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New investors chart course for Lime Rock Park's future

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

SALISBURY, Conn. — Two years ago, Skip Barber announced the sale of Lime Rock Park to a group of investors with deep ties not only to auto racing in general, but to the historic Lakeville track in particular.

Since assuming control of the road racing circuit in 2021, the Lime

Rock Group LLC, comprised of general partners Charles Mallory, Dicky Riegel and Bill Rueckert, along with a group of private investors, have begun making improvements to the venue and formulating major plans for its future, which includes the construction of a 48-room Delamar Lime Rock boutique hotel in the coming years.

Already the new owners said they have invested more than \$4

million in infrastructure improvements, which includes more than \$1 million to repave the FCP Euro Proving Grounds half-mile permanent autocross course located in the infield, where most of the community events are staged.

Future plans include consolidating and improving facilities, signage, food, and track safety.

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Torsten Gross of Sharon, Conn., right, founder of the Just Hands Foundation and member of the Lime Rock Park Drivers Club, took a break from track time on an early spring weekday to talk with Dicky Riegel, the park's president and CEO.

Amenia Planning Board approves Troutbeck project

By **LEILA HAWKEN**
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AMENIA — Through a series of resolutions developed after months of public hearings and review, the Amenia Planning Board voted at its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 28, to approve the adaptive re-use application submitted by Troutbeck. In addition, the board approved the site plan for phase one of a nine-phase

construction project to extend over several years. All votes were unanimously in favor.

Approval of phase one clears the way for improvements to the gate house entrance using the existing road and providing a uniform width to accommodate emergency vehicles and to install a dry hydrant. Five cabins will be built, one ADA-compliant two-bedroom unit and four one-bedroom units, along an existing

gravel driveway. A bakery will be located within the lower level of an existing maintenance barn, a deck added, and a platform tennis court will be constructed.

Key to the lengthy discussion were the results of a detailed environmental impact study undertaken by planning board engineer John Andrews, the findings reviewed at the meeting by planning board attorney Paul Van Cott.

Based on thorough review of the impact study, Troutbeck engineer Rich Renna of Renna Engineers reported that as the action resolutions were being developed and revised, he had created a punch list of clarifications.

Among the moderate to large

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Sharon nonprofit helps drivers with disabilities

By **DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS**
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SALISBURY, Conn. — Torsten Gross was set to make his International GT debut at Lime Rock Park over Memorial Day weekend when, days before the race, he had a mishap with his 2014 Porsche Cayman 981.

The "little incident," as the Sharon resident called it, not only put a dent in his competitive racing debut, but it knocked his race car out of commission and left him with a broken femur, three cracked ribs and a punctured lung.

"I don't think anyone gets into racing without understanding the risk," said Gross, who during a

mid-June interview said he was healing and looking forward to competing on a national level in the fall.

"As racers, it is part of the sport. Broken bones will always heal," said Gross, who is no stranger to adversity — or shattered bones.

In 1994, at age 15, he broke his back in a diving accident, injuring his spinal cord. As a C-6 quadriplegic, Gross said the accident changed his life physically, but did not alter his need for speed and extreme activities.

Beyond racing, the self-proclaimed "adrenalin junkie" said he loves handcycling and completed

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Drago wins primary

By **CHRISTINE BATES**
Special to The Millerton News

DUTCHESS COUNTY — With 77.8% of the vote, Chris Drago is the unofficial winner of the Democratic primary held Tuesday, June 27, to select a candidate to run in the November election to represent District 19 in the Dutchess County Legislature. Claire Owens received 22% of the total vote but will still be running in the general election on the Working Families line.

People involved in Democratic politics like Michael Dupree, head of the Dutchess County Democratic Committee, can't remember the last time there was a Democratic primary for the legislature. "It can be hard to find someone who wants to run," he commented.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Signs for Democratic primary remained up after the Millerton elections were decided the week before.

District 19 runs across northern Dutchess County and includes the towns of North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, Milan and a very small

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Veterans One Stop increases access to mental health and other resources

By **COLLEEN FLYNN**
Special to The Millerton News

PLEASANT VALLEY — Mental Health America of Dutchess County opened its Veterans One Stop facility on April 21, bringing together in one building several different services and resources for veterans.

"Since our Division of Veterans Services moved from our former office in the Poughkeepsie Journal Building in the City of Poughkeepsie to the MHA Veterans One Stop in

January, we've seen foot traffic to our office triple," said Dutchess County Executive Office communications director Colleen Pillus.

The building was donated to MHA by the owners of Pleasant Valley Medical Arts LLC in 2022 and houses MHA's Vet2Vet program, Dutchess County Veterans Services, Hudson Valley Veterans Alliance, Veterans Sportsmen's Association, and the federal Veterans Administration offices. The facility also has a food drive and a clothing and household closet,

where everything is donated by the community and is free-of-charge to local veterans.

MHA executive director Andrew O'Grady said, "This building is a game-changer. It has enabled us to expand our successful Vet2Vet programs and bring together the key veteran's services agencies, including Dutchess County Veterans Services, under one roof, making it easier than ever for our veterans to access services."

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OUR TOWNS

'Make it Millerton' maps out something for everyone

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

MILLERTON — Saturday, July 8, promises to be a day of fun, food, music, shopping and other activities for all ages in Millerton's downtown and the nearby Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

The Millerton Summer Stroll will take place from 2 to 5 p.m., just as the farmers' market is closing for the day. Twenty-four businesses have signed up with the Millerton Business Alliance to participate, and each will display the Summer Stroll poster in its window.

Designer Finds owner Dana Scarpa offered some details: "There will be activities for the entire family up and down Main Street and on the green across from The Moviehouse. There will be various complimentary

snacks and beverages offered by many of the businesses, wine tastings, art demonstrations, wonderful sales, face painting at the Irontdale Schoolhouse, and even a brass band walking up and down the streets. So much for everyone to enjoy!"

NorthEast-Millerton Library director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson added some exciting plans: "We'll be in Veterans Park making (while supplies last!) flower wreaths or crowns from dried flowers and feathers, and illustrations using watercolor pencils."

Another first for the village is a collection of community readings of selections from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which will be recorded for later viewing on the library's Facebook and Instagram pages, @nemillertonlibrary. These activities in the great outdoors depend on

good weather.

The Moviehouse across the street will be offering popcorn and other possible blandishments.

Geary Contemporary, the Millerton gallery just at the bend of Main Street, will have its own activities; check closer to the date for specifics. For news and updates try #makeitmillerton.

Back-to-back with the Summer Stroll, from 5 to 8 p.m., there will be a free concert at the Millerton Community Park featuring the popular Steve Dunn Band, at least four food trucks appealing to various appetites, beverages from 52 Main and, for the younger crowd, a petting zoo, basketball courts and the new playground. Parking is free and plentiful. For updates, see www.facebook.com/MillertonCommunityPark



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Gvkgne Realty Inc., the owner of the multi-unit residential building on 7-9 Main St. in the center of the Village of Millerton is seeking planning board approval for improvements.

Village Planning Board looks for 18 parking places

By **CHRISTINE BATES**
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The Village of Millerton Planning Board held a special meeting on Wednesday, June 28, to review building plans for 7-9 Main St. The building was sold in February 2021 for \$250,000 and is currently assessed at \$404,500.

Speaking on behalf of the owner Gvkgne Realty Inc., architect Ray Nelson presented revised site plans for a 12-apartment building. The Planning Board questioned whether there was evidence of 18 parking places required by zoning for the building and directed Nelson to return

with written proof that parking lot owner would provide the necessary spaces.

Since the designated parking is located more than 400 feet from the building, a variance would be required by the village Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The planning board also questioned whether or not the Dutchess County Department of Health had approved the septic system for 12 apartments. Lance Middlebrook, chair of the planning board, revealed that litigation is in process regarding violations in the building.

There were questions from the audience about the number of apartments allowed in the building and the number

of tenants living in the building. Delora Brooks, head of the ZBA, said her concern was for the safety of the people currently living in the building.

The planning board agreed to meet again on Wednesday, July 12 to ascertain whether parking had been confirmed as well as the results of Dutchess County Board of Health review of the septic system.

Normally the Dutchess County Planning Board meets on the second Wednesday of every month. Minutes for the April 12 and May 10 meetings were corrected and approved by the board members at the beginning of the special meeting.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for June 22-28.

June 22 — Deputies responded to Lia's Mountain View Inn 7685 Route 82 in the Town of Pine Plains for the larceny of used cooking oil. Investigation ongoing at this time.

June 27 — Deputies responded to 15 Old Post Road

2 in the Town of North East for a person trapped under a farm tractor for approximately 45 minutes in a creek. A male subject was located and subsequently freed from underneath the tractor by members of Millerton Fire Department and other rescue and personnel. The male was airlifted from the scene to Albany Medical Center as a precaution, however no life-threatening injuries were reported. The New York State Police also assisted at the scene.

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.

All persons arrested and charged are alleged to have committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.

Recent property sales in the Town of North East and Village of Millerton

The Millerton News will periodically publish a listing of residential real estate sales in eastern Dutchess County and adjacent towns. Real estate sales in the Town of North East and Village of Millerton from the beginning of March through the end of June 2023 remained modest. In this four-month period, the MidHudson MLS recorded only four sales. There are currently 11 active residential listings in the town and three in the Village of Millerton, ranging in asking price from \$150,000 to \$1,350,000.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

With Catskill Mountain views, 279 McGhee Hill Road was originally listed for \$1,969,000 and sold for \$1,387,500.

