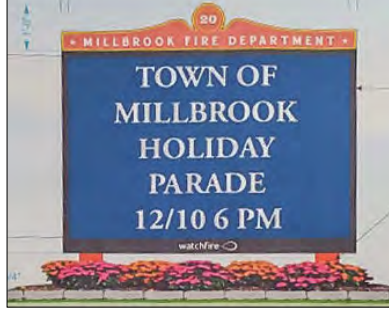




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Millerton Square Plaza

Activity, speculation as parking lot work continues

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MILLERTON — Those paying attention to their surroundings may have noticed some activity at the Millerton Square Plaza on Route 44 in the town of North East recently. The plaza is the site of the former Grand Union and Millerton Fresh Market grocery stores, along with the former Riley's Furniture Store and Trotta's Fine Wines & Liquors. The liquor store has since moved to 138 Route 44 in Millerton, in the same plaza as the Talk of the Towne Deli.

It appears the long-defunct single-island gas station in the parking lot of the Millerton Square Plaza has been razed. That's good news for town and village residents, as



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

As of last week, the village of Millerton was abuzz with speculation about the demolition taking place at the Millerton Square Plaza, the site of the former Grand Union supermarket.

it was reported the stand-alone gas station was the major hurdle to the property being sold.

According to plaza owner Joseph "Skip" Trotta, he went under contract with a prospective buyer in June of 2021 for the site. This February, Trotta told The Millerton News, "All I can tell you is they work with shopping centers.

I know their intention is to put a supermarket in there. That's obviously the need for the community."

When contacted for an update on Monday, Aug. 15, Trotta declined to comment on any new developments. He did defend his February interview with this paper,

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The Lakeville Journal celebrated its 125th anniversary with a fair on Academy Street in Salisbury, Conn., on Sunday, Aug. 14.

The Lakeville Journal celebrates 125 years

By **PATRICK L. SULLIVAN**
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SALISBURY, Conn. — The Lakeville Journal's 125th anniversary celebration got underway with a reception at the Salisbury Association Saturday evening, Aug. 13, and a street fair on Sunday, Aug.

14, which drew a steady stream of strollers who enjoyed food, drink, music and visiting with neighbors.

Aug. 14, 1897 was the actual date of the newspaper's first publication, and The Journal today remains one of the oldest among New England's

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SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, AUG. 23

19th Congressional District race features county executives

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**
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HUDSON VALLEY — All registered voters in the 19th Congressional District will have the ability to cast their ballots in the Tuesday, Aug. 23, Special Election to elect the next U.S. representative to serve in the Current 19th Congressional District (CD) for the next four months. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The race was necessitated by resignation of former U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19), following his appointment of the lieutenant governorship. Delgado was chosen after Gov. Kathy Hochul saw her second in command arrested and indicted for bribery and fraud.

Delgado is the third to serve as lieutenant governor in less than a year. He replaced the disgraced former Lt. Gov. Brian Benjamin in May, who had stepped into the position after Hochul replaced former Gov. Andrew Cuomo following his resignation last summer. The Special Election is required

to finish Delgado's unexpired term under the current district lines, which will change come 2023 as a result of the 2020 Census.

Two county executives are running for the seat: Republican Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro versus Democratic Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan. Making things more complicated, the Special Election coincides with the November General Election primaries for the newly redrawn Congressional districts.

The shift...

Following a low return rate in the 2020 Census, New York fell just 89 responses shy of maintaining its numbers and lost a seat in the House of Representatives. As a result, the state now has 26 rather than 27 representatives, despite its population having increased.

The shift forced a complicated redistricting process, which ultimately required a court-appointed special master to draw new district lines. A judge also had to order two separate primaries; one in June for statewide and Assembly elections, the second on Aug. 23, for State

Senate and Congressional races.

CD 18 vs. CD 19

The party balance in New York's congressional delegation currently has Democrats holding 18 seats while Republicans hold seven. The fragile balance of power in Washington is at risk of changing pending the outcome on Tuesday and in November — always a concern for the two major parties.

There are two vacancies for New York in Congress: CD 19 (which includes all of Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster Counties and parts of Broome, Dutchess, Montgomery and Rensselaer Counties) and CD 23 (which covers upstate and the Southern Tier along the Pennsylvania border).

Come next year, the 19th CD will look vastly different; one dramatic change is it will no longer include any part of Dutchess County. Despite that, Molinaro will again run for the 19th CD come November, even though he will no longer reside in the district he represents

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Marcus Molinaro

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HUDSON VALLEY — Republican Marcus Molinaro has been making a name in political circles around Dutchess County since the age of 18, when he first joined the Tivoli Village Board. He made national news a year later at the age of 19 as the "Youngest Mayor in America," taking lead of that same small village.

Now, 30 years later, Molinaro is still in public office, serving his fifth two-year term as Dutchess County executive. The state's



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Pat Ryan

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**
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HUDSON VALLEY — On Tuesday, Aug. 23, voters will decide between Democratic Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and Republican Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro in a Special Election for the 19th Congressional District (CD).

Political shifting

The political colleagues turned rivals are battling to see who will fill the remaining four months of former U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado's second two-year term. Delgado



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OUR TOWNS

Kristin McClune to leave NEMML for 'dream job'

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Countless North East and Millerton children and adults will be saying thank you for the gift of reading as they bid goodbye to “Miss Kristin” of the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEMML), who will leave on Aug. 24 to take her “dream job” as a librarian at a nearby elementary school.

For just less than a decade, Kristin McClune, youth services coordinator, has introduced hundreds of young patrons from birth through adulthood to the pleasures of the written word. She’s done so with the numerous free programs at the NEMML as well as by partnering with organizations such as the North East Community Center (NECC), the NECC Farmers Market, the 1858 Irontdale Schoolhouse, the Webutuck Elementary School, The Wassaic Project and the Sharon Audubon Society.

McClune knows from personal experience just how important that early in-

roduction to reading can be in a child’s development. She said she’s “incredibly grateful for the opportunity” she found as an adult to be able to contribute to the Millerton library.

Looking back, McClune said, “I had a very difficult time as an early elementary student. I was legally deaf until I was 3. I had to repeat kindergarten and had a very, very rough time in first grade.”

Things did happily change for her, she said, “When I got into second and third grade. I had these two incredible teachers who got me talking and got me really excited about school. I went from reading below grade level and not really interacting with my peers to having a birthday party in second grade and loving to read and loving to go to the school library.”

McClune also appreciates the role public schools play in children’s lives.

“My heart has always been in giving back,” she said. “That experience for me was transformative.”



PHOTO BY RHIANNON LEO-JAMESON

Known for meeting children where ever they might be, departing Youth Services Coordinator Kristin McClune shared a story with two young patrons in the NorthEast-Millerton Library Memorial Garden.

Since third grade, her ultimate goal has been to work as a librarian in a public elementary school. Toward that end and during her time at the NEMML, in addition to her many community vol-

unteer positions, McClune has been working diligently at the State University at Albany for a Masters of Science in Information Science with a concentration in School Librarianship, a degree she’ll

complete in the spring of 2023.

But McClune is not willing to leave her NEMML family behind. Even as she looks forward to moving on, she said, “I hope the library will consider me if they ever need volunteers or anything. They’ve been good to me. A few students I’ve known for a long time [as in, since they were 2] have asked if they can still talk to me about books sometimes. I told them of course.”

Not surprisingly, McClune said, “I have so, so many feelings... This is a wonderful job and a wonderful community. I know that... someone like me — who needed this opportunity to grow and learn — is going to take my place here.”

NEMML Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson also has mixed feelings about McClune’s impending departure.

“She will be missed,” said Leo-Jameson, “but we are just very excited and proud of her and so happy we were able to play a part in her journey.”

Lauding McClune’s many contributions, she added, “She was always thoroughly

involved and truly cares about who comes in to the library and participates.”

In addition to continuing existing programs, McClune initiated others including the recently-developed Nature Scouts at Rudd Park, Dungeon and Dragons, Trunk or Treat at Halloween and Story Hours.

Leo-Jameson noted that during the COVID-19 pandemic, McClune’s help was instrumental. With her assistance, the library was “able to quickly pivot to bring all the children’s programs online,” said Leo-Jameson.

To celebrate McClune’s many contributions, her last day at the NEMML on Wednesday, Aug. 24, will officially be designated “Kristin Day,” with patrons being encouraged to come to say goodbye at the library at 75 Main St. Community members are invited to pop by whenever they’d like and also to enjoy refreshments at 4 p.m.

Leo-Jameson recognizes McClune will leave big shoes to fill and that the process of finding someone may take some time, but noted they’re already looking for a replacement.

“We are very fortunate to have some retired teachers who volunteer at the library, some who are on our board, and they are going to help us fill in on her programs,” noted an appreciative Leo-Jameson.

For more information, call 518-789-3340 or stop by in person.

AREA IN BRIEF

Volunteers needed at Food of Life Pantry

AMENIA — The St. Thomas Episcopal Church’s Food of Life/Comida de Vida Pantry, at 40 Leedsville Road, needs volunteers to help the pantry get food into the homes of those struggling to make ends meet during these desperate times.

