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## Millerton on tap for \$2 million wastewater grant

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MILLERTON — Rep. Pat Ryan (D-18) has requested funding from the House Appropriations Committee for a Community Project Funding grant in the amount of \$2 million to be used toward the Village's proposed wastewater system project.

The proposed system will encompass the village's general business district, commercial areas along Route 22, the Town of North East's boulevard district along Route 44, and a few surrounding residential properties in the village.

The village applied for the funding in March, and village Mayor Jenn Najdek, along with North East Town Supervisor Chris Kennan, met with Ryan in his office in

Newburgh on April 7 to talk about the importance of the project.

"This is an application from the village, not from the town, but we're all kind of joined at the hip on this thing," said Kennan. "The village's wastewater project needs the town to connect to it, and the town can't have a wastewater district without the village."

"It doesn't mean that it is a guaranteed grant," continued Kennan, "because it becomes part of the budget process of the Congress. It's somewhere between highly likely and extremely likely that this is reality."

According to Najdek, the grant will move through the legislative session of the House of Representatives in Washington in June and July. The village has been working on the wastewater system project

for at least seven years.

"Whether in a big city or a small town, every family in the Hudson Valley deserves access to clean water, air and soil," said Ryan. "I'm proud to have nominated the Village of Millerton for this crucial funding to construct a new wastewater system, which will both improve water quality and allow for continued economic development in the area."

The engineering firm of Tighe and Bond has been engaged by the village and town to map out a sewer system, and senior project manager Erin Moore presented the subsequent "Town of North East Sewer District Map, Plan and Report" at a March 29 informational meeting. The report can be found on the front page of the town's website at

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PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

**Chief Joseph Olenik has already retrieved the police car that was left in the North East Ford lot during the police department's administrative leave.**

## Meet the new chief

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

Hospital in Connecticut – both part of Nuvance Health.

MILLERTON — Joseph Olenik has been appointed the chief of police in the Village of Millerton. His hours will vary throughout the week at a salary of \$25,000. Throughout his career, Olenik has enjoyed holding at least two jobs at once, sometimes three, with a current full-time day job as the director of facilities, operations and support services for Putnam Hospital in Carmel and Sharon

His past law enforcement positions include 32 years part-time with the North Salem Police Department where he oversaw all departmental training and worked on the road as a corporal with 14 part-time officers. Simultaneously he was the chief of the State University Police at SUNY Purchase for 19 years, supervising an assistant chief, deputy chief, four

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## Sharon Hospital panel offers advice on healthy aging and the rewards of exercise

By **LEILA HAWKEN**  
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MILLERTON — Basically, we need to move in any way that moves us, but we should get up and move to achieve a longer and more energetic life as we age. The advice was engagingly offered by a panel of physicians during a program on Thursday, April 20, sponsored by Nuvance Health/Sharon Hospital, held at the Moviehouse and titled "Younger Next Year."

The event's title was borrowed from an acclaimed series of healthy aging advice books authored by Chris Crowley, 90, of Lakeville, Connecticut, who opened the event with an energetic pep talk. He co-authored the "Younger Next Year" series with Henry Lodge, MD, that became a bestseller, boasting sales of over 2 million copies and translated into 23 languages. Crowley noted that in years past, he had been one of Lodge's patients.

Formerly an eminent Wall Street lawyer, Crowley's latest work is the legal thriller "The Prac-



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

**A panel of physicians from Sharon Hospital offered advice on healthy aging at an event sponsored by Nuvance Health/Sharon Hospital, held at the Moviehouse in Millerton on Thursday, April 20. From left, Jodi Friedman, MD, geriatrics; Paul Wright, MD, neurology; Mark Marshall, DO, internal medicine and palliative care; Keith Joseph, MD, primary care; Elizabeth Lucal, MD, obstetrics and gynecology; and Alexander Clark, MD, orthopedic surgery.**

tical Navigator."

Greeting the audience at the Moviehouse before the program, Sharon Hospital President Christina McCulloch, marking the end of her first year in the position, described the event as one in a series intending to "get the community

together post-pandemic" and to inform the community of the care services offered at Sharon Hospital.

"It's a chance for the community to meet our physicians and learn a little about health," McCulloch

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### From serving God to serving gas:

## The story of Bishop Broderick in Millbrook

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MILLBROOK — Author James K. Hanna drove all the way from Pittsburgh, on Thursday, April 20, to talk about Hartford, Connecticut, native Bonaventure Finbar Broderick, a son of a wealthy family who became a Roman Catholic Bishop and later, being exiled, a resident of Washington Hollow in Millbrook, a gas station owner and a writer for the Millbrook Round Table.

Hanna's book "The Remarkable Life of Bishop Bonaventure Brod-

erick: Exile, Redemption, and a Gas Station" tells much more than of Broderick's time in Millbrook, of course; it's also the story of his life, from his birth in 1868, to his studies for the priesthood entering that vocation in 1889, and his obtaining a doctorate from in the North American College in Rome.

Broderick went on to some prominence as a teacher and a pastor. He became a monsignor at the age of 32 and a bishop at 34. But his brother Clement, an inventor and businessman, along with

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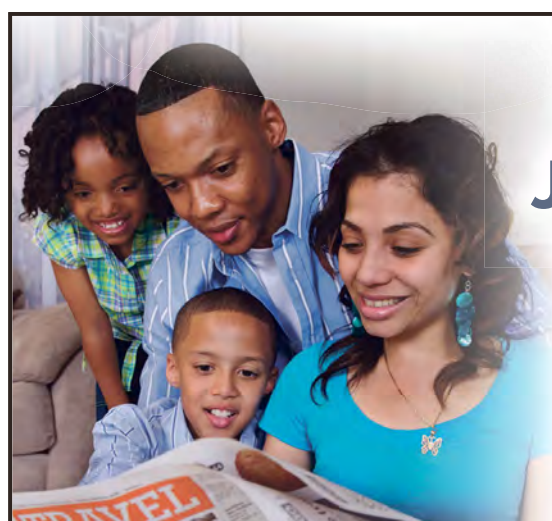
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## EARTH DAY

# Earth Day in Amenia brought out the volunteers to better the environment

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — After a morning of roadside clean-up that yielded a wealth of roadside trash, the townwide observance of Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, continued into the afternoon with a major event at the Town Hall, billed as a “repair café,” offering many features that attracted a steady stream of residents and visitors.

The event was organized by the local Conservation Advisory Council, Enhancement Committee and the Climate Smart Task Force. Contributing to the effort were local businesses, including HG Page Lumber and the Great Cape Bakery’s popular doughnuts.

The morning clean-up work drew a substantial number of volunteers who donned orange vests and heavy-duty gloves for safety, and with a prescribed route in mind, off they went, black bags in hand. A crew from the Morning Star Car Service volunteered at Fountain Square as a way of celebrating their community.

Lily Brito, 6, came out with her mother, Mercedes, both ready to collect roadside litter as part of the Morning Star team.

There were two clean-up launch points: Fountain Square in Amenia and Borden Park in Wassauc.



PHOTOS BY LEILA HAWKEN

Volunteers gathered bright and early at Amenia’s Fountain Square to get organized to collect roadside litter during the morning Earth Day clean-up session on Saturday, April 22. A second group assembled simultaneously at Borden Park in Wassauc.

“Earth Day clean-up is one really good way everyone can pull together and do one tiny bit to show our respect for the earth. We have a lot to do. We’re telling the world we care,” said Councilwoman Vicki Doyle as she helped to organize things at Fountain Square. She offered encouragement to the volunteers and made note of pick-up locations that residents had specified.

During the Repair Café held in the afternoon, local

environmental organizations offered displays and literature to educate visitors about their programs and goals. Representatives were on hand from the Housatonic Valley Association, Trout Unlimited, the Dutchess Land Conservancy, Amenia Garden Club, and Amenia Parks and Recreation that organized a sporting goods swap.

“I enjoy working with the town of Amenia. The town is passionate about the land and water,” said Claire Wegh. She

is Ten Mile River Watershed Manager at the Housatonic Valley Association, headquartered in Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut.

Drawing much interest was the composting demonstration offered by Christy Gast of the local Conservation Advisory Council, one of the co-sponsors of the event. She is also a member of the Climate Smart Task Force. Her display showed how kitchen scraps become compost-rich soil, a boon



Attracted to the complimentary packets of seeds being given away by the Amenia Garden Club at the repair clinic feature of the town’s celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, baby Gordon Simpson, at 8 months of age, is into gardening. He made his selections along with his mother, Natalie Baxter.

for the home garden and for lightening the tonnage of the townwide waste stream to be carted away.

In addition to organizations, other stations offered repairs to furniture, lamps, clothing, and even a knife-sharpening service. Children were welcome to try their hands at artistic pursuits.

