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Ken Hale and his 5-year-old grandson, Cooper, caught a blue gill during the annual Ralph Vinchiarello Memorial and Amenia Lions Club Kids' Fishing Derby on Saturday, July 16.

"It's all about keeping the kids happy."

Fishing derby connects kids with nature, family

By **HUNTER O. LYLE**
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA – Along Vinchiarello's Pond's crowded edge, more than 100 people cast their lines, hoping with each one for a nibble. Bobbers floated on the glass-like surface, each tick or wobble noticed by the enthusiastic anglers on shore. They only had three hours until the annual Kids' Fishing Derby ended, and to get an award, each cast needed to count.

Each year, the Amenia Lions Club, in concert with the Vinchiarello family, hosts a free fishing derby for children ages 15 and under. Starting at 10 a.m., children from the area could come to Vinchiarello's Pond, located on Old North Road in Amenia, and participate in a friendly competition. The club also provided food, drinks and plenty of free worms for the young anglers.

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North East secures Millerton police services

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**
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NORTH EAST — A pin has been put in the police controversy for the moment, as the town of North East has contracted with the village for police services. It signed a one-year contract on Thursday, July 14, for the Millerton Police Department (MPD) to continue protecting North East residents. The decision followed a year of much public debate whether the MPD should exist at all.

The Village Board has not yet signed the contract, but plans to do so at its meeting on Monday, July 25, according to Village Clerk and Treasurer Kelly Kilmer.

Kilmer said she and Millerton

Mayor Jenn Najdek "will get the authority from the board through a motion to sign the contract Monday night."

Changes, and objections

Najdek began instituting procedural changes within the MPD during the winter of 2021.

The MPD objected, saying the daytime shifts, added to assist local businesses, drivers dealing with heavy traffic and parking, Harlem Valley Rail Trail users and others visting the village would leave the village and town vulnerable during night time hours — when call volume was highest.

Najdek said if the changes weren't successful, the department could revert to its former practices.

In December of 2021, MPD Of-

ficer-in-Charge Veeder called the move a bad decision, saying he was concerned for "public safety" and complaining there were "no discussions" prior to the changes.

Public hears options

Fast forward to 2022, and the village is now on its second version of a local law to possibly abolish the MPD. If it does, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) would be hired to protect Millerton. Acting Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk Imperati attended a special workshop in March to discuss how it would serve the village if hired to replace the MPD.

The Village Board has been struggling with that decision for the

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Anderson takes over children's section at Millbrook Library

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MILLBROOK — For many children, one of their first times picking up a book all on their own is at their local library. And much of what they learn through their young lives, and what they see and hear at their library, becomes the basis throughout their academic careers. That includes everything from socialization to learning

about a wide variety of subjects to participating in fun hands-on activities.

The Millbrook Library has long offered a varied and exciting array of programs for local youth. This year, after more than two year of COVID-19 programming that was drastically restricted, is library was able to re-institute a lot of its fan favorites and start up some new offerings, many in person.

After a few years at the library, the popular Children's Literacy Coordinator Miss Abbey is now gone. She left to pursue other goals, but has young library patrons are in the very capable hands of Kate Anderson, the new children's literacy coordinator.

With a wide smile and evident enthusiasm, Anderson is a perfect fit in the library's Children's Room, said Millbrook Library Director Courtney Tshalis. Building on programs already in place, Anderson is taking on the storytelling role, encouraging budding friendships and directing arts and crafts for little fingers and eager minds.

Anderson said she is excited about the job she started July 5. She recently made the switch from nearby Merritt Books and Toys in the village, just a few blocks away.

"I am honored to be joining the



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Millbrook Library Director Courtney Tshalis, left, with Kate Anderson, the new children's literacy coordinator, last week at the Millbrook Library at 3 Friendly Lane.

Millbrook Library as the children's literacy coordinator, and am eager to connect with children and families in our community," she said, "to both enjoy time together and to learn how best be of service. Please stop in."

She added she's enjoying the new role; she has plenty of hands-on experience already as a mom of

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Municipal meetings getting Zoom-bombed

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**
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WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington's (TOW) most recent Town Board meeting held on Thursday, July 14, began at 6 p.m. with about 15 people in attendance, including the board itself. About another 10 or so attended virtually via Zoom, their faces or names simply displayed on a large monitor above and slightly to the right

of the board table at the meeting on the 14th at Town Hall.

The meeting kicked off with an agenda boasting the usual items: roll call; the Pledge of Allegiance; resolution items; monthly departmental reports; and then what was expected to be the focus of the evening — the recently completed review by the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (CPRC) of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan (CP).

The board determined a meet-

ing will be held in September for the CP overview, to give the public time to review the findings.

At last Thursday's meeting, the highlight of the night turned out to be when Councilman Joe Rochfort was suddenly interrupted by a foreign voice. Along with another loud and confusing noise that blared from the room's speakers, a quick look at the monitor showed

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MILLERTON



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Since its opening back in March, The Hayloft has welcomed a substantial amount of foot traffic into the space at 3 Main St. in Millerton, formerly occupied by The Dig.

Charm and fresh starts at Hayloft

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Charlotte Sheridan has relished the fresh start afforded to her through her shop The Hayloft, which she opened at 3 Main St. in Millerton this March. The business community first welcomed Sheridan as the owner of Merwin Farm and Home; her newest store serves as a revamped version of her earlier business venture.

Initially operating out of her Millerton home, Sheridan opened Merwin Farm and Home for business in 2018. She then moved her shop to 1 John St. in mid-November before settling at 20 Main St., just next door to Taro's.

From the arrangement of new, antique and locally-made items on display to the occasional Do It Yourself (DIY) workshops, Sheridan generated ample business for her shop before the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in the spring of 2020.

Like many businesses across the country during COVID-19, the pandemic caused traffic to slow down at Sheridan's store. In moving forward, Sheridan felt she needed to revamp things. Looking at the open space across the street at 3 Main St., formerly occupied by The Dig (which closed in December, 2021), she said she always liked the building, its layout and that it was larger than her most recent space on Main Street.

"I wanted to do something fresh and new and kind of re-energize business after going through such a bad pandemic and trying to figure out how things were going to go after-

wards," Sheridan said.

Aiming to continue her business in a new space and with a new name, Sheridan opened The Hayloft on March 1. Since then, she said she's been very busy and welcoming great business into the store, not to mention much better foot traffic.

As far as what one might find inside The Hayloft, Sheridan said that, in addition to her business's farmhouse-style merchandise, customers will find more furniture, a children's section and other enticing items.

"It's a lot more space to fill, so that's allowed me to bring in new items," she said.

Walking around the space formerly occupied by groceries, artwork and other home goods, shoppers will find The Hayloft carries a delightful array of merchandise, whether they're looking to furnish their homes with one-of-a-kind home goods, add something new to their wardrobes or find a unique gift for a loved one.

Sheridan said her store will still be offering DIY workshops about once a month; coming up at the end of July, she said there will be a flower arrangement workshop with Maitri Farm in Amenia.

The Hayloft's hours of operation run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays through Mondays and is closed on Tuesdays.

While the store doesn't have a website, customers can learn more by calling 518-567-6737 or by going to "The Hayloft" Facebook page, the "hayloftmillerton" Instagram page or the "Merwin farmandhome" page on www.etsy.com.

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Roger & Lenny library concert July 23

The NorthEast-Millerton Library presents Roger & Lenny with Mark Yard and John Lynch on Saturday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. The rain location will be at the Library Annex at 28 Century Blvd.

Roger Cohn and Lenny Sutton bring a fresh perspective to familiar and not-so familiar songs from a golden era

of pop music. The duo delivers spirited covers of songs made famous by The Everly Brothers, Simon and Garfunkel, The Beatles and others, as well as original tunes.

Checking out Roger & Lenny at Facebook.com/rogerandlennymusic.

North East approves the sale of commercial cannabis

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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NORTH EAST — It is now legal to sell cannabis in the town of North East. That's after the Town Board passed a resolution approving cannabis dispensaries within the town at its board meeting on Thursday, July 14. The in-person meeting was also aired via Zoom for those who couldn't attend; the session will soon be available online, at www.townofnortheastny.gov.

According to town Supervisor Chris Kennan, "the Town Board voted to reverse course from last year and opt in to permitting cannabis dispensaries in town."

Kennan explained the full board voted unanimously to approve the move because now much more is known about how the state plans to handle legal marijuana sales.

"The reason really was because last year when we opted out, we did promise the public we would come back and revisit the issue this year," he said in an interview on Friday, July 15. "So little was known about it at the time we felt it was the more prudent thing to opt out of both dispensaries and on-site consumption lounges. And

we only dealt with dispensaries last night. Our feeling was that it is a legal business, and that we are interested in the potential tax revenues that these businesses could produce for the town."

Towns that have cannabis dispensaries would split the tax revenue with the county and state, with 1% going to the county and 9% going to the state, according to Kennan; 3% of the tax revenues would go to the town, which would be shared with the village, whether the village has a dispensary or not.

"We both derive the tax benefit," said Kennan, adding it would be highly unlikely that both municipalities would be granted licenses.

"We will not both have dispensaries, because the number of licenses they'll distribute around the state is limited," he said. "There are 700 around the state, and lots of them are in big cities and major population areas."

He added it also doesn't make sense to have oversaturate the market. One reason Great Barrington, Mass., was so successful when pot became legal a couple of years ago was because no communities nearby could legally sell the drug.

"I think we need to keep in mind with Great Barrington," he said, "they benefited from all of western Connecticut driving up there and a lot of Dutchess and Columbia Counties in New York driving over there, so they had a very large potential market, which will shrink when New York State gets dispensaries and when Connecticut also

gets dispensaries, which I believe is coming."

Millerton already approved allowing cannabis dispensaries in the village, and is sure to have potential businesses apply for licenses.

In total, 13% in tax revenues would be made by communities in New York that allow commercial cannabis sales.