Wassaic Project exhibit & party

WASSAIC — The Wassaic Project will hold a block parties for its summer exhibition on Saturday, Aug. 20, from noon to 10 p.m. at Maxon Mills at 37 Furnace Bank Road.

The exhibition is on display free of charge on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. throughout the summer until Saturday, Sept. 17.

For more information, go to www.wassaicproject.org or stop by the former, refurbished grain elevator of Maxon Mills.

St. Thomas has its own garden, from which it grows fresh produce during the growing season as well a pantry, from which it provides non-perishable food and other essential items for those living in the Harlem Valley and over the border in Connecticut.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.stthomasamenia.com/volunteer; email questions about helping or getting help to samantha@stthomasamenia.com.

Wastewater study presented Aug. 18 before Amenia Town Board

AMENIA — The Amenia Town Board will host a presentation from the Amenia Wastewater Committee (AWC) on Thursday, Aug. 18, regarding its recent wastewater study.

The AWC has spent the past two years examining the possibility of creating a wastewater system in the hamlet; in 2021, the Town Board contracted for a feasibility study to be done.

With the passage of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 that

allocated almost \$12 billion dollars over five years for wastewater projects — nearly half of it in the form of grants and forgivable loans available to communities like Amenia — there’s a new urgency. A central waste-

water system would provide significant economic development benefits, according to the AWC.

The meeting will be held at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, at 7 p.m.

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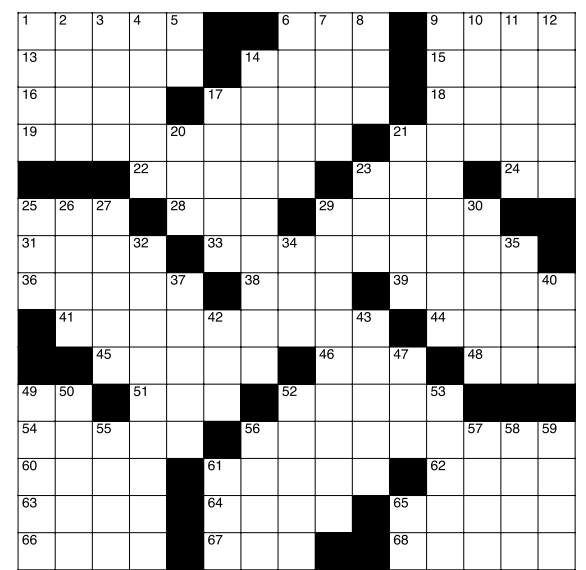
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- Egyptian statesman
- Napoleon Dynamite’s uncle
- Renovated
- Chadic language
- 18-year period
- Beverage container
- Natural logarithm
- The “mecca” of basketball
- A way to darken
- Mackerels
- Actor Pitt
- Places to buy seafood
- True firs
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- Italian pastas
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- Begets
- Resembles a pouch
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- The world has one
- Partner to pains
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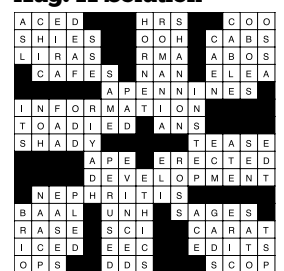
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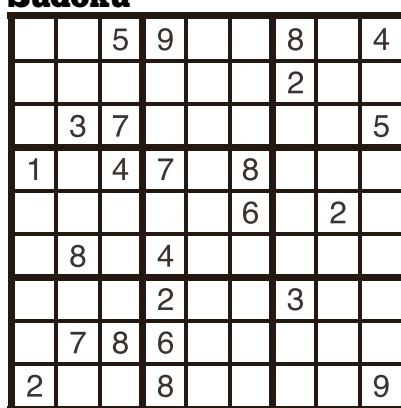


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- A day kids love
- Oily secretion
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- A father’s male child
- One point east of southeast
- Silk garments
- Cool!
- The color of anger
- Trade profession
- It can get you around
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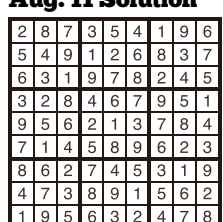
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Millbrook Hook & Ladder Co. #1 comes under fire for newly proposed sign

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MILLBROOK — During just two days in August, the 9th and the 10th, the village of Millbrook went from being a peaceful little village to one embroiled in controversy. And it was all due to a sign.

On Tuesday night, Aug. 9, Watchfire Signs brought a mobile sign on a truck into the village to illustrate what the sign the Millbrook Hook & Ladder Co. #1 wants to purchase for its firehouse at 20 Front St. would look like.

The new digital sign has caused concern among those who fear it would be an eyesore. The fire department argues it needs to replace its current sign in front of the firehouse, which is not just old but is falling apart. Notices need to be manually inserted in the sign. Because the sign is so damaged, the letters don't stay in place and the sign is ineffective, said fire department representatives.

The current sign is 6-feet high and 6-feet wide, black and white, and it's used to disseminate important information about emergencies and other vital public information as well as community events. It's located at the corner of Front Street and Washington Avenue.

Although Tuesday night was quite hot, a good number of residents appeared to assess the sign. Mayor Tim Collopy taped the event and put it online, at www.villageofmillbrookny.com, the next day for those who weren't able to attend. That photo may still be

seen online.

A representative from the sign company gave a demonstration on Tuesday and answered questions. Costs were also discussed, about the \$25,000 the fire department would pay from its own coffers to purchase the sign and the cost to maintain the sign. The fire department stressed it's not asking the town, the village or the taxpayers to foot the bill for any costs.

The Millbrook Fire Department (MFD) does fundraise to support its operations and maintenance, and expressed its gratitude to the many people in the community who donate.

MFD President Matt Rochfort said the Hook & Ladder Co. didn't want a sign with bright colors or flashing lights. The new sign will not be disruptive to the character of the village, but very similar to the sign it's replacing, he said. It will be the same size, it will be black and white, and the lights will be able to be dimmed or completely shut off at night.

The information may be entered digitally, and quickly, and changed frequently. The truck from Watchfire Signs was in Millbrook on Tuesday for an hour. Some residents said they liked it, some didn't. Most comments were saved for the Village Board meeting's public comment section the following night, Wednesday, Aug. 10.

The mayor and three of the board's four trustees were present: Mike Herzog, Vickie Contino and Peter Doro. Several residents and MFD personnel were there also.



Above is a close replica of the sign that Millbrook Engine Hook & Ladder Co. #1 would like to purchase from its own budget and install to post community emergency service messages outside of the Millbrook firehouse at 20 Front St.

Sign discussion

Rochfort explained the old sign looked battered and functioned poorly, and said the fire department will follow all codes and suggestions from the village in order to get a new sign approved.

Resident Heather LaVarnway had safety concerns, and said the new sign could distract drivers, drawing their attention from the road if there are flashing or moving messages.

Rochfort noted that an e-mail sent throughout the community sharing images of large and garish signs from a nearby town was very misleading, as it had nothing to do with the sign the MFD wants.

Resident Leah Cornell also said she was disturbed, as she had been approached by people asking her to speak on their behalf because they were afraid of the repercussions of making complaints

themselves. Several people scoffed at her statement, especially the firefighters who were in the room.

Cornell made it clear that just because some residents do not want an electronic sign does not in any way diminish their respect or gratitude for the fire department itself.

Others at the meeting said they were against the new sign because they felt it was out of character for the village. Many said Millbrook is known for its quaintness, its ambience and its charm, and fear the sign's out of character.

One comment was made that the only lit sign in the community at the moment is the scoreboard at the high school athletic field. There is a gas station on Route 44 that also has a lighted sign. The mayor later clarified.

"There are no electronic signs in Millbrook," he said, period. The current code allows signs to be lit, but they

may not be electronic. much the fire department has done for the town and village through the years.

Resident Mike Flanagan said for all the fire and rescue squads do, they should be respected and allowed to get the sign they want.

Several MFD personnel said they feel badly that a simple sign has become such a big controversy.

Resident Kara Grainger, who is a mother, a teacher and both vice president and secretary of the MFD, spoke of the training, the meetings and the emergencies the volunteers tend to.

"We're all volunteers, we all have day jobs," she said, noting while she maintains the website, it's not always accurate due to restrictions on Facebook and social media. The new sign would help keep the community updated with current information.

While most of the people present leaned in favor of a vote being taken that night as the board had a full quorum, the mayor opted to wait until all trustees were present. The vote on whether to approve the sign was scheduled for the meeting on Thursday, Sept. 8.



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Ronald Martin Solan

LAKEVILLE — Ronald Martin Solan, 86, of Porter Street, passed away Aug. 9, 2022 at his home. He had been dealing with both Covid and cancer. He was a beloved, lifelong member of the community and loving uncle, cousin, and friend to many. He was dearly loved



Solan, and many great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters Agnes Solan, Rose Blass, and Lorraine Lubianetsky. Ron was also the longtime partner of the late Sally Ongley Northrop of Salisbury and an important part of the lives of her two sons, Matthew and Michael. Michael's 2015 book "Tom-bquest: Valley of Kings" was dedicated to Ron. It read, "For Ronald Martin Solan: Artist, Soldier, and Porter Street Irregular."

A wake will be held at the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon on Friday, Aug. 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. A memorial service will be held at St. Mary Church in Lakeville on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 10:00 a.m., followed by the burial at St. Mary's Cemetery in Salisbury with full military honors.

Memorial donations can be sent either to the Lakeville VFW at 19 Brook St. Lakeville, CT 06039 or to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service at PO Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068.

Ron was born April 5, 1936, in Lakeville, the son of the late Martin and Mary Rocknack Solan. Ron graduated from Salisbury School in 1954 and later graduated from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University. Ron was a member of the U.S. Army Special Forces serving as a Green Beret. He served in Vietnam and many places throughout the world. He reached the rank of Master Sergeant during his military career. Upon his retirement, Ron returned to the Northwest Corner where he lived as an artist and skilled craftsman.

He was a morning fixture for years at On the Run Coffee Shop, and an avid reader with a love of history that made him a valued teammate at trivia later in the day.

He is survived by his nephews John and Stephen Lubianetsky, his cousin Richard

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if he wins — unless he moves. Ryan will be switching districts and running for CD 18; he's on the ballot for that race in the Democratic Primary on Aug. 23 — the same day as the Special Election. Once redrawn, the 18th CD will include Ryan's hometown of Gardiner.

That means the Ulster County Democrat will be on two separate ballots on Tuesday for two separate races. Ryan will be on the ballot with Molinaro in the Special Election for the current 19th CD and also on the ballot in the Democratic Primary Election for the 18th CD against Moses R. Mugulusi and Aisha Mills, to secure a spot in the November General Election.

Snapshot of CD changes
Dutchess County voters in the Harlem Valley currently reside in the 19th CD; come 2023, they will reside in the 18th CD.

The current 19th CD includes parts or all of the following Dutchess County towns: Amenia, Beekman, Clinton, Dover, East Fishkill, Hyde Park, Lagrange, Milan, North East, Pawling, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Stanford, Union Vale and Washington.

The new 18th Congressional District will include parts or all of the following Dutchess County towns: Amenia, Beekman, Clinton, Dover, Fishkill, Hyde Park, Lagrange, Milan, North East, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Stanford, Union Vale, Wappinger, Washington and the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie.

BOE contact info
For more information on the Special and Primary elections and to see a listing of local polling places, go to the Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) website at www.elections.dutchessny.gov or call the BOE at 845-486-2473.

NORTH CANAAN — Richard G. Crane Sr., 75, peacefully died at his home surrounded by his family on Aug. 11, 2022. He was born on Nov. 7, 1946 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The son of the late Robert Sr. and Beverly (Gill) Crane of Trumbull, Connecticut. Richard has left behind two brothers, Robert Jr. and Jack. He graduated from Trumbull High School in 1964, then served active duty as boilerman onboard the Vermillion in the United States Navy Reserve Program during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1967.

Upon returning home he started working for The Dunn Bus Company in Trumbull where he worked as a dispatcher and manager. During this time he was introduced to the love of his life Valerie, and they married May 23, 1970 at the Nicholas Methodist Church in Trumbull.

In 1974 the Dunn family purchased a farm in Salisbury and asked Rich to come manage the farm. At this time he moved to Canaan to start the next chapter of his life in his new beloved community. Over his years in Canaan he has served on many committees and volunteered much of his time. Some of these include being a member of

the Canaan United Methodist Church; a member of the Canaan NW Lions Club; a member of the North Canaan Volunteer Fire Department where he served as treasurer; a member of the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps where he served as a driver and vehicle maintenance officer; a 55-year member of the Washington Lodge #19 A&F Masons; and he also served on the North Canaan Zoning Board of Appeals.

In 1977 Richard started working for Adirondack Transit Lines in Kingston, New York and shortly after took a job with the Bonanza Bus Lines of Providence, Rhode Island. This is where he really gained his love for driving buses and meeting new people. In 1986, he took a leave of absence to pursue a job closer to home so he could be with his family more, and started working for Jeffrey Kilson Excavating. While working for Jeff, he also started a new lawn mowing business called "Jerichi Enterprises," which were the initials of his 3 children. As the business grew, it soon became a full-time business, which the family ran until

1992, when his family was approached with a new business opportunity to buy Segalla's Lawn Mower Shop (soon to be renamed Crane's Outdoor Power Equipment). While operating the lawnmower shop, he still had the love for driving buses so he took a part-time

position driving buses for Land Jet Bus Lines from Waterbury and continued doing both for several years. Rich worked full time at Crane's Outdoor Power Equipment along with Rich Jr. until his health no longer allowed him to in 2018. In addition to work he enjoyed camping, domestic traveling with friends, woodworking, gardening, bowling, cruises, casino trips, and helping on various committees.

In addition to his wife Valerie of 53 years, Rich leaves

behind his daughter Jennifer; his son Rich Jr. and wife Jaime with grandchildren Emma, Richie III, Katie; son Chris and wife Lindsey with grandchildren Chris Jr., Connor, Charlene; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Rich, also known as "Pops," will be greatly missed by so many. He was a friend to everyone, a father figure to many, and he was respected by all. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Crane's Outdoor Power Equipment 337 Ashley Falls Road, Canaan. There will be a service and Celebration of Life at the North Canaan VFW on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Canaan United Methodist Church (roof fund) or to the Canaan NW Lions Club.

Richard G. Crane



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Sharon Triathlon has repeat winner

By HUNTER O. LYLE
Special to The Millerton News

SHARON — Facing the glassy surface of Mudge Pond, more than 80 people, wearing wet suits, goggles and swim caps, stood eagerly on the water's edge. In a few moments they heard "swimmers begin," and with it, the Sharon Sprint Triathlon kicked off for the 15th time on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Every summer, the Sharon Parks and Recreation Department hosts a family-friendly contest consisting of a half-mile swim, 12-mile bike ride and 4-mile run.

"It creates some excitement, certainly among the parks and rec committees and down here at the beach," said Matthew Andrulis-Mette, the director of parks and recreation. "The people who do it really, really enjoy it."

To read a full report on the Sharon Sprint Triathlon, go to www.tricornernews.com.



Ben Sobolewski, 20, crossed the finish line first out of the more than 80 registered participants. As the cyclist and runner for his team SOBO SBR, he earned first place for the teams category.



Michael Harke, 47, was the first contestant to finish the half-mile swim. After just over 14 minutes, Harke reached the shore and moved on to the cycling leg of the race.

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PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

The historic stained glass windows at Grace Church in Millbrook will be conserved and then resituated, but first the church must raise another \$40,000 for the total \$75,000 cost of the project. Once the project is completed, the delicate panels will be able to be better viewed from the street.

Grace Church seeks funds to showcase stained glass window

MILLBROOK — A program at Grace Episcopal Church in Millbrook on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 12, spoke about the history of the church's Resurrection Window. The window will shortly be transformed, if all goes well.

The window is on the Franklin Avenue side of the church. It boasts four glorious panels, but from the outside, one only sees the back of the window. The front of the window, inside the church, is behind and above the altar, tragically hidden by huge pipes from the church organ.

The window was made by American artist Maitland Armstrong, who lived in Rome where he was sent in 1869 as

American Consul to the Papal States. An important stained glass artist and painter, Armstrong was actually from the Hudson Valley town of Newburgh and educated in Hartford, Conn., at Trinity College.

The four-paneled stained glass window was installed in 1912 as a memorial to John Daniel Wing and his wife. The historic piece of art glass was dedicated on Easter Sunday of that year.

Grace Church plans to change the panels and rotate them so the beautiful front pieces may be seen from outside of the church. The process will cost money, as the delicate glass must be protected and conserved while the position

of the panels is changed. The church has saved \$35,000 for the project, but will need to raise more funds to cover the full cost of \$75,000.

It's begun to fundraise toward that end, and is hoping for grants and private donations to help make up the \$40,000 difference.

For more information on how to donate, or to arrange for a tour of the church and get a peek behind the organ to see this magnificent four-panel window — soon-to-be removed for conservation — contact the Rev. Matthew Calkins at 845-677-3064 or go to www.gracemillbrook.org.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

Stanford Library still cozy and comfy in new(ish) space

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

STANFORDVILLE — Three years after residents pitched in to help the Stanford Free Library make the move to the spacious and bright new building it had taken years to complete, it is still the warm and welcoming home to patrons that the smaller building it replaced had always been.

Christa Cerul has been library director since December of 2019, when she replaced long-time director Arlene Christensen, who stepped down in favor of contributing to the library as the clerk.

Cerul said that when the larger building was being constructed. Some people were nervous about the move, saying the new space wouldn't be the same.

"But I told them it's the people who make it homey and sweet, and we're going to be in the new building," she said.

Now that the library is celebrating its third-year anniversary this August, Cerul's prediction holds true — even as the expanded space provided by the new building has allowed for a corresponding growth.

The old library was "tucked away [but] now we're right on Route 82, and we get more traffic from people who never really even knew there was a library in town," Cerul explained. "We've seen our membership increase and our business increase."

Although the location is more accessible, it's still within walking distance from Stanford's recreation center,

an important plus as the proximity allows for easy access to programs at both locations throughout the year.

