

OUR TOWNS

Fire district meeting includes budget, EMS service problems

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MILLERTON — The proposed budget for the North East Fire District was discussed at a public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 5:30 p.m. at the firehouse at 29 Century Blvd.

Commissioner Larry Selfridge led the meeting, which was also the regular meeting.

When the meeting was called to order, the 2024 budget was announced, no public comment was forthcoming, and the budget was voted on and approved. The total amount requested from the Town of North East was \$756,222.

There was interest income of \$1,000. The overall total budget amount was \$757,222. Budget items included personnel services at \$12,210; \$5,600 for administrative expenses including general counsel and office supplies; utilities including all fuel, communications, phone/fax/dedicated line, garbage, water and online interface came in at \$55,740. Insurance—building, equipment, accident, workers' compensation, and management fee and cancer insurance—came in at \$84,000. The Truck BAN (Bond Anticipation Note) Principal is \$75,000 and the Truck BAN Interest is \$ 5,075 for a total of \$ 80,075.

The entire budget can be seen at the North East town clerk's office during regular business hours.

The Millerton Fire Company Pancake Breakfasts resumed on Sunday, Oct. 22, and will be held on the fourth Sunday of the month at the firehouse. Also mentioned was the firemen's participation in working with North-East-Millerton Library on the Festival of Frights on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. by the entrance to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

The fire department is looking to redo its website and is considering getting outside help. Grant money may be available for developing a website and this will be discussed at a later date.

Fire Chief Jason Watson

Email news to editor@millertonnews.com

and Heather Mullen, captain of the rescue squad, had some complaints concerning Northern Dutchess Paramedics (NDP), mentioning the state of its equipment not being very clean, including vehicles, and lack of skills and empathy detected in some of the personnel, who seemed unfamiliar with the means to operate some of the equipment. Town of North East Councilwoman Meg Winkler suggested a meeting with NDP, with possibly a meeting first with the North East Town Board.

It was also brought up that there is a need for more volunteers. Watson stressed that the fire department is stretched thin at times and definitely needs and would welcome new members.

The fire district will hold a workshop meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7, and the next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 6 p.m. at the firehouse.

Meet the Republican candidates for Amenia, county on Oct. 29

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Republican candidates for local and county offices will be assembling on Sunday, Oct. 29, at 4 p.m. at Four Brothers, eager to meet and speak with voters in advance of the Tuesday, Nov. 7 election day.

Organized by the Amenia Republican Committee, the event offers an opportunity for the community to engage with the candidates and learn more about their views and plans for the local community and the region.

The candidates who will

Clarification/Correction

An article in the Oct. 12 edition of The Millerton News about the Rex Brasher Symposium omitted the contribution of food from Vitsky Bakery, Willa, and Thistle Pass Farm. In addition, beverages were provided by Millerton Wine and Spirits and Ten Mile Table. Foliage and florals were provided by FORM+LIGHT.



Pancakes at the firehouse

Above: From left, Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall; Matt Weishaupt, candidate for Dutchess County district attorney; and Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver meet and greet voters at the Millerton Fire Company's pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 22.

At top left: Aury Germond, 16, a student at Taconic Hills High School in Craryville, serves pancakes.

At lower left: Olivia Duerr, 4, of Millerton enjoys a hearty breakfast.

Pine Plains Presbyterian Church to host grab and go turkey supper

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Presbyterian Church will host its annual Grab and Go Turkey Supper on Saturday, Nov. 4, with pickup between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. The menu will include turkey, stuffing, mashed red potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, roll, and spice cake.

Each dinner is \$18, with 25% of the proceeds going to local food banks Willow Roots and the Food Locker. Cash or check payments will be accepted at the door, or Venmo @FUPCPP in advance. To reserve, call the church at 518-398-7117 or email dyanwapnick@optimum.net

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VFW Post 9008 honors community members

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**
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MILLBROOK — VFW Post 9008 held an awards ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Millbrook Firehouse.

Post Commander Jeff Moseman was master of ceremonies, aided by Vice Commander Dave Rogers. Members of the community, as well as some first responders, were recognized and thanked by the Post and the audience for their contributions to the community.

Included in those being honored were “Uncle” Mike Hansen of iHeartRadio’s Country 107.3 WRWD, New York State Police Sergeant

Michael D. Wood of Troop K, and Millbrook Middle School physical education teacher Joseph Carbone as well as Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy and the Village of Millbrook for their unwavering support of the Post.

Hansen was awarded a Citizenship Medal for his complimentary radio promotions and hosting the Post commander for Post events and issues. Carbone also received a Citizenship Medal, as he annually hosts the veterans’ recognition and breakfast at the Millbrook Central School District.

James Smith of Union Vale Rescue was given a First Responder Award for his support of the Mill-

brook community. Crissy Moseman, Debbie Rogers and Kathi Galli were given Buddy Poppy bracelets for their work in Buddy Poppy sales, and Sierra Mason was awarded the Senior ROTC Medal for Leadership, Patriotism and Commitment. She is a member of the Marist College ROTC.

Collopy accepted the certificate, saying: “I am honored to be given the opportunity to say a few words at this VFW celebration of community give-back. It is apparent to me that your commitment of service to country has led to a lifetime commitment of service to community, and that makes you role models for the rest of us to follow. The same

can be said for the rest of the honorees here tonight. In this day and age when organizations are struggling to find volunteers to replace those of us who are aging out, what you do shines a light on the importance of ongoing community involvement. To all of you, for your military service past, and for your community service, present, on behalf of the residents of the Village of Millbrook, I thank you for your service.”

On Thursday, Nov. 9, the Veterans Recognition and Breakfast will take place at 8 a.m. at Millbrook Middle School. On Saturday, Nov. 11, the Post will lead a ceremony at the Village Green in honor of Veterans Day.



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Commander Jeff Moseman of VFW Post 9008, Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy and Vice Commander Dave Rogers as Collopy receives certificate for his own and the Village of Millbrook’s support of the Post.

Affordable housing organizations get \$3 million funding

By **EMILY EDELMAN**
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COLUMBIA COUNTY — During a visit last week to a home built by Columbia County Habitat for Humanity, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and

Assemblymember Didi Barrett announced \$3 million in funding for affordable housing in Columbia and Dutchess counties.

Made possible by a Capital Project Grant, the funding includes \$1.5 million each for Columbia County Habitat for

Humanity in order to enable first-time homebuyers to access affordable homes and Poughkeepsie-based Hudson River Housing to develop affordable rental units. A significant amount of the funding is earmarked for the City of Hudson, which has faced an

exacerbated affordable housing crisis due to COVID-19.

“I welcomed Speaker Heastie to our district as part of his annual statewide tour,” said Barrett. “I wanted the Speaker to understand the particular obstacles we face here in our region that make

the development of new affordable housing challenging, including the smaller scale of our communities, the local zoning restrictions, the lack of/or inadequate water and sewer infrastructure, the workforce shortages and the rising cost of construction.”

The home that Barrett and Heastie visited is owned by If-takher Chowdury and Shanaj Begum and is a “passive house,” the design and construction of which utilizes framing and insulation techniques that result in a 90% reduction in external energy consumption.

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OBITUARIES

Evelyn B. Tompkins

SHARON — Evelyn B. Tompkins, 92, of Sharon, peacefully passed away on Oct. 11, 2023, at Geer Nursing Facility.

Evelyn was born May 26, 1931, in Sharon, to David and Martha Boge. Shortly after her birth, during the Great Depression, the family returned to Norway where she lived until she was 7.

Evelyn graduated from Amenia High School in 1949 and Bryant College business program in 1951.

Evelyn was happily married to Robert “Jolly” Tompkins who predeceased her in 2014.

Evelyn’s greatest joy in life was her family. She rejoiced in her children’s and grandchildren’s accomplishments, both big and small. Evelyn loved spending time with family and her many friends “the more the merrier” and enjoyed cooking, especially her unforgettable brownies. She was always ready to host a celebration!

Evelyn was a secretary, and her favorite job was the many years she spent at Webutuck High School in the Guidance Office. She loved interacting with the students and was always so excited by their college acceptances.

In her spare time she enjoyed many outdoor activities with her family including skiing into her late 70’s, golf, gardening and canning, rail-

fanning, walking and camping. For many years she was a “Reading Buddy” at Sharon Elementary School.

She was an active congregant of the Sharon United Methodist Church where she made many wonderful friends as they volunteered for everything!