"Nobody is saying the streets are going to be paved with gold," said a pragmatic Kennan. "I think we are realistic about it, but we will welcome it as another tax-paying business."

Not every municipality that applies for a license will get one, with only 700 licenses being granted. The state is giving priority to profitable business owners convicted of a marijuana-related offense or family members who have been.

The New York State Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) states on its website, www.cannabis.ny.gov/licensing, "The OCM will promote social and economic equity applicants who have been harmed by the prohibition of cannabis for adult-use licenses, establishing a goal of awarding 50% of licenses to social and economic equity

applicants."

Kennan added that if a dispensary is allowed in the town, it will necessitate other decisions touching on zoning, planning, etc. He said such businesses will ideally be located in more commercial parts of North East.

"I think the Boulevard District and the commercial districts on Route 22 are the most likely locations," he said.

The town supervisor added those involved in the cultivation of cannabis will not be allowed to own dispensaries.

That's noteworthy a couple of cannabis farms have cropped up in North East recently. An application from Michael Harney is currently before the North East Planning Board, and Sky Farm and Herondale Farm have a joint venture growing cannabis.

"You cannot be on both ends of the trade, that's a New York State rule; it's a law," he said.

In terms of when the state will be ready to issue licenses, Kennan was not quite sure.

"This is so new, I don't think anybody knows how long that process will take, I'm sure it won't be overnight. I don't see anybody having a business open this year."

STATE POLICE REPORT

The following information was provided by the New York State Police (NYSP) Troop K in Livingston. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Criminal contempt, etc.

On Wednesday, July 1, the New York State Police (NYSP) in Livingston arrested Arnold L. Albright Jr., 54, of Ancram, for Burglary in the 2nd degree, a class C felony, Criminal Contempt in the 2nd degree, and Criminal Mischief in the 4th degree, both class A misdemeanors.

Troopers were called to a residence in Copake on July 1, due to the victim returning home to find the house burglarized and windows broken. An investigation determined Albright had allegedly entered the residence illegally and broken the windows in violation of an order of protection.

Albright was arraigned in town of Copake court and remanded to the Columbia County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail or \$10,000 bond.

Crime Watch

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Next steps for wastewater system discussed by Town Board

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Ready to take the next steps in fulfilling Amenia's need for a central wastewater system, Charlie Miller, a member of the Amenia Wastewater Committee (AWC), delivered an update on the committee's work to the Amenia Town Board as well as a unique opportunity to receive funding for the wastewater project on Thursday, June 16.

The 7 p.m. board meeting was held at Town Hall and live-streamed to the "AmeniaTV" YouTube channel.

For decades, Miller said Amenia residents, businesses and community leaders have recognized that the hamlet of downtown Amenia will not thrive without a municipal wastewater system. Furthermore, he said its existing septic systems are old and failing; few even meet current standards and can be replaced.

Considering Amenia's long history of working to address this issue, Miller cited the feasibility study conducted in 1995; the alternate methods and technology wastewater facilities proposal in 2003; the updated 1991 Master Plan to the Amenia Comprehensive Plan in 2007 to address the desperate need for a wastewater system; the map plan and report in 2009 to establish a sewer district in the hamlet; and the wastewater collection treatment feasibility study; and a revision of the study in 2012.

Miller also mentioned both the town's 2007 Comprehensive Plan and the 2008 Hamlet Development Study. He stated without a municipal wastewater system, housing and business development would be near impossible to expand in the main part of town, where businesses are.

A central sewer system in the hamlet, Miller said, would provide significant benefits to the entire town. That would include replacing outdated septic systems; allowing existing businesses to reach their full capacity; encouraging additional growth and new small businesses in the hamlet; protecting the environment; and promoting sustainable community development; among

other benefits.

During the past two years, Miller said the AWC has done extensive research of treatment systems and technologies, conducted site visits, spoken with leaders of neighboring towns and met with engineers and officials at the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority.

Community engagement has been a priority for the AWC. After the Town Board hired the firm Tighe & Bond to do a preliminary engineering report (PER) last year, Miller said the committee has worked tirelessly with them to create the PER.

Miller said the urgency and commitment to producing a PER gained speed after the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 was enacted. Through this law, almost \$12 million was put toward the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for wastewater and sewer financing and will be allocated in the next five years, beginning this year.

To be eligible to apply for grants or loans through this fund, Miller said a wastewater project in New York must be included on the state's annual intended use plan (IUP).

If Amenia's project is included on the IUP list, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (in charge of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund) will be open to accepting formal financing applications.

Miller said it looks like for this year's IUP, New York will flag projects that meet certain criteria under the bipartisan infrastructure law. The deadline to apply was on Friday, June 17; Amenia's application to be put on the IUP list was uploaded to the state's portal and Amenia town Supervisor Victoria Perotti confirmed she had planned to submit the application by June 17.

Miller reported the next steps for Amenia as a committee and a town will focus on extensive community engagement. Throughout the summer and fall, he said AWC members will be contacting parcel owners in the envisioned wastewater district to discuss the proposed system.

Meanwhile, Tighe & Bond engineers presents the PER to the Town Board, and a

joint community engagement presentation between the committee and Tighe & Bond was planned to held in the community.

Thanking Miller for the information, Perotti said, "I think that would be very helpful for the public to know, not only all the work that you've done but the process that's been put in place."

Knowing how plans for a central wastewater system have always slipped through

the town's fingers, Councilman Leo Blackman thanked Miller and said, "I'm encouraged by the fact that you've actually completed this and we're kind of presumably through the first step of many steps, but the federal infrastructure money is critical because a lot of the reason we don't have a wastewater system is money, and if we can get a good chunk of money from them... we can afford to do this finally."



PHOTO BY TILLY STRAUSS

A retrospective on Carl Linden at the Maplebrook School had a drawing table with his work displayed, and it caught the attention of art-lover Sara Brandon.

A gallery full of art as a legacy

By TILLY STRAUSS
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — An internationally recognized medical illustrator who became a master watercolorist over his lifetime, Carl T. Linden moved to Amenia in 1976 for the last five years of his life.

He was the father of noted artisan sign maker and community leader, Ann Linden, of Amenia, who passed away in 2017. Ann was his only child, and the last of the Linden line. Her husband, Chris Keane, full of respect for his father-in-law, is honoring his wife's passion for supporting local arts education programs, as well as her connection to the Maplebrook School. Now the private school for those geared to help students overcome their learning differences located on Route 22 in Amenia is hosting an exhibit of more than 60 works. The school's website promises to link to more Linden artwork.

Hundreds of oil paintings and watercolors were found stashed in closets, trunks, under Carl's bed and in the barn studio. His dresser held a few rare original ink illustrations.

He was very versed in three different disciplines: medical illustration, traditional oil painting and plein air watercolor. As an American mid-century artist, Carl was influenced by the Ashcan school that elevated scenes of daily life and rustic landscapes. He was a formalist, steeped in traditions and favored a palette not unlike Rembrandt's.

Straight out of college, Carl won a residency to the prestigious MacDowell Colony in New Hampshire. When the Great Depression hit, he and his wife took his paints and their wedding cash first to Mallorca, Spain, then St. Cirq-Lapopie, France.

The landscapes of the Mediterranean shores, the hilltop villages of southwestern France, and still lifes are the subjects of the oil paintings on view at Maplebrook.

Carl worked as a noted professor of medical illustration at the Illinois College of Medicine. He taught by example as he illustrated medical textbooks that set the standard of his day.

The book reviews cited his detailed clarity and the technical completeness of each image. Carl took his own photographs in surgical theaters and rendered the images in layers of ink washes. The

current exhibit features Carl's drawing desk surrounded by textbooks and original illustrations.

On weekends and holidays, Carl sought to liberate himself from the rigors of technical illustrations and devote himself instead to painting watercolor scenes of landscape and laborers. It was a complete jump to looseness and spontaneity. His colors sing.

Everywhere he went, he painted. The water's edge was always a recurring theme, and his watercolors are noted for their riffs of shadow and reflection. He used gestures and strokes of paint that marvel with their deceptively simple shorthand.

In addition to Carl's many works, there is a section of his daughter Ann's drawings. Ann served for many years on the Maplebrook School's art show committee and eventually became a Board trustee and then Foundation director for more than 10 years.

She was a recipient of the school's prestigious President's Award for outstanding service to her community. Her ideas enhanced the Arts program and were instrumental to the success of the school's annual Art Show.

The exhibit is up through Dec. 30 by appointment or special event. It will also be found on the school's website, www.maplebrookschool.org.

Maplebrook School is at 5142 Route 22. Contact the school for an appointment at artgallery@maplebrookschool.org or call Jessica at 845-373-9511, ext. 253.

Tilly Strauss is a local artist and the North East Town Clerk.

Correction

Last week's article on Olivet University not being re-issued a Permit to Operate by the New York State Regent's Board stated the Evangelical university had been convicted of money laundering. The California-based bible college had actually pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy and one count of falsifying records, agreeing to a pay \$1.25 million in forfeiture during a 24-month period in a 2020 judgment handed down by Manhattan district court Judge Ruth Pickholz. We regret the error.

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Interfaith rarity

Rabbi Jon Haddon, left, of Congregation Beth David, and the Rev. Douglas Grandgeorge, of The Smithfield Presbyterian Church, both in Amenia, led an interfaith service for their two congregations on Saturday, July 16, at the temple. The service was led by the rabbi, and the minister preached the sermon, an uncommon occasion. Last October, Rabbi Haddon visited the Rev. Grandgeorge's church to preach, another rare event. Saturday's gathering included about half Jews and half Presbyterians. The goal was to find their common ground.

OBITUARY

Dena A. Van Voorhis

SHARON — Dena A. Van Voorhis was born on Sept. 9, 1956, in New York City and died on July 10, 2022. As a child prodigy on the piano, she was the youngest student to ever be enrolled and attended one of the great music schools in New York City, where she grew up.