Recognizing that the town enjoys an enduring relation-

ship with a healthy environment and the beauty of the planet, Nina Peek of the Amenia Garden Club handed out free seed packets to visitors. She also announced that the annual garden tour that had been interrupted by the pandemic will be held on Saturday, July 8. The Garden Club is also eager to welcome new members. To learn more, go to [www.ameniagardens.org](http://www.ameniagardens.org)

# Earth Day in Millerton bloom with eco-activity

By ELIAS SORICH  
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MILLERTON — For those who braved the slight bluster on Saturday, April 22, Earth Day was an environmental banquet.

Organized by the North East/Millerton Climate Smart Community (CSC) task force and hosted on the lawn of the Millerton Inn, a wide array of organizations provided information about ongoing local and state-level environmental and climate actions.

From the traveling affordable housing expo staffed by Sam Busselle to the fast-growing grassroots nonprofit Homegrown National Park represented and co-led by Michelle Alfandari, it was clear that Millerton and the surrounding was earnest about Earth Day.

To that effect, CSC member Kathy Chow gave some well-laid-out steps that Millerton is taking and can take in the future to increase its sustainability commitments. Harlem Valley Rail Trail board member Rich Stalzer also detailed future expansions of the already 26-miles-long contiguous trail, and from the North East Community Center, talk about community composting aspirations in the works.

One of the main events was the raffle, the proceeds from which benefitted Rock Steady Farm. Included among the prizes taken home were a handsome polygonal elephant, gift cards to Oblong Books, and a “gift basket of local freshness!” from the Millerton Farmers Market.

It did not escape the crowd’s notice that Zoe G., one of the town’s youth climate activists, was a three-time winner—and that Rhianon Leo-Jameson, director of the NorthEast Millerton Library, was a two-time winner.

The raffle’s charismatic emcee, Michael Virtuoso, held everyone at bay, beginning nearly every drawing with a cheeky: “Hold on, I’ve gotta



From left: Meredith Hamilton, Katie Cariello, and Erin Chirevas at the North East Community Center’s booth at the Millerton Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 22.

rig this real quick...”

But it also did not escape this reporter’s notice that Virtuoso pulled Leo-Jameson’s name a third time, before quickly returning the ticket to the bag and murmuring, “Rhianon can’t win a third time...” and drawing another name.

As the day darkened and storm clouds loomed, people gathered at the Methodist

Church for a warm evening of music and literary art. Natalia Zukerman gave a transcendent and easygoing performance of original folk music, often climate-themed, followed by Melissa Ferrick, both of them seasoned musicians with real stage presence.

Interspersed throughout the concert were eco-poetic and short-story readings, or-



PHOTOS BY ELIAS SORICH

Conversations abounded on the green in front of the Millerton Inn at Millerton’s Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 22.

ganized and spearheaded by Deborah Maier, a correspondent for The Millerton News as well as a member of CSC. The concert also benefitted Rock Steady Farm.

Rock Steady is located in Millerton, and is a farm and organization devoted to social justice, equitable food access, and sustainable farming. Check out the recent docu-

mentary short on their paid farm internship program that focuses on queer, trans, and BIPOC beginning farmers at [rocksteadyfarm.com/registration/pollinate-film](http://rocksteadyfarm.com/registration/pollinate-film)

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# Charlotte Shutts: Roe Jan Library Friend to the end

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE — Charlotte Shutts, the late former president of the Friends of the Roeliff Jansen Library, who died in December 2022, proved to be a friend right to the end as she bequeathed a final gift, which has allowed the library to retire the mortgage for its new building that opened in 2012.

In addition to clearing that debt, Shutts directed the remainder of her estate to be used to create an outdoor pavilion that will host community activities.

While the gift came as a surprise to many in the community, library director Tammy Gaskell had known that it was coming. She said Shutts “always said when she passed away we wouldn’t have to worry about the mortgage, so we did know that she left that in her will. But we didn’t know how much it would be, so we were pleasantly surprised that yes, in fact, there was enough to pay off the mortgage.”

Gaskell said clearing that cost is a big relief because “it’s a major expense every year to be paying that down.”



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**The late Charlotte Shutts, longtime Hillsdale resident and supporter of the Roeliff Jansen Library, provided a bequest to retire the group’s mortgage and fund a new outdoor pavilion at the location.**

She said that the library had been paying \$35,000 a year out of the annual budget of \$413,000, so clearing that debt will make “a huge difference” for the library.

As for the second part of the bequest — funds to build a community pavilion on the

library grounds — Gaskell is equally delighted with the opportunity. She said that although there is a good deal of outdoor space behind the library, it is not always useful because, being unshaded, it is often too hot to hold programs, and that rain is always a problem.

Gaskell expects that plans for the pavilion will be developed over the coming year and will probably consist of a covered space with tables and seating, allowing for various programs such as speakers, children’s events and even the annual community picnic.

No ceremony acknowledging the gift is planned as of yet, but Gaskell does anticipate that the pavilion will probably be named for its benefactor.

While a well-known and successful businesswoman, eventually rising to the position of KeyBank manager in Hillsdale, Gaskell said Shutts seemed to treat the library as something of a second home, spending “practically every day” there reading local papers and magazines, and playing mahjong.

Her “main interest,” though, was facilitating the work of the Friends of the Roe Jan Library, which continued

to “her end.” She served at various times as the president and treasurer.

The group provides significant library funding through sales of donated items in its room in the basement of the library. While she did not work in the store, Shutts was a supporter as well as a “big organizer” of the group’s popular winter “Cookies, Books and Homemade Soup” sale, which has returned following a hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although Gaskell mentioned that Shutts was rather shy, nevertheless she served as a greeter, and until the pandemic, she would volunteer every Friday morning at the front desk, where she would socialize and meet the patrons.

Gaskell said, “We were like family to her.”

When the organization decided in it was time to replace the small facility, which was packed with books but had no room for programs, Shutts was an early contributor as well as being part of “development committee,” which organized the fundraising for the new building.

In addition to her involvement with the library, Shutts’ multiple good works in the area were recognized in May,

2022 when, according to the Hendrick Hudson Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) website, she was awarded its “highly coveted” Community Service Award.

The group cited her contributions at the library as well as her deep involvement with the Christmas Friends of the Roe Jan Christian Community, a project which she founded in 1990 when a minister mentioned that a family was in need. With Shutts’ help, the area churches formed the organization, which now provides holiday cheer for approximately 165 children each year.

Gaskell explained that “families would let Christmas Friends know what their children needed or wanted for Christmas, and then she would find buyers to buy those items,” which would then be distributed through the churches in the area.

Although not a library project, it is, instead, of a mark of the way in which she united and touched the entire community, as is her DAR chairmanship of that

group’s Literacy Promotion Committee.

According to a library release announcing the bequest, Shutts “was one of the original members of the library’s Flavia Bristol Planned Giving Society, which is named for the Hillsdale benefactor who in 1918 bequeathed \$30,000 (the equivalent of \$650,000 today) to found the Hillsdale Public Library — the predecessor of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library. The Society honors Flavia’s generosity and encourages others to help.”

As Gaskell considered Shutts’ contributions and their extensive benefits to the community, she said she is hopeful that the philanthropist’s actions will encourage others to add their support as well. She said, “We hope that it will inspire others and make people realize what a difference they can make.”

For more information about the library located at 9091 Route 22, Hillsdale, contact director@roejanlibrary.org, call 518-325-4101 or write to P.O. Box 669, Hillsdale, NY 12529.

## Amenia Recreation Commission continues discussion of park designs

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — Continuing discussion of plans to develop and enhance public recreation, the Amenia Recreation Commission took some steps forward at its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 18.

Plans for expansion and development of Wassaic Park continued to move forward, including installing playground equipment adjacent to Gridley Chapel and envisioning a pump track near the Luther barn.

Used by recreational bicycle riders, a pump track is a loop featuring dune-like hills and berms to propel riders along without the need to pedal. Instead, they negotiate the track by pumping their bodies up and down to provide momentum. The Wassaic Project organization is involved in promoting that

portion of the planning.

Recreation commission chairman Paul Winters announced that the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), owner of nine acres to the south of Wassaic Park, has offered to connect its landlocked acreage to Wassaic Park. The goal is to promote interest in Wassaic Creek trout fishing as an available recreational activity within the park design.

Although he was unable to attend the meeting in person, DEC representative Robert Adams had informed the commission through Winters about a DEC program that would allow volunteers to create and maintain trails on its acreage, trails that would provide access to Wassaic Creek for anglers.

“We are all coming together to work together as a group,” Winters said of the various organizations that are

cooperating in the effort.

The next step described by Winters is to undertake a Local Floodplain Analysis in partnership with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA), focusing partly on Wassaic Creek, which would run through the new park. The HVA has resources that would assist with the sampling and analysis. He said that the official study eases the process for applying for grants to mitigate risks of flooding.

Winters noted that the entire project could take up to five years to complete all of the improvements.

By unanimous vote, the commission agreed to support an application for a Local Waterfront Vitalization Program grant. If awarded, the grant would carry a requirement for matching funds from the town. The commission agreed to speak with the town

board about the program.

