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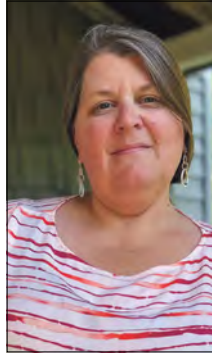
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Millerton political candidates face off in June 20th election

By **EMILY EDELMAN**
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MILLERTON — The candidates for village mayor and trustees have clear ideas about what Millerton needs to move into the future.

There are three people running for seats on the Village Board of Trustees, and two candidates for mayor of Millerton. The village election will be held Tuesday, June 20, from noon to 9 p.m. at the Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Ave. (Route 22).

Absentee ballots may be requested from the village clerk until Tuesday, June 13, and completed ballots must be submitted by Friday, June 16.

LISA ERDNER

Lisa Erdner is running for one of the two open seats on the village board of trustees. She has attended village board meetings regularly as a citizen for the past three years. She and her husband, who were recently married, have lived in and owned a home in Millerton, which previously belonged to his grandfather, since 2020.

A Democrat, Erdner serves on the village's zoning board of appeals and is the vice president of Townscape, though she will be taking over the presidency in July. She has a degree in marketing from Kent State University and works out of her home office as a senior customer success manager for Intellitix.

"I grew up in the age of technology," said Erdner, "and that kind of

stuff is second nature to me, so it's easy for me to implement, maybe, a more active Facebook page or website updates, text alerts, email campaigns, newsletters, things like that. That's all stuff I deal with regularly. I think that's a place I can really help because all of that comes easily to me.

"In doing this campaign, the

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Candidates' Forum on June 14

MILLERTON — A candidates' forum will be held in-person on Wednesday, June 14, at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd., to hear from candidates for mayor and trustee offices in the Village of Millerton.

The forum will run from 7 to 8 p.m. It will be open to the public and will be in-person and via Zoom. The forum will be streamed and recorded.

Registration with the library is required for the Zoom link. For Zoom registration go to: nemillertonlibrary.org (to find the link and to find a form to submit questions to the candidates).

The event will be introduced by Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, NorthEast-Millerton librarian, and moderated by John Coston, editor-in-chief of The Millerton News.

Q Farms to end retail operation, form nonprofit to serve community

By **LEILA HAWKEN**
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SHARON, Conn. — After eight years of an ecologically forward-thinking enterprise known as Q Farms, owners Linda and James Quella have decided to suspend the retail farm store aspect of their business and instead form a nonprofit organization to serve area farmers and consumers.

"We are still actively working

with food systems, but just in a different way," said Linda Quella, who has operated Q Farms with her husband, championing soil health, restoration and carbon capture along the way.

The retail farm store operation on Jackson Hill Road in Sharon will close on Sunday, June 18, and a new nonprofit enterprise will emerge. Tri Corner F.E.E.D. will promote food equity, education and distribution, Linda Quella ex-

plained during a recent interview. The farm's acreage will be leased to area farmers.

"Food is a basic human right," she said. One of the aims of her organization will be to pay farmers a fair price for their products and channel those products to existing area food pantries, including the Corner Pantry in Lakeville and St. Thomas Pantry in Amenia, for

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PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

The Joy of 4-H

Tessa Mashburn, 11, of Red Hook, with Glory, about 3 months old, at the 'A-Fair to Remember' fundraiser for 4-H, held Sunday, June 5, at Millbrook Winery. For more, see story on A5.

Sharon Hospital in compliance with state

By **PATRICK L. SULLIVAN**
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SHARON, Conn. — At the semi-annual community forum held online by Sharon Hospital on Monday, June 5, Dwight Tarwater of consulting firm PYA reported that Sharon Hospital is in compliance with the terms of the agreement with the state of Connecticut when Nuance Health was formed in 2019.

Opening the forum, Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch noted that the hospital has two applications before the state Office of Health Strategy, one to close the labor and delivery unit and one to create a progressive care unit.

She said the case on labor and delivery was closed by OHS on May 5, with the decision due within 60 days.

The OHS case on the progressive care unit application is still open.

PYA's Tarwater said his report is for the six-month period ending March 31. He emphasized that while PYA is paid by Nuance Health, the company reports to OHS.

The report for the period ending March 31 is not yet complete but will be submitted to OHS in the next couple of weeks, he added.

There will be a community forum in June after the final report is submitted.

On a list of 14 items, Sharon Hospital was listed as in compliance with 12.

The two items that did not have an unequivocal "yes" were No. 7: "Include stakeholders in conducting the next required Community

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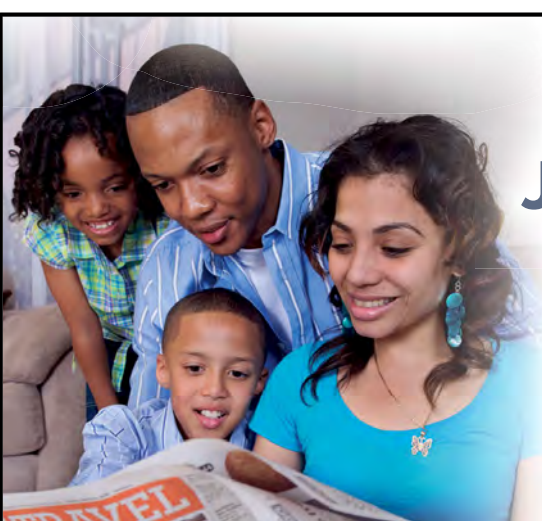
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OUR TOWNS



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The VFW Post 9008, Millbrook as it is today, a two-story stone building with a deck off the second story.

After 40 years, VFW Post 9008 to move

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — With Memorial Day over, the parade and the veterans who were in it are a memory. Looking forward to Veterans Day in November, they'll be back. In the meantime, we see their VFW Post 9008, just off Franklin Avenue, and we know they are near.

But things are changing. The Thorne Building is morphing into a community center and Bennett Park is slowly becoming a reality. Recently, when the commander of Post 9008, Jeff Moseman, was told that the post would have to find another home, it was a surprise, and not a pleasant one.

The VFW has occupied that same stone edifice for 40 years, putting time, effort and money into it. The VFW leased it from the village; when the village turned the Thorne Building over to the 501(c)(3) Millbrook Community Partnership, the building occupied by the veterans was included.

The veterans took it over in 1982, a stone building formerly used by Millbrook High School to train for blacksmithing. Over the years, the VFW made it a two-floored building, sectioned off rooms, and added a kitchen and, later, a deck. It has been the veterans' meeting hall and their place to get together, to wel-

come old and new members, and conduct business.

While the veterans have been given ample time to move and have been told they can meet in one of the rooms in the community center, many of them feel that now is the time to look for another home. The group has equipment that must be stored; in particular, their weapons must be secured in a safe place.

A larger space would allow them to be more active in both community and veterans' affairs. Moseman said they have started looking at other properties in the area, but they hope to stay in Millbrook.

One property they looked at would include a house that would allow five apartments that they would use for low-cost veterans' housing, and that site could also include an information center. But property is expensive and money would need to be raised.

The vets are good at raising funds, and can be found at the Millbrook Farmers and Makers Market all summer; the raffle tickets they sell allow them to give generously to three different local food banks. They also give out scholarships to local students. At the Memorial Day parade this year, they resurrected the red poppy tradition and made \$314 selling those.

They have long been raising funds to help others. Now, they may have to raise funds

to help themselves. Moseman said they are working with a grant writer, and will see what money is available to them through federal, state and county government grants.

Because Millbrook has a population of fewer than 5,000, they are eligible to apply for the USDA Rural Federal Grant, and Rep. Pat Ryan, D-19, will support that. But federal money will only cover about three quarters of the overall cost. The rest must be raised, and they will be setting up a GoFundMe site.

Sitting on the deck of Post 9008 after the Memorial Day parade and the clean-up, longtime members Moseman, Paul Galli and Dave Ruger were recalling stories about the post over the years for new member Zach Hastie, a Marine veteran of Iraq who joined the post last fall. They described the building before the renovations, and some of the events.

Their community involvement is deep; they led the Parade of Lights in 2022, they gave out candy on Halloween and this year, for the first time, they sponsored a Little League team. A new and larger home will allow them to do even more.

Moseman and the others are hopeful that they will find a place to go, that it will be in Millbrook, and that they will be able to go on doing what they've always done: being a part of the Millbrook community.

Amenia's wastewater initiative eyes next step to define district

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Intent upon finding a way forward to define a wastewater district for the town, the Amenia Wastewater Committee voted at its meeting on Thursday, June 1, to request funding from the Amenia Town Board to facilitate the next step in the process.

Wastewater committee Chairman Charles Miller reviewed the process. The next step is the preparation of a map, plan and report by Laberge Group, an engineering firm, working with attorney TRK (Tabner, Ryan and Keniry). The engineering report is expected to build upon the feasibility study completed by

Tighe and Bond in 2022. The estimated cost for the Laberge Group study is \$27,500 and \$18,000 for the attorney, for a total of \$45,500.