She also had a passion for horses as well as every other four-legged creature. This led her to working for trainers at all three New York State thoroughbred race tracks, and then worked in Ocala, Florida, for a bit breaking the two year olds.

A few years later, Dena was busy raising her boys. They settled in Red Oaks Mills, New York, and she worked in the Arlington school district until her retirement several years ago. Dena is survived by

her sons, Bill Pfeister and his wife Gabby, Roddy Van Voorhis and his fiancée, Oriana, along with several grandchildren and life long friends, Alice Marrin and family, Amanda Miscencik and family, and so many others.

Dena lived in Sharon, Connecticut, with her fiancée Ross Fleury, where they shared a home with their dog Bella. Her love of her children, grandchildren, friends, and family, were her biggest passion.

Dogs, cats, and all other four leggers came next. They had planned to sell their home and go on a long adventure.

Please send any donations to The Little Guild, 285 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT, 06796. 860-672 6346. It is her favorite shelter.

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All Hail the Administrative State

The decision by the Office of Health Strategy discussed in the article by Katy Golvala found in this paper is the work of many civil servants. These fine people have dedicated their life's work to helping each of us have access to the benefits of our tax dollars. It represents hours and hours of work and years of experience.

As we all know, closing maternity services effectively endanger the lives of every woman as well as the life of the hospital itself.

It is time for Nuance, Hartford Health Care, Trinity Health and the Governor to embrace the changes that need to happen. Governor Lamont can truly honor the work of Victoria Veltri by forming a Task Force with the hospitals, rural health care experts provided by OHS, and civic representatives from the rural areas whose mission is to find a way to keep rural CT alive with birds, trees and children.

We must help our NY state neighbors find a way to engage Governor Hochul in the solution as we know they are wanting to do.

Thank you, Victoria Veltri
Congratulations, Kimberly Martone
Sympathies to the family of Demian Fontanella

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OBITUARIES

William S. Blass Jr.

FALLS VILLAGE — On July 16, Falls Village's Oldest Teenager retired. Known to some as Bill, Willy, or Fish-Fish, he was known to most as Uncle Bill. To his kids he was Superman.



Fish Wrangler, Cannon Master, Lord of the Wood, Finder of Mushrooms, River Whisperer, The Helper of All, The Builder, The Crafter, The Artist.

Anyone who needed a hand from him, got one. If there was anyone who needed a place to stay, he had one. When anyone spent enough time with him, they found themselves with a set of new skills, bad jokes and fun ways to cause mischief. He was chairman of the 4 o'clock club, He was connoisseur of convertible Pontiacs, and a Doo-Wop fan straight from the 1950s.

Born in Canaan in 1938, he was one of seven siblings: Larry, Robert, John, Elanor, Priscilla and Judy, (born to William and Luella (Cudney) Blass.

While he was in his twenties, he started his lifelong career at the Falls Village hydro station with Hartford Electric Light Co. He retired after 30 years of fishing there.

He leaves behind his wife of 40 years, Mary Ella (Fitch), and three children: Sonja Zinke and husband Eric, of North Canaan, Heather Vansvik and husband Viktor, of Bovallstrand, Sweden, and William Blass, of Falls Village.

Words can not express how much of Falls Village this man represents — a man bigger than the shoes he stood in, and the red socks that filled them.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department, where he volunteered for many years. P.O. Box 1, Falls Village, CT 06031

Services will be held Thursday, July 21, at 11 a.m., at the Falls Village Congregational Church in Falls Village. A reception will follow at the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department.

The Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main Street, Sharon has care of arrangements.

Thomas Jordan Welch

NORFOLK — Thomas Jordan Welch, 84, of 9 Shepard Road passed on July 13, 2022, at Noble Horizons surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of Judith (Hoyt) Welch. Tom was born January 24, 1938, in Great Barrington, son of the late John and Catherine (Thompson) Welch.

Tom grew up in Great Barrington as a child and was a graduate of Searles High School. Tom then joined the U.S. Army where he earned the rank of Specialist Third Class and served from 1955 until 1958. He retired as a Purchasing Agent for the Berkshire Health Systems, Inc., located in Pittsfield. Prior to that, he had worked at the Becton-Dickinson Company in Canaan in the same capacity for over 25 years.

Tom was a member of the North Canaan Congregational Church in East Canaan, a member of the Torrington Elks, the Canaan Exchange Club, the National Purchasing Agents Association and the Am Vets Organization. He volunteered with Canaan Scout Troop Pack #22 and enjoyed playing golf as a member of the Wyantenuck Country Club in Great Barrington. Tom spent over 30 years as a percussionist and backup singer with Corporation Plus. Tom and the band traveled extensively throughout Massachusetts and Vermont.

In addition to his wife of 42 years, who was the love of his life, Tom is survived by his son Frank Martel, Jr. of Winsted, and Jordan Thomas Welch of Norfolk, Massachusetts; his brother David John Welch of both Boston and Great Barrington. He is also survived by his five grandchildren: Kaila Martel of Winsted; Justin and Jade Martel of Vermont; Catherine and Alexandra Welch of Norfolk, Massachusetts.

Calling hours will be held
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Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

AMENIA — Paul McEnroe, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, passed away on July 12, 2022. He was the husband of Elizabeth A. "Betty" (Hart) McEnroe.



He wrote this obituary a few weeks before, which is as follows: If you are reading this, I have already gone up in smoke (hope that is the direction). No tears for me as I have had a long life filled with love, laughter, and many wonderful adventures.

I began my life as the son of Florence and John McEnroe of Amenia, who provided a loving home for me and my siblings — Jack, Alfred, Robert, and my sister Eileen who all have predeceased me. Although I was raised on a farm, I realized that farming was not for me. When I won a medal for salesmanship in high school, I thought this was my future.

Before I started on my many adventures, I served in the U.S. Army in WW2 in Europe, receiving citations for taking part in the Battle of the Bulge. After my Army experience, I had many small businesses from an ice cream stand to restaurants and working as an agent for the Prudential Insurance Company. I then went on to become a partner in the Thompson and Blinn Insurance Company where I ended up purchasing the company.

My next adventure was with four partners purchasing The DeLaVergne Farms Hotel in Amenia. It was a landmark dating back to the 1700's. It was destroyed in a fire in 1974. I have a special place in my memories for a property named The Troll Haus in West Dover, Vermont in which I lived with my wife and children.

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the Mount Snow ski area. I owned it since 1968 and had many friends there. I have had many experiences but one of the most interesting was building a house on the island of St. Maarten on the Dutch side. I had to slow down and be patient! Very hard for me! Vero Beach, Florida was also home to us for many winters. I was also very fortunate to be able to travel throughout Europe and the Caribbean.

We settled in Middletown, Rhode Island in 1975 buying a house on Indian Avenue and resided there for 46 years. I operated the Inn at Castle Hill in Newport, Rhode Island for 20 years where I had a wonderful staff and many "fun" times. My Newport experiences also included purchasing property on Mary St. and Thames St. where I built a 24 room Inn named the Intown. My wife was "Chief Honcho" there. I am writing this from my most recent residence "The Atria" in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. I can no longer ski, dance, drive, or travel but I have done it all in my past years.

You are probably wondering by now what charitable contributions I have made in my lifetime. I have tried to be generous to people who needed a little boost along the way.

I have saved the most important part of my life for last. This was marrying my wife of 68 years, Betty McEnroe. She supported me in most of my schemes, except maybe the trip to New York to sell milk during a milk strike! My love for her has been a constant through these many years. Thank you honey!

I am survived by my sister-in-law Stephanie McEnroe of Painted Post, New York, my sister-in-law Lynn Sullivan of Charleston, South Carolina, my brother-in-law Jack Hart of Columbia, South Carolina, 15 nieces and nephews and many great and great, great

nieces and nephews.

In ending this, you probably wish someone else had written my obituary. It would have been much shorter! This was my last chance at expressing myself. I leave you with my favorite saying: "If you are born to hang you will never drown!"

My love to all my family and friends. — Paul McEnroe
A Mass of Christian burial

will be held Monday, July 25 at St. Mary's Church, Newport at 10 a.m. A private burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Potter League for Animals, 87 Oliphant Lane, Middletown, RI 02842, www.potterleague.org/donate.

Arrangements are by the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, for more information please visit www.oneillhayes.com.

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Barbara Klaus

SHARON — Barbara Roseanne TV show and she was soon hired as a staff writer. When Barbara retired, she and her husband Morty moved to Sharon where she took up horseback riding and became a regular figure at Riga Meadow for the last two decades. Barbara and Morty were also well known among local diners across the area, and had a special affection for the staff and patrons at the Woodland.



Barbara is survived by her husband of 63 years, Mortimer Klaus, her children Barry (Marcelle) and Anne, and grandson Jacob whom she adored more than anything. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a contribution to your local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association or perhaps lend a hand to someone you know struggling with memory loss.

In the late 1980's, Barbara's work caught the attention of an executive at the original

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So full of love, a caring heart, we're sad we ever had to part. But life goes on, so we have learned, time advanced and the world turned. As long as you're so far away, We'll miss you each and every day.

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PINE PLAINS/AREA

Rosey's rouses interest at former Pine Plains Platter space

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Surrounded by a friendly staff and tasty menu options inside a brightly painted space, customers will instantly connect with the warm ambiance at Rosey's, which opened for business at 2987 Church St., home of the former Pine Plains Platter, in January.

Since then, owner Jamie Gerber has been busy preparing for this summer. She said the opening of Rosey's marked her "most formal" venture into the restaurant industry. Little do customers know that Rosey's actually started in a trailer in the parking lot of Chaseholm Farm at 115 Chase Road last summer, as Gerber said she wanted to give her dream a test run before getting it off the ground.

It was her love for the Chase family, who own and founded Chaseholm Farm, which inspired her to name her first restaurant venture after Rosemary Lyons, the Chase family's matriarch and a longtime Pine Plains resident.

"I think Rosey's is a love letter to the family and community," Gerber said. "Rosey and her twin sister always said 'It's always good to see you,' which is the feeling I want to cultivate inside and outside of Rosey's."

