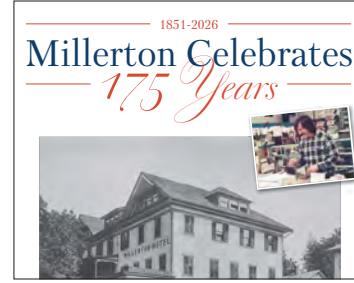




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Julie Schroeder, the owner of Silamar Farm just outside Milerton, said she agreed to let the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department install a Flock Safety camera on her property more than two years ago. "I wanted them to put it by the woods," she said, "to the

This was a handshake agreement: Schroeder has no formal contract signed with the sheriff or Flock, the Austin, Texas, -based company behind the cameras. One sheriff left her a business card, but it's since gone missing. "I get a lot of business cards," she said.

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A group of fire district commissioners including Millerton Fire Department Chief Keith Roger spoke at the North East Town Board meeting on Thursday, July 9, raising concerns over how often

Roger called attention to Pine

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By ELOISE PICKERING
Special to the Millerton News

Wednesday, July 15, Millbrook

The proceeds from the carnival go to the firehouse. The money helps fund the day-to-day opera-

"Every person who attends the carnival is helping to support our volunteers," said Millbrook Fire Department Captain and President Kelly Tomasulo.

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Fire crews battled the blaze for about an hour before it was extinguished. The fire damaged

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A volunteer firefighter attacks the fire from an Amenia Fire Co. ladder truck.



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OUR TOWNS

Dover to dedicate football field to longtime Town Justice

By LUCIA IANDOLO
Special to the Millerton News

DOVER PLAINS — The Dover Union Free School District Board of Education has approved naming the Dover High School football stadium in honor of longtime Town Justice Redmond “Renny” Abrams, recognizing decades of service to the community and support for the school’s athletic programs.

The board passed a resolution last month naming the campus football stadium in honor of Abrams.

Redmond Wren “Renny” Abrams served as the Town Justice in Dover Plains for 36 years and operated Renny’s Store & Deli for over 54 years with his family. He was a graduate of Dover High School and a member of the school board. Abrams passed away April 8, 2026, and since then, members of the community have reached out to the DUFSD concerning the best ways to honor him.

The commemorative sig-

nage will be funded by the Dover community.

Christian Jones, head coach of the Dover High School football team, has worked with John Hammond, assistant coach, to organize funds and bring this project to fruition.

Jones and Hammond reached out to Abrams’ family and, once getting its approval, presented the resolution to the DUFSD superintendent, David Fine. After gaining support from Town Supervisor Richard Yeno and a two-month hearing process with the school board, the resolution was approved at the board’s June 9 meeting.

Yeno was asked to speak at the board meeting on Jones and Hammond’s behalf about how Abrams contributed to the Dover community. He spoke about Abrams’ dedication to Dover athletics, both for the town’s recreational department and the school programs.

“He’s been there since he was a student himself, and people

see that. I’ve seen that. I grew up around Judge Abrams, I graduated with one of his sons, and he was just always there,” Yeno said. The Dover Athletics Department and Football program have long been supported by Abrams, who played football, basketball and baseball in his high school career.

Jones said they are hoping to unveil the dedication at Dover’s annual salute to service football game on Sept. 3 with the family in attendance, including Abrams’ grandson, who is a quarterback and linebacker on the team. He said this is not only for those involved in the football program, but it is for the community to remember Abrams’ influence.

“There is a huge, significant impact of what Judge Renny Abrams had on all of our lives growing up as kids in the Dover community and players,” Jones said. “The amount of support and funding that he’s given through his store, his life and his career is just a tremendous legacy.”



Le Bar, adjacent to Le Gamin in Sharon, has reopened for the season with a new menu, new bartender and plans to remain open year-round.

Le Gamin reopens Le Bar with year-round plans

By PHOEBE TOBIN
Special to the Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — Le Bar, the space next door that is part of Le Gamin, has reopened for the summer with a new menu, a new bartender and plans to become a year-round destination for drinks, good food and community events.

The bar first opened last summer as a seasonal extension of Le Gamin before closing for the winter. This year, owner Robert Arbor decided to bring it back with a more permanent approach, adding a new, and locally famous bartender, a different menu and a space that stands apart from the French café next door.

“We opened the bar last year just for the summer and closed it in the winter,” Arbor said. “This year we will run the restaurant from the bar all winter because it’s much

cozier, warmer.”

The idea of Le Bar, although connected to Le Gamin, was to offer something different, a different vibe, to the community of Sharon and beyond. While the restaurant offers the experience of a classic French café, with crepes and quiche, the bar creates a darker, more intimate feel, with seating at the bar and tables throughout the smaller space.

The menu also separates the two spaces. Le Bar offers a slightly more American-style menu, featuring items like burgers and chicken sandwiches.

These changes and re-vamping were made possible by bartender Ryan Andrade, who previously worked at the White Hart Inn in Salisbury, garnering a local reputation as a talented bartender and, in 2021, was the Connecticut Restaurant Association Bar-

tender of the Year Finalist. Arbor gave Andrade the freedom to shape the bar’s menu and overall feel.

“Those are all my own recipes, and I curated the food menu,” Andrade said. “The cocktails are my babies so it’s kind of hard to pick a favorite”

In the future, Ryan is looking to establish Le Bar as a gathering place. Recently, it has been hosting world cup watch parties and dance nights, including a U.S. match that packed the space from wall to wall.

Andrade hopes Le Bar brings a different energy to Sharon, describing the goal as bringing “kind of a Brooklyn side to Sharon” while cultivating a speakeasy atmosphere.

As Le Bar embarks on its first full year, Arbor and Andrade are looking forward to creating a regular destination for Sharon and Connecticut residents to gather.



The Planning and Zoning Commission has tabled a proposal to expand and renovate Sharon’s Medical Arts Building pending an independent engineering review.

Sharon Hospital moves closer to renovation of Medical Arts Building

By ALLISON GOLLENBERG
Special to the Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — A proposed expansion and renovation of Sharon’s Medical Arts Building was tabled by the Planning and Zoning Commission on July 8 after commissioners requested an independent engineering review of the application. Stormwater runoff was their primary concern.

The project at 29 Hospital Hill Road, across from Sharon Hospital, calls for adding office space, improving accessibility and expanding parking to accommodate the hospital’s growing needs.

The building currently contains 14,740 square feet of interior space with a 7,370-square-foot footprint. The addition would increase the building’s footprint by 2,363 square feet and add 4,727 square feet of interior office space, according to the site plans.

Sharon Hospital Project Manager Raymond Bennett said the project is necessary.

“We need this renovation to occur in order to expand our primary care practice,” Bennett said.

Project architect Scott Yates of H&R Design Inc. said the current building is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Regrading the parking lot and installing ramps and an elevator would bring the building into compliance, he said.

Under the proposal, aesthetic changes would also be made to the façade and interior of the building, and

concerns raised by the commission about the condition of the driveway would be addressed, Yates said.

Dainius Virbickas, an engineer from Artel Engineering Group LLC, a Connecticut-based civil engineering firm, said, “The intention is not to just patch it, but to make it all nice.”

The Medical Arts Building is home to several medical offices, including Northwest Hills Pediatrics and Northwell Health Primary Care. The proposed expansion would add offices and the parking spaces required to support the expansion.

The addition would be constructed in the existing parking lot, while the lot itself would expand into a forested area on the south side of the 3.8-acre property. The project would add 40 parking spaces, increasing the total from 58 to 98, along with six electric vehicle charging stations and improved accessible parking.

The plans also include the installation of a generator and stormwater and erosion management systems – which are at the heart of the commission’s hesitations.

Commission Secretary Stanley MacMillan Jr. said he was concerned about runoff patterns, especially with an increase in severe weather.

“We have a 7 or 8 house subdivision that sits below this. And we don’t need any additional water going there,” he said.

Commission member Larry Moskowitz agreed. “I think the 100-year storms are becoming 50-year storms,” he said.

Virbickas acknowledged that stormwater runoff currently flows over the property from its eastern edge to its western edge, and said the proposal includes systems to mitigate that concern.

The plans call for subsurface infiltration systems that would redirect runoff through grading, catch basins, pipes and pumps before allowing it to infiltrate the ground or flow downstream.

In the ground, runoff is filtered by the soil, removing pollutants like sediment, phosphorus, nitrogen, metals and bacteria, according to the engineering report. The systems are also designed to reduce erosion.

