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Couple indicted for Elizaville murder

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

ELIZAVILLE - Columbia County District Attorney (DA) Paul Czajka announced on Wednesday, May 11, that an Elizaville couple has been arrested and charged with the murder of a Long Island man who had been living with them in their home. Elizaville is one of many communities within the nine-town, two-county Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD).

The small hamlet is in the towns of both Clermont and Gallatin, both within Columbia County. Gallatin is bounded on the north by Taghkanic, on the east by Ancram, on the west by Livingston and on the south by Milan — all also in located in Columbia County — as well as by Pine Plains on the south.

Pine Plains is in Dutchess County.

Covering Northeastern Dutchess County And Its Environs

Cassandra Fischer, 30, and Ryan Woods, 29, were arraigned before the Honorable Richard M. Koweek in Columbia County Court on the 11th on an indictment brought by a Columbia County Grand Jury.

According to a statement from the Columbia County State of New York DA's Office, the pair was formally charged with Murder in the Second Degree (a Class A-1 Felony); two Counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Vulnerable Elderly Person in the First Degree (a Class D Felony); and Endangering the Welfare of an Incompetent or Physically Disabled Person in the First Degree (a Class E Felony). Additionally, Fischer was charged with Grand Larceny in the Second

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The late Jeffrey Hane of Millerton loved his dogs, as was observed by those who had the pleasure of seeing him walk Hugo, shown above with Hane, around the village.

What Millerton meant to the late Jeffrey Hane

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Though his time in Millerton was brief, the life of Jeffrey Hane was, by many accounts, extremely happy to live in the village. He passed away Monday, April 25, at the age of 61 following an 11-day battle on life support after the community

pulled together to save his life.

Though his identity wasn't disclosed at the time due to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Hane was the Millerton resident who suffered a cardiac arrest on Friday, April 15.

The Millerton News ran a front-page article of the Miller-

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Leaders from the local, county and state level gathered at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, May 14, as Webutuck Nurse Charlie Davis and Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani, center, worked the scissors to signify the opening of the school district's new health clinic.

Webutuck opens first school based health clinic in region

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

WEBUTUCK — The North East (Webutuck) Central School District's passionate planning, organizing and fundraising to make its in-school based health clinic the very first in the multi-county Hudson Valley region — a reality was rewarded Saturday morning,

May 14. That's when members of the local community gathered with state, county and local lawmakers along with school personnel and those in the health care industry to celebrate the site's grand opening.

Webutuck Nurse Charlie Davis first proposed the clinic three years ago. He presented research on in-school based health centers to the Webutuck Board of Education (BOE) in October 2019; by the beginning of the 2019-20 school year, he had successfully found a viable collaborator in Open Door Family Medical Centers, which was willing to set up proposed health center.

Between January and March 2020, the Webutuck district met

See HEALTH CLINIC, A8

Remembering Ronnybrook Dairy Farm's Ronny Osofsky

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

ANCRAMDALE — On Friday. May 13, when Ronald Osofsky passed away, this area lost someone who has often been described as an icon. He was a successful business man, a hard worker and an innovative farmer. Most of all he was a man who loved the land, his family, being a good neighbor, giving back to the community and remaining true to himself. His values were simple but steadfast, and he had the respect of those who knew him.

In 1958, at a time when all too many farmers were leaving the area for greener pastures, for big cities and for impressive careers, Osofsky graduated from the Pine Plains

Ron Osofsky of Ronnybrook Dairy Farm in Ancramdale passed away on Friday, May 13. He will be greatly missed by all in the community.

Central School District. He too, left home, to attend the University of Rhode Island.

His heart, however, remained at home. He was raised on a farm in Pine Plains by a family of Jewish descent by his parents, Helen and David Osofsky. He had two brothers, Rick and Sid, and a sister, Freda. Ron loved life on the family farm,

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Above is one of two brush fires that burned in the town of Gallatin, Columbia County, on Friday, April 29, at 3 p.m., barely more than 1-mile apart from one another. By 7:15 p.m., four DEC Forest Rangers reported the fires were under control; they were declared out by the next day.

DEC FOREST RANGERS REPORT

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from across New York State.

Columbia County dual brush fires

There were two brush fires reported in the town of Gallatin on Friday, April 29, at 3 p.m.

Forest Rangers Cowart, Gullen, Pries and Sweeney responded to the original call for a single brush fire and when the Rangers arrived they realized there were two separate fires about a mile apart. They split up to tackle both blazes.

The larger of the two fires burned nearly 14 acres and was likely started by someone burning cardboard.

The smaller of the two fires burned more than 2 acres.

By 7:15 p.m., both fires were under control and declared out the next day.

Dutchess County Rope Rescue Training

In the village of Millerton, the DEC conducted technical rope rescue training on Thursday, April 21. Forest Rangers from DEC Regions 3 and 4 held a technical rope rescue exercise at Taconic State Park in the village of Millerton.

The exercise consisted of a simulated rescue from a technical area on the Brace Mountain Trail. Rangers used a high-angle alpine lower with a deflection system to remove a subject from a narrow shelf of a waterfall. Rangers are working with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation staff to prepare for potential backcountry incidents in the area.

Contact Forest Ranger for help

If a person needs a forest ranger, whether it's for a search and rescue, to report a wildfire or to report illegal activity on state lands and easements, they should call 833-NYS-RANGERS. If a person needs urgent assistance, they can call 911. To contact a Forest Ranger for information about a specific location, go to

Future of Millerton police continues to weigh on Village Board's minds

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON - Continuing its work in assessing and answering residents' questions about the future of the Millerton Police Department (MPD), the Village Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 10, for the sole purpose of reviewing the comments and questions raised at a public hearing on the matter on Wednesday, April 20.

More than 30 people attended that hearing last month on a proposed local law to abolish the MPD and replace it with contracted services from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO). In addition to the entire Village Board, more than a dozen local residents attended the meeting on May 10, as did MPD Officer-in-Charge Michael Veeder.

Mayor Jenn Najdek explained it was a working meeting and no public comments would be heard. While several questions resulted from the April public hearing, she said they mostly related to police hours, costs and what the different police entities would do for the village.

"This is an opportunity for us as a board publicly to work through it," Najdek said.

To start, Village Trustee Laurie Kerr suggested doing something that's "cost-neutral" that would give the village 21 hours of police coverage per week.

Should they go with 21 hours, Trustee Alicia Sartori said the board should see what the sheriff's deputies' schedule would look like.

Najdek brought up the call volume in the village and suggested it might be easier, data-wise, to combine every incident MPD officers have encountered and parse that with all the 911 calls.

Trustee Dave Sherman spoke of the different financial ramifications should the MPD dissolve, including the disappearance of the town of North East's annual 20% contractual contribution to the village's police budget.

Trustee Matthew Hartzog reminded the board if the town doesn't join in the police services contract, police coverage will shrink as a result.

Reflecting on past police services in Millerton, Sherman said "unfortunately our relationship between the village and town has not changed to reflect the [different] complexion of the communities. I think the town needs to take a larger step forward... and also help the village more than they have been... The town has to pitch in and start paying a much larger share than last year."

The mayor agreed days later when asked if the town should contribute a larger share if the MPD continues to serve both municipalities.

At the meeting, Najdek asked when and how long the DCSO shifts would be. In April, Acting Sheriff Kirk Imperati said the DCSO would establish a substation where the existing MPD station is at Village Hall if the contract with the village is approved.

As trustees exchanged suggestions for shifts, Sartori suggested there will be more flexibility for additional hours and during holidays with the DCSO. Najdek noted the DCSO needs only one week's notice to adjust its schedule, and the village will only be billed for shifts that are filled.

Kerr asked if it's been decided whether the village will have one or two deputies pahave consistent people to provide continuity in the village."

At Sartori's suggestion of having a police presence in Millerton on weekends, Kerr talked about also having a police present on Main Street, **Dutchess Avenue and Century** Boulevard given the amount of activity in those areas on weekends.

Najdek said she'd like deputies, or MPD officers as the case may be, to engage with residents, visitors and youth at the park on weekends.

Sartori suggested having more patrols at the local cemeteries given recent incidents of vandalism in the village.

The board went into executive session to discuss personnel and labor matters; the audience was asked to exit and rejoined the board shortly later. Before adjourning the meeting, the board unanimously voted to retain Girvin & Ferlazzo, P.C., for labor counsel. Najdek said the board will put what it discussed that night into a document and have the village attorney review it before posting it online at www.villageofmil-

New sidewalks to be installed on Main Street

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

www.dec.ny.gov/about/667.html.

MILLERTON — The Village Board has been keeping the business community notified

of its long-anticipated sidewalk replacement project planned to begin this Monday, May 16. Merchants have looked forward to the project for a while. Sidewalks on the south side of Main Street will be replaced

— starting from the head of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail (HVRT) at the intersection of Route 22 and Main Street to the corner of Park Avenue and Main.

The groundwork for this project was laid down years ago. The Village Board secured funding and support from the state and county along the way.

Altogether, Mayor Jenn Najdek said a little more than 1,000 feet of sidewalks will be replaced in the village.

In March 2021, Village Engineer Ray Jurkowski told the Village Board the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) approved the project.

In addition to replacing the sidewalks, the board was informed the project also entails installing multi-modal crosswalk signs in front of the HVRT and the The Moviehouse at 48 Main St. A crosswalk sign will also be installed in front of the NorthEast-Millerton Library at 75 Main St.

Last July, Millerton received a \$150,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to replace 600 linear feet of deteriorated sidewalks along Main Street (Route 44) and install a new accessible sidewalk and

crosswalk in front of the library. As of now, Najdek said the project was to begin on May 16, though she acknowledged there

have been some glitches.

"There's always some last minute things that need to be worked out," she said, adding the engineers have worked hard with the DOT to address final

"As you know, timing is everything," Najdek said, "and unfortunately we weren't able to get this started sooner so that we could've potentially been done by now, but the contractors are pretty confident they will be able to work with all the businesses

The village hosted a pre-construction meeting between the contractors at Con-Tech Construction and Millerton business owners on Friday, May 6, to address all concerns. Najdek reported the meeting drew members of Millerton's Department of Public Works Committee (via Zoom) and Townscape member Jeanne Vanecko, but few village business owners attended.

"We had hoped this would have been a chance for the merchants to meet with the crew." Vanecko said, "but that isn't how it turned out."

Vanecko said there was talk about the project process and what contractors will do to help local businesses remain open during construction, such as instal metal ramps with side rails going into the businesses.

Looking at the side of Main Street where the project will commence, Vanecko counted about a dozen businesses that will be affected, starting with Taro's at 18 Main St. and moving toward Allee Architecture + Design at 56 Main St.

She contacted the contractors with concerns and put together a Q&A page to distribute to the affected merchants.

Vanecko noted there was also talk about the need to remove trees on Main Street to make way for the new sidewalks.