While Rosey's was celebrating its lovely first summer in the countryside that borders the towns of Ancram and Pine Plains, it was the latter that was saying goodbye to a local favorite, the Pine Plains Platter, when it closed its doors last September.

Gerber was curious about what would go into the open space on Church Street to replace the popular eatery and community hub. She recognized the Platter was an important part of the community and felt it was important to try to "maintain a space that was for Pine Plains from Pine Plains."

In speaking with the building's landlord, Jack Banning, Gerber said he was interested in having a business on Church Street that wouldn't be too disruptive to the town landscape. Though



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Rosey's owner Jamie Gerber and chef Tony Bonades welcomed customers into the already-popular restaurant in Pine Plains with a pair of friendly smiles. Rosey's is located where The Platter once was.

she took over the lease where the Platter had been last October. Gerber said her goal is to "be an intentional neighbor and visitor and guest in this space."

Rosey's officially opened for business on Jan. 28.

Hours of operation run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays through Mondays; it's closed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to noon, and lunch is served from noon to 2 p.m.

Featured on the small, but scrumptious menu are dishes like Eggs a la Tony (a breakfast named after Rosey's Chef Tony Bonades and comprised of two scrambled eggs, lightly dressed local greens and toast); ful medames (a Middle Eastern seasoned bean dip); torchi (Armenian pickled veggies); and the Chase Burger.

To the best of their ability, Gerber said the food is locally sourced, and as summer continues, she said the menu will

see more additions as more items come into season.

To help keep Rosey's running, the restaurant is staffed with two full-time cooks and four part-timers from the Pine Plains Central School District.

"They're such important members of our team," Gerber said of the teen staff, "and it feels like a real good connection to the community both to be providing jobs and a space where teens can feel ownership of and pride."

In terms of becoming a central hub in town like The Platter had been, Gerber replied, "I think a lot of that honestly is responding to the community itself and seeing what is needed. I have my own ideas and attitudes about what Rosey's could be, and I'm really excited for that to change in ways I maybe don't even know."

Looking ahead, Gerber said she'd like to continue having live music and to host more pop-ups events including bringing bakers, makers and cheesemakers to her café. Others have suggested hosting book clubs at Rosey's. Given the popularity of their pickles, there's been talk of holding pickling classes.

"I'm open to whatever Rosey's needs to be," Gerber said, adding that until then, "I think we need to be flexible and stay open."



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Edgar Masters went to an exhibit by the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society about World War II last week, to look at photos and other memorabilia that he loaned to the society so others could learn more about that pivotal time in history.

Exhibit shares local war stories

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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COPAKE FALLS — From the Home Front to the Front Lines is the new exhibit offered by the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society, which opened on Saturday, July 16. The exhibit is an impressive compilation of photos, letters, uniforms, re-created posters, etc., of World War II.

What's so special about this show is that all of the materials in the exhibit were loaned to the society by local residents, all preserved with tenderness and respect from loved ones who served overseas, while waiting for them to return home.

While for a few old timers the exhibit will undoubtedly bring back memories, for many it's an opportunity to look at the second World War from a local standpoint rather than simply from what's taught in history books.

One of the first parts of the exhibit includes a collection of five-years' worth of correspondence from one young man who enlisted right out of high school. It tells the story of his service and his coming home five years later as an adult man.

The Historical Society is hoping younger generations will stop by to view the exhibit. Those who helped put it together believe it would be a great learning moment for youngsters, who may not realize so many soldiers were barely out of high school themselves when they went to war.

Another part of the exhibit focuses on a local soldier, Francis Masters, who served in both World Wars I and II.

It also includes a photo of Masters' son, Edgar, driving a tractor as a young boy. The photo is accompanied by an article written by Edgar, who was born in 1934 and still has many vivid memories of those days.

In the article, Edgar wrote, "My most distinct memories of the World War II years are the summers spent without Dad at High Valley Farm in Copake Falls."

He also shared how his father came to be deployed.

"I remember those days in Copake Falls with much pleasure," he wrote.

It's a moving piece and well worth reading. The exhibit includes a collection of uniforms — many different types from various branches of the Armed Forces, all lovingly preserved.

Particularly interesting are the many exhibits of individual servicemen and women with

their families.

The photos are coupled with letters and medals. The remembrances serve as stark reminders that so many never made it back home.

A main part of the exhibit is filled with re-created posters full of history lessons, offering tips on using food ration coupons, creating Victory Gardens and avoiding venereal diseases.

Other posters offer lessons on the meaning of the Purple Heart medal, censorship, saving rubber and so much more. All are interesting to read and the pictures are just as engaging.

The Roeliff Jansen Historical Society was founded in 1974 and is located on 8 Miles Road in Copake Falls in the former Copake Falls Methodist Episcopal Church, now the Roeliff Jansen Historical Society Museum.

The building is owned by the town of Copake and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The museum is open on Saturday and Sunday, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Admission is free, but donations are appreciated, and there are many interesting books on sale.

The exhibit runs through September.

For more information go to www.roeliffjansen.org.

ANCRAM IN BRIEF

Fire Company BBQ benefit for the Leary Family on July 23

The Ancram Fire Company is holding a Benefit Chicken Barbecue for the Leary family on Saturday, July 23, from 3 to 6 p.m.; take outs only.

Leary, 46, passed away suddenly on May 22, while canoeing the Conewango Creek with his friends.

The Ancram Fire Company will be holding a benefit Chicken Barbecue and collecting donations for the Leary family.

All profits from the Chicken BBQ and any donations will go to the Leary Family.

The benefit will be at

the Ancram firehouse. Meals will cost \$18 per dinner and there will be limited dinners.

To place an order for tickets, call 518-329-3430. Leave your name, number of reservations and your telephone number.

If you would like to donate to the Leary Family Benefit, please make checks payable to the Ancram Fire Co. Make sure you put "The Leary Family" in the memo line on the check.

Checks may be mailed to: Ancram Fire Company, The Leary Family, P.O. Box 114, Ancram NY 12502.

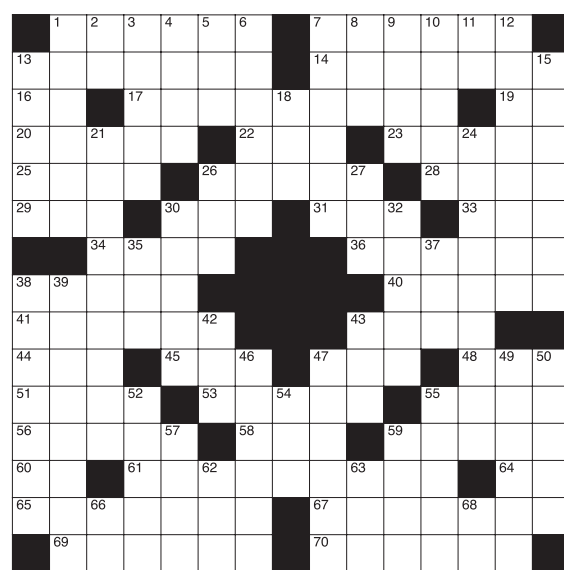
Correction

The July 14 edition of The Millerton News mistakenly spelled the name of new Cold Spring Early Learning Center Principal Kristen Fischetti incorrectly. Fischetti, a long-time teacher in the Pine Plains Central School District, began her new post on July 1. We offer her our heartfelt congratulations and apologies for the error.

Brain Teasers

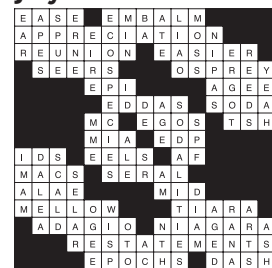
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- 14. Modern necessity
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- 20. Functions as a laser
- 22. Basketball phenomenon
- Jeremy
- 23. Famed island
- 25. Parent-teacher groups
- 26. Distributes
- 28. Self-immolation by fire ritual
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- 30. Circulation problem (abbr.)
- 31. Brother or sister
- 33. A famous "Squad"
- 34. Stage actor Anthony
- 36. Violent seizure of property
- 38. Saclike cavities
- 40. Sound units
- 41. Counts on
- 43. Dad
- 44. Woman (French)
- 45. A digital tape recording of sound
- 47. Polish Baltic peninsula
- 48. Recipe measurement
- 51. Requests out of dire need
- 53. Precious stone weight unit
- 55. The immaterial part of a person
- 56. Anoint
- 58. Golf score
- 59. Supernatural
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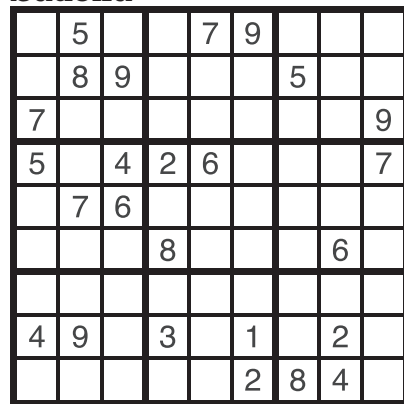


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- 21. Misuse of the sacred
- 24. Covers with a thin sheet
- 26. Most valuable player
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Investigated discreetly
- 32. Belonging to the bottom layer
- 35. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 37. Music genre
- 38. Indicates one is in mourning
- 39. Secured forever
- 42. Bodily cavity
- 43. A dog is one
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- 49. Large hotel rooms
- 50. Beg
- 52. Docket
- 54. Subway dwelling rodent
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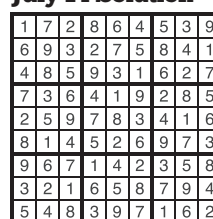
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DERBY *Continued from Page A1*

PHOTO BY HUNTER LYLE

Michael Wood helped his granddaughter Aaliyah Brathwait reel in her rod at the annual Amenia Lions Club Kids' Fishing Derby on Saturday, July 16.