During the summer Cerul said, "kids can swim all day and come for an afternoon break up here."

Appreciative of the cooperation between the two organizations, she said it's typical of how small towns approach activities and programs that benefit multiple partners, such as Christmas giveaways with the fire department.

She also noted that while the coronavirus pandemic slowed the transition as it hit just months after library moved into the new building in 2019, it provided an unexpected opportunity for the library to serve the community.

Just across the street from McCarthy's Pharmacy, the library was able to help organize vaccine clinics for residents. Those were held in its community room, named in honor of past Library Board President Mark Williams. He had worked diligently for years with volunteers to make the new building a reality before being replaced by current president, Jim Bail.

"We never could have done that in our old building," Cerul said, as the space simply wasn't available.

That room has also allowed for the presentation of weekly programs and even a monthly

documentary art film series with Carin Goldberg from the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

Deeply appreciated community services include a "Repair Café," which is also possible only because of the new building. Several times a year, volunteers able to repair everything from lamps to fabrics to jewelry to radios gather in the Community Room and work their magic. The services, next scheduled for September, are free. Patrons are encouraged to make a small donation to defray the cost of repair materials.

While the expansion has been a boon to patrons, the volunteers and staff members who make the whole operation flow smoothly have also benefited. Cerul explained previously those library workers could sometimes be found literally back to back at their desks. Now there is plenty of space to spread out.

Schedules of programs for the Stanford Free Library at 6035 Route 82 are online at www.stanfordlibrary.org and on Facebook, or call 845-868-1341. Cerul also encourages patrons to also sign up at stanfordlibrary@optonline.net for newsletters for adults, teens and children.

She noted some programs have limited access and the emails provide patrons a first chance at registration.

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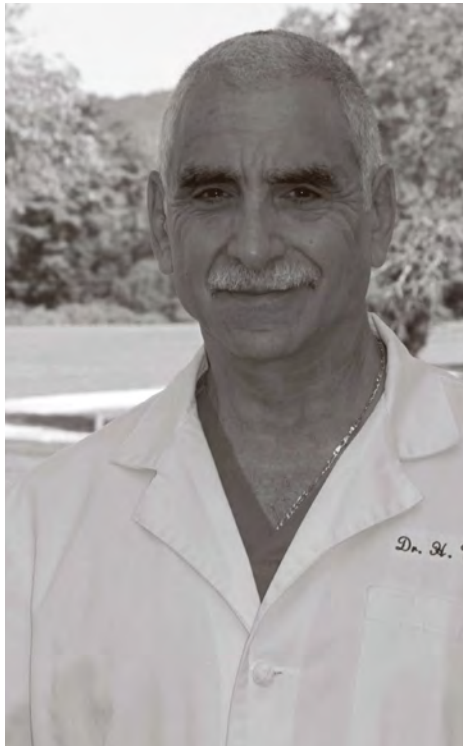
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newspapers.
The exhibit detailing its history inside the Academy Building will be open through September.
Jeanette Weber, president of the Salisbury Association, presented Publisher Janet Manko with a check for \$7,000 from the Association, in the memory of the late Donald Ross, who was an active member of the Salisbury community.

Weber explained that former Journal owner Stewart Hoskins (who owned and operated the paper from 1940-71) left the Association a bequest of \$15,000 to index the back issues of The Journal. That didn't happen, and in 2012 the newspaper archive was digitized, making indexing unnecessary.
During The Journal's 2019 fundraising campaign, the Association gave the paper

\$10,000 from the Hoskins' funds. The \$7,000 presented Aug. 13 represents the balance of the original donation.
Weber said the gift was made in memory of Ross, who was instrumental in helping the paper receive nonprofit tax status.
In 2021, The Lakeville Journal Foundation was founded as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
On Sunday, Academy Street was closed for the

Anniversary Day Street Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Besides food and drink, the fair featured stiltwalkers, face painters, free cake and a bubble machine.
Traffic heading for Labonne's supermarket was diverted down Library Street, and volunteers directed traffic out on Main Street (Route 44).
A reporter achieved a personal best by consuming

one hot dog with sauerkraut and mustard and a second with chili and melted cheese without getting any of it on his shirt.
At around 1:30 p.m., some 180 people had been in to see the exhibit.
Two bands played, the Northwest Passage and students from the Music Cellar in Millerton.
The Lakeville Journal table had T-shirts for sale, with

amusing headlines from years past, such as "Raccoon murder case apology ordered" from Aug. 10, 1978.
The top seller was "Bistro responds to tomato pie accusations" from Feb. 9, 2012.
Along with The Journal, there were tables lining the perimeter of a tent that were staffed with volunteers from many of the nonprofit organizations that provide services to the community.

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Republican nominee for governor in 2018, a race he lost to former Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Molinaro will face his Ulster County counterpart in a Special Election on Tuesday, Aug. 23, for the House of Representatives.
The charismatic politician is hoping to complete the unexpired term of former Democratic U.S. Rep. and current Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado for the 19th Congressional District (CD). The term expires at year's end, when district lines will be reset.
Sticking with CD 19
Come November, Molinaro plans to remain in CD 19. "I don't want to confuse voters," he told The Millerton News in an interview on Wednesday, Aug. 10. "I live in that district. In November, members of that district have to decide if I'm best person to represent them; 85% of that district will remain the same.

"I have four kids, settled in different grades [in Dutchess]," said Molinaro, who lives in Red Hook with his wife and children. "I will meet the residency issues and plan to have property and reside in [the new CD 19], but with all due respect I'd like to know if I will represent that district first."
Noting that in "the simplest form," voters are merely filling the vacancy left by Delgado, he said the important thing is it's done quickly.
"Right now we don't have a vote in Washington and we don't have a voice to represent us," said Molinaro.
Regarding his record...
Molinaro said he's done much during his three decades in public service, which include not only being mayor of Tivoli, but serving as a county legislator and state assemblyman before being elected county executive.
He highlighted his work

to save the Hudson Valley Greenway from the chopping block, ensuring the state continue to preserve its scenic, natural, historic, cultural and recreational resources while encouraging economic development.
He also spoke of his work in protecting agricultural land and natural resources, including upward of 8,500 acres of county farmland.
"We now have more active acres of farmland than we did in 1970," he said, adding he's responsible for several community preservation acts and supported the Right to Farm Law. "[I've] protected open space and active farmland. I cosponsored the property tax cap and the largest middle-class income cut in 58 years."
Molinaro also spoke of his re-establishing the county's fiscal strength.
"We had no fund balance, and are still seeing significant

increases in our mental health and social service case load from the Great Recession that just passed," he said. "Over the past decade, Dutchess County's relationship with towns and cities is stronger than any county in the state."
A special point of pride is his work in expanding mental health services.
"Our infrastructure investment... in services for those with disabilities is the largest, most comprehensive of community-based mental health services in America," said Molinaro. "We're the model that others now replicate."
He listed New York City and Ulster County among those mirroring his program.
"Cuomo put in the state budget a replication of Dutchess County's Stabilization Center," he added.
His hallmark initiative is his ThinkDifferently campaign, created in 2014 and nationally

recognized for providing services and leveling the playing field for those with disabilities. Molinaro said he was inspired by his daughter, Abigail, who was born on the autism spectrum and lives with a cognitive disability and seizure disorder.
"We have created far too many obstacles... for those with disabilities in this country," he said. "That has to change."
"Down syndrome, autism, everything in-between, all falls into it effectively," he said, listing some of the challenges those with disabilities face: lack of education, lack of housing, lack of services. "The disabilities community has functioned in this particular way and ThinkDifferently has broken through and is powerful in that way."
He also spoke of the 24/7

mobile intervention team that provided "law enforcement mental health crisis before anyone was talking about it."
That was back in 2012.
On abortion...
Regarding abortion, Molinaro said his powers would be limited in Congress, adding New Yorkers would continue to have access to their reproductive rights.
"The Supreme Court ruled in the Dobbs decision that the federal government's role in abortion matters is greatly limited and the states have the authority to weigh these matters now," he said. "I do not believe Congress has the authority to implement a nationwide abortion ban and would not support such legislation. Here in New York abortion access is far-reaching and is not changing."