Tree removal, he said, would also increase the site’s impervious area by 6.51%, from a total of 29.03% to 35.54%. Impervious areas can’t reabsorb runoff into the ground and can lead to erosion without support from root systems. Virbickas said plantings will be added around the new lot once it’s complete.

MacMillan also raised questions about bear-proofing the new garbage cans.

“Several people have asked me about trash management. The resident bear also made an inquiry,” MacMillan quipped.

Bennett said they’re familiar with the problem.

“Yes, that bear takes the trash out every day,” he said.

Virbickas said the plans can be revised to address the commission’s concerns before discussion of the application resumes at its next meeting on July 22 at 4:30 p.m.



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Sisters Hill Farm up for sale, CSA operation faces uncertainty

By GRAHAM CORRIGAN AND SOPHIE GARDINER
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STANFORDVILLE — Sisters Hill Farm, a Stanfordville property owned by Sisters of Charity of New York, is up for sale.

“We have made the difficult decision to offer our entire property, including Sisters Hill Farm, for sale,” a Sisters of Charity representative said in an email.

The announcement did not include details about the asking price or a public listing.

Sisters Hill Farm is located just east of Route 82. The property, known as Hill Crest Farm in the early twentieth century, was willed to the sisters in 1917. They hired David Hambleton in 1999 to manage the farm. The farm’s community-supported agriculture (CSA) program has grown from 40 members to over 400 under Hambleton’s leadership.

Shares in the CSA entitle members to part of a weekly vegetable harvest — anywhere from 4 to 20 pounds per week — from late May to early November. Payment works on an income-dependent sliding scale, and 10% of the harvest goes to families in need.



Shareholders of the Sisters Hill Farm Community-Supported Agriculture operation gather after the recent July 4 garlic harvest at the Stanfordville farm.

For the Sisters of Charity, the farm’s sale is part of a plan to “bring the congregation to completion.” In 2023, a lack of new members forced the Sisters of Charity of New York to announce plans to wind down the congregation. The Sisters Hill news comes as harvest season is picking up steam. Earlier this month, CSA members took part in the annual July 4 garlic harvest.

“We fully intend to complete the current farming season,” the organization said over email. “The farm will continue to operate as planned throughout this season.”

“We are grateful for the many individuals, families, volunteers, and supporters who have contributed to the success of Sisters Hill Farm

over the years,” the statement continued, “and we remain optimistic that its mission of stewardship and service will endure.

“We extend our deepest gratitude to Farmer Dave for his many years of faithful and dedicated service.”

Hambleton declined to comment on the proposed sale, but he did add a note at the end of Sisters Hill’s press release that made the announcement.

“I’m sure you have many questions, and I do as well,” Hambleton wrote. “I’m still processing this.”

“Our mission is to grow healthy food,” he added, “but it’s also about bringing people together.

“It’s about getting people to

eat in-season, understanding climate change and the effects it has on our ability to feed ourselves. Members of this farm really get to know what seasonal produce is all about. They get to know their neighbors and community members and make new friends.”

When the Sisters of Charity of New York close their doors, it will mark the end of more than 200 years of service to the poor. The New York chapter began in 1817 as an orphanage, but its early focus on caring for orphans and educating children quickly expanded.

In the time since, the order expanded into advocacy for the homeless, civil rights, immigrants, and senior citizens; education at all levels; pastoral ministry; and peace.



Bill Kroeger of Wassaic contemplates a move against one of the 10 opponents he faced simultaneously during the second multi-chess event in Wassaic on Saturday, July 11.

Simultaneous Chess returns for a second year in Wassaic

By LEILA HAWKEN
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WASSAIC — Chess master Bill Kroeger defeated 10 opponents in a simultaneous chess match on the Middle Meadow along Main Street on Saturday, July 11, as the community event returned for its second summer.

Players of all ages and skill levels took seats at 10 chess boards, each competing against Kroeger. Once play began, the meadow grew quiet as participants concentrated on their moves. Kroeger ultimately won all 10 matches, though some proved more challenging than others.

“It’s about how to use the Middle Meadow space creatively,” said event organizer Sharon Kroeger, owner of Calsi’s General Store. She said the business has long served as a neighborhood anchor that adapts to the community’s needs.

The Middle Meadow was created after deteriorated

buildings in Wassaic’s business district were demolished, leaving an open green space. Kroeger said the community began looking for ways to use it for public gatherings.

“We began to think about how to use the tiny meadow space, perhaps for croquet or even chess,” Kroeger said. “Chess seemed especially appealing because it could bring together people of all ages.”

She said the idea came together in part because her son, Bill, is a chess master who was eager to help organize the event and play the exhibition matches.

“Everyone is gaining something. Bill’s goal is to make it instructive and enjoyable. Someone, one day, may beat him,” Kroeger said.

Kroeger said organizers hope to make the simultaneous chess match an annual tradition. While it may eventually expand, she said growth is not the primary goal.

“We plan to do it every year,” Kroeger said.

Planning Board schedules public hearing on Keane Stud impact study

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The public may now view and comment on a preliminary environmental impact study for a proposed luxury housing subdivision at Keane Stud on Depot Hill Road.

By unanimous vote at its meeting on Wednesday, July 8, the Planning Board set a public hearing date of Wednesday, Sept. 23, at the Town Hall to hear residents’ comments on the drafted Preliminary Environmental Impact Study.

Minor changes will need to be incorporated, stipulating that some statements are the opinions of the applicant,

adding some technical corrections and a watermark to a Conservation Analysis included in the Appendix to indicate that the information is outdated, having been prepared in 2023.

Proposed Keane Stud subdivision plans for the Depot Hill Road property call for 605 acres to be divided into 23 large agricultural lots.

Aspects of visual and environmental impact have been under study since September 2025, involving meetings between the developer and the town’s visual consultant George Janes. The environmental impact study review is seen as the first step toward completing

the environmental review requirements.

Representing the Keane Stud developers at last week’s meeting and throughout the process was attorney Diana Kolev, Partner of DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise Wiederkehr, LLP, of White Plains.

Kolev asked the board to move ahead and approve the scope impact analysis, while Janes indicated that confusion remains about what constitutes completeness, and that the main issue remains the visual analysis.

Janes showed a series of simulations of visual impacts from a variety of possible imagined structures.

Board attorney Victoria Polidoro reminded the board that it needed to determine if the scoping impact analysis is adequate, not whether members agreed with it or not.

Janes commented that the drafted text describes the amount of area being affected by the subdivision within the landscape and then it draws a conclusion.

“What’s it going to look like?” asked Planning Board chair Robert Boyles.

Once the required changes are incorporated into the drafted study, the public will be able to review the document in advance of the September public hearing.

Millbrook announces funding plan for final phase of sidewalk improvements

By ELOISE PICKERING
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The Village of Millbrook has awarded a construction contract and finalized financing for the final phase of its three-year Franklin Avenue sidewalk improvement project, with work expected to be completed before the start of winter.

At its Wednesday, July 8, meeting, the Village Board awarded a \$196,000 construction contract to Scape-Tech Landscape Technology Inc. Rennia Engineering Design is providing engineering and project oversight. The total estimated cost of the project is \$227,360.

The final phase will improve the north side of Franklin Avenue between Friendly Lane and Front Street. According to Mayor Peter Doro, the project is focused on safety while bringing the sidewalks into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“The focus of the project, and of the grant itself, is ADA accessibility, improving accessibility for the village,



PHOTO BY ELOISE PICKERING

A traffic cone alerts pedestrians to an uneven sidewalk section in Millbrook.

handicapped, senior and other populations that need help,” Doro said.

The village received a \$125,000 reimbursement grant from Dutchess County to help offset the cost of the work. Trustees also approved up to \$250,000 in five-year financing for the project. After grant reimbursement, the village’s share is expected to be about \$102,000, with any remaining costs covered through local funding.

The sidewalk-improvement project is expected to be complete by the start of winter. An exact start date has yet to be determined.

Scape-Tech Landscape has

previously worked in Millerton, and Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek praised the work.

“They’re fast, efficient and easy to work with,” Najdek said.

Not every concrete slab of the north sidewalk needs restoration, but cracks and irregular steps will be smoothed

out and bricks will be replaced with concrete. Additionally, the project includes the removal of one tree along the avenue and updated crosswalks, including repainting.

Doro said businesses along the north side of the avenue will remain open and accessible throughout construction.