"It's not a fundraiser for us, it's just for fun. It's something for the kids to do," said Lori Hale, an 18-year member of the Amenia Lions Club and former co-president. "To reconnect, put down the electronics and reconnect with their families as well as with nature. It's probably one of the most fun events that we do."

The 48 children who entered the derby on Saturday, July 16, were broken up into four age groups: ages 0-4, ages 5-8, 9-12 and finally ages 12-15.

At 1 p.m., when the derby concluded, an award for the biggest fish was given out to one child from each age group. An award for the most fish caught was given out regardless of age.

The first fish of the day was caught by Hannah Avery, 11, from Millerton.

Soon after, Mitchell Lansing, 15, from Wassica, caught a 15.25-inch bass, which would be the largest fish of the day and win him the biggest fish award for his age group.

Evan Hart, 2, from Amenia, won the biggest fish for the 0-4 age group with a 9.25-inch blue gill.

August Jones, 7, from Wassica won the biggest fish for the 5-8 year olds with a 14.25-inch bass and Kogan

Lawrence, 12, from Amenia was just a quarter-inch short of the biggest fish of the day, winning his age group with a 15-inch bass.

The angler with the most fish brought in was Brook Klain, 10, from Salisbury, Conn., who caught 16 fish in three hours.

While the derby's main purpose was to host an engaging community event, it also served to memorialize Ralph Vinchiarello, a well known community member who died in 2014.

Vinchiarello was a World War II veteran, serving from 1941 to 1945, before coming back to the area where he was a charter member of the Chestnut Hill Rod and Gun Club, a lifelong member of the Amenia Fish and Game Association as well as being a member of the Wassica Fire Company for more than 50 years.

"I get enjoyment from the fishing derby because [my father] built the pond for the enjoyment of his grandkids and the fishing derby, which he came up with [along with] the help of the Lions Club. I'm going to keep it going as long as I can," said Ralph Vinchiarello Jr. "It's all about keeping the kids happy."

ZOOM *Continued from Page A1*

numerous panels on the video Zoom session of naked men, apparently adult porn.

Gasps and comments of "Oh, my God," coupled with nervous laughter could be heard from those in the audience as well as from the board table. All present, including this reporter, were clearly dismayed, shocked and in a state of disbelief. The Zoom portion of the meeting and monitor were quickly shut off by Town Clerk Mary Alex.

When the meeting resumed, many were perplexed and asked what had happened.

Apparently, the term is called Zoom-bombing, a take off from photo-bombing. It's also known as Zoom-raiding.

There was a discussion right afterward about what had happened, how it had happened, why someone would do that and, of course, what could be done to prevent it from happening again. Someone also asked if there was any way to identifying who was responsible and any recourse to punish the person or persons responsible.

Then someone in the crowd said it wasn't the first time a meeting in the TOW had been Zoom-bombed. Apparently, it also happened to the Conservation Advisory Committee (CAC) on Wednesday, July 6, according to resident Howard Schuman, who was present at both the TOW Town Board meeting and the CAC meeting.

Schuman said the scenarios were almost identical, as was the initial picture of the person who popped up on both Zoom screens.

Councilwoman Leslie Heaney then said that the Tuesday, June 5, Planning Board meeting was also Zoom-bombed, but no pornography was involved in that incident.

Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri said later spoke about it.

"To be honest, I was totally shocked; I didn't know what was happening," he said. "There were voices, yelling, it sounded like a party, then the pornography popped up. I'd never heard of anything like this before."

The software company Zoom Video Conferencing was founded in 2011 as a popular a means of business communication. Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit U.S. shores in 2020, Zoom conferencing has become increasingly common.

Businesses use it for remote workers; schools have used it for remote lessons; people use it for remote socialization.

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past year, which is why on July 5 the Village Board "sent out a Request for Proposals [RFP] for an independent third party assessment of police services needs," said Najdek. "What we have, what we should have, what the benefits are, what the negatives are, what the pros and cons of both are."

The board wants to assess "other municipalities in our area and other services in our area and how that relates to us," she explained.

The RFP deadline is Friday, July 29, at 4 p.m.

Two local laws have already been presented to abolish the MPD. The first, Local Law A, went through an entire review process, including a public hearing, in which public comments were solicited and reviewed. The issue became so contentious, though, that the mayor and her trustees opted to take more time to deliberate.

After Local Law A was proposed on April 4, the very similar Local Law B is now on the table. The board hasn't passed a resolution for it yet nor held a public hearing.

"We thought, maybe it would have been better to do the independent study going into it, not understanding how contentious a topic this is," said Najdek. "The board really thought it was the best move forward with this independent third-party assessment."

"Comments have been made that this is personal, whatever," added the mayor. "This is the way to now see how a professional consultant who comes in says what is best to do, somebody who has done this before for other municipalities. There is a reason there are so few villages with their own police departments."

Town has a stake

This isn't just a village issue, although the village pays for 80% of the police force's budget. Kilmer explained previously that for the village budgeted \$119,059 for the MPD for 2022-23.

The town of North East will pay for 20% of that cost, which comes to \$27,000, up

\$500, which is consistent with the annual contract terms.

One of the complaints that arose during the discussions about police services was that the town's 20% contribution is unbalanced. Some said since the MPD patrols both municipalities, and the village only accounts for .6 square miles while the town accounts for 43.72 square miles, the payments are unfair. The village is where the business district is concentrated, though, along with most of the activity in the community, noted Veeder.

Shorter contract

This year instead of signing a two-year contract, as has been done every other year, the Town Board signed a one-year contract, in light of the uncertainty of the MPD's future. The contract includes a 90-day clause that allows the town to be released from the contract with advance notice, said Najdek, which she said is standard fare.

The village may also opt out, she said, but added, "All of the board members agreed this was the right next step for us, and approved it... It takes the tension out of everything. That's kind of the hope. It takes the tension out a little bit and lets everybody get back to doing their job."

Not unanimous

North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan said he was glad the contract was signed, despite its controversy.

"We had a great deal of input from residents both for and against our renewing a contract," he said.

The Town Board vote to renew was not unanimous; Councilman Ralph Fedele vot-

ed against contracting with the MPD for another more year.

"I understand that this has become a polarizing political issue," Fedele said. "Extending our support for the Millerton police does not give taxpayers value for the expense. It's a part-time service and exposes the village to costly liability... The Millerton police is a redundant service, already covered by the New York State Police and the county sheriff's and is already paid for in our tax bills."

MPD comments

Veeder attends most Town Board meetings, including last week's. He said he appreciates the board's decision and was not expecting anything other than a one-year contract in light of the controversy swirling around the issue.

"I assumed that's what it was going to be," he said. "It's comforting knowing we have a contract with the town and it's going to continue to offer police services. That's a good thing, a step in the right direction."

Knowing the town did not have the contract in hand at its June board meeting, Veeder said he was relieved in July.

"I wouldn't say I was nervous," he said. "I was just hoping for the best and that they would do what's best for the citizens that elected them, and I'm glad they did."

Kennan agreed, and made sure all ducks were in a row.

"We also discussed whether the absence of a contract would mean that our Town Court would not have any security," he said, adding it "assured the court" it would provide security "regardless of

what the village decides to do."

Najdek said one new component of the contract is that police services provided by the MPD for court and for patrols were "split into two pieces"; previously they were dealt with as one piece.

Kennan noted the town budgeted the \$27,000 for the police contract as far back as last November, showing its intent to renew the contract.

The new contract is retroactive to May 31, when the former contract expired.

Kennan acknowledged he "wonders about the value of a stand-alone part-time police force for a village of 900 residents," but stressed he believes it's "important to continue with a contract" to give Najdek and her board time to decide how to best proceed.

No guarantees

Veeder noted just because the contract is settled for now, the MPD's future is not guaranteed.

"The Village Board hasn't made a decision yet; it doesn't necessarily mean we're staying around 100%. It's whatever the board determines is necessary," he said. "As of right now it's business as usual... we're taking it one day at a time."

Kennan added the Town Board did away with its four-member Joint Police Committee with the village, formed after former Governor Andrew Cuomo mandated all communities with their own police departments review their policies and procedures.

"The committee really didn't turn out to be [an] effective structure," he said, adding "committees are not designed to administer things" and require a person with a singular voice or else things tend to get rather "cumbersome."

Nothing new

Veeder said not much has changed. "We still patrol the town and village... it's no different in terms of town versus village... we want to be visible in the village and talk to business owners. A lot of time when we're there, businesses are not open; only a select few businesses are open at night."

He thanked those offering positive feedback.

"We appreciate the support; I was happy the board made the right decision doing what's best for residents of the town."

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two. She home-schooled one of her children for a time and worked extensively in a day care, in summer camps and has also done home nursing, so clearly has a nurturing side to her.

While Anderson said she thoroughly enjoyed working at Merritt and misses the bookstore, she is excited to be working at the library.

Merritt owner Kira Wisner was also sad to see Anderson leave, but happy for her, too.

"You made the right choice," Wisner said she told her. "You'll be great at it."

Anderson said she's still "getting the lay of the land" at the library and looks forward to meeting all of the library's patrons — young and young at heart.

While her own taste in reading leans toward the eclectic, enjoying fantasy and enjoys audio books, she enjoys reading to children. And there are so many other activities to offer at the library, like a bank of computers available for children to use, thanks to a recent grant. There are also plenty of toys, like large

stuffed turtles and a stuffed Labrador. Of course, lots of books and tapes for budding minds, and fun events like movie nights.

"I'm very excited to have Kate join our library team," said Tshalis. "Even though she has only just started, I know that her creativity and kindness will be a wonderful asset to the children in our community."

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ART: LYNN KEARCHER

Graceful, Elegant Drawings and Sculptures by Grausman

Portraiture in sculpture has long reflected the aspects of the culture rather than synthesizing the individuality of the subject.

The Egyptians idealized portraits, typified by the bust of Queen Nefertiti, which transcends mortality and depicts the subject without imperfections — a sacred god-like form.

Conversely, Roman sculpted portraits focused on honorific busts highlighting imperfections of flesh, portraying the subject realistically. Known as veristic or naturalistic, this style continues to be practiced and associated with portraiture.

Artist Phillip Grausman breaks the confines of veracity in portraiture to, as he tells us, "... search for an essential distillation of sculptural form." And it is his investigation of form, hidden geometry, and experimentation with various mediums that make Grausman's recent exhibition at the Washington Art Association so compelling.

Upon entering "Phillip Grausman: Sculpture



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One of the eloquent sculptures

and Drawings" at the Washington Art Association & Gallery in Washington, Conn., a colossal, pure white head, just shy of 9 feet tall, commands the entrance space of the gallery.

"Mikey," 1997-98, rendered in fiberglass evokes no emotion. There are no flaws in her skin, her eyes convey nothing. One feels no fellowship with the

portrait, but there is an unsettling allure, a seduction to want to caress the work, to bathe in its monumentality and otherworldliness.

Three intimate galleries of Grausman's work are on exhibit — heads, figures and drawings. Several of the drawings have not been shown before. The work is not arranged chronologically; a curatorial choice that enriches the viewing as one quickly grasps how Grausman's voluptuously subtle drawings inform his sculpture. Executed in pencil, Grausman captures the essence of a nude with elegance and precision. Easily mistaken for Sumi-e brush stroke painting, it is his sensitivity toward line that Grausman transforms into bronze and

stainless steel.

One portrait in bronze stands out as decidedly representational and perhaps jarringly unsentimental. The sculpture is of the actress Linda Hunt ("Linda Hunt," 1985). Unlike the other heads, she exhibits identifiable human qualities: pouting lips, puffy eyes. On either side of the sculpture are two pencil drawings of Hunt, showing her in a seated position, unguarded and relaxed.

A group of small female bronzes rests on pedestals in the third gallery. "Bending Figure," 1984 a 16-inch sculpture of a woman bent at the waist, her right leg positioned in a ballet turnout, is endowed with elegance and grace. One feels as if they have looked through a keyhole to see an intimate moment of contemplation.

Grausman has often said that he views his large sculpture as a landscape. One can see the relationship to the elements of a landscape: slope, contour, a streamline horizon, the play of light reflecting off surfaces. Landscape in art helps us connect to the natural world in a way that is both comforting and accessible.

Grausman's heads do not necessarily connect us to humanity; rather they force us to think about a departure in portraiture that leaves representation behind and embraces a new ideal.

The Washington Art Association & Gallery is at 4 Bryan Plaza, Washington Depot, Conn. "Phillip Grausman: Sculpture & Drawings," closes July 24.

'AMONTILLADO' AT CRYSTAL RADIO SESSIONS ON JULY 23

The Hudson Valley outpost of a New York City reading series, Crystal Radio Sessions Upstate is devoted to transmitting compelling literary expression through the ether.

It is curated by Ashley Mayne of Northeast, N.Y. The next session is scheduled for Saturday, July 23, at 8 p.m., hosted by Ancram Opera House and will be held at The Hilltop Barn in Roeliff Jansen Park in Hillsdale, N.Y.

Crystal Radio Sessions Upstate is a reading series showcasing the poetry, fiction, personal essays and creative nonfiction of established and emerging writers from the Hudson Valley.

This summer's Crystal Radio Sessions will feature a live reading of Beacon, N.Y., author Hugh Sheehy's soon-to-be-published

"Amontillado," a tale about a secret and about revenge. The reader will be by an Ancram Opera House audience favorite, actor Frank Boyd.

Tickets are \$25 each, available at www.ancramoperahouse.org or by calling 518-329-0114.

The Opera House was erected in 1927 as Ancram Grange #955, a chapter of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, to address the social, educational and economic concerns of the region's farmers. In 1972, the building was repurposed and renamed the Ancram Opera House as an arts venue focusing on light operatic fare.

Today, Ancram Opera House rededicates itself to aspects of its origins, producing and presenting inventive contemporary theatrical performances to be shared by a rural community.

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Sallywags of all ages can step into a world of pirates on Saturday, July 23, and Sunday, July 24, when purchasing a ferry ride ticket to Sheffield Island from Norwalk, Conn., for the annual Pirates Weekend hosted by the Seaport Association in Norwalk.

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youngsters can hunt for treasure on the beach, play games, sing sea shanties, watch swordplay, listen to tall tales of thrill and danger and hear colorful stories of pirates.

This is the weekend to experience the freedom of a pirate's life, and to learn about their lore and history.

All pirate fun and games are free with the purchase of a ferry ticket. The ferry departs the dock at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. on both days, Saturday and Sunday. It is best to arrive 30 minutes before the boat departs the dock at 4 North Water St. in Norwalk, in the parking lot of the Maritime Aquarium. Parking is available at the Maritime Garage.

Fans of the spooky and fantastic can also come to Sheffield Island for the Haunted House Weekend Ferry Cruise on Aug. 6 and 7.

For tickets and more information, go to www.seaport.org.

Correction

Photos of the Sharon Playhouse education programs that appear in the July special issue of Compass were provided by the theater, not Leila Hawken.

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BOOKS: DIVYA SYMMERS

Finding Echoes of the 1920s in the 2020s

The last time Ann Leary came to the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon's Annual Summer Book Signing in Sharon, Conn., it was 2016, and her book, "The Children," was earning kudos for its sharp, funny portrait of an uber-Wasp family and their inherited lakeside house, somewhere in northwest Connecticut.

In the six years since then, she and actor husband Denis sold their sprawling, longtime home in Roxbury, Conn., and moved to Bedford, N.Y., mainly to be closer to their two adult children, both successful television writers in New York City, while staying near enough to Litchfield County to visit old friends.

She also finished her fourth novel, "The Foundling," about childhood friends from an orphanage who reconnect at a public asylum for morally unfit women — one an employee, the other an inmate.

The Washington Post calls the book "insanely fun" with "a hair-raising caper finale that recalls the nail-biting climaxes of 'Ocean's Eleven' and 'The Shawshank Redemption.'"

The New York Times reviewer was equally smitten, advising: "Book clubs, uncork your bottles."

Set in 1920s rural Pennsylvania, "The Foundling" was inspired by Leary's discovery, in a 1930 census record, that her mother's mother had worked as a stenographer at a home for "feeble-minded women of childbearing age" when she was only 17.

"At its core, it's a coming-of-age story, about friendship and loyalty," Leary said recently, interviewed by phone. "But it's also about women who don't have the same rights in society as men do."

Her Ancestry.com search for details about her grandmother, an orphan whose background remains a family mystery ("orphan records are hard to find"), led Leary down a rabbit hole of horrifying



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Ann Leary will be at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn., 24th Annual Summer Book Signing on Aug. 5, along with 29 other authors and illustrators.

information about the eugenics movement of the early 20th century — and the so-called eugenics asylums that warehoused women of supposedly inferior mental ability and moral character until they reached menopause.

The purpose was to keep any babies "genetically predisposed" to becoming paupers and criminals from being born. In reality, this meant that any woman, usually poor, who didn't fit societal norms — a reckless girl arrested at a speakeasy or one who had had an illegitimate child — could be committed for decades.

Mary Engle, the book's heroine (based on Leary's grandmother) is at first delighted with her job and unaware of the true nature of the institution. The place is beautiful. Her boss is a charismatic, highly accomplished woman doctor, seemingly dedicated to those in her care. But Mary's feelings change when she realizes her old friend, Lillian, is confined there against her will.

Although Leary says she initially got push-back from young readers who wondered why Mary wasn't more "woke," the character is true to her time, prejudices and all. To the author, it was important for her to be authentic.

"She undergoes a jour-

ney of discovery about the place where she's working, about the people she thinks are good, the people she thinks are righteous — and the people who aren't."

"The Foundling" is "a perfect beach read," according to The Washington Post, even as it touches on unpleasant historical truths about racism and anti-immigrant sentiments. Yet there's a political subtext: The Supreme Court's bombshell reversal of Roe v. Wade came the same week it was published — making present-day parallels to a century ago, when the government had legal guardianship over all women, suddenly more striking.

In Leary's opinion, most discussions about reproductive freedom seem to almost miss the point. "From the age of 21, when men are considered adults, we should be considered adults, too. If we don't have the right to decide whether we are able to have children or not, then are we adults?"

Ann Leary is one of 30 acclaimed authors and illustrators signing copies of their new books at the 24th Annual Sharon Summer Book Signing on Friday, Aug. 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., a fundraiser for the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon.

Because of the ongoing library renovation, this year's event is taking place next door, at the Sharon Historical Society, under the usual festive white tents.

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased online or at the entrance. For details, go to www.hotchkisslibrary-ofsharon.org/book-signing-2022 or call 860-364-5041.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. All entries can be found at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

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The Re Institute, 1395 Boston Corners Road, Millerton, N.Y. www.thereinstitute.com
"Up From the South": Second floor Christian Eckart, First floor Stacey Davidson, July 2 through Aug. 28.

BOOKS

Oblong Books & Music, 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.oblongbooks.com
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DANCE

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Jonah Bokaer Choreography: Fallen Angel, July 23, 3 to 4 p.m.

Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook, N.Y. www.innisfreegarden.org
Qi Gong for Gardeners, July 30, 10 to 11 a.m.

KIDS

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
Song and Story Time!, July 30, 10 to 11 a.m.

MUSIC

Litchfield Jazz Fest, Litchfield, Conn. www.litchfieldjazzfest.com
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The games will be at the Sharon Historical Society & Museum and at Le Gamin restaurant.

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Backgammon of Northwestern Connecticut was founded by Sharon resident Roger Lourie. It is composed of players from this area and summer residents who enjoy casual and easy-going play.

Play at the Sharon Historical Society on

Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. beginning July 27 and at Le Gamin restaurant on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. beginning July 30.

At Le Gamin, fresh croissants and coffee are part of the backgammon hospitality. There is also a possibility of backgammon in French for players who are interested.

Lourie learned backgammon as a prisoner in a Soviet jail when he was working for a U.S. government agency. He has taught numerous players and derives joy in introducing new players to this ancient game.

"It is a lot faster than 18 holes of golf, with much less psychological pressure," he said.

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MILLBROOK



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From left, Olga Devita, Shirley Nemetz-Ress, 101, and Eunice Anderson, 105, were among those celebrated by The Fountains on Monday, June 27.

Fountains hails the young at heart

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Amid balloons, cake, lemonade and music, three young-at-heart ladies celebrated their birthdays at The Fountains in Millbrook on Monday, June 27, with friends and staff. These were not just any birthdays, but very special ones. Shirley Nemetz-Ress turned 101 on June 1; Olga Devita turned 102 on Dec. 5 and Eunice Anderson turned 105 on June 6. All of these women are residents at The Inn at The Fountains. Director of The Inn Linda Lomangino was among the many there who wanted to make sure the centenarians were celebrated for the amazing lives they've lived and continue to live.

When asked the secrets of their longevity, Nemetz-Ress remarked that deep breathing helps, and being connected to her grandchildren has a lot to do with it. Of course, she is also a dedicated artist, and keeps busy staying creative with her art.

Devita said that the Lord decides this, but added she's had a wonderful life, has two wonderful children and is grateful for having enjoyed her life. Devita recently took part in the Senior Health Month Run/Walk last month at The Fountains. She said participating in such events helps keep her feeling young.

Anderson when asked, didn't have much to say. In fact, she remained completely mum. But she did share a sly smile, hinting that perhaps she has her own secrets to a long life best kept to one's self.

Four happy couples also celebrated long-term anniversaries at The Fountains soiree. Louise

and Sal Pascarella have been together for 70 years. They were married in the month of May.

Beverly and Leslie Rollins celebrated their 71st anniversary at The Fountains; the couple was married on Nov. 10, 1951.

Married for 72 years as of June 3 were Marion and Albert Ratschi, who wed in 1950.

And Angelica and Valentine Hafner were married on Oct. 5, 1950; the couple has been together for an incredible 72 years.

Pascarella said the secret to lasting this long together is because he always lets his wife do the talking. His wife attributes the longevity of their relationship to having an argument everyday and then making up, which she said is the most important part.

The Fountain's affair was attended by about 50 people, and all seemed to really enjoy it. Those who were celebrated gave kudos to the staff, especially Director of Community Life Lisa Rieckermann, who helped pull it all together.

Rieckermann is an energetic and warm individual, adored by the seniors who live at The Fountains. She and the staff are always excited about events there. The residents seem excited to participate, too, and express real joy at living and doing so much despite their advanced years.

Music at the celebration was provided by Grandpa Joe's Washboard Band, made up by trio Joe Cardella and Wayne Chadwick, and though not able to be present that day as he was having surgery, member Vince Sauter.

The Fountains is a retirement community that also provides assisted living at The Inn for those residents who require additional or special care.

School board elects leadership

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Central School District (MCSD) Board of Education (BOE) met on Tuesday, July 12, for its organizational and regular meeting.

After the call to order and the Pledge of Allegiance were said, the Oath of Office was taken by newly-elected member Dena Ghobashy, whose term will run through June 2025 as will re-elected members Perry Hartswick and Jennifer Carnecchia.

Nominations were then made for the office of president. Only one nomination

was made for Perry Hartswick to return to that office. All voted aye, so Hartswick will serve another term in that capacity.

Chris Rosenbergen was nominated for the position of vice president; again, all ayes were voted, and Rosenbergen will take over the post from Howard Shapiro, who remains on the board until June 30, 2023.

Other board members currently serving on the MCSD's BOE are Chris LaBelle and David LaVarnway, who will serve until July of 2024.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe



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From left, Adult Program Coordinator at Millbrook Library Kristen Perkins stood with artist Erin Cordle.

Cordle exhibits at Millbrook Library

MILLBROOK — The art show currently on exhibit at the Millbrook Library Gallery at 3 Friendly Lane consists of a variety of topics and styles, which artist Erin Cordle explained mirrors her life's phases and journey.

Cordle, a native of Virginia, became interested in painting while in high school. She started with watercolors and grew from there.

After she graduated from North Carolina State University in 1988 with a degree in Environmental Design in Architecture, she never lost the desire to paint.

Cordle began taking watercolor lessons in 1990 while living in Connecticut. When she returned to Virginia she became a member of the Virginia Watercolor Society, and soon after began showing her work locally.

After many years of working and raising a family, she and her husband moved to the

Hudson Valley and she began working full time as an artist.

Her paintings reflect what she has seen and experienced; they include landscapes, images of animals, flowers and still lifes. She works in various mediums. During one period in the 80s or 90s, her work reflected the people working in the city; other paintings of hers are of cows, butterflies and fruit.

Cordle said she likes to paint en plein air, but mostly she enjoys doing still lifes. One she did of a cut-up melon is especially eye-catching. The scope and variety of her work is exciting, and the skill with which she executes her paintings is a testament to her years of experience and her deep love of life and art.

The exhibit at the Millbrook Library is well worth the trip. For more information, call 846-677-3611 or go to www.millbrooklibrary.org.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Some of the youngest patrons at the Millbrook Library enjoyed getting a close peek at some young chicks.

Petting zoo delights young library patrons

MILLBROOK — The Two By Two Animal Haven, formerly the Two By Two Zoo, visited the Millbrook Library on Friendly Lane on Tuesday, July 12. The family-friendly visit allowed local children to pet and play with the animals while learning all about the little critters.

Here, some of the youngsters got to handle a few silky baby chicks. Also at the event were some goats, tortoises, a kangaroo, a rabbit, a small snake and a bearded dragon.

Director of the Millbrook Library Courtney Tshalis said thus far attendance at the library's programs this year has been excellent. By June, a staggering 3,118 patrons had attended programs offered at the library in 2022.

"That's more than attended programs all of last year, which totalled 2,941," she said.

The Two By Two Animal Haven was originally founded by the Iannucci family in 1993. The travelling petting zoo be-

came a 501(c)3 nonprofit in 2020 and changed its name from being a "zoo" to a "haven."

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

LEGALS BANNER

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY at 7:40 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of Mary Dohne and Robert Russo for a Minor Subdivision/ Lot Line Alteration on Tax

Parcel #7171-00-906182 located at 151 Gun Club Road, Millerton, NY in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East and Parcel #7171-00-851129 located at 77 Gun Club Road, Millerton, NY in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall or via email. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office at pb@townofnortheastny.gov.

gov or calling 518-789-3300, Ext. 608. The application is also available on the Town website for inspection.

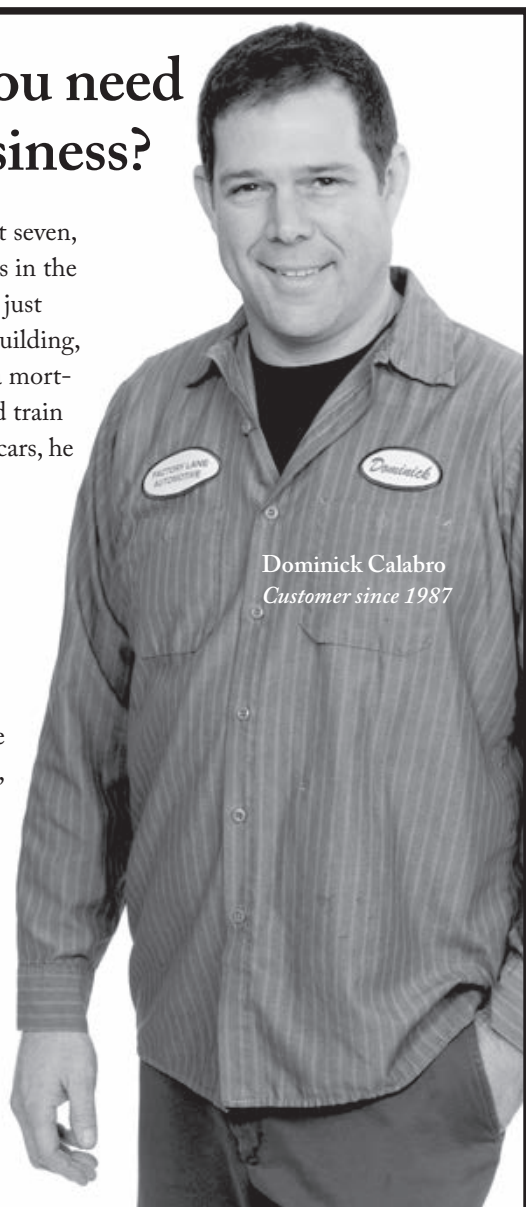
Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing. Dated: July 14, 2022

Dale Culver
Chairman
Planning Board
07-21-22

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EDITORIAL

It's good police contract was signed

It's been a tumultuous time for the village of Millerton, the Millerton Police Department (MPD) and the citizens of both the village and the town of North East that the MPD protects, as the Village Board has been hashing out whether it should keep the local, part-time force or abolish it and instead hire the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) to patrol its streets.

While there have long been murmurs around the water cooler about the possibility of the village police force going by the wayside, there was never a move made in that direction. Until, that is, December of 2021, when Officer-in-Charge Veeder said the Millerton Village Board made what he called "a bad decision" to switch officers' schedules so they would patrol more often during the daytime to assist local businesses; help drivers dealing with heavy traffic and parking challenges; aid people using the very popular Harlem Valley Rail Trail and all others visiting the village of Millerton.

The problem, said Veeder, is that he had most of his part-time officers scheduled for night-time shifts, when the highest call volume was recorded at the MPD.

The Village Board's shift in policy caused a rift in relations — relations that were reported by some behind the scenes and some out in front of the community — to already be strained due to a range of factors — whether it was just the formality of how police officers sometimes speak, act and present themselves; the unfamiliarity that those in charge of enforcing the law may have for being told how to do their jobs; or a reported personal beef between the mayor and Veeder. Whatever personal or professional issues may or may not exist really is not the point here.

The point is that Mayor Jenn Najdek, as the person who governs the village and runs the Millerton Police Department, made an executive decision with the support of her board (though it was not unanimous, due to Trustee Dave Sherman's hesitancy). Her decision — the village's decision — had to, therefore, be respected and followed.

It was a difficult decision, and no one, not even the mayor, has been so bold to say it was the absolute correct one, as all of the evidence hasn't been collected yet.

What has followed, though, in the many months since, has been an open and transparent process, with the public invited to participate, to consider whether the MPD would best serve the community or make the village vulnerable by opening it up to future liability. And liability, according to Najdek, is the crux of the issue. That, along with the \$115,000 price tag (2022 figures) to fund the MPD — money that could go toward other much-needed village projects, like a wastewater system, sidewalk repairs, park updates, etc.

The other side of the coin, though, is that the MPD provides a valuable service. Yes, Millerton is a small community — is it worth that money to protect 900 residents, plus the business owners who help keep the village vibrant? Is it worth it to make the shoppers and diners who contribute to our economy; the tourists who explore our trails, parks and farms; and all the others who visit what has been called one of the "Coolest Small Towns in America," by the national press feel safe?

We think it's worth considering — closely — as the Village Board and so many local residents have been doing so diligently.

Yes, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) offers a great option, to provide a rotating 24-hour shift of one deputy per every eight hours to patrol village streets. They'd have a local substation, right where the MPD headquarters is currently set up at Village Offices.

The best part, of course, is that the county would take on all of the liability — freeing the village from having to worry about ever being sued again for any police wrongdoing. Considering it's dealing with three lawsuits at the moment, that would certainly be a big relief.

But what about the relief of residents knowing when they call 911, a police officer would arrive within minutes, versus within an hour, were a DCSO deputy have been pulled away to another community and the closest respondent not so very close? Having a local police force is not something all towns and villages are fortunate enough to enjoy these days, and those that do should think very carefully before getting rid of them.

There are good points on both sides of this argument — and it is worth it to consider the pros and cons of abolishing the MPD before making a decision that cannot be undone.

We're simply glad, in the meantime, the North East Town Board prompted the village to move forward and sign a contract to continue providing services with the MPD for another year while this gets sorted through.

The MPD is down to four patrol officers at the moment and is now looking to hire. For information, contact Veeder at mveeder.millertonpolice@gmail.com. He can fill you in on the requirements, but basically recruits must be at least 21 years old and a U.S. citizen. Training will be provided.

The village is undertaking an organizational study of the MPD. The mayor hopes it will help solve the issue in with neutrality and let the village start focusing on other issues for all of Millerton. For more on the study, and information on how to submit a Request for Proposals (RFP), go to www.villageofmillerton.net. The deadline for electronic proposals is Friday, July 29, at 4 p.m.



Glory and destiny

I have been following the brutal invasion of Ukraine closely and though defensive support from the U.S. and NATO has been slow walked or denied over the past year, the Ukrainian people and their president Zelensky have proven to be fierce patriots fighting overwhelming odds with military might, holding the Russian army at bay.

They love their country and their freedom so much that thousands are laying down their lives. Women, children, grandparents, first responders and other defenders of their nation have and will continue to pay a heavy price.

Orphanages, hospitals, pre-schools, nursing homes, bomb shelters and churches have been demolished and deliberately targeted by Russian grim reapers.

No humane rules of engagement for Putin — just indiscriminate slaughter and carnage of anyone and anything that get in his way. He ran into a problem when a modern day David vs. Goliath arose to confront this aggression named Zelensky. An inspiring and capable war leader who united his defenders and citizens in the name of freedom.

Putin and many Russian leaders should face war crimes. But they won't.

The Ukrainian people are suffering non-stop attacks. Eighty percent of homes and buildings have been completely destroyed by this scorched earth policy. It's going to be future Ukrainian PTSD on steroids there. Russian and Ukrainian refugees are flocking to Mexico to easily access the U.S.

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

Putin surely could have inserted some of his friends among them. There are too many world leaders, the U.S. included, who have been compromised by Russia and China.

These green agenda countries, their leaders and activists are complicit and responsible for the mess we're in today. Russia heavily funds green activists while banking our money from sales of their own gas and oil.

Energy produced under zero tolerance policies for carbon and pollution is effectively increasing this planet's problem. Does it make any sense to go cold turkey with our own clean standards energy production and be dependent upon our enemies for the same, who don't follow any standards at all while filling their war chests?

We are using Russia to negotiate a nuclear/oil deal for us with Iran. It's INSANITY! Check out how much energy and slave labor are involved producing batteries for electric vehicles. It's a shocker.

The destiny of Ukraine and the rest of the world weighs heavily on the outcome of this war.

God bless the brave people of Ukraine and you, patriotic readers, and your families.

Town of North East resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam War veteran and a member of both the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Conn.



PHOTO BY JANET MAKNO

Gilded with dew

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save 10% on electricity, help Amenia earn \$5K

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has given Amenia the green light to launch a Community Solar Campaign.

The initiative is designed to help Amenia residents who get an electric bill from New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) save an average 10% on their monthly electric bill.

If you pay a NYSEG bill, you're eligible to receive part of your electricity from a clean, renewable resource and save money in the process.

There is no cost to subscribe or cancel and no solar panels to install.

Once 10 residents sign up, Amenia will be on its way to qualify for a \$5,000 grant from the New York State Department of Energy Conservation. This grant can be used to sup-

port future climate smart projects that Amenia can pursue.

We hope more than 10 residents will take advantage of this opportunity. Spots will fill quickly.

For more information on Community Solar, how it works and to sign up, go to Community Solar for Your Home — NYSEG, www.commonenergy.us.

Please contact me at smantel@ameniany.gov to assist with this process.

And please help Amenia qualify for the grant by letting us know once you've successfully signed up for a community solar program. One company is offering a gift card as an incentive.

Stacy Mantel
Conservation Advisory Council member
Amenia

Ten Trees

A stand of ten trees mingle casually together

Congregating in a western corner overlook

Where a vast valley view unfolds and the Webutuck Creek

Winds its way south, then east, then south again.

Long summer sun filtrates into their peaceful domain
Splashing shadows and shimmerings of light

That pirouette on a pallet of charcoal grey, taupe, and teal brown barks.

Bright green stalks hosting orange striped day lilies contrast those conservative hues,

As they frolic in the breeze near the top of the descending hillside.

A troubled locust, partially fallen and bent,

Propped up by another

strong solid sibling,

Rubs branches with a slender maple,

Flanked by a twisty cherry that slightly mimics her curvy locust cousins.

She sunbathes her etched black and charcoal skin in generous patches of warm sunshine.

A rare, healthy ash, shoots up through this menagerie,
Complimenting a delicious deciduous bouquet of boughs and branches.

This roosting paradise is occasionally visited

By a dozen or so large black turkey vultures

Who swoop in to rest and observe the glorious Oblong Valley

From this sacred corner of the Berkshire Mountains.

— David Capellaro
July 2022

Tender hearted beware

The latest email scam circulating in the area involves a supposedly internet-challenged friend asking tender-hearted people for help to send a \$250 Amazon birthday gift card in the friend's name to a young woman who is dying of cancer.

They, of course, say they will reimburse you.

It's a great sob story — but please don't fall for it!

Instead, make sure to alert your real friend that they've been hacked.

Carol Kneeland
Millerton

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Golf Tourney benefits Roe Jan Library

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**
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COPAKE — It may have been a sweltering hot day, but all of the players remained calm, cool and collected as they competed in a dual shotgun, 18-hole scramble on Sunday, July 17.

Of course, being surrounded by lots of greenery, and with trees and mountains all around, it may have felt a little cooler than it was. The thought of an air conditioned club house and a barbecue chicken dinner at the end of the competition may also have served as an impetus to play fast, have fun and then relax at day's end.

The course in question was the Undermountain

Golf Course in Copake, family owned for more than 40 years. The benefit was for the Roeliff Jansen Community Library (RJCL).

Although owners John and Trisha MacArthur host many other benefits through the year, this one is near and dear to their hearts as Trisha's mom, Pat Shakshoper, was librarian at the Roe Jan Library for 25 years before retiring and moving to Florida.

The remarks made by the Library Board of Trustees President Pat Placona hit the mark.

"Playing at Undermountain is fun because the course is suitable for both experienced and less experienced players. Plus, the setting is beautiful."

Two-person teams, 44

people in all, signed up for the tournament. Funds raised will help the library with operating costs and services to the communities it serves (Ancram, Hillsdale and Copake).

The tourney was open to both seasoned and less experienced players as well as those who just wanted to watch and cheer from the sidelines and then stay for the barbecue chicken dinner. Some even had played in their own tournament of Corn Hole, enjoying the fun-filled atmosphere.

Winners of the golf tournament included: 1st place, Men's: Tim Patterson, Ancramdale and Steve Irving, Hillsdale, score of 57; 1st place, Mixed: Amy Shadie and Brian Foster, Copake,

score of 63; Women's 1st place: Judy Westfall, Millerton and Nancy Wemer, Boston Corners, score of 72. Winners received a round of golf for four at the Copake Country Club.

Other winners included, for Closest to the Pin, Steve Irving, 4'7" and Tim Patterson, 14'11". Men's 2nd place, Justin Heiser and Kyle Peck, score of 61; Mixed 2nd place, Jill and Doug Hauseman, Copake Lake score of 64; and Women's 2nd place, Trish MacArthur, Boston Corner and Wendy Moody, Millerton, score of 72.

Those who missed this year's tournament can be on the lookout for next year's tourney, it's a lot of fun and provides funding for a good cause.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Discussing the details of the Annual Roe Jan Community Library Benefit Golf Tournament at Undermountain Golf Course on Sunday, July 17, were Undermountain General Manager Trish MacArthur, left, and Tournament Chair Jed Luchow.

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