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Trotta's Fine Wines and Liquors opened nearly 50 years ago in 1975. Barbara Machlin, a staple in the shop, will be retiring when the store closes after a 45 year career.

Millerton's Trotta's Fine Wine and Liquors marks end of era

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

MILLERTON — The "Liquor store closing, everything is on sale" sign went up on Thursday, Aug. 15 in front of Trotta's Fine Wine & Liquors next to The Talk of the Town Deli on Route 44.

The store opened in 1975 in the Millerton Plaza almost 50 years ago. For 45 years Barbara Machlin, who will be retiring, has been a fixture in the wine and liquor store, ringing up customers, advising on wine, managing staff, and dealing with traveling liquor reps

with something to sell. The Trotta family owns the store and Elizabeth "Betsy" Trotta manages. Asked why the store is closing Robert Trotta simply said, "Time changes a lot of things," and denied rumors that Talk of the Town Deli, another Millerton institution, would be closing.

The retiring notice taped to the front door reads, "Everything is 25% off" and thanks Machlin for her service and customers for their patronage. Betsy said there were still lots of red wine and French white on the shelves with customers stocking up on their favorites. "One guy just bought four bottles of Campari,"

Betsy said.

Betsy described Machlin as a person she has grown up with who is classy, savvy, meticulous and trustworthy. "She has been the backbone of the store for decades," she said. "Serving the community."

Unless a buyer appears by the middle of September who is interested in taking over the operation,

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NorthEast-Millerton Library funding on ballot

By **COLLEEN FLYNN**
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MILLERTON — The NorthEast-Millerton Library Board announced further details in the upcoming budget revenue increase vote at a board meeting Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The library was approved to proceed with letting a public vote decide its budget increase on Nov. 5. The vote will not result in any tax increases for residents but will secure the current level of funding needed by the library.

Currently, the library receives \$125,000 in tax revenue every year. In 2019, the Town of North East contributed an extra \$50,000 after seeing the need for more funding.

Now, the library is seeking a permanent annual increase of \$50,000 to secure a reliable source of funding and income.

The Library will be hosting two informational meetings on Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. and Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. to answer questions anyone may have about the vote.

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Dutchess County Fair sets early gate opening for families with needs

By **COLLEEN FLYNN**
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RHINEBECK — The Dutchess County Fair — running from Aug. 20 to Aug. 25 — will host an early gate opening from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Aug. 22 for individuals and families with developmental disabilities.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino collaborated with Andy Imperati, Dutchess County Fairgrounds president, to invite individuals and their families with sensory sensitivities or developmental issues to attend the early gate opening.

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Dutchess County report offers summary view of life and work in 2023

By **JOHN COSTON**
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POUGHKEEPSIE — Dutchess County Comptroller Gregg Pulver has published the second Popular Annual Financial Report for the year ending in December 2023, a listing of statistical, demographic, economic and government information that creates a summary

snapshot of the county.

The report provides an overview that residents can point to for many facts and figures. For example, Dutchess County is the 26th largest county in New York state by area at 795.6 square miles.

It also paints a picture of the county's demographics, its business

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Copake's Bicentennial Finale

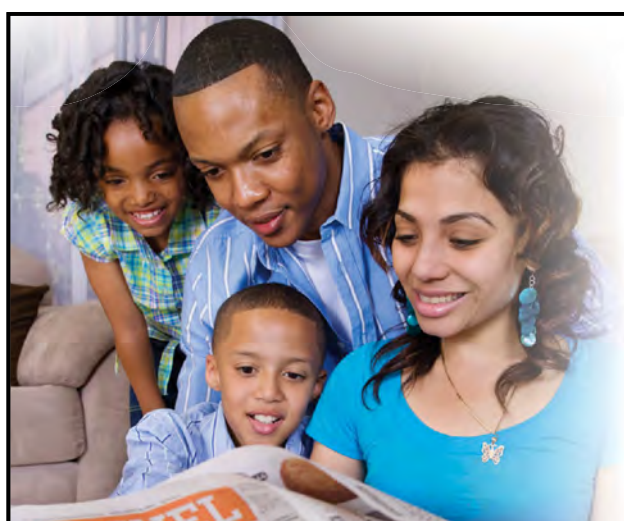
State Sen. Michelle Hinchey (D-41) and Congressman Marc Molinaro (R-19) waved to the crowd on Saturday, Aug. 17 during Copake's Bicentennial parade, an event that culminated a yearlong celebration of the history of the Columbia County town. The parade was followed by a party at Catamount Mountain Resort in Hillsdale, attended by Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106). For story and photos see page A7.



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OUR TOWNS



PHOTO BY NATHAN MILLER

Baron Fenwick and Elena Ariza performed as a duo for the first time Sunday, Aug. 18.

Intimate crowd welcomes Juilliard musicians

By NATHAN MILLER
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LITHGOW — Baron Fenwick and Elena Ariza came together for the first time as a duo to perform for an intimate crowd at the Music Barn on Deep Hollow Road Sunday, Aug. 18.

The pair of musicians are both doctoral students at Juilliard in New York City. The duo started off with a collection of separate pieces, two piano and cello duets and two solos, one for piano and the other for cello. After a brief intermission the pair performed Francis Poulenc's "Sonata for Cello and Piano,"

in four movements.

More information about performances at the Music Barn is available by contacting Stephen Kaye at tmipag-etwo@gmail.com.

Metro North offers bus service on Wassaic-Southeast stretch

By EMMA BENARDETE
Special to The Millerton News

WASSAIC — Until Sept. 3, Metro North will continue to run bus service in lieu of the train on the northern portion of the Harlem Line between Wassaic and Southeast.

The buses began running on July 27 to allow for necessary track maintenance to take place.

In addition to other routine maintenance and repairs, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority told The Millerton News that the project in part entailed replacing the ties, rail, and concrete grade crossing



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Metro North riders at Southeast on Aug. 7 line up to board Peter Pan buses to Wassaic and points in between. at an intersection with the road, in addition to improving drainage and redirecting water from the area. This portion of the project took place between Friday, Aug 9 and Monday, Aug 12, necessitating the closing of a small

section of road where it intersects with the track.

The buses are operating earlier than regularly scheduled trains, and the MTA has advised passengers to allow for an extra hour of travel time.

Most scheduled trains have been replaced by both a local and an express bus, with the express option leaving Wassaic approximately a half hour later than the local so they reach Southeast around the same time. The northbound buses leave Southeast at the same time, with the express bus arriving earlier than the local bus.

Only local service is provided in the evening.

Kemmerer farm rebuilds as fundraising continues

By JOSIE DUGGAN
Special to the Millerton News

STANFORDVILLE — Though the smoke has finally settled at the Kemmerer farm, fundraising efforts have not slowed. The community's joint fundraising efforts have brought in almost \$100,000 to support as the family rebuilds.

L.A. Motors in Waterbury, Conn., quickly recognized the importance of the farm having a flatbed truck in order for the business to stay afloat. L.A. Motors was able to provide the Kemmerers with a used truck. With the funds from the GoFundMe, John Kemmerer has also been able to purchase several vital pieces of used farming equipment.

Local farmers such as Heeler Farms, Foxtrot Flowers, Millerhurst and other private entities have been donating produce and other products. Community members, including Dani Nicholson, have organized farmer's market pop-ups which began Friday, Aug. 16. The pop-ups are located in Pine Plans in the bank parking lot. Dani Nicholson will also be present so that people



PHOTO BY DANI NICHOLSON

John Kemmerer with the new truck from L.A. Motors in Waterbury, Conn.

can pick up their preordered empanadas.

There are several more fundraising events planned for the future to support the Kemmerer family in the wake

of this tragedy. On Sept. 24 at BANGALLWORKS there is an Autumn Harvest Fundraiser. The event will feature food and drinks, music and a silent auction. The goal is to

raise \$50,000 for a used John Deere tractor.

Donations can still be made at www.gofundme.com/f/rebuild-kemmerer-farm-after-the-devastating-fire

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Amenia Planning Board votes unanimous approval for Silo Ridge and Troutbeck plans

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Following months of discussion, the planning board voted unanimously at their meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 14, to approve resolutions granting permission for a merger of two lots at Silo Ridge Field Club to accommodate construction of a large residence and to approve the erection of seasonal athletic domes at the closed community.

Also approved by unanimous vote was revised planning for plantings at the Troutbeck Conference Center on Leedsville Road.

Planning board engineer John Andrews reported that he had reviewed the Silo Ridge site plan for the lot merger and that it met all town regulations. He indicated that the plan was also reviewed by an internal review committee at Silo Ridge.

Nina Peek asked for clarification of the relationship between the Design Review Committee (DRC) at Silo Ridge and the Homeowners' Association (HOA), noting that only principals at Stone Leaf Construction had approved the planning, according to their own meeting records. She observed that those principals were the only people in attendance at the Silo Ridge DRC meeting.

Also asking for indication that the Silo Ridge HOA had approved the lot merger, planning board member Kenneth Topolsky said that he was looking for an indication of that approval. He felt that it might be possible that the Silo Ridge community is not well involved in the process.

Plans to add seasonal athletic domes to house cold-weather sports at the Silo Ridge Field Club were approved following months of discussion that included concerns about visual impact,

lighting, and rules of use.

The board was assured that the domes will not be visible from the scenic overlook on DeLaVergne Hill, although they will be seen from points along the rail trail.

According to the approval, landscaping must be completed before the domes can be erected.

Planning board member James Walsh recused himself from discussion.

Engineer Andrews noted that the plans were originally presented and reviewed in 2022. He said that most issues have been resolved surrounding the plans for the domes that will provide shelter for the winter sport of platform tennis. The domes will be deconstructed and stored between May and October annually.

Of interest to the board is that rules of operation for the domes be established, particularly any fee schedule that might be implemented as the facility could be used by out-side groups.

conference center, indicating that orchard trees of a mature size will be planted. Asked about traffic mitigation, Renna responded that Leedsville Road will receive added construction traffic and that no traffic will exit Troutbeck onto Yellow City Road, the more dangerous intersection.

Following the unanimous vote to approve the planting plans, Planning Board member Topolsky praised Troutbeck's approach to their application, indicating that all of the board's concerns had been met throughout the process.

Following agreement to cancel the second meeting in August, the Planning Board scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, Sept. 11.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Bubbles at Beekman Park

Family Fun Night at Beekman Park offered a variety of fun activities including The Bubble Bus that dispensed soap bubbles galore along with an occasional giant one that would delight the crowd. The event was sponsored by the Amenia Recreation Department and the Amenia Free Library on Thursday, Aug. 15.

Amenia approves next steps in acquiring charcoal kiln

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to the Millerton News

AMENIA — Having accepted the donation of the twin restored Wassaic charcoal kilns, the Town Board approved the next steps for the acquisition at their regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 15.

The vote was unanimous to use the engineering services of LaBella Associates of Poughkeepsie to conduct an environmental review of the 0.29 acre site, looking for evidence of any hazardous

substance deposits. The cost of that review was approved at \$1,900.

In a separate vote, the board unanimously voted to approve expense for a title search and title insurance for the site at a cost of \$1,857.

In another action a Conservation Easement of 50% of the land comprising Troutbeck Conference Center was accepted by the town to be preserved and remain undeveloped in perpetuity. The action is part of Troutbeck's 8-phase adaptive re-use plan requiring a special permit that is unfolding before the Planning Board.

Within the easement that includes a management plan are areas including an open water pond, wetlands and wetland buffers, stream corridors including Webutuck Creek, existing vegetative buffers, scenic areas, steep slopes and forested areas containing old growth and specimen trees.

The vote to accept the conservation easement and management plan was unanimous.

With the Ambulance Service contract about to expire on Dec. 31, the town board unanimously voted to renew a five-year contract with Northern Dutchess Paramedics. The contract is part of a

joint agreement among the towns of Amenia, Dover and North East for emergency services.

Appointed by unanimous vote to fill a vacancy on the Housing Board was Juan Torres who brings a wealth of experience with housing matters, including as a member of the Board of Directors of the Silo Ridge Community Foundation, primary funding organization of the Amenia Wassaic Community Organization. He also serves as a principal within Stone Leaf Construction, LLC.

The board also accepted the recent resignation of Katie Sterk-Grassi from her position as the town's Recreation Director.

Town Supervisor Leo Blackman sought town board members' guidance on whether to continue to research an electronic information sign for the Town Hall. Board members' comments were positive with member Paul Winters feeling a sign would be beneficial and councilmember Brad Rebillard agreeing.

Rebillard added that the water spigot at Fountain Square has undergone long-anticipated repair, enabling volunteers to water the planters without needing to haul water to the site.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

From left, Shane Watson, member, Julie Ruuge, member, Madeline Ruuge, recipient, and Chief Jason Watson. Madeline is Julie's daughter.

Millerton Fire Co. awards scholarships

On Tuesday, Aug. 13, the Millerton Fire Company awarded three \$500 scholarships to its volunteer members' children pursuing Bachelor's degrees. Addie Selfridge (niece and granddaughter of two members) attends the University at Rhode Island, on her way to becoming a social worker. Clayton Roger (son of two members) is a junior at University of Albany, studying cyber security. Madeline Ruuge (daughter of member) is a senior at SUNY Cortland and is working towards being a grade 7-12 History/Social Studies teacher.



Above, from left to right is Chief Jason Watson, member Keith Roger, Clayton Roger, the recipient, and Kelly Roger, member. Keith and Kelly are Clayton's parents.



From left, Chief Jason Watson, Cookie Selfridge, who is recipient Addie Selfridge's grandmother, and Larry Selfridge who is Addie's uncle. Cookie and Larry are members of the fire company.

Troutbeck

Following final review of revised drawings of the visual perspectives from Route 343 in connection with the 8-phase development plan for the Troutbeck Conference Center, the planning board unanimously approved those plans.

Project engineer Rich Renna reviewed the planned plantings that will provide vegetative screening to mask construction work and the

American Legion Post 178 Clam Bake set for Sept. 21

MILLERTON — The Sons of the American Legion Post 178 in Millerton will be hosting its Annual Clam Bake Bar B Cue on Sept. 21 from 12 to 6 p.m.

The Clam Bake includes raw and steamed clams, shaved steak sandwiches, sau-

sage and peppers, barbecue chicken, clam chowder, corn, draft beer, ice tea, water.

Corn bag toss and horseshoes and music by The Stringmasters.

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Future journalists

Our summer experience with journalism interns is coming to a close as high school and college schedules summon a return to the classroom. The assignments from our editors have sent these budding journalists right back into the community where many of them have lived most of their lives — but in some cases not really knowing what goes on in town.

The resulting stories from all our interns has greatly exceeded our expectations. Last year, The Millerton News and The Lakeville Journal hosted four interns. This year, the number grew to nine. The big screen TV in our newsroom that we use for weekly story conferences (for those in the office and others Zooming in) almost wasn't big enough to suitably fit everyone.

We wondered whether it would be too much to handle nine interns, but we decided that we just couldn't turn anyone away. Last year, in an effort to attract interns, we cast a net, attending workshops at the University of Connecticut in Storrs and reaching out to the journalism department at Marist College in Poughkeepsie where we found Colleen Flynn, a Marist intern last year who upon graduation in May became a full-time staff reporter for The News covering Miller- tion and North East.

The student interns this year, who are paid, include high school students from public and private schools and college undergraduates. We are proud to have hosted four high school students and even more proud of the work they have produced this summer. Simon Markow from Cornwall is a rising junior at Housa- tonic Valley Regional High School. Copey Rollins, from Sharon, is a rising junior at The Hotchkiss School. Ira Buch, also at Hotchkiss who previously attended public schools in Kyiv, Ukraine, will enter her senior year. Kayla Jacquier of East Canaan graduated from HVRHS in June and is headed for Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Gavin Marr, from Millbrook, attends Boston University. Josie Duggan, also from Millbrook, is a rising junior at Bucknell University. Ruby Citrin, from Great Barrington, will be a sopho- more at California Polytechnic State University. Chloe Kolakowski, a summer resident of Norfolk and a rising senior at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., joined the intern team in August after spending the first half of her summer interning for Sen. Charles Grassley in Washington. Mia Barnes of Sharon, a Housy grad, is a rising junior at Skidmore College.

Each year Salisbury's Rotary Club presents a Lakeville Journal intern with the Bob Estabrook Intern Award in honor of our late editor and publisher. On July 16, Simon Markow received the award for his accomplish- ments over the summer. Past recipients have included Sadie Leite of Simsbury, who will attend graduate school at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in the fall, and Emma Benardete, from Amenia, a student at Oberlin College who was Opin- ions Editor and Editor-in-Chief at The Oberlin Review. Sadie and Emma are also back this summer, making a reprise covering the news for our readers — not as in- terns but as young professionals —until academia calls them back.

When the interns started, we advised them that there was a lot to learn. We also said we expected to learn from them, and we have. Most of all we draw inspira- tion from their energy and desire to be witness to history — and write about it. Whether they pursue a career in the field or not, their experience will benefit journal- ism overall. We salute them — and thank them.

Voting Matters – Now, More than Ever

I have always been a music fan, especially live music, and I recall a particularly frigid night in January '82 when friends and I loaded into cars and headed for the Meadowlands to see The Kinks (a Rock & Roll Hall of Fame "British invasion" band). To escape the cold parking lot, we went inside to watch the opening band. Halfway through the set we re- alized, "This guy isn't bad." That guy was Bryan Adams (best known for his hit "Summer of '69"). Adams has since sold over 75 million records, and he's still touring. The Kinks lived up to expectations that night, but the surprise was watching a rising star.

Forty years later I'm recall- ing that lesson as we roll into the November elections.

While headliner candidates take center stage (for good reasons), I'm paying close atten- tion to the full ticket, especially the down-ballot candidates: House, Senate, and state rep- resentatives running for seats closer to home.

The representatives elected to Congress and the House will play an integral role in shaping our immediate future, both lo- cally and nationally. And this

GUEST COLUMN

James M. Miller

year – with a new candidate, a close presidential race, and the potential for record voter turnout – we especially need to remember the rest of the ballot. Every vote counts. In 2022, Nevada Senator Cortez Mastro won re-election by less than 1%, thereby helping Democrats maintain a slim Senate majority.

We also know that politi- cal candidates, like rock stars, can rise rapidly and as they do their principles and platforms have even greater impact.

Governor Walz is a cur- rent example (first elected MN House Representative in 2006), but nothing new: both JFK and Obama rose to the Presidency within 15 years of entering national politics.

In less than 3-months, we have the opportunity to choose representatives who will guide our communi- ties and our country, so get involved and informed now, ahead of election day so you



Roosevelt's Secret Service visit; \$2 gas prices; and a Sandy Berger profile, Millerton native son

Aug. 24, 1933

The following excerpts from The Millerton News were compiled by Kathleen Spahn, Vivian Sukenik, Nancy Vialpando and Rhiannon Leo-Jameson of the North East-Millerton Library.

The Borden Milk Compa- ny, which has a plant located in Millerton, is now operating under the N.R.A. [National Recovery Administration], officials of the company have announced.

Russell Hosier, a member of the White House police force in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Hosier and their chil- dren, Richard and Warren, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hosier, of Elm Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Hosier visited Wednesday with mem- bers of the Secret Service and State Police who are stationed at President Roosevelt's estate at Hyde Park.

'New Law on Absentee

can voice your opinion and frame our future by voting.

How are a few suggestions:
- Meet local representatives at regularly scheduled meet- ings and gatherings (most are open to the public, with dates announced well in advance and publicized). They've been elected to represent you. They want to hear from you.

- Read local newspapers, subscribe, or find them avail- able for free at our fantastic libraries.

- Listen to local radio sta- tions.

- Volunteer your time for a candidate or a cause of your choosing – you may find it satisfying.

- Challenge your friends to do the same.

Informed voting matters – now, more than ever. But I know the run-up to Novem- ber 5th may be exhausting and stressful, so every now and then, take a break and allow yourself relaxation with "com- fort food" in the form of music. Sit back, listen to a favorite re- cording, and let it transport you to a different time and memory.

James Miller is retired and is a full-time Salisbury resident.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Millerton News

Ballot Vote'; Persons who will be absent from home on election day and plan to vote by absentee ballot should take note of a new law now in ef- fect. It requires that if one wishes to vote by absentee ballot he must make personal [sic] application for such bal- lot before the board in his own election distinct on one of the registration days...

Aug. 29, 1974

'Gasoline Prices Vary Widely; Difference Can Mean \$2/Tank'; Gasoline costs plenty any place you buy it these days. But an informal survey now shows a wide range -nearly 10 cents per gallon- in the prices charged by area gas stations. Posted price for "regular" gas ranged from 52.9 cents per gallon at one Amenia station to 60.9 cents at another New York dealership... A few things to remember in connection with the "high" and "low" prices - All are subject to change from day to day. - Individual deal- ers generally have little con- trol over the price per gallon they charge...- Think twice before driving 20 miles only to save money on gasoline. You will burn up most or all of your potential savings enroute...

'Volunteer Squad Orders Ambulance'; The Millerton Rescue Squad and the Mil- lerton Fire Department this week formally began their campaign to raise funds to pay for a new, modular ambulance for Millerton.

In fact, the new ambu- lance, an emergency room on wheels, has already been or-

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dered and delivery is expected in three months...The ambu- lance, valued at \$24,000, is the latest and the best in emer- gency vehicles, and the vehicle and equipment ordered meets and exceeds all medical stan- dards and requirements.

'I Still Feel Young In My Heart'; Not long ago, a little lady who has long endeared herself to the community, reached another milestone.

"Gramma" Assunta Terni, Celebrated her 89th birthday, Aug. 15...For more than half a century, Mrs. Terni has been serving customers over the same counter at Terni's pa- per stand on Main Street in the heart of Millerton, proba- bly for five generations now. ... When asked how it felt to be 89, Gramma Terni said, "a little bit slower, a little bit grayer, a few more aches, I guess, but I still feel young in my heart."

Aug. 26, 1999

'Millerton's Berger Pro- file in NY Times'; Native son Samuel R. "Sandy" Berger, chief national security aide to President Bill Clinton, was

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featured in an extensive front- page profile in yesterday's New York Times...the article focused on Mr. Berger's ca- reer and the role he plays in the Clinton Administration. But it did include a section on his youth in Millerton.

Describing Millerton as "an isolated rural communi- ty of 900 people in the diary country of Dutchess County, ... Where I grew up is very important to who I am," Mr. Berger told The Times. "My perspectives are still more Millerton 1960 than Wash- ington 2000. The small-town sense of community and so- cial responsibility - that's the lasting imprint of Millerton on me."

'NE Landfill Closure Costs Below Projections'; The old town landfill has been capped and an environmental risk has been contained. And for- tunately for local residents, the costs of the project have also been contained through careful monitoring ... [board] members applauded Town Supervisor David Sherman for keeping the landfill clo- sure costs within budgeted parameters.

