger, MD**, Lakeville
- Pari Forood**, Lakeville
- Hugh Hill**, Kent
- Joel Jones**, Falls Village
- Mehrdad Noorani**, Sharon
- Kathryn Palmer-House**, Dover Plains
- James Quella**, Sharon
- Ken Schechter**, Salisbury
- Mimi Tannen**, Millbrook

Did you know?

Women are four times as likely as men to be diagnosed with SAD.

Vitamin D levels tend to drop during the winter months.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PCU will work for all at Sharon Hospital

I am a clinical navigator at Sharon Hospital and a proud member of the Sharon community, writing to share my support of Sharon Hospital's proposed establishment of a Progressive Care Unit. I hope that this letter will help some of my friends and neighbors better understand the proposed plan and join me in believing this is the right direction for our local hospital. In my 30 years at the hospital, I have witnessed how healthcare delivery continues to evolve, and how the demands of hospitals, their facilities, and their staff continually change. The proposed plan to centralize critical care and medical-surgical services into a unified Progressive Care Unit will enable our leaders to meet these demands by assigning our staff and resources more efficiently, while providing continuity of care for our patients. The Progressive Care Unit will continue delivering critical care with our same talented team, in a

new location within the hospital, just up the stairs from where these services are offered today.

The transition to a Progressive Care Unit is designed to have minimal impact on the patient care currently provided while creating a more sustainable model that will serve Sharon Hospital well into the future. Care teams will continue providing the same level of care offered today. Centralizing critical care and medical-surgical services into a unified location is a more contemporary care model for our patients and our teams.

This transition is an integral component of our transformation plan to allow our hospital to remain a vibrant part of our community for years to come. I stand with many members of the Sharon Hospital staff who support this plan, and know it will serve our hospital, patients, and community.

**Jim Hutchison**  
Norfolk, Conn.

Superbowl party

I wish that I loved football, I swear to God I do; I wouldn't have to feign this Colgate smile if it weren't true! Oh, but I'd give anything: that pressure so intense, those bodies lunging down the field; I wish it all made sense.

Sweat glistening on their tattooed arms, sun glinting off their cleats, the fans are all hysterical and leaping from their seats. Those golden girls with silken thighs, cavorting on the side, have long since lost their voices but their pom poms shake with pride.

Girls here, at home, shake golden hair, and alpha guys galore, with frothy ale in frosty cans, hope – later – they will score. Out come the bowls and baskets, with the chicken wings and chips; arteries start hardening, at the thought of blue cheese dips.

Old referees, like zebras, are scrambling to keep pace, I watch one apoplectic coach turn purple in the face. Someone tries to tell me what they mean by a "conversion," (I guess it's not the time I should confess to my aversion.)

The crowds have all ceased breathing, all glancing at the score, as half the fans, up in the stands, prepare for that last roar. The team's exchanging fist bumps with the guy who always kicks; then, yes – the ball soars over – that cross bar on two sticks!!

**Betsy Sprague**  
Salisbury

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OPINION

# Democracy is at stake now: Looking back through history for real lessons

I am writing this on International Holocaust Day. Let's step back in time to this month in 1939. There were no Nazi concentration death camps that we knew of, there was scant reason to suppose WWII was about to break out... hadn't British Prime Minister Chamberlain declared that he had met and negotiated with Herr Hitler and provided a document to prove it. "Peace in our time," he declared as he alighted from his plane. But you must understand, that was most peoples' understanding: their hope, their passionate desire: never to go through the wholesale slaughter of WWI all over again. They heard what they wanted to hear.

So too, today, we have people all over the world wanting, desiring, praying, and demanding peace at any cost, including pacifism, turning a blind eye, and trusting to luck. Are these people wrong? No, they are human. Could they be right? Yes they may, but it is hardly likely. Putin's drive to revitalize Russia's future by recapturing lands they once ruled as the USSR, strikes fear in democratic leaders around the globe precisely because of the global threat implied should he win or lose. If he wins, other authoritarian rules will be encouraged and chaos will break out. If he loses, as ex-Russian President Dmitri Medvedev says, the threat of nuclear war is real since

## A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

the Russian Military could collapse creating a power – and anti-nuclear use protocol – vacuum. And, yes, authoritarian or military regimes like Hungary, China, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Morocco, Vietnam, Syria, Egypt, Libya, Turkmenistan, and Iran would seize opportunity, either internally or internationally.

Furthermore, there is a big historical difference from the 1939 perspective here that we, as Americans, need to be aware of: America today is, as Jon Meacham said yesterday, either replaying 1920s mode of isolationism which prevented us from helping stop WWII from starting or we're in 1850s divisive times that led to Civil War at home, weakening our global influence for almost 50 years.

The largest portion of the world's population cannot either read or can't get access to newspapers and reliable unbiased news. The only information they get comes from controlled media, commercial media (biasing news leaning away from warnings of dread), viral media that has no effective "guardrails," or from radical communities or religions or sects such as the far-right groups in America.

And let's not forget that 2,000,000,000 Muslims are still taught of the supposed evils of non-Islam believers.

On the radio the other night there was an interview with a Leipzig (German) woman who remembers the end of WWII very well. She made an argument I have heard before, reflecting the inner belief of many of my German friends. She saw the firebombs falling, thousands of them, day after day, turning Leipzig into a burning funeral pyre. All she could remember was the palpable hatred felt towards Germans to allow such slaughter. She now knows they perhaps deserved it for what they had done to other peoples, yes, but the hatred then was overwhelming and she wondered if it ever could stop, even after the Allies were out of bombs. Remember, most Germans and most Allies, knew nothing about the death camps in 1945 – concentration camps, slave labor, yes, those they knew (there were over 1,000 after all). This woman was simply equating the Axis advanced, ferocious, war machine that the Germans had used on France, Poland, England and America with the retribution unleashed by the Allies on town after town in Germany, killing hundreds of thousands of civilians. Ah, you say, no German was innocent, they all contributed to the Nazi war effort. Careful what

you say here, because so do each and every one of us bear some responsibility for every cruise missile, every bullet and what is, certainly, the most advanced war machine ever seen on earth now being called on to stop evil once again.

Now, I am not, really not, equating the USA to Nazi Germany. 1930s Germans thought as Hitler's media machine taught them to think. Today, the perspective of the far-right and authoritarian players across

the globe don't see nor want to understand democracy, the voice of people, preferring instead people willing to be led, guided, told what to think and do. The only way for us not to have to watch the skies for a Leipzig-type retribution in years to come is to carry out our rightful and necessary disarming of Putin's plans. We should not be thinking of stopping Putin, certainly not to unseat him, but simply allow the Ukrainians to protect their country.

We don't want nor need a puppet-type U.S.-style government in Kiev. What we need to do is walk the thin line of support and not get involved, so that Ukraine can prevail and, in so doing, reign in autocrats around the world from getting ideas which would threaten us all – including those inside our country clearly wanting to split the nation as they did in the 1860s. Democracy is at stake here, not merely a free Ukraine.



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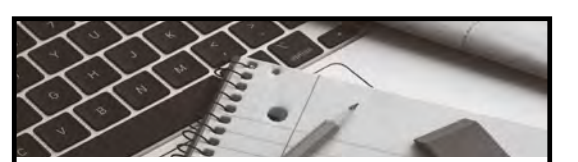
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