Townscape took care of re-

moving five trees on Wednesday,

"My hope is if all goes well, maybe it's only a four-week project and we're in and out," Najdek said. "Depending on where they are during actual construction, the hope is to not do any new digging or pouring that would prevent any pedestrian flow to any of those businesses."

Asked about the project's

time line, Najdek said, "It's kind of tricky: it's almost like a play-itby-ear, and I know the contractors have done several of these types of projects and I think everyone gets anxious before the start and how it's going to look and all of that. Hopefully it goes smoothly and they can start on Monday.

Once done, walking should be much safer, agreed all.



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AMENIA/AREA



A resident of Copake, Roger Albright posed for a photo with his 1973 Pontiac Grand Am at the Webutuck Community Day Car Show.

Warriors rev up for car show

WEBUTUCK - Among the many festivities featured at this year's Community Day sponsored by the PTA in celebration of the North East (Webutuck) Central School District and its student body, car enthusiasts were thrilled to walk among the aisles of metal and rubber and check out the vehicles on display at the 2022 Webutuck Community Day Car Show.

The annual car show was held on Saturday, May 14, and coincided with the morning to early-afternoon social event. The 14 featured cars were proudly parked in the lot adjacent to Webutuck High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Correcting Errors

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/ or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning.



The PTA's Community Day on Saturday, May 14, drew a large crowd of students, their family members and residents from around the area to partake in various activities for a day of fun.



Webutuck PTA members Anna Kall, left, and Leah Sprague organized Community Day and gave away many free books, including to Jonathan Russo, left, and his brother Anthony Russo.

Fun for all ages at PTA's annual **Webutuck Community Day**

WEBUTUCK - Walking behind Webutuck High School (WHS) on Saturday, May 14, community members could find a smile on the face of nearly every man, woman and child as they gathered together for a fun, festive celebration at the Webutuck PTA's annual Community Day. The event was organized by PTA members Anna Kall and Leah Sprague.

Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the students who attended with their families from the North East (Webutuck) Central School District, along with friends and neighbors, were highly entertained by the number of activities, food and drink booths, vendors and local organizations that packed into the parking lot and fields behind WHS.

Multiple graduating classes from Webutuck set up food, drink and game booths to fundraise, while community organizations also had booths to spread word of their work. From Bee Bee the Clown and the Color Run to the free petting zoo, Touch a Truck and balloon making, there was plenty to do at Webutuck's Community Day again this year for both the young and the young-at-heart.

Kaitlin Lyle

Annual Teen and Youth Job Fair at Roe Jan Library

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

First-, second- and third-place winners were

awarded trophies with the

names of the businesses

that sponsored the show

printed on them; fourth-

and fifth-place winners

- Kaitlin Lyle

received free oil changes.

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library, located at 9091 Route 22, south of the intersection of routes 22 and 23, has become something of a mecca for the communities it serves. Those include the towns of Copake, Hillsdale and Ancram. Residents who live in those three towns and its numerous hamlets who are patrons of the library, and even those who are not, are fortunate enough to be able to take advantage of the many and varied resources, programs,

its circulation and assorted offerings - including an outstanding staff - who work tirelessly to provide the types of personalized services this intimate section of Columbia County has come to expect.

Case in point? Come this Saturday, May 21, from noon to 2 p.m., the Roe Jan Library, as it is lovingly known, will offer local teens and youth looking for a summer job or internship, a chance to interview with area businesses hiring this summer. All they have to do is stop by the Roeliff Jansen Community Library's Teen & Youth Job Fair.

It's the third such event, and it will host potential employers ranging from camps and state parks to restaurants, retail stores and more.

"We are pleased to be able to hold our Third Annual Teen and Youth Job Fair this month," said Roe Jan Library Director Tammy Gaskell. "Our past fairs were a great success, benefitting both local businesses and local young people, many of whom were looking for their

"It seems especially important this year given the current economic situation," she added.

The free event is open to ages 14 to 24. Light refreshments will be served at this rain or shine activity.

A total of "15 different businesses and nonprofits are taking tables this year — including the United States Postal Service [USPS], and SWM International [Ancram Mills] is returning for a second time," according to Circulation Librarian Robin Gottlieb, who said that last year's fair took place outside due to the CO-VID pandemic.

This year, Gottlieb said, "the current weather forecast for May 21 currently says it will be partly sunny and 75 degrees on Saturday, so if that holds true, it will be outside in our parking lot again."

Those who attend the job fair are encouraged to dress professionally and bring job resumes with them, and be prepared to talk to potential employers about their background and their education.

In addition to the USPS, other local businesses and nonprofits will be at the job fair. To see a full list, go to the library's website, listed below.

For full details, call the library at 518-325-4101 or go to www.roejanlibrary.org.



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swirling around her.

from the business

world, Bettie wrote

and published doz-

ens of essays for

local and national

magazines and

newspapers. Addi-

tionally, she penned

three books: "Veedor

the Condor," about

the only free flying, yet

captive, Andean condor in

the world; "Quickies from

Romeos & Other Lovers," a

collection of recipes from

101 men with unique voca-

tions from across the United

States; and "The Kingdom of

Ning," an inspiring read and

coloring book for children

asked to write a script for

docent tours of Holley House

Museum in Lakeville. Fas-

cinating research led her to

hold the family in high es-

teem for their outstanding

contributions to the North-

plays became her passion.

"Hemingway's Promise," a

one act play about the last

hours of Ernest Heming-

way's life, won a Pen & Brush

(NYC) first prize, and gar-

nered consistent audience

and scholarly accolades at

ing, and puzzles filled many

happy hours, as did develop-

ing a popular line of greeting

in 2011, she operated Tree-

House, a studio apartment

rental on her Sharon prop-

erty, where she welcomed

weekend guests from around

beloved cats, Cleo and Gin-

ger, and cousins in Colora-

do, California, and Florida,

along with those she knew

her life will be held at a later

Sharon, is in charge of ar-

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has been donated to the Ana-

tomical Gift Program for the

Frank H. Netter MD School

of Medicine at Quinnipiac

University for medical edu-

cation and research. Dona-

tions can be made in her

name to the Frank H. Net-

ter MD School of Medicine.

A gathering to celebrate

The Kenny Funeral Home,

In accordance with Bet-

Bettie is survived by her

For five years beginning

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Animal welfare, garden-

Writing stage and screen

west Corner and beyond.

In the late 90s, she was

ages four to one hundred.

OBITUARIES

Michael 'Mike' Allison

SALISBURY — Michael "Mike" Allison, 78, of Hendersonville, North Carolina, passed away Sunday, May 8, 2022, at his residence.

Jackson Funeral Service is assisting the Allison family.

Bettie Louise Snyder

SHARON — Bettie Louise the intriguing conversations Snyder died at Sharon Hos-

pital on May 12, 2022.

The only child of Louise (Walker) Snyder and Herbert Parker Snyder, Bettie was born in rural western Pennsylvania on August 21, 1931. During

her life, she preferred small town living, so naturally fell in love with Connecticut's Northwest Corner at first

She moved to Sharon in 1959 to become office manager at Magnamusic Distributors, and then in 1961 joined the staff of The Sharon Clinic. In 1974, she became the first program director at Noble Horizons for several years, and next served as assistant to the president of an international financial planning company, Hamilton Gregg & Company, at the home office in Falls

Always interested in the arts, Bettie worked for 15 years at various radio stations in Connecticut and New York as producer, on air personality, and reviewer of plays and concerts. She was the first Arts & Entertainment Editor when WKZE opened in Sharon, then continued writing art reviews for Hudson Valley newspapers for many years.

Her love of theatre began in Pennsylvania, and took hold when she joined The Oblong Valley Players, finding camaraderie with the Northwest Corner's talent. She also wrote and performed monologues throughout the Northeast, and toured with several theatre companies, including the Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theatre of West Cornwall.

Clowns fascinated Bettie. She studied with a Ringling Brothers professional, and began this remarkable part of her life visiting hospital patients on a weekly basis, and performing at fairs and parties for all ages. The warden of an upstate New York prison saw a video of her work and invited her to teach values clarification to inmates. Using the power of humor as the foundation, she found these classes amazing and humbling.

In 1989, the possible collapse of the Sharon Creative Arts Foundation was an unacceptable option to many area theatre buffs. Bettie was voted President of SCAF.

She hired local theatre companies to produce a season that wound up in the black, allowing The Sharon Playhouse to keep open its doors. She invited a group from Pine Plains High School to perform The Music Man to end the season. That group became Tri Arts.

During the summer residency of The Berkshire String Quartet, Bettie served on the Music Mountain Board of Directors for eleven years.

Referring to herself as a saloon player, she loved the role of "fly on the wall," and for two decades, played cocktail party piano standards in local inns and at private parties, while eavesdropping on Kemp Ross, 78, of Lakeville, clients in social services, ed-

died on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Noble Horizons after several weeks in hospitals to diagnose a rare form of lymphoma.

He was

an active member of the After retiring Salisbury community since 2012, when he and his wife Helen Klein Ross bought and restored an old governor's mansion on Millerton Road. He has served locally as vice-president of Lake Wononscopomuc Association, president of the Salisbury Forum and president of the Salisbury Association, as well as on national boards including as board chair of

Greenpeace USA.

Donald was born in the Bronx on June 29, 1943, and spent most of his life working to make the world a better place. After graduating from Fordham Preparatory School and Fordham College (where he brought football back to campus), he joined the Peace Corps and spent two years teaching in Nigeria. After graduating from NYU Law School in 1970, he went to Washington, D.C., to work for Ralph Nader, becoming one of the original "Nader's Raiders." In 1971, he traveled to the United Kingdom for Public Citizen on a campaign to expose the dangers of Thalidomide. He spent years traveling this country creating Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs), student-run organizations of activists advocating for the public interest. He came back to his home state to run NYPIRG and built it into New York's largest citizen group.

In May 1979, in only three weeks, he organized a No Nukes March on Washington that drew 100,000 people from all over the country. Four months later, he coordinated the No Nukes Rally in New York, one of the largest political gatherings in the 1970s, drawing 250,000 protesters.

In 1984, he formed a lobbying firm in Albany with Arthur Malkin, a former student organizer for NYPIRG. Today, Malkin & Ross is one of the most respected firms

LAKEVILLE — Donald in New York, advocating for

Donald Kemp Ross

ucation, consumer rights. civil justice, criminal justice, healthcare, energy, and the environment.

From 1985 to 1999, he

directed the Rockefeller Family Fund, making grants in areas including government accountability, economic justice for women and environmental protection.

With Arthur Malkin, he co-founded M & R Strategic Services in 1991, a campaign firm in Washington, D.C., which is today a national leader in mobilizing millions to fight for issues including marriage equality, reproductive rights, immigration and housing. From 2009 to 2013, he led the MacArthur Foundation's National Campaign to Reform Juvenile Justice, which helped enact more than 200 reform laws in the U.S., changing practices, and transforming the perception of youth in contact with juvenile justice systems.