Winters announced that the Webutuck Little League organization has now officially donated a new batting cage to be added to Beekman Park. A fundraising effort was successful, capped off by a donation of about \$20,000 donated by the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization.

Community Day is coming up on Saturday, May 13, Winters announced. It will be held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Webutuck High School. One of the many featured activities is to be Mexican folkloric dancing. Participating in the planning are the towns of Millerton and Amenia, the Webutuck PTA and Webutuck students.

“It’s getting the students involved,” Winters said of the event.

The next meeting of the recreation commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

## Pine Plains Planning Board gets updates on solar farm, cannabis manufacturing

By ELIAS SORICH  
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PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, April 12, was dominated by discussion of the solar farm project by Carson Power, and of the development of a new equipment storage facility in town by Ceen Properties.

Ceen Properties intends to open a storage unit for equipment at 2775 Church St., a building that had once been a dairy barn, and was zoned for agriculture. Recently, however, the owners were approached by cannabis growers based in Boston Corners who proposed using the facility in part for dry-goods-only cannabis manufacturing.

There would be no chemical extraction from the substances—under law, only “trimming” and manufacturing of the raw material would be allowed. Currently, the only machinery installed would be for cigarette production.

Representing the applicants was Wesley Chase, who

went through a detailed back-and-forth with the board on the current site plans, from bathrooms to exits, and received recommendations from the board on what needs further attention before an application can be submitted.

Board member Ethan DiMaria and others pointed out that the state Office of Cannabis Management is a new institution—and that reviewing and approving cannabis businesses will therefore involve a degree of scrutiny.

At the Thursday, April 20, meeting of the Pine Plains Town Board, the board passed an amendment to local law that would allow for cannabis dispensary businesses to operate in the town.

Andrew Gordon, a representative of Carson Power, gave a detailed account of what recommendations from both the public and the board have been incorporated into the still-developing revised site plans, and what information is still forthcoming.

Under the revised plans, the ridge line at the southeastern edge of the property

will now obscure sight to the panels from Bean River Road. Gordon also detailed that 12-foot-tall trees will be planted in segments of open field to further obscure the equipment from the southeastern part of town, and that there will be native plantings around fencing to help mitigate environmental impact.

Matt Allen of Saratoga Associates gave a presentation of a 3D viewshed map he had been contacted by Carson Power to develop that outlines in clearer detail the visibility impact the project will have on nearby properties.

For the board’s Wednesday, May 10, meeting, Carson Power will provide a bedrock survey, a glare study, additional information on tree disposal, further visual studies, and possibly updates on environmental habitat impact evaluations. Once all the new material has been provided, an additional public hearing will be scheduled for the project; then the board will make a State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) determination.

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# OBITUARIES

## John Manuel Moore

MILLERTON — John Manuel Moore, 66, a lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, at Sharon Hospital in Sharon. Mr. Moore was a self-employed professional sound engineer for the movie and film industry for over twenty years.



The pinnacle of his life was spending time with his loving and devoted family.

Words cannot express how much his friends and family miss him.

John is survived by his brother, William Hitchcock and his wife Didi of New York, New York and Millbrook; his sisters, Leslie Murray of Salisbury, and Melinda Hitchcock and her husband David Fanning of Millerton; two nieces, Nina Murray of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Isabel Murray of New York, New York; two nephews, Thomas Hitchcock of New York, New York and Oliver Correa of Craryville, New York, and many friends.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 10 a.m. to noon. A memorial service will take place at noon at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, NY 12546. Pastor Lee Gangaware will officiate.

Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Millbrook, NY. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in John's memory or to send a floral tribute, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com)

Born June 10, 1956, in Manhattan, New York, he was the son of the late John H. and Aurora M. (Troconis) Moore. He attended and graduated from the Barlow School in Amenia, and was a Bard College alumnus.

There was no one like Johnny. He had the remarkable ability to relate to anyone, regardless of age, background, or sensibility. He made everyone he met laugh and was a supportive and empathetic friend. Johnny traveled the world, often solo, and loved to encounter new cultures. He was a World War I and II history buff and recently spent time visiting sites and museums in Berlin. He also enjoyed fine art, old movies, rock and roll, photography, and social media. He was a longtime member of Alcoholics Anonymous and he offered encouragement and support rides to meetings for new members.

## Linda Rose Lamay

MILLERTON — Linda Rose Lamay, 68, a thirty year resident of Millerton, formerly of Dover Plains, died peacefully on April 19, 2023, at The Grand at Pawling in Pawling, New York, following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Lamay had a long career with the Taconic Developmental Disabilities Services Office in Wassauc. She retired as a staff supervisor in 2010 with over thirty years of service with New York state.



Legion Post 178 Auxiliary.

Linda is survived by three children, Christopher Palmer and his wife Amanda of Knoxville, Tennessee, Alicia Palmer of Queensbury, New York, and James Flynn and his fiancée, Amy Page of Syracuse, New York; two grandchildren, Tyler Palmer and Alex Swale; her sister, Susan Hibbard and her husband Larry of Schroon Lake, New York, and her nephew, Josh Hibbard.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, NY 12546. A funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the family plot at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Legion Post 178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, plant a tree in Linda's memory or send a floral tribute, please visit [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com) Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Ave., Millerton, NY 12546.

Born Jan. 1, 1955, in Poughkeepsie, she was the daughter of the late Frederick Killmer and Rosalie "Rosie" (Klingzahn) Abrams. She attended school locally and married Bruce M. Lamay on Jan. 28, 1992, in Dover Plains.

Mr. Lamay died on July 10, 2016.

Linda had a passion for traveling; she also enjoyed summer barbecues and get-togethers. She treasured the times spent with her loving family and many dear friends. She had an infectious laugh and the warmest smile. Her presence will be greatly missed at the Millerton Legion Post 178 where she served as the longtime bartender at the Post Canteen and where she was also an active member of the Millerton

## Graveside Service

### Birthe Elizabeth Larsen

KENT — There will be a grave side service May 13, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Flanders Cemetery in Kent for Birthe Elizabeth Larsen, age 81, fondly known as Elizabeth, who passed away peacefully at home on April 10,

2023, following a long illness. Elisabeth was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on Aug. 21, 1941.

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## Ann Ritter Brown

SALISBURY — Ann Ritter Brown, 84, of Alburgh, Vermont, died from leukemia on April 13, 2023, at her winter home in Lake Wales, Florida. Dale D. Brown, her husband of 48 years, was at her side, as always, loving and encouraging her during their last dance together.



Ann was born in New Haven, Connecticut, the daughter of Virginia L. Ritter and Manvel B. Ritter. She and her elder sister Barbara grew up in North Haven, Connecticut. Ann often described her childhood as full of adventure and fun. She and her friends freely roamed the neighborhood, seeking adventures in the woods and streams nearby. She could walk through a neighbor's yard to visit her best friend Judy, and a tincan "telegraph" connected her with a good friend Lee. All the children walked to and from school, with a round trip home at lunchtime. Ann was a "candy striper" in her school years, and she developed a strong desire to help others and a confidence in her ability to do so.

Ann and her family spent summer vacations on Twin Lakes in Salisbury, Connecticut. The area played an important role in Ann's life, and many happy memories became a part of the family lore. Her love of the water, swimming, canoeing, and water lilies were all developed in this beautiful setting in north-west Connecticut.

Ann was a member of the class of 1955, North Haven High School's first graduating class. She was younger than her classmates, and earned her driver's license at age 16 in her senior year. She was the first member of her class to be accepted to college and she attended Centenary Junior College and studied fashion design.

Ann married Chester A. Page, Jr., in 1956 and the first years of their marriage were spent on Air Force bases in Texas, California, and Georgia. Ann learned to play bridge in those years, and enjoyed playing her entire life. She was always a member of a bridge club and even adapted to playing bridge on an iPad. Most recently, she was a member of bridge clubs in Alburgh, Vermont, and Lake Wales, Florida.

Ann and Chet had three children, and raised them in Princeton, New Jersey, and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Ann always said she loved being a young mother. She "grew up" with them, and imparted her love of the outdoors and swimming to all three: Lesley, Chester, and Manvel. She was an active member of her communities, and volunteered with the Junior League and the League of Women Voters. She was proud of these efforts and how they prepared her for a career in day care and community service.

Ann's marriage to Dale D. Brown in 1975 launched a new phase of her family life and career aspirations. Together, they raised Ann's three children and Dale's daughter Marci and son Duane. Ann and Dale worked together for the Manpower program. There, she turned her skills as a mother and her experi-

ences as a volunteer toward developing a daycare center to care for the children of mothers who were learning non-traditional trades. The federal government actively invested in these efforts, and Ann's work supported hundreds of families as the program grew. This was the beginning of a life-long career devoted to supporting families in the Lehigh Valley and later in Salisbury, Connecticut.