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Millbrook considers police computer upgrade

By **JOSIE DUGGAN**
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MILLBROOK — At Millbrook's monthly Board of Trustees meeting on Aug. 14, Police Chief Keith Dworkin followed up on last month's

planned upgrades to the police department's infrastructure, including computers and computer servers.

Chief Dworkin said the department's platforms are out of compliance with the Division of Criminal Justice

Services. Chief Dworkin plans on prioritizing these changes to the department's infrastructure with help from the board.

Fire Department President Matt Rochfort reminded the board that the Frank Jenks

Junior Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 23. Similarly, bingo and other raffles and fundraisers will begin again in October at the firehouse.

Mayor Tim Callopy reminded village residents that brush pickup will happen on Sept. 9. One pile of 10 feet by 6 feet by 4 feet will be accepted. Mayor Callopy also announced to the board that the DOT rejected the request to lower the speed limit to 25 mph on Franklin Avenue. However, 25 mph will be the new speed limit on roads leading into the village and elsewhere in the village.

Later on in the meeting the public hearing for the proposed local law No. 7 of 2024 Imposing a Temporary Six-Month Moratorium on

Certain Land Developments in the RLD Zoning District, was held and approved by Trustee Doro and other board members.

In new business, Trustee Contino proposed a resolution to update Village codes regarding litter. The proposed resolution would require landlords to provide and maintain a trash receptacle for tenants; The motion was approved. Deputy Mayor Murphy also proposed updates to village codes surrounding the use

of skateboards, E-scooters, and E-bikes. Currently, the village abides by New York state regulations. The board elected to publicize a bulletin with the current guidelines to remind residents what these entail. Lastly, Deputy Mayor Murphy updated the board on the current activity to repaint the Village Hall exterior. The board is looking to secure funding, as well as put bids out for contractors. The next meeting will be held Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. at the firehouse.

Planning Board opens public hearing on restaurant application

By **LEILA HAWKEN**
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The sole item to be considered at the Monday, Aug. 12 meeting of the Planning Board was a public hearing for a special permit in connection with reinstating a restaurant at 16-18 Alden Place Drive.

Because the public hearing had not been appropriately noticed to all adjoining property owners, however, the Planning Board voted to open the hearing to allow those residents who were in attendance to voice their comments, and to then hold the hearing open for two weeks when a special meeting will hear more comment.

That special meeting to hear additional comments has been scheduled for Monday, Aug. 26, beginning at 6 p.m.

The applicant and restaurant owner Nunzio Incorvaia said that he had operated a successful restaurant at the location for more than 30 years, after which time it had been operated by different owners. The building has been vacant for a year.

Incorvaia is asking to continue the use as a restaurant. He plans no changes to the property.

A lifelong neighboring property owner acknowledged that under Incorvaia's years of ownership there had been no problems, but the restaurant property had become problematic when it was under subsequent own-

ership.

"Over the years I ran it," Incorvaia said, "there was never a problem. I never heard an issue from anyone."

The concerns voiced by two neighboring property owners arose from the proximity of the restaurant to residential properties.

Planning Board chairman Frank Redl summarized residents' comments into four areas of concern. Included in the list are noise, hours of operation (a closing time at 9 p.m. would align with other Millbrook restaurants), smoke from the patio smoking area, and garbage disposal.



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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice ABSTRACT

By resolution dated August 12, 2024, the Amenia Fire District has approved a resolution, subject to permissive referendum, to utilize reserve funds to purchase a Chief's Truck in the amount of up to \$140,000.00, utilizing funds from the Capital Reserve Fund. Any person desiring a mandatory vote on the issue must file a properly executed and sufficient petition within thirty days of the date of publication of this notice. Dated: Amenia NY, August 12, 2024.

Dawn Marie Klingner, District Secretary 08-22-24

Legal Notice

Notice of formation of 27 Merritt Avenue LLC (the "LLC"). Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on August 2, 2024. Office Location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to: The LLC c/o 31 Stissing Lane, Stanfordville, NY, 12581, USA. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of FJR TRANSPORT LLC

Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/30/24. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO BOX 836, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: transport of goods.

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Legal Notice

Notice of Filing of Application for Authority of Foreign LLC. Mirbeau of Beacon LLC (LLC) filed App. Of Auth. With Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/18/2022. Jurisdiction of Organization: Delaware. Date of Organization: 1/20/2022. Office location: Dutchess County. Principal business location: c/o Mirbeau of Beacon LLC, 433 Broadway, Suite 203, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served and SSNY shall mail process to c/o Mirbeau of Beacon LLC, 433 Broadway, Suite 203, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Address of office required to be maintained in the jurisdiction of formation is c/o Corporation Service Company, 251 Little Falls Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808. The name and address of the authorized official in its jurisdiction of organization where a copy of its articles or organization is filed is: c/o Secretary of the State, Division of Corporations, 401 Federal Street, Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any business permitted under law.

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Legal Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned Collector of School Taxes in and for the Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District, in Dutchess County the towns of Amenia, Dover, Northeast, Stanford and Washington and in Columbia County the town of Ancram has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes for the school year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

The collection period is September 3, 2024 through October 31, 2024.

For the purpose of paying

taxes, checks and money orders shall be made payable to School Tax Collector and mailed to P.O. Box 377, Wassaic, New York 12592; online payments visit <https://infotaxonline.com/FindProperty.aspx?40>

In person payments may be made at the Webutuck CSD, District Office Tax Collector Lockbox during regular school hours or by visiting on 9/11 4:00pm-6:00pm; 9/16 4:00pm-6:00pm; 10/4 4:00pm-6:00pm; 10/15 2:00pm-4:00pm; 10/23 2:00pm-4:00pm; 10/31 2:00pm-4:00pm; or by contact the Tax Collector to make other arrangements.

Taxes may be paid on or before October 4, 2024 without penalty (payments must be postmarked on or before October 4, 2024 to be penalty free). On all such remaining unpaid taxes after October 4, 2024, a two percentum (2%) will be added through October 31, 2024 at which time the remaining unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, Poughkeepsie, New York to be then receivable on the land tax bills for 2025 with a seven (7) percentum penalty.

For Dutchess County residents paying partial payments there will be assessed a 5% surcharge.

The first installment is due and payable by September 16, 2024. The second installment should be paid to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance by March 15, 2025 as indicated on the installment payment schedule portion of the tax bill.

Dawn Marie Klingner School Tax Collector 08-22-24 08-29-24

Legal Notice

Please take notice that the Town of Pine Plains Town Board will be accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following materials for

the year 2025:

- 1) #2 Heating oil for garage, winter mix December through February for heating oil only.
- 2) Liquid Propane for garage and library.

All bids should use the Albany OPIS for the Friday immediately preceding the bid opening date.

Bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon Monday September 16 2024 at the Town Clerks Office, PO Box 955, 3284 Route 199 Pine Plains, NY 12567 at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

In order for your bid to be considered complete, the following must be submitted as required by Section 103D of the Municipal Law:

- Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate
- Certificate of Insurance Naming Town of Pine Plains as Certificate Holder

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes with the following information on the outside:

1. Heating Oil and Propane Bids 2025
2. September 6, 2024, 12:00 PM

The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The F.O.B. plant price will be analyzed with full consideration given to the distance of the plant to the project location. Any questions should be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at (518) 398-7155.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Pine Plains Madelin Dafeo Town Clerk 08-22-24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY at 7:35 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of Bank of Millbrook/Elizabeth's

Fine Jewelry Ltd. for Site Plan Approval for Bank with Drive-Through on Tax Parcel #7271-00-534237 located at 110 Route 44, Millerton, NY in the BD-3 Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall or via email. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office at pb@townofnortheastny.gov or calling 518-789-3300, Ext. 608.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board prior to such hearing. Dated: August 15, 2024.

Dale Culver Chairman, Planning Board 08-22-24

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Town of Pine Plains is looking for a contractor to perform various landscaping services including edging, weeding, and pruning at the Town of Pine Plains Community Center Building located at 7775 South Main Street, Pine Plains, NY. Landscape services should be bid in accordance specified in the Scope of Services and in the Bid Schedule Price Form). The contractor shall provide the necessary staff, tools, and any related equipment to effectively maintain the surrounding landscapes at the site. Qualified landscape maintenance contractors who demonstrate their success in providing similar services at comparable facilities are invited to submit bids on or before September 16th at 12:30pm.

GENERAL CONTRACT INFORMATION: The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to establish, through a competitive bidding process, a contractor to perform landscape maintenance at the Community Center

Building location within the Town of Pine Plains. A non-exclusive contract is to be awarded as a result of this request.

TERM OF CONTRACT: Work under this contract may start as soon as the contract is executed but all work will be completed by December 31, 2025. Specific tasks in the scope of work must be performed within the indicated timelines.

SUBMITTALS: In order to qualify for this project, bidders must submit all information requested in this RFP. All submittals must be received by the Town of Pine Plains Town Clerk by hand or electronically by 12:30 PM on September 16, 2024. Bidders shall submit their proposal to townclerk@pineplains-ny.gov. Contractors accept all risk of late delivery, regardless of fault. Any submittal received after the due date and time shall be deemed non-responsive.

PROJECT TOURS: Contractors are required to visit the site located at 7775 South Main Street, Pine Plains, NY at their discretion prior to submitting their bid. The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

By order of the Town Board 08-22-24

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

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OUR TOWNS

Copake celebrates Bicentennial Finale

By JOHN COSTON
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COPAKE — Townspeople started to gather around the Clock Tower, on the steps of the General Store, along Main Street and Route 7A, unfolding their chairs and chatting with friends and neighbors about the parade to come.

Saturday, Aug. 17 marked the culmination of a year-long celebration of the town's

founding 200 years ago with a parade that Bicentennial Committee Chairwoman Kelly Nardin said would be the largest parade in Columbia County this summer.

The General Store sold its last sandwich, but ice cream sandwiches and fudgsicles were on sale in front of the Community United Methodist Church.

The parade itself was assembling at the firehouse on

Center Hill Road and as the clock struck 3 p.m., the first glimpse of the marchers appeared in the distance.

A cavalcade of public officials on foot and in cars preceded a procession of emergency vehicles, people on horseback, on tractors, front-end loaders, and what seemed like innumerable golf carts.

State Sen. Michelle Hinchey (D-41) and Congressman Marc Molinaro (R-19) walked and waved behind a car carrying the town board, including Supervisor Richard Wolf.

Fire and emergency departments represented included Copake, Hillsdale, Craryville, North East, Millerton, Taghkanic and Egremont, along with many businesses and organizations and churches. There were marching bands and floats among the 60 participants.

The parade advanced along Main Street and looped back to the firehouse. The day was capped with a party at Catamount.



Watchers parked in front of the Copake General Store to enjoy the parade. Above, right to left, Ian Wold, Agathe Wold, Robin Williams and Estella. Below right, the North East Fire District was among many companies represented.



The Bicentennial Committee marched with its banner on Saturday, Aug. 17, ahead of horses and a goat.



PHOTOS BY JOHN COSTON

Richard Deon's woodblock prints displayed at Millbrook Library

By JOSIE DUGGAN
Special to the Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Crowds at the Millbrook Library viewed the woodblocks of Richard Deon and spoke with the artist Friday, Aug. 16.

Richard Deon takes inspiration from the Hudson Valley to create his art. Deon has lived in the area for 40 years but originally hails from Potsdam, New York. Some of his works feature familiar monuments, including the Tappan Zee Bridge and Storm King Mountain.

Deon highlighted how the woodblock printing process allows for a community to be involved in their creation. "It takes 8 people to run the press," Deon said. "So there is a real community at work."

Deon's inspiration for his work began in middle school during social studies class. Deon's teachers used outdated history textbooks featuring illustrations that reflected "consensus history." Deon explained, "I passed the time by extending the art, adding new characters, buildings, and backgrounds, and editing a world with many contributors." The result was familiar texts and images in a dream-like state; Deon creates an unusual interpretation of history.

The artist has struggled for much of his career with the prominence of the Hudson River School as a style dominating the culture of art in this area. Museums and many contemporary artists continue to implore this style and vision.

Though Abraham Lincoln and the Hudson River School are unassociated, they both existed at the same point in history. As an act of rebellion, Deon decided to combine the two, once again creating this unique version of history. As a result, the viewer questions what is real, and what is imagination. In reference to his artwork, Deon explained, "I like how audacious it is." He went on to say, "It's not a cohesive story. It's really a story from the past. It's all fiction." Through his artwork, Deon likes to challenge boundaries, and at times reality. The evening's attendees appreciated this opportunity to circumvent history and hear the artist explain some of his works.

Deon's art will be on display at the Millbrook Library until Sept. 26.



PHOTOS BY JOSIE DUGGAN

A woodblock print from Deon's collection, "Lincoln's Campaign to Defeat the Hudson River School," featuring "The Incognitum" an abstract figure with "utilitarian purpose and gravitas."



Guests at the Millbrook Library reception talked with the artist, Richard Deon.



PHOTO BY LOUIE TORMAINO

Artist Harper Blanchet and NorthEast-Millerton Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson examined one of Blanchet's abstract paintings for sale at the library in the summer of 2022.

Artists donates paintings to library

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Local artist and perennial supporter of the NorthEast-Millerton Library Harper Blanchet has donated a collection of 10 of his abstract paintings to the library. The vibrant works will be part of the Library's permanent rotating collection, but Blanchet, who in the past has donated a portion of the sales from his paintings displayed there, has informed Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, that any or all of these paintings may also be sold with all proceeds going to the Library.

She says throughout the years, Blanchet "has always been very kind

and generous to the Library as well as being very supportive of other artists who are displaying their work here."

A full exhibit of the 20 by 16 inch paintings is set for next April. However, noting that "Patrons have always enjoyed seeing his paintings," Leo-Jameson says that throughout the coming months a few will also be hung along with the regular monthly collections of those other artists.

His paintings may be purchased at any of those times, with special in-person viewings available if anyone is interested in other of the works.

For more information, call the Library, located at 75 Main St., at 518-789-3340.

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Betsy intends to transform the interior of the shop into the new home of Elizabeth's Jewelry. The Bank of Millbrook is opening a branch in the jewelry shop's current location on Route 44 pending North

East Planning Board approval. "I'm excited that the Bank of Millbrook is coming to Millerton," Betsy said. "The town can certainly support two. It's great to give people in the area choices."

LIBRARY *Continued from Page A1*

Library staff will hold their annual election day bake sale to raise money for the library in the Annex. They are also looking for volunteers to call residents the night before elections to remind them to vote.

The library applied for the State and Municipal (SAM)

Facilities Grant, a program in New York State that provides funding for nonprofits. It is currently in the preliminary approval process.

"It is at least another month, three months out, before we officially get the approval," said Rhiannon Leo-Jameson, the library's director.

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The gates will open at 9:00 a.m. on Aug. 22, and sensory-sensitive hours for the carnival midway will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Powers Great American Midway area will open with limited rides and will be sensory-sensitive until noon. This means that there will be no flashing lights, music, or any other noises that could distract people trying to enjoy rides.

In a press release, Sue Serino said, "With sensory-sensitive ride midway and an earlier opening time, our 'ThinkDIFFERENTLY' partnership with the Agriculture Society is a true testament to Dutchess County's commitment to ensuring an enjoyable experience at the Fair for people of all abilities."

This year, the Dutchess County Agricultural Society added an accessible entrance at Gate 2, near Livestock Hill, having "less of an incline, wider lanes, wheelchair countertops, handrails and a small gathering area inside the gate."

The fair's initial start time is 10 a.m., which allows families to walk around an hour before crowds start to arrive. Some attractions will not be running between 10 a.m. and noon, to ease sensory sensitive people into the large crowds.

Throughout the week, ThinkDIFFERENTLY staff will have a sensory-friendly quiet space for those needing to regroup away from the noise. The space will be located on Livestock Hill in the Cornell Cooperative Extension tent and will be open every day from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff's Office Police Benevolent Association, and Explorer Program will host "Operation Safe Child" throughout the week at the fair.

This program is a free service that provides parents and children with child safety information. It also creates a Safe Child ID, which should consist of the child's name, biographical information, fingerprints, and picture. The card helps "expedite the child's return, should they ever go missing."

The service will be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. every day at the fair, located at the Sheriff's Office tent inside the fairgrounds.

The Dutchess County Fair will run from Tuesday, Aug. 20 through Sunday, Aug. 25.

For more information and a full schedule of the Dutchess County Fair's events, visit dutchessfair.com/the-fair.

Dutchess County legislature approves funds for emergency radio systems

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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POUGHKEEPSIE — The Dutchess County legislature approved an \$18 million bond to partially pay for two-way emergency radio systems.

Gregg Pulver, Dutchess Comptroller, former Rescue Squad Captain and member of the Pine Plains fire department for over 30 years, helped secure the funding to improve emergency response success.

In Feb. 2022, the Legislature passed a resolution authorizing use of American Rescue Plan Funds, which started Phase 1 of upgrading emergency services. The new project intends to replace outdated two-way radio systems that are used by emergency responders throughout Dutchess County and will provide a shared system.

"The two-way radio system will help improve response times and save lives here in Dutchess County," Pulver said in a press release, "The cur-

rent outdated system is long overdue for replacement, and the creation of this new radio system will allow all agencies, like law enforcement, fire departments and EMS to better communicate when responding to critical emergency situations."

The purchase and installation of these radios for Dutchess County are authorized at a maximum cost of \$32,179,076. The bond authorizes a total of \$18,086,598 to be issued for the costs, leaving the county with a little over \$14 million to pay.

The county has received \$558,267 from the New York State Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant and \$760,000 from Civil Defense Homeland Security that will help offset the total cost. The Department of Emergency Response is still looking for other grant opportunities to go toward the cost.

According to Pulver, the new two-way system should fully run in two years.

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and economy, educational institution and its agriculture and environment.

Current demographic data "enable communities to plan for hospitals and schools, advance economic development, improve emergency services, construct roads, inform businesses looking to add jobs, and more," the report notes.

Most demographic data remains steady from year to year, Pulver notes in an introduction to the report. His predecessor, Robin Lois, who gave the 2022 report before stepping down as Comptroller, noted in that report Dutchess County's population has remained steady in the 12 years since 2010. Then, 297,488 people lived in the county. The latest data (2022) lists 297,545 people in the county.

The county includes two cities, 20 towns and eight villages and is 66.3% white, 14.5% Hispanic or Latino, 9.2% Black, 3.3% Asian with 6.7% identified as other.

Almost 20% of the population is 65 years of age or older, about the same percentage for those under 18 years of age;

everyone else, from 19 to 65 makes up 62% of the county's population. In the U.S., the 2022 Census counted 17.3% of the population at 65 or older.

Dutchess County household economics are summarized in the report: the median household income in 2023 was \$87,112. The unemployment rate was 3.3%.

The report shows 3.3% for persons in poverty; however, the U.S. Census lists the county's poverty rate at approximately 9%.

Affordable housing remains an issue. There are 2,223 subsidized housing units in the county, but that amounts to less than 1% for the county's current population.

The median sale price of homes in the county was \$420K in 2023, compared to \$398K in 2022. But going back to 2018, the median sale price was \$280K, meaning that the increase over a five-year period is close to 50%.

The biggest employer in the county is Nuvance Health, with three hospitals in New York and four in Connecticut, including Sharon Hospital on the New York/Connecticut

border. The report lists Nuvance with 5,000 employees and is followed in ranking by IBM (4,100), Amazon (4,000), GAP Inc. (2,000) and Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital (1,500).

Next in terms of number of employees are the Culinary Institute of America, Bard College, Vassar College, Marist College and onsemi, a semiconductor company.

Dutchess Community College, a unit of the State University of New York with more than 7,200 students enrolled in 2023, also stands out in the report. In 2022-2023 academic year, 380 degrees were awarded and two out of three students graduated without student debt. The county contributed \$20.6 million to DCC in 2023, and approximately 3,500 jobs are supported by the community college.

The report catalogues the county's agriculture and environment, noting that while it has become a largely non-rural residential county, there still are an estimated 620 farms in the county that contribute \$50 million in sales to the economy and 93% of those

farms are family farms. The top crops are hay, corn, vegetables and soybeans, and the inventory of livestock is led by chickens, cattle, horses, goats and sheep.

In addition to the farms, there are 11 farmers' markets and more than 50 farm stores and seasonal stands across the county.

On climate impact, the county holds a Bronze-Level certification by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the report cites the NYS Climate Smart Communities program — an initiative that supports a network of communities' resiliency to climate change.

Climate's impact on agriculture in the report notes that average temperatures have increased annually since 1960 and are expected to rise and feature extreme temperatures. While the report mentions flash droughts that hit in 2017 and 2022, it sees a future with longer periods without precipitation.

The report can be found at: www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Comptroller/Office-of-the-Comptroller.htm

Gridlife revs up Lime Rock

By NATHAN MILLER
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LIME ROCK, Conn. — Gridlife Circuit Legends returned to Lime Rock Park this year for an action-packed weekend of racing and drifting Friday, Aug. 16 and Saturday, Aug. 17.

This year is the third that the racing festival has come to Lime Rock Park. Visitors had several options to attend the races, from individual day passes to camping on the infield all weekend long.

Hundreds of people streamed onto the racetrack over the course of the weekend to watch time trials, touring car races and the Model 3 challenge, a race of Tesla Model 3 cars.

Gridlife Circuit Legends touts itself as a celebration of modern custom race cars. Races in different classes ran throughout the day Friday and Saturday.

Drifting events wowed spectators at the racetrack. The cars zoomed around Lime Rock's windy road course, burning rubber around every corner.

Throughout the weekend racers competed in the Gridlife Touring Car races, a series of eight races to test the mettle of the cars and drivers in attendance.

The event attracted some high profile drivers, like T-Pain, who drove a Nissan 240SX for Hert Life.

The "hot concours" hosted racers and their crews as guests meandered and talked cars with the experts. Everyone had to watch their backs, however, as race cars rolled back and forth from their parking spots out to the racetrack.



PHOTOS BY NATHAN MILLER

Race cars took the track for events all day Friday, Aug. 16 and Saturday, Aug. 17 at Lime Rock Park. Gridlife Circuit Legends celebrated its third year at the park with a packed weekend of drifting and racing.



Hundreds of people crowded Lime Rock Park Friday, Aug. 16 and Saturday, Aug. 17 for Gridlife Circuit Legends. Guests could enjoy food from food trucks and an e-sports arcade with racing simulators and Mario Kart.

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The month of August brings in the harvesting of sweet corn to celebrate the end of summer. The local stores will have their offerings and if you wish to purchase directly from a farmer, I would recommend calling Jerry McEnroe at 845-392-7769. Jerry has some excellent sweet corn, it is hand picked so it is fresh out of the field and his crop of Silver Queen will be ready this week. Pricing is 50 ears for 20 dollars and I have to say, his corn is just delicious!!! So enjoy!!!!



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FOOD: MADELINE PARK

At Amenia's newest restaurant, 'food is the absolute standout'

Arriving at Panacea feels like arriving at a friend's house. A charming blue exterior, with a large patio and string lights, surrounds a welcoming and warm interior. Since the restaurant opened a little over two weeks ago, I have made not one, but three trips, and every time has been just as enjoyable as the first.

Upon entering, one is greeted by a host's stand in a small front dining room, as well as a handful of tables and a little bar tucked into the corner. Moving back through a small hallway, hosting two gender non-specific bathrooms, there is another dining room, larger but still just as cozy. The entire place is made up of dark, caramel colored wood, with beams stretched across a white ceiling, a fireplace tucked in the back dining room and eclectic artwork smattered around. From the back dining room diners enjoy a glimpse



PHOTO BY MADELINE PARK

Panacea's Rockaway oysters on the half-shell are procured daily and served fresh. Accompanying the oysters is a classic bowl of vinegar and a house-made raspberry mignonette.

DINER'S NOTEBOOK

MADELINE PARK

into the kitchen, clean and busy, and an enclave where one can see the finishing touches being put on dishes before

being whisked away. All of these parts, clearly lovingly curated by Jake Somers and his fiancée/co-chef Khendum Namgyal (who is responsible for the absolutely unmatched pasta), come together into a very pleasant whole.

I was pleased to see a wonderful cocktail list, the absolute champion of which is the Chef's Slightly Dirty Martini (which I ordered extra dirty, my personal preference). Expertly made, served in a chilled glass, it was well worth the \$18 price tag. I had no fewer than two on every visit, and will be going back for a solo martini/oyster date. The wine selection, though respectable, remained untouched on my end due to an unfortunate sulfite allergy. Panacea also has a mocktail list, which I believe should be the norm, including a

very interesting take on a Shirley Temple. Their beer list is regrettably small, considering the availability of craft beers in this area, but I think that can be forgiven.

That being said, the food is the absolute standout. Panacea prides itself on locally sourced produce — right now Paley's, Maitra, Hepworth and 5 Acre farms, but soon to include others — and they use it in masterful ways. Their heirloom tomato appetizer with housemade whipped ricotta is outstanding — the ricotta alone had us discreetly licking the plate, not even to mention the glory that is the tomatoes. Other appetizers include Rockaway raw oysters with a breathtaking raspberry mignonette — the waitress had barely set them down before they had been finished off — and the Fire Fritto!

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PHOTO BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

Bottle of Spring Hill cabernet franc with watercolor label art by Barcelona native Santi Moix.

WINE: SAVA MARINKOVIC

Unwinding with wine at Spring Hill

Wine finds its perfect pairing in art at Spring Hill Vineyards in New Preston, Conn., where site-specific sculptural installations function as the visual feast to complement a focused lineup of thoughtfully crafted wines.

Guided by an ethos for quality over quantity, four wines—a light, bright estate-grown cabernet franc, sippable unoaked chardonnay, lean and refreshing Cayuga white, and a sweet rose of pinot noir—make up Spring Hill's current wine list.

"We don't want to be big, we want to be good," said winemaker and farm manager Andrew Johnson as he swirled a glass of 2017 cab franc, currently being poured for tastings. Echoing with a teasing laugh the late-70s Masson vow to "sell no wine before its time," Johnson explained that the winery's best

product—a deep, velvety Marquette—is still awaiting 'its time' since being vinted in 2021 and spending 14 months maturing in Hungarian oak barrels.

A similar impetus has driven—and continues to drive—the careful curatorial decisions that built a compelling outdoor art exhibit of the wooded glade that serves as Spring Hill's gathering space.

Before founders Stephanie and Tim Ingrassia planted their first grapevines or artworks, the site that would become Spring Hill Vineyards was a hay farm that dated back to the 18th century; reinterpreted vestiges and suggestions of this history represent the core aesthetic being cultivated.

"Everything here has had a past life," according to Stephanie Ingrassia—the modernized barn was built from 150 year old beams and siding, the restrooms from a train car. Over the main space towers a refitted 1940s silo, original to the site, whose cracked doors invite visitors to make the thirty foot climb to its crown grotto—a scintillating surprise of sinuous forms and gleaming materials that is meant to feel, according to artist Randy Polumbo, "like a shared memory from the future." And the facilitation of sharing—of memories, moments, and the space provided—is what Wine Tasting Program Manager Emma Terhaar describes as Spring Hill's true mission.

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ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Integrating art with science at Cary Institute

The Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, renowned for its cutting-edge environmental research, recently unveiled a new art installation, showcasing the vibrant synergy between art and science. On Friday, Aug. 16, a small group of invited guests that included patrons, donors, trustees, board members, and other friends of the institute, were led through a private tour of the exhibition by Cary Institute President Joshua Ginsberg. The exhibition features work from staff, programs run off-site through the institute, and the work of artists from the Canoo Hills Creative Arts Residency, a program that has nurtured creative expression at the intersection of art and ecological science since its inception in 2009.

The residency program has hosted 11 artists over the years, but was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic as the institute underwent significant renovations. The building was originally designed by Malcolm Wells, regarded as the father of modern earth-sheltered architecture. The renovations led by Bruce Becker, an ex-

pert in energy efficiency and historic restoration, incorporate principles from LEED and the Living Building Challenge, achieving Zero Carbon, Zero Energy, and Core Green standards. The building now boasts an Energy Use Intensity Rating of 61 kBtu/ft², making it 48% more energy efficient than a typical office building. In other words, the building itself is a work of art and has restored Wells' original vision of creating a near-zero energy building. It is a perfect complement to the art it now houses.

Curated by Susan Burks, a recommendation from board chair and former New York art dealer Jack Banning, the exhibition is thoughtfully designed to resonate with the institute's mission and vision. Burks aimed to incorporate "local where possible, artists who worked with scientists, scientists who were artists, and artists inspired by ecological science." The result is a collection that is both approachable and profoundly connected to the natural world.

The Cary Institute's commitment to integrating art into its scientific mission is a reminder that knowledge and cre-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Attendees mingle at the opening ceremony for a new four-artist exhibit at Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, N.Y. on Friday, Aug. 16.

ativity are not separate endeavors, but intertwined paths towards a deeper understanding of our world. This ethos is reflected not only in the individual works that now adorn the walls and halls of the institute but also in the overall atmosphere of the newly renovated building — a space where art and science coalesce to inspire thought, dialogue, and action. As Ginsberg aptly shared his vision for the exhibition: "What we didn't want is things that were literal. We wanted it to be inspirational. Because in the end, I think both art and science should be inspirational."

To arrange a tour of the Cary Institute, contact Joshua Ginsberg at jrginsberg@gmail.com

...Panacea

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a shrimp and calamari dish with local veggies that was so delicious our entire party of six was ordering their own. One of whom, bizarrely, is on an entirely protein diet, and was quite pleased to find that the appetizer was more than generous with the shrimp and calamari.

The appetizers give way into a limited but far reaching entree list, the star of which is the house made pasta. The Malfadine was perfect. Long, curlicue noodles perfectly al dente, a generous portion of shrimp (halved, making them fold perfectly into every bite) and a subtle crunch of fresh basil all enveloped in an incredible tomato sauce. Also on the pasta list is a rigatoni- perfect noodles, melt in your mouth pork shoulder, and sauce I would happily eat all on its own. I did find myself wishing for maybe one piece of crusty bread, but only because it seemed too tragic to leave any of the sauce on both dishes behind. On my last visit, I managed to tear myself away from the pasta and ordered the Catch of the Day, which was a Bronz-

ino. Crispy, delicate skin, flavorful and juicy meat, beautifully served with tender beans and a sauce which rendered me speechless.

Dessert is necessary in every form, and Panacea does not flounder at the finish line. Every dessert went above and beyond, but the chocolate mousse is a must have, even for those lacking a sweet tooth. It is the definition of decadence, and I found it best paired with their espresso martini, which is also a thing of beauty. Made with fresh espresso, it has a wonderful bite with an edge of liquor and a hint

of sweetness to ease the palate.

All in all, Panacea is a star. The entire experience is perfectly curated, the staff are knowledgeable and warm, and the owners are welcoming and friendly. They've recognized us on every return visit, and seem to make a point to personally greet every table. Their skill in crafting these dishes is both a breath of fresh air for Amenia and something we should all be thankful to experience. I cannot wait until my next visit, and I especially cannot wait to see what they do in the coming seasons.

...Spring Hill

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"It's a community space to be shared," said Terhaar, summarizing the Ingrassias' vision for a place where residents of rural Connecticut could gather and mingle with their community. "It's a destination worth coming to, for whatever reason," Terhaar averred, whether for a glass of wine, a gander of art, or just to relax with friends and family.

Spring Hill Vineyards is the annual host of Spring Hill Arts Gathering (SHAG) and maintains SHAG's permanent collection. Upcoming events include dancing



PHOTO BY SAVA MARINKOVIC

View of Spring Hill through a window in the Bee Brook Grotto, housed inside a 1940's grain silo.

and drinks for Salsa Night on Sunday, Aug. 25; a croquet tournament guided by United States Croquet Association's Preston Stuart on Sunday, Sept. 8; and

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ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Marc Andrew Elliott's 'Paddock Views' to open at Yo Studio

Paddock Views: Lime Rock 1989-2023," the photography of Marc Andrew Elliott, is set to open on Aug. 24 at Yo Studio in North Canaan, Conn. This exhibit, a world premiere, showcases Elliott's unique perspective on vintage car racing at the iconic Lime Rock Park where he has spent decades capturing the spirit and essence of both the vehicles and the people who cherish them.

Marc Elliott is a seasoned photographer with a career spanning over 45 years. "Marc is very accomplished in other areas of photography, and similarly passionate and obsessive about his subjects, but we thought it would be a great idea to do a show of car photography with the track just in our back yard," said Francois Dischinger, co-owner and founder of Yo Studio. Elliott's photographs offer a window into the paddocks of Lime Rock, a place where history, speed, and a deep love for automotive heritage converge. From his early, more spontaneous explorations of the track to his later, more focused studies, Elliott's images reveal the evolving nature of both the cars and the culture surrounding them.

These photographs

"are about light," said Elliott, a testament to the artist's meticulous craft as a traditional analog photographer. Working primarily with Rolleiflex cameras and employing darkroom techniques honed over decades, Elliott captures the raw, tactile reality of the racing world. He spoke passionately about his commitment to film photography. "There's an immediacy to a black and white gelatin silver print that just doesn't exist in the digital realm," Elliott explained. "It's a mature technology. It's been around for 150 years."

The exhibit is as much a study of the racing world as it is a testament to Elliott's deep connection with Lime Rock and its community. Over the years, he has formed relationships with legendary figures like Sam Posey, whose racing suit and helmet will be on display. These connections have enriched his work, adding layers of history and personal narrative to the images.

Francois Dischinger and Beth Fazio, the founders of Yo Studio, recognized the distinctiveness of Elliott's car photography, which stood out to them for its departure from the usual clichés of the genre. Dischinger discovered Elliott's work through



PHOTO PROVIDED

Mark Andrew Elliott's photo exhibit at Yo Studio in North Canaan opens Aug. 24.

Instagram and noted, "Marc's work was so distinctive in a way that car photography really isn't ever." They included his work in their first show in May, a group exhibition that showcased the work of 27 artists. This will be just the second show in the space, a studio that the couple hopes will foster community, collaboration and thematic exploration.

"We want it to be a place where people can pop in and just sit and maybe take a book off the shelf," said Beth Fazio.

The inviting new space is the perfect venue for this exhibit which will be on view until September 21 and opens the weekend before the Lime Rock Historic Festival which will be celebrating its 42nd year La-

bor Day weekend. There will be a 17-mile Vintage Race Car and Sports Car Parade on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday offer non-stop on-track competition across diverse historic racing classes and on

Sunday, nearly 1,000 enthusiast cars and motorcycles are showcased at the Lime Rock Concours and Gathering of the Marques. Spectators might just catch a glimpse of Elliott who will certainly be in attendance.

Of his longstanding and ongoing obsession with the subject, Elliott shared, "I love the cars and of course as time has gone by, it's moved beyond cars. I've gotten to know the people who are there year after year after year after year. And it's just a beautiful track physically."

"Lime Rock is such a presence here," said Dischinger whose own work also focuses on analog film photography. "We have a romantic notion of it, so I'm really excited that we're part of what we consider the traditional component of it."

"Paddock Views" promises to be more than just a photography exhibit; it is an invitation to immerse oneself in the sights, sounds, and stories of Lime Rock, a place where, as Elliott put it, "the experience is immersive and priceless."



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Summer tunes

The Salisbury Band played at the Scoville Memorial Library Saturday afternoon, Aug. 17. The traditional end-of-summer concert started with the National Anthem and then "Anthem for Winds" by Claude Smith. Conductor Brian Viets thanked the crowd for turning out despite the cloudy skies. "There are not a lot of places you can hear a live band play this kind of stuff."

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Real estate transfers in Millbrook and Town of Washington in June and July

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

MILLBROOK — After an active May with the sale of three homes over a million dollars, June and July returned to a more typical mix of recorded property transfers. Of the ten total properties sold in June and July, seven closed under \$500,000 and just two over one million. Only one of the sales was in the Village of Millbrook. Currently, there are 21 residential properties listed for sale including five in the Village of Millbrook ranging from \$400,000 to \$2,050,000. Of the 16 homes available in the Town of Washington, 13 are over \$1,000,000 including the most expensive property ever listed in Dutchess County, the \$65 million dollar Hitchcock estate with 2,079 acres.

June Transfers

16 Old Route 82 — 3 bedroom/2 bath house on .57 acres sold for \$410,000.
998 Route 343 — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 3.5 acres sold for \$390,000.
4 Butts Hollow Road — 4 bedroom/2 bath home on 15 acres sold for \$1,660,000.
301 Tower Hill Road — part of a parcel of land which with a lot line adjustment increased the size of an adjoining lot by 11.34 acres sold for \$170,000.

Route 44 (Parcel# 889834) — 21.6 acres of vacant residential land sold for \$217,500.

July Transfers

82 Bennett Common — 2 bedroom/2 bath, 1,300 square foot home in the Village of Millbrook sold for \$400,000.
36 Fowler Road — a small 615 square foot 2 bedroom/1 bath house on .11 acres sold to the Cary Institute for \$445,000.
5282 Route 82 — 3 bedroom/5 bath home with a tennis court, a baseball field, and an in-round pool on 35.3 acres sold to the US Bank and Trust National Association for \$927,310.
43-94 Home Free — 5 bedroom/6 bath home which was part of a three parcel sale on 53.03 acres sold for

\$6,075,000.
Milewood Road (Parcel#381567) — 11.4 acres of land sold for \$260,000.
* Town of Washington and Village of Millerton real estate sales recorded between June 1, 2024, and July 31, 2024 sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency. Information on active listings taken from First Key MLS which may understate available properties. Parcel numbers refer to parcel designation by Dutchess County and may be accessed on Dutchess Parcel Access. Only transfers with consideration are included. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Advisor with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in Connecticut and New York.



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Dating from the 18th century and recently renovated, 4 Butts Hollow Road has a chef's kitchen, 4 bedrooms/2 bathrooms and an in-ground pool on 15 acres in a prestigious location. It was listed in April and sold in May for just under \$1.7 million.

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