For over thirty years, he managed the Tortuga Foundation that supported projects in areas he cared most about, including protecting open spaces and fragile lands of Alaska.

He has co-authored several books on consumer activism with Ralph Nader.

In addition to Helen, his wife of 37 years, Donald leaves two daughters, Katherine and Margaret Ross, a son, Mike Ross, from his previous marriage to Susan Deller Ross, and longtime friends he considered family. He was predeceased by a sister, Mary Ellen Ross.

A memorial will be held outdoors at his beloved home Holleywood on Sunday, May 22 at 11 a.m. Parking at the Town Grove. A tribute service will be held later in New York City. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to The Salisbury Association, New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) or to Hands in Outreach empowering girls in Nepal where he led several treks.

In Appreciation: **Donald Ross**

It is with great sadness that the Board of the Salisbury Forum notes the death of former Board President, Donald Ross. His wide circle of friends included many of the Forum's board members. His wisdom, networks, and passion for "good causes"

enhanced our programming and expanded our audience. Donald was a kind and decent man, an incredible leader, and a gifted philanthropist. He will be missed by all who knew him.

The Board of the Salis**bury Forum**

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Donald Ross

SALISBURY — The Salisbury Association was honored to have Donald serve as our president from 2019-2021. He cared deeply about our community and supported our Association's mission with his leadership, his generosity, and his personal commitment. He was very involved with our Land Trust which helps conserve our natural resources; Donald and Helen established an easement on their land to protect the beautiful view of Lake Wononscopomuc from Route 44. He enjoyed history and supported our Historical Society which helps preserve our community's heritage; Donald and Helen restored their historic home, Holleywood, with great care and authenticity. He was committed to our Community Events programs, as well as the importance and survival of our local newspaper, The Lakeville Journal.

On a personal note-I served with Donald on both the Salisbury Association and Salisbury Forum boards. We enjoyed brainstorming ideas with each other and seeing many implemented. He was easy to work with and knew how to effectively network with so many people. He was intelligent, dedicated, and involved with social issues throughout his life, faithfully joining demonstrators every Saturday morn on the Village Green. Above all, Donald was a gentleman-soft spoken, kind, and dedicated to his beloved wife, Helen and their two daughters.

The Salisbury Association and our community have lost one of our best.

Jeanette Weber President. **Salisbury Association**

More obituaries appear on Pages A5 & A6



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Fenwick W. Roddy

NORTH CANAAN - Fenwick W. Roddy, 84, of 37 Old Turnpike Road North, passed away peacefully in his sleep due to ongoing health struggles. He was the husband of Annette L. (Kutteles) Roddy. Fenwick was born May 4, 1938, in Franklin, Vermont. He was the son of the late Harry and Frances (Playful) Roddy.

Fenwick worked for most of his life as a logger. He was employed by Gingras Lumber in Ashley Falls for many years before retiring and continuing to work part-time. The highlight of his day was to get up and go to work, he loved to stay busy. In his spare time Fenwick was an avid hunter, you could catch him on the farm or tackling a project with his tractor. He also raised and worked Belgian Draft Horses and loved telling his life sto-

In addition to his wife, Fenwick is survived by his stepdaughter Denyce Lowell and her husband Russell of East Canaan; his brother Larry Roddy of Florida; and his sister Virginia Kilmer of Canaan. He is also survived by his six grandchildren: Meaghan Bain and her husband Ben; Krystan Ellis and her husband Josh; Robert Lowell and his wife Minh; Machayla Karcheski and her husband Scott; Chad and Chase Lowell; and four great grandchildren. Fenwick was predeceased by his stepdaughter Regina Schreiber.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday May 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph Church 4 Main St. Canaan, Connecticut 06018. Burial will follow after the Mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery

Calling hours will be held on Friday, May 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St. North Canaan. Please call the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home for the time of the Mass on Saturday, at (860) 824-7350. Memorial donations may be sent to The Little Guild at 285 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, Connecticut 06796.

Margaret Susan 'Susie' Rundall

KENT — Margaret Susan "Susie" Rundall, 72, a

lifelong resident of Kent, passed away on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington. Susie was a real estate agent at Fazzone and Harrison Realty in Sherman. She also worked

at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School as a teacher's aide.

Born on November 15, 1949, in Sharon, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Margaret (Albert) Goodsell. On June 14, 1969, in Kent, she married Robert Lee Rundall who survives at

Susie was an active volunteer in Kent She was a member of the Kent Fire Department Auxiliary and the past Emergency Management Director in Kent. She was also the treasurer of the Town of

> Kent Republican Committee. Susie loved to attend all her granddaughter's hockey games.

In addition to her loving husband, Susie is survived by a son, James Rundall and his wife, Jessie, of Kent; a grand-

daughter, Melanie Rundall and a sister-in-law, Frances "Fran" Lesniak Goodsell of Kent. Besides her parents, Susie was predeceased by a son, William Rundall and a brother, William Goodsell.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Troop 11, C/O Randy O'Rourke, P.O. Box 84, Kent, Connecticut 06757. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

Harry William 'Bill' Flint

LAKEVILLE — Harry William "Bill" Flint, 83, died

March 27, 2022. A graveside service and burial will take place on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. Pastor William Mayhew will



been entrusted to Scott D. Conklin Funeral

officiate. Arrangements have

Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton. New York. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Elisabeth Morton Chiera

SALISBURY-ElisabethMorton Chiera, 89, daughter of the Rev. Henry J. Chiera, Rector of St. John's Church, and Olive McMillen Chiera, died on October 8, 2020.

Lisa was born at Sharon Hospital on September 23, 1931. She loved Salisbury and her home for the first 18 years of her life was the Rectory of St. John's Church, a Victorian-style Tudor house that was once located on Main Street at Salmon Kill Road. She attended a girl's boarding school located at Searles Castle on Great Barrington's Main Street and then went to Emma Willard college preparatory school for girls in Troy, New York

In 1952, she went to St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. It was the first year that women were allowed to enroll at that men's institution. At St. John's students studied the hundred "Great Books," a rigorous curriculum based on discussion of works of Western philosophical, religious, historial, mathematical, scientific and literary thought. She graduated with honors in 1956. She was an avid collector of American folk music, recorded elderly musicians in the Appalachian mountains and produced a recording of their music for Folkways Re-

Lisa moved to Chambridge, Massachusetts to attend Boston College where she studied accounting. Early mornings she would skate at an ice rink just prior to the Boston Bruins morning practice. They made

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her an honorary member of their team. Moving to the New York metropolitan area, she spent over forty years as an accountant at various Wall Street accounting and research

Lisa often visited and lived in Salisbury in the intervening years between college and her death in 2020. She loved the outdoors and spent summer vacations joining volunteer trail crews working along the Taconic Mountain range. As a member of Orienteering USA, she competed at local orienteering meets where her topo map reading, calculating and athletic skills came into play. She regularly hiked to Mt. Riga and other local trails in Salisbury well into her 80's.

Lisa never married. She is survived by her loving brother, Edward Chiera of Bolinas, California, her nephew, Samuel Hamilton Chiera of New York City, her four nieces, Laura and Annik Chiera from the San Francisco Bay Area, Jennifer Chiera Fleming of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and Stephanie Chiera of Great Barrington and other nearby friends and relatives.

Delayed by the Covid pandemic, a graveside burial service for Elisabeth Chiera will be held at Salisbury Cemetery on Wednesday, May 24 at 2 p.m. The Reverend Paul Christopherson of St. John's Church will be officiating. Her brother, Edward, welcomes Lisa's friends and acquaintances to attend the service and requests that they contact him at edchiera@gmail.com for directions. Memorial contributions may be made to Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Rd., Salisbury, Connecticut 06068.

William Bradford Smith

ford Smith of 16 Swifts Lane,

Kent, passed away at home on Thursday, May 5, 2022, with his wife, Karin, and loyal dog, Little Bear, by his

Brad was a fine art photographer and painter, whose work was exhibited

throughout Connecticut and beyond. Among other shows, he exhibited in the Yale Student Group Show at Cornell University; the New Haven Green Art Festival; a one-man show at Stony Brook Library; and a group exhibit at the Company Store in Kent, with David Armstrong and Eric Sloane. Many of his works are found in private collections. Of his work, Brad said: "Joseph Campbell suggests that spirituality begins with a sense of awe. I try to capture the awe in my surroundings, to express the power of the ordinary in my images."

Brad celebrated 49 years of sobriety last November. He was a friend and sponsor to many people, giving simple advice of "Good Orderly Direction" for a life of sobriety. "Chop wood and carry water" was his motto for living "One Day at a Time." He had a quiet way of ob-

serving life and the nature that was a common subject of his artistry. His sense of humor could surface unexpectedly in conversation. His laugh, his slightly wry smile, his twinkling eyes were other qualities treasured by his friends.

Brad was born on September 17, 1934, in Torrington, the son of Channing S. Smith and Eliza Woolsey Walker. He grew up in the studio of his father, who was a painter, teacher, printmaker, and stage designer. Brad lived most of

KENT — William Brad- his life in Kent. He was a graduate of the South Kent School

and received his BFA from the Yale School of Art. There he studied with Josef Albers, Rico LeBrun, and the photographer Herbert Matter and was awarded a teaching fellowship working in classes with Neil Welliver.

In 2006 Brad and his wife, Karin, established the Northern Exposure Photographic Gallery, where together with a small group of dedicated photographers they sought to create an environment to promote and exhibit photographic art. It was located first in downtown Kent and later in West Cornwall. He was also a member of the Housatonic Camera Club.

Brad is survived by his wife, Karin C. Smith of Kent; a son, Alexander, of Torrington; a stepdaughter, Jacqueline E. White, of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; and a sister, Susannah (Zanna) Smith, of Seattle, Washington. He also leaves cousins George and Timothy Woolsey, Abbie Rowley, and Jane Wales and several nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Benjamin Smith, of Peterborough, New Hamp-

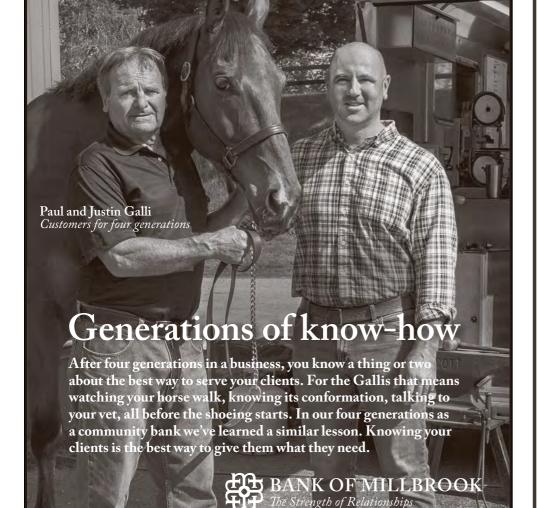
Brad spent the last week of his life in hospice care provided by the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association. The cause of his death was end stage kidney failure.

A celebration of his life is planned for a later time. Donations in his memory may be made to RVNA Hospice (RV-NAhealth.org) or to the Kent Volunteer Fire Department of which he was a longtime member.









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OBITUARIES

Ronald 'Ronny, Ronnie or Ron' Osofsky

Ronald "Ronny, Ronnie or Ron" Osofsky passed away

on Friday, May 13, 2022, overlooking the alfalfa fields from the home where he and his wife Kathleen raised their Born January 27, 1941, with a love for the farm and a



of his time with animals made dairy farming an easy choice for Ronny. His parents, Helen and David Osofsky, raised Ronny and his three younger siblings on the "Home Farm" on Schultz Hill Road in Pine Plains. The earliest stories of Ronny include his parents having to fence in the yard to keep him from running to the barn. However, he quickly burrowed underneath leading to more extreme measures.

He graduated from Pine Plains Central School in 1958 and went onto the University of Rhode Island, where he studied Animal Science and made lifelong friends who enjoyed their time visiting the farm and enjoying Helen's cooking. After graduating in 1962, he returned home to farm and to substitute teach at the high school. A favorite family story was the time that Ronny fell in the manure pit at the farm, and against his objections, the principal insisted it was still okay for him to come teach that day. The students in that room probably still remember the odor.

His parents supported his dream to start his own farm in the area and he moved a few miles away to ultimately milk cows in the more modern facility on Route 82. He fell in love and married a local girl, Kathleen (Cathy) Freney in 1971. They welcomed three children, Jonathan, Carey and Daniel, as well as some beloved Golden Retrievers over the next decade. This is also when Ronny's interest in high-end dairy cattle genetics peaked. Investor cattle becoming popular in the 1980s, which brought an influx of interest to dairy farms in the Hudson River Valley. It also allowed Ronny to expand the scope of his business and passion for dairy farming, adding on farms, including a show

> herd at the old Eldridge farm on Route 199 and the purchase of the old Deleval Research Farm on Prospect Hill Road, now the location of Ronnybrook Farm Dairy.

Aside from his family, one of his proudest accomplishments was the breeding of

the bull, Ronnybrook Prelude, who for a time was one of most popular in the world and sired record breaking cattle across the globe, going on to become a great influencer of the Holstein breed through his progeny. While he loved the farm and the lifestyle it provided his family, he always thought there was a better way to dairy. As weekenders moved to the area and land prices were rising, he longed to ensure a sustainable business model for the farm. After becoming friends with their new neighbors from the city, the two couples, along with his youngest brother Sid and his former wife Joan spent a lot of evenings imagining and designing what ultimately became Ronnybrook Farm Dairy.

In 1991, at 50 years old, he

helped launch a whole new business and began on-farm processing and direct retailing to customers through farmers' markets and retail stores throughout the tri state area. It started small, with a focus on milk in glass bottles for the local area, but quickly grew into a major brand in the New York City market. Ronny always listened to customers, which is how their label expanded to include a full line of cultured products, like vogurt, flavored butter and ice cream. Ultimately, his brother Rick and his children Kate and Peter returned to the dairy. The family and many long time employees have grown the business to new heights. There were personal challenges, including a year in the hospital leading to a heart transplant; health challenges for his wife, Cathy and a global pandemic, but the one constant was the help

family, lifelong friends and long-standing Ronnybrook employees that Ronny considered family. A true testament to Ronny's character and likeability are the friends and family that showed up to visit, bring treats and help him for decades. A special 'thank you" to care-giver and friend, Lisa Zayas.

While Ronny loved his role as husband, father, farmer, brother, boss, cousin and friend, his favorite role was "Papa" to granddaughters' Grace and Tatum and grandsons, Jack and Ronan. He loved that his son Daniel became a key part of the Ronnybrook team and he enjoyed talking cows and farming with anyone who would listen, especially his grandchildren.

Ronny is survived by wife, Cathy; children Jonathan Osofsky, Carey (Brian) Alberg, Daniel (Jennifer) Osofsky; four grandchildren, Grace Alberg, Tatum, Jack and Ronan Osofsky; brothers Rick (Jean) Osofsky, Sid (Cindy) Osofsky; sister Freda (Osofsky) Sanderson; sister-in-laws Ann (Curtis) Simmons, Natalie (Zipp) Guernsey, and Joan Osofsky, along with many beloved nieces, nephews and their growing families

Ronny's accomplishments were great, but none greater than being able to enjoy them from the fertile soil of his childhood, with his wife, their children and their families, and his faithful adopted dog Oliver by his side with his roots firmly attached to this area. Perhaps, the greatest gift he leaves us is the daily reminder of how much he adored each of us.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to the Ronald Osofsky Scholarship Fund, c/o Carey Alberg, 229 Fordham Road, Valatie, New York 12184. Or better yet, honor Ronny by telling a story, eating some Ronnybrook ice cream, calling a friend/family member, or simply wave to a stranger like he did many times in his life. To share a favorite memory of Ron, or to leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www. peckandpeck.net.

Geoffrey (Geof) A. Talcott

and support of his tight-knit

Geoffrey (Geof) A. Talcott passed away on May 11, 2022,

at his home in Pine Plains, New York. Geof was born in Oceanside, New York on February 24, 1950. He was a person who lived life to the fullest. He spent as much time with the people who were most important to him, and did

the things he loved the most for as long as he could.

Geof was preceded in death by his parents, Jean and Allen Talcott, and his beloved son, Alec Geoffrey Talcott. Geof is survived by his dear friend Dotti Talcott, cherished companion to the end. He leaves behind his son Dominic Pirrone, daughter Kimberly-Ann Pirrone, 3 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter, several nieces and nephews, and his brother, James and wife Chae Talcott, all of whom were much-loved.

Geof had lifelong friends who thought of him as a brother, and others who considered him a friend after meeting him only once. He was mentor and "Uncle Geof" to many young people throughout his life.

> Geof was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He served in Vietnam as an aircraft mechanic. After his service, he had a long career in banking, where he was admired by colleagues and re-

spected by clients. He retired from Salisbury Bank & Trust in Dover Plains, New York.

Geof's passion for the outdoors led him to become an avid sportsman. By his own description, Geof fully embraced every activity that drew his interest. He learned all he could, mastered the skills he needed, and shared his enthusiasm with friends and family. He tied his own flies, often creating his own patterns, imitating what was hatching on the stream he was fishing. He gathered an impressive collection of rifles, and then moved on to build them himself. He traveled to Canada and through the western United States to hunt

and fish. At home, he was a member and treasurer of the Millerton Gun Club.

Later in life he found a new interest in and love for motorcycles. To no one's surprise, Geof had two Triumphs, not just one. He took great pleasure in going on long rides with his cousins, with his friends, and of course, alone, to the beautiful places he held dear. He was more comfortable in his motorcycle jacket than in his best suit and tie. Geof Talcott was deeply loved and will be sorely missed.

Visitation time for family and friends will be held Thursday May 19, 2022 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Peck and Peck Funeral Home, 7749 S. Main Street, Pine Plains, New York 12567. Interment will take place privately in the Stanford Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers Geof would request that donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. For directions or to leave a message of condolence please visit www.peckandpeck.net.

PINE PLAINS/AREA



Former Pine Plains town Supervisor and local resident Darrah Cloud, an awardwinning author and well-known playwright who spearheads the weekly Pine Plains Writing Group, is at the Portland Stage Theater in Portland, Maine, watching the lyrics she wrote for the play "Sabina" come to life, as shown in the scene shown above.

Darrah Cloud, from writing laws to writing lyrics, for 'Sabina'

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to The Millerton News

PORTLAND, Maine -Good things are worth waiting for, and that includes the latest work from Pine Plains award-winning author Darrah Cloud, lyricist for the musical "Sabina," first conceived of in 2012 and now streaming from its debut performance at the nationally recognized Portland Stage Theater in Portland, Maine.

Cloud also happens to be the former town supervisor of her hometown of Pine Plains, a well-known playwright and teacher, a local businesswoman and landlord, and a volunteer who spends her "free time" running a writing

The musical "Sabina" was adapted from playwright Willy Holtzman's off-Broadway 1996 production of the same name. It was originally set for 2020 but was delayed by the COVID pandemic.

In it, Cloud, who as town supervisor once helped write town resolutions and laws and gave a voice to those in need of aid, has given a powerful voice to Sabina Spielrein, who herself gave voice to others through her groundbreaking work in psychoanalysis.

The musical centers around a wealthy catatonic Russian woman who was cured by Carl Jung using Sigmund Freud's then-new technique.

She became Jung's lover, was known for helping to forge a relationship between the Freud and Jung, and eventually become a therapist herself, pioneering treatment for women before being murdered by a Nazi Death Squad in 1942 at the age of 56.

Fascinating as this real life character is, equally interesting is the way in which Cloud's words reached the stage.

For years, Cloud's plays and TV movies have been known for featuring solid roles for women.

"All my writing is to focus on female characters based on getting to New York in 1981 and realizing that there were all these incredible actresses and they had crappy roles or roles that were small or roles that were inaccurate," she said. "It was horrible... In meeting those actresses I realized there's a whole 50% of the country not being addressed accurately in the theater."

So began her quest to provide quality roles for females despite the male-dominated theatrical scene.

While a hard choice, she labeled "The Stick Wife" as her favorite. It "features a woman married to a member of the Ku Klux Klan in 1963 and unbeknownst to him, she acts the role of the loving and dutiful housewife while informing on him to the FBI," said Cloud.

"She's utmost in my mind because that's the play that got me really started in the theater. There were a number of ideas in the premise that if you behave a certain way all your life, you do you not end up sort of having to be that."

Being flexible herself, she answered the call in 2005, when Holtzman's best friend suggested turning the well-received dramatic play "Sabina" into a musical.

Always working on a play, at that time she was busy with "Makeover" a musical about Estee Lauder. Cloud nevertheless joined Holtzman and the "amazing" composer Louise Beach.

The group would meet at Beach's house — often weekly, and "just hammered it out the three of us. We chose what we wanted to include... and kind of got rid of what we couldn't put into a musical,"

with its faster pace and monologues that become songs in the more emotional medium."

Throughout the process, the work changed "hugely and constantly," as it evolved from a play about the two men and centered on Sabina.

Delighted to be again working in a "very influential regional theater with a lot of new work that's gone out into the rest of the nation," Cloud lauds those responsible for this "dream production."

That includes the many young performers who had to manage the difficult task of Zoom auditions after having graduated from Yale and Juilliard, with their careers put on hold as COVID darkened theaters.

Of the entire production, Cloud said, "I am so proud," noting she's delighted local viewers, including those in her Pine Plains Writing Group, will be able to download tickets to share in the experience.

Tickets for the download are available from Wednesday, May 18, through Sunday, June 5, through www.portlandstage.org.