Residents of all ages and skill levels tried their hand at chess during the second annual Chess Simultaneous Match on Saturday, July 11, on Wassaic’s Middle Meadow. An instructive community event, all players competed against a single opponent, Bill Kroeger who won every match but made the experience enjoyable for all.



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Elihu Carlson

NORTH CANAAN — Elihu Carlson, 95, of North Canaan, passed away peacefully on July 8, 2026. Born in Winsted, he was predeceased by his beloved wife and the absolute love of his life for 60 years, Doreen Carlson.

A proud Korean War veteran, Elihu was one of the oldest, if not the oldest, members of the Canaan VFW post. He was a man of immense work ethic, working alongside his brother David on the family dairy farm, owning and operating D&E Carlson Excavating & Trucking for over 40 years, and proudly wrenching on countless cars at “Carlson’s Garage.”

Elihu’s greatest legacy is his family. He is survived by his children; Bryon (Cindy) Carlson of North Canaan, Larry Carlson of North Canaan, Mark (Stephanie) Carlson of Southfield, Massachusetts, and Sharon (Don) Oldenburg of Noblesville, Indiana. He also leaves behind his cherished grandchildren; Shane, Lance, Catherine, Bryon Jr., Michael, Tanya, Justin, Kyle, Jordan, and Zachary, as well as several great-grandchildren.

Together, Elihu and Doreen were pillars of the community. They spent many years volunteering at the Fish-

es and Loaves Food Pantry and dancing with the Mountain Laurel Square Dance Club. When he wasn’t with family, Elihu was in his workshop crafting Christmas ornaments, bird-houses, and game pieces. He passed his love of games down through generations, famously teaching anyone willing to learn how to play Setback, Chicken Foot, and Pay Me.

He will be fondly remembered for cruising Canaan Valley in his beloved blue van, always carrying dog treats in his pocket, and offering his signature “pointer-finger wave” to everyone he passed. The family extends their sincerest gratitude to the staff at Fairview Commons for their exceptional care of “Pop.”

Family and friends are invited to gather for a Graveside Service on Sunday, July 19 at 1:00 p.m. at Carlson Cemetery, Moses Meade Rd, North Canaan, CT. Afterwards, all are welcome to join us at 20 Carlson Road, North Canaan.

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Elihu’s legacy of giving by donating to: Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry, PO Box 30, North Canaan, CT 06018 and VFW Post 06851.

John Francis Homan

CORNWALL—John Francis Homan IV has passed away. He was a professional, dapper gentleman personified with indescribable kindness. He told me a story once of being in a terrible place and finding the one positive thing to focus on, the one piece of beauty to hold onto. That is what we have to do in this moment of such a tragic loss.

In 1970, the coldest day recorded on Earth, John was born in Dearborn, Michigan, uphill in the snow, bare-foot... ‘course he slips and slides all over the ice, and a couple of perfectly cadenced and coordinated notes later discovers his city, New York City. Luckily, he thaws out in time to find the love of his life, Gregg Hubbard. Together they made a pact to visit every state; they were committed to it, and were one state shy of completing that pact.

John’s dad, aptly called “Big John”, and his brother, Joe Homan, were his anchors – They, along with mom, Marilynn, managed to stoke a gracious nature within John that was beyond measure.

John’s heart also pointed North to Connecticut. I have a history degree now from listening to him tell me of Mohawk Mountain’s importance, George Washington on Bull’s Bridge, and the founding six along with all they accomplished.... down to their heirs sitting on the Supreme Court or herding cattle today. He took enormous pride in this region – he exemplified it and cherished it. For him, finding a house here, with Gregg, was everything, along with the foundation they fostered, community they grew within, and obviously... a pool

to forever fix.

I am glossing over quite a few important facts, but I can tell you outlines of John’s whole picture: like his incredible adoration for his family and friends, all the relationships he built up, and the immense joy he encompassed – from belting out Broadway tunes like a pro, to the job he revered, to the way his nieces lit him up with rainbows and sunshine every day.

He often spoke through Rumi, Jung, Aurelius – even Jalen Brunson was in the mix – always a similar theme: confidence within yourself, spiritual resilience, and empathetic compassion when facing the worst life can throw at you. That’s John; he supported and nurtured those around him without judgment or fear, and did so with unwavering respect – unless you were a slow driver, that’s a whole other story.

He loved work, and a tailored suit, as much as the rodeo and a thirst trap tank. He was complicated, deep, and one of the most adventurous, out-of-this-world people I’ve ever encountered.

The world won’t be the same without him, and it wasn’t nearly enough time.

The one piece of beauty I can hold onto is that he is, and always shall be, my friend.

The Memorial Service will be held at UCC of Cornwall, 8 Bolton Hill Road on Aug. 8 at 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers we ask that people donate to the Church UCC of Cornwall; they do fabulous outreach in the community, and my friend John was quite involved in that.



OUR TOWNS

Millerton apartments expected to move forward despite parking noncompliance

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — A proposed apartment renovation on South Center Street must now undergo a zoning board approval process over a lack of available parking space on the property.

Owner Alex Magalhaes appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, July 7, after board chair Kelly Killmer said she requested the application come before the board, citing a Millerton News report on the proposal’s introduction to the Planning Board in June. Magalhaes plans to renovate an empty basement apartment to rehabilitate a currently-defunct fifth housing unit at 26-32 S. Center St., which sits across the street from the Dutchess County-owned parking lot used for access to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

“After I heard about the planning board meeting and read the article in the paper, I came here and requested that they come in front of us,” Killmer said. “Because the planning board doesn’t have the control of parking, the zoning board does.”

Board members voted to set a public hearing for the proposal on Tuesday, July 21.

Killmer opened the meeting by providing board members with a brief summary of the project and the approval process leading up to the Tuesday meeting. She explained the ZBA had to review the application because the property does not include enough space for parking at its current density, and could not support a fifth unit.

Under the Village of Millerton’s zoning laws, residential properties must provide at least 1.5 off-street parking spaces per housing unit. A five-unit property requires space for at least 7.5 cars, Killmer said. The property currently only has space for

between three and four cars.

That means Magalhaes must seek a variance from the board, or at the least a determination that the property’s existing non-conforming status should be allowed to continue and expand despite its noncompliance with the village’s parking laws.

Board chair Killmer indicated the board is expected to deny the variance, citing village codes that stipulate variances cannot be granted if no off-street parking can be provided for an applicant. Instead, Killmer said the board’s refusal will likely acknowledge that Maghalaes’s proposal to rehabilitate the defunct fifth unit does not technically expand the existing nonconforming use, and therefore may move forward without a variance from the board because of its historic status.

In support of this idea, Magalhaes recounted the history of the property and his plans to renovate the empty apartment. He said a basement studio apartment was originally utilized and occupied but had been empty since he bought the apartment building in 2022. The apartment still has its original fixtures and cabinetry, he said. “We’re not turning an old basement into an apartment,” Magalhaes said. “It has a bathroom, it has a kitchen. The old cabinets are still in place, but it’s from the ‘50s and ‘60s.”

Killmer explained that the board has the authority to issue an opinion that acknowledges a site’s pre-existing conditions, allowing historic nonconforming properties that existed before the adoption of Millerton’s zoning code in the ‘70s to continue without issue. She and other board members acknowledged that Magalhaes’s property has historically hosted five housing units, and that the village has an express interest in promoting more housing development.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Touring Amenia’s gardens

The Amenia Garden Club’s 2026 Real Gardens of Amenia Tour attracted a steady stream of gardening enthusiasts to five local gardens on Saturday, July 11. Owner Maxine Paetro welcomed visitors to Broccoli Hall. Close examination of the photo shows local gardener Liz Faulkner about to pass through the same garden entrance.

Board members said they didn’t believe the lack of parking onsite for the additional unit would place a significant burden on the village, citing the availability of street parking adjacent to the property and an understanding that many tenants in downtown Millerton do not own cars at all, including at least one of Magalhaes’s current tenants.

Amid the discussion over Magalhaes’s apartment building, board members recalled the effort at the end of 2025 and early 2026 to amend Millerton’s parking rules for properties in the general business district. In January 2026, the Village Board of Trustees adopted a local law that exempted properties along Main Street from having to find more parking if undergoing a change of use.

Magalhaes’s property is in

the R10,000 residential district, which was not covered under the January 2026 local law. ZBA members indicated they would like to pursue similar legislation for the high-density residential district, to further ease approval processes that are often marred by debates over available off-street parking that sometimes stall proposals indefinitely.

Parking rules in the village have been hotly contested in recent years, with a growing number of people advocating for relaxing the rules to encourage more housing and business development in the village’s downtown. Killmer said on Tuesday that nearly 90% of the properties within the village are in violation of zoning regulations in some capacity, with most properties failing to provide adequate off-street parking.

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LET’S HEAR IT...

THIS WEEK

Millerton’s 175th anniversary celebration is officially underway—and this weekend was just the beginning. Throughout the week, the village is hosting parades, concerts, fairs, tournaments, and even a drone show to mark the milestone.

Which Millerton 175th festivities have you most enjoyed?

Send your responses to social@lakevillejournal.com by Monday, July 20 at 10 a.m. or comment on Facebook or Instagram. We’ll publish a selection in next week’s paper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Signs, courtesy needed on Rail Trail

Those of us fortunate enough to live in the area benefit greatly from the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. Over the past thirty years, it has become a wonderful community asset.

While the trail is widely enjoyed by cyclists, joggers, dog walkers, and pedestrians, the mixture of users can occasionally create safety concerns. Specifically, there is an ongoing issue with cyclists traveling at high speeds who disregard others.

Common courtesy dictates that riders approaching from behind should slow down and announce themselves, but unfortunately, many do not. This is a frequent complaint among trail users and can have serious consequences; last year, a trail user startled by passing cyclists, fell, and

fractured her neck. Recently, I was closely passed by an individual on an e-bike traveling at an estimated 20 MPH. While e-bikes themselves are not the issue, reckless riding poses a significant danger to everyone on the trail.

While it isn’t possible to monitor the entire trail, posting a set of rules at major entrances that reinforce acceptable trail use could help. Smaller signs posted along the trail requesting riders slow down while passing could also serve as a helpful reminder.

I can only hope this letter reaches the right people. Preventing just one unnecessary accident would be well worth the minimal cost for signage.

John Walters
Millerton

Bones in Millbrook, theater cooling

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

July 18, 1935
Solve Mystery Of Bones Found At Millbrook

Owner Of Farm Says Skeleton Had Been Unearthed Before

Special to THE NEWS

MILLBROOK - The mystery of the box of human bones unearthed by a steam shovel on the Doyle farm near here recently was solved last week by Miles Kennedy of New York, owner of the property. The farm was formerly owned by Kate Doyle who died March 26, 1934, at the age of eighty years.

According to the story told by Kennedy, members of the Town of Washington highway department were permitted to dig gravel on the property several years ago by Miss Doyle, then owner of the farm. At that time the bones of a man, long dead, were unearthed. Investigation revealed that many years before a man who was a member of a destitute family living in a tenant house on the farm had been buried on the premises to save funeral and burial expenses.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
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Mr. Kennedy said that Miss Doyle was told the bones would be interred in a cemetery. He believes, however, that because of Miss Doyle’s advanced age the workmen took advantage of her and again buried the bones on the premises.

The latest discovery was made by workmen who were digging rock for the Shunpike reconstruction project. They uncovered a box containing the skull, leg and arm bones and part of the pelvic bones which were believed by the authorities to be those of a man dead many years. The box bore the trade mark of the Arm and Hammer Soda Company.

New Cooling System In Millerton Theatre

The Millerton Theatre has installed a North air cooling system which keeps the theatre at a comfortable temperature even though the heat may be extremely oppressive outside. The modern, new equipment circulates the air capacity of the theatre every three minutes.



Lessons learned from Brexit

THE RETIRED INVESTOR
Bill Schmick

had a clear plan on what to do once the votes were counted. This led to years of political infighting and indecision. A weaker currency should have led to a surge in exports, but the uncertainty around Britain’s future clouded business judgment and investment. Investment is estimated to be almost 18% lower and productivity 4% lower than it would have been if a plan had been forthcoming.

The currency has never recovered.

The Office for Budget Responsibility, the independent watchdog of the UK Treasury, predicts that the UK is on track to suffer a 4% hit to national income over a 15-year period. A U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research report claims that the country’s GDP per head is between 6% and 8% lower than it would have been without Brexit.

As for unemployment, that fell dramatically in the initial Brexit days to the lowest rates since the 1970s. However, Covid took its toll on the labor market. The employment rate has never really recovered and remains between 3% and 4% below what it would be under a “remain” decision.

Can I extrapolate from the UK’s experiences to the present immigration, trade, and tariff policies of the Trump administration? Not really, at least in the short-term. Equity markets in both countries recovered quickly after the referendum and Trump’s Liberation Day. Both countries’ economists initially predicted a steep decline in economic activity, and both were wrong. However, over the long term (a decade in the UK), large trade policy shocks seem to lead to lower investment, productivity, and employment growth as supply chains and trade patterns unravel.

Not surprisingly, public support for Brexit has fallen since the 52% versus 48% leave vote. Today a majority of voters (56%) would back rejoining the EU, according to YouGov, and 70% of Britons support a closer relationship with the EU. Support is strongest among Labour and Green Party voters and weakest among Nigel Farage’s right-wing, Reform UK party. Reform UK members

oppose rejoining the bloc by 83%. That party has gained support as immigration and affordability have become major issues for voters.

The next candidate for PM, at least among the Labour Party, is Andy Burnham, a Manchester mayor with authentic populist appeal. In a special election, Burnham beat the Reform Party, which pundits believe will clear the way for him to head his party and win the PM title in Britain. The question is how long he can last, given the issues and the populism in his country and around the world.

Readers may recall several of my past columns in which I have explained the populist wave of discontent in the U.S. and worldwide. I wrote that, here at home, over a twenty-plus-year period, no single president survived to serve a second term, except Richard Nixon (who was impeached without completing his second term).

Populist voters have a very short fuse. Promises are made, but unless real progress is made within four years, the electorate has no patience for incumbents who can’t or won’t deliver. Overseas, beyond the UK, France, Germany, and Hungary, several other countries are facing populist challenges to incumbent parties.

We are seeing this here in the U.S. as we head into the midterms. Promises made but not kept have sent President Trump’s approval ratings into the 30s. Within the Democrat Party primaries, a war is already brewing between a growing populist wing of the party and the more conservative incumbents. Established Democrats, their critics say, offer failed forty-year-old policy solutions that have been rejected out of hand by younger generations of disenfranchised voters.

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July 15-19, 2026 • North Canaan, Conn.

WEDNESDAY,
JULY 15

CANAAN CARNIVAL
6 to 10 p.m.
Bunny McGuire Park

OLD TIME BINGO
6 to 10 p.m.
Bunny McGuire Park Pavilion

FIRE TRUCK RIDES
6 to 10 p.m.

THURSDAY,
JULY 16

CANAAN CARNIVAL
6 to 10 p.m.
Bunny McGuire Park

OLD TIME BINGO
6 to 10 p.m.
Bunny McGuire Park Pavilion

FIRE TRUCK RIDES
6 to 10 p.m.

FRIDAY,
JULY 17

CANAAN CARNIVAL
6 to 10 p.m.
Bunny McGuire Park

OLD TIME BINGO
6 to 10 p.m.
Bunny McGuire Park Pavilion

FIRE TRUCK RIDES
6 to 10 p.m.

SATURDAY,
JULY 18

4TH ANNUAL FLY-IN
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NEW ENGLAND ACCORDION MUSEUM
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Canaan Union Station

CANAAN UNION DEPOT MUSEUM
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Canaan Union Station

CANAAN CARNIVAL
3 to 10 p.m.
Bunny McGuire Park

BARBECUED CHICKEN DINNER
5 p.m. until sold out
St. Martin of Tours
4 Main St.

CANAAN FIREMAN'S PARADE
6 p.m.