As the wastewater committee already has \$20,000 in its budget for the purpose, Miller said that \$25,500 is the amount needed to proceed. A planning grant has been awarded to the town in the amount of \$14,080, leading to discussion about whether to await receipt of the grant or ask the town board to find the funding needed.

Discussion also touched upon expanding the district to include Railroad Street and Lake Amenia Road, leading to a decision to poll businesses and residents in those areas to determine

their potential interest in being included. The committee recognized that any expansion would likely result in an adjustment to the engineering study estimates.

Aware that federal infrastructure grant funding may deplete over time, the wastewater committee voted unanimously to ask the town board to find funding within the town budget to move ahead with the map, plan and report contracts.

The committee also voted to recommend to the town board that the district be created by petition rather than a townwide referendum.

"We've been trying since the 1950s to create the district," said committee member Paul Winters.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for May 18-31.

May 23 — Deputies to the area of 203 Smithfield Road in the Town of North East for a car into a ditch minor injury automobile accident. Recovery of the vehicle took longer than anticipated as the vehicle was over a guide rail and into a drainage ditch.

May 24 — Deputies responded to the area of 6344 Route 22 in the Town of North East for a two-car minor injury automobile accident as a result of a vehicle that had slowed down for cows in or near the roadway and was subsequently rear ended by another vehicle.

May 25 — Deputies responded to Hillside Road in Pine Plains for a burglary. Several hunting trophies and valuable clothing were reportedly taken. Investigation ongoing.

May 28 — Deputies re-




sponded to the Baptist Church, 3 S. Maple Ave., in the Village of Millerton for a past occurred burglary. Caller stated it occurred within the last two weeks; nothing was reportedly taken, but vandalism occurred in the church. Investigation ongoing.

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned cases or any other suspected

criminal activity, please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

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The interior of this saltbox at 347 Route 15 in Columbia County is finished with knotty pine clapboards. It was originally priced at \$595,000 with 25 acres before closing at \$483,500 in March of this year.

Recent property sales in the towns of Gallatin and Taghkanic

The Millerton News will periodically publish a listing of residential real estate sales in eastern Dutchess County and adjacent towns. Listed below are residential sales closed from the beginning of the year through the end of May in the towns of Gallatin and Taghkanic. The small Taghkanic population of around 1,200 straddles the Taconic State Parkway and Google maps indicate it's located in Elizaville, which is a hamlet of Gallatin.

Town of Gallatin

175 Elsohn Road for \$720,000 on 15 acres, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sold on Jan. 23

1122 Jackson Corners for \$310,000, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, sold on Feb. 3

103 Mill Hill Road for \$1,400,000 on 105 acres, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, sold on March 31

162 Sunnyside Lane for \$300,000, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sold on March 31

Town of Taghkanic

347 County Route 15 for \$483,500 with 25 acres, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sold on March 17

Towns of Gallatin and Taghkanic Columbia County residential sales closed from Jan. 1 to May 31, 2023, sourced from Mid-Hudson MLS.

Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.

Amenia Green project plan set for public airing June 13

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — The first of two enhancement project concepts to create town recreational areas is ready to be presented to the public by the Amenia Recreation Commission, as reported to the Amenia Town Board at its meeting on Thursday, June 1.

Reimagining the grounds adjacent to the Town Hall, the first phase is titled, "Amenia Green." Plans will be described by Jane Didona from Didona Associates of Danbury, Connecticut, on Tuesday, June 13, beginning at 6 p.m. in the town board meeting room at the Town Hall.

Recreation commission Chairman Paul Winters provided the town board with a few details. Included in the project would be adjustments

to the terrain to solve long-standing water drainage and flooding issues near the Town Hall, while affording residents and visitors a place to gather and enjoy recreational options, Winters said.

Incorporating residents' ideas voiced at public hearings over the past few months, the June 13 meeting will provide a master plan for the Amenia Green project.

"We can't move to the next step until the town board approves the master plan," Winters said, indicating that between grants and private fundraising, the recreation commission can make the project happen with little or no impact on taxpayers.

Responding to Town Supervisor Victoria Perotti's concern that repairs are needed at the concession stand at Beekman Park, Winters

agreed that those upgrades could be included in the Amenia Green phase.

Councilwoman Vicki Doyle noted that additional work needs to be done at the park to bring the restrooms into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Winters continued that while a full kitchen at the concession stand would not be feasible at this point, upgrades could be made so that prepackaged food items could be sold.

Councilman Leo Blackman observed that the town board's expectation was a simpler project this summer for the concession stand, supporting the notion of prepackaged fare.

Soccer goals

By unanimous vote, the town board approved the recreation department's pur-

chase of two soccer goals to be installed at Wassaic Park at a cost of \$2,690.

Wastewater committee funding

The town board heard from Blackman the wastewater committee's request that \$20,550 be found within the town budget to fund the preparation of the map, plan and report by an engineer and attorney.

"I want to be sure we move this along before federal infrastructure funding runs out," Blackman said. Doyle agreed that the town board needs to move ahead.

Uncertain about the costs that might be associated with the district formation mapping and planning phase, Perotti did not favor approval, calling for Blackman to reconfirm the amount being requested by the engineer and the attorney.

Alan Chartock puts down the mic at WAMC

By TONY DOBROWOLSKI
The Berkshire Eagle

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass. — After more than 40 years on the air at WAMC Northeast Public Radio, Alan Chartock has decided to hang up his microphone.

The 81-year-old Great Barrington resident, who has led the Albany, New York-based radio station since 1981, announced May 25 that he was retiring as president and CEO, effective immediately, according to WAMC.

Stacey Rosenberry, the station's director of operations and engineering, was named

interim CEO the same day by the executive committee of WAMC's board of trustees. The board will conduct an executive search for a new CEO following a strategic planning process that is currently underway.

Although Chartock's retirement is effective immediately, the board said that he will continue to help the station in any way he can. A full celebration in honor of Chartock is being planned for a later date.

Originally from New York City, Chartock was a 39-year-old political science professor at SUNY New Paltz in 1981 when he started leading WAMC, when Albany Medi-

cal College handed over the station's FM signal that it had used for in-house medical lectures. Under Chartock's leadership, WAMC has grown into an award-winning, 29 station network that serves seven states, including Western Massachusetts.

He also created numerous programs on WAMC, including Capital Connection, a weekly show with New York leaders about the topics of the day, and Congressional Corner. Chartock turned his 12 years of weekly interviews with the late Gov. Mario Cuomo into a book titled, "Me and Mario."

Rosenberry said she will

continue to build on the foundation that Chartock created.

"There will be no 'replacing' Alan," added Joe Donahue, senior adviser at WAMC and host of daily programs The Roundtable and The Book Show, who has worked with Chartock for 30 years. "His passion for this work, for this station, for what WAMC means to the larger community is simply unmatched. We will do all we can to ensure that his work moves forward and that the station continues to thrive."

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OBITUARIES

Patrick E. Corbett Jr.

ANCRAM — Patrick F. Corbett Jr., beloved son of Patrick and Diana Corbett, went to be with the Lord on May 27, 2023. Patrick was born in Hudson on July 28, 1970. Patrick worked side by side with Michael Ferrusi at Miller-ton NAPA for 32 years. Patrick was known as the Gravelly Man. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding his mule in the woods with his father, Amy & Todd Elliott. Deke Handlowich was always there for Patrick to help with his furnace and plumbing repairs.



was the nephew to Robin and Butch Condra, of West Taghkanic, and Peter and Kathy Corbett, of Bells Pond. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Condra Jr. of West Taghkanic also survive. He was the uncle to Kourtnei and Noah Tucker, Matthew Jr., Marcelo and Marciuz Corbett. In addition to his longtime companion Stephanie Call.

The family wishes to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and kindness over the last few days. There will be no formal services observed. Donations in Patrick's memory may be made to either the Ancram Fire Company, or to Community Rescue Squad. To share a favorite memory of Patrick or to leave a message of condolence please visit www.peckandpeck.net

Patrick leaves behind his parents, Patrick and Diana Corbett, of Ancram, his brother Matthew Corbett of Perris, California, his sister, Melissa (Woody) Tucker, of Virginia Beach, Virginia. He

Raymond G. Fréchette

SHARON — Raymond G. Fréchette passed away June 2, 2023, at Smilow Cancer Hospital at the age of 68.



Raymond was born in Tarrytown, New York, son of late Guy Fréchette and late Perrette Joncas Fréchette.

Raymond worked at McCain printing supplies as service representative for many years before he became a businessman starting his own company under R.G.F. Bindery Service which he operated with success until his retirement at his dream house here in Sharon. Raymond loved his family and friends, nature, riding his Harley, playing his saxophone, and the Lord. He will be missed.

He is survived by his four children, Thomas, Jesse, Renée, Raymond Jr., as well as grandchildren Faith Lynn, Thomas Jr., Jacob, Jesse Jr., Joshua, Jodie, and Alexander. He was predeceased by brother Pierre and survived by siblings Diane (Frank), Richard (Sheila), Deborah (Jean-Guy), Nancy (Daniel) and his nephews and nieces, Stéphanie, Michael, Marie-Pier, Nicolas, David, and Mathieu.

A memorial service will be held at the St. Bridget's Church on Saturday, June 24, 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Bridget's Church, 7 River Road, Sharon, CT 06069

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Dieter Tiarks

MILLERTON — Dieter Tiarks, 91, a twenty five year resident of Miller-ton, died Sunday, June 4, 2023 at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut, following a brief illness.



Mr. Tiarks worked as a self-employed General Contractor for over 35 years. T&L Builders of St. James, Long Island, New York, specialized in residential building construction. Mr. Tiarks retired to his home in Millerton in 1998.

Born Feb. 29, 1932, in Berlin, Germany, he was the son of the late Gerhard H. and Helene L.J. (Borchers) Tiarks. He attended school in Germany and also received a master's degree in boat building (Bootsbaumeister) while in Germany.

In Smithtown, Long Island, he married Michaela Braun. Mrs. Tiarks died on Jan. 23, 2010. Mr. Tiarks enjoyed hunting deer, moose and caribou in his spare time and he was a longtime member of North East Baptist Church in Millerton. He will be dearly missed by his loving family and many friends.

Mr. Tiarks is survived by his son, Thomas and his wife Margaret Tiarks of Warren, New Jersey; his daughter-in-

law, Kirsten Tiarks of Saratoga, New York; six grandchildren, Thomas Tiarks, Lauren Tiarks, Katherine Tiarks, Hanna Tiarks Gatten and her husband Alex, Phillip-Tiarks and Emma Tiarks as well as two nieces. In addition to his parents and wife, Mr. Tiarks was also predeceased by two sons, Timothy A. Tiarks in 2015 and Stephan E. Tiarks in 2022; his brother, Hanz Tiarks of Germany and his sister, Helga Viebrok of Spokane, Washington.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at North East Baptist Church, 1 Maple Ave., Millerton, NY. Pastor Rick Totten will officiate.

Burial will follow at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. Memorial contributions may be made to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201 or billygraham.org. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in Mr. Tiarks memory or send a floral tribute to the service, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, NY 12546.

Graveside Service

Raymond C. 'Ray' Loper

MILLERTON — Raymond C. "Ray" Loper, 91, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, at his home in Millerton, a beloved husband, father and grandfather.



A Graveside Service and Burial with Standard Naval Military

Honors will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. To view the full obituary, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, Millerton, NY.

Mary Catherine (Kitty) Lynskey Caygill Medley

SALISBURY — Mary C. (Kitty) Caygill Medley, 97, passed away May 14, 2023 at Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation. She was the wife of the late Arthur R. Medley.



Mrs. Medley, better known as Kitty, was born in Cambridge, Ohio on Dec. 2, 1925, to the late George H. and Mary I. (Braden) Lynskey. Also preceding her in death were her husband Robert V. Caygill and brother Raymond (Red) Lynskey of Cambridge, Ohio.

Kitty graduated from Cambridge High School in 1943. She lived in Puerto Rico, Stamford, Connecticut, and the Northwest Corner. She worked as a dental assistant in the office of Dr. Don Martin of Canaan, and Dr. Todd Livingstone in Kent. She enjoyed golfing, bowling, dancing and traveling.

Survivors include her two daughters, Sharon C. Hurlbutt and her husband Donald of Salisbury, and Marilee C. (Loverin) Hassani and her husband Joseph, of Hazlehurst, Georgia; three beloved grandsons Robert Loverin and wife Audrey, of Jacksonville, Florida, Daniel Hurlbutt of Asheville, North Carolina, and David Hurlbutt and wife Courtney, of Hampstead, North Carolina, as well as five much loved great grandchildren, Lucye Loverin, Charlotte and Luke Hurlbutt, and Grayson and Bryce Hurlbutt.

Services will be private, and burial at the convenience of the family in Cambridge, Ohio.

Ryan Funeral Home, 255 Main St., Lakeville, CT is in care of arrangements.

To offer on line condolences, please visit ryanfnct.com

Worship Services

Week of June 11, 2023

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OUR TOWNS

Student writing contest awards over \$1,500 in prizes

By ELIAS SORICH
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PINE PLAINS — Making a rebound from low pandemic-era engagement, the Friends of the Pine Plains Free Library conducted a successful Young Writers Contest this year. Begun in 2014, the program has awarded over \$10,000 to aspiring writers throughout its career.

Judged by Victoria LoBrutto, director at-large of the Friends of the Library, the 2023 contest received over 70 submissions from students in the sixth through 12th grades across the genres of fiction, poetry, academic nonfiction, and creative nonfiction.

Describing the writing as "running the gamut" from serious love stories to high-concept sci-fi, LoBrutto listed creativity as one of the primary qualities she considered in selecting the winners.

Submissions were read anonymously, with first-place winners receiving \$100, second-place \$50, and third-place \$25, with a number of honorable mentions listed in each category.

On account of the rebound in engagement, the Friends awarded \$1,575 in prizes to the submitters.

To LoBrutto, running the writing contest is a great opportunity to platform other kinds of talent outside athletics, and to provide recognition to the academic rigor of students: "Our primary aim is to recognize the young people in the district...But it's also a great way for the Friends of the Library to forge connection with students, and with the community at large."

For a list of the winners of the 2023 Young Writers Contest, go to www.tricornernews.com

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Project Lifesaver helps locate missing individuals

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — When a vulnerable loved one goes missing, there is always a high level of anxiety for the family as well as for those who have been called in to help a search.

But now, according to Dutchess County Sheriff Russell Seymour, his department has a new tool in the form of a transmitter system known as Project Lifesaver, which can help to bring a happy resolution to the situation.

Program coordinator Seymour said: "I think it's a great tool to have. The fact that the system has a 100% recovery rate to date speaks volumes. It's just great to be able to have that as an additional resource."

He emphasized: "One of the most difficult things is to go to a missing person and always wonder if you're actually going to be able to find them. There's different conditions: what time of year, whether it's wintertime, whether its dark or light, how old the person is, whether they're vulnerable. It gives peace of mind to us as well to know we have equipment that's going to help us locate that subject and bring them home safely."

Designed for use with impaired individuals both young and old such as those with Alzheimer's disease, autism, Down syndrome and the like, particularly those who are at risk of serious injury or death due to a tendency to wander, the system includes a watch-like device the endangered individual wears.

If they go missing, families or other caretakers immediately call the sheriff's department, which dispatches a specially trained officer such as Seymour with portable tracking equipment that begins the search even as it approaches the targeted area.

Touting the effectiveness of the system, Seymour explained: "The reason this is typically more accurate than, say, GPS is because it is not affected by atmospheric conditions. You don't need three satellites to be able to pinpoint a location. It's directional and it's a radio frequency. It can get wet. It can be submerged. You're still going to get a frequency from it" even in mountainous or rural areas.

Because the transmissions work up to approximately 1 mile on the ground and 7 miles in the air, it is important to report a disappearance as soon as possible.

As part of the registration process for the program, families also provide current photos as well as information



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Dutchess County Sheriff Deputy Russell Seymour, coordinator of Project Lifesaver, demonstrates part of the transmitter system that helps locate vulnerable individuals who have gone missing.

about the individual which might provide clues about their possible destinations.

Users wear the device 24/7, whether near home or traveling, and searches can be implemented wherever a law enforcement or another agency has tracking ability.

Seymour said the department currently has four trackers located through out the county including the one he carries at all times, and is hoping to obtain several more at a cost of approximately \$2,000, which is funded through the county.

He and several other officers have already qualified to use the system, with plans to train others through the one-and-a-half-day sessions with hopes that it will eventually be part of the normal police academy preparation.

Families are responsible for purchasing the personal transmitter, which costs \$375, but there is no other cost to them beyond occasional battery and wristband changes.

In some instances, individ-

ual funding for the devices may be obtained through various programs such as the state Office for People with Developmental Disabilities.

The international Project Lifesaver had its start in Virginia and so far has had a 100% success rate locating more than 4,000 missing individuals with its use, providing a sense of security for families concerned about loved ones safety.

Seymour recounted a call with a mother of a young autistic child who had moved to the county from a Project Lifesaver area about a year before the service was available here.

He said that when he called to tell her the program was in force, "the mother was in tears, so it was really nice to be able to come out there and get her son hooked back up to the transmitter so that they could have that peace of mind. She was very grateful."

For further information, contact Seymour at 845-486-3658 or rseymour@dutchessny.gov



PHOTO BY WALKER ESNER/STANFORD PRIDE

Stanford community celebrates Pride

Stanford Pride celebrated its second annual LGBTQ+ Pride event on Saturday, June 3, at BANGALLWORKS featuring refreshments, an ice cream truck, and activities for adults and children. A proclamation was read by Town Supervisor Wendy Burton and members of the Stanford Town Board marking June as Pride Month in Stanford, and a Pride flag was on display at the Town Hall all weekend in celebration.

The 'A-Fair' before the fair was an affair to remember

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — With food, milkshakes, adorable animals and lots of activity on the lawns above the lake at the Millbrook Vineyards and Winery, the "A-Fair to Remember" pre-fair event to support 4-H youth took place on Sunday, June 4.

The pre-fair is a means of raising money to make sure that every child who wants

to go to the Dutchess County Fair, or participate in the fair, can do so. The staff of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) works hard to make the day special, for those attending and for those who are taking part in it.

The milkshakes were authentic Dutchess County Fair milkshakes provided by the Dutchess County Dairy Committee. There was also fresh lemonade, iced tea, popcorn, shaved ice and cotton candy.

Live music added to the party atmosphere, and there was also a live auction.

4-H is America's largest youth development organization with close to 6 million members, mostly in rural areas. Visitors to the pre-fair saw 4-H youngsters and their animals, including rabbits, chickens, goats, ducks, lambs, horses and oxen. Most of the animals were cared for, even carried about, by 4-H youths, and could be petted, photographed or just admired.

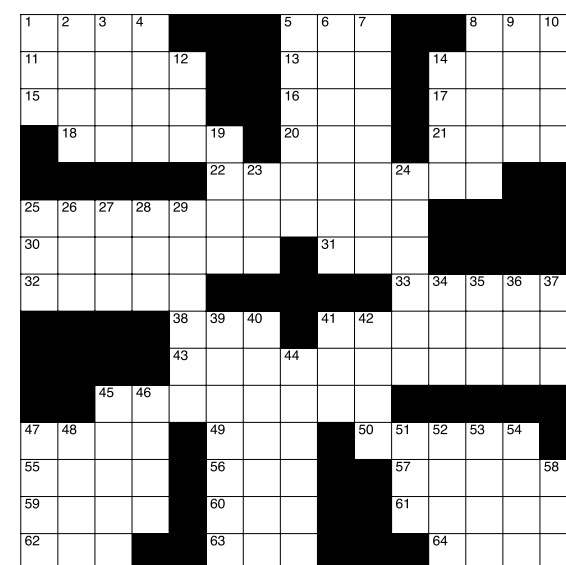
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. In a place to sleep
5. Chemical compound (abbr.)
8. A way to fish
11. Classic Linklater film "___ and Confused"
13. Legume
14. Indonesian island
15. Smooth, creamy substance
16. Arctic
17. Wood sorrels
18. Defied
20. Cattle
21. Tableland
22. Honorably retired and retaining one's title
25. Repossession
30. Danced
31. Adult males
32. A type of section
33. Type of Japanese animation
38. Satisfaction
41. Fit
43. "Ain't No Sunshine" singer
45. Failure
47. Israeli city
49. French river
50. Cavalry-sword
55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
56. Liquefied natural gas
57. Afflicted
59. Electronic counter-countermeasures
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61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Large body of water
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64. Impudence

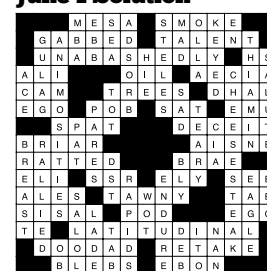
CLUES DOWN

1. Payroll firm
2. Unit of transmission
3. Rockers Better Than ___
4. Bambi is one
5. Highest parts of something
6. Correct behavior
7. Batty
8. Cyprinid fishes
9. Expression of sorrow or

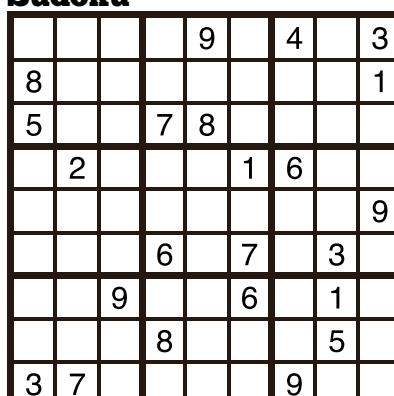


10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
12. American rocker Snider
14. W. African language
19. Symbol to mark for removal
23. ___ Squad
24. Resident
25. Federal savings bank
26. Paddle
27. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
28. One point south of due east
29. Winter melon
34. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
35. Anger
36. Central European river series (abbr.)
37. First responders
39. Spanish noble
40. Persons with absence of skin pigment
41. Defunct airline
42. Small island (British)
44. The extent of something from beginning to end
45. Capital of Bangladesh
46. Dutch cheese
47. Imitates
48. A contest of speed
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. UNLV's are Runnin'
58. Criticize

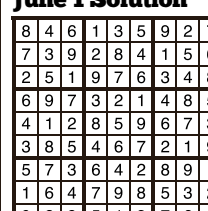
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most frequent concern I've heard from the community is the grocery store. What I don't think a lot of people realize is that is really dependent on wastewater. [North East Town Supervisor] Chris Kennan has said that we have someone interested in taking that complex [on Route 44] and putting a grocery store in there; however, they refuse to do so until there's a wastewater system because it's not feasible right now.

"I'm not trying to overdevelop Millerton or anything, just to be able to support a basic system. There's a lot of people whose septic systems are failing, and having a wastewater system instead can help with that, as well."

Erdner is part of the Eddie Collins Park Events Committee, and noted that grants and money from private donors have funded the park improvements. "It's something we can accomplish without impacting the taxpayers," she said. "As somebody who plans to start my family here, I want to have a place like that for my kids to play. Being outdoors was a really big part of my childhood and I think it's really important for kids to have that place."

"I'm hoping that this position, if elected, is a way that I can expand the way I've been helping," said Erdner. "Customer service is my background... so I think that this is a good way to bring that back to the community."

KELLY KILMER

Republican Kelly Kilmer secured enough signatures to be on the independent Working Together line and is running against incumbent Jenn Najdek for the position of mayor. Born and raised in Millerton, Kilmer is a married mother of four who works full-time as district treasurer for the Webutuck Central School District and co-owns the Outsiders Entertainment DJ service. Kilmer spent six years as the village clerk and then worked as the board's clerk treasurer.

"I love this village, and we have gone many election cycles where the mayor has run unopposed... I believe the village residents deserve a choice," said Kilmer.

Kilmer sees attracting a grocery store as an important step forward. "The grocery store might be based in the town, but it's got a trickle-down effect to us village residents because we also need it," she said.

"I am looking forward to hopefully being part of that process in getting a grocery store, and the wastewater [system] is a big part of getting that grocery store in here, and other businesses, too, for the growth of the village."

Kilmer has many memories of utilizing Eddie Collins Park when she was growing up. "I really am proud of the park progress and would like to see it continue" without being a burden for taxpayers. "It hasn't been," she said, "but I don't want to build it up so big that my grandchildren have

to worry about how they're going to maintain it."

Kilmer is very supportive of the Millerton Police Department. She said she has spoken with new police Chief Joseph Olenik and "I look forward to working with him. He's got some great ideas and I am very hopeful that he does bring some new life to the police department and recruit some additional officers to revitalize the department and show everyone why we need them in our community."

MAYOR JENN NAJDEK

Mayor Jenn Najdek is running for her second term in office. Before becoming mayor, she spent four years as a trustee on the village board and was deputy mayor. Having grown up in Millerton, Najdek has worked for Eco-Builders for over 10 years.

"I work in the village," said Najdek, "so it makes it much easier to handle anything whenever it comes up."

"I think the most important thing for the village to move forward on is wastewater," Najdek said. "Everybody talks about housing being an issue. Well, without a central sewer system, most properties can't put an accessory dwelling unit, even if they have the space, on it... Even with a wastewater system, we have to be really smart about planning and growing. But we can't do much more now with the systems we have."

Najdek feels that there is misunderstanding about where the funding came from for Eddie Collins Park. She said that half of the \$2.2 million spent for Phase 1 came from grants and the remainder from matching funds from private donors. The Friends of Eddie Collins Park have set up an endowment fund for park maintenance, said Najdek, and a \$500,000 grant has already been received from the state for Phase 2, which she hopes will be a new bathhouse with a community room and a swimming pool.

"The fundraising committee also has people that have pledged over a five-year period, so there's expected funds coming from that, too," said Najdek. "It's really about building something great for everyone that doesn't burden the residents of the village."

Regarding the Millerton Police Department, Najdek said: "There's a lot of speculation around the police department only being a pilot program since we hired our chief, and that is 100% false. We believe that he will make our department stronger and better. He believes in the importance of community policing, and we have funded our police department. The police department is going nowhere."

RAY NELSON

Republican Ray Nelson is also seeking a seat on the village board of trustees. Nelson moved to Millerton from New York City with his wife and two children in 2000. Nelson is the principal of Earthwise Architecture, where he specializes in low-energy buildings. He spent four years as chair of the town's housing committee and seven years on the planning board, and also formerly served as a village trustee.

"The reason I'm running now is because I'm concerned about the village being fiscally responsible and I see a trend away from that," said Nelson.

Nelson said he is being objective about the proposed wastewater system but worries about a possible increase in taxes because of it. "I think, long-range, you could make an argument that the sewer system is a positive thing. I think there's a huge negative in that it adds to the cost of living in the village."

Nelson described the Eddie Collins Park plan as "a debacle. I find it very frustrating when people on the board are telling us, 'No tax dollars were spent, it was just grant money.' What do you think grant money is? Grant money is tax dollars."

He thinks the park "is beautiful" but that there are flaws in its design. "My real big gripe on it is just that they spent \$2 million to give us what? I know there was some private money donated and I think that's terrific, still, tax dollars went into it and I'm not sure what we gained. And now they want to go for the next step... people buy pools all the time and they don't spend \$4 million."

"The last time I served, I was really green to the community," said Nelson. "This time, I've been around the block a little longer and I know a few more of the players."

DAVID SHERMAN

Village board incumbent Republican David Sherman, also on the Common Ground line on the ballot, has held various other positions in local government, including stints on the North East Planning Board and town board, and 18 years as North East town supervisor. He served a short fill-in term on the Dutchess County Legislature and two previous terms as a village trustee.

A lifelong Millerton resident, Sherman is concerned about public access to village meetings, believing the meetings should be viewable via Zoom or another accessible medium, and thinks the town and village boards should have occasional joint meetings to discuss ideas and resolutions

to shared problems.

"I am keenly interested in seeing the community improve, but in a manner that's going to be affordable to our residents," said Sherman. During his tenure as North East town supervisor, one of the major projects Sherman managed was the formation of the water district, and his concerns include portions of the water system being upgraded as well as deteriorating roadways and crosswalk construction.

Regarding Eddie Collins Park, Sherman hopes "the improvements that are being made there will start to show usage... to be able to see more of our residents and our youth start being able to use the site." He'd like to see a special meeting take place regarding the proposed pool "because you don't want fear to arise out of a lack of knowledge or information."

"I can't see us taking on anything more project-wise than that's major, village-wide or anything else, until we resolve where we are and where we will be with the wastewater." The village is starting to think about water rates, he said, and he wants to "continue working with the village board to help in that analysis and determine how the rates should be shaped."

HOSPITAL

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Health Needs Assessment Implementation Strategies"; and No. 8: "Maintain community benefit programs consistent with [tax regulations]. Apply no less than a 1% increase per year toward the CT hospitals' net community benefit expenses."

For the former, the hospital is listed as "substantially in compliance." For the latter, Tarwater said PYA is still working on its final report, so the rating is "in process."

The hospital was found to have maintained "sufficient" OB/GYN staff in the period under discussion.

McCulloch said the hospital has recently purchased and deployed two new pieces of equipment, a bone density/DEXA system and a nuclear medicine camera.

On June 5, work began on reconfiguring the hospital's main entrance. McCulloch said part of the work involves reducing the slopes leading to the entrance, making it easier to get to the front door.

The meeting began at 5 p.m. and ended at 5:37 p.m. There were no questions from the public.

Q FARMS *Continued from Page A1*



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

The picturesque farm store at Q Farms is scheduled to close on Sunday, June 18, as owners Linda and James Quella initiate Tri Corner F.E.E.D, a new nonprofit organization.

distribution to those in need. Others might participate by paying reduced prices according to their financial ability.

The new organization is working toward a partnership with North East Community Center in Millerton to establish a sliding scale pricing system through a federal Local Food Promotion grant program.

The Quellas initiated Q Farms to foster and promote the principle of regenerative farming, mindful of soil health and measures toward carbon capture to protect the environment. One of the techniques used was ro-

tational grazing for the pasture-raised livestock and free ranging poultry.

Based on what they learned as they shepherded Q Farms, Quella said that they envision making a more meaningful impact on the problem of food insecurity by helping farmers to overcome the challenge of distribution flow, thereby offering those who consume the products the gift of farm-fresh produce.

As the nonprofit takes shape, the Quellas will plan to offer information sessions for residents to describe the work of Tri Corner F.E.E.D. For more information now, go to: www.tricornerfeed.org.

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Spinning The Color Wheel

Two shows currently on view in Litchfield County, Conn., take their prismatic canvases to the opposite sides of the rainbow's end. At Furnace Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn., Jennifer Riley's series "Arches and Arrows" gravitates to mechanical imagery — assembly lines of magic marker-colored patterns, domed acorn nuts whizzing by, the holes in a rivet spacer expanding, the inner world of a blinking circuit board. At Standard Space in Sharon, Conn., Louise Sheldon conjures ghosts from behind the yellow wallpaper in "Daisy Dew Diamond," part Victor Moscoso's psychedelic rock posters, part Takashi Murakami's super flat postmodern "Happy Flowers." Eyes, teeth, and glossy lips peak through a dizzying kaleidoscope of wild daisies and butterflies shaken in a souvenir snow globe. In Sheldon's "Slanque," look close within the falling florals to find the petal's disc where a rude face smiles back like Georges Méliès's man in the moon.

"Arches and Arrows" is on view through July 9, "Daisy Dew Diamond" is on view through June 25.



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Slanque (left) and My My My (right) by Louise Sheldon



Arches and Arrows by Jennifer Riley



ART: RILEY KLEIN

Student Space Gets An Update With Street Art Mural

Housatonic Valley Regional High School's cafeteria has been given a fresh face — or four — with the recent completion of a mural by Connecticut-based artist Ben Keller. The vibrant largescale piece was unveiled at a ceremony

at the end of May. Keller, who has painted murals throughout the state and nation, was first contacted by the small public school in Falls Village, Conn., in September last year. He proposed varying designs depicting the school's diverse popula-

tion to students and staff before agreeing on a series of portraits. "They wanted to bring in something a little more edgy, a little more street art meets a rural landscape. So that's what I tried to integrate into the design," Keller said. "We wanted to reflect more of an urban flair in a little farm town."

Keller said he was inspired by a changing demographic both at the high school and throughout the Northwest Corner.

"A lot of the students that attend there now moved to that section of

Connecticut from New York City or other urban areas," said Keller.

He initially planned to paint the faces of HVRHS students in his work, but later decided against it.

"We realized that might lead to some controversy. You know, having to eat in the cafeteria with your six-foot head on the wall," said Keller. "Instead, we chose students that are of the same age bracket

but not necessarily from the area."

The project was completed using a combination of wall paint and spray paint. HVRHS students contributed to the design phase and helped apply finishing touches to the mural.

"Part of the whole scope of the project was to have the kids participate. That was always fun. I always enjoy working with kids," said Keller.

Keller said he hopes the mural brings people together and further promotes the arts at HVRHS.

"I just hope that people can find connection and inspiration because a lot of the people that are part of the class are really creative kids," he said. "It was really impressive how far advanced some of these kids are in the fine arts. It's pretty cool."



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Ramp up your biscuits with a spring harvest of ramps

My name is Emma and I'm the pastry chef at Troutbeck in Amenia, N.Y. In 2013, I went to culinary school in Cambridge, Mass., and turned my passion into a career. Since then, I have worked at The Farrington House Inn, a Relais & Châteaux property in Pittsboro, N.C., BakeHouse and Carmella's Kitchen in Charleston, S.C., and The Colony Hotel in Palm Beach, Fla. Now I get to share my recipes with you.

It's the season of ramps in Northeast New York State! If you can't find these scrumptious wild onions at the store you can probably find them in your back yard or on a hike with your furry friend (or you can replace with any spring/green onion you have). My favorite thing about eating local and seasonal produce is that every few weeks you get little gifts from the ground around you. They are only available at certain times of the year which makes them special, something to look forward to enjoying. Ramps are a delicious savory treat we get to enjoy starting in April.

EATS BY EMMA EMMA ISAKOFF

I love to bake them into warm cheddar biscuits at Troutbeck, but now you can try making them at home! Have fun, get messy, and enjoy!

RAMP AND CHEDDAR BISCUIT

- Makes 15 biscuits.
- 6 2/3 cups (836.25 grams) all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon (4 grams) baking soda
- 4 1/4 teaspoons (22.5 grams) baking powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons (7.5grams) Salt
- 1/8 cup (20 grams) sugar
- 12 ounces (340.5 grams) butter
- 2 1/3 cups (567 grams) buttermilk
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese (cubed)
- 1/4 or 1/2 cup ramps (chopped (depending on how oniony you want your biscuits))

METHOD

- Preheat oven to 350F.
- Cut butter into small 1/2 inch to 1 inch cubes, and put in the refrigerator.



PHOTO BY EMMA ISAKOFF

Clean and chop ramps (bulb and leaf). Set aside. Cube cheddar cheese, set aside. Mix flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, and salt in the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a paddle attachment. Mix on speed one until just combined. Add cold butter to dry ingredients and mix on

speed one until butter is pea-sized. Add chopped ramps and cubed cheese, and mix until just combined. Add cold buttermilk to the mixing bowl while the mixer is on speed one. Mix until dough just starts to come together (There will be dry flour on the bottom of the bowl which is fine. Make

sure not to overmix.). Turn crumbly dough out onto your counter-top that is dusted with flour. With your hands, press the dough together into a rectangle and fold it in half (Press the loose, dry parts together on top of the rectangle of dough before you fold so it gets incorporated into the dough). Repeat one more time. With your rolling pin and using a generous amount of flour to prevent the dough from sticking to the rolling pin, roll the dough out

until 3/4 inch to 1 inch thick. Cut biscuits with a 2.5" or 3" round cutter. You can re-roll the extra dough one time (knead the scrap dough together and let it sit for about 10 minutes before re-rolling). Place biscuits on a parchment-lined baking sheet a couple of inches apart. Brush with heavy cream and sprinkle with sea salt. Bake at 350F for 25-30 minutes (rotate your tray after the first 15 minutes).

COMPASS CALENDAR



PHOTO BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

SECOND SATURDAYS AT KENT BARN'S

At Kent Barn's' Second Saturday on June 10, in Kent, Conn., "The Flower Bar" will open at 10 a.m. in front of RT Facts with peonies and larkspur from Alisa Sacino from Maitri Farm in Amenia, N.Y., and a workshop with Shelley Wollert from Hudson Valley Flower Farm in Beekman, N.Y. At 5 p.m.,

"She Then Turned Away" opens at Carol Corey Fine Art in the Kent Barns, curated by James Salomon, director of Achille Salvagni Atelier in New York City, with furniture from French antiques gallerist Maison Gerard in New York City.

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Oblongs Books and the Dutchess County Pride Center will present therapist Rae McDaniel discussing their new book "Gender Magic: Live Shamelessly, Reclaim Your Joy, & Step into Your Most Authentic Self" over Zoom on Wednesday, June 14, at 7 p.m. McDaniel will be joined by Ellis Light, an organizer with the clothing-donation organization Trans Closet of the Hudson Valley.



Register ahead at www.oblongbooks.com

ALICE & ELEANOR

The Stissing Center in Pine Plains, N.Y., in partnership with the Off-Broadway theater UrbanStages, will present "Alice & Eleanor: Conversations Between Two Remarkable Roosevelts" starring Mary Bacon and Tony-winner Trezana Beverley on Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 11 at 2 p.m. For tickets go to www.thestissingcenter.org

AN EVENING OF YEATS

The Center of Main in Falls Village, Conn., will present a night dedicated to Ireland's beloved poet, W. B. Yeats, in a cabaret of song and verse called "In The Deep Heart's Core" on Friday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. Performed by Joseph Sobol with pianist Beth Falcone, and string players, Elisa Winter and Isabella Simon.

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OUR TOWNS

Angels of Light: Fun and funding for its mission

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — It was just a bit chilly on Saturday, June 3, but the generous crowd at the Angels of Light gala at Orvis Sandanona was not deterred. With lots of cowboy boots, cowboy hats and upbeat music, people ate, drank, danced and donated, first by attendance, then with both a live and silent auction. Drinks were provided by the Fizzy Filly Bar, Millbrook Winery, Village Wine & Spirits, LaCaviste, Milea, and Shady Knoll Orchards and Distillery; food was from Hudson Valley Tastings; and those who wished to finish the

night with dancing did so to the music of Jay Taylor from Nashville, Tennessee.

Angels of Light Hudson Valley was started by Lori Cassia-Decker, her husband, George, and their family over 15 years ago, originally to help a few families with critically ill children enjoy Christmas.

More recently, with the recognition that so many people are dealing with critically ill family members, Angels of Light has expanded its mission helping children and families with life-threatening illnesses living in the Hudson Valley to giving help year-round, by assisting in paying for gas, medicine, food, transportation, day-to-day expenses,

even monthly bills like electricity and fuel.

The third annual Robert Trump Memorial Award was presented to the Darling family by Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati. The award was dedicated in recognition of strength, bravery and commitment, serving as role models for young adults and children.

Dutchess County Corrections Officer Erik Darling, wife Cassandra and daughter Abigail dealt with the severe medical problems that new baby Hazel Grace was born with, in July 2022 at Vassar Hospital. She needed surgery, but Vassar didn't have a pediatric surgeon, so the infant was sent to Westches-

ter Medical Center where she endured a six-hour surgery.

Further surgery was needed, and on Sept. 14, Hazel was airlifted to Boston Children's Hospital where she spent the next several months. The Darling family was fortunate to have the support of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Employee Association, which raised funds for the expenses incurred for travel, motel rooms, food and other items.

Three hundred people attended, enjoyed themselves, and helped raise funds, with the total amount of donations coming in at over \$100,000. To donate, volunteer or learn more, contact info@angelsoflightv.org or call 845-380-7704.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left: Angels of Light co-founder Lori Cassia-Decker, Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Cassandra Darling holding baby Hazel, and Erik Darling holding daughter Abigail after the family was presented with the Robert Trump Memorial Award at the Angels of Light gala Saturday, June 3, at Orvis Sandanona in Millbrook.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice AMENDED ORDER CALLING PUBLIC HEARING

At a special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of North East, in the County of Dutchess, New York, held at Town of North East Town Hall,

19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York, on June 5, 2023

In the Matter of the Establishment of Sewer District No. 1 in the Town of North East, in the County of Dutchess, NY

WHEREAS, a written Petition dated May 11, 2023 has been submitted in due form by the owners of taxable real property situate in the proposed Sewer District No. 1 for the Town of North East, owning in the aggregate more than one-half (1/2) of the assessed valuation of the taxable real property in said proposed Sewer District as shown on the latest Assessment Roll of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, State of New York, to establish Sewer District No. 1, which shall comprise that portion of the said Town outside of any incorporated village or city and wholly within the Town, which consists of twenty-eight (28) tax parcels as depicted on a Sewer District Map annexed to the Map, Plan and Report prepared by Tighe & Bond Engineering and Landscape Architecture P.C. dated December 2022 as Appendix A, a copy of which had been annexed to the written Petition, and is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office, and which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. Annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" are the tax parcel numbers of the twenty-eight (28) properties which comprise the said proposed District; and

WHEREAS, the improvements proposed within the said Sewer District are to consist of a sanitary sewer collection system and related infrastructure, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, pipes, appurtenances, lands or rights in land and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith to serve said District, as more fully described in ¶ 2.3 of the Map, Plan and Report prepared by Tighe & Bond Engineering and Landscape Architecture, PC, dated December 2022, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town of North East Clerk, and is incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, the sewer collection system will connect to and be operated in conjunction with a water resource recovery system which will be constructed within the Village of Millerton as described in § 2.4 of said Map, Plan and Report; and

WHEREAS, said systems will be operated together as described in the said Map, Plan and Report pursuant to an Intermunicipal Agreement between the Village of Millerton and the Town of North East; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the improvements for Sewer District No. 1 is \$2,955,000 as set forth in § 3.1 of the said Map, Plan and Report and the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$2,955,000 serial bonds of the Town to finance said cost and the assessment, levy and collection of special assessments from the parcels within the District which the Town Board shall determine and specify to be benefited thereby in just proportion in the amount of benefit conferred upon the same to pay the principal and interest on said bonds when the same shall become due and payable provided, however, that to the extent any grants-aid are received for said project, the amount of bonds to be issued shall be reduced dollar for dollar; and

WHEREAS, a hook-up fee will be required to hook-up to the system within the District but will be waived for parcels that connect during the initial construction period established by the Village and the Town, and future hook-up costs and charges will be charged for connections to the system that occur after the initial construction period, as set forth in § 3.4 of the Map, Plan and Report; and

WHEREAS, the properties within the proposed District consist of commercial properties only. The estimated costs to a typical property within the District are as follows: Annual Capital Cost \$2,965.00; Annual Operating and Maintenance Cost \$788.00; Total Annual Cost \$3,753.00; and Total Monthly Cost \$316.50. A detailed explanation as how such estimates have been computed is set forth in § 4.1 of the said Map, Plan and Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that a special meeting and public hearing of the Town Board of the

Town of North East shall be held on June 20, 2023 at the North East Town Hall, located at 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York, at 4:00 p.m., to consider said Petition and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, and for such other and further action on the part of the Town Board, with relation to the premises; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish this Amended Order and the exhibit annexed thereto in the Town's official newspaper at least once no less than ten (10) and no more than twenty (20) days before the date set for the said public hearing; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk shall cause a copy of this Amended Order and the exhibit annexed thereto to be posted on the sign board of the Town of North East not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the designated date for the public hearing; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to post notice of this Amended Order and the exhibit annexed hereto on the Town's official website not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the designated date for the public hearing; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk is also directed to send a notice of this Amended Order to the owner of each parcel within the proposed District by first class mail no less than ten (10) or more than twenty (20) days before the designated date for the public hearing; and be it further

ORDERED, that a copy of this Resolution and the said Map, Plan and Report shall be made available for inspection at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours, be it further

ORDERED, that this Order Calling Public Hearing is intended to supersede the Order Calling Public Hearing adopted by the Town Board of the Town of North East dated May 11, 2023.

This motion was offered by Town Board Supervisor Christopher Kennan and was seconded by Town Board member John Midwood.

S U P E R V I S O R
KENNAN
Voted AYE
C O U N C I L M A N
FEDELE
Voted AYE
C O U N C I L M A N

MIDWOOD
Voted AYE

C O U N C I L W O M A N
MORRISON
Voted AYE

C O U N C I L W O M A N
WINKLER
Voted AYE

The Resolution was carried by a 5-0 vote of the Town Board members on June 5, 2023.

Elizabeth Strauss
Town Clerk, Town of
North East
06-08-23

EXHIBIT A
THE FOLLOWING
ARE THE TAX PARCEL
NUMBERS FOR EACH
PARCEL WITHIN THE
DISTRICT

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- 7271-00-701220-0000,
- 7271-00-715223-0000,
- 7271-00-739225-0000
- 7271-00-682247-0000,
- 7271-00-622253-0000,
- 7271-00-775238-0000,
- 7271-00-790279-0000
- 7271-00-534237-0000,
- 7271-00-715245-0000,
- 7271-00-809228-0000,
- 7271-00-578242-0000
- 7271-00-585220-0000,
- 7271-00-591180-0000,
- 7271-00-612237-0000,
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- 7271-00-738177-0000,
- 7271-00-646248-0000,
- 7271-00-650200-0000

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of RD Fab, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/23/23. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to RD Fab, LLC. 215 Perrys Corners Rd., Amenia, NY 12501. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

- 05-18-23
- 05-25-23
- 06-01-23
- 06-08-23
- 06-15-23
- 06-22-23

LEGAL NOTICE Village of Millerton 2023 Elections

The polling place for the 2023 General Village Election to be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, will be at the Village of Millerton located at 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546
Polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.

Names and addresses of candidates, offices, and term nominated for are listed below:

Name of Candidate
Address of Candidate
Title of Office

Jennifer Najdek, 35 S. Center Street, Millerton, NY 12546 Mayor, two-year term

Kelly Kilmer, 15 Barton Street, Millerton, NY 12546 Mayor, two-year term

David Sherman, 59 Main Street, Millerton, NY 12546 Trustee, two-year term

Lisa Erdner, 15 Linden Street, Millerton, NY 12546 Trustee, two-year term

Ray Nelson, 41 Barton Street, Millerton, NY 12546 Trustee, two-year term

Lisa Cope
Village Clerk
Elections Officer
06-08-23

Legal Notice

Palomba Engineering, PLLC, a domestic PLLC, filed with the SSNY on 6/17/22. Office: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Palomba Engineering, PLLC, 1060 Broadway #1031, Albany, NY 12204. Professional engineering purposes. www.palomba.io.

- 05-04-23
- 05-11-23
- 05-18-23
- 05-25-23
- 06-01-23
- 06-08-23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible, in the North East Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York, on the application of Lann Rubin II, representing 182 Route 44 East LLC, for a reduction in the required rear yard from 50 feet to 31.89 feet from the rear property line, a reduction in the required side yard from 30 feet to 16 feet, a reduction of the required front yard from

80 feet to 59.5 feet, and an increase in the allowed maximum lot coverage from 50 percent to 68.7 percent in order to construct a 5,040 square foot addition to an existing building and 9 new public electric vehicle charging stations to be located at 182 Route 44 East, tax parcel #7271-00-739225, in the BD-5 Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing.

Julie Schroeder
Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
06-08-23

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS DUTCHESS COUNTY NEW YORK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Planning Board on the 19th day of June 2022, at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against a site plan review and special use permit for a proposed manufacturing of cannabis submitted by Alchemy Pure on the premises located at 2775 Church Street, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, State of New York, Tax Map No. 134200-6872-13-152371-0000 (CEEN Properties, LLC.).

Any resident of the Town of Pine Plains shall be entitled to be heard regarding said application. The application is available for review during regular business hours at the Pine Plains Town Hall.

By order of
Town of Pine Plains
Planning Board
06-08-23

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

Notices can be emailed to legals@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039

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EDITORIAL

Meet the candidates, and vote

Voting is the foundation of our democracy, giving all of us the power to choose who will represent us and then to hold them accountable. It is a fundamental right that should not be left unexercised.

Village of Millerton residents will have the opportunity to cast their votes on Tuesday, June 20, in an election for mayor and trustees.

Before then, this coming week on Wednesday, June 14, village residents will have the chance to meet the candidates at a forum to be held at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex. The event will be both in-person and available via Zoom, and will be recorded and streamed.

Two candidates are running for mayor of the Village: Kelly Kilmer and current Mayor Jennifer Najdek, whose term ends this month. Three candidates are running for two seats on the Village Board of Trustees. They are Lisa Erdner, Raymond Nelson and incumbent David Sherman, whose term also ends this month.

The five candidates are profiled in a Page One article this week by Emily Edelman. As her article points out, all five contenders have clear ideas about what Millerton needs to move into the future.

What the candidates cite as important for Millerton's future include the need for a grocery store. The last grocery store ceased operations in 2019. It was a departure that left a void in the community and created what's been described as a "food desert." Millerton Fresh Market was only open for a couple of years before it closed its location in 2019 at the Millerton Square Plaza on Route 44, home to the former Grand Union grocery store.

Another need identified by the candidates is a wastewater management system that will replace today's septic systems that don't allow for growth, or are in some cases are failing.

Recreation and family life are prominent topics for the candidates, notably the improvements planned for Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

The Village of Millerton Police Department, a recurring topic, surfaces as another discussion point among the candidates for the upcoming election.

Candidates raise issues about fiscal responsibility, and affordability when it comes to weighing the cost and the benefit of projects.

Their experience includes having served in office — the incumbents — and serving on various committees and boards, including community nonprofit organizations.

Reading what the candidates say about what Millerton needs reveals common threads, and it also reflects differing views about not just what the Village needs, but how to approach the work of meeting those needs.

The candidates' forum on June 14 — appropriately held on Flag Day, which commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 — is your opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions and decide for yourself.

(The Millerton News, now a nonprofit newspaper, no longer endorses candidates for public office, but strongly encourages everyone to take advantage of this candidates' forum and then, of course, to vote.)

After the election for Village offices, a Democratic primary election between Chris Drago and Claire Owens for the seat currently held by Gregg Pulver in the county legislature will be held on Tuesday, June 27.

We need to re-elect Dave Sherman as Village Trustee

The proposed wastewater system is the most important capital works project the Village has undertaken since the creation of its water system in the late 19th century. In 1946, a forward-thinking Village government purchased land to enable it to install such a system. However, for seventy-seven years, our community has not done so.

We are the only village in Dutchess County without a wastewater system. That significantly restricts our ability to attract businesses, like a grocery store, and impedes our ability to provide for residential needs. That fact is particularly important for those who want to live, work and raise their families in our community. If we fail to



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A vote for Jenn Nadjek

On June 20, 2023, I will vote to re-elect Village of Millerton Mayor Jenn Nadjek. I've known Jenn for decades and experienced the generosity and kindness she and her entire family have extended to many others in our community. I've also served with Jenn on the village board.

I admired her work ethic, availability, willingness to improve Millerton without breaking local taxpayers, and her network of connections inside and outside our community.

Within weeks of Jenn's first term as a trustee, these connections allowed the village to repair a neglected, historic arch and find a qualified summer camp director for kids at the last moment. Since then, she's continued to make contacts at the county, state, and federal levels of government. This list of references would undoubtedly be helpful as Millerton works through two significant projects — the construction of a wastewater system and a handicapped-accessible pool.

For decades, Millerton has long desired, researched, and discussed constructing a wastewater system and done nothing about it. Now, potentially with federal funds, the community is closer than ever to building a targeted wastewater system to help particular residents and businesses and to provide the infrastructure to attract a much-needed grocery store.

Like me, Jenn is a propo-

nent of recreation. Now, more than ever, outdoor recreation is essential for individuals of all ages and abilities to promote healthy bodies and minds. In addition, swimming is a great exercise to reduce stress. So, not surprisingly, participants in a survey conducted by the Eddie Collins Memorial Park Revitalization Committee (ECMPRC) overwhelmingly supported the construction of a new swimming pool.

The ECMPRC has worked with three mayors and many village boards in seven years.

The Committee developed a master plan and presented it to the public, town, village, and planning boards. It has secured over \$1 million in grant awards from New York State and Dutchess County, bringing back taxpayer dollars to benefit our community, and has raised hundreds of thousands more to complete the first phase of the park's renovation. Yet, during that same seven year period, Village budget taxes have increased at a very modest clip.

As a concerned citizen, I welcome transformational projects that benefit residents without irresponsible tax increases. I know Jenn Najdek, a multi-generational resident of Millerton, believes the same.