COPAKE IN BRIEF

Roe Jan Library Gala 2022

The Roeliff Jansen Community Library invites community members to save the date for its annual gala on Saturday, June 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Catamount Lodge at 78 Catamount Road.

For more information, go to www.roejanlibrary.org.

Wednesday, May 25

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SPORTS

Millerton Walks for Ukraine in unity

MILLERTON - Continuing its efforts to support Ukraine, community members from the village of Millerton and around the Tri-state region put their best foot forward as they joined in the Millerton Walks for Ukraine walkathon held on Saturday, May 14.

Both the weather's forecast and the participants' disposition were sunny that day, as people began gathering at the Railroad Plaza across from the Main Street entrance in Millerton to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail (HVRT) at 9 a.m.

Bringing their children, their friends, their co-workers — even their dogs with them, walkers were encouraged to wear the Ukrainian national

colors of blue and yellow to the walk and to carry signs of support or flowers - especially the national sunflower of Ukraine. The sunflower has come to symbolize the wartorn nation's hope for peace while it is under siege by Russia and fights for its freedom.

Along with spring flowers made available for walkers to carry, merchandise was sold by the local charity group, United for Ukraine, the group that helped organize the walkathon. It's helping raise funds for the international nonprofit, Sunflower of Peace, through the walkathon and other fundraisers, including merchandise supporting Ukraine.

Those items included

T-shirts, totes, stickers and more with messages supporting Ukraine. The United for Ukraine headquarters are at Garage Galleri at 2 Main St., the former Gilmor Glassworks. People may continue to support the cause, with profits going to Sunflower of Peace. For more information on weekend hours or hours by appointment, call 786-282-2495 or 917-292 7750.

Speeches were given before the walkathon by United for Ukraine Founder André Wlodar, Millerton acupuncturist Lisa Wood, who proposed the walkathon and other local individuals advocating for the Ukrainian people in their time of need.

After Wlodar shared news of the more than \$300,000 his group helped raise through his first fundraiser at Troutbeck in Amenia, which included a silent auction and a successful art auction, the brass band on hand set walkers off down the Rail Trail with a tempo to keep beat to and a cause to motivate them to walk with purpose.

– Kaitlin Lyle

From left, local residents Lori Brunese and Mindy Weiner took a pair of sunflowers in hand as they prepared to walk for Ukraine.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Pine Plains youth baseball, softball celebrate Opening Day

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — Swinging into spring with baseball bats in hand, the Pine Plains youth baseball and softball teams saluted the start of their 2022 season with an Opening Day celebration held on Saturday, April 30.

According to Rich Tamburrino, liaison for the Pine Plains baseball program, this season drew a total of 178 players between the ages of 3 and 15. This season the league has five T-Ball teams, four Coach Pitch teams and five competitive teams.

Starting at 11 a.m., Pine Plains coaches, families and budding ballplayers had the perfect spring morning to kick off the 2022 baseball season on the Pine Plains Town Recreation Fields.

As they made their way over to the ballfields, players



From left, Thomas Heath, 4, watched the Opening Day action unfold on the Pine Plains Town Recreation Field with his friend, 4-year-old Norah Kelly of the Simmons C&S T-Ball Team.

plus a blast from the past with the SVRA's vintage racecars. The Royals Car Show and CT Craft Beer

Grand Prix complete the long weekend.

and their families were encouraged to stop at the registration table to see where their teams were gathering. A line formed in front of the baby blue building as players checked in and received their new uniforms.

While the future sports stars of tomorrow ran the

bases with friends and practiced their pitches, the active boys and girls stopped at the face painting table to get their faces and arms decorated with colorful designs.

At Tamburrino's request, the teams started heading over to the area's main ball field and players merged in a rainbow of orange, navy, grey and otherwise colored uniforms.

Thanking everyone for their attendance, Tamburrino credited all of the parents and coaches for making the event possible. Noting all of the coaches are volunteers, he said, "This is where the magic

Along with thanking all the baseball families and local businesses for their team sponsorships, Tamburrino gave heartfelt thanks to all the sponsors and pointed out the banners that now line the fences along the fields. As a side note, he mentioned the movie "Rally Caps" was recently shot on the field and will debut in a year's time. He explained that not only will the film's shooting bring attention to Pine Plains' baseball program, but "Rally Caps" also donated a banner that now hangs along the fence by center field.

"This wouldn't happen without you parents," Tamburrino said. "Thank you so much. Work with your players — they'll be great players."

He also encouraged parents to bring their children to watch high school games, saying they'll gain mentors through the older players.

Pine Plains town Supervisor Brian Walsh thanked all the volunteers for making the baseball and softball programs possible and toasted the start of a successful season.

"It's a great day and it really is what makes dreams," said Pine Plains resident and Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19).

Inviting the supervisor and legislator onto the pitcher's mound, Tamburrino announced Walsh and Pulver would throw the first pitch. Though dressed formally in jackets and ties, both Walsh and Pulver threw with gusto.

Once a recording of the National Anthem was played and the 2022 season was properly toasted, players raced off the field to enjoy the face painting table, purchase food from the concession stand and celebrate the rest of the day with friends and family.

Working behind the concession stand, FFA Advisor Stephanie Rhoades from Stissing Mountain High School sold classic baseball snacks like hot dogs and Cracker Jack and ball caps and headbands.



HEALTH CLINIC Continued from Page A1

with countless state and county officials to garner support, and reached out to the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Sheffield, Mass., and The Foundation for Community Health (FCH) in Sharon, Conn., for assistance. By early May, Webutuck was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the FCH for the health clinic.

The district later engaged the firm CPL: Architecture - Engineering - Planning, from Newburgh, to develop blueprints and specifications to build the clinic on campus where the previous nurse's office was.

At long last, Webutuck was able to celebrate the closing stage of its three-year project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony that coincided with the Webutuck PTA's annual Community Day celebration this past Saturday.

As they waited for the ceremony to commence at 11:15 a.m., dignitaries from all levels of government mingled with community members, BOE members, school staff and administrators and other key players in the clinic's inception. All the while they watched Community Day festivities from the sidelines.

Thanking everyone for attending on a beautiful Saturday, Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani recognized many who helped make the clinic a reality. He shared some statistics, outlining the challenges of providing healthcare for children — especially in the last few years with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. He also underscored the value of making sure students are healthy so they can focus on their education.

Castellani recalled when Davis first proposed the clinic three years ago, noting "the passion and excitement in his proposal was evident and contagious."

Another person who was instrumental in the clinic succeeding, Castellani said, was Webutuck Business Administrator Robert Farrier. Castellani stressed the district wanted to ensure the health clinic was installed with no out-of-pocket costs.

"Our school-based health clinic will make going to the doctor as simple as walking down the hallway," he said, listing the many benefits of having an on-site health

Saying it should be a game changer for district families, Castellani said he was "absolutely thrilled" to be able to provide such services to students and local families, thanking everyone for "sharing this special day."

One by one, the dignitar-

ies present spoke - including State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106), State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) and **Dutchess County Executive** Marc Molinaro. They shared their excitement about the health clinic. Many praised Davis for his passion, his commitment to the community's health and his determination

to see this project through. Introducing Nancy Heaton from the FCH, Castellani said its assistance and friendship were integral in the project.

"We have found that through collaboration, projects we support are sustainable and the community benefits from them," Heaton said, adding the new clinic is the type of program that can be successful and move forward.

Andrea Ruggiero from Open Door Family Medical Center shared how thrilled the center is to be part of the Webutuck district.

"We feel right at home — I think that's the best way to say it," she said. "It's been a long $time\ coming-three\ years\ in$ the making... We want to do this with you and for you, and we look forward to being part of the community."

Before the ribbon-cutting, Castellani announced that details about the health clinic will be sent out to Webutuck families. He then invited Davis to speak about the journey that led everyone to that mo-

Though humbled by everyone's praise, Davis emphasized the health clinic was a team effort.

"I want to identify how critically important it is that this is a team that made this happen," Davis said. "It's an enormous team effort that has brought this important piece of critical healthcare to the Webutuck community."

Sharing the scissors with Castellani, Davis and the superintendent cut the ribbon to signal the health clinic's opening. Castellani then invited everyone to tour the new health clinic and see how students will be cared for now and into the future.

Degree (a Class C Felony).

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Czajka stated that "Fischer and Woods are accused with mistreating, stealing from and causing the death of an elderly Long Island man who had been staying with them since late 2021."

Ed Kessler was found dead on Feb. 7 in the Elizaville home, though the New York State Police (NYSP) did not initially deem it a homicide.

Some media outlets reported Kessler was strangled.

Troop K Public Information Officer A.J. Hicks from Salt Point said he could not confirm that before the arrests were announced.

Kessler was reported to have been in his mid-60s and from either Suffolk or Nassau

County, Long Island.

The house in which his body was discovered was located on Mountain View Drive in Elizaville.

NYSP Troop K out of the Livingston Barracks investigated the case.

The District Attorney noted that he wanted to commend "the highly professional and diligent work of Senior Investigator Eric Barnes, Investigator James Sokolowski as well as the New York State Police Special Investigations Unit." Assistant DA Ryan Carty is prosecuting the case.

As with any criminal proceedings, all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of

Farming is not an easy life,

As his interest in dairy farms rose, a new and more complex way of managing farms came to the forefront, and more people from the cities discovered the Hudson Valley. They brought innovative ideas and re-imagined equip-

Ron expanded his dairy farm and added a show herd. He created a sustainable business model and acquired Prospect Hill Farm and renamed it Ronnybrook Dairy Farm. It is now one of the premier farms in the Hudson Valley, if

There he bred Ronnybrook Prelude, a bull who gained worldwide popularity and sired many record-setting cattle. Prelude became a major influence on the Holstein circuit. By 1991, with his brother Sid and others, Ron started processing his dairy products on the farm and selling them to local stores; they now can be found throughout New York State, in NYC and the Tri-state region and even in New Jersey. Ronnybrook's glass bottled milk became es-

His brother Rick and two of his children joined Ron at the dairy, helping to make the business the success it is today.

who happens to be the co-

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RON OSOFSKY Continued from Page A1

and after earning a degree in animal science in 1962, he returned home.

but it was his dream. What followed included Ron finding and marrying the love of his life, Cathy, in 1971. They started a family and had three children: Jonathan, Carey and

Golden Retrievers and his cows. He became highly interested in dairy genetics as the idea of investing in cattle

not the state.

pecially popular.

With his heart set on farming, a deep love of the land and animals, dairy farming seemed a natural choice. He did some substitute teaching locally, but with the blessing and support of his family, he found his own farm not far away, on Route

Ron especially loved his began to spread in the 1980s.

ment with them.

His caretaker, Lisa Zayas,

He was well-loved, visited by others often and brought small tokens of appreciation. Many would check in on him or call Ron, said Zayas.

More than 300 people from around the Pine Plains area paid their respects to Ron Osofsky at his services on Sunday, May 15, to remember his generosity of spirit and his kindness.

"He believed in giving second chances," said Zavas, "he never lost his temper, even when he had a reason to."

It's well known the Osofskys treat their employees well, their family with love, their animals humanely and their community with respect, so Zayas said his temperament was no surprise.

"I feel blessed that I was able to work for him, because he truly loved everyone," she said.

ton police, fire department, Sloan, a traveling healthcare support and different interventions were used to wake

JEFFERY HANE Continued from Page A1

ambulance crews and even neighbors pitched in to perform CPR to save his life.

Reminiscing about Hane's two years in Millerton, his friends came forward to speak about the love he felt and received from the local community in the last years of his life.

Remembering how Hane first fell for Millerton, Ancramdale resident Chris Kissel said his friend spent Christmas in Ancramdale with him and his husband Don Nienas in 2019. At the time, Hane was living in Queens; he had lived around the country and all over the world, including Hawaii; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia; and San Francisco. During his two weeks he spent in Ancramdale, Hane fell in love with the Harlem Valley.

Unbeknownst to him and Nienas, Kissel said Hane bought a home in Millerton in January 2020. The sale went through just as the COVID-19 pandemic hit, with Hane closing that June.

From the moment he arrived in Millerton, Hane told his friends he felt welcomed by the warmth of the small village. When he and his beagle Charlie moved into their new home on North Maple Avenue, his neighbors gave him furniture to help furnish the place.

Ed Stillman of Stillman Travel would often visit to help Hane with design advice.

With Charlie by his side, Hane formed a close bond with his neighbor Beverly Churchill, who took care of Charlie whenever Hane was away. The pooch would so frequently visit Churchill's house it inspired her to create a pathway between the two homes, which she dubbed "Charlie's Way." The path remained even after Charlie's passing.

Hane's love for his dogs was noticed by many who saw him walk Charlie, then Hugo, around the village or sit with together on his porch. Though they only knew each other a few months, his neighbor Kim provider, said they hit it off immediately and their dogs became good friends.

said Hane loved Millerton's merchants. He enjoyed dinning at the Oakhurst Diner, Taro's and 52 Main, calling it "a real treasure," where he April 6. He relished shopping at the NECC Farmers Market

"Jeff had planned to live allowed."

known personal history of cardiac problems, Kissel said Hane smoked and his family had a history of cardiac ar-

moments later.

fibrillator.

arrived to assist.

Shortly afterward, members of the Millerton Fire Company and Northern **Dutchess Paramedics (NDP)** arrived on scene to aid in rescue efforts.

ferred to Danbury Hospital.

Even in the midst of their were candid about his life in

At 7:30 p.m. on Monday,

April 25, Hane passed away. heartbreak, Hane's friends Millerton, wanting to preserve his memory.

"He was thrilled that he had moved there," Sloan said. "He fell in love with the community and made several friends. Everyone is just heartbroken over this."

"He was bigger than life, he was so happy," Churchill said. "I never heard a harsh word come out of his mouth."

Taking care of Hane's house in the days following his death, Churchill was given the "Charlie's Way" sign by Hane's family.

"He hadn't been there that long and he touched people so deeply," she said. "That's why he's so special for all of us."

Hane's friends likewise couldn't have spoken more highly of the local support of Hane's friends and family following his death.

"It took the village to make this happen... this is the happiest I've ever seen him," said a grateful Kissel. "They gave him a great end of his life and everyone rallying together at the end was just amazing and so touching. We are very much indebted to the community and Jeff would be so proud. They really made the end of his life something spe-

founder of the Pine Plains food pantry Willow Roots, was asked four years ago to tend to Ron and his wife, Linda. Zayas, still mourning Ron's loss, was pleased to speak about the man she had grown to befriend and what kind of person he was.

According to Zayas, Ron never had a bad word to say about anyone. He always checked in on his friends to make sure they were OK. As he slowed down physically, his spirit remained strong, as did his love of family, friends and community.

Even when he was no longer mobile and couldn't physically volunteer, Ron continued to support Willow Roots, said Zayas.

He always wanted to be kept up to date on what was happening in the community, she said, and never talked about himself or complained.

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Beyond the people, Kissel

celebrated his 61st birthday on and throughout the village.

out his life in Millerton once he retired," Nienas said. "It was the first home he ever owned and he was getting great pleasure from renovating it in phases as his budget

While he didn't have a

On the night of Friday, April 15, Sloan said she stopped by Hane's home to discuss plans for Hugo's birthday. While talking, Hane complained of heartburn and Sloan went to CVS to pick up Tums. Though the Tums seemed to help, Sloan found Hane slumped in his chair

With her phone beside her she called 911, got Hane on the floor and started CPR at the same time. Within four minutes of dispatch, Millerton Police Department Officerin-Charge Mike Veeder was on the scene and took over the resuscitation attempts, aided by an automated external de-

Kissel said Veeder was able to restrain Hugo while calling for emergency services, meanwhile another neighbor

Hane was transported to Sharon Hospital in neighboring Connecticut in critical condition; he was later trans-

Kissel said Hane was on life

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IMAGES FROM "GEORGIE COMES TO THE RESCUE"

A dollhouse designed and refurbished by Inge Heckel is the centerpiece of a new children's tale, and will be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the Little Guild animal shelter.

BOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Because What Is a Home Without Beloved Pets

nyone who has ever played with a dollhouse or watched someone else play with one knows that the structure itself is just a vehicle for the creation of elaborate fantasies and fictions.

Inge Heckel knows this particularly well, and knows how that translates into actual homes. Ideally, a home is more than just a construction of sticks and carpeting. It should be a place that generates stories and dramas.

Heckel was for a dozen years the president of the New York School of Interior Design. She retired in 2009 and is now president and trustee emerita.

In her new life, she and her husband, Jeff Hamlin, can spend more time at their home in Salisbury, Conn., which is known to many in the region as The Daffodil House because of the vast field of the spring flowers outside their home.

Hamlin was production manager for Lincoln Center Theater for almost 30 years, until his retirement in 2013.

And as is the case

with all creative people, in retirement the couple is finding new ways to use their talents and to amuse themselves.

Their latest project is a children's storybook that features a large, yellow New England style dollhouse that becomes home to a large cast of canine characters, who are invited into the house by a girl named Georgie.

The book is called,
"Georgie Comes to the
Rescue," which is an
evocative title for anyone
who loves early to mid

20th century children's literature.

While the story is fiction, the dollhouse is real, and it will be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the Little Guild animal shelter in Cornwall, Conn., between May 19 and Memorial Day weekend.

The house is three stories high and has eight rooms. Its exterior yellow is yellow, as befits a home designed by a couple who live surrounded by a sea of daffodils. The starting bid for the house is \$750. To make bids and learn more (and to see dogs and cats that are seeking new homes), go to www. littleguild.org and look for the red tab at the top of the home page that says Dollhouse Auction.

There is also information at the Little Guild website about the annual Great Country Mutt Show, which will be held this year at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury, Conn., on Sunday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OLÉ! LATIN-THEMED GALA FOR CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH MUSIC

The annual gala for **Close Encounters With** Music on Sunday, June 12, at 4 p.m. promises to be "a kaleidoscope of sizzling Latin American and Spanish folklore and rhythm — with original choreography by the magnificent Cuban dancer Irene Rodriguez punctuating and adorning some of the music," according to the organization's artistic director, Yehuda Hanani.

Works performed will include Manuel de Falla's Fire Dance and Suite

Populaire Espagnole, Ernesto Lecuona's (he was the Gershwin of the Latin American world) Andalucia and Malaguena, Pablo de Sarasate's Zapateado and Carmen Fantasie, Granados' Los Requeibros from Goyescas, and Astor Piazzolla's Oblivion piano trio. Cuban composer Jorge Martin's Recuerda, a soulful and gripping work, will receive its first Berkshire performance. There will also be an authentic flamenco dance and guitar interlude.

The performance will be at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass. A limited number of Patron Package tickets at \$175 are available, with seats at the concert and dinner afterward.

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A show of work by artist Don Gummer of Salisbury, Conn., at the Five Points Arts Center will include "Mondrian," a 2014 work in painted aluminum and stained glass.

AN OUTDOOR EXHIBITION OF GUMMER SCULPTURE

Don Gummer will have an exhibition of his sculptures at the Five Points Arts Center in Torrington, Conn., with an opening reception on Saturday, May 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. The artist will lead a tour of the work, and will sign copies of the new eponymous book, "Don Gummer," which features a selection of work from throughout his career.

A 10-minute video on Gummer's work will play throughout the event in the Five Points Arts Center's Wilson Sheehan Auditorium. Light refreshments will be provided.

The art center is on the former University of Connecticut campus at 855 University Drive in Torrington.

Gummer is an American sculptor, and a resident of Salisbury, Conn., known for his large abstract contemporary outdoor sculptures made of aluminum, stainless steel and stained glass that often appear to defy gravity. He has seven individual sculptures placed throughout the Five Points sculpture fields, each with its own story.



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Want to learn more about the many famous Van Dorens of the world? I will point you to the words of another famous Cornwall resident, James Thurber: "You could look it up."

Adam Van Doren is a new generation of the well-known clan. An associate fellow at Yale University, where he teaches art, he is also the creator of graceful, friendly watercolors of architectural sites, some of which he has published in small but lovely

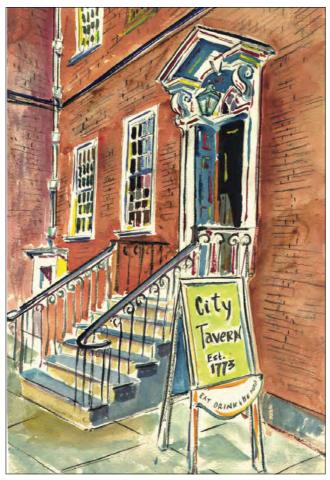
His newest collection is called "In the Founders Footsteps: Landmarks of the American Revolution."

Doing a sort of reverse Appalachian Trail thru-hike, Van Doren traveled from Maine to

Georgia (not, however, on foot on the iconic East Coast hiking trail). He chose 39 watercolors from that trip for his new book; a house or building is usually the centerpiece of the drawing, but there are also people (sometimes historical figures) and leaves and signs and menus that make the paintings feel more like snapshots.

Along with the watercolors are chatty descriptions of why each site was chosen, the part it played in American history and what it's like to visit today. Sometimes Van Doren brings his children, who clamber around on monuments and statues. Sometimes he meets up with a friend who shares special knowledge.

I'm disappointed to report that he did not sit down for a meal from the Colonial-era menu at Fraunces' Tavern in New York; and I'm disappointed to say that there are no Litchfield County landmarks. But perhaps Van Doren is saving those for a future time when he comes "home" to Cornwall and



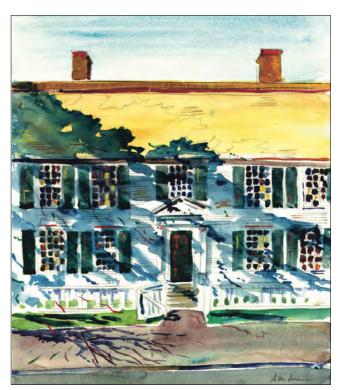
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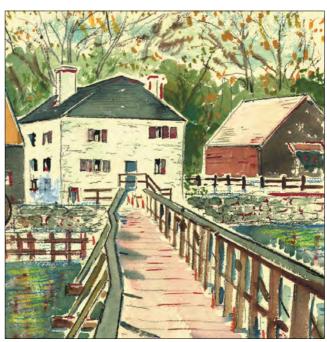
can paint our local landmarks at his leisure.

For those of us who've been around this part of Connecticut for a while, and who love history, I will pay Van Doren a high compliment in saying that his work is very much like the work of the beloved illustrator Edward Fales, if Fales

had worked in watercolor and not just pen and ink.

"In the Founders Footsteps: Landmarks of the American Revolution" is published by Godine, costs \$38 and can be found at Amazon and can be ordered from local booksellers.





ARTIST CALL FOR TRINITY GALLERY SHOW

The eighth annual Trinity Gallery Juried Show in Lime Rock, Conn., will open with a reception on Friday, July 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Artists are invited now to bring work for consideration for the show. The drop-off date will be Sunday, June 26, noon to 2 p.m. The jurors this year are Stephanie Haboush Plunkett, deputy director and chief curator of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass.; and Lynn Kearcher, an author and artists assistant in Sharon, Conn.

There will be three cash prizes

and up to five honorable mentions. There will be unframed, non-juried bin pieces for sale and a non-juried Small Works Show with pieces priced at \$100 or less.

The prospectus for the show has not yet been printed or published; contact Chair Mary Anne Carley with questions and with any ideas for additions that could benefit the success of the show: 860-977-0997 or macarley36@gmail.com. Anyone who would like to volunteer as an artist help is also invited to contact Mary Anne.

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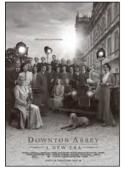
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The Re Institute, 1395

Roston Corners Road Millerton, N.Y. www thereinstitute.com Pattern and Time: Geoffrey Young, Carol Diehl, Moira Kelly, Mark Olshansky, Tara Foley, Stephen Westfall, May 7

BOOKS

to June 25

Merritt Bookstore, 57

Front St., Millbrook N.Y. www. merrittbooks.com Sara Mercer x Merritt Book Club: Sea of Tranquility by Emily St John Mandel, May 23, 7:15 p.m. (online).

Oblong Books & Music, 26

Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www. oblongbooks.com Peter Matthiessen Wheelwright, The Door-Man @ Morton Memorial Library, May 19, 6 p.m.

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KIDS

Berkshire Museum, 39

South St. (Route 7), Pittsfield, Mass. www.berkshiremuseum.

Pop-Up Play Day, May 28, 10 a.m. to noon.

Kent Memorial Library, 32

N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www. kentmemoriallibrary.org DIY Sketchbooks: in Collaboration with Scribble Art, May 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MOVIES

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www. themoviehouse.net Now playing: The Bad Guys, The Duke, Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness, Downton Abbey: A New Era, Happening, Petite

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Gilson Cafe & Cinema, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www. gilsoncafecinema.com

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Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St.,

Great Barrington, Mass. www. mahaiwe.org Madeleine Pevroux: Careless Love Forever Tour, May 27, 8 p.m.

I TALKS

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies,

caryinstitute.org Spring Bird Walk, May 28, 8 to 9:30 a.m.

The Salisbury Forum, Salisbury, Conn. www.

salisburyforum.org Marie Yovanovitch: "Lessons from the Edge," June 1, 7 p.m.

THEATER

Ancram Opera House,

1330 County Route 7, Ancram, N.Y. www.ancramoperahouse.

Summer Play Lab 2022, May 27 to 29, July 8 to 10, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m.

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MILLBROOK

Gazebo Gala and fundraiser at Millbrook Winery

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

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MILLBROOK - With perfect weather on hand, the Save the Elm Drive Gazebo fundraiser provided a good time for a good cause on Thursday, May 12, at the Millbrook Winery Loft. The event was held by the FRIENDS of the Gazebo with support from the Millbrook Historical So-

The atmosphere at the winery was upbeat as guests mingled, some of whom went onto the patio to look over the vineyards. Others stayed inside to nibble on the delicious hors d'oeuvres including crab balls, lox, skewered chicken, deviled eggs and more.

Each \$50 ticket included the vineyard's wine, and after so many people have been staying home due to the CO-VID pandemic, it was nice to break out some spring clothes



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HALA BALFE

and attend a more formal affair and meet old friends for a good cause. Those who attended enjoyed music by duo Larry Ham and George Potts.

More than 60 people attended the event to save the Gazebo, spearheaded by FRIENDS leader Ashley Lempka, who was assisted From left, Chair of the FRIENDS of the Gazebo Ashley Lempka, Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy, Millbrook Library Director Courtney Tshalis and volunteer Michelle Del Valle celebrated at the gala.

by Director of the Millbrook Library Courtney Tshalis and volunteer Michelle Del Valle.

The fundraiser included a silent auction with items from local businesses including Alicia Adams Alpaca; Juniper; All That Java; Canoe Hill; Babbette's Kitchen; Millbrook Winery and Vineyards; Orvis Sandanona Game Fair;

Lempka has made saving the gazebo her special project since last fall. She's worked with the Millbrook Central School District and its school board, the historical society, local residents, businesses and local leaders to save the decaying structure.

Donations have been raised to help fund repairs, or even a possible replacement of the gazebo, which is located on a small piece of property owned by the school district.

After much planning the FRIENDS decided the gala at the winery would be a smart way to generate even more fiscal support and awareness for the cause.

The project is not totally without controversy, as the gazebo is not only closed but taped off and closed for use by orange caution tape.

The cost of repairs have been deemed prohibitive by the Millbrook Board of Education (BOE), which said the option to refurbish it isn't favorable at this time. Just the demolition alone is estimated to cost tens of thousands of dollars, according to the BOE.

Many residents, though, have fond memories of the gazebo, built sometime in the 1980s. Lempka believes it may have been designed by famous architect James Ware.

With help from Millbrook residents, she thinks it can still be saved. Lempka said about 25% of the estimated cost to repair or replace the gazebo has already been raised. She has continued to work with the BOE to see the project through to fruition through-

The FRIENDS of the Gazebo is hoping the community will continue to donate to the fund; to do so or to learn more, go to www.millbrookgazebo.com.

Town Board collects data surveys, hears reports, discusses litigation

By IUDITH O'HARA BALFE

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WASHINGTON - Townof Washington (TOW) town Supervisor Gary Ciferri opened the Thursday, April 14, Town Board meeting at 7 p.m. and noted the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (CPRC) has released its survey to the community in person and online; it planned to collect responses by May 6.

The Town Board also discussed the Assessor's Office advisement that the 2022 Equalization Rate will be 88%. Grievance Day was set for Tuesday, May 4. The Chatillon Realty Zoning Board of Appeals for a project on Woodstock Road was withdrawn by the applicant.

A resolution was introduced to support a grant application by the Millbrook fire department in conjunction with the Village of Millbrook and the TOW. It was described as a "municipal investment," prioritized because it was a fire and rescue organization. The board passed the resolution to apply for the grant.

The board also voted to declare April Parkinson's Awareness Month at the request of the Parkinson's Disease Support Group of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Town Clerk Mary Alex prepared a proclamation to formalize it.

Budget amendments were discussed by Bookkeeper to

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IN BRIEF

the Supervisor Lois Petrone. Petrone was authorized to increase the town's snow expense line in the budget; to amend/transfer the personal services amount line in the budget from the CE line per IRS regulations; and to increase an expense line by an amount the town received in revenue for which it had not previously budgeted.

Dutchess County Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) reported on a Legislative meeting from Monday, April 11, noting changes in the county budget, including a new plan that called for the reallocation of \$9.5 million in ARPA funds that had been earmarked for county parks, including the Dutchess County Stadium. Those funds are now being used for "housing availability," according to County Executive Marc Molinaro.

Molinaro's plan calls for the ARPA funds to be supplemented with \$4 million of county funding, for an investment of \$13.5 million in housing money. Houston said that the county is about 2,000 housing units short of what it needs.

Alex noted she has received all monthly reports from the Assessor's Office, the Building and Zoning Department, the Recreation Director and her own Town Clerk Office and in her role as tax collector.

Alex also reported that employees of all TOW departments have received training on posting information to the town website.

Tax payments for March have been made to the TOW (in the amount of \$4,533.85) and Dutchess County (in the amount of \$1,215,74.02); the town had 2% in fees, including bank, interest and memo fees.

The Office of the New York State Comptroller requested that a revision be made to the 2021 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. The Town Board therefor made a resolution to approve the revision of the record of activities for Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola and the town clerk from 20 to 30.

the Highway Garage and for IT and computer services.

aney recommended the board hire AKRF Environmental, Planning and Engineering Consultants as consultants for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). After further discussion the board agreed; AKRF began advising at both boards' May meetings.

The TOW Recreation Department is gearing up for a busy summer; schedules are

A motion was made for the board to go into Execulitigation; after a return to the regular session, a motion was made that claims be accepted as presented. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

For more information on TOW meetings, go to www. washingtonny.org and make sure to read future editions of The Millerton News.



in NWCT and there are lots of questions on how best to manage them. The CTDEEP has published an excellent guide on managing ponds entitled: A Guide to Nuisance Aquatic Vegetation Management. This guide details the aquatic plants that will clog up your pond and what are the best practices to deal effectively with them. The options range from sterile grass carp, to dredging, weed harvesting and finally chemical treatments. Interestingly enough, the aerator that is in many ponds will not affect these nuisance aquatic plants in any meaningful wav. To review this Guide, please either go to the CTDEEP website, or I am happy to email a PDF copy.



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37. Soviet Socialist Republic

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- 11. Oblong pulpits 13. Adult female chicken
- 14. Abnormal breathing
- 15. Financial obligations
- 16. Belonging to a thing 17. Winged
- 18. Peoples
- 20. College hoops tournament
- 21. An informal body of friends
- 22. Region of the world
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Connected by kinship 31. Type of tree
- 32. Official order 33. Foundation for an
- idea
- 38. Small, faint
- constellation
- 41. Book lovers
- 43. Vegetable
- 45. Cabbage variety
- 47. A way to heal 49. Illuminated
- 50. Dish that features a stick
- 55. Insurance-related costs (abbr.)
- 56. Solid water
- 57. Soldier's gear
- 59. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann
- 60. Former measure of length
- 61. Arabic name meaning "spring"
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- 63. Actress Susan 64. Appropriate
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Thorne Open House May 28 The Millbrook

Community Partnership is hosting an Open House at the Thorne **Building Community** Center on Saturday, May 28, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Tour inside the historic building to see the progress made in the renovated and revitalized iconic Millbrook property.

Children's activities are planned near the bandshell located next door to the iconic Franklin Avenue Building to allow parents time to tour the build-

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NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING**

GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd., Millerton, NY at 7:40 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of George & William Stefanopolous, Inc. for a Minor Subdivision on Tax Parcel #7170-00-664310 located at 5625-5627 Route 22, Millerton, NY in the R3A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hallorvia email. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office

Alex asked for and received authorization to advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for generators for Town Hall,

Councilwoman Leslie He-

posted online.

tive Session to discuss possible

at pb@townofnortheastny.

gov or calling 518-789-3300,

Ext. 608. The application is

also available on the Town

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

Dated: May 12, 2022.

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

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

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EDITORIAL

Webutuck welcomes new health clinic

his past Saturday, May 14, the North East (Webutuck) Central School District (WCSD) celebrated an important moment in its history, as it celebrated the grand opening of its brand-new on-site health center.

The brainchild of Webutuck Nurse Charlie Davis, who first proposed the clinic three years ago at a Board of Education (BOE) meeting, the clinic is the first of its kind in the entire seven-county Mid-Hudson Valley

Back in 2019-20, Davis researched until he found Open Door Family Medical Center, which has worked with school districts in Westchester and Putnam Counties. He said Open Door seemed like it could fit the bill for what Webutuck wanted for its on-campus clinic — including medical, dental and behavioral health services.

Best of all, Davis told the Webutuck BOE Open Door was receptive to working with the WCSD. That part was key, as New York State has regulations that require school districts to have a viable collaborator lined up in order for such programs to gain approval.

Davis was also very keen on making sure students would be guaranteed quality healthcare, and that patients would be put first. He also wanted to ensure that both the WCSD and Open Door would prioritize delivering timely and cost-effective healthcare.

Once approved, Open Door was responsible for staffing the health center, providing the office with IT services, furnishing it, equipping it and providing the medical supplies.

Webutuck was responsible for keeping a school nurse on staff in the district along with any other personnel necessary, distinct from Open Door employees. The district also had to provide enough space in which the health center could be created — separate from the existing school nurse's office — at no cost to Open Door. Webutuck had to shoulder the cost of electrical, custodial and maintenance services to boot.

The state mandates 75% of a student population must consent to take part in a school district's health center before agreeing to approve any on-site clinic. Thankfully, the Webutuck Warriors did so. The goal now, according to Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani, is to keep the new clinic open year-round, in keeping with school hours. Meanwhile, an infirmary space will continue to be provided by the district as an office for

Open Door will tend to primary healthcare needs like wellness exams, vaccinations and episodic and chronic disease management at the clinic, in addition to riskreduction counseling services.

One thing that's especially fantastic about this clinic for our Webutuck students, who live within a district with some of the highest poverty rates in the county, is the fact that all of its services will be offered for no outof-pocket costs. All insurances will be accepted.

In May of 2020, the district received a \$100,000 grant from the Foundation for Community Health in neighboring Sharon, Conn., to help move the project forward. That, along with support from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Sheffield, Mass., plus backing from numerous county and state leaders, including State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106), State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, all of whom were at Saturday's ribbon-cutting, helped make the clinic become a

CPL: Architecture – Engineering – Planning, from Newburgh, helped design the new space. Castellani described the impending opening at the BOE's most recent meeting as "probably the most proud moment of my educational career."

We can understand why, and we wish the superintendent well, along with the entire Webutuck community, as they open the doors to their new, on-campus health clinic. Congratulations on planning so wisely for something that will benefit so many at a time when taking care of our physical and mental health is more important than ever — as is starting at a young age. Well, done, Webutuck — and well done, Nurse Davis!

Here's looking to a bright and healthy tomorrow for our young Warriors, now and into the future.



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

Walking a new path



Sharon Hospital's plan is 'fatally flawed'

I commend Nuvance Health for investing in Sharon Hospital as announced in a full-page advertisement in the May 5 issue of The Millerton News. The ad listed the purchase of a new MRI scanner, 3-D mammography unit, and atelemedicine kiosk. Sharon Hospital needed a new MRI scanner. Among other uses, the MRI scanner is needed to promptly evaluate stroke symptoms in patients that should be transferred to a stroke center.

State of the art mammography necessitated a 3-D unit. It would be even better if the unit was used for stereotactic biopsies at Sharon Hospital as they had been done in the recent past, rather than making patients travel 45-60 minutes each way for an already emotionally stressful procedure.

Optimally, Nuvance should invest in a breast surgery program here if it truly wanted to serve our community. It takes more than bricks and mortar to make a hospital.

More importantly, we need more primary care doctors, not just nurse practitioners, as Nuvance touted in the ad. About 20 years ago, there were about a dozen primary care doctors and now there are five, plus three doctors at Sun River Health at the Federally Qualified Health Center (EQHC) facility in Amenia.

The 50,000 residents of the Sharon Hospital service area deserve more than a mobile van in the hospital parking lot one day weekly and a telemedicine kiosk as stated in the ad. They need a hospital that truly supports ALL the doctors here.

Some of the money spent on the capital equipment could have been better used to maintain primary care service, maternity, a full service ICU and 24-7 surgical services. It could be used to institute a pain management program, a vein center, an alternative medicine center and other initiatives to expand services.

With a vigorous fundraising campaign, millions could be raised from our community. Unfortunately, Nuvance and the Sharon Hospital Board, do not have a dialogue with the stakeholders in the community. The Nuvance "Transformation Plan" is fatally flawed.

David R. Kurish, MD

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Agree with John Walter on the energy crisis

In response to Millerton resident John Walter's letter to the editor about the national energy crisis that is hitting close to home that ran in The Millerton News on May 12. Kudos and well done, John.

You honestly voiced the concerns of most commonsense folks.

There is a very simple solution, John: Convince President Biden to put everything back the way he found it when he came into office.

The country would quickly heal itself.

Larry Conklin Millerton

Celebrating Sharon's nursing professionals

Compassionate, calm, competent, resilient and efficient. These are just a few traits embodied by the skilled nursing teams of Sharon Hospital — a group of individuals transforming care into the 21st century with immense fortitude and courage.

I am proud to serve as the Chief Nursing Officer at Sharon Hospital, where I have had the pleasure of witnessing firsthand the amazing work of our nurses for more than four years.

Time and again, I am awed by our nursing teams' skill, compassion and dedication to serving our patients and community. Their perseverance, especially over the last couple of years, is humbling.

Last week, May 6 through May 12, marked National Nurses Week, and Sharon Hospital spent that time celebrating them for their extraordinary work as integral caregivers and members of our community.

The strength and quality of care delivered across all departments is a testament to their commitment to the nursing profession.

Their support remains a strength of our facility today and through the future — and for that, our nurses deserve the utmost recognition.

Our nurses play an essential role in making Sharon Hospital a welcoming, reliable resource.

We thank them for tirelessly protecting our community against the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, for the highquality, around-the-clock care they provide to those most in need, and for the kindness and support they provide to our entire community in their greatest times of need.

As we reflect back on Nurses Week, I ask all of you — the patients and community who inspire them — to join me in thanking our Sharon Hospital nursing team.

> Christina McCulloch Chief Nursing Officer Sharon Hospital

Sharon

Letters to the editor are due by 10 a.m. Monday mornings to be published in that week's issue.

There is a 500-word limit for letters, which must be signed by the letter-writer with their full name and hometown.

Please also include a phone number as all letters must be verbally confirmed before pub-

We also remind readers that the views expressed on this opinion page are not those of The Millerton News and The News does not support or oppose candidates for public office.

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Correcting Errors

Hear the Medicaid wake up call

n March 2020, Congress passed President Biden's coronavirus bill prohibiting state Medicaid agencies from disenrolling beneficiaries until a month after the end of the public health emergency (PHE).

The relief bill rightly required Medicaid departments to discontinue Medicaid redeterminations of eligibility, allowing Medicaid enrollees relief from paying for COVID vaccines, testing and treatment. The PHE has driven Medicaid enrollment to a record 85 million, an increase of 19%. New York and Connecticut have extended the PHE April 15 deadline to June 2022, with a 90-day extension.

One in four Americans is enrolled in Medicaid (4 million of New York City's 8.8 million citizens!) - 22% of Connecticut's legal residents are enrolled in Medicaid or Husky (children's health care under Medicaid) and 33% of New York's legal residents are enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP. These are our poorest citizens and our most vulnerable Americans: children, the disabled, the aged and pregnant women.

That one in four Americans need Medicaid should be a wake-up call. It shows how many Americans are without health care insurance even with the expansions of the ACA. And it bears considering mental health care services as well as physical health care.

Let's look at our nation's health care provision and its poverty policy - still based upon President Johnson's 1965

PUBLIC HEALTH

Nancy F. Mckenzie

Medicare and Medicaid programs. Medicaid as well as its special programs for children and pregnant women are entirely means-tested with statebased groupings and eligibility. There is no one size fits all (as there is with Medicare).

"Generosity" in some states is matched by mean-spiritedness or just silliness in others. Based on the annual national standard of Federal Poverty Rate (FPR), states are allowed to set a ceiling for Medicaid eligibility above or below that FPR.

In 2021, the New York and Connecticut Medicaid eligibility rate for a single adult is about 138% of the FPR of \$12,880 (@\$18,000). In Alabama, eligibility is 8% of the FPR or anyone earning more than \$1,030 per year! In Texas, single adults without children don't qualify. Texas parents are only eligible if their annual income is approximately 17% of the FPR, or \$3,626 for a family of three. ("Ceilings" are clearly "floors.")

The Urban Institute estimates that states will process 77 million eligibility applications for Medicaid once the PHE officially ends. This is going to be severely difficult for individual and family enrollees.

Enrollee eligibility is reliant upon their provision of documents (like Social Security, tax returns, VA benefits, letters from employers, etc.).

A Kaiser Family Foundation

Survey shows that only about half of states' (27) social service departments have a plan for the tsunami of eligibility and renewal actions. And from that survey they found that 41 states plan to take nine to 12 months, four states plan to take six to nine months and three states plan to take three to six months for renewal. (www.kff.org, Policy Watch, March 2).

Nancy F. McKenzie is a retired professor from the CUNY School of Public Health. She lives in Amenia with her partner.

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TAG SALE: Sharon, Saturday, May 21, 2022, 9 to 4 pm, Sharon Methodist Church,112UpperMain St. in church basement which is overflowing with "trash to treasures." Something for everyone! (no clothing).

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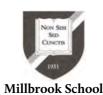


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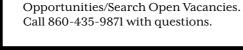
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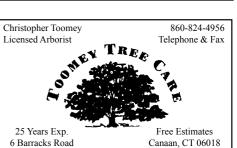
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