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resigned from Congress after Governor Kathy Hochul appointed him lieutenant governor on May 3 to replace his disgraced predecessor, Brian Benjamin.
The Special Election will be the last time District 19 will be defined as it is now. Come 2023, District 19 will no longer include Dutchess County; District 18 will instead include Dutchess County. Ryan plans to run for CD 18 in the new configuration; Molinaro announced he'll remain in CD 19.
One name, two ballots
Ryan will therefore be on both the ballot for the CD 19 Special Election, open to all voters, and on the ballot for the 2022 Democratic Primary for CD 18, which is only open to registered Democrats.
Motivation to run
The determined politician spoke with The Millerton News on Wednesday, Aug. 10, about why he wants to serve in Congress.
"We're at a place in our country where our entire democratic system is under threat," said the West Point graduate and former Army intelligence officer. "The fundamental freedoms I risked my life for serving in [Iraq] and many have given their life for [are being] ripped away."
Ryan said he could not sit idly by and watch individual liberties be assailed. He added the issues facing Congress are too important to let politics preside over policy.
"Number one, the right to a safe abortion, to reproductive health care, to see the Supreme Court take that away," he said, "and to see the Supreme Court allow more weapons and guns on our streets... to see the Jan. 6 hearings and what happened there. To have people see our entire democracy under threat — that's why I am running. I want to make sure we preserve our democracy and strengthen it."
The Ulster County native, born and raised in Kingston

and now living in Gardiner with his wife and two children, said he thinks most voters agree with him.
"When government tries to take away fundamental rights... when certain lines are crossed, Americans won't stand for it," said Ryan, who has served three of the four years in his first term as county executive.
While Ryan addressed larger, existential issues, including his belief "democracy is at stake," as "we've seen the literal storming of our Capitol and a coup" attempted on Jan. 6, he also addressed the need to provide "tangible" help to people. He said he's assisted people while county executive and can do so as congressman.
Ryan said he wants to prioritize "on a major reinvestment in mental health and recovery, which we've done a lot of in Ulster County; we should address the housing crisis and build more housing for seniors and veterans; we should make major investments in infrastructure."
Funding local projects
He paused to focus specifically on the enormous invest-

ment the federal government has made in infrastructure.
"We have the biggest infrastructure bill passed since the Eisenhower Administration in the Biden Administration," said Ryan, referencing the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's \$1.2 trillion of funding. "In local government, we understand how important municipal water and sewer are, and that they can hold back so many of our communities..."
He said Ulster County used American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to develop local wastewater systems; promote economic development and affordable housing; and repair roads and sidewalks — the very issues Harlem Valley communities are grappling with right now.
"Actions speak louder than words, and in Ulster County we've taken federal rescue funds and set up a \$5 million program to give direct funding for water and sewer projects to all towns... where we know resources are needed," said Ryan. "[With] that \$5 million, we ended up unlocking 10- to 20-times that in federal and state


matching funds."
Automatic advantage
He said that experience will aid him in Congress.
"Being the Ulster County executive, I understand local county government and the tangible benefits," he said. "What I have to do to tie the thread between local and national is to rebuild the trust that government can deliver, that government can have integrity and build on that momentum."
Like Molinaro, Ryan said mental health is a key issue.
"One of the biggest areas across the district that is woefully in need of investing in is mental health," he said. "We must prioritize more funding."
Ryan gave a nod to Dutchess County's mental healthcare model but stopped short of calling it trendsetting.
He said the "federal government needs significantly more investment in mental health," adding the burden "shouldn't be on local government."
He put part of the blame on low reimbursement rates from the federal government.

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when he said the supermarket chain Hannaford was in contract to open a store in his plaza back in 2011.
"I told you the absolute truth about Hannaford," said Trotta. "Yes, it had never gone before the Planning Board, that was correct, but I had a written agreement with Hannaford to come into the plaza."
That never happened, and the community has experienced a "food desert," as

North East Community Center Executive Director Christine Sergent put it recently, ever since. The possibility that a grocer might be lured to the plaza under new ownership is one that has the community bubbling with excitement.
The Millerton News will be digging to get as many details about this developing story as possible, so be sure to keep reading week to week for future updates.

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The Sharon Audubon Center is offering a wonderful number of public events to wind down the summer and begin the fall season. On Aug 20th, naturalist Bethany Sheffer will discuss Chimney Swifts and their hidden lives at the Center. On Sept 10th, John Wheeler will reveal the amazing world of mushrooms here in the NW corner which will include a walkabout to identify them in the wild. There are many other public events, like the fall Bird Tours both at the Center and at the Miles Wildlife Center, all of which can be found on their website at <https://sharon.audubon.org/>. For further questions, you can also call Bethany at 860-364-0520. I look forward to seeing you at these events that make our NW corner so special.

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Three Connecticut hospitals were ranked among the best in the nation, according to new ratings released by the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Sharon Hospital, Stamford Hospital and Greenwich Hospital Association each received five-star ratings, CMS's highest ranking. According to CMS, 431 of about 4,500 hospitals nationwide received five stars.

Another eight Connecticut hospitals received four-star ratings. And while no hospital in Connecticut received a single-star rating, Rockville General Hospital, Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington and Bridgeport Hospital were among the 702 hospitals that only received two stars. Ten of Connecticut's hospitals were not ranked.

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COOKING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Finding My Way Back to the Kitchen

Two days ago I put my apron on again, after a month of ignoring it. It's not that I hadn't cooked; it's more that I'd done it in a somnolent state, not really paying close enough attention to realize I needed protective gear.

The garden is a harsh mistress and doesn't really care what else is happening in your life. The zucchini need to be picked when they're ready, before they grow large enough to be baseball bats. The tomatoes will explode if you ignore them. The corn will only show up on tables at the farm markets for a few short precious weeks.

And so it's time to pay attention, and to collect all those ingredients and return to the kitchen and to life.

This recipe for fritters is unremarkable, you can find similar sets of instructions in any cookbook and of course online.

What's different is the quantity. Like many people in the world (old and young), I am now cooking for just a single person: myself. Most recipes serve at least four, so this is an exercise in finding foods that are happy if you give them all your attention and cook just a small portion.

Usually, to be honest, I don't measure much, especially with a home-spun recipe like this. But I knew I would be sharing this recipe — if not the finished dish — with you readers, so ... I measured. You're welcome. But feel free to monkey around with the quantities. Want more green? Use more



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A tomato and bacon jam is easy to make and makes a nicely contrasting accompaniment to fritters.

zucchini and less potato. Hate the potato thing? Leave the potatoes out. Cooking for 10? Just multiply the quantities. It will all be OK.

For a person dining alone, this is a filling meal and the perfect companion to a tomato salad. Or you can sauté some diced onions and add some cherry tomatoes, then cook it all down over low heat into a jam. Add garlic and diced peppers if you like more heat.

To create the julienne sticks of zucchini and potato, I used a mandoline, which seems like a fussy luxury until you have to make zucchini julienne sticks or until you want to make super thin cucumber or potato slices.

I bought mine on Amazon.com; it is called the PLS Gourmet Slicer and you can buy one for \$43. I store it in its box, which is about 15 inches long by 5

inches wide and 4 inches deep (small and easy to tuck into a corner of the pantry).

Be sure to use the safety accessory; the blades are extremely sharp.

ZUCCHINI FRITTERS

Enough for one serving

One ear of corn, 1 cup of julienned Yukon Gold potato (lightly packed), 1 cup of julienned zucchini, 2 eggs, 1/8 cup sour cream, 1/2 cup all purpose flour, 1/2 cup chopped basil, 1/4 cup chopped scallions, 8 cracks of fresh black pepper, 2 teaspoons of coarse kosher salt, 1 teaspoon of curry powder

This recipe assumes that you have cooked corn left over from yesterday's dinner or lunch. Scrape the kernels off the ear.

Julienne the potato (you'll want about half of a large Yukon Gold) and the zucchini (about a third of a big old baseball bat). Blanch the potatoes in boiling water for about 5 minutes (if this seems too hard, just leave the potatoes out).

In a medium bowl, beat together the two eggs and the sour cream. Add the flour and beat it in until you have a fairly smooth batter.

Drop the julienned veggies into the batter and add in the basil and scallion (about one long scallion stalk — I usually just cut them into small bite-sized pieces with a clean pair of kitchen scissors; so much easier than chopping with a knife). Add the pepper, salt and curry powder and stir it all up.

Heat up a griddle or cast iron pan — although really a nonstick pan will work fine, too, since you will be cooking this over low to medium-low heat. If these were regular breakfast pancakes, you'd cook them faster and over higher heat. But you want the zucchini to cook, so ... use low to medium-low heat.

I like to use butter with my fritters, but you can use whatever you like, including nothing if you're working with a nonstick pan.

When the griddle is hot, scoop a large spoonful of vegetable-filled batter onto the hot surface and pat it down so it's somewhat flat. You'll want to cook each side for about 3 to 5 minutes.

You can eat them as I do, standing over the sink with my fingers. Or you can serve them on plates with tomato jam, or a white dairy such as sour cream, creme fraiche or Greek yogurt. Sprinkle more herbs on top. Do whatever you want. This one's for you.

A WHODUNNIT THAT'S WRAPPED IN A RUG — AND ANOTHER PLAY

“Murder on the Oriental Rug” is a play within a play, put on by Two Of Us Productions in collaboration with the Claverack Free library in Claverack, N.Y., on Saturday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

In the framework show, half of the cast of “Murder on the Oriental Rug” bails out; the remaining performers are stuck playing all the roles.

Will this play make it to Broadway? Will the performers remember their lines? Will the Shakespearean actor fit into the French maid's costume? Will the chalk outline come out of the rug? Will the inspector solve the murder? Will another murder occur?

Before the evening's over, someone

will be murdered, and it's up to the audience to solve the crime. Prizes will be awarded to the first people who correctly guess the murder and motive.

Although the show begins at 7:30 p.m., the doors open at 7 p.m., giving audience members a chance to mingle with the cast and collect clues.

“Murder on the Oriental Rug” will be performed in the downstairs Marilyn and Bob Laurie Foundation Gallery at the Claverack Free Library, 9 Route 9H, Claverack, N.Y. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Parking is available in the library parking lot as well as at the People's Bible Church at 615 NY Route 23B, directly east of the library along Route 23B.



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Work by Danielle Mailer and Ani Jenkins will be shown in Falls Village, Conn., from Sept. 3 until Oct. 7.

DANIELLE MAILER AND ANI JENKINS IN SHOW OF WORK AT HUNT LIBRARY

Litchfield County favorite artist Danielle Mailer will open a new show of work at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., with a reception on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Also showing is Ani Jenkins, a sculptor who works in wood, exploring the patterns she finds, creating worlds infused with deep mystical themes, a melding of reality and dreams. Jenkins recently moved to Falls Village from San Francisco.

Like the mortar in an elaborate mosaic, Danielle Mailer's lines and curves, in both her paintings and sculptures in this exhibition, are an echo and celebration of her mother Adele's Peruvian heritage.

Her late father,

Norman Mailer, always said, “Paint what you know,” which Danielle does here in her elaborate imagery of animated psychedelic animal spirits. An arts instructor at Salisbury School in Connecticut, Danielle lives with her husband, musician Peter McEachern, in Goshen, Conn., and has public murals in Torrington, Boston, New York City and other places.

The exhibition will remain on display through Friday, Oct. 7. For more information, call the library at 860-824-7424 or go to www.huntlibrary.org/art-wall. The library is at 63 Main St. in Falls Village and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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This 1913 Peugeot 145s, believed to be the only one still in existence, motored into Kent, Conn., for a rally in July.

COOL CARS: LANS CHRISTENSEN

The Rarest of the Rare: A Peugeot 145s

What a cool surprise to come upon this extraordinary — and rarest — example of a very early Peugeot.

France's oldest surviving car manufacturer, Peugeot started making bicycles in the 1880s and had produced cars since 1896.

This 145s "sports tourer" was made in 1913, and is thought by Peugeot to be the only one in existence! It has been fully restored and maintained in original factory condition.

The owner, who prefers to remain anonymous, drove it from



home in Redding, Conn., with fellow Vintage Rally members to a gathering in Kent, Conn., on Sunday, July 24.

The car was a centerpiece for Peugeot at the 1968 New York Auto Show. From there it was driven the whole way to San Francisco. A plaque

on the dash attests to this awesome achievement.

Just like an ordinary summer drive in the country, husband and wife got in, filled up at the corner gas station, and motored happily on their way — in a cool, 100-plus year-old classic.

WRITERS READ THEIR WORK AT THE LIBRARY

The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., will host the second annual Writers Table Fall Celebration Reading outdoors under the library's tent on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m. The Writers Table is a group of professional writers who have been meeting regularly for more than 20 years.

Readers this year include authors and actors Gloria Parker and

Howard Platt, and playwright and columnist Lonnie Carter, who will read from his writings published in The Lakeville Journal. This event is free and open to the public; donations are welcome.

For more information, go to www.HuntLibrary.org or call 860-824-7424.

The David M. Hunt Library is at 63 Main St. in Falls Village.

ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Flooding, Fire and Rebirth in Ghost of a Dream's New Show

Ghost of a Dream is the collaborative project of Lauren Was and Adam Eckstrom, residents of Amenia, N.Y., but also somewhat nomadic former residents of Brooklyn and New York City.

Was and Eckstrom are accomplished and much-exhibited artists whose work often reflects a thought, a concept, a trend, always something that is personally meaningful to them. One of their early pieces, shown at the Wassaic Project in Wassaic, N.Y., was images created from discarded lottery tickets found on the streets of New York.

The duo's new show, at Geary on Main Street in Millerton, N.Y., until Oct. 2, is called "If This Is Paradise ...".

Although the show notes don't go into the specifics of the artists' history of water trauma, they have more than once experienced significant flooding (part of the reason, perhaps, that they have moved studio spaces often in the past decades). This show takes a wider look at the impact that flood and fire have on the world and



PHOTO BY GHOST OF A DREAM

Ghost of a Dream's new show at the Geary on Main Street in Millerton, which includes "Confusion on the Ground," above, features collaged images of damage wrought by fire and flooding.

on art.

The show notes explain that, "The five composite images included in the exhibition are sourced from collections of burning police cars, oil rig fires, melting icebergs, homes in floods, and red tide coupled with toxic green algae.

"Fire and water mark the end of things, destruction, and demise, but throughout history fire and water can also signify rejuvenation and growth. This cycle of death and rebirth of

nature and culture has repeated on this planet since the beginning of time, yet, with the inevitable repeat of this cycle upon us, it's evident that things are different this time around: the planet is in trouble."

Geary Gallery at 34 Main St. in Millerton, N.Y., is open Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn more at <https://geary.nyc> and www.ghostofadream.com. "If This Is Paradise ..." is at Geary until Oct. 2.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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

ART

Argazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. www.argazziart.com
Victor Mirabelli. BLACK AND WHITE AND IN BETWEEN, opening Aug. 20.

Furnace — Art on Paper Archive. 107 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com
Summer Selections, July 30 to Aug. 28.

BOOKS

The Clark Art Museum. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
SUMMER BOOK CLUB: A FIELD GUIDE TO GETTING LOST BY REBECCA SOLNIT, Aug. 25, 7 to 9 p.m.

Oblong Books & Music. 26 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.oblongbooks.com
Reading & Book Signing: Emma Straub, THIS TIME TOMORROW: A Novel @ Red Hook Public Library, Aug. 24, 5 p.m.

MEET THE CHIEFS AT THE EGREMONT BARN

Litchfield County's beloved Joint Chiefs continue to perform folk song covers and new compositions throughout the region. Look for them next at The Egremont Barn in Egremont, Mass., on Saturday, Aug. 27.

Meals are served; the menu features "roadside inn" dishes with an emphasis on burgers and tacos. There is an extensive menu of specialty cocktails.

There will be two sets, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.theegremontbarn.com/ events.

KIDS

The Clark Art Museum. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
AUGUST ADVENTURES DAY, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

D. M. Hunt Library. 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. www.huntlibrary.org
Field Trip to Adamah Farm, Aug. 18, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Augustfest in the Village, Aug. 21, 4 to 6 p.m.

MOVIES

Gilson Cafe & Cinema. 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www.gilsoncafecinema.com
Check website for current showtimes.

The Moviehouse. 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
Movies Make The News, News Makes The Movies Film Series, Aug. 15 to Sept. 18; 3000 Years of Longing, opens Aug. 31.

MUSIC

Berkshire Theatre Group. www.berkshiretheatregroup.org
Songs For A New World, through Aug. 20.

The Egremont Barn. 17 Main St., South Egremont, Mass. www.theegremontbarn.com
The Jug Enders, Aug. 19, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; Rev Tor and The Deal, Aug. 20, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

THEATER

Berkshire Opera Festival. www.berkshireoperafestival.org
Mozart's Don Giovanni, Aug. 20, 1 p.m., Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Sharon Playhouse. 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org
Shear Madness, Aug. 26 to Sept. 11.

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Pine Plains state softball champs honored with sign

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
judithb@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — From the moment one meets the members of the state championship girls softball team from Pine Plains, two things stand out — they really love the game — and they really love each other.

The young players clearly also love the camaraderie, the teamwork and good sportsmanship. Those are just part of what helped the Pine Plains Youth Baseball/Softball Program create such an upbeat and successful team that won the New York State Little League District 17 12u Softball Championship this past spring.

The team's impressive accomplishment was celebrated by the community-at-large on Thursday evening, Aug. 11, when many local fans and supporters gathered together along with the players, their friends and family, the league's president and coaches, to witness the unveiling of a new sign in their honor.

The sign will be hung at the town's recreation fields off of Beach Road.

League President Rich Tamburrino said the new metal sign will be hung at the softball field, which has never been done in the town and "is a big deal for the team and the community," according to him.

As each player walked into the auditorium of The Stissing Center last week during the ceremony, she was greeted with a hug from her teammates.

Also present were Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) and Pine Plains town Supervisor

Brian Walsh. Both men are Pine Plains natives and huge softball and baseball fans, they said.

The winning 12u team consists of all sixth-graders. Tamburrino said when announcing the event that he was extremely proud of the young athletes, adding they're all deserving of the many accolades they've received since their victory.

Mistress of Ceremonies was Heather Dell'Amore, a local mom, podcaster, Stissing Center Board member and coach for one of the younger softball teams. Dell'Amore also praised the team.

She told the girls their accomplishment is not just their own, but that they are role models for all of the younger girls who come behind them.

Dell'Amore thanked the players for their generosity in allowing younger softball teams in the league to join in some of their practices, and for sharing their expertise with them. She said the kindness and patience they've shown won't soon be forgotten by the players who now look up to them as softball superheroes.

Pulver also congratulated the team during the ceremony. He referred to the possibility of upgrading the field, something he's frequently aspired to through the years, starting from when he served as town supervisor up until his tenure with the County Legislature.

"The field should be as good as the players," he remarked. "This is only the beginning."

Pulver also spoke about what the 12u team's win meant for the town of Pine Plains and to its residents, and of the pride it's instilled in the

community.

Walsh reiterated the promise of better playing fields, which is an issue he's been busy working on with the Town Board.

"Things are getting checked off and everything will fall into place," said the town supervisor, who said he plans for the town to build a dugout for the softball field, which has never had dugouts — unlike the baseball field. Walsh also spoke about the possibility of getting lights installed for night games.

Both Walsh and Pulver said the softball players and their championship win has made them proud.

While congratulating the team, Tamburrino said it couldn't have been done without the support of staff, family and the team's many local sponsors.

In a play-by-play narrative of the final game, during which it became too dark to play, forcing the team had to finish the final two innings the following day after a night of torrential rain, it became evident the championship was hard-won and well-deserved. After Tamburrino spoke, Dell'Amore called each player up by name, presented certificates and bouquets of flowers. The one player who could not attend was still included in the ceremony, as the team texted her a group photo taken that evening, allowing her to be present virtually — another testament to their closeness.

Afterward, a feast awaited the girls and their guests, along with music and chatter. To no one's surprise and keeping true to form, the team ended up on the stage dancing as one — always having fun, always preferring to be together.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

The Pine Plains Girls Softball team, made up entirely of sixth-graders, is this year's New York Major League District 17 12u Champions. Above are the players, who gathered on Thursday, Aug. 11 at The Stissing Center in Pine Plains, flanked by Coach Jenn Osofsky on the left and Coach Haley Strang on the right, following the unveiling of a new sign in their honor to be hung at the town's recreation fields.

LEGAL NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) VILLAGE OF MILLERTON DUTCHESS COUNTY Law Enforcement Needs Study

The Village of Millerton (the "Village") is requesting proposals from qualified parties for an Law Enforcement Needs study to be completed for the Police Department.

The full text of the RFP is available from Kelly Kilmer, Clerk, Village of Millerton, located at 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546, Mondays through Thursdays 9AM to 4PM and Fridays 9AM to Noon. Ms. Kilmer can be reached at (518) 789-4489 or by email at clerk@villageofmillerton-ny.gov

The deadline for submission of a response to the RFP is Friday, September 9, 2022, at 4 PM.

Provide digital copy of the proposal via email only to:

Kelly Kilmer, Clerk of the Village of Millerton - clerk@villageofmillerton-ny.gov and Jenn Najdek, Mayor of the Village of Millerton -

jnajdek@villageofmillerton-ny.gov

Identify proposal name into subject line of the email: LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS STUDY

08-18-22

LEGAL NOTICE SCHOOL TAX NOTICE WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOL

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, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The collection period is September 1, 2022 through November 1, 2022. 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, Wassauc, New York 12592; online payments visit www.webutuckschools.org

In person payments may be made at the Webutuck CSD, District Office on 9/8 5pm-7pm; 9/14 5pm-7pm; 9/23 12pm-2pm; 9/30 12pm-2pm and 5pm-7pm; 10/21 12-2pm and 10/28 12pm-2pm and 5pm-7pm or contact the Tax Collector to make other arrangements. Taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2022 without penalty (payments must be postmarked on or before September 30, 2022 to be penalty free). On all such remaining unpaid taxes after, a two percentum (2%) will be added through November 1, 2022 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 2023 with a seven (7) percentum penalty.

For Dutchess County residents paying partial payments there will be

assessed a 5% surcharge. Dates due for partial payments are September 15, 2022 and March 15, 2023 to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance as indicated on the installment payment schedule portion of the tax bill.

Dawn Marie Klingner
School Tax Collector
08-18-22

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AMENIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Highway Material Bids FOR THE PERIOD 9/15/2022 to 9/21/2023

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for the purchase of supplies used by the Amenia Highway Department during the year will be received until 2 p.m. on Monday, August 29, 2022 at the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Amenia, Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501 and opened and read at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Bids are requested for the following road materials: Bank-run, sand, Item #4, crushed quarry stone and washed gravel, light, medium, and heavy stone fill, sub base NYS DOT Type #2, calcium chloride, bituminous mix hot and cold, road oils, concrete, catch basins and equipment rentals, Tree Work, Sweeping.

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Highway office at 845-373-9922. All bids must include a notarized non-collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate resolution with a corporate seal. All envelopes must be clearly marked "Bid 9/15/2022 to 9/21/2023".

The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids will be awarded at the next scheduled Town Board Meeting September 15, 2022.

Megan Chamberlin
Superintendent of
Highways
Town of Amenia
08-11-22
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The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

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

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EDITORIAL

Be sure to vote in Special Election

For those readers who are unaware, The Millerton News is a local, independent community weekly newspaper, a rare thing these days. It is owned by The Lakeville Journal Foundation based in northwest Connecticut, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed in 2021 that also owns The Lakeville Journal, its sister newspaper in Connecticut. We believe that these newspapers are the primary source of local information for thousands of residents throughout northeastern Dutchess County and northwestern Connecticut. Before they achieved nonprofit status, The Millerton News and Lakeville Journal have served their communities side-by-side since The Lakeville Journal purchased The Millerton News in 1972. And The Lakeville Journal has been serving its coverage area in Connecticut for 125 years.

A June 29 study from the Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism, Media and Integrated Marketing Communications, confirmed how difficult it is for newspapers to survive. It announced — and The Millerton News editorialized about this serious situation in its July 7 issue — that newspapers are closing at a rate of two per week across the U.S. Another dire statistic: More than 2,200 newspapers have stopped publishing since 2005.

To continue our mission of delivering fair, balanced and accurate reporting of vital local and breaking news important to our readers' lives and our communities' wellbeing, we need to be fluid in how we approach our future. That's why The Lakeville Journal Company made the leap and was among the first weekly newspapers in the country to become nonprofit.

Readers and supporters can help buttress our efforts by becoming donors, and by subscribing, which is easy to do by going to our website, www.tricornnews.com. Look toward the top right corner for a tab that says, "Donate and Support Local Journalism," or to subscribe enter the tab that says, "Subscriptions."

To learn more about The Journal's rich century-and-a-quarter history, be sure to check out a month-long series of events just across the border. "Life of a Community: The Lakeville Journal Celebrates 125 Years" is an exhibit on display at the Academy Building at 24 Main St., Salisbury, Conn., until Saturday, Oct. 1.

Since The Journal's first issue, Volume I, Issue I, dated Aug. 14, 1897, this company has written news covering just about everything. That issue included snippets about a grain elevator that blew up in Chicago; a death at a wedding frolic in Ohio; a short piece entitled, "Unwritten Law' and Women," about female rivals in Kentucky; plus other fascinating reports from around the country and world, including stories of war in Armenia; a prime minister slain in Spain; and President William McKinley visiting Vermont with his wife.

However, the move to becoming a nonprofit also means we may not endorse political candidates. We stopped endorsing local candidates many years ago as we found it interfered with our dealings with some local governments. We continued, however, to run state and national endorsements; now, as a 501(c)(3), we agreed to end that practice as well.

So we are staying out of picking a favorite in the Special Election on Tuesday, Aug. 23, to replace former U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-19) following his move to Albany to become lieutenant governor. Delgado replaced disgraced former Lt. Gov. Brian Benjamin when he resigned following his arrest and indictment for fraud and bribery this spring. (For full details on the Special Election, see front page.)

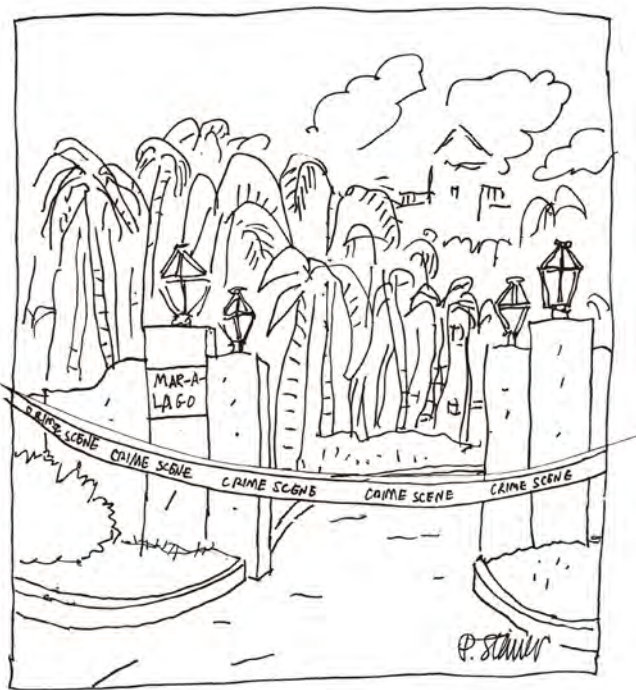
What we can do, though, is encourage absolutely every single registered voter — Democrat, Republican, Green Party, Conservative, NOP — it doesn't matter under which political persuasion one falls — to make sure they vote.

Yes, it's August, not the traditional time to head to the polls. One typically thinks of fall and autumn leaves when casting their ballot during the November election cycle. This, however, is an exception, and an important one.

The 2020 Presidential Election between former President Donald Trump and current President Joe Biden saw "the highest voter turnout of the 21st century," according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Still, only a little more than two-thirds of voters cast a ballot, with 66.8% of citizens 18 years and older having voted in that election.

That's not good enough. And that was in the one election that garners the most attention, most interest and most return across the country. Special Elections, especially those scheduled on odd dates, are far less likely to draw even a fraction of those numbers.

Let's do better. If you are a registered voter, please make it a priority to vote Aug. 23. Primary Elections are also being held that day, so beware of candidates who may be running in multiple races.



The upshot of medicinal labels

For centuries, in a sincere effort to categorize illness to affect a better treatment, the medical industry has developed a system of labels to identify illness and medical conditions. And, yes, over the past century, many of the historic labels have been dropped and ridiculed — for good reason. Some of these defunct labels have a pernicious, damaging, past.

Take a label that was accepted by the psychiatric community until 1990: Homosexuality. There are cases of electroshock therapy for this diagnosis and label — all too common.

A hundred years ago there was a common diagnosis of "feble-mindedness," which covered all sorts of illnesses, injuries and birth conditions.

Treatment for feble-mindedness? From this label, people applied new theories such as Eugenics, the erroneous and immoral theory of "racial improvement" and "planned breeding."

In today's business of medicine, labeling allows for instant identification of the right drug, the prescription of patent medicine to expediently assume proper treatment and a generalization of a patient's outcome, which is devoid of personalization and often leads to complications and side effects hammering small groups of patent drug takers.

The lawyers, to stem financial loss, force commercials to list "possible" side-effects all the way from rashes to horrible death. It is worth remembering those side-effects are listed because they are known to have happened to someone, somewhere. And let's not forget that doctors for the asbestos industries were paid to hide the dangers, as were the doctors working in and around the cigarette industries.

But a new breed of doctors is seeing labeling as the opposite of patient care. Faced with the commercial reality of a demand for promises of a cure (if you have "X" and get prescribed "Y," you can have certainty toward recovery), they now probe deeper, taking the time to delve into individual patient's ailments and causes of better long-term treatment.

As one doctor explained on a Swiss radio show, "My patients are conditioned to want to know what exactly is wrong. They want a label."

He went on to say he sometimes makes up a name and sets about finding a treatment protocol, which usually includes a 30-day convalescence.

"The rest, for many patients, allows the body to stabilize, makes minor drug administration more effective and, above all, gives greater hope than simply a pat on the back and a handful of prescriptions."

Part of the problem with labeling is that the government has gotten involved — sometimes not for the better. If you can't, for example, get a formal

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

medical diagnosis of PTSD or ADHD, you can't qualify for financial assistance or special schooling.

If you are sad, truly sad, and cannot handle the stress of not being up to par for work, only a doctor's diagnosis and label of "depression" along with suitable drugs, can qualify you with medical bills and allow leave from work.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vote for Molinaro in CD 19 Special Election

Northern Dutchess has had no greater friend than Marc Molinaro. He works with anyone, Democrat or Republican, who is honest and earnest in making our community better and solving problems.

During his time as county executive, he has been a strong partner to our supervisors and mayors in getting the job done.

From the Harlem Valley

Rail Trail as an economic catalyst, to \$600,000 in funding for Eddie Collins Memorial Park for recreation, to farmland and open space preservation to keep our community bucolic — Molinaro has done it all.

We need leaders who will build consensus in this tumultuous political environment and do not further the divide.

Molinaro isn't focused on politics, he is focused on people.

He has proven himself to be an effective leader and someone who is qualified to run for higher office.

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, every single registered voter can vote for Marc Molinaro in the Special Election for the 19th Congressional District — and I urge you to support him.

We need someone in Congress who will represent us well and not bend in Washington.

Gregg Pulver (R-19)

Chair, Dutchess

County Legislature

Pine Plains

Can one man save the world?

Christians believe that more than 2,000 years ago, God sent Jesus Christ among us to save us from self destruction. Jesus gave his life in that endeavor, hopefully not in vain.

On this paper's Opinion Page in the July 21 edition, I made a commentary that featured a modern-day savior, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine, who is boldly fighting for the freedom of his country and indirectly, the rest of the world.

I stated that the outcome of the ongoing and brutal invasion by Russia will determine not only the destiny of Ukraine but of the rest of the world. If Russian President Vladimir Putin succeeds, he will not stop at Ukraine, but will attempt to conquer adjacent NATO countries, which could trigger WWII.

That's why my column today is about the story of a songwriter, humanitarian and the heroic man who saved lives, John Ondrasik, who entered the scene while in Afghanistan working with elite rescue teams to bring home a few of the more than 700 remaining American citizens abandoned there. I will relate John's words and story as best as memory serves.

As I recall, John received a call from a friend in Poland asking if he was interested in hosting a fundraiser by composing a song to bring attention to Ukraine's plight. A Polish orchestra was planned to accompany him. John agreed and hopped on a flight to Poland.

En route he composed the lyrics and melody to "Can One Man Save The World," which featured President Zelenskyy. Upon arriving in Poland, John was informed the world-class Ukrainian orchestra would accompany him while he sang and played in the war-torn rubble of Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital.

John was astonished to find himself in Ukraine — in wartime — with a world-class orchestra. He prepared for the long and arduous overland journey to Kyiv.

I watched this amazing, heart-felt performance one early morning on the only

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

veteran, patriotic themed-TV channel available to me that I feel presents some semblance of the truth to its viewers out there. It was awesome and spellbinding.

I'm told this performance can be downloaded or heard on YouTube, and it is worth watching. Thank you, John Ondrasik, for the outstanding work you and fellow patriots do for humanity and for pursuing the preservation of peace and freedom around the world.

The success of Ukraine's survival and defensive is ab-

solutely essential to the defense of the rest of the world's. We must provide all of the defensive measures requested of us; the Ukrainian leaders and the Ukrainian citizens have proven they're willing to do the heavy lifting.

WWIII is not an option we want on the table — or we will all lose.

God bless you, patriotic readers, and your families. Enjoy the rest of your summer. Please stay safe and look out for one another.

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

Letters to the editor are due by 10 a.m. Monday mornings to be published in that week's issue. There is a 500-word limit for letters, which must be signed by the letter-writer with their full name and hometown. Please also include a phone number as all letters must be verbally confirmed before publication.

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OUR TOWNS

Millbrook finishes retaining wall, hires new cop

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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Village Board has already met for August, but prior to that it met on Wednesday, July 13, at 6 p.m. at the Millbrook firehouse, where meetings are held for more space. Mayor Tim Collopy invited Dutchess County Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) to address the audience as she often does.

Among other items Houston discussed included that many local groups have received county funding through its Learn, Play, Create Grants program, spearheaded by County Executive Marc Molinaro.

Other county money has been earmarked for veterans whose Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFWs) or American Le-

gion groups were financially strained during the COVID pandemic, as their halls and facilities could not be rented out for private parties and other purposes, which is a major source of their funding. Houston said that's why the county is offering grants up to \$15,000 for such veteran groups at this time.

Millbrook Fire Chief Ted Bownas and fire department President Matt Rochfort reiterated their need for a new LED sign at the firehouse. The old sign malfunctions, they said, and must be replaced. (For more on this story, please read Page A3.)

Millbrook Police Sgt. Jared Witt announced a new hire with the Millbrook Police Department (MPD), as Officer Kelly Aluisio has accepted a position elsewhere. She will be missed, said Witt. New Officer Bill Ricci has been

hired, primarily for the day shift but also for back-up coverage. Ricci is also employed as a full-time police officer in The Bronx. Witt said the MPD still intends to hire another officer to fill the gap left by Aluisio's resignation.

Northern Dutchess Paramedics (NDP) provides 24/7 ambulance service to both the Village of Millbrook (VOM) and Town of Washington (TOW) through a contract with the VOM. Since the start of that contract in June 2019, NDP has rented space at the corner of Halcyon Road and Route 343 in Millbrook.

Due to the pending sale of the building and other issues, the private ambulance service moved last month to the corner of Little Rest Road and Route 44 in Mabbettsville. However, the TOW Planning Board has since stated that location is not zoned for such a

use and is requiring NDP to relocate yet again. NDP is remaining in Mabbettsville until it can find a suitable location.

The mayor reported that the retaining wall project, which sealed 800 feet of the wall holding up the southern portion of Harts Village Road, is done. It cost the contracted price of \$240,000 and was done by Con-Tech Construction Technology Inc. The project is being partially paid for with the total \$144,000 payment from the federal American Rescue Plan funds that came out of the COVID pandemic and most of a \$150,000 bond from the Bank of Millbrook.

The village also purchased a radar speed sign to monitor and remind drivers of local speed limits. While it records drivers' speeds, it does not take photos of speeding vehicles. It does, however, go

into record mode if it detects the device is being tampered with.

The sign is also portable, and can be moved from place to place. It has been spotted by driving motorists along

Alden Place and on Harts Village Road.

Village Board meetings are held in person, aired on Channel 22 and posted online, at www.villageofmillbrookny.com.

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4 p.m. and last roughly 20 to 30 minutes. Seating will not be provided. In case of inclement weather, check Facebook for possible postponements, which will be rescheduled for the following Saturday.

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