19 Morse Hill Road, horse farm on 8.5 acres for \$435,000, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, sold on May 1

house on 5 acres for \$287,000, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, sold on June 2

Kimball Way, with 75 acres of land for \$845,000, sold on May 8

279 McGhee Hill Road, house with 14.7 acres for \$1,387,500, 4 bedroom, 4 baths, sold on June 15

Village of Millerton residential sales closed from March 1 to June 27, 2023 sourced from Mid-Hudson MLS.

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First annual Family Fun Day in Amenia on July 8

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AMENIA — Organizers of the first townwide Family Fun Day at Beekman Park, scheduled for Saturday, July 8, have confidently announced their expectation that it will be repeated annually. Lots of activities are planned for this year's free event, open to all and scheduled to run between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

There will be ice cream, which is reason enough to attend. Activities will include a hula hoop contest, slow pitch game and other outdoor games.

No registration is needed. The event with "fun" in its name is being hosted by Amenia Recreation and Webutuck

Little League. For more information, go to www.ameniany.myrec.com

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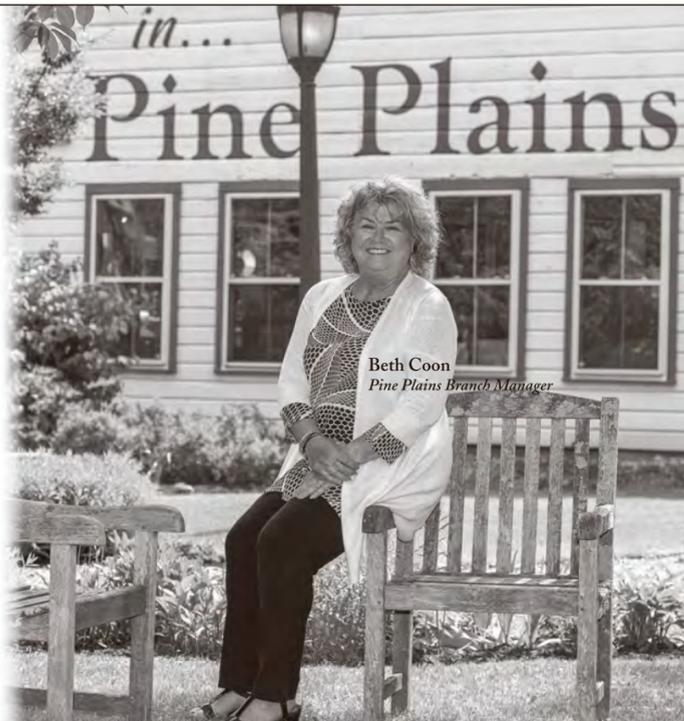
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Amenia solicits suggestions for Wassaic Green

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASSAIC — The Town of Amenia scheduled a public meeting on Wednesday, June 28, to discuss the raised bed across from the post office. Lauren Was and Margret O'Brien, co-chairs of the Amenia Enhancement Committee, led a meeting that attracted more than 30 people interested in airing their thoughts and ideas concerning the site, addressed as a park by most during the meeting, that is in disrepair and in need of some rehabilitation.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

The Wassaic Green across from the post office.

Was and O'Brien asked the group for ideas, saying that it was at the suggestion of the town board that the meeting be held, ideas gathered and then compiled into a report that will go to the board.

Most felt that there needed to be better accessibility to the area itself. Better management of parking was another important factor. Others cited people driving faster than they should around the park area, and along with "haphazard" parking, making the area less safe than it should be.

Creating a second crosswalk to get to the train station is one idea to slow traffic down. Attendees would also like parking to be organized, possibly lines painted so parking would be uniform.

One person described the park as an island surrounded by cars. He'd like to see it expanded, which many thought was an excellent idea, and plans could include steps for better accessibility, maybe even benches and tables. Everyone opted for a greener area and more shade trees.

Councilman Leo Blackman shared some sketches he had made, with two different plans, that were passed around.

Almost everyone mentioned the history of the area, and felt that in some way, the park should honor the soldiers who had fought for the country, and that it should be a place that remains public. Some also want to see trees replanted, including one that can be used in a traditional Christmas display.

At one point, the discussion turned to who actually owns the land the park sits on. The town pays for the lighting

and maintenance, but there are questions about whether it actually belongs to the town or not. People would like to be certain it does, as taxpayers' funds are used in its upkeep.

The general consensus was that by working together, the park could be restored and become an integral part of the community. It was noted that many people who were interested in the space and present at the meeting are professionals in areas that could be pertinent to the rebuilding and glorification of said property.

Learning to live with your age

By LEILA HAWKEN
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SALISBURY, Conn. — Embracing your years no matter how many is the theme of a four-part series at Noble Horizons that will begin on Monday, July 10, led by local writer and personality Jim Flaherty. His series will continue on the following three Mondays, July 17, 24 and 31. Each hour-long session will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Noble's Community Room.

"I think of the Noble community as a family—a place where people can enjoy their later years in a beautiful place with loving people around them, and best of all, close friends, good company all the time," Flaherty said, anticipating the experience.

Lively interaction with the audience will be just one of Flaherty's approaches to his

Ruby Hill Farm's Madi's Way honors memory of local teen

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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CLINTON CORNERS — Over 200 family and community members attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Madi's Way learning center at Ruby Hill Farm on Sunday, June 25.

When Madison Lynch-Dingee died in a car accident on Dec. 21, 2021, she was just days shy of her 17th birthday, a junior on the honor roll at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie. She spent her elementary and junior high school years in the Millbrook Central School District.

With shared custody between mother Louise M. Lynch and father Richard Dingee, Madi, as she was called, spent time with both parents and stepmom Diana Romero. An animal lover and an avid equestrian, she was on her way to a job at a horse stable in Pine Plains, on Route 82 in Millbrook, when she had the accident that took her life.

Dingee and Romero, owners of Ruby Hill Farm, discovered a way of honoring Madi's passing early on and started working on plans to start Madi's Way, which would seek to raise awareness about chil-



PHOTO BY PAM FREEMAN

From left, former state Sen. Sue Serino, Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati, Rich Dingee, Emily Ann Jackowski, Diana Romero, Natalie Tobar Romero, Christian Jackowski, Austin Dingee and Travis Dingee on the porch of Madi's Way for its ribbon-cutting on Sunday, June 25.

dren's experiences of divorce and grieving.

The charitable organization would encompass a learning center that would enable children to learn about agriculture, gardening and horseback riding, sewing and other endeavors. They wanted to share the joy Madi had in life with other children in a setting that is peaceful, warm and supportive.

On Sunday, June 25, that dream was realized and shared. Attendees included Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati and former state Sen. Sue Serino, who is currently a candidate for Dutchess County executive.

Programs at Madi's Way include yoga, open sew classes, a puppet event, and workshops to make travel bags, microwave bowls, and cowgirl aprons. A weeklong summer sewing camp is also scheduled. On Sundays during the summer, artists will showcase their crafts.

In the fall, classes are planned for help with the grieving process with a trained therapist. There are charges for the classes, but up-to-date sewing machines are on hand, and for children, most of the supplies are on there. There's also a scholarship process for children who can't afford the classes.

While some of the teachers volunteer their time, others are professionals who are paid to teach.

The Dingee and Romero families expressed their thanks to family, friends and other well-wishers for joining in the ceremony of Madi's Way. "Our hearts are full and because of your support we hope to make a difference in the community by offering programs in a peaceful, supportive, and beautiful farm setting. We are blessed for the opportunity to come together, bridging talents with seasoned individuals, sharing skills, and serving our neighbors."

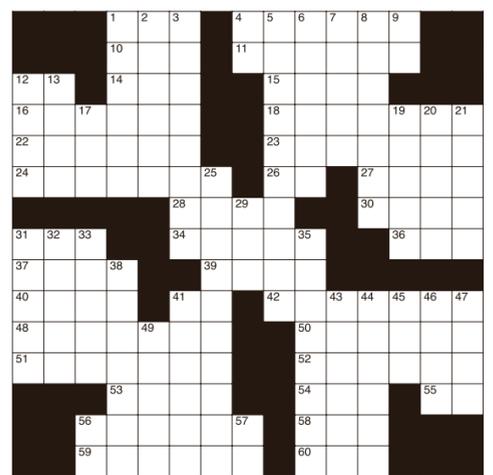
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Small Eurasian deer
- 4. Irish county
- 10. A major division of geological time
- 11. Broadway actor Lane
- 12. Canadian province
- 14. It causes fainting (abbr.)
- 15. Two
- 16. A notable one is blue
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Rings
- 23. Sullies
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Publicity
- 27. Near
- 28. Tools of a trade
- 30. Offer in good faith
- 31. "American Idol" network
- 34. Garments
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 37. Retired NFL DC Dean
- 39. Hot meal
- 40. A type of gin
- 41. Percussion instrument
- 42. A \$10 bill
- 48. About ground
- 50. Medicine man
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. National capital of Albania
- 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge
- 55. By the way
- 56. Bicycle parts
- 58. Barbie's friend
- 59. In a way, stretched
- 60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make up for
- 2. American songbird
- 3. Pay
- 4. International organization
- 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact

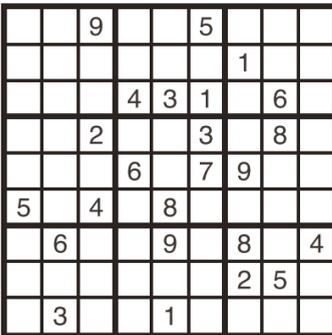


- 7. Criminal
- 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital worker (abbr.)
- 12. Nonsense (slang)
- 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. Another name
- 20. Sheep in second year before shearing
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate during a time of year
- 29. Creative output
- 31. Recesses
- 32. District in N. Germany
- 33. Rider of Rohan
- 35. The official emblem of the German Third Reich
- 38. One who puts down roots
- 41. Scribe
- 43. Painted a bright color
- 44. Tycoons
- 45. Actress Thurman
- 46. Walking accessory
- 47. Crest of a hill
- 49. Member of a North American people
- 56. Type of computer
- 57. U.S. State (abbr.)