Evelyn is survived by her children; Stephanie (Jim) Lalli of Cranbury, New Jersey, David (Pam) McEnroe and Gwyn Myles, both of Vancouver, Washington, Chris (Jen) Tompkins of Salisbury, Stepsons, Thomas (Becky) Tompkins of Los Altos Hills, California, and John (Ron) Tompkins of St. Petes Beach, Florida. She is also survived by a very special niece, Lee McEnroe of Millbrook, New York.

Evelyn is survived by 10, much loved grandchildren; Brian and Christopher Lalli, Matthew, Mark, Dana, Ryan, Kaelyn, John and Travis Tompkins, and Amanda Schonert, as well as 15 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Evelyn was predeceased by her son-in-law, Lloyd Myles.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled for a later date. Arrangements will be under the direction of Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

Memorial donations may be sent to Sharon United Methodist Church, 112 Upper Main St., Sharon, CT 06069.



Timothy Walter King

NORFOLK — Timothy Walter King, 57, entered into eternal life on Oct. 21, 2023 with family by his side. Born Sept. 11, 1966, in Winsted, he was the son of the late Paul and Rita (Lachat) King.

Timothy graduated from the special needs program at Conard High School in West Hartford, where he became proficient in reading, writing and sign language. He was a communicant of St. Joseph’s Church in Winsted and St. Martin of Tours Parish in Norfolk, where he served as an adult altar server for many years.

For most of his adult life and until his passing, he lived with his sister Agnes, her husband Stan, and their children Sydney and Paige, since they were born. He loved being a part of family activities and helping in any way he could. He read countless story books to his nieces, played games with them, and always watched out for them. He enjoyed vacationing, especially to the beach, listening and dancing to music, animals, WWE Wrestling, and his favorite activity of all, being a Special Olympic swimmer where he earned scores of medals. He worked as an estate gardener with Agnes and carpenter’s helper with Stan and enjoyed getting to know all the people he met through his vocation.

Through his loving disposition he greeted everyone he met with a hug or a high five. His view of the world includ-

ed only its best qualities and taught those who knew him that in the end it is only love that really matters.

He is survived by his three brothers and two sisters, Patrick King (partner Barbara Zimmerman) of Torrington, Peter King (Karen) of St. Petersburg, Florida,

Jean Bronson (Joel) of Falls Village, Francis King (Diane) of New Hartford and Agnes Dzenutis (Stanley) of Norfolk, and their families. He will be missed by the Dzenutis family who were as much a part of his life as his own.

Calling hours are Friday, Oct. 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Montano-Shea Funeral Home, 922 Main St., Winsted. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Joseph Church, 31 Oak St., Winsted, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023. Burial to follow in St. Joseph new Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Martin of Tours Parish, Canaan, Ct. or to Special Olympics Connecticut. Visit an online guestbook at montano-shea.com.



HARPSWELL, Me. — Karin Marie Zetterstrom was born on Feb. 27, 1940, in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and grew up in Canaan, Connecticut, the first daughter of Olle and Martha Zetterstrom, both natives of Sweden. Younger brother Tom and sister Ingrid were born several years later.

A curious and whimsical child, Karin treasured reading books in her special nook in the rocks above the family’s limestone quarry. Karin graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1958 where she was a member of the National Honor Society and active in numerous groups and clubs. She taught ballet and worked as a life-guard and swimming instructor which were precursors to her passion and vocation - teaching. Additionally, travel to Sweden and Norway and a memorable family car trip through the national parks sparked a life-long love of travel.

Karin attended Sarah Lawrence College where she majored in English literature, graduating with honors in 1962. While at Sarah Lawrence, she developed many life-long friendships, and remained an active alumna throughout her life. In 1964, she earned her master’s degree in education at Stanford University. Having met and married Neville Woodruff in California, they landed teaching positions at the American International School in Vienna, Austria from 1965-1967.

They returned to the United States to teach at the Woodstock Country School in Vermont where their son Alex was born in 1967. The family moved to Boston in 1968 where Karin engaged in peace and justice causes inspired by Father Drinan, dean of the Boston College law school and prominent anti-war activist. Her second son Stephen Woodruff was born in 1970. Shortly after moving to New Gloucester,

Maine, the couple divorced in 1973. Karin settled her family in the commercial fishing village of Cundy’s Harbor, a small coastal community where the boys could run wild and free through the village, woods, and to the beach at Sandy Cove.

In 1974, Karin began teaching courses in women’s studies at the University of Southern Maine. She earned a second master’s degree in English at Tufts University in 1977, focusing on women writers including Virginia Wolf, Jane Austen, and Sarah Orne Jewett.

Karin taught college writing, English literature, and women’s studies at Westbrook College in Portland from 1979-1987. Governor Joseph Brennan appointed her to the Maine Commission on Women in which she was active from 1979-1982. She served as president of the Jane Austen Society of Maine and was a long-time participant in a local women’s French group. From 1988 until her retirement in 2008, she taught college writing, literature, major women writers and modern literature at the University of Maine at Augusta (UMA). Many of her courses became the foundation for the department of women’s studies at the UMA. During these years, she also led several summer literary tours to England. She was a dedicated teacher who cared and nurtured her students’ intellectual pursuits and their personal development leading to lifelong friendships.

In 1982, Karin met her love Robert “Bob” Jackson, and they married on July 23, 1983. To her two sons, Karin added Bob’s three daughters, who became as dear to Karin as any daughters could ever be. In their retirement, Karin and Bob made numerous trips to Europe, Canada, and

throughout America. They spent time with friends and relatives, always hosting lively summer lobster feeds at the Harbor. They valued their church communities and were active members of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Brunswick and All Saints by The Sea chapel on Bailey Island. Enjoying over forty years of marriage, Karin and Bob shared a love of history, art, dance, literature, classical music, opera, and fine foods and wines.

Karin was preceded in death by her parents Olle and Martha Zetterstrom. She is survived by her loving husband Robert; sons Alex (Lindie) Woodruff and Stephen (Elizabeth) Woodruff; stepdaughters Joan (Keith) Mummert, Ann (Jim) Hutson, and Gale Jackson; siblings Tom Zetterstrom and Ingrid

Saterstrom; nephews Mark and Daniel Menges, and beloved grandchildren Patrick Hutson, Cate Hutson, Thomas Woodruff, Stephen Woodruff, and Emma Woodruff.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church at 11 a.m. on Oct. 28, 2023. A livestream of the service is available on the church’s website. An additional memorial service and celebration of life is being planned on Bailey Island for July 2024.

The family is sincerely grateful for the outstanding physicians and providers who cared for her over the last years, especially Dr. Paul Hyman and the Mid Coast Hospital team, the Brunswick Aging Excellence team, and CHANS hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Karin’s memory to the Cundy’s Harbor Library or the Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program (MCHPP).





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OUR TOWNS

Amenia board discusses zoning change strategy

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Responsive to discussion heard at the Wednesday, Oct. 11, meeting of the town Planning Board, the Housing Board continued its discussion at its regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 19, about Hudson River Housing’s plans to create an affordable housing development on property across from the Town Hall on Route 22.

Hudson River Housing representatives had met with the Planning Board the previous week, leading to a discussion of the zoning regulations that govern the parcel and how the development might conform to zoning regulations while also meeting the local need for affordable housing.

The flat portion of the acreage where the development would be built is in a Hamlet Residential (HR) zone, but other portions lie in a different zone. Hudson River Housing was considering a

request to rezone to Suburban Residential (SR), but the SR zone does not allow for multifamily housing.

Changes to the zoning use table that defines what is allowed and disallowed in various zones was an option that the Housing Board found promising.

Following discussion moderated by Housing Board Chairman Charlie Miller, the Housing Board favored rezoning of the parcel and agreed to send the request for a zone change to the Town Board. An additional change would be to the use table to allow for multifamily dwellings in an SR zone, subject to site plan review by the Planning Board.

The change would align the proposal from Hudson River Housing more closely to the town’s comprehensive plan, acknowledging the importance of the goal of creating affordable housing.

Lake Amenia Road
Inspections have been completed at the 74 Lake

Amenia Road property under consideration as the town’s first unit of affordable housing, and a possible site for a modern wastewater treatment facility. An official report is expected soon.

Miller summarized preliminary findings noting that the basement of the home was positive for the presence of radon, but that the issue could be solved by an exhaust system.

There was no infestation by wood-boring insects. The septic system would need to be upgraded from its current cesspool arrangement. Asbestos exposure is limited to the wrapped pipe in the basement. All instances of lead paint are intact, Miller reported.

While the official report is being finalized, a bid package for the items needing attention is being assembled.

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Mickey Joffe stands surrounded by his photos in an exhibit of his work at The Fountains at Millbrook.

Looking through the lens at 90

MILLBROOK — The Fountains at Millbrook is featuring a photography exhibit through the end of November by resident Mickey Joffe that includes pictures of people, most of them working or going about their daily lives, and mostly in and around New York City.

There is a picture of a doorman in uniform, white-gloved and smiling behind the glass doors of a building. There is a shot of people wait-

ing for a train, a clerk arranging a window display, a man reading a paper: people from all walks of life, caught up in the daily act of living, all candidly caught by Joffe’s camera.

Joffe, who worked in real estate, spent most of his life in the city. He is now 90 years old and has been a resident at The Fountains for almost a year, sharing living quarters with his wife of 65 years, Zerline. Their son and grandson live in Great Barrington, Mas-

sachusetts, which is not too far to travel for a visit.

Asked if he still takes pictures, given the beauty of the surrounding area, he smiled: “I don’t like taking pretty pictures,” he said. He gestured to those hanging nearby. “Each one has certain qualities. The woman eating—pictures are two dimensional. But to get something that stirs within the image—every once in a while, I get lucky and it happens!”

— Judith O’Hara Balfe

Amenia residents share views on infrastructure projects

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — With future infrastructure projects in the initial planning stages, concerned residents attending the regular meeting of the Amenia Town Board on Thursday, Oct. 19, shared those concerns publicly.

During the public comment segment, Munawar Ahmed envisioned better use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding in the amount of \$200,000. She indicated that the funds are presently earmarked toward wastewater treatment and affordable housing projects. She recommended that the funds go instead toward town water and highway improvement projects.

“Take care of the things we have, water and highway, rather than funding for future

projects,” she said.

Longtime Lake Amenia Road resident Paul Arcario spoke of his concerns about the town’s ongoing efforts to acquire property at 74 Lake Amenia Road to create the town’s first affordable home and to subdivide the property to use the remaining acreage to construct a modern wastewater treatment facility.

“I am not against it,” Arcario said, praising the work of the volunteer Wastewater Committee and its responsiveness to his inquiries. However, he said that he was concerned as a neighboring property owner about potential for odor and pathogens that might be released from the treatment facility.

Arcario asked that the Wastewater Committee undertake a case study of similar systems in other towns, to meet with residents to share

that information, and to arrange field trips for interested residents to see the systems in operation.

Other residents voiced similar concerns about the wastewater treatment plans, with an additional concern about lowered property values.

Another resident suggested an alternative plan envisioning revitalization of the neighborhood by the restoration of Lake Amenia to what it once was—a recreational lake.

NYSERDA

Representing the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), Faith Laudano provided a Zoom review of the renewable energy programs and available funding available through her offices, based in Albany.

“Current energy systems are not keeping up with the

times,” Laudano said, adding that residents spend lots of money on outdated space heaters and fossil fuel-based systems. She urged homeowners to step up to cleaner and greener homes and ex-

plained how Cornell Extension Services can help with information and funding programs.

For more information, Laudano’s email is fl128@cornell.edu

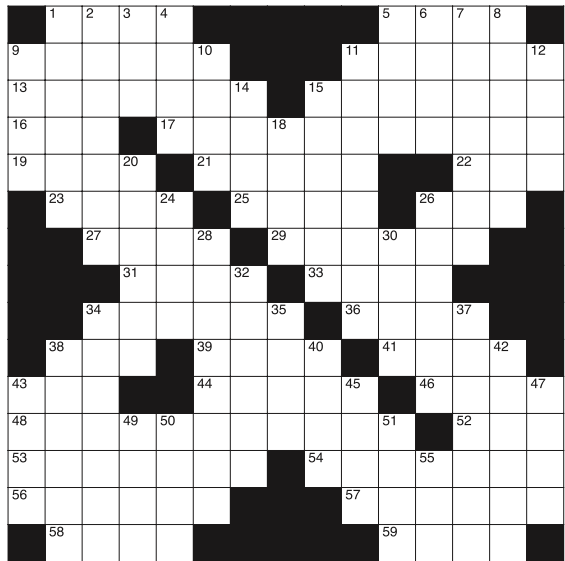
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- 26. Ancient Egyptian King
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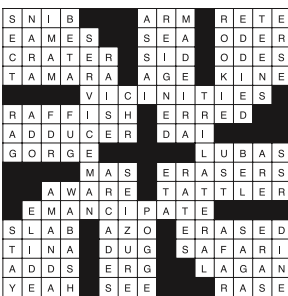
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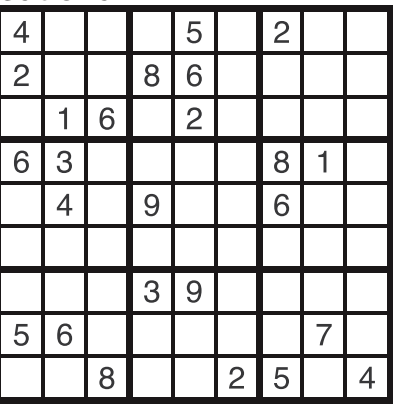
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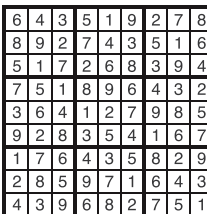
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OUR TOWNS

County Executive O’Neil questions Comptroller on Heritage Park audit

By JOHN COSTON
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POUGHKEEPSIE — Dutchess County Executive William F. X. O’Neil has taken issue with a recent follow-up audit on the Dutchess Stadium that showed sharply rising operational costs.

The audit issued by Comptroller Robin Lois this month reports the subsidy more than doubling from \$134,008 in 2017 to \$320,325 in 2022 and estimated to be \$422,594 in 2023.

The Comptroller notes that the Stadium ownership, lease agreements, and naming rights have all changed since the 2020 review. The Stadium name has been sold to Heritage Financial Credit Union in March of 2023 and the Stadium is now called Heritage Financial Park.

The Hudson Valley Renegades, owned previously by the Goldklang Group, were sold to their current owner,

DBH Hudson Valley, LLC in December 2021. The lease arrangement between the Renegades and the County has been updated three times between June 2021 and September 2023.

In a prior audit, the Comptroller’s office recommended that the administration negotiate a more equitable lease arrangement in order to protect taxpayer dollars, but noted in the recent audit that this renegotiation did not result in a more favorable outcome for the county. The most recent lease amendment executed in September 2023 for the full year beginning January 2023 and expiring Dec. 31, 2046, still does not ensure revenues cover current operating expenses, including the cost of debt service for Stadium improvements.

“There is no requirement for the stadium to show a profit, or even break-even,” O’Neil responded in a letter to Comptroller Lois, adding

that the Legislature approved the new lease terms with bipartisan support and a super-majority vote.

The Stadium is not managed by the County as a public park. Because it is operated by a for-profit corporation, Comptroller Lois said it “should therefore be held to a different and higher standard for its tolerance of taxpayer funding. Our audit continues to recommend that the administration, as stewards of taxpayer funds, renegotiate a more equitable lease arrangement with the tenant to ensure taxpayers are not subsidizing a for-profit entity.”

Beginning in 2018, the County has committed over \$30 million in capital improvements to the Stadium. Current construction of a new home team Clubhouse with a conference/event space and additional premium seating is underway with completion scheduled for use beginning in the 2024 season. This

project was funded with a \$25 million last minute amendment to the 2023 operating budget by the county Legislature.

In his letter to the Comptroller, O’Neil responded that the community has been “clear that they support the Hudson Valley Renegades and keeping them in Dutchess County is important.”

He also noted that the Stadium is home to high school and college football, recreational leagues and youth summer camps along with graduation ceremonies.

O’Neil said he suspects the timing of the audit opinion, which came in the midst of an election season and pointed to the Stadium’s significant contribution to the local economy through sales tax revenue and employment opportunities.

“Yet you have chosen to leave them [these facts] out in favor of publishing a politically charged opinion,” he wrote.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Peck and Peck Funeral Home at 7749 Main St. was the only funeral home sold in Dutchess County in the months of August and September 2023. On a .25-acre lot with 3,361 square feet, it sold for \$351,200 in August.

Recent property sales in the Town of Pine Plains

The Millerton News will periodically publish a listing of residential real estate sales in eastern Dutchess County and adjacent towns.

August was the busiest month for recorded sales in Pine Plains, with five properties changing owners. Only one sale during the months of August and September 2023 was above \$500,000, and the median price of all single-family properties was \$445,000.

Properties listed for sale include six residential land parcels ranging from \$65,000 to \$1.8 million for 177.5 acres; nine residences ranging from \$275,000 to \$3.1 million; and two commercial properties: Lia’s Mountain View Restaurant for \$695,000 and Dutch Schultz’s hidden distillery on Ryan Road for \$5.5 million.

August 2023

7 Britton St., 3-bedroom/1.5-bathroom, 960-square-foot home, sold for \$275,000

26 Bowman St., 3-bedroom/2-bath home on 1.6 acres, sold for \$277,000
7749 South Main St., 3,361-square-foot funeral

home, sold for \$351,200
14 Victoria Crossing, 3-bedroom/3-bath house, sold for \$475,000

2067 Route 83, 3-bedroom/2-bath home on 1.6 acres, sold for \$575,000

September 2023

16 Meusel Road, 3-bedroom/2-bath home, sold for \$445,000

6 Prospect Hill Road Extension, 3-bedroom/1-bath residence with commercial space of 8,044 square feet on 5.4 acres, sold for \$330,000

Lake Road, 8.87 acres of vacant residential land on Stissing Pond, sold for \$275,000

Pine Plains real estate sales recorded as sold between Aug. 1, 2023, and Sept. 30, 2023, sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Information on active listings taken from Mid-Hudson MLS.

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

SHERIFF’S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for Oct. 13-18.

Oct. 15 — Deputies responded to 5 Old Post Road 3, Lot 47 in the Town of North East for a disturbance between a female and her boyfriend’s mother. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

Oct. 17 — Deputies re-

sponded to Cumberland Farms, 97 Route 44, in the Village of Millerton for a customer causing a disturbance due to being refused the sale of alcohol. Subject left prior to arrival.

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned cases or any other suspected criminal activity, please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept

confidential.

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committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.

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OUR TOWNS

Horse-brokering business is thriving in Millbrook

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — Following a long and storied history of buying and selling horses, formidable horseman David Hopper has recently relocated to Winley Farm, finding that downscaling his specialized business and transferring aspects of his responsibilities to his longtime assistant, Katie Lynch, has been the correct move.

His former business location along Leedsville Road in Amenia, Longreen Farm, served the enterprise well since he moved the business there in 1970 from Lakeville, having grown the Amenia property over several years to offer 30 stalls and an indoor arena that was added in 1974.

The Leedsville Road farm has been recently purchased by Hope Rising Farm and is providing an expanded space for its growing therapeutic equestrian program.

During an interview on

Thursday, Oct. 5, Hopper and Lynch described history, philosophy, and the business of buying and selling champion horses to a worldwide equestrian community.

Beginning with the historical aspects, Hopper said that through the early 1980s, close to 100 Thoroughbreds were being sold each year at Longreen Farm. His business partner at Longreen Farm, the late Ira Shulman, was finding horses at racetracks in Arizona and the American Southwest and sending them back east to Hopper.

In 1983 Hopper started going to Europe to buy horses, first to Denmark, and then to Holland. He said that he continues to source most of his horses in Holland through contacts he made in those early years.

In 1993, Hopper and Shulman had split the business and Hopper began to broker horses under the business name of David Hopper Inc. Through the early 2000s,

Hopper was selling about 50-60 Warmblood horses every year. Horses he has sold have competed at the Olympics, World Championships, and the Pan American Games in all three major disciplines with good results.

"It was always to learn from David," Lynch recalled, noting that she first joined the business in 2016, fully committed to the mentored experience. She has been managing the business for the past six years, always learning and supporting day-to-day operations.

Lynch's day-to-day work is to train the horses for competition, amateur or professional. She described their sale horses as the types best suited to the show jumping, hunter, equitation, or eventing dressage equestrian competitions.

"I've worked for a lot of good horsemen over the years, but David has a particular kind of genius for what we do," Lynch said. "He can help a

horse learn how to think," an essential trait in competition.

That gentle temperament and ability to learn are keys to selecting horses, both Hopper and Lynch explained about the acquisition process. Additionally, each horse under consideration is thoroughly radiographed and clinically evaluated by veterinarians before purchase.

"The basics are hard; they are what you need to practice the most," Lynch said of the patient process of training a horse to compete.

"I care about the horses' well-being, day to day," Hopper said, also important to solid training.

"I still enjoy training horses as much as I did when I was a teenager. I've been buying and selling horses since I was 16 and living in Lakeville, Connecticut. I'm turning 80 next month," Hopper said.

Hopper said that he used to have a large operation, selling 60 to 100 horses each year. Now his horses number six or seven being trained at any one time, and he sells about 20 to 30 horses annually. He spoke about diminishing returns when there are too many horses to be tended to.

Hopper said, "It's impor-



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

A lifetime of developing a business reputation as a horse broker has brought David Hopper, left, a new iteration and relocation to Millbrook. Pictured with one of his Warmblood horses, Diathaga, a 5-year old Westphalian mare, Hopper is joined by Katie Lynch, at right, who is transitioning to assume the responsibilities for David Hopper Inc.

tant to maximize the profit." "We are looking to stay small and have a good crew." The business presently has three staff members.

He will often buy horses as foals and have them shipped to the U.S. when they are grown, Hopper said. When they are young, they are more affordable, although untrained. It can cost as much as \$8,000 to transport a horse by air to the U.S., he noted.

OBITUARIES

Jon Haines Barrett

MILLERTON — Jon Haines Barrett, 81, a lifelong resident of the Town of North East, passed away Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at his home.

Jon was born Feb. 23, 1942, in Sharon. He was the son of the late Harold Haines and Claire (Schwab) Barrett.

Jon took over the family dairy farm on Indian Lake Road in 1961 upon the death of his father, and operated Indian Pond Farm until 1991. Jon held the positions of Assessor in the Town of North East and Town of Beekman for many years, but always remained involved in farming. He raised beef cows, goats and dairy heifers. He was a quiet, kind and gentle man with a wry sense of humor who could make you laugh out loud unexpectedly. He loved to read science fiction and history books as well as the Sunday Edition of the New York Times and he was a



loyal patron of the NorthEast-Millerton Library. He adored his dogs, from his border collie, Tippi, in his teen years to his chiweenie, Gus, in his final years. He will always be remembered as a steady, supportive and loving husband and father.

Jon is survived by his wife of forty-four years, Lyn (Miller) Barrett of Millerton; his children, Heather Biewald (Frank), Thomas Breuler (Deborah), James Breuler (Mia), Christian Kelly (Jennifer), Elizabeth Barrett and Megan Ideker (Cory) as well as sixteen grand and great grandchildren and his sister, Gail Crane (John).

In addition to his parents, Jon was predeceased by his son, Bruce Haines Barrett in 2017.

Committal services and burial will take place privately at Oblong Rural Cemetery, Coleman Station Road in Millerton, NY on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023. Pastor William

Mayhew will officiate. A time of sharing memories and reflections of Jon will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m. for relatives and friends, at the Barrett residence, 344 Indian Lake Road, Millerton, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made to the NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in Jon's memory or to send flowers to service, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

Farmer's market plans Halloween event for children and families on Oct. 28

By ROBIN RORABACK
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The North East Community Center (NECC) will host a "Halloween Kids' Market" event for families at the Millerton Farmer's Market on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Located on the corner of Dutchess Avenue and Main Street, the market will be

open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the children's activities taking place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be "a bunch of fun kids' activities," said Paul Bengston, community programs director at NECC. One activity will be pumpkin painting, with free pumpkins for the first 20 children. Pumpkins will also be available to buy from vendors at the farmer's market.

Local musician Tom Hanford, well-known in the area for children's performances, will be playing inside the Millerton Methodist Church from 11:15 a.m. to noon.

Bengston added, "We always enjoy having kids at the market, but we try to close our summer season of the market with a focus on them and the Halloween season."