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Following parade
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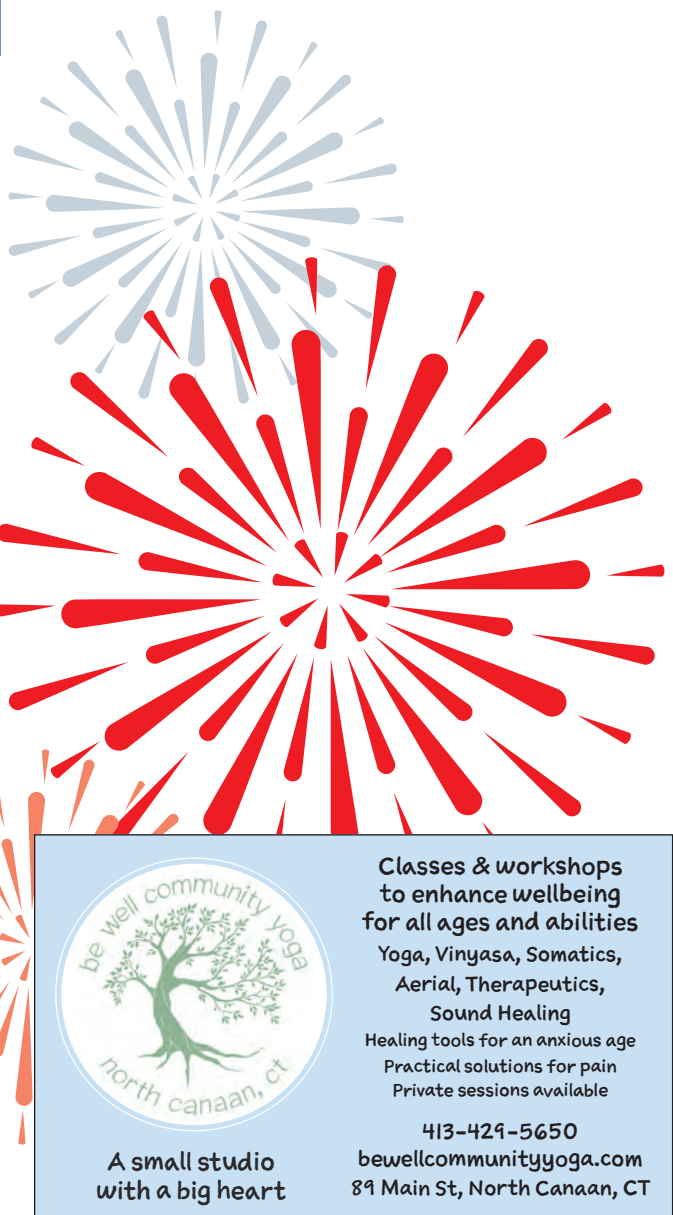
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Around 9 p.m.

SUNDAY,
JULY 19

AMBULANCE BUFFET BREAKFAST
8 to 11 a.m.

NEW ENGLAND ACCORDION MUSEUM
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Carnival 6-10pm
Old Time Bingo 6-10pm
Fire Truck Rides 6-10pm

SATURDAY, JULY 18
4th Annual Fly-In 8am-3pm
New England Accordion Museum 9am-8pm
Canaan Union Depot Museum 10am-6pm
Carnival 3-10pm
St. Martin of Tours Chicken BBQ 5pm til sold out
Parade 6pm
Bed Race to follow parade
Fireworks at Dusk

SUNDAY, JULY 19
Ambulance Buffet Breakfast 8-11am
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a protruding section of the roof in the rear of the building above the two-story back patio.

Once the fire was extinguished, firefighters could be seen crossing Broadway to visit Fudgy’s for ice cream to help beat the heat of the fire and the summer sun.



Above: The third-story apartment fire triggered a mutual aid response that brought five fire companies out to Amenia, including Wassaic, Millerton, Millbrook, Dover and Sharon, Connecticut. Left: New York State Electric & Gas crews arrive on scene to evaluate power lines running to the building.



Firefighters extinguish the remaining flames that engulfed a third-story rooftop porch above a four-unit apartment building at 5 Broadway St. in Amenia on Monday, July 13.

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Schroeder’s Flock camera is an Automatic License Plate Reader, sometimes called AL-PRs, and it’s one of a growing number in Northern Dutchess County.

By reading the license plates of passing cars, the camera is able to inform law enforcement of a suspect’s retroactive whereabouts. Nationally, there are over 100,000 ALPR cameras — most of them operated by Flock.

In northeast Dutchess, there are at least four Flock cameras so far. One is on Route 343, east of Amenia at the former Willows Motel.

That property was purchased in 2025 by an affiliate of Discovery Land Company, the parent company of members-only community Silo Ridge Field Club. A Discovery Land Company spokesperson said in April the plan is to rehabilitate the Willows and use it for seasonal employee housing, but could not be reached for further comment on the camera’s installation.

Another ALPR is on Route 82 in Pine Plains, on a private property adjacent to Hammertown Kennels.

A camera in Milan is on land owned by Mirror Lake Retreat on Route 199. Like Julie Schroeder, camp director Ron Pankey agreed to host a Flock camera, but said he was not informed where the camera would be installed, according to news reports.

In Millbrook, Flock cameras were deployed “as covert resources in response to a judicial threat made against a sitting judge residing in Millbrook,” according to Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi.

Parisi said in February the devices were “temporary in nature,” and have since been removed.

Schroeder has had an experience similar to Ron Pankey’s in Milan. “In the event of an emergency, we’ll be happy we have it,” she said. “But I wanted it up in the woods, north of us...they just put it



A Flock Safety-manufactured license plate-reading camera near Millerton.

up so quickly.”

Still, Schroeder doesn’t regret the partnership. “Big Brother is watching you,” she said with a laugh. “I value my privacy, but with cell phones and credit cards, they know exactly where you are.”

Flock cameras can also be found on properties in Amenia, Pine Plains, and Milan. The owners have volunteered to host the cameras on their property, providing Flock a way into communities that bypasses the local town boards.

In February, the Pine Plains town board came under fire for an undisclosed contract with Flock. The town was forced to cancel the contract and pending camera installations. An oversight resolution was adopted to require board approval for any additional cameras operated on behalf of the town.

Nationally, there are over 100,000 ALPR cameras — most of them manufactured by Flock.

Law enforcement in Dutchess County has championed the technology. “It’s been a huge success,” said Deputy Chief Sheriff Steve Reverri. Recent operations aided by Flock include cas-

es concerning illegal guns, school bus safety, and garbage dumping.

The arrests are catalogued on the county’s “Transparency Portal,” a Flock Safety website the sheriff’s office uses to disclose camera locations, share policies, and highlight Flock’s contributions to arrests.

All of the seventeen locations listed in Dutchess County fall within three towns: Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, and Wappinger. The Flock cameras in Milan, Pine Plains, Amenia and North East are not listed on the transparency portal. The county doesn’t disclose the location of cameras on private property.

Reverri is thankful for the residents volunteering to host Flock cameras. “It’s a community project,” he said, and pointed towards the county’s ARTCIC site for a list of camera locations employed directly by law enforcement.

There are 64 total license plate reader cameras in the county, but the locations of cameras hosted by private residents are not listed.

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Plains and Milan’s lack of a contract with Empress, contrasting those communities with the towns of Amenia and Dover. North East, Amenia and Dover each have private ambulance contracts.

“If Amenia is short on a call, Millerton will go down or Dover will go up,” Roger said. “I’m ok with that because these towns also have a contract and they’re paying dearly as well as we are.”

Roger framed the issue in terms of ambulance availability. Mutual aid calls in Pine Plains and Milan can take an ambulance out of service for between 45 minutes to 3 hours if the call requires transport to Vassar Hospital in Poughkeepsie, Roger said, creating the potential for shortages in North East despite the \$750,000 annual cost to the town.

“There are times that our town is uncovered — without an ambulance,” Roger said. “The response time would be 45 minutes to an hour if we have an emergency.”

Roger and Fire District President Bill McGhee clarified that lower-priority calls are their primary concerns. EMS dispatches are sorted into one of four priority levels, ranging from heart attacks and other potentially fatal incidents at priority one to non-life-threatening issues like assistance being lifted back into bed at priority four.

Town Supervisor Chris Kennan supported the fire company officials. He said he would send a letter to county EMS commissioner Bill Beale and the 911 dispatch center to restrict North East ambulances from leaving town for lower-priority calls.

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Children enjoy a spin in a carnival ride at the 2025 Fire Department Carnival in Millbrook.

The event will be located at 3323 Franklin Avenue from 6:00 p.m. to midnight each day. There will also be new food, including gluten-free options, and wine added to the bar booth.

“The continued generosity of our community is what makes it possible for the Millbrook Fire Department to provide the high level of emergency service our residents and neighboring communities have come to rely on,” Tomasulo said.

Past Chief Chris Hawks is the parade marshall this year, joined by the fire station dog,

Tyson. Millbrook Mayor Peter Doro will also be walking in the parade with his three children.

“It’s a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our community together as a family, and I’m looking forward to sharing that experience with them while honoring the dedicated volunteers who do so much for Millbrook,” Doro said.

The Millbrook Fire Department answers around 1,000 emergency calls each year.

“They serve our community every day with professionalism, courage, and dedication,” Doro said.