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OBITUARIES

Marshall Miles

SALISBURY — Marshall Miles of Factory Street, passed away at Hartford Hospital Saturday evening June 24, 2023.

Marshall was born on Oct. 23, 1952, the son of the late Jackie and Lorraine Miles. He resided in Sharon for most of his life and was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1971. Marshall went to broadcasting school after graduation. He then was on air at the High School radio station, broadcasting football games. He started his radio career at WGHQ in Kingston, New York, as a disk jockey/advertising sales and "spy in the sky" Traffic Reporter. He moved back to Sharon in 1993 as Operations Manager at WQQQ/Q103. In 1997 Marshall became the Operations Manager at WKZE and continued in that role until 2002.

He then started the country's smallest NPR station at Robin Hood Radio where he was president of Tri-State Communications/Robin Hood Radio from 2002 until his passing. He was an inte-

gral part of Northwest Connecticut, updating listeners on local news, key events, and critical weather updates. He also was a key part of charities in the area raising money for many causes.

Marshall is survived by his son Marc Miles and three grandchildren, Mia, Austin and Jackson Miles; stepchildren, Robin Polacco, Karen Hutchings Martin, Jake and Sam Hutchings; step grandchildren, Jordan and Chad Polacco, Mack, Molly, Will and Nate Hutchings and Miles Martin. Marshall is also survived by two brothers Mark Miles and Mitchell Miles. He was pre-deceased by a sister Milanne Miles.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, July 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main St. in Sharon. Burial is private. A celebration of Marshall's life will be held at a later date to be announced. Memorial contributions may be made to Tri-State Publications Communications Inc., 67 Main St., Sharon, CT 06069



Shirley R. (Marks) Decker

SALISBURY — Shirley R. (Marks) Decker, age 87, of Salisbury, passed away on July 1, 2023, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. She was the wife of the late Frank W. Decker, Jr.

Shirley was born May 9, 1936, in Salisbury, the daughter of the late Howard and Elsie (Ball) Marks. She attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Shirley married Frank on May 28, 1955, and made their home in Wassaic, New York. She was a housekeeper at the Wassaic Developmental Center for many years until retiring in 1995. She enjoyed dancing, participating in local bowling leagues and serving as a member of the Wassaic Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her sister, Mildred Ongley of Salisbury; seven nieces: Debra Lavalette, Joann Garfield,

JoAnn Hess, Barbara McGhee, Mary Bastian, Michele Hanlon and Pamela Carlson; one nephew, Ted McGhee; and several great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her sister, Polly Cimorelli of Poughkeepsie, New York, and her brother, Tilden McGhee of Salisbury. She was also predeceased by her companion, Silas Lovett of Norfolk, Connecticut.

The burial will be held at Valley View Cemetery in Dover, New York, on Friday, July 7, at 1 p.m. followed by a memorial service at the Congregational Church of Salisbury at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Little Guild animal shelter at 285 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT, 06796. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Marjorie A. Grossman

SALISBURY — Marjorie A. Grossman, 88, of Lincoln City Road passed away on June 21, 2023, at Noble Horizons after a brief battle with cancer.

Marjorie was born on Aug. 12, 1934, in the Bronx, New York. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Lillie Wehmeyer. Marjorie attended Cornwall Consolidated School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School as well as Wagner College on Staten Island and Concordia College in Bronxville.

Marjorie is survived by two daughters, Lori Belter (Stephen) and Beth Piantek (Thomas), a son, Thomas Grossman and son-in-law,

Justin Haley. Also, the loves of her life, her grandchildren and great grandchildren, Caitlin Evans (Will) and Jack, Brianna Belter, Nathan Piantek (Heather) and Logan, Kyle Piantek (Natalia) and Arlo, Rebecca Grossman (Lucas), Sierra Grossman

and Reese Haley. She was predeceased by her beloved daughter, Krista Haley, and her brother, George H. Wehmeyer.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of the arrangements.



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OUR TOWNS

Millbrook Horse Trials to return

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MILLBROOK — Thursday, July 27, through Sunday, July 30, are the dates the Millbrook Horse Trials will once again take place in the meadows and fields of Millbrook. It last took place in 2021.

One of the only horse trials still occurring in the Northeast, the event attracts world-class equestrians from near and far, including fan favorites Boyd Martin, Phillip Dutton, Buck Davidson and Doug Payne. It is the only trial, and the largest, that runs all levels through advanced.

The co-chairs of the board of directors are Mimi Babcock and Caroline Merison. Merison noted the more than 30 years of history behind the Millbrook Trials and feels that they need to keep the event going. There is much work needed as well as improvements to be undertaken, but Babcock was impressed by the support they have received.

"We have been humbled by the support from so many of the local community who

recognize the importance of equine pursuits in preserving the signature open farmland of Millbrook," she stated.

The history and tradition of equestrian pursuits have long been part of Millbrook's history, as can be found in paintings, statues, jewelry, equipment, saddles, clothing and boots.

Planned events for sponsors and patrons include a Saturday brunch at the Yellowframe Farm Watervent tent, and a private Sunday luncheon in the ringside tents overlooking the showjumping arena. Competitors and volunteers will be feted at a Friday evening welcome party sponsored by Purina and Triple Crown.

Held at Riga Meadow at Coole Park, 1031 Bangall-Amenia Road, there is no charge for general admission and parking is free. There is an arts and crafts tent, a petting zoo for the children, and free access to Trevor Zoo next door. There will be food trucks and vendors as well.

For more information, go to www.millbrookhorsetrials.com

A Remembrance

Marshall Miles

The sad loss of Marshall Miles on June 24 is one that has been strongly felt across the entire Tri-State region. He was an icon in regional media, and worked hard at multiple stations over many years to have local radio be the best it could be here. His voice was so familiar and welcoming to his listeners that he could easily have been considered a family member or a good friend, whether they knew him personally or not.

After Marshall founded Robin Hood Radio in Sharon with Jill Goodman, he approached me and Cynthia Hochswender, then executive editor of The Lakeville Journal, to do a radio show with him weekly. We spent many Thursday mornings with Jill and Marshall in conversation about the news of the Northwest Corner and its surrounding towns as reported in the Journal and The Millerton News. Marshall made it very much a friendly gathering, so there was never any need to be anxious about going on the radio. Many interviewees had that experience of his professional, supportive approach

to getting the word out to his listeners.

A number of years ago, when Marshall and Jill often attended area events to broadcast live and draw people out to join them, we were all in attendance at a Big Rig fundraiser for Housatonic Child Care Center in Salisbury. I was working it as a center board member and was taking some photos for the Journal. The day was interrupted by thunderous rainstorms, which definitely kept the crowds at bay, yet he and Jill stuck it out as long as any of us, in the rain under an umbrella. Only lightning and thunder got him to pack up.

That spoke of his commitment to being there for all facets of the communities he served. Who can forget the many times he stayed on the air through bad storms and power outages, keeping us connected? He gave his all through some very challenging times, right up until the end of his life.

Profound thanks to Marshall for his love of this part of the world, where he had deep roots and such a large effect on its community life. His legacy will remain strong for years to come.

A Remembrance

Marshall Miles

It saddens us to learn of Marshall Miles' passing. Each morning for the past twenty-plus years, we had listened to Marshall (and Jill) on our way to work. It became a staple in our daily life and it will surely be missed. Marshall cared so much for our communities and was a role model for us. During my seven year tenure as President of the Millerton Lions Club, Marshall so graciously promoted our events, allowing us air time as well, which really helped in getting the word out throughout the Tri-State area. He enlightened his audience with many guests and local topics. Thanks, Marshall, for being the local voice for our communities and for helping so many organizations. You will be sorely missed. RIP Mr. Radio!

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Webutuck auditorium renovated, with plans to host community events

By ELIAS SORICH
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AMENIA — When the auditorium of Webutuck High School flooded in January 2022, it became clear that changes beyond the surface level were going to be necessary.

The culprit was a burst frozen pipe, and according to Robert Farrier, school business administrator at Webutuck Central School District, the auditorium was at one point under 6 inches of water.

Now, a year and a half and \$3.5 million later, the auditorium is 90% renovated and equipped with much-needed upgrades to the room and stage's architecture and gear. "I'm pretty sure the original lights from 1960 were being used for the stage," said Farrier, "so the new equipment is going to make a big difference."



A view of the renovated Webutuck High School auditorium from the audience.

Included among the upgrades are acoustic panels on the ceiling, which will amplify and increase the sound quality of the room. That a ceiling replacement was necessary, however, came as a result of an asbestos contamination.

According to Farrier, prior to flooding, the asbestos had been safely contained. After, it became a hazard that had to be replaced, and required a brief closure of the school.

But almost everything in the auditorium has been replaced, from entirely new auditorium seating to a modern sound system. Among the new additions are a technician's booth, and air conditioning that "will make the room much more tolerable and COVID-safe," said Farrier.

Part of the reason the renovations have taken such a long time, however, is that much of the material and items required were subject to supply chain delays, particularly the seating.

Webutuck received the lion's share of its funding for the renovation from flood insurance proceeds but had to dip into the district's emergency reserves to complete the scale of the project.

Now that the work is nearly complete, Farrier shared that the school plans to make use of the auditorium as a community space. Already, the NorthEast-Millerton Library hosted a magician's show in the space to kick off its summer reading program. "But we're planning on making it available to local theater groups that maybe don't have a dedicated performance space, music groups, things like that," said Farrier.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Selling faster than hotcakes were the steak sandwiches grilled to perfection by Charles Mayville Jr., lifetime volunteer at the Amenia Fire District. The annual Carnival Food Night on Saturday, July 1, attracted a steady stream of diners in family groups who stayed on for spectacular fireworks.

Amenia Fire District hosts Carnival Food Night with cookout and fireworks

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Families turned out to enjoy and support the annual Amenia Fire District's Carnival Food Night on Saturday, July 1, that included a streetside cookout and a show in the form of a spectacular fireworks display, all in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.

Members of the fire department kept the barbecue sizzling with steak, sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs and an accompanying array of side dishes, including hand-cut french fries and fried dough. Apparent was the sense of community among the fire department volunteers, each taking on assigned cooking or

servicing duties with an appropriate level of camaraderie.

Fireworks began shortly after 9 p.m. with the best viewing found at the Town Hall grounds.

"It's been a steady crowd—not overwhelming, but steady," said fire district Chief Chris Howard, stationed near his brother, Shawn, former fire chief, who served as chairman for this year's event.

"I want to thank everyone who came out to support the Amenia Fire Company," Shawn Howard said.

Although the current number of volunteers is sufficient, Chief Howard said that the fire department is always seeking new volunteers.

"We never turn anyone away," Chief Howard added.

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12 marathons in 12 months in 2016, as well as skiing, skydiving and scuba diving. "I am the world's only quadriplegic who is a Rescue Scuba Diver."

A life-changing anniversary gift

Until his wife, Maggie, surprised him with the gift of a race day at Lime Rock Park (LRP) for their 10th anniversary in 2021, auto racing was not a sport Gross had considered. But after his first exposure to high performance driving using hand controls during a test day at the park, he was hooked.

"They treated me so normal and just made me feel welcome," Gross said of the LRP instructors.

Now Gross is a regular at his home track in Salisbury where, for the past year, he has been logging as many laps as possible with the Lime Rock Park Drivers Club in preparation for his racing debut.

Fueled with the desire to help others with disabilities gain access to the race-track, in 2022, he founded the non-profit Just Hands Foundation. The organization is dedicated to normalizing the use of hand controls in performance driving and gives anyone in a wheelchair a chance to get out on the track with an instructor and experience high performance driving.

"Track driving is one of the most freeing things for someone in a wheelchair. After I clip in, I leave my chair in the paddock and don't need any help. I am 100% equal with everyone."

Lime Rock Park is sponsoring the Just Hands Foundation as one of its charitable organizations. In addition to LRP, additional foundation sponsors include Sharon Autosport, HMS Motor Sports, Pennzoil, Mobility Innovations, FCP EURO and Nicholas/Tobin Insurance.

Few sports, said Gross, enable disabled people to compete on a level playing field.

"Yes, we can ski, do marathons, play basketball and myriad other sports. But unfortunately, we are held to a small group we can compete against, and none of those things make us equal." With racing, he said, he is just another car out there trying to make the perfect lap.

"When I get in that race car, people don't know I am in a chair unless they see me beforehand out on the track.

Other drivers don't know I am in a chair. None of it has anything to do with a chair. When I am behind that wheel, I am 100% equal with able-bodied drivers," Gross explained. "It is absolutely life-changing."

Experiences vary for drivers with disabilities

During an early spring visit to the historic Lakeville race-track, Gross demonstrated the hands control system in the foundation's "track prepped" BMW 328-XI bearing the Just Hands Foundation logo.

"Since we want people to feel comfortable, we outfitted the car with left- and right-side hand controls," Gross explained. Safety, he said, is paramount. Other additions include fire suppression, a roll cage, six-point harness and Sparco racing seats.

Just Hands Foundation offers several levels of experience for drivers, including HPDE, or high-performance driver education. It's code for:

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Torsten Gross, founder of the nonprofit Just Hands Foundation

bringing a car onto a track and learn performance driving.

"This is not racing," Gross explained. Participants have an instructor work with them on the track which will make them more confident and better drivers. "And, you will have a smile you can't remove."

The Autocross program teaches car skills and takes place on LRP's Euro Proving Grounds, a .52 mile permanent, paved road course using the Just Hands racing car. This program allows participants to learn car control in a high-performance setting without the risks.

For those who just want to experience the thrill of riding in a race car but are not ready to get behind the wheel, Just Hands offers a ride-along with an experienced driver.

With more than 50 track days planned for 2023, the Just Hands Foundation continues to grow its list of graduates.

Gross said, to date, the foundation has helped several dozen handicapped drivers experience high performance driving in a safe environment. While the foundation tracks mainly at LRP, it also travels to other racing venues in the U.S. and abroad.

In mid-June, the Just Hands Foundation received a donation of a 2015 Porsche Cayman 981 from the East Hartford-based Hoffman Porsche.

"Now we have two" cars, Gross said. "Along with that, we have one in Belgium, Germany and we are about to put another car in Austria. And all of this was accomplished over one year."

Gross was also the impetus for the LRP concession stand's new handicap access ramp. Park management learned of Gross' struggle to navigate his wheelchair over the uneven gravel and steps leading to the facility. The next day, Gross recalled, he received a call asking him to visit the stand and offer his input on the construction of a new, concrete ramp.

"The concession stand is newly ADA-compliant, and we did it in partnership with Torsten and his foundation," Dicky Riegel, LRP president and CEO, explained. "Before, he couldn't roll up to the concession stand in his chair. What a nasty disservice we were doing. It didn't reflect our vision of inclusivity."

Despite his success on and off the track, Gross modestly shifts the kudos to his friends, family and corporate supporters.

"I have the most amazing group of people around me. None of it happens without their support...without the support of Lime Rock Park, my board, my partners," Gross said. "I am merely a springboard that allows others the opportunity to give all the amazing help that they do."

For more information on the Just Hands Foundation, visit www.justhands.org

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"The group is bringing outstanding new vision and vitality to Lime Rock's operations and to our regional community," according to Barber. "They are ideal stewards of the Park's long and successful legacy."

Barber has retained ties with LRP as a significant owner in the new entity and is an integral part of its management committee, as the business continues to leverage his worldwide reputation in the motorsports industry.

The Skip Barber Racing School and Driving Academy, which he founded, continues to accelerate participants' racing dreams.

Off to a speedy start

Summer 2023 kicked off in late May with the Trans Am Memorial Day Classic, held May 26-29 and featuring an array of high-octane thrills plus the Royals' Garage car show and a craft beer Grand Prix, drawing a record crowds. It's been full speed ahead at the venue ever since.

Other non-racing events held at LRP in recent weeks include Project SAGE's annual Trade Secrets garden and antiques extravaganza, FCP Euro Sunday Motoring Meets and the Little Guild's popular Great Country Mutt Show. The second annual Lime Rock Park Epic cycling event and a new Airstream event are slated for fall.

Community partners also include the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, the Piston Foundation, Salisbury Winter Sports Association, Lakeville Hose Company, FCP Euro and the Sharon-based Just Hands Foundation, which helps people with disabilities gain access to the racetrack.

While unmuffled racing on Sundays is off limits, the day still offers many events. The venue's Sundays at the Park features a series of car shows and gatherings throughout spring and summer, including FCP Euro Sunday motoring meets and a special Concours d'Elegance featuring historically significant classic cars in motion.

Already, efforts appear to be paying off. "Overall attendance has increased dramatically over the last two years," Riegel noted. For non-racing patrons, their first visit is often an opportunity to view the venue as a place to spend quality family time.

About the new management team

Riegel resides in Bedford, New York, but is no stranger to the Northwest Corner or its celebrated racetrack. He

is a graduate of the Salisbury School and served on its board of trustees for 25 years, including several as board chair.

"My history is, I love classic things," said Riegel, who earned an MBA degree with a concentration in finance and marketing from Columbia Business School, and an undergraduate degree in Art and Architecture from Middlebury College in Vermont.

Riegel was the founder and CEO of travel company Airstream 2 Go LLC, the exclusive, factory-authorized source for rental Airstream trailers and tow vehicles. Prior to that, he served in positions from 1998 through 2012 at Thor Industries Inc., the world's largest recreational vehicle manufacturer, including as its COO and as president and CEO of Airstream Inc.

"That experience of taking a moribund product and making it modern and relevant was a heady experience for me. Now, lo and behold, I have the opportunity to get involved with another classic brand:

Lime Rock Park."

The father of two grown children has fond memories of the day in 1982 when his dad picked him up from school in a classic '31 duPont and heading to the track.

"I got to drive that car at the

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—Skip Barber, Lime Rock Park's former owner

age of 15. I remember the thrill of going around the track," noted Riegel, who still owns the rare classic automobile, of which only 537 were produced between 1919 and 1931. "My dad died 10 years ago, yet that memory helped forge the passion I found for Lime Rock Park."

Years later, during a family outing at LRP, Riegel recalled that his son Richard, then 5, "turned to me and said, 'Daddy, this is the best day of my life.'" Today, Richard is part of LRP's ownership.

LRP general partner Mallory, founder of the Greenwich Hospitality Group, has a passion for hotels and restaurants as well as preservation, art and design. He owns and operates boutique-style hotels both in and outside of Connecticut, including the Delamar luxury brand.

Mallory's family, which has deep roots in the state's maritime history, founded the Mystic Seaport Museum, the nation's leading maritime museum.

Rueckert, an auto racing enthusiast, grew up driving too fast on the back roads of rural New Hampshire and Vermont. He never had a formal track day until moving to Connecticut and attending the Skip Barber driving school and racing school.

Rueckert's background is in finance and investments. He started his professional life as a Wall Street banker at Brown Brothers Harriman and has run businesses in the oil and gas industry, real estate and resort development, later managing an investment fund specializing in community banks.

He also has an active non-profit life and serves on several charitable organizations, including as board chairman of Teachers College, Columbia University and of the YMCA Retirement Fund.

Riegel noted that while he and his two general partners all have a passion for racing and Lime Rock Park, they also need to keep the business financially viable.

"The challenge is, how do we support the objectives of the community and the eco-

nomics objectives of Lime Rock Park in symmetry?"

48-room hotel 'linchpin of our operation'

LRP officials recently presented plans for garages and an infield kitchen to the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission and are working on revised siting.

"Our plans are to have everything submitted early summer for project work to begin this fall/winter,"

said Riegel. "The hotel is still 18-24 months out, so nothing has been formally submitted on that."

The construction of a hotel on-site "will be the linchpin of our operation at Lime Rock Park by not only serving all of our different events, but also participants and fans," said Riegel.

Salisbury Planning and Zoning Chairman Michael Klemens said he has yet to see LRP's revised plans, but based on preliminary discussions with the owners, "they have been forthcoming and engaging with the land use office."

"They are strictly limited to what they can and can't do on that property," Klemens noted.

"They are limited not by noise levels, but by hours of operation. If they want to start having other events" such as weddings or other non-racing activities at the venue, he noted, "they will need a special permit, which requires a public hearing."

Once a special permit is granted, Klemens said, they can request a zoning permit the following year, similar to what the organizers do for Trade Secrets, the Great Country Mutt Show, and other recurring events.

"The caution here is, if they try to start a lot more events, I think they may get push-back from the neighbors," Klemens said. "They have to be mindful of the section of the zoning regulations they operate under...things that are not construed as customary or incidental. Hopefully, it's not going to be controversial."

Doug Howes, who is a neighbor to the track and president of the grassroots Lime Rock Citizens Council, said he is cognizant of LRP's need to improve facilities and attract paying patrons to secure its future "as long as it's allowed under the town's guidelines."

Riegel said the owners' goal for a more inclusive venue is a win-win for all involved.

"Often, when people think of a racetrack, many think it's a concrete jungle, smoky and dirty and that people are rough and tumble, and it can't be any farther from the truth," Riegel said.

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part of Red Hook. Owens won in her hometown of North East, receiving 68 votes—59% of votes cast. With 689 registered Democrats in the Town of North East and Village of Millerton, 17%—or 115 registered Democrats—showed up at the polls to vote on a stormy day.

Drago dominated elsewhere with 91.5% in Milan, 86.6% in Pine Plains and 86.8% in Stanford. Owens faced an uphill battle after Drago had won the votes of those towns at the convention of the Dutchess Democratic Committee in February.

The two candidates have very similar positions on the issues facing Dutchess County. Owens emphasized public transportation, affordable housing and education while Drago focused on how county taxes are spent and meeting the basic needs of county residents. The most important issue for Democratic voters was selecting a candidate who might be able to beat popular incumbent Republican Gregg Pulver in the general election in November.

Despite the fact that District 19, according to Dupree, is "purple," Owen received 1,609 votes of the total cast of 3,533 two years ago when she was the Democratic candidate. This year's primary has helped Drago, a political newcomer, introduce himself in advance to voters. If his plentiful roadside signs are any indication, he will run an active campaign in the fall.

Two weeks before the vote, Owens' mother fell at home and was taken to Vas-sar Brothers Hospital. Owens chose to stay by her mother's

side during a critical time and had to take a step back from campaigning.

Although she lost the Democratic primary, Owens will resume her campaign as the Working Families candidate in the general election in November. She expressed gratitude for the support from the community and reported that her mom has made an incredible recovery.

"I'm honored and humbled to have earned the Democratic line for Dutchess District 19 and I'm grateful for the overwhelming support from our community," commented Drago after the election results were in. "I look forward to continue talking to neighbors across our district in the coming months and working together to win the election in November. Our district is very concerned about current leadership in county government not focusing on the basic needs of our community, and I'm running to change that."

"Two terrific candidates were motivated to run and the Democratic voters in Legislative District 19 spoke clearly," observed Dupree. "Turnout in the Democratic primary here was higher than in the City of Poughkeepsie, where there were many contested races."

According to the Dutchess County Board of Elections, there are 3,001 registered Democrats, 2,440 registered Republicans and 2,279 NOPS (No Official Party) in the 19th county election district. In the last county election, approximately 45% of registered voters came to the polls, so November election results will, once again, be determined by party turnout and the NOPS.

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environmental impact items were excavation of tons of sand and gravel materials to create a water feature at Troutbeck, but, Van Cott explained, all materials will be retained on-site as fill.

Another environmental concern was the time frame of years of construction over an estimated six years, answered by an agreement that construction would be scheduled during winter months when neighbors' windows are closed, November through March.

Planning board member Nina Peek examined the reports and resolutions for uniformity of language.

About concerns over surface water and wastewater drainage, Van Cott reported no measurable impact on the area.

Troutbeck owner Anthony Champalimaud spoke of Troutbeck's ongoing partnership with conservation organizations, describing "the amount of work we're putting into restoration of the landscape following riparian conservation principles."

Pesticides and herbicides are used rarely and responsibly with a log kept of all applications and within all boundaries set by law, Champalimaud said. Those monitored logs are publicly available, he noted.

"We all appreciate how we are stewarding the property," Champalimaud said, noting a recent professional application of a pesticide to combat spongy moths attacking the specimen historic trees for two years. This year, the third, freed the trees to produce abundant leaves.

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Veterans One Stop gives veterans a stepping stone to getting help in their own community. The facility provides services including support groups, social activities, assistance in finding housing and employment, advocacy, emotional support, referrals to other services, and short-term care management.

"As a veteran myself, and having worked with many of our former servicemembers, I know the difficulties many encounter when they return to civilian life," said Pillus. "For veterans to have a hub for services is a godsend."

Veterans' mental health has been a consistent issue in the United States. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the average number of veteran suicides per day rose from 16.4 in 2001 to 16.8 in 2020.

"We aim to reach every veteran in Dutchess County and enhance their lives," said Pillus. "In just the few months it's been open, the Veterans One Stop has helped us get closer to that ultimate goal:

Making it easier for our veterans to find us and our fellow tenants, all of whom are eager to assist them."

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COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

MUSIC: PATRICIA PLATT

Norfolk's Chamber Music Fest

The Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, running from Friday, July 7 through Saturday, Aug. 19, is making big changes to its facility and programming this season. Nearing completion is a \$10 million renovation of the Music Shed, which includes air-conditioning, a remodeled entry, new restrooms, a small store and a new green room. A full annex at the back of the building for practice and rehearsals will be completed by early August. The main hall, where concerts have been held since 1906, will keep its historic ambiance and excellent acoustics.

The tradition of having quartets in residence, who teach the 38 fellows and perform concerts on weekends, will continue. The Brentano Quartet will be in Norfolk, Conn., for the first two weeks, the Miro Quartet for weeks three and four, and the Emerson Quartet for the fifth week.

"We think of ourselves as a teaching festival where the most talented students from around the country come to study chamber music and have opportunities to perform alongside the faculty," said Melvin Chen, the director of the festival.

On a bittersweet note, the Emerson Quartet will retire after many years as festival mentors. The quartet, one of the premier chamber music ensembles of its time, is currently on a global farewell tour that will include Norfolk on Friday, Aug. 4, and end at Lincoln Center in New York City on Sunday, Oct. 22.

The musical theme for the season is "Instrumental Insights." As



PHOTO BY MATT FIELD

Melvin Chen

Chen said, "Chamber music is not something fixed but something evolving and growing, and we need to participate in that. We will offer special insight into a variety of musical topics that will be illuminated through music."

The versatility of the clarinet is showcased in a program with the Miro Quartet that includes a Mozart quintet and a selection of Benny Goodman works. The Ukraine/Russia concert will explore the historic conflict that has existed between the two countries and will include a piece of music that had to be re-created after it was burned by the Russians in the mid-1900s.

"Drawing from Tradition" is a concert that will present three pieces that combine musical traditions: one fuses a Hindustani vocal tradition with a Western piano quintet; another draws from a Tibetan dance; and a final piano quintet draws from dance music composed by people enslaved in the United States.

Chen added, "My ob-

jective to having a theme for the summer and a theme for every program is that people will be attracted to the idea of the program. They may not know the specific pieces, but the idea of the program may be intriguing to them. So, the hope is that they will come and explore the idea. In that way, we hope to draw a wider audience. I'd like people to look at the program and think 'let me find out what that sounds like.'"

The festival offers a variety of free concerts and events. Pre-concert conversations, during which Chen and professors from the Yale School of Music talk with festival artists, take place at the Battell Recital Hall each Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. before concerts. Free chamber music concerts are performed at the Music Shed on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. from July 6 to Aug. 12. Master classes and open rehearsals welcome audiences on select Wednesdays starting July 5 until Aug. 9, but check the festival's website.

The Festival Open House on Sunday, Aug. 6, will feature dogs trained to perform on Broadway performing in "Broadway Tails," presented by William Berloni, a Tony Award-winning animal trainer.

The season gala concert on Saturday, Aug. 12, will feature Tony Award-winner and Norfolk alum Ted Sperling hosting performances that look at love through the Stephen Sondheim songbook. Scarlett Strallen and Bryce Pinkham will perform selections from "Sweeney Todd," "A Little Night Music," and "Into the Woods"

The season will close on Saturday, Aug. 19 at 4 p.m. with a finale based on tradition. The Litchfield County Choral Union and members of the Yale choral ensembles will present the cantata "Hymn of Praise," which was a highlight of the Music Shed's first concert in 1906.

Article courtesy of Norfolk Now.



PHOTO BY NEIL GRABOWSKY / MONTCLAIR FILM FESTIVAL

Film Screening with Laura Linney

Boondocks Film Society will present an evening with actress Laura Linney for a Q&A and screening of the independent film "You Can Count On Me" directed by Kenneth Lonergan ("Manchester by the Sea") at South Farms in Morris, Conn., on Friday, July 14. Co-starring Mark Ruffalo and Rory Culkin, the poignant adult sibling drama earned Linney a Best Actress nomination at the 2001 Academy Awards. The evening will include a pre-film happy hour with a performance by soundtrack artist Kenny Roby of Six String Drag and themed food by Bleu on Bank from New Milford, Conn. For tickets go to www.boondocksfilmsociety.org

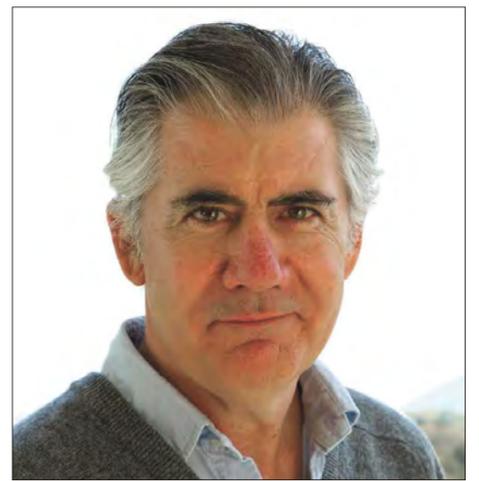


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Kevin O'Rourke

Off Peak

Great Barrington Public Theatre will present the stage comedy "Off Peak" at Bard at Simon's Rock's Daniel Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass., beginning Thursday, July 6. Directed by James Warwick and starring Peggy Pharr Wilson and Kevin O'Rourke ("The Irishman", "Boardwalk Empire"), "Off Peak" is a new comedy written by Brenda Withers that premiered last winter at The Hudson Stage Company in Westchester County, N.Y., with a wonderfully realistic MetroNorth car recreated as the set; grit, stains, litter and all. In this bittersweet folly of commuters in the night, affairs of the past resurface when two ex-lovers come face to face on an empty northbound train heading upstate. For tickets go to www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org

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ART: MAUD DOYLE

The High/Low Art of The New Yorker Cartoon

“Pen & Angst & Watercolor,” an exhibit of drawings by the celebrated cartoonist and illustrator Barry Blitt, is now on view at the Minor Memorial Library in Roxbury, Conn. Blitt’s work can also be seen at a current group show at Carol Corey Fine Art in Kent, Conn., curated by James Salomon. A Roxbury local, Blitt spoke with Compass about whether or not it’s worth considering humor a high art, where ideas come from, and the importance of not thinking too much.

Maud Doyle: So I understand that you live in Arthur Miller’s old house. Do you have anything else in common?

Barry Blitt: Of course, I’m a great fan of Arthur Miller — and it was intimidating moving into his old house. But his work is a little lofty for the ambitions I have. At first, I thought I would get inspiration from his lingering spirit — I’ve got his shed in the backyard that he built and wrote *Death of a Salesman* in. When we first moved in, I tried to work there a few times, to get inspired. But he wasn’t speaking to me.

MD: Speaking of lofty ambitions—two

years ago, you were awarded a Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning. On the other hand, you frequently described your work as “dumb jokes” and “cheap laughs.” Is there a disparity there?

BB: I like dumb humor — not all of [my drawings] are that, but at the base of everything, I’m trying to get a laugh. And it’s amazing how low I will stoop to do that. Your style is often defined by your weaknesses and in that way, you learn what you should stick to. As a political cartoonist, I’m certainly not working out policy ideas — I’m taking things at the basic level of human folly. I like a setup that works well with dashed-off pen and ink — a punchline that hits quickly. Ideally, the reader gets a reward with further inspection. But I don’t think that’s what Arthur Miller was going for.

MD: You’ve described accidentally falling into caricature and cartoon professionally because, more than the work you considered “serious” at the time, that’s what your editors responded to, and that’s what they bought.

BB: Before I was getting interest and assign-

ments from art directors and editors, even before art school, the most visceral reaction I got to the work I was doing was laughs from friends. But I felt like the jokes and humor were cheaper and easier than the ‘higher calling’ I placed on fine art. Of course, it didn’t take long to realize how naive that was, that that wasn’t real life.

MD: Do you think there can be “serious” or high art in what you’re describing as dumb humor?

BB: Yeah, I think there is. There are certain episodes of “Curb Your Enthusiasm” — I’m moved to tears, and not from laughing. I feel like I’m crying because the humor is so beautiful. I hate to talk so pretentiously — but it’s so refined to me and perfect.

As far as what I’m doing, I try not to think about what I’m doing as far as classifying it, is this high art, is this low art? I’m working on a couple of drawings now that no one will buy — they’re bad jokes. But I think you have to just draw and fill sketchbooks with ideas and present them. Françoise Mouly, who’s the art editor at *The New Yorker*, taught me not to self-edit. I try not to worry too much and just, you know, make myself



PHOTO COURTESY MINOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

laugh.

MD: Is that how you know you’ve hit on something? When you make yourself laugh?

BB: That’s a big part of it, making myself laugh. I love language and I love, you know, double entendres and puns, but sometimes I don’t even get my own jokes. Something will make me laugh and I’ll hand it in and they’ll say, “Oh, I loved the way you represented that.” Or, “That suggests this other thing,” and I

didn’t even think of it.

Actually, there’s really not a ton of thinking. I mean, there probably is, but not conscious thinking. You’ll do a drawing of something and you’ll do it poorly. But the lack of specificity in that, maybe you’ve drawn something that doesn’t look exactly like what you wanted to draw, but it suggests something else. Recently I was drawing a TV news commentator standing

in front of one of those big complicated electoral maps; I scribbled out the map and it reminded me of a Jackson Pollock canvas, which seemed like a funny take on election coverage.

But a laugh is a pure reaction as opposed to saying “That was funny” or coming up with some response. I trust the visceral reaction more than an intellectual reaction. There’s no denying a laugh.

GARDENS: ALEXANDER WILBURN

The Private Gardens of Litchfield County

Over the weekend of June 24, two private Litchfield County, Conn., gardens were opened to view for the first time — former House & Garden editor David Feld’s Falls Village, Conn., garden was open to tour through a program by May Castleberry at Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn., while the Sharon, Conn., property of legal scholar Henry Monaghan and his wife Nancy Hengen was the setting for to the Chore Service summer gala.

David Feld and Kurt Purdy

When David Feld and his husband Kurt Purdy bought their Falls Village home from Nancy McCabe, a garden designer whose clients have included American artist Jasper Johns, they inherited a cottage-style garden brimming with shaggy, imperfect charm — which is just how Feld likes it. June lavender and peonies give way to simply midsummer zinnias in a cutting garden lined with early 19th century tiles from McCabe’s hometown of Macon, Ga. At the entrance way is large cloud of Aphrodite calycanthus, and a sunken garden is home to medlar and quince trees — the later of which Purdy uses to make jam.

Henry Monaghan and Nancy Hengen

Chore Service held its summer gala in Sharon, celebrating 31 years as the crucial nonprofit serving the area’s aging community by providing assistance to elderly, disabled, or immobile residents. By providing volunteer workers to help with grocery shopping and household cleaning the work of Chore Service allows these residents to live safely in their own homes. The gardens of Monaghan and Hengen were abloom with purple alliums and lilies and the grounds contained multiple water features surrounded by antique urns, Siberian irises and a crimson Japanese maple.



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David Feld’s garden at left, Nancy Hengen’s garden at right.

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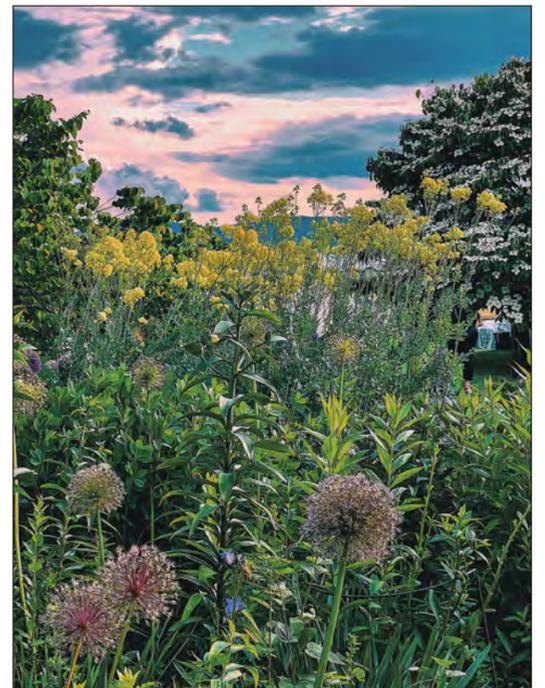
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To experience 'Real Gardens,' take a July 8 tour of Amenia

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — After three years of pandemic pause, the Amenia Garden Club is back in floral action with its much-anticipated annual tour of local garden showplaces. This year's theme is "Real Gardens of Amenia." The event has been a community favorite for more than 25 years.

The event will be held on Saturday, July 8, rain or shine.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New to the tour this year is the Wassaic garden created by Nancy Link in the heart of the village between Old Route 22 and a steep hill. Veteran garden tour participant Maxine Paetro is ready to show off her cottage garden in bloom at Broccoli Hall. Garden Club Board member Andy Durbridge is welcoming visitors to his small orchard, display of perennials and grasses, sea-

sonal containers, and more.

Garden Club President Ken Monteiro and Leo Blackman will be showing their Neverest garden, where they have intentionally and artfully replaced established invasives with native plantings. Visitors will notice how they are doing

it with visible success.

Teeniepaw Cottage and its garden, tended by Emily Fuller, features native plants and lots of pollinator flowers that bloom all summer and attract bees and other beneficial winged beings.

Always a favorite stop

on the tour, Garden Club board member Paul Arcario will welcome guests to Jade Hill, a renowned garden on a steep slope that offers water features and even a pagoda.

In addition to the annual garden tour, the Garden Club's volunteers are respon-

sible for a variety of community projects, including the restoration and maintenance of Borden Park in Wassaic.

Tickets for the Garden Tour are \$20 and may be purchased through the Amenia Garden Club website at www.ameniagardens.org

'Reed' all about it: Combining ecology, sculpture-making

By ELIAS SORICH
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AMENIA — You've likely seen it along essentially any wetland in the area: Phragmites australis, also known as the common reed.

On Thursday, June 29, and Friday, June 30, these reeds were put to use in a workshop at the Wassaic Project called "Fens & Friends," organized by Christy Gast of the international arts and research collective Ensayos as part of a series that focuses on the intersection of art and ecology as it relates to wetlands and wetland management.

As the main event of the workshop, Lima, Peru-based artist Alejandra Ortiz de Zevallos delivered instruction on how to braid Phragmites into durable rope. As a part of her artistic practice, Ortiz de Zevallos uses this technique to create large-scale crocheted sculptures.

Ortiz de Zevallos also delivered a brief lecture on some indigenous uses of Phragmites, which include

the ancient Incan tradition of building rope bridges, the last remaining example of which is the 600-year-old Q'eswachaka spanning Peru's Apurimac River.

After the workshop, participants made their way over to the Wassaic train station where Stuart Findlay, an aquatic ecologist at Millbrook's Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies, delivered a series of tactile lectures on Phragmites and its role in wetland ecosystems.

There are both native and invasive strains of the reed, but Findlay shared that the vast majority of the plants present in the region are a hybridization of the two and behave as an invasive. While that tendency does cause significant disruption to native ecosystems, the hybrid Phragmites also effectively sequesters carbon.

"If you want to do some serious CO2 reduction, Phragmites is your guy," said Findlay.

This has to do with a combination of qualities, including the plant's explosive produc-



PHOTO BY ELIAS SORICH

Cary Institute scientist Stuart Findlay delivers a lecture on the role of the common reed in wetland ecosystems on Thursday, June 29, in Wassaic.

tivity—which, according to Findlay, rivals that of corn—its fast-spreading, rhizomatous root structure, and the manner by which the plant decomposes. And though Phragmites is particularly effective at the

task of carbon sequestering, wetland flora in general tend to do that well, which is part of the reason wetland habitats are considered critical to both local and global ecosystem health.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Saturday music-making in Millbrook

Rocking to the music was easy on Saturday, July 1, when Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) presented the Damian Ecco Band on the Village Green in Millbrook. As shoppers strolled through the adjacent Millbrook Farmers and Makers Market, the band played, some people danced, and some just nodded their heads and tapped their toes in time to the music. From left, Damian Ecco on guitar, Jeff Piche on bass, Callie Hershey on keyboard and Johnny Muff on drums.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice NOTICE OF BOND RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton, Dutchess County, New York on the 26th day of June, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Millerton is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice; or if such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Lisa M. Cope, Village Clerk

Village of Millerton
BOND RESOLUTION
DATED JUNE 26, 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF PHASE I OF A VILLAGE SEWER SYSTEM, INCLUDING A SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT PUMP COLLECTION SYSTEM AND WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY SYSTEM, WITH AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$10,705,000, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLERTON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,705,000

PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE A PORTION OF SUCH COST, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TREASURER

Objects or purposes: The Bond Resolution authorizes the acquisition, construction and installation of the Phase I Village sewer system, substantially as set forth in a report dated November 2022 prepared by T&B Engineering and Landscape Architecture, P.C., entitled "Village of Millerton Wastewater Map, Plan and Report" ("MPR"), and including a septic tank effluent pump collection system and water resource recovery system, and including furnishing and other related improvements and preliminary and incidental costs thereof. The estimated maximum cost of said completion is \$10,705,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. The aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type I action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

Period of Probable Usefulness: Forty (40) years pursuant to subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. The obligations authorized by the Bond Resolution will be in excess of five years from the original date of issuance of such obligations.

Maximum Amount of Obligations to be issued: The Board of Trustees plans to finance a portion of the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Village in an amount not to exceed \$10,705,000, authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

In the event that a Town sewer district is authorized and an intermunicipal agreement entered into as described in the MPR, the estimated cost allocable to the Village is estimated not to exceed such amount. The plan of financing includes the levy and collection of assessments upon the several lots and parcels which the Board of Trustees shall determine and specify to be especially benefited thereby pursuant to an assessment and allocation schedule to be determined by the Village Board pursuant to applicable provisions of the Village Law, in just proportion to the amount of benefit which said improvements shall confer upon the same, to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. It is anticipated that to the extent eligible for and awarded for the project, the Village may receive grants from various sources, including the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) program, the New York State Water Grants Program and/or the United States of America Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, and other grant sources to pay a part of the cost of the Project. Any such funds are hereby authorized to be applied toward the cost of said Project or redemption of the Village's bonds or notes issued therefor, or to be budgeted as an offset to the taxes to be collected for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds or notes. Delegation: The power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution, determine the form and terms of said serial bonds, and take certain other actions is delegated to the Village Treasurer, as

Chief Fiscal Officer.

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, located at the Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, New York. Dated: June 26, 2023, Millerton, New York.
07-06-23

NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL ENROLLED DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLERTON AND THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST

THAT A MEETING OF SAID ENROLLED VOTERS WILL BE HELD ON Saturday, the 15th day of July, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Library Annex, 28 Century Boulevard, Millerton, New York for the purpose of selecting and nominating candidates for the following positions to be voted on at the Town Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023:

- Town Supervisor - 4-year term
- Town Justice - 4-year term
- Town Clerk - 4-year term
- Town Council Member - 2-year term (remainder of term for Council Member appointed in January 2023)
- Town Council Member - 4-year term
- Town Council Member - 4-year term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Democratic Committee, Town of North East
Debbie Middlebrook,
Chair
07-06-23

NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL ENROLLED DEMOCRATIC VOTERS

OF THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS THAT A MEETING OF SAID ENROLLED VOTERS WILL BE HELD ON

Friday, the 14th day of July, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Pine Plains Community Center located at 7775 S. Main St., 2nd floor, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York for the purpose of selecting and nominating candidates for the following positions to be voted on at the General Election to be held on NOVEMBER 7, 2023:

- Town Clerk - 4 year term
- Town Board - 4 year term
- Town Board - 4 year term
- Town Supervisor - 2 year term
- Town Justice - 4 year term
- Superintendent of Highways - 4 year term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Democratic Committee
Town of Pine Plains
Chair, Jim Petrie
07-06-23

PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Pine Plains Town Board will hold a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. 3 of the Year 2023 entitled: "A Local Law Enacting A Moratorium on the Processing of Applications for Tier 3 Solar Facilities" on July 20, 2023 at 7:10 p.m. at the Pine Plains Town Hall, located at 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York. The purpose of this Local Law is to enact an eight (8) month moratorium on the processing and approval on new applications for Tier 3 solar facilities. A copy of said Local Law is posted on the Town's official Board and the Town's website and is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office during normal business

hours. Any person desiring to be heard on said Local Law shall be provided with an opportunity to do so. Dated: June 27, 2023
BY ORDER OF THE PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD
MADELIN DAFOE
Town Clerk
07-06-23

PUBLIC NOTICE - INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

The Village of Millerton intends to file an application for federal financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service. The project includes installation of a new municipal wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system. The service area will include the Village of Millerton General Business District, commercial areas along Route 22, and the Town of North East Boulevard District along Route 44. The service area encompasses 129 parcels in the Village of Millerton and 28 parcels in the Town of North East. The estimated project cost is \$13,830,000. Any comments regarding this application should be submitted to the Village of Millerton, 5933 N. Elm Ave, Millerton, NY 12546.

By order of the Village Board of Trustees
Lisa Cope
Village Clerk
07-06-23

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EDITORIAL

The loss of an icon

Marshall Miles was many things to many people in our community. There is no question that his death on Saturday, June 24, at age 70 marked the end of an era when all of us in the Northwest Corner and Berkshire, Columbia and Dutchess counties were lucky to have a “perfect local newscaster” with an unparalleled understanding of life in our towns. Marshall co-founded Robin Hood Radio, first launched in 2006 as an internet radio station, but by 2008, had affiliated with NPR and was broadcasting on AM1020 and 91.9FM as “the smallest NPR station in the nation.” The Robin Hood Radio Network was built in the ensuing years, on air, streaming and on demand at robinhoodradio.com.

Even as a boy, Marshall and his older brother Mark used to sit with their grandparents as they tuned into Bob Steele on WTIC in Hartford. Steele was a legendary radio host who reigned over the airwaves for more than 60 years and was known for his folksy commentary. As Marshall made his own way into radio, starting as a senior at Housatonic Valley Regional High School broadcasting football games, it became clear that he was a natural. Marshall cared about the community and he was involved. The icing on the cake was that he possessed a sense of humor.

As his days were coming to an obvious end, Mark asked Marshall what will the community do if you aren't here to promote the charities and organizations and businesses that are the glue for the community? Who will talk about the weather? Who will cover the news with the Marshall touch? Not to mention that we'll all be heartbroken without a Marshall Miles on the dial.

“Half the town might be sad,” Marshall told his brother, “and the other half might jump for joy.”

His partner at the station and co-founder Jill Goodman remembered how much the station meant to him. “Robin Hood Radio is the culmination of Marshall's years in radio,” she said. “It is a balance of information and entertainment that serves the people who work and live here, and it's something of which he was quite proud, for good reason.”

Marshall stood as a repository of our culture. When we consider the current crisis facing community news, with sources of reliable and authoritative journalism falling by the wayside at an alarming pace, leaving an estimated 70 million Americans living in what has come to be known as “news deserts,” it becomes profoundly clear how important Marshall was to our community.

As Janet Manko, former publisher and editor-in-chief of this newspaper, writes in a remembrance on page A4, Marshall “was an icon in regional media. Who can forget the many times he stayed on the air through bad storms and power outages, keeping us connected? He gave his all through some very challenging times, right up until the end of his life.”

Bigger (Biggest?) Worry

There is a new trend. It is called global awareness. World's media companies are increasingly sprinkling news items from beyond our shores, politicians are warning of geopolitical upheavals and perceived enemies of the American way of life, and, always, there are truly evil folks “out there” we have to safeguard against.

But who's safeguarding us against our own stupidity?

I remember 30-plus years ago when Boeing had an espionage event. They tried to find the culprit in the company who was leaking secrets. When the investigation was over, they had identified over 100 employees leaking documents, technical specs, names, addresses, all sorts of company information. Were 100 or more people spies? Turned out the culprit was the photocopier company employee who serviced the company machines and simply copied the hard drive on several copiers.

Nowadays, we all know the need for internet security, we inform employees (and ourselves) which protection software must be active. We stress good internet practices like never opening an attachment to an email unless you scan it first with antivirus software and, especially, never, ever, click on an email link without testing it first. Companies have made billions of dollars inventing protections software. Essentially, their job has evolved to help you prevent making mistakes — protecting you from yourself.

The newest threat can be

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clearly laid at the feet of computer users everywhere. And this threat is so large, it could topple governments and democracy.

While the media is worried about AI taking jobs and supplanting whole industries, they are missing the greater issue, closely linked to that photocopier issue of old. People and industry are turning to AI programs to help with their daily office chores. Take, for example, the program manager at an aircraft company who needs to rearrange his classified tech sheets for a secret presentation on laminar wind flow to the upper brass. He drops his raw testing and design data into an open-source AI program and asks it to make a PowerPoint presentation. In a few minutes, out pops a great presentation — a very confidential presentation. And there's the intern working for a senator who has to coalesce six military budgets into a hearing committee presentation on oversight watch.

How did they fix the photocopier issue? Copiers wipe their memory on command, office security demands. How do you fix the AI inadvertent dissemination issue? No one knows, yet.

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



Will the insurance sector become another victim of climate change?

As the smoke from Canadian wildfires clears (literally) here in the Northeast, the awareness of climate change has risen. For the insurance industry, that knowledge has already precipitated some worrying policy changes.

Last month, the news that two major insurers were no longer going to sell homeowner's policies in California may have come as a surprise to some. But like me, I am sure that most readers simply dismissed the issue as a problem between a West Coast state's regulations and the insurance industry.

In California, which some think as the home of liberal politicians and crazy ideas, regulators have capped the rates insurance companies can charge the public. On average, residents pay \$1,300 per year in insurance rates, which has been artificially low for years when compared to other states. After years of losses, State Farm and Allstate insurance companies called it quits.

Last month, State Farm stated that “due to historic increases in construction costs outpacing inflation, rapidly growing catastrophe exposure, and a challenging reinsurance market,” it was done accepting new applications for property insurance from both homeowners and commercial property owners.

What to do? The easy answer would be for California to just remove the rate cap for insurance, the companies would relent, and the problem is solved. Sure, that works, if you are OK to see your insurance policy double, triple or maybe quadruple in the years to come as wildfires continue to rage. And it is not just about wildfires.

Take Florida's issues for example. Hurricanes and flooding have devastated the state. As of right now, homes are still insurable in many areas, but at what cost?

In Florida, average annual rates are forecasted to

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rise 43% to almost \$6,000 this year. Experts believe that the annual cost to insure your home in Florida could top \$10,000 per year in a few years. In some areas, it is already that high. Despite those rates, two dozen Florida insurers are on the state government's financial watchlist, as rates are still not keeping up with underwriting losses.

In many areas of Florida, the only recourse for homeowners' insurance is the state-backed Citizens Property Insurance, which has become the largest insurer in the state with greater than 1.2 million customers. And like California, rate increases are restricted by regulators. Aside from the intensity and frequency of damage from climate change, home replacement costs have also gained by more than 50% since 2019 as wages and material costs have climbed.

As in other areas, reinsurance costs have also skyrocketed, especially in areas that have been impacted the most by climate change. Today, insurance costs are the highest and/or most difficult to procure in California, Florida, Texas, Colorado, Louisiana and New York, in that order.

Over half of the worst disasters (in dollar terms) in U.S. history have happened since 2010, according to the National Multifamily Council. Unfortunately, as time goes by, climate change in the form of drought, tornados, hurricanes, wildfires, snowstorms and floods will increase and impact all 50 states. And those are only the most common catastrophes we face today. The spread of life-threatening insects and disease, dust storms, rising water levels, and permanent damage to shrinking coastlines and waterways is yet to come.

Insurance costs, where

available, are going to continue to rise, in my opinion. Many homeowners in more and more locales might find that they cannot obtain insurance. As climate risks rise, certain regions of the country could become uninsurable, at least by the private sector. Without insurance, the chances of obtaining a mortgage would be difficult at best. In the end, it would make living in certain areas cost-prohibitive for all but the very wealthy. That would spark migration away from coastlines and further inland. Many climatologists believe that is the best and only solution.

The alternative would be to establish some form of government insurance based on the California or Florida model. Homeowner insurance rates would need to be capped, but the taxpayer would ultimately be on the hook to cover losses. All that would manage to do is continue to escalate the cost of climate change, chase insurers out of the business, and allow (encourage) those who live in danger zones to continue to do so.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

105 District legislative update

As my first legislative session year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share some of our noteworthy achievements on behalf of the 105th Assembly District. First and foremost, I am honored to announce the successful passage of several bills that pay tribute to our fallen first responders and veterans. These bills, totaling five in number, were initiated at the request of local families who sought to preserve the memory of their loved ones. With the passage of these bills, we have ensured that our local heroes will forever be memorialized through their own designated sections of the New York State Highway System. Additionally, I am thrilled to inform our community about the remarkable progress made on “Melanie's Law” in collaboration with Assemblymember Brian Cunningham's office. Our legislative team has worked tirelessly to advance this crucial piece of legislation, which aims to address a dangerous loophole that exists in our current laws.

My office has also worked with federal partners, local leaders, and our public utility companies to engage our constituents and address our community's needs. I am proud to announce that over ninety percent of constituent cases that have come to our office have been resolved. My office has attended over two hundred events across the 105th Assembly District and successfully brought home in excess of \$200k in grants which will be announced at a later date.

I want to express my gratitude to the constituents who have entrusted us with their concerns and issues. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve our community, and I remain committed to working tirelessly towards creating a brighter future for all.

Should anyone wish to contact my office, please feel free to reach out via phone at 845-221-2202 or email at Beephana@nyassembly.gov.

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