In Appreciation

Judy Mellecker Parker

Judy Mellecker Parker died peacefully in Sharon Hospital on Aug. 16, 2023. She was born in Clinton, Iowa on Oct. 7, 1939. She married Robert Andrew Parker, the well-known artist and musician, in 1992 and they lived in West Cornwall. She managed the accounts and the household and drove Bob around when

his eyesight was failing. She was on staff as the Talk of the Town editor at the New Yorker Magazine for about 35 years. She had a quiet, giving demeanor, sensitive to the feelings of others, particularly when she turned down a piece. She will be greatly missed.

Family & friends of the Parkers

For more obituaries, see page A4



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Affordable housing is an ever increasing need in all of our communities here in the NW corner. Most of the available affordable housing stock before COVID has been purchased by investors and after their renovations, will never be affordable again. Here in Salisbury, the Housing Trust is now working to develop lands owned by the Town or gifted to the Trust by concerned landowners. A recent development to address this issue is combining the efforts of both affordable housing organizations with that of local land trusts to increase the amount of land that could be dedicated to housing. A great example is the Kestrel Land Trust's (www.kestreltrust.org) collaborative work in Easthampton, Ma., where 53 acres will be used for both affordable housing and land conservation. For more info, please read this article in the Daily Hampshire Gazette: www.gazettenet.com/Kestrel-Land-Trust-pursues-collaborative-conservation-and-affordable-housing-project-in-Easthampton-52462537



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ton News and The New Pine Plains Herald. Ryan Orton of Stanford moderated the program.

Supervisor Walsh and Da-Foe indicated that they are happy with their work, and will continue to do their jobs to the best of their abilities. The candidates had a brief time to introduce themselves; this was followed by questions from the audience and the forum ended with closing statements from each of the candidates.

Sisco and Kevin Walsh are longtime residents, and both have raised families in Pine Plans. They jointly agree that they will preserve the rural and historic character of the town; conserve open space; protect and promote agriculture; create housing options for young families and seniors in particular; and will promote employment, small business and transportation options. Also, they would like to relocate Town Hall to the center of town, and will look into the possibility of a central

septic system.

Murphy is a 50-year resident of Pine Plains who wants to see programs for youth and seniors expanded. He'd also look into ways to help businesses thrive and grow, as well as into affordable housing. He would also preserve the rural aspect of the town.

Murphy and Smith are proponents of fiscal responsibility, believing government should be run as an any other business: with a budget, plans and long-range goals. Smith is pro-solar, believing that solar energy is what is in the future, and he sees the benefits in it, having faith that the zoning board will make sure everything is done appropriately.

Isaza has experience as a practicing attorney for more than 28 years, having served as a criminal defense attorney, and is a former assistant corporation counsel for the City of Poughkeepsie. Living in Pine Plains for more than 20 years, she is a member and former president of the Pine Plains Lions Club, and is a

member of the New York Bar Association and the Dutchess County Bar Association.

As a defense attorney, she looked for fair sentencing including alternatives to incarceration when suitable. She has handled cases in housing, domestic violence, and matrimonial and family law, and speaks fluent Spanish.

Brenner is in real estate, but feels that one doesn't need a law degree to be a town justice. His experience includes 25 years in law enforcement as a deputy sheriff and investigator, and working with the district attorney's office.

Serving in the Pine Plains Hose Company as well as a member of the town and school boards have given him the experience to make good judgment calls. He'd rather see mistakes corrected than repeated, and rehabilitation rather than punishment.

"Pine Plains is my home and the community is my family," said Baden. He has learned a lot over that past four years, has built up re-

lationships, honed the skills of himself and his crews, and wants to continue to use that experience to make the roads in Pine Plains safer under all circumstances.

Ambrose has stated that she will give up her current job to be full-time at the highway department if elected. A 20-year Pine Plains resident, Ambrose is a volunteer firefighter, and said that she plans to work side by side with the maintenance crews, and will strive to work with surrounding areas and the New York State Department of Transportation in bad weather and emergency situations.

The majority of the questions were for Pulver and Drago. Pulver is serving his sixth one-year term as chairman, and has served in the Legislature since 2014. A farmer by trade, Pulver said he enjoys doing what he does, and helping people. When asked about an accomplishments in the Legislature, he mentioned the Dutchess County Stabilization Center

in Poughkeepsie. He worked with Legislator Will Truitt to pass a countywide animal abuse registry law as well as passing an anti-tethering law. He worked with Assembly-member Didi Barrett and others on obtaining the Mobile Health Unit RV.

Drago, feels that the current leadership is not working, mishandling tax dollars and not meeting basic needs of constituents in northern Dutchess County. He is par-

ticularly upset by the \$25 million renovation of the Dutchess Stadium.

He will work toward obtaining better emergency and mental health services, and wants better cell coverage and a climate-ready infrastructure. A native son, Drago said he is a business leader, and has his finger on the pulse of what the county needs. He wants to keep Dutchess County affordable and keep young people here.

BALLOT *Continued from Page A1*

Morrison, Chris Mayville (four-year terms) and Meg Winkler (two year term).

"Due to a clerical error on our part, the ballot actually lists the two four-year terms with all three candidates and leaves the two-year term with no candidate, and therefore eligible for a write-in candidate.

"Thus, voters can cast votes for two candidates for the four-year terms and then write in a candidate for the two-year seat. The North East Millerton Democratic Committee apologies for the oversight and confusion and asks everyone to vote for the candidates of their choice."

Winkler commented for the record that she was "disappointed that the ballot did not show three candidates for the three vacant board seats and that the Dutchess County Board of Elections was not transparent or helpful regarding the review or correction of ballots. My goal is only to be elected. I enjoy what I do and

hope to serve the town."

Two proposals that have not received much attention appear on the back of the ballot.

Proposal No. 1 permits small city school districts in cities with fewer than 125,000 people to increase debt from 5% to 10% of the value of taxable property, the same as districts in larger cities. This would allow these specially designated small school districts to borrow twice the amount that they are now permitted and does not impact the borrowing capability of local school districts.

Proposal No. 2 also addresses debt limits. The amendment to Article 8, Section 5 of the New York State Constitution extends the debt limit exception on construction of sewage projects until 2034. This means that municipalities can borrow money to build infrastructure and pay it off over many years with long-term loans without exceeding regulated debt limitations.

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The brief disputed the proposed decision's argument that the closure of the maternity ward will have a negative effect on the quality, accessibility and cost-effectiveness of care in the region.

Demand for services

The brief took issue with the proposed decision's interpretations of CON criteria, arguing that the proposed decision demanded "an impossible burden of proof" by requiring that the CON proposal to terminate services would ultimately "improve" access to and quality of local health services.

The brief is clear that the Town of Sharon and Litchfield Country are experiencing declining birth rates and an aging population—because the CON process requires only that a hospital's services align with Connecticut's Statewide Plan for health care access, the brief does not address the demographics of Dutchess County, New York, where the majority of the hospital's clients reside.

A central question raised by the proposed decision was whether or not Sharon Hospital/Nuvance's communications with the public had caused some prospective mothers' choice to bypass of Sharon Hospital in favor of other hospitals, and so contributed to the decline in demand. The brief stated that Sharon Hospital continued to market its L&D services in newsletters, on its website

and in brochures. Simultaneously, said the brief, they informed current and prospective clients of their intention to terminate those services as soon as permitted by the OHS.

Accessibility

The brief emphasized the OHS finding that there are other local hospitals that are able and equipped to take on the limited population that would lose access to L&D services in Sharon.

The brief dismissed OHS' concerns about the greater distance of alternative hospitals for much of the Sharon PSA. The brief also contested findings that longer travel times lead to worse birth outcomes because the study was conducted among women in The Netherlands, and had "zero applicability" on women in Connecticut.

The brief also challenged the relevance that community members' testimony that the unpredictable nature of driving in weather in Litchfield County makes increased distances more fraught, on the grounds that they are "not experts in weather or transportation."

Cost efficiency and quality of care

The brief dismissed OHS' finding that Sharon Hospital's five-star CMS safety rating, which none of the proposed alternative area hospitals have, has any relationship to the relative safety and quality of care of Sharon's and others'

maternity wards.

The brief described the cost inefficiency of 24/7 staffing and maintenance of the maternity ward in the face of declining use. Citing OHS' finding that "[i]n 2021, Sharon Hospital operated its L&D Unit 24/7, but for 202 days (55% of the time), there was no delivery of a single baby at Sharon Hospital," the brief stated that the hospital effectively loses some \$20,000 on each delivery.

The cost of community health

The brief cited a September 2023 report on hospital finances in Connecticut that found that Nuvance Health lost over \$66 million in fiscal year 2022.

In his testimony, Nuvance Health CEO Dr. John Murphy stated, "health systems such as Nuvance Health cannot continue to operate at large losses indefinitely. Nuvance Health itself has lost in excess of \$100 million dollars since its establishment in 2019, and is facing a dire financial situation with a significant projected operating loss in fiscal year 2023."

In a separate development, OHS granted Sharon Hospital a CON to change its Intensive Care Unit (ICU) to a Progressive Care Unit (PCU) on Tuesday, Oct. 10. A PCU offers a lower level of care than an ICU, and is equipped and staffed to handle less critical cases that require less monitoring.

Members of the local community, led by Save Sharon Hospital, and elected officials have rallied to prevent the L&D closure. It was their

evidence to which the brief takes greatest exception: "The resulting Proposed Decision relied on anecdotal and irrelevant evidence instead of a fair consideration of reliable evidence and data offered by Sharon Hospital, and resulted in a flawed decision that was predetermined and unduly influenced by public pressure."

The next step in the CON process will be the presentation of an oral argument from Sharon Hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 8.

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vices in the bid to find new volunteers.

"We are pleased to have two dedicated journalists who are committed to helping us continue to build The Millerton News' coverage across eastern Dutchess County," said Susan Hassler, publisher. "And we are excited about the launch of a more accessible website for our subscribers."

Prior to joining The Journal, Doyle worked at several publications in New York City, including Bloomberg News and Departures magazine, and as a freelance writer, editor and researcher. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Brown University and master's degrees from Columbia University and Harvard University.

Edelman has a broad background in community journalism, both in news writing and radio. She was assistant managing editor at the Berk-

shire Edge, an online news publication in Great Barrington, and is a board member for the Berkshire Theatre Critics' Association. She presents a daily radio show at WBRK Inc. in Pittsfield; was assistant program director at WHDD-FM in Sharon; and worked at WKZE-FM in Sharon and Red Hook.

Doyle and Edelman, along with Lakeville Journal Managing Editor Riley Klein will report to John Coston, editor in chief of the publications.

"I look forward to an exciting year ahead with the team we are assembling to build on the foundations these newspapers have created over the past century-plus," Coston said.

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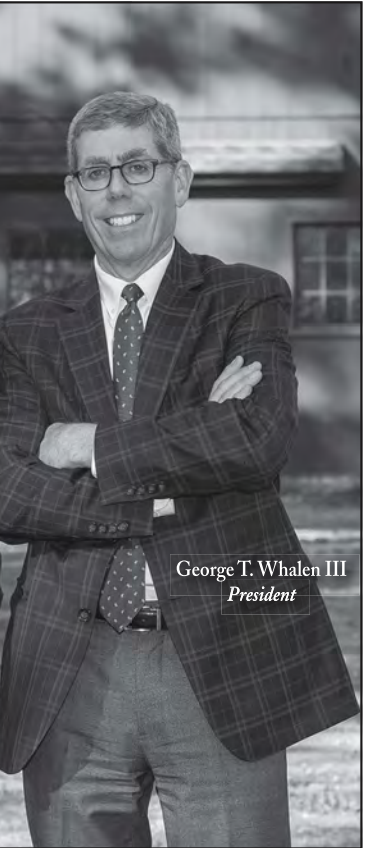
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PHOTOGRAPHY: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Trick or Treat, It's Hot Boy Halloween

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! is neither a pep rally cry nor the cheers of teenage pop band's fans but a fine art photography program launched in 2018 by editor Ghislain Pascal, a former celebrity publicist, and curator of The Little Black Gallery in London, England. In celebration of the third printing of the "BOYS! BOYS! BOYS!" hardcover anthology as well as the sixth volume of the magazine of the same name, Pascal is bringing a collection of daring, flesh-revealing, and provocative show of photography celebrating the masculine form to Craven Contemporary in Kent, Conn., for a pop-up exhibition opening with a reception on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 4 p.m.

With a global range of

talent, including Alexander Courtman from Germany, Sean Patrick Waters from America, and Mauricio A. Rodriguez from Venezuela, BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! is a unique collective acquiring images of men exclusively from the portfolios of gay and queer-identifying male photographers. "Many magazines and online platforms have pictures of beautiful men, but I wouldn't necessarily decide they fit my criteria," Pascal said over a Zoom interview from his home in France. "They're just photographs, not fine art. It's a very difficult line that I tread in making my selection. You can also go all the way to the other side of the spectrum where it can go too far. Is it fine art... or is it now

pornography? It is hard. It's not an easy decision to make." Expect leather, glitter, nature, and plenty of skin; Pascal's selections for the show are equally confident and erotic, but how to define the artistic lens of "gay photography" is a murkier question. Is it about desire, intimacy, an understanding of masculinity and the male form that connects both artist and the subject? "For me," Pascal said, "there's one photographer that I think will always be defined as groundbreaking and setting the mold for what photography for queer and gay men means, and that's, say it with me, Robert Mapplethorpe. His work is still breaking barriers today." On view through Nov. 5.



COURTESY OF BOYS! BOYS! BOYS!

'Kit et Paris' © by Michael Epps

FILM: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Prepare For A Scare!

Driving alone down an empty road at night, surrounded by desolate plains of uninhibited nature, the lingering nightmare might be getting a flat, but in American director Herk Harvey's 1962 horror film "Carnival of Souls," screening outdoors in service of Halloween anticipation on Thursday night, Oct., 26 behind the Kent Memorial Library in Kent, Conn., a busted tire would be a relief. Instead, physiologically tortured Mary (Candace Hilligoss), driving to start a new life in Salt Lake City, Utah, after a tragic incident, is haunted not just by her own survivor's remorse but by a ghoulish face man, a vision of the uncanny

whose chalky mask of flesh and sleepless eyes stare into her guilty soul. He glowers in the window's reflection; he glares motionless in the open road. Played by Herk Harvey himself, the spectral image of death is just one of the spine-chilling images conjured in this shoe-string budget black-and-white film, shot guerrilla style and funded by local businesses in Salt Lake City and Harvey's hometown of Lawrence, Kansas. Loosely based on the short story and perennial high school English assignment, "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge," by American Civil War veteran Ambrose Bierce, known for both his horror fiction and satirical writing, the script for "Carnival of Souls" penned by Harvey's friend John Clifford

employs a similar "Twilight Zone" like twist. Despite the small production scale, Harvey's murky footage of gothic gloom graying over the American Plains has left a lasting cultural impression. In 2017, young American indie folk singer Phoebe Bridgers released a music video for her romantic ballad "Smoke Signals" based around the recognizable ballroom scene in "Carnival of Souls." Her production didn't stray too far from the film's small-scale roots. "Instead of random dead dudes, it's all my friends," she told NPR. "I paid them in pizza. We shot it at the Masonic Hall in Highland Park, which is the coolest place ever." The outdoor screening begins at 7 p.m. Blankets and coats are encouraged.



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Director Herk Harvey, who also stars as the ghoulish specter, "The Man."

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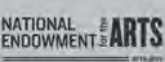
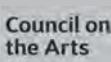


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ART: JEFF JOYCE

The Dark Shadows of Maine's Cliffs and Coasts

Dozier Bell's exquisite new show of drawings and paintings at Carol Corey Fine Art in Kent, Conn., is a generous group of postcard-size landscapes, seascapes, and interiors from her home in Maine. Each painting gives the sense of looking through the wrong end of binoculars that shrink and compress the view at a psychological distance. These are not pictures of the sun-splashed Maine of Neil Welliver and Fairfield Porter but "Dark Maine," with its long autumns and winters of isolation and introspection that test the resolve of the spirit.

Rather than painting from memory, the subject of Bell's work is memory itself. The result is no small feat, accomplished by obsessive drawing in dense velvet-black charcoal on mylar with phenomenal skill. There is a translucent dreamy light and a

"how does she do that" aspect to these works that almost entirely removes the touch of her hand from their creation. The casual observer might say they are photographic, given the size and skillful adjustment of light and dark. However, it is somehow more closely related to the cinematic, especially in her pale skies, sometimes populated by soaring birds — like film stills from early Ingmar Bergman. The psychologically-charged black-and-white landscape of Bergman's "Persona" springs to mind.

The material of the compressed charcoal pigment is at one with the dense atmosphere of the image. It's an internal space that has its lineage in the Northern European tradition — not Munch's slashing, expressive psyche but the dark, silent interiors of Danish painter Vilhelm Hammershoi.



CAROL COREY FINE ART

'Raptors 3' by Dozier Bell

Sweet Treats for Autumn Days and Spooky Nights

Sweater weather is upon us! This means it's time for flannels, boots, apple picking, and fresh, warm apple cider donuts. These donuts are one of my favorite things in the world to eat — and to make. They make you feel all warm and fuzzy; the aroma alone is intoxicating. Nothing is better than going to an apple orchard and warming yourself up with a hot bag of these tasty donuts after a chilly day picking apples. This recipe is the

EATS BY EMMA EMMA ISAKOFF

next best thing! You can enjoy the comforts of fall in your own home or bring them to friends and family for a festive fall gathering. Have fun, get messy, and enjoy!

APPLE CIDER DONUTS
Makes about 12 donuts
2 cups/240g of AP flour



PHOTO BY EMMA ISAKOFF

to about half and then I remeasure ½ cup (You may have some left over that's ok. Save it for the next batch). Set aside to cool.

In your electric mixing bowl, add sugars and room temperature butter. Using paddle attachment, whip on medium/high speed until light and fluffy (about 3-4 minutes).

Add eggs one at a time and then vanilla. Mix on low to medium speed until combined.

Add all dry ingredients and mix on low speed until almost incorporated (you want some dry flour).

With the mixer on low speed, slowly add your reduced apple cider. Mix until smooth.

Spoon into greased donut molds if you have them or lined muffin tins. Bake at 350F for about 15 to 20 minutes. Rotate the tray halfway through baking. (You will know they are done when you push on the tops and the donut pushes back, or you can stick a toothpick in the center. It should come out clean.)

Remove from the oven and let cool for 5 minutes. Carefully remove from molds and brush with melted butter. Dredge in cinnamon sugar. Let cool. Enjoy!

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- ½ cup of light brown sugar
- ½ cup of white granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla

- extract
- ½ cup/120ml of reduced apple cider (boil 360ml of apple cider down to 120ml)
- DONUT TOPPING**
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Emma Isakoff is the pastry chef at Troutbeck, a historic hotel and restaurant in Amenia, N.Y.

OUR TOWNS

Central Hudson requests 39.9% rate increase

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to The Millerton News

NEW YORK — Central Hudson, the utility providing gas and electric to much of Dutchess County, has requested a rate increase to deliver electrical power to consumers over its transmission lines.

This would increase Central Hudson’s estimated electric delivery revenues by \$139.5 million. Utility rates are regulated and must be approved by the New York Public Service Commission (PSC), which scrutinizes the

utility’s books and operations and considers public input to decide on an appropriate rate, which will go into effect in July 2024.

Under the current rate agreement, customers pay \$.10546 for every kilowatt hour used. Central Hudson wants to make this to \$.14759, an increase of 39.9%. In addition, the monthly basic service charge would rise from \$19.50 to \$21.50, an increase of 10.3%.

According to Central Hudson, the average customer uses 957 kilowatt hours of electricity per month. This new delivery rate and basic

charge would increase the average customer’s bill by \$42.13 every month, or an extra \$505 a year, not to mention the rising market costs of the electricity itself.

According to Central Hudson, the increased rate will help pay for the expense of providing “safe, efficient and reliable delivery service,” investing in infrastructure, facilitating New York state environmental mandates, responding to storms and extreme weather, maintaining customer assistance programs, and growing its workforce.

Central Hudson stated that it has already corrected the billing issue earlier this year that led Rep. Pat Ryan (D-18) to call for the resignation of Central Hudson’s CEO. According to a July press release from the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS), “Central Hudson has agreed to pay for an independent monitor to verify the billing system and operational improvements to correct billing system errors, and to accelerate its plans to perform monthly meter reading for its customers.”

Virtual and in-person pub-

lic meetings to listen to customers’ views are being held by PSC. The transcript of the Sept. 20, 2023, meeting included speakers objecting not only to the rate increase but to poor customer service; incorrect billing; the profitability of Fortis, Central Hudson’s owner; and the \$5 million salary of its CEO.

The Commission encourages consumers to submit their comments on DPS’ website, by email, by regular mail or by telephone. People having difficulty with their service may call the hotline 800-342-3377 at the department.

The Commission has

not announced when it will make its decision on the rate increase request; however the review is statutorily required to take 11 months.

In response to the question of the size of the rate increase, PSC spokesperson James Denn replied, “For the major electric and gas utilities, the approved rates after this process are nearly always dramatically lower than what is requested, due entirely to this time-tested stakeholder review process. This transparent, stakeholder-accepted review process has been a success, and the Department continues to act to buttress affordability in New York.”

Rolling scones: Peggy’s Sweet and Savory

By MIKE COBB
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — Last summer, I missed my train from Wassaic to New York City. Looking to kill a few hours until the next train rolled in, I searched online for a place to pass the time.

My father and I found Peggy’s Sweet and Savory at 3312 East Main St., which was rated 4.5 on Yelp and was highly recommended for its scones. I usually find scones to be as hard as hockey pucks, but being hungry, I was willing to give it a go.

REPORTER’S NOTEBOOK
Mike Cobb

to create a cafe, and Michelle thought I would be a good fit,” McEnroe explained.

She runs the business with her niece Katerin McEnroe, a Housatonic Valley Regional High School student who works weekend shifts. She said scones are one of the more popular items, followed by cakes. Carrot cake in particular sells well. “I enjoy making pies, sweet or savory.

Baking is an enjoyable and calming pursuit,” she said.

Materials are locally sourced from farmers’ markets for in-season products. McEnroe uses food distributors such as Ginsberg’s and Baldor Specialty Foods, occasionally making trips to Restaurant Depot for supplies.

As is the case for many food establishments and small businesses, getting good help is difficult. “It is a universal problem, and it forces one to get more creative and figure out how to get the work done. There is never a dull moment in this business,” she said.

McEnroe understands the

frustration people have when hours are curtailed due to being short-staffed: “It’s just as frustrating from the business side. We are in the hospitality and service business, and we strive to create enjoyable experiences for people.”

She added: “I am grateful for my customers and staff who have supported me through all the challenges and successes. I look forward to many years to come.”

To see Peggy’s menu and hours, go online to www.peggyssweetandsavory.com



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, shall have a Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget of said Town for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and any interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard at said Public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the proposed Preliminary Budget is available for review Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Amenia located at 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York. It can also be downloaded from the Town’s website at www.ameniany.gov or available by email upon request to the Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner, dmklingner@ameniany.gov. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed salaries of each member of the Town Board, Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Town Superintendent of Highways and Town Justices are as follows:

Supervisor: \$27,212.00
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Dated: October 19, 2023

Amenia, New York.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER,
TOWN CLERK
10-26-23

Notice of Submission of Question to Voters of the Town of Amenia at the next General Election
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to NYS Education Law §259(1) (13), and in accordance with the provision of the N.Y.S. Election Law, the following question will be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Amenia at the General Election to be held on the 7th day of November, 2023:

“Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Amenia for the operating budget of the Amenia Free Library be increased by Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars to the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand (\$225,000) Dollars annually?”

Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk
Town of Amenia
10-19-23
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TOWN of NORTH EAST Millerton, New York NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of North East for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY, where it is available for inspection by any interested person Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will meet and review said budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon at the North East Town Hall at 19 No. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY, at 7:20 PM, on the 9th day of November 2023, and at that hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the

preliminary budget, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

The proposed salaries of the following town officers are hereby specified:

Supervisor: \$26,390
Councilmen (4): \$5,910
Justices (2): \$18,240
Town Clerk: \$36,035
Assessor: \$36,715
Dated: October 13, 2023

By Order of the Town Board
Elizabeth Strauss
Town Clerk
10-26-23

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS Pine Plains, New York NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Pine Plains for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, where it is available for inspection by any interested person.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will meet and review said budget and hold a Public Hearing thereon at the Pine Plains Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York at 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of November, 2023, and at that hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

The proposed salaries of the following Town officers are hereby specified:

Supervisor: \$22,000
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Councilpersons (4): \$6,800
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Town Clerk: \$25,000
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Michael Cobb Sr. enjoys the sunshine at Peggy’s Sweet and Savory in Amenia.



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Dear Readers,

Our reporters have been busy covering the 2023 town elections and the abundance of wonderful activities that take place here during the fall. If you have found our recent reporting useful we hope you'll make a donation now. We only have until October 31 to raise \$8,000 to meet our matching grant.

Your support is important, and we wouldn't ask if it wasn't. The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News report on the essential information our readers need to make important decisions and advocate for change. The Lakeville Journal Foundation Matching Campaign is an opportunity for all of us to directly contribute to the sustainability of our newspapers.

Here's how it works: for every dollar you donate, a group of key supporters and board members have pledged a total of \$100,000 in support of The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News. Your support will effectively double the money raised.

We know that there are many requests for contributions at this time of year. The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News need your help to keep you and our communities abreast of important issues. If you can, please support our journalists with a contribution today and help us keep bringing you the highest quality news.

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Susan Hassler, Publisher

Little bit of kindness to overcome madness

This nation is a brewing, corrupted cauldron of bitter stew which we are being forced to swallow. Here is the recipe:

Toss in today's woke military which is mostly non-combat ready to take on an adversary, let alone multiple ones at once, sub-standard performance are now considered military readiness. Declining retention, recruitment and low morale are the result. Let's also throw in a dash of political insider trading which was given the okay by Nancy Pelosi and a sprinkle of slovenly Senate floor dress approved by Chuck Schumer, a shaker full of out of control inflation, crime ridden cities, borders overrun by a political illegal alien invasion and deadly drugs easily transported throughout the U.S. Please don't forget a large splash of overwhelmingly politically corrupt federal institutions, ie., the FBI, intelligence agencies, NSA and a Justice Dept., all of which rely on fictions, biased self-professed journalism, best described as politically opinionated activism. And the main ingredient, a White House totally lacking leadership, functional policy and planning to honorably represent we the American people.

Overshadowing this political mess I recently learned of an act of kindness and generosity from an employee of Beltone Hearing. As many may know prescriptive, digital hearing aids can be very expensive, in the thousands of dollars. Not everyone can afford such an expense and I discovered during my conversation with this Beltone employee that there is a program called the Beltone Foundation.

"Helping people in our local community means ev-

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

everything to me! To know someone's life can be changed by helping them hear again makes you feel as though you made a difference in this person's life."

Through Beltone Foundation a practitioner can reach out to headquarters to help certain people in need. A letter of recommendation and nomination into the program must come from the practitioner: the reason why they believe this person is a candidate, the story behind their case, etc. The wonderful thing about this program is they are not only given a brand-new set of hearing aids but they are also given top of the line, premium hearing aids, which can cost upwards of \$10,000.

"To see the look on a loved one's face when their family member can now hear them clearly and understand their words is priceless. To see tears of joy in the eyes of people you were able to help makes you go home at the end of the day knowing you did something good in the world for someone."

I also learned speaking to this Beltone employee that they offer significant discounts to Veterans as well. Thank you Beltone for offering up this wonderful heart-felt dish of kindness and compassion. God bless you patriotic readers and your families. Keep up the good fight for truth and justice.

Til next time, Larry.

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



"I don't know why everyone thinks I'm always angry."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Leo Blackman for Amenia Supervisor

My wife Ann and I have known Leo since 2006, but I really got to know him through the work we have done together on Town of Amenia boards and committees.

This collaboration began in October 2018, when he joined me on the Amenia Zoning Board of Appeals. Next, in early 2020, he asked that I become a member of the Housing Board, which he chaired. The Wastewater Committee was formed that fall and Leo served with me on it — first as a member and then as a liaison to the Town Board.

Through the almost six years that we have worked together I have been impressed by Leo's tireless focus on improving our shared community. As a ZBA member he always asked the right questions in even the most complicated cases. His leadership on the Housing Board has directly contributed to the workforce housing that will soon be built on Route 22. He was and is an informed, committed advocate for establishing a wastewater system in the hamlet. I think his tenure on the Town Board has been defined by a series of principled, smart positions that again add up

to making Amenia a better place to live, work and raise a family.

My friendship with Leo has also been shaped by his volunteer work at the Food of Life Food Pantry and the Giving Garden at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia Union. Since 2017, whenever we needed a hand in the garden, Leo could be counted on to show up — planting, harvesting, fall cleanup, filling beds with fresh compost. By the spring of 2020, as the pandemic was causing the number of neighbors coming to the Pantry to increase dramatically, we realized that

we needed to build a structure to handle the volume. Luckily I knew an architect! Leo designed what became known as the Harvest House. He did the detailed drawings that Ducillo needed, helped supervise the construction and to this day he continues to volunteer every Friday at the Pantry.

Please join me in voting for Leo Blackman for Town Supervisor.

Jim Wright
ZBA and Wastewater Committee member,
Former Co-Warden, St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Amenia

Fire chief refutes Legislature candidate's claim

At the Pine Plains Meet the Candidates event, I was startled when Chris Drago, a candidate for the Dutchess County Legislature, claimed a relative waited two hours for an ambulance to arrive after a 911 call. As Fire Chief, I take great pride in our work and the help we provide our community so I checked our sys-

tem to see what went wrong that day.

It turns out the time from the 911 call to an ambulance arriving at the home was only 20 minutes, not 2 hours like Drago said.

Pine Plains operates on a full volunteer force which means when a call comes in, our volunteers drop what they

are doing, drive to the firehouse, gear up, and then rush to the scene.

This candidate is relatively new to our community, but he should know that we take these accusations seriously because they jeopardize the confidence that people have in the volunteers who dedicate themselves to the Fire Department.

I invite Chris Drago to spend the day volunteering with us and responding to calls to see how hard these brave men and women work. And maybe he will like it so much he'll decide to join our ambulance crew to help cut down response times even further.

Brian Walsh
Pine Plains

Endorsing Blackman, Doyle and Hamm in Amenia

We are writing to support the tickets of Leo Blackman (Town Supervisor) and both Vicki Doyle and Rosanna Hamm (Amenia Town Board Members).

The emphasis of this letter is to focus upon the timely

importance of electing Leo Blackman as Town Board Supervisor.

Before becoming a town board member, Leo worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the citizens of Amenia by concentrating on such issues

as lack of housing and the lack of a town waste water system — addressing a decades old problem — one that has made it nearly impossible to expand the town economy through the establishment of new businesses. This, in turn, has weakened Amenia in the face of active corporate expansions.

Leo has always focused upon the well-being of Ameni-ans and has opened avenues for dialogues and town improvement. Leo's emphasis

on the need for more Town Board transparency will allow increased citizen participation in issues still critical to the town.

We wholeheartedly endorse Leo Blackman for Town Board Supervisor and Vicki Doyle and Rosanna Hamm for Town Board membership; all three for the care and future of Amenia.

Nancy F. McKenzie
Edna C. McCown
Amenia

Dealing with a ballot issue

I've come to understand that an error was made in submitting ballot information for the upcoming election for the Board of Supervisors in the Town of North East. All three candidates have and would continue to serve our town well and I plan to vote for them as the ballot was meant to be.

— Fill in the bubble for Lana Morrison and Chris Mayville in four-year terms.

—Write in Meg Winkler for the two-year term.

I hope all of my neighbors in North East join me in overcoming this snafu and electing this great slate of candidates.

Ed Stillman
Millerton

Concerns about Ancram Democratic slate

I couldn't help but respond to a recent letter about a concern that the "GOP might return" in Ancram in the Columbia Paper. Let's share a few facts that will help voters make an informed decision. The Democratic slate is led by Bonnie Hundt as was noted. The same person who as Town Supervisor in Amenia lasted one term, faced a recall, raised taxes 24%, and admitted she "didn't understand the budget process." There is plenty more to read about her actions from public sources such as the Poughkeepsie Journal archives.

As for the current Democratic led board, let me note they built up an absurd budget surplus of over \$1 million, then formed a committee to decide how to spend it. A

committee that until after being questioned recently, has met behind the scenes with no public record of their activities. These committees should at least advertise their meetings and post meeting minutes to the town website. This is not transparency.

The Republican slate has committed to a 10% town tax cut and still maintain a substantial surplus, as well as immediately opening committee meetings to the public. The Democratic slate wants to keep that committee and spend it, instead of returning to the taxpayers at least some of their money. I would welcome a GOP return and leadership we can trust, with civility and transparency.

Paul Courtney
Ancram

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