Stephen Waite

Chairman,
Eddie Collins Memorial
Park Revitalization
Committee and
Village resident

Millerton

seize this unique opportunity, it will detrimentally impact our community's future.

Capital projects are complex undertakings. They require knowledge of municipal finance, law and contracts as well as engineering, planning, construction and most importantly an attention to detail.

As a long-serving Town

Supervisor, Dave successfully managed two major capital projects — the Town Landfill closure and the creation and construction of the North East Water District.

At the time of the construction of the Water District, a Dutchess County Public Works liaison to our community knew I lived in Millerton and told me that we were very lucky to have Dave as Supervisor during that project because his attention to detail assured the contractors did their work properly, on time and in accordance with the plans.

Dave is a lifelong resident of the Village who understands our community. He is an independent thinker and seeks to represent all its residents. We need to keep him on the job for our Village.

I urge my fellow village residents to vote for Dave Sherman on Tuesday, June 20th.

Edward Downey

Millerton

We are what we eat

Yes, you may eat a spare rib, but that pig ate, mostly, oilseed product, of which soybeans are 90% of all oilseed crops in the USA (sunflower, canola, flax and peanuts make up the rest). Same feedstuffs for cows. Same with sheep (lamb). And, somewhat sadly, farmed fish. And then there are those who love tofu — made entirely of soybeans.

To grow soybeans, worldwide called soya crops, you need tons of water and the planting season is seasonal up north, awaiting the soil temperature to reach 50 degrees. All along the Mississippi River — water needs — you can grow soya almost year-round but there is a huge problem. Soya need tons and tons of fertilizer — nitrogen especially. Besides the runoff issue into the Mississippi and other rivers promoting algae blooms and dead fish all the way to the Gulf — the agribusiness folks love soya because it sells and so they get lobbying support from the oil industries who — you guessed it — make all the fertilizer. To farm soya, you first go to the bank and raise money and also buy crop insurance (more money for those businesses). Then you finance your tractor, fuel and equipment. Don't forget the mortgage on your farm...oh, and you have to buy guaranteed expensive seed (or else the bank won't lend you money) from Monsanto, which genetically modified the soya to allow RoundUp to be used to suppress all vegetation except soya. It's all a closed financial loop and the public relations machine will always refer to soya and soybeans as healthy and economic because there is, in fact, no other foodstuffs crop that is nearly as cheap or plentiful.

Interestingly, the vegetarian crowd always promote soybeans tofu over meat because it is "natural" and "sustainable." Their argument is that cows fart and are wasteful for the environment. The day I see vegetarians never buying leather shoes, crayons, insecticide, shaving cream, protein shampoo, bone china, emery boards, polished medical instruments, most make-up, antifreeze, unique life-saving medicines, most soaps...and on and on...then I'll believe their commitment to their "plant" diet. Oh, and the argument that non-meat people only buy plastic shoes

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

doesn't work either because most plastics need some of the by-product from cattle as well as the millions of insects, bees, and underground fungi that die with the pollution from plastics' chemical refineries and waste.

Okay, some good news. In the UK and India they have found a totally tasteless pea plant. So tasteless is this plant that it has never been cultivated anywhere commercially. Why is a pea plant interesting? Pea plants hardly ever need nitrogen. Never. Pea plants get nitrogen from the air. And these tasteless pea plants get 60% more nitrogen from the air than soybeans do. There is a downside to this new crop: You have to rotate crops every other year. There is an upside: Pea plants can be sown when the ground is 35 degrees, months earlier than soybeans, especially up north. And pea plants need 30% less water as well. And pea plant seeds make perfect tasteless tofu while the pea greenery is very healthy for cattle, pigs, sheep, and chickens. They love it.

Two small problems. It'll take five years for there to be enough new pea seeds for industrial-scale planting and, of course, the agribusiness folks will have to wean off their dependence on the petrochemical industry, just a little. Monsanto will want a foothold, you can be sure, especially their relationship with the crop insurers and banks. Europe and India are, so far, resisting any genetic modification to accommodate their RoundUp business model.

One small plus to add here: The new pea plant can be grown in 65% more farms in the U.S. and Europe, grown early, harvested, and some farms can plant a second crop of, say, rapeseed — which will cause prices to fall and decrease the need for Brazil to cut down more rainforest to plant soya. And India is seeing the pea crops as a way to decrease RoundUp's hold on small farmers there, too.

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

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Geese and goslings at Hunns Lake in Stanfordville

OUR TOWNS

Saving the Millbrook Gazebo

Good food and good wine for a good cause

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Ask someone raised in Millbrook about the gazebo on Elm Drive and they'll probably be able to tell you a story about it. It's not just the history of a small piece of architecture: The gazebo on Elm Drive has been a part of village life through out the 20th and part of the 21st centuries.

The Millbrook Historical Society believes the gazebo was designed by James Ware, a prominent architect in the late 1800s and early

20th century, and was possibly was originally part of a residence garden fashioned around 1890.

In 2021, word got out that the Millbrook Central School District was thinking of demolishing the gazebo. True, it was in disrepair, it wasn't safe, and it certainly didn't have much of its early pristine beauty intact. Yet the bones were there, along with the memories of so many of the villagers. A cry went out to save it, and a movement was begun.

Led by Ashley Lempka, the Friends of the Gazebo was born, and those who wanted

to save the structure were prepared to dig in their heels and fight. Among them was the Millbrook Historical Society, a lot of the Elm Drive residents, and many Millbrook residents who treasured their memories of the gazebo.

On Thursday, June 1, the Friends of the Gazebo held a fundraiser at Millbrook Winery, the second event they've held there. With warm weather, music by Larry Hamm and his group, canapes catered by Candle Light Catering, and wine, about 45 people attended. Many took part in the silent auction with articles and services donated



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left: Christina Dimitriadis, Abby Dux, John Dux, Sharon Bates, Paul Miyamoto, Keith DelValle, Michelle DelValle and Friends of the Gazebo Chair Ashley Lempka at a fundraiser held Thursday, June 1, at the Millbrook Winery to save the Millbrook Gazebo.

to the Friends by Alicia Adams Alpaca, Babette's Kitchen, Marona's Market, Harry's Garage, the Fox and the Hair, and many others.

The fundraising will con-

tinue, and volunteers and donations are more than welcome. Williams Lumber has generously offered lumber at half off for winterizing and securing the gazebo

until it can be repaired. With work, love and a lot of good wishes, the Elm Drive gazebo might be around, restored to its original condition, for another 100 years or more. To donate or follow, visit www.millbrookgazebo.com

Caribbean heritage celebrated at Dutchess Community College

By COLLEEN FLYNN
Special to The Millerton News

FAIRVIEW — Dutchess Community College (DCC) hosted its first-ever Caribbean American Heritage Month celebration on Thursday, June 1. DCC collaborated with the Dutchess County Diversity and Inclusion Committee to make the event run successfully.

Each person participating in the event welcomed those who walked in, and was focused on making sure everyone could get at least one serving of food, introduced everyone to each other, and let attending students from around the county know about possible employment opportunities available to



PHOTO BY COLLEEN FLYNN

From left: Emily Williams, presidential advisor for New York State Minorities and Criminal Justice; Karmen Smallwood, assistant commissioner for the Dutchess County Division of Youth Services; and Josayne Anderson-Tejera, equal employment opportunity and inclusion officer for Dutchess County at Dutchess Community College's Caribbean American Heritage Month celebration on Thursday, June 1.

them.

The event included many different activities, allowing attendees to immerse them-

selves in Caribbean culture. The event had various of professors giving seminars on the different islands in the

Caribbean. There were dance lessons, workshops, a DJ that played Caribbean music, and even small businesses selling some of their merchandise.

Yet the event's goal was much greater than playing music and speaking to students. "Things we do inside our jobs at work and outside for our community is full circle ... We need to build diversity in the workforce, as well as share the different histories and cultures, like we are today," said Josayne Anderson-Tejera, equal employment opportunity and inclusion officer for Dutchess County.

Jacqueline Goffe-McNish, a professor of English and Humanities at DCC, partnered with the event to share her knowledge with the com-

munity.

McNish has taught Caribbean literature for more than 30 years and was in charge of the study abroad program for over 20 years, and would take her students to the Caribbean islands for study and cultural immersion.

"Doctor Professor Goffe-McNish is retiring this year after 30 years of teaching here at the college, so this is a great send-off for her," said Anderson-Tejera.

The celebration highlighted how to get more involved in the city of Poughkeepsie and gave students who are minorities a stepping stone to opportunities they may not have had. The county's human resources department put together current employment

opportunities and various career paths for students to see and apply to during the event.

"I help groups that are historically being under-represented find jobs and internships, and it's important to show up to events like this," said Linda Haas Manley, a professor and Workforce Pathways coordinator at DCC.

Manuel Moore, a local videographer and podcaster, said: "I live in Poughkeepsie, which is a very heavily populated Jamaican community. I am married to a Jamaican woman, I like the culture, I like the people ... I get to be myself and learn a little more about the different countries around the Caribbean, and I hope to continue that."

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