Chris Klingner, left, and Dawn Klingner of the Amenia Rescue Squad serve fried dough at the Fire Department Carnival.

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Millerton celebrates 175

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sidewalks and beneath the shade trees in Veterans Park to watch.

More than two dozen craft vendors set up shop in Eddie Collins Memorial Park on Saturday, selling a myriad of handmade goods ranging from decorative to practical including pottery, jewelry and soaps.

Also taking up residence in the park was a community flea market. Millerton and North East community members peddled gently used items at the park, and two residents in the village signed up to have yard sales put on a map of the town for interested shoppers to go visit.

The day included a dedication ceremony at the Town of North East's Highway Garage, where town officials dedicated the building to the late Bob Stevens. Stevens served as the town's Highway Superintendent for more than 20 years at the time of his death in March.

Millerton resident Tim Watson was sitting in his wheelchair underneath the shade at Veterans Park around 2:45 p.m., waiting for the parade to start. He said the week-long celebration coming to fruition and the crowd downtown that came out to celebrate demonstrated a strong sense of community.

"This is a perfect example of community support," Watson said.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

Craft vendors filled Eddie Collins Memorial Park on Saturday morning, July 11.



Community youngsters ride their bikes in the Saturday afternoon parade that kicked off the event.



Local tractor enthusiast Roger Ellwood in his vintage Ford 871 tractor.



Millerton residents battle on the basketball courts during a tournament in the park Sunday morning, July 12.

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OUR TOWNS



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Local, county and state officials ready themselves for a ceremonial groundbreaking commemorating the start of construction on the planned pool and poolhouse at Eddie Collins Memorial Park in Millerton on Saturday, July 11.

Millerton’s long-awaited pool marches closer to construction

By NATHAN MILLER
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MILLERTON — Community leaders and residents gathered Saturday, July 11, for a ceremonial groundbreaking celebrating the long-awaited pool and poolhouse planned for Eddie Collins Memorial Park, marking a major milestone in a project years in the making.

The ceremony, which followed the kickoff parade for Millerton’s week-long 175th anniversary celebration, drew local, county and state officials and residents to commemorate a project more than five years in the making to replace the park’s long-defunct pool.

Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek served as host for the ceremony. She led remarks by recounting the years-long saga that led up to Saturday’s groundbreaking.

Following Najdek were addresses from North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan, Dutchess County Legislator Chris Drago, New York State Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey and Robert Rodriguez, president of Dormitory Authority of the State of New York — a state agency which assists municipalities across New York with project funding and construction.

The groundbreaking on Saturday was preceded by a private party at the park on Thursday, July 9, for donors and volunteers who have assisted in bringing a multi-stage renovation of the park’s facilities to fruition.

That gathering heard an address from lifelong Millerton resident Stephen Waite, whose advocacy has spearheaded the work to revitalize Eddie Collins Memorial Park for nearly 10 years.

He recounted his history with the park, starting as a kid when the original pool provided an opportunity to learn to swim and socialize with friends.

“I’ve known this park in so many different ways,” Waite said. “As a child, and now as an adult watching my nieces



Stephen Waite, left, and Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek pick up the first shovelful of dirt dug up as part of plans to build a new pool at Millerton’s community park.

and nephews enjoy it.”

Waite also urged guests at Thursday’s reception to support the pool and the park’s ongoing revitalization by contributing to an endowment fund. He said the fund would provide long-term financial support for Eddie Collins Memorial Park, helping cover maintenance of the new pool and the sports facilities installed during the project’s first phase.

The park’s revitalization committee has raised \$1.7 million toward the endowment fund. Waite said organizers have set an overall fundraising goal of \$3 million. The fund will be managed by Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, a nonprofit that helps organizations and municipalities establish endowments to provide long-term financial support.

Construction is scheduled to begin in August, with the pool expected to open in August 2027.

The pool and poolhouse will feature a 75-foot short course olympic pool, with a ramped shallow section allowing people of all ages and abilities to take advantage of the water. Included in the plans is a poolhouse, set to feature a kitchen that will be available for events, a community gathering space indoors, and a patio surrounding the inground pool.

Efforts to revitalize the park kicked off nearly 10 years ago when Waite and a band of local volunteers started conceptualizing new sports facilities, a larger playground and a replacement for the defunct pool. Construction on phase one of the park project — which included improving the soccer field, revamping the baseball field, new basketball courts and the expanded playground — wrapped up in 2022. Phase two comprises the new pool and poolhouse. There are currently no future phases planned.



Ann Sartori, left, and Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek make a splash despite a lack of water.



Red, white and blue paint mark the area of the planned pool and poolhouse at Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

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OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY LUCIA IANDOLO

Dover-based developers Chippawalla Properties Inc. are proposing a new inn and event space on Lake Ellis Road.

New inn proposal advances to July 24 hearing

By LUCIA IANDOLO
Special to the Millerton News

DOVER PLAINS — A proposal to convert a lake-side residence into the Lake Ellis Country Inn will move to another public hearing on Thursday, July 24, at Dover Town Hall as the Planning Board continues reviewing the project.

The Lake Ellis Country Inn is proposed for a property on Lake Ellis that is currently used as a private residence. Rennia Engineering Design, PLLC, has proposed converting the property into a lodging facility with 18 guest rooms spread between the main lake house and the lake house annex.

The Lake Ellis Country Inn will be the first new Inn to open in Dover Plains since the restoration and re-opening of the Old Drovers Inn in 2014. The Old Drovers Inn has a rich history dating back to 1750 and serves as a historic landmark as well as a bed and breakfast. The Preston Barn

was added to the property in 2017 and serves as a space to host large events in the community.

Similar to the Old Drovers Inn, The Lake Ellis Country Inn has deep historical roots linked to the town of Dover. According to the Dutchess County Historic Resource Survey, the site has existed since the 1850’s and was used as a summer camp before being sold and turned into private residential property by the late 1980s, according to Planning Board application documents.

The land is owned by Chippawalla Properties Inc., an entity that is planning the project in collaboration with Rennia Engineering Design PLLC. The Inn is intended to be used for events such as weddings, vacations, retreats and conferences, and will provide access to outdoor activities like hiking and fishing.

Peter Sander, senior planner for Rennia Engineering Design, shared updates from the fire department and the

highway superintendent at the July 6 meeting. The fire department approved the current structure layout, and the highway superintendent confirmed that there were no issues with the existing driveway or approach leading to the site.

Sander voiced that he received a letter from the JHK Hose Co., and they will be meeting to address whether the roadways and pathways to the site are adequate. There are still discussions about the number of events that can be held per year, and how many guests are permitted on the property for events.

During the meeting, Rennia Engineering Design was urged to consider the planning board’s comments, including how many events would be held throughout the calendar year, how to alert neighbors to those events and parking near the site. The planning board requested an extension of the deadline, and member Villano moved to extend the project until July 24.

Stanford Free Library to host Repair Cafe

By SOPHIE GARDINER
Special to the Millerton News

STANFORD — A Repair Cafe will bring experienced fixers to the Stanford Free Library on July 18, offering free repairs for items ranging from lamps to jewelry to electronics.

The Repair Cafe is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community room in the Stanford Free Library on Route 82.

Suzie Fromer, coordinator of the Repair Cafe Hudson Valley network, said the events serve two purposes: keeping usable items out of landfills, and helping people rediscover the value of what they already own.

“On the one hand, yes we want to save things from the landfill and remind people that they can fix things instead of just tossing them,” Fromer said.

“But at this point, people are also really understanding the value of things and the importance of saving money instead of buying something new.”

Just as central to the mission, Fromer said, is building community. Rather than the event being a drop-off service, repair cafes are a social space where attendees sit alongside volunteers and neighbors as they learn to tinker with their broken items.

Volunteer repair coaches at the event are equipped to provide services on a range of items, such as fixing small broken appliances, sewing clothing and textile repairs, sharpening dull tools and re-wiring lamps.

For Riva Weinstein, a volunteer who repairs jewelry at the cafes, fixing something doesn’t necessarily mean restoring it to its original form.

“What does fixing something mean? It doesn’t necessarily mean making it what it was,” Weinstein said. “It sometimes means opening yourself to the idea of creating something else out of it.”

That openness, Fromer said, is where the real reward lies. She recalled repairing jewelry for people who no longer had the fine motor skills or close vision to do it themselves, including one woman with arthritis whose bracelet had sat broken on a table for two or three years.

After Fromer had fit the bracelet’s clasp with a magnet, so the woman could fasten it herself, the woman cried.

“What we all do is easy for us,” Fromer said. “But, when I look around the room, what everyone else is doing isn’t easy for me. It’s an amazing talent pool.”

Amenia senior picnic coming up on July 18

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — The town Recreation Department will host a Senior picnic luncheon on Saturday, July 18, at the Wassaic Firehouse, beginning at noon.

All seniors are welcome, ages 55 and up, for the free buffet luncheon. It is a good chance to catch up with neighbors while enjoying a tasty meal. A take-out option is also available.

To register, email recreation@ameniany.gov or phone 845-373-8860, ext. 124.

Workforce housing subdivision nearing site plan review

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The Planning Board took another step toward completing New York’s State Environmental Quality Review for the proposed Cascade Creek affordable housing development on July 8, receiving updates on traffic, fire protection, open space and stormwater management.

The proposal calls for 26 affordable single-family homes on a site along Route 22 and Old North Road. Once the environmental review is complete, the project can move to site plan review, where developers will present detailed engineering and design plans.

For now, applicants are still awaiting final approval for the land subdivision plans, a process that has carried on since Poughkeepsie-based developers Hudson River Housing submitted its first official application in November 2024. This year, board members and representatives of the developer have been going back and forth over several details of the plan, shoring up concerns and adjusting plans as necessary.

Peter Sander, Senior Planner at Rennia Engineering, reported that the state Department of Transportation had not found a need for a traffic light at the planned entrance to the site off of Route 22, nor would a left-turn lane be needed. Plans describe creating a four-way intersection where Old North Road meets Route 44 near Ritchie’s Amenia Deli.

To allay fears about fire-fighting, Sander said that the developer will install home sprinkler systems in each home. The developer has also reconfigured the house lots so that 59% of the property will be conserved as open space. Each house lot will have a tree and the number of lots will be reduced from 28 to 26, Sander said.

Sander reported that the developer would soon meet with fire department officials to determine the volume of water needed to hold in storage within the development to draw upon in case of a home fire.

To answer concerns about storm water drainage and collection, Sander explained that vegetated ditches called swales will carry the storm water and direct it into col-

lection basins.

Planning Board member Ken Topolsky thanked the developers for having listened to the neighbors’ concerns.

“We have a long way to go in the process,” Topolsky said. “It’s time to get into the substantive aspects. They have met all town code requirements.”

“We have checked the administrative boxes,” Planning Board member James Vitiello said, noting that the developer has modified the plan in the process.

Planning Board member James Walsh said that he would want to hear plans for water storage and the results of talks with the fire department officials.

“The fire department said they favor sprinklers,” Sander said.

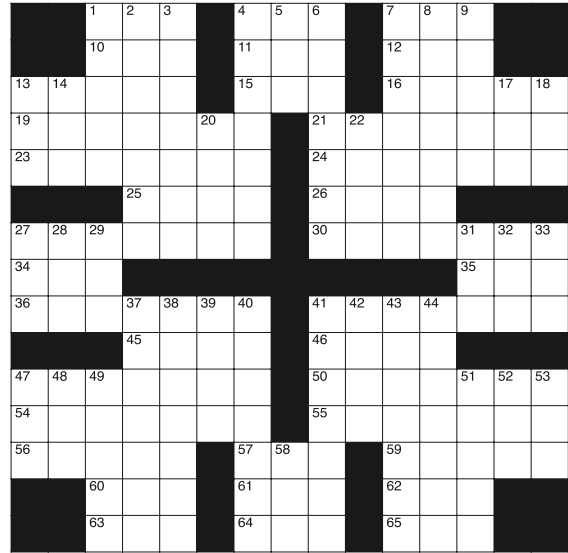
Board attorney Victoria Polidoro indicated that the SEQR process needs to be completed and that she would prepare a resolution to be considered at the next Planning Board meeting.

Topolsky noted that once the developer furnishes specific design details during the site plan process, additional public hearings will be scheduled.

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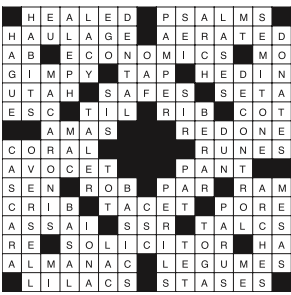
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- 13. Cloths spread over a coffin
- 15. Breeze through
- 16. Ladyfish genus
- 19. We all take them
- 21. Earl’s jurisdiction
- 23. Members of U.S. Navy
- 24. Rummy-like card game
- 25. Affected by injury
- 26. Member of a Semitic people
- 27. Withdrew from a union
- 30. Woman’s cloak
- 34. Spanish river
- 35. Prohibit
- 36. Something you can take
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- 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 47. Makes somber
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. A tool to inject
- 55. Support
- 56. Informal term for money
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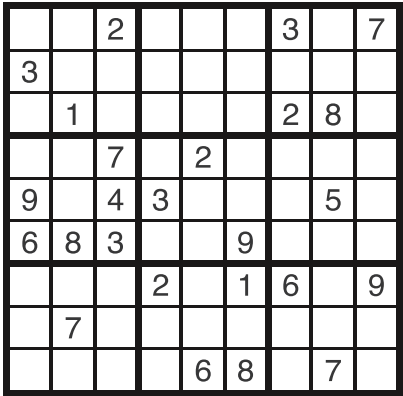


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- 31. Helps little firms
- 32. Unhappy
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Glowing
- 38. Item to be addressed
- 39. An informal body of friends
- 40. Intrinsic nature of something
- 41. Neural structures
- 42. Brews
- 43. A place for ships
- 44. One who sings holiday songs
- 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
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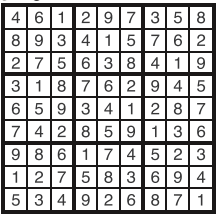
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JULY 17

Bridges Across the Housatonic: Revisiting Woldemar Neufeld’s Bicentennial Art, 50 Years Later

HRC and CCT Offices, 7 Railroad St., West Cornwall, Conn.
Opening reception at 3 p.m. for HVA’s Wild & Scenic collection of Woldemar Neufeld’s paintings. In the 1970s, Neufeld set out to capture every bridge across the Housatonic in celebration of America’s 200th birthday. 50 years later, the paintings are a reminder of how himan interactions with nature change over time.

JULY 18

Author Talk: Rebecca Chace, “Talking to the Wolf”

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org
Novelist, playwright and screenwriter Rebecca Chace discusses her new novel, “Talking to the Wolf,” in conversation with Franny Taliaferro, former literary critic for The Wall Street Journal. The event begins at 5 p.m. and includes a book sale and signing. Registration is required. More information and registration at cornwalllibrary.org or 860-672-6874.

Summer Portals Piano Concert Series at Hotchkiss: The Frank Gala Concert

11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn.
7:30 p.m. featuring Fabio and Gisele Witkowski, Phillipe Raskin and the Fine Arts Quartet playing Brahms: Piano Quartet in C Mino and Piano Quintet. There will also be a Young Artist Concert at 4:30 p.m.

JULY 24

Summer Portals Piano Concert Series at Hotchkiss: Grand Finale Concert

11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, Conn.
Young Artists and Guest Artists share the stage for a celebratory final performance at 7:30 p.m.

JULY 25

Film Screening: “Rally Caps”

Stissing Center for Arts & Culture, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
Celebrate the hometown

return of “Rally Caps,” an independent coming-of-age baseball film shot in Pine Plains. Starring Judd Hirsch, Carson Minniear and Amy Smart, the film follows a young ballplayer’s journey back to the game after a serious injury. The 7:30 p.m. screening will be followed by a Q&A with director and Pine Plains native Lee Cipolla, producer Katherine Borda, cast members Calee Nowak and Joseph Mazelli, and second assistant director JJ Hickey. Members of the Hudson Valley baseball community receive 50% off tickets with the code BASEBALL26. Tickets and information at thestissingcenter.org or 518-771-3339.

The Magic of Moths: Celebrating National Moth Week

Sharon Audubon Center, 325 Cornwall Bridge Road, Sharon, Conn.
Celebrate National Moth Week with an evening of moth observation and community science from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The program begins with a one-hour introduction to iNaturalist led by ambassadors Abby Sesselberg and Steve Mayo, followed by guided moth identification and data collection at the center’s moth stations. The free program is open to all ages. Advance registration is required. More information and registration at sharon.audubon.org or call 860-364-0250, ext. 115.

Nature Weaving with Flowers from Crooked Oak Farm

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
1:30 to 4 p.m., weave fresh flowers and herbs from Crooked Oak Farm into a rustic loom made with branches and twine. Materials and natural looms provided. You’re also encouraged to bring your own natural items

to weave. Register at scovillelibrary.org

Concert: Sweet Petunia

Random Harvest, 1785 New York 23, Craryville, N.Y.
Sweet Petunia, the folk duo of Mairead Guy and Maddy Simpson, met at Berklee College of Music in 2018 and bonded over a shared love of traditional folk. Twice nominated for Boston Music Awards’ Best Folk Act, they blend bluegrass roots with indie, punk and DIY influences. Their debut album, “Foggy Mountain Mental Breakdown” on Ani DiFranco’s Righteous Babe Records, explores heartbreak, identity, friendship and self-discovery through rich harmonies and contemporary folk songwriting. This is a benefit concert for Random Harvest. 8 p.m.

JULY 28

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Learn why and how to prepare an advance directive for yourself or someone you know using The Five Wishes, the most popular advance directive tool in the U.S. Receive free materials and learn from East Mountain House colleagues about end-of-life care. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Registration appreciated at scovillelibrary.org

AUGUST 1

Jorge Glem & Sam Reider

Stissing Center 2950 Church St., Pine Plains, N.Y.
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AUGUST 2

From Roots to Promise: Singing America at 250

Battell Music Shed, Norfolk, Conn.
5 p.m.

The Litchfield County Choral Union presents its summer concert celebrating the nation’s 250th anniversary. The program traces America’s musical journey from William Billings’ “Chester” and the LCCU anthem “Sweet Is the Work” through Carol Barnett’s “Bluegrass Mass,” Cecilia McDowall’s “Everyday Wonders: The Girl From Aleppo” and Paul Halley’s “Freedom Trilogy.” Under the direction of Gabriel Löfvall, the concert explores themes of identity, displacement, hope and freedom through a diverse and ambitious choral repertoire. Tickets at litchfieldcountychoralunion.com

AUGUST 3

Make a Book with Lilly Rand

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
Aug. 3 and 4

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AUGUST 4

Grow With Us: Flower Pressing

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Participants will pick flowers from the garden, press them, and explore creative ways to use dried flowers in art and craft projects. All ages welcome. 4:30 p.m.

AUGUST 6

Boondocks Presents: Over Your Dead Body with In-person Q&A with Director Jorma Taccone

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Summer Book Group

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
4 to 5 p.m., join Julia Hobart to discuss “The Collected Regrets of Clover” by Mikki Brammer. No registration required. A limited number of copies are available for loan at the Scoville Library.

AUGUST 8

Norfolk Chamber Music Festival Celebrates America’s 250th Anniversary

Music Shed, Yale Norfolk School of Music, Norfolk, Conn.
Concert at 8 p.m. celebrating the nation’s 250th birthday with works by Aaron Copland, William Grant Still, Antonín Dvořák and the world premiere of *Dust and Clover*, a new commission by Nahre Sol. Performed by Festival Director Melvin Chen, James Austin Smith, Jesse Mills, Ole Akahoshi and Norfolk Festival Fellows. Pre-concert events begin at 6 p.m. with a conversation featuring Nahre Sol

and Emily Adams Bode Aujla, followed by complimentary drinks on the patio at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35-\$70; free for children under 19.

AUGUST 18

Book Launch: “Mobsters in the Mansion”

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
(rescheduled from July 7)

Author and media executive Scott Siegler joins veteran journalist Brian Ross for a discussion of Siegler’s new book, “Mobsters in the Mansion,” a collection of stories tracing a prodigal son’s journey from Midwestern affluence to the inner circles of California’s entertainment industry. David Chase, creator of “The Sopranos,” has called the book “fearless and funny ... so knowledgeable, so true.” The event takes place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a reception and book signing. Registration is required. More information and registration at scovillelibrary.org.



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OUR TOWNS

Pre-K enrollment can't keep up with state funding in northeast Dutchess

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As student enrollment declines across the region, local school districts are falling short of using the full amount of state Pre-K funding available to them. But local superintendents say the shortfall reflects fewer children enrolling — not money being left on the table.

A recent NY Focus analysis of State Education Department data compared New York districts' Pre-K enrollment with the amount of Pre-K funding provided by the state. It found that most districts did not meet their maximum allotment.

During the 2024-25 school year, \$1.2 billion was set aside for public pre-K statewide. By the end of the school year, roughly \$170 million remained unspent. For the 2025-26 school year, the state estimates another \$87 million will go unused.

Deficits exist across the state. In Northern Dutchess,

Millbrook Central School District fell \$156,600 short of its maximum state allocation, while Pine Plains was \$64,801 below its cap.

Data for Webutuck Central School District was not immediately available. Earlier this year, Webutuck announced it would expand its Pre-K offerings to include 3 year olds in addition to 4 year olds.

Superintendents from Millbrook and Pine Plains say the disparity comes from a question of enrollment, rather than the funds allocation. "The state provides a per-pupil allocation of money," said Millbrook Superintendent Caroline Hernandez-Pidala. "If you do not have enough students enrolled to encumber the total amount available to your school district, it is forfeited. You are not able to use it for other programming."

Superintendent Dr. Brian Timm of Pine Plains ran into the same problem. "When the initial amount for Pine Plains was given to us, it was based

on a projected enrollment of 47 students," he said. "But when our students actually enrolled, we had 35 students. So what the state is saying is, 'Here's the amount if all your students were to enroll, but we're only going to pay you for the amount that actually shows up.'"

Changes are on the horizon. The state budget passed last month raised the per-pupil reimbursement for pre-K from \$5,400 to \$10,000.

While that won't affect enrollment, it will free up local school dollars previously used to support Pre-K. Millbrook and Pine Plains spent \$181,989 and \$221,739, respectively, from local funds to fund Pre-K.

Pre-K and child care have been a central component of Gov. Kathy Hochul's 2026-27 budget. The state has earmarked \$4.5 billion for the programs, a \$1.7 billion increase in funding. Hochul has set a goal of achieving universal Pre-K by the 2028-29 school year.



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This four-bedroom, three-bath ranch on Midway Avenue, built in 1958 and renovated in 1970, sold in June for \$350,000, after 297 days on the market, below its original list price of \$395,000.

Amenia home prices rise as sales hold steady

By CHRISTINE BATES
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AMENIA — The 12-month trailing median price for a single-family home in Amenia, excluding sales at Silo Ridge Field Club, increased to \$389,000 for the period ending June 30, 2026. That was up 21.5% from \$320,000 a year earlier and 1% above the \$385,000 median for the same 12-month period in 2024.

Over the past five years, median prices — excluding Silo Ridge — have generally fluctuated between \$325,000 and \$425,000. The all-time high 12-month median of \$430,000 was reached for the period ending Dec. 31, 2022.

On a 12-month trailing basis, single-family home sales in Amenia, excluding Silo Ridge Club, remained within the historic range of two to three homes sold per month. A total of 27 single-family homes sold during the 12 months ending June 30, 2026, unchanged from the previous

12-month period and down slightly from 30 sales during the 12 months ending June 30, 2024.

In early July, 15 single-family homes were publicly listed for sale. Only two were priced below the current median of \$389,000, while seven were listed for more than \$1 million, including a \$16.5 million property on Tower Hill Road with 138 acres and views.

Properties Sold in May and June

108 Westerly Ridge Drive — 27 acres with sweeping views sold for \$700,000 on June 24.

4865 South St. — 2 bedroom/1 bath home sold for \$295,000 on June 15.

9 Morton Place — 4 bedroom/2 bath home sold for \$161,000 on May 7.

Additional Properties Transferred in June

75 Midway Ave. — 4 bedroom/3 bath ranch transferred to Jamie Bushee for \$350,000.

Kent Road (DPA 879307) — 9.2 acres of vacant land transferred to Veronica Tyson-Straight for \$200,000.

95 Tinker Town Road — 2 bedroom/2 bath home on .82 acres transferred to Jaroslav Vik for \$420,000.

4865 Route 22 — 2 bedroom/1 bath cottage on .29 acres transferred to Tyler Eckert for \$295,000.

* Town of Amenia real estate sales between May 1, 2026, and June 30, 2026 and current market listings from First Key MLS. Market data on single family home sales from Info Sparks. Transfers during June from Dutchess County Office of Real Property. Private transfers from March, April and May, including not publicly listed units at Silo Ridge, are not included and will be added when available. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.

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