Ann and Dale moved to Salisbury to be closer to Ann's family, and both became active members of the Salisbury community for the next 20 years. Ann was director of the Housatonic Day Care Center for 14 years. Ann and the center's board of directors recognized the need for infant child care and were instrumental in establishing that program.

Known as Annie to many, her enthusiasm and effervescent personality endeared her to the children, their parents, and the staff. Community members will remember annual events to support the center, each delivered with her special flair. These included: Mothers' Day Tea hosted by Harney Tea Company, Fathers' Day Breakfast, an annual circus featuring the daycare kiddos, and participation in the Salisbury Memorial Day parade.

An annual house tour organized by Ann and board members elevated community support from bake sales to major investments in the center. One transformative achievement was the building of a new day care center that was co-located on a campus with other social service organizations and community soccer fields.

Ann's volunteer service to the community included membership in the Salisbury Rotary Club and she served a term as president of Salisbury Family Services. Ann and Dale were hosts of a local television program that highlighted town events and featured local personalities.

Ann and Dale retired to Alburgh, Vermont, in 2003, eventually dividing their time between Vermont and Lake Wales, Florida. Ann was an antique dealer and enjoyed collecting and selling furniture, silver, and linens at antique shows in each of the communities she lived. She loved all things fancy and sparkly, and she delighted in being the grandmother to four girly-girls: Kathryn, Erica, Molly, and Veronica. She shared her love of food, fashion, and fun with each of them. And, as the most creative of Christmas elves, she loved to select special gifts for her family, including the next generation of little ones, her great grandchildren: Xander, Lily, and Harlan.

Ann was a life-long patriot of the United States. She grew up during the Second World War and many of her values were informed by love of country and pride in the opportunities available to its citizens. She was a proud member of the national society of

Daughters of the American Revolution, and was a descendant of Captain Job Candee from Connecticut. Most recently, she was a member of the Captain Jedediah Hyde Chapter of the DAR in Saint Albans, Vermont.

Annie was draped in an American flag as she left her house for the last time; friends and neighbors honored both with a salute of their hands on their hearts.

In addition to her husband, Dale, Ann is survived by her daughter Lesley A. Yorke, and her sons Chester A. Page III and Manvel R. Page and wife Karen. She also has four granddaughters: Kathryn Heinen and husband John Heinen; Erica Beneke and husband Matt Farr; Molly Beneke and partner Nick Poteat, and Veronica Page and fiancé Dan Saldarriaga. Her

three great-grandchildren are Alexander (Xander) and Liliana (Lily) Heinen and Harlan Farr.

Ann is also survived by her sister Barbara R. Peterson, her niece Lisa Finis and husband Mario Finis, her nephew George Peterson, as well as great nieces, nephews, and close cousins.

Ann is also survived by her stepdaughter Marci Kickliter and step-grandson Trevor Kickliter; stepson Duane Brown and wife Sharon and step-granddaughter Dale Breisch and husband Wesley Breisch and great step-granddaughter, Grace Breisch.

Ann was deeply loved and her joie de vivre will be missed by her extended family and many friends. A celebration of Ann's life will be held in Salisbury, CT, in early summer 2023.

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<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer Pastor Sun Yong Lee 860-364-5634 <a href="mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net">sharonumc5634@att.net</a></p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
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<p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 <a href="mailto:canaanct-umc.com">canaanct-umc.com</a> <a href="mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com">canaanctumc@gmail.com</a> We hope you will join us!</p>	<p><b>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church</b> 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Lenten Services online Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340   <a href="http://allsaintsofamerica.us">allsaintsofamerica.us</a></p>

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The pain never goes away.  
Love you more than you'll ever know.

Love,  
Bubbles, Tammi,  
Kathy & Timmy





PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

**Thea Scotti with two stuffed fox toys dressed in hunting attire in front of daughter Natasha's house on Front Street in Millbrook. She reported a steady flow of shoppers at the Millbrook Village Neighborhood Spring Sale.**

## The Millbrook Village Neighborhood Spring Sale had it all

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — When a resident on Front Street had a yard sale in 2022, her neighbor mentioned that if it happened again this year, she'd have one, too! For Tanya Jackson and Ilana Papele Nilsen, that was the start of the idea for a village-wide yard sale, and on Saturday, April 22, the idea came to fruition.

People were made aware of the Millbrook Village Neighborhood Spring Sale via marketing on Facebook, word of mouth, and colorful fliers that could be found around the village. For those who didn't have a yard, arrangements were made to share with home owners, so many sites had more than one vendor.

Some businesses were part of the sale as well as residences, and on Saturday, the streets were teeming with shoppers, many of whom came from out of town to see what they could find. A few were from the city, visiting the area for the weekend, and many were from Pleasant Valley, Red Hook, Stanford and Stanfordville, Pine Plains and Amenia. A few were from Connecticut as well.

Juniper was among the stores that participated; the Antique Mall had items out; there were goods in front of Velletri; and there was a bake sale on Franklin Avenue across from Stewart's, selling Ukrainian goodies in support of Ukraine.

There was music promised at 58 Front St., for foot tapping and humming as one shopped. A good many shoppers had babies, strollers and their dogs with them, enjoying the neighborly conversations and the ambience available as well as the decent weather and the variety of items for sale.

When asked about whether they would be there for Sunday's sale, some vendors were looking to the weather forecast. Others, such as Thea Scotti, pointed to the fact that they had a tent. Scotti was manning the sale at her daughter Natasha's house. They had everything from stuffed animals to fine China and earthenware that seemed to be hand-painted.

Sunday was chilly and rainy, yet a few brave souls faced the elements via tent or covered porch and finished the sale. The Whale of a Sale at Grace Church featured all-you-can-get-in-a-bag for \$5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The sale was such a success that plans are already being made for next year; the organizers are hoping to use QR codes to make things easier, although the back of the flier gave much information, such as what might be available at each address, and how many vendors were located at the addresses given. This could easily become one of the social highlights of the year in Millbrook as well as being a boon to Earth Day, and keeping many items out of landfills and in someone else's safekeeping.

## 'The Eight': Author Rosenblatt tells the story of the Lemmon Slave Case

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — When author Albert M. Rosenblatt asked, at the beginning of his presentation on Wednesday, April 19, how many of the more than 61 people in the audience at the Millbrook Library had heard of the Lemmon Slave Case, very few hands went up. Those that were raised belonged to those affiliated with the judicial or legal systems. Most had never heard of the case, as it happened far back in time, just eight years before the Civil War.

Rosenblatt is an author, former district attorney and retired judge. He served on the New York Court of Appeals from 1999 to 2006, and heard, during his tenure, of the Lemmon Case, one that had been litigated in "his" court in 1852, based on an 1841 New York state law that granted freedom to any enslaved person brought into the state. His book, "The Eight," is the story of the case and the tale behind the ultimate decision.

The Lemmon family — Juliet, Jonathan and their seven children — were moving from

Virginia to Texas by way of steamboat. They were in New York along with their eight slaves — two women and six children — to get passage on a ship to go to Texas.

An abolitionist heard about this and, being cognizant of the 1841 law, took it upon himself to help the enslaved people gain their freedom via that law. Louis Napoleon applied to Justice Elijah Paine of the Superior Court of New York on their behalf for a writ of habeas corpus.

Rosenblatt said that after hearing several times about this case, he decided to read the decision for himself; he noted that he was intrigued by why Napoleon would go to court for the freedom of the people; the two women, 5-year-old twin boys, two other boys, and two young girls.

The lawyers were Charles O'Connor, attorney for the Lemmons, and William Everts, attorney for the enslaved people. Rosenblatt's delivery, while a serious topic, was not somber, and he had several side stories that made the case even more interesting, with tidbits of historical significance and a touch of poignancy in the telling.

He noted that at one point, Mrs. Lemmon entreated the two enslaved women to remember that they were part of the big, happy, family: "...We eat from the same dishes," and so forth. Rosenblatt asked the audience to remember that these women had always been enslaved, always been held by the Lemmon family. He asked, "How hard must it have been for them to stand firm, not knowing what the disposition of the judge would be."

Paine found in favor of the enslaved people and granted them their freedom. From there, not much is known; they were taken via the Underground Railroad to Canada.

Through extensive research, Rosenblatt did come up with some information on them, and found descendants of the original slave families, Emeline Thompson, aged 23, her brothers Lewis, about 16 and Edward, about 13 and her children, twins Lewis and Robert Wright, 5 or 7 years old, and Amanda, 2. The other family was Nancy Johnson, 20, sister of Richard and mother of Ann, 2.

In his book, Rosenblatt tells a little about the Lemmon family, how they lived, and he

tells how Emeline, the oldest of the eight enslaved people, had been recorded at the age of 1, without a name, listed under "slaves under the age of 10." She belonged to William Douglas, father of Juliet, who inherited her father's property, including animals and enslaved people, when Emeline was 7. Juliet later married Jonathan Lemmon, who then became the owner.

When things became tough in Virginia, the Lemmons decided to try their luck in Texas. Missing a boat in Richmond, they went to New York to catch a steamer to Texas, and the rest, as they say, is history.

"The Eight" is filled with information, but it also has many illustrations that tell the story of the life and times of slavery, the South, and the before and after of the Civil War.

It depicts, as well, some of the propaganda used to portray the slaves as happy and well cared for. Rosenblatt also tells of finding Tyler West and his father, Randy, in Lansing, Michigan, direct descendants of Lewis Wright, one of the twins of the original eight, and how he has established a relationship with them.

The Millbrook Historical Society partnered with Kira Wizner and Merritt Books to present the program, and the large crowd that they attracted was evidence of the interest in the book and the topic. The Millbrook Historical Society welcomes new members; programs are free and open to the public, though registration through the library calendar is encouraged.

## Recent property sales in the towns of Amenia and Washington

The Millerton News will periodically publish a listing of residential real estate sales in eastern Dutchess County towns. Below is a listing of residential real estate sales in the towns of Amenia and Washington during March. Like other towns in the northeast corner of Dutchess County there are affordable homes and luxury properties; however, larger acreage and specific town location affects sales prices, as the comparison below between Amenia and Washington illustrates. There were no sales in the Village of Millbrook.

### Town of Amenia March 2023

5 Morton Place foreclosure for \$100,000, 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, on March 3

208 Leedsville Road for \$495,000 on 6 acres, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, on March 6

3372 Route 22 for \$321,943, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, on March 19

17 John L Road for \$244,500, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, on March 24

### Town of Washington March 2023

120 Horseshoe Road for \$345,000, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, on March 10

703 Deep Hollow Road for \$397,500, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, on March 15

1033 Shunpike for \$700,000 on 10 acres, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, on March 28



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

**This 1870s Victorian cottage with garage in the hamlet of Lithgow in the Town of Washington sold quickly at slightly over its asking price of \$395,000.**

979 Shunpike for \$1,300,000 on 21 acres, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, on March 31

Town of Amenia and Washington residential sales closed between March 1, 2023, and March 31, 2023, sourced from Mid-Hudson MLS. Only broker facilitated sales are included.

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

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## OUR TOWNS

### Washington adopts addendum for Comprehensive Plan; video conferencing question tabled

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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WASHINGTON — At the Thursday, April 20, meeting of its town board, the Town of Washington finalized the adoption of the addendum to the 2015 Comprehensive

Plan, updating the plan after more than two years of surveys, research, meetings, committees and much work by the consulting firm of Community Planning & Environmental Associates. With firm principal Nan Stolzenburg on hand via Zoom, the board adopted the State

Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) Parts 2 and 3, having previously adopted Part 1.

The major points were that there would be no significant impact on the land; there are no unique forms of land in the town. There will be no significant environmental

impact on surface water or groundwater. Flood-prone areas are to be avoided. Historical sites and places of significance will have resources directed toward maintaining and restoring the character of such. The energy and the transportation flow will not be negatively impacted by

any changes made to local zoning laws.

The next step will be to work toward making an amendment to current zoning laws, creating overlays, and it was advised that there be communication with the Village of Millbrook as well as input from the planning

board.

A public hearing for the purpose of amending the Town Code to add a chapter allowing members of public bodies to participate in public meetings via videoconferencing technology was tabled, to be brought up at the Thursday, May 11, meeting.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice Completion of Tentative Assessment Roll

Pursuant to §506 & §526 of the Real Property Tax Law:

NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessors of the Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess, have completed their tentative assessment roll for the current year, a copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk.

The Assessors will be available via telephone and by appointment with such tentative roll at: Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Assessors' Office. Telephone contacts and appointments for in-person meetings can be made for the following days and between the hours listed:

5/9/23 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

5/11/23 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

5/12/23 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

5/13/23 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Individuals with complaints with respect to the assessments are encouraged to contact the Assessors' Office prior to Grievance Day to discuss their concerns and to see if an agreement can be reached. If no agreement is reached, the written complaint shall be transmitted by the Assessors to the Board of Assessment Review on Grievance Day.

A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available online at [www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf)

Richard Diaz  
Assessor Chairman  
Grievance Day: May 23, 2023 (Fourth Tuesday in May)

(\$508 RPTL)

(\$525 RPTL)

NOTICE is hereby given that the BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW for the Town of Pine Plains, County of

Dutchess shall hear complaints in relation to assessments at:

Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, (518) 398-7193 x 7

The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will be in attendance on the following days:

5/23/23 between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

5/23/23 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will then file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.

04-27-23

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Northeast Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on the Budget in the High School Library at the Webutuck

High School Building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York, on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2023-2024 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the budget for the 2023-2024 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., prevailing time, at the Webutuck Elementary School, Eugene Brooks Intermediate School, Webutuck High School and at the District Administrative Office between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, effective May 2, 2023, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays. Copies of the Budget will also be available at the Northeast-Millerton Library and the Amenia Free Library.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Vote on the Budget of the qualified voters of the Northeast Central School District, will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at the Webutuck High School gym, Haight Road, Amenia, New York, between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect four (4) members to the Board of Education: two seats are for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2026 to fill the vacant seats of incumbent board members Judy Moran and Rick Keller Coffey, one (1) seat to fill the vacant seat occupied by Chris Mayville (from the resignation of Chris Lounsbury) commencing on May 17, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026, and one (1) seat to fill the vacant seat occupied by Aimee Wesley (from the resignation of Jessica Deister) commencing on May 17, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

B. PROPOSITION I: 2023-2024 Northeast (Webutuck) CSD Budget

SHALL the 2023-2024 Budget as adopted by the Board of Education in the amount of \$25,972,698, with anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$8,328,538 and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$17,644,160 be approved?

C. PROPOSITION II: 2023-2024 Transportation Vehicle Purchase

SHALL the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire two (2) school buses at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$293,164; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education

taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$293,164, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

D. PROPOSITION III: Construction Capital Reserve Fund

SHALL the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to (1) create a Construction Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing the construction of, and general improvements, reconstruction, renovations or additions to, the District's buildings and grounds, including site work and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings and grounds are to be used; (2) fund said reserve to the ultimate amount of \$10,000,000; and (3) annually deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund such portion of the General Fund, unallocated fund balance and/or transfer from other funds, as determined by the Board of Education.

The probable duration of the Capital Reserve Fund is ten (10) years.

The election and budget vote shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the poll shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 P.M. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that absentee ballots will be available for this Election and Vote. Applications for absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk at the Webutuck High School building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York school

days during school hours, or on the district's website at [www.webutuckschools.org](http://www.webutuckschools.org) beginning March 1, 2023. The application must be returned to the District Clerk by May 9, 2023 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, May 15, 2023, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the Election and Vote, May 16, 2023.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these should be directed to the District Clerk.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District at the said District Administrative Offices during regular office hours, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, including the day of the Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting by "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person. The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission, or if no preferred method is identified by mail, not later than twenty-five (25) days before the vote, May 2, 2023. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Education Law §§ 2035, 2008, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with and directed to the District Clerk at the District Office, on or before April 17, 2023; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of the candidate, and the name and residence

of each signer. However, the Board of Education will not entertain or place before the voters any petition or any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of monies which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

Therese M. Trotter  
Clerk of the Board  
Northeast (Webutuck)  
Central School District  
194 Haight Road,  
P.O. Box 405  
Amenia, NY 12501  
04-27-23

### NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to Section 506 of the Real Property Tax Law:

Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Amenia County of Dutchess, has completed his tentative assessment roll for the Current year, a copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk.

The Assessor and/or Attendee will be in attendance with such tentative roll at: THE AMENIA TOWN HALL-4988 ROUTE 22-AMENIA, NY 12501

DATE: Tuesday 5/02/2023 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00AM AND 3:00PM (by appointment)

DATE: Saturday 5/13/2023 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00AM AND 1:00PM (by appointment)

DATE: Tuesday 5/16/2023 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00AM AND 3:00PM (by appointment)

DATE: Tuesday 5/23/2023 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4:30PM AND 8:30PM (by appointment)

Written complaints with respect to the assessments may be filed with the Assessor any time prior to or on Grievance Day and shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the Board of Assessment Review on or before Grievance Day.

A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the Assessor's Office or online at [www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf)

Donna Dipippo,  
Assessor  
04-27-23

### GRIEVANCE DAY Fourth Thursday in May May 25, 2023

(508 Real Property Tax Law) (525 Real Property Tax Law)

NOTICE is hereby given that the BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW for the Town of Amenia, County of Dutchess, shall hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments at:

The Amenia Town Hall-4988 Route 22-Amenia, NY 12501 845-373-8860 X 104 The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will be in attendance on this day:

DATE: Thursday- May 25, 2023 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3:00PM AND 5:00PM

DATE: Thursday- May 25, 2023 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00PM AND 8:00PM

The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will then file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.

Steven Benardete  
Board Chairman  
04-27-23

### Town of North East Assessor's Office

Pursuant to §506 & §526 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, has completed the 2023 tentative assessment roll, a copy of which will be filed with the Town Clerk on May 1, 2023 and will be available online at <https://townofnortheastny.gov/>.

The Assessor will be available to discuss assessment issues during regular office hours, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:00AM-3:00PM; and for extended hours on Tuesday, May 9, 4:00PM-8:00PM; Saturday, May 13, 9:00AM-1:00PM; Monday, May 15, 1:00PM-5:00PM; and Monday, May 22, 1:00PM-5:00PM. Please call 518-789-3300x605 or email [assessor@townofnortheastny.gov](mailto:assessor@townofnortheastny.gov).

Formal written complaints with respect to the assessments should be filed prior to May 24, 2023, Grievance Day, and addressed to the Board of Assessment Review, 19 North Maple Ave., P.O. Box 771, Millerton, NY 12546.

Information on contesting an assessment is available from the Assessor or online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/contestasmt.htm>.

Katherine Johnson  
Assessor  
04-27-23

### Town of North East Board of Assessment Review

Pursuant to §508 & §525 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, shall hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 19 North Maple Avenue by appointment between the hours of 3:00PM-5:00PM and 6:00PM-8:00PM.

All complaints and related paperwork should be submitted prior to May 24th. Deliver complaints to: Board of Assessment Review, 19 North Maple Ave., P.O. Box 771, Millerton, NY 12546. For more information contact the Assessor at 518-789-3300x605 or [assessor@townofnortheastny.gov](mailto:assessor@townofnortheastny.gov).

The Board of Assessment Review will then file a copy of the determinations with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.

Lisa Cope  
Board Chairperson  
04-27-23



# Wassaic residents defend their local park

By LEILA HAWKEN  
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AMENIA — During the public comment portion of the Amenia Town Board meeting on Thursday, April 20, a number of longtime Wassaic residents reacted to preliminary plans that could alter the small historic plot that has functioned as a community park for decades.

The issue has arisen as planners are developing drawings to provide for enhanced recreational public park space in two Amenia locations: on acreage surrounding the Town Hall and in the village of Wassaic where playground space and other improvements are envisioned.

While praising recent positive development within Wassaic's commercial village area, one longtime resident spoke of the little park across from the Lantern restaurant.

"It gets called a 'planter,'" the resident said. "It's been there since 1950," she said, "and it's in good condition,"

while noting that some trees had been cut down within the past year.

"There is no reason that we should lose that park," she concluded.

Another Wassaic resident spoke in defense of the small park. "We're losing the town a piece at a time," he said, while acknowledging that the pine tree that was removed was dead. "The dead trees needed to be removed," he said.

Addressing the need for parking in the area, he suggested some alternative opportunities that would preserve the park.

"If they cleaned up the place a bit more, they would have more room for parking," he suggested.

Wassaic storekeeper Sharon Kroeger spoke next, indicating that residents want more collaborative transparency in developing the town's park enhancement plans and the search for solutions. The park, she said, represents a shared common space.

"It's not a planter," Kroeger

said, "Parking needs to be understood broadly. People can generally do more walking in relation to their parking."

Describing her store as an anchor business, Kroeger asked that two marked parking spaces adjacent to her store be designated in the conceptual enhancement plans.

"A community is made up of people," resident Nancy Richards said, "and people make its history." She asked that the people be heard.

Councilman Leo Blackman spoke of the history of the little park and suggested that future meetings and public hearings on the enhancement plans would be a means of receiving public input.

"It's worth considering whether the small park space can be improved," Blackman said, indicating that only the dead trees were removed. There are no plans to remove other trees.

The next meeting of the Amenia Town Board is scheduled for Thursday, May 4.



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## Pine Plains baseball seniors celebrate

Pine Plains varsity baseball players celebrating their senior night game on Wednesday, April 19. From left: Jake Wolfmann, Carter Foley, Aidan Damon, Thomas Westpfal, Richard Lamping, Peyton Zeko and Nicholas Scaffidi.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office as the Harlem Valley area activity report for April 13-20.

April 14 — Deputies responded to North Elm Avenue in the Village of Millerton for a husband/wife verbal domestic dispute. Matter resolved without any further police intervention.

April 17 — Deputies responded to Route 343 in the Town of Amenia for male/female verbal domestic dispute. Matter resolved without any further police intervention.

April 18 — Deputies located a wanted subject identified as Patrick J. Schneider (age 38) behind the Spud Shack, 2957 Church St., in the Town of Pine Plains. Schneider was taken into custody for the outstanding warrant (Criminal Trespass 3rd) issued for his arrest by the of Town of Pine Plains Court. Subject issued an appearance ticket to appear in court at a later date.

April 19 — Deputies responded to Old Post Rd. 4 in the Town of North East for a girlfriend versus boyfriend domestic. Matter resolved

without any further police intervention.

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

All persons arrested and charged are alleged to have committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.

# Film festival to explore 'New York State of Farming'

CHATHAM — The Crandell Theatre, the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) and the Chatham Agricultural Partnership (CAP) will present the 2023 Farm Film Festival on Sunday, April 30, at 1 p.m. at the Crandell Theatre, 48 Main St.

Adhering to the theme "New York State of Farming," this year's program will look at farming in New York

via a juried lineup of short films from both professional and amateur filmmakers. A panel discussion will follow the films and will be moderated by CLC President Troy Weldy with participants Terence Duvall, conservation and agricultural projects associate at CLC; New York Farm Bureau Vice President Eric Ooms; and Sarah Chase of Chaseholm Farm in Pine

Plains. A "Meet Your Farmer" gathering at the People's Pub, 36 Main St., will follow the screenings.

The event is free and open to the public. Monetary donations to the Chatham Silent Food Pantry are encouraged. For more information, contact the Crandell Theatre at 518-392-3331 or mail@crandelltheatre.org

# Students race EVs at Lime Rock Park

By RILEY KLEIN  
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LAKEVILLE — Electric cars zipped around Lime Rock Park on Friday, April 21, for the 2023 Spring Electrathon. The race featured 19 cars made by teams of students from high schools across New England and Canada.

The biannual event that began in 2001 drew a crowd of tailgaters to take in the action on a sunny spring day. Teams traveled from as far as Maine and Quebec to participate in the competition.

Local regulars returned for Electrathon as well, including the Housatonic Valley Regional High School FFA team. Retired HVRHS teacher Mark Burdick said he has been attending the race for over 10 years.

"A lot of the kids that started it became engineers," said Burdick. "Even though they're not tractors, in ag, it's the same technology that they're going to be building. Plus, the kids get to design and engineer and problem-solve."

Housatonic FFA was among 15 teams in the race and put forth two electric vehicles that were made by the students during Burdick's class.

"Home-built from the frame up," said HVRHS driver Aramis Oyanadel, who added that his car can top out at about 27 miles per hour.

The cars lined up for inspection at 10 a.m. by race officials. Several cars did not pass muster, including one of HVRHS' due to a narrow roll-cage.

Each car was powered by 67-pound battery packs and included custom engineering



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Spencer Markow drove the first leg for Housatonic Valley FFA's team in Electrathon on April 21. Aramis Oyanadel stood by until the midway point when he swapped in for the remainder of the race. See Instagram video @lakevillejournal

and design flairs. The teams consisted of two drivers per car with a mandatory pit stop and driver swap midway through the race. The winner would be the car that completed the most laps within one hour.

The race officially began just before 1 p.m. with 19 cars on the track. HVRHS ran into trouble on the first lap when a battery connection came loose. Some quick repairs by the pit crew allowed driver Spencer Markow to get back into the action and finish off a strong first leg for Housatonic.

At the midway point, Oyanadel swapped in for Markow and was cautious to preserve precious battery life. Oyanadel's discipline paid off as he continually passed dying cars the longer the race went on.

When the checkered flag flew, only a handful of cars

had any juice left and HVRHS was among them. Housatonic placed third in the Classic Division by completing 40 laps within the hour. Noble High School's two cars placed first with 45 laps in car one and tied for second with Seymour High School at 41 laps in car two.

The Composite Division was won by Wilby High School with 38 laps. The Novice Division was won by Northwestern High School with 35 laps in their first appearance in the event.

Electrathon Coordinator Mike Grella, a retired teacher, was pleased that interest in the event remains high.

"I've been doing this for 20 years and it's great to see the kids excited about learning. The race is just the tinsel on top," said Grella.

Electrathon will return this October for the fall installment of the competition.



# SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

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**WASTEWATER** *Continued from Page A1*

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The total cost of the system, including both the village and the town, will be approximately \$13.8 million, with an estimated \$144,000 per year in operation and maintenance costs. Operation and maintenance fees will be based on increments of 225 gallons per day for both the village and town. Fees for the system will be based on a benefit-use assessment.

"The numbers in the Map, Plan and Report are the worst-case scenario," said North East town attorney Warren Replansky. "They're only going to get better as we get grants."

The design period for the system is estimated at about nine months, with possibly three months for approval by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and then a 12-month construction period with service starting immediately after that.

On Monday, April 24, Replansky presented a petition to the town board to be circulated

within the proposed district to be signed by property owners representing at least 50% of the assessed value of the district. Once the signatures are collected, a public hearing can be scheduled on the formation of the district. The board also accepted a resolution to accept the Map, Plan and Report.

The village has already gone through the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) process, adopted a resolution to accept its own Map, Plan and Report (drawn up by Tighe and Bond at the same time as the town's document) and completed a Monroe balancing test to determine that the project is in its best interests. Najdek is working on an intermunicipal agreement between town and village, and said that sewer use laws and rates will also be forthcoming.

"This is very, very much likely to happen, and it is a really important step forward on the shared wastewater system project," Kennan said.

**NEW CHIEF** *Continued from Page A1*

lieutenants, one criminal investigator, one inspector and 20 officers.

His first job was as a police officer/deputy sheriff with Westchester County in 1979. In his 44 years in law enforcement, he has pulled his gun just once.

Olenik hopes to bring his background in community policing to Millerton and the Town of North East, and believes police should be part of the community and know its residents. Since his selection by the village trustees, he has spent weekends walking around the village, and talking to business owners and residents.

He has begun conversations with Millerton's police force, examining police activities, training and the backgrounds of the current officers as well as inventorying village police equipment.

His stated desire is to "work hand in hand" with members of the department and lead by example. He hopes that the town of North

East will once again provide funding for a police department that emphasizes community policing and will also investigate grants for training and equipment.

Olenik plans on being out and about on the weekends setting an example. Since he gets up at 4 a.m., residents shouldn't be surprised to see him checking on the village in the early morning hours.

Olenik's educational background includes a bachelor's degree in facilities and property management from Iona College and a mechanical engineering degree from Manhattan College. Certifications that Olenik has earned during his police career include master police instructor for the Division of Criminal Justice Services along with specific instructor certifications in Field Sobriety, Firearms, Radar, Pepper Spray and General Topics.

He continues to be a regular instructor at various police academies as well as assisting with the in-service training of local municipal law enforcement agencies.

Olenik understands the issues confronting small, part-time police departments. At this point he is uncertain about whether the police budget will be sufficient to attract new officers to the force — with standard security guard positions paying \$25 an hour — and philosophical about hiring and training young officers who move onto better positions after gaining experience.

He believes that body cameras, which officers now wear, should help the liability threat faced by all police departments. Asked how he would handle complaints about the police, Olenik said that any investigation rests with the chief of police, who would re-

port his findings to the board of trustees if necessary.

As a regular matter, Olenik plans on reporting what's "good and bad" and what needs to be changed. He also wants to update the department website to explain what the department is doing, include the names of the officers and issue safety warnings.

A Dutchess County resident, Olenik moved from Yorktown Heights after 25 years and has lived in Hopewell Junction for the past 16 years with his family — wife Stephanie and children Emily, 11, Colin, 12, and Bradley, 19, who's in college at SUNY Cortland. His married daughter, Katie, lives in Bedford with her two children, Mason and Mia.

Expect to see Olenik wearing his vest inside his uniform to be less intimidating but still safe as he patrols the streets of the village.

**BISHOP BRODERICK** *Continued from Page A1*

some other members of the clergy were involved in some questionable "endorsements," donations and business deals. Eventually this caused a problem for Broderick.

Hanna talked about Broderick's time in Cuba and in Rome, and his residencies in Yonkers, Saugerties and other places. His years of exile are covered extensively — where he lived, his family affiliations, and what he did when he no longer had a parish or a position, yet remained a bishop of the church.

Why this was significant to the Millbrook Historical Society, and why the presentation was held at the St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church parish hall became apparent

as Hanna moved into the Washington Hollow aspect of the tale.

In 1926, Helen Bowden, who had been a caretaker of Broderick's mother for a time until her death in 1917, bought 72 acres of land from heirs of Webster Knickerbocker. Broderick lived there, becoming a member of the community.

Broderick was not affiliated with the parish, but as he specified numerous times, he was also not "unattached" to the church. After the stock market crash, and while no one knows exactly how this affected the wealth of Broderick, he started selling gasoline and car accessories from the property, around 1935. He

also sold off real estate that he owned. In 1939, the station was put up for sale for the asking price of \$20,000.

While in Washington Hollow, Broderick began writing, for the Millbrook Round Table, which was owned by the Tyldesley family, a column called "Things, Events and Men." He wrote about many things including automobiles, of which he had a great love; gardening; unions; and education.

Several of his Round Table writings are included in the book. He was also a much-sought-after speaker and traveled a great deal.

His "exile" from the church ended in 1939, one of the first deeds performed by Cardinal Francis Spellman, who created the reconciliation between Broderick and the church. Spellman visited Broderick in Millbrook, with the Rev. Joseph Deahy, of St. Joseph's Church, Millbrook, although Deahy had no idea that Spellman wished to perform a reconciliation.

Spellman appointed Broderick chaplain at Schervier Hospital and Home in Riverdale, and his time in Millbrook was over. But it was said by many who knew him that he looked back fondly on those days, and was quite proud of his writing for the Millbrook Round Table, although he had also in fact written several books.

This was yet another incidence of the Millbrook Historical Society coming up with something local, relevant and also far-reaching, as this book covers so much of not just the church, but politics, business and world affairs. The presentation was attended by more than 80 people, including the Rev. Hartley Bancroft, pastor of St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception and former pastor Bishop Gerardo Joseph Colacicco.

**HEALTH** *Continued from Page A1*

**Dr. Jodi Friedman and local author Chris Crowley pause for a photo at the Nuance Health/Sharon Hospital panel on healthy aging at the Movie-house in Millerton on Thursday, April 20.**

your diet."

"Diet is fundamental," said Dr. Mark Marshall (internal medicine and palliative care). He said that exercise can be a social activity, enhancing happiness, and an aid toward maintaining independence. "Don't wait; talk with your doctor," he added.

A majority of the panelists advised finding what you like to do and concentrating on that, with Clark mentioning water aerobics to combat arthritis, or racquet sports of any type, including ping pong or pickleball, and more.

Women lose muscle mass in midlife rather rapidly, Dr. Elizabeth Lucal (OB-GYN) noted, favoring yoga exercise as a means of increasing coordination and muscle strength.

"We need a different perspective on what healthcare is for," said Dr. Keith Joseph (primary care), as the discussion touched upon a wariness of medications to provide instant fixes without sufficient mindfulness of inherent side effects.

As it turns out, rather than searching through the wilds of Florida for the Fountain of Youth, it is to be discovered internally. But it's not automatic. To make your internal youth fountain work to advantage, it needs to be pumped by hand. It requires movement. Youth is not eternal, it's internal.

said of the program series, of which this week's event was the first.

"We have an aging community," McCulloch said, expecting that demographic to increase. "The community has always been older," she added.

Serving over 110,000 residents in the tri-state area, McCulloch said that Sharon Hospital "continues to adapt to meet the needs of the area we serve."

Taking the stage as the featured speaker, Crowley said: "The body is primarily a signaling device, driven by the brain. We all get a brain; it's astonishing."

The choices are simple, Crowley admonished. "Growth or atrophy; grow or decay."

The good news is, Crowley said, that we can stem the tide of the aging process, reducing it to 70% of what it would be otherwise.

Movement is the key, he noted, espousing six days each week as the right schedule. "The body is designed to move," he said.

Exercise is good for combatting a variety of ailments physical and mental, Crowley said. It can reduce risk of heart attack and dementia, for a start. It's good for mood enhancement. It can increase your intelligence and generate

new brain cells.

Aerobic exercise is good also for increasing balance and coordination, pain reduction and fall prevention.

The panel of physicians followed up by inviting questions from the audience that included slowing or reversing aging, nutrition and cognitive decline.

Dr. Jodi Friedman (geriatrics) and Dr. Alexander Clark (orthopedic surgery) advised exercising with friends and keeping going by starting with small things at your own level. Friedman added that foot care is important.

"You have to do what makes you happy," said Dr. Paul Wright (neurology), espousing the virtues of line dancing, particularly Scottish, thought to improve cognition. He advised trying new interests, walking the aisles of Michael's or the new Toys "R" Us for inspiration. Exercise and nutrition go hand in hand, he added, promoting healthy eating.

Yoga can be good for flexibility, Wright added.

"I refuse to prescribe sleeping pills," Wright said. "They are dangerous." Several on the panel also advised against dietary supplements because the industry is unregulated.

Wright advised, "If you lack some nutrients, change



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

**Author James K. Hanna presented on the life of Bishop Bonaventure Broderick for the Millbrook Historical Society on April Thursday, April 20, at the parish hall of St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.**

## Realtor® at Large

With May around the corner, the question of where to camp and hike comes up. A great resource for Ct State Parks and Forests is to visit this page found on the CTDEEP website: [portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Trail-and-Camping-Maps---CT-State-Parks-and-Forests](http://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/State-Parks/Trail-and-Camping-Maps---CT-State-Parks-and-Forests). Helpful information for across the State for outdoor adventures. For those who would like to explore the over 800 miles of Blue Blazed Trail system, check out the Connecticut Forest and Park website at: [ctwoodlands.org/explore-trails/interactive-map](http://ctwoodlands.org/explore-trails/interactive-map). See you out on the trails!



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BOOKS: ALEXANDER WILBURN

## Stories of A Girl

Teenage Dylan wakes up to a parent's nightmare — she's in an apartment in New York City's Hamilton Heights that she's never been to before, she's in bed with a boy she doesn't recognize, she tastes alcohol on her breath but doesn't remember drinking, and she's been missing for days. The question isn't just where she's been, but *who* she's been.

Dylan's process to uncover what transpired unlocks the buried trauma at the center of her life, and the mental disorder that has fractured her sense of self.

Connecticut-based author Kate McLaughlin stopped by House of Books in Kent, Conn., last week to discuss her newest novel for young adults from Macmillan, "Pieces of Me," a portrait of a girl struggling to ground herself while living with a dissociative identity disorder (DID) diagnosis.

"DID can be very terrifying. It's this way

for the brain to protect itself and the body from trauma. It's really kind of neat and scary at the same time," McLaughlin said. She was inspired to write a different kind of mental health story around DID for young audiences. "It's a disorder that doesn't get a lot of media attention, and when it does it's very sensationalized." Women, McLaughlin cited, are

more likely to be diagnosed, but also likely to be misdiagnosed.

Braving the gritty side of female adolescence in her fiction, McLaughlin's previous novel, "What Unbreakable Looks Like," portrayed the uncomfortable aftermath of a girl starting her life over after being rescued from a trafficking ring in what Kirkus called "A gut-punch story."



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Kate McLaughlin



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From left, "Palm Trees and Power Lines" actresses Lily McInerny and Gretchen Mol with Moviehouse co-owner Chelsea Altman.

FILM: ALEXANDER WILBURN

## Dark Summer Romance

In the stagnant haze of Californian heat, sensitive 17-year-old Lea (Lily McInerny, in her first film role) spends an aimless summer vacation lost in the ugly boredom of her dead-beat town. Jamie Dack's debut film, "Power Lines and Palm Trees," lingers

on the bong smoke and beer-fueled chatter of boys that buzzes by Lea like radio static, while her calf eyes girlishly glance at the horizon, hoping something new will come her way. She is a flower sprouting in concrete, waiting to be plucked. Just be careful

what you wish for.

Lea catches the attention of Tom, a disarmingly handsome 34-year-old man who presents himself as a white knight, rescuing her from loneliness, fulfilling her diary daydream of love with his soft voice and fixed stare, his graceful affection. Tom's courtship is disturbingly romantic, even sexy, played with quiet magnetism by Jonathan Tucker, who over 20 years ago starred in another cruel story of girlhood, Sofia Coppola's debut, "The Virgin Suicides." This time he is not a high school peer, but a hunter, stalking his prey with truly evil intent.

Lily McInerny, along with Gretchen Mol, who plays Lea's emotionally absent mother caught in her own destructive love life, attended the film's opening at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., where Mol serves on the board for the nonprofit independent theater. Originally based on a short film by Dack, the feature-length version of "Power Lines and Palm Trees" received critical acclaim at the Sundance Film Festival, and is now playing in select theaters and on-demand through Momentum Pictures. The film also received four nominations at the 2023 Film Independent Spirit Awards last month, including Best Supporting Performance for Jonathan Tucker and a well-earned Best Breakthrough Performance for McInerny, who anchors the film with the honesty of her character's fragile innocence.

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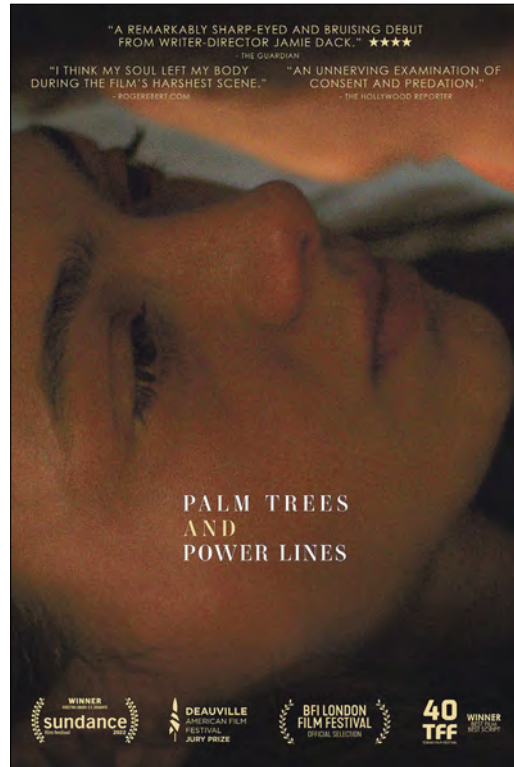


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Ryan Speedo Green in "Champion."

## Champion

The Met Opera's Live in HD series will present "Champion," the new opera by Grammy-winning jazz composer Terence Blanchard, the first African American opera composer for the New York City company. "Champion" will broadcast at Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass., and at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., on Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m.

## The Critic's Daughter

Dan Dwyer, vice chair of The Lakeville Journal Foundation, will talk with author Priscilla Gilman on her new memoir "The Critic's Daughter" at The White Hart in Salisbury, Conn., on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

## Five Points Opening

Five Points Gallery in Torrington, Conn., will present three new openings on Friday, April 28, with a reception at 6 p.m. "Flood 2.0" by the art collective Water Women features work by Krisanne Baker, Susan Hoffman Fishman and Leslie Sobel touching on climate change, "Dreaming Animals" shows work by Meredith Miller and MJ Millington, and "Nature Remains" exhibits paintings by the late Margaret Grimes.



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## Paintings by Jane Bevans

A new show of abstract oil paintings by Jane Bevans will open at The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn. on Saturday, May 6, with an artist's reception at 5 p.m.

## Connecticut's Witch Trials

The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., will host "Witches in Connecticut" on Thursday, May 18, at 5 p.m. The trials and executions of witches in Connecticut predated the Salem witch panic by over 40 years. Hear the stories of the women and men falsely accused, tried, and executed as witches.

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## MUSIC: MATTHEW KRETA

# Crescendo, Da Capo

This weekend Crescendo will present its final concert series of the season with "In Search of The Bridges." In this piece, Crescendo chorus member Matthew Kreta looks back at the origins of the music organization.

The Berkshires-based chorus Crescendo will be celebrating its 20-year anniversary this October. Founded in 2003, director Christine Gevert began by collaborating with church choirs in the region to present weekly concerts. As this project grew, Gevert soon outpaced what she could do in her capacity as a church organist and was given the suggestion to create a nonprofit organization. Gevert agreed and created Crescendo with the help of Trinity Church in Lakeville, Conn.

The first public event Crescendo held was not a musical performance, but a series of lectures, ranging from talks on music theory, history, and choral music, made possible by funds raised through a private concert held at Weatherstone, the estate of designer and author Carolyne Roehm in Sharon, Conn. Their first public concert was held

in Feb. 2004, singing a repertoire in celebration of Valentine's Day with a smaller group of singers and madrigals. Their first large-scale public concert premiered that fall.

Since then, Crescendo has brought a wide variety of repertoire to the Berkshires region. Gevert, a trained musician in early period music, has brought rarely-heard and forgotten Baroque and Classical era pieces to the stage. Crescendo has performed contemporary selections, Latin American music, original commissioned works by several composers, multimedia concerts with light shows, dance and art pieces, and even the late Norwalk, Conn., based composer Dave Brubeck's jazz mass. In addition to performing at Trinity Church, the group has been performing in Great Barrington, Mass., since 2006. Crescendo collaborated with the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass., won national awards, and received international attention in Florence, Italy.

In addition to these accolades, Crescendo has also provided outreach to the community since its inception, with

workshops and private lessons.

"I took education very seriously," Gevert said. While not the chorus' main mission, education continually remains a part of its identity by offering keyboard, solo singing, and choral workshops, as well as giving a platform to young artists over the years.

Though COVID restrictions temporarily restricted live performances, Crescendo continued with a virtual season, adapting to the changing times by recording concerts. Talks and lectures were also held and can still be found as recordings online. Despite the restrictions, the group is moving forward and it is finally, yet carefully, beginning to hold in-person events and performing without masks again.

Crescendo will present "In Search of The Bridges," on Friday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Church in Lakeville and Sunday, April 30 at 4:30 p.m. at Saint James Place in Great Barrington, Mass. This will be the premiere of a composition commissioned by Crescendo: "In Search of The Bridges," a four-movement work by composer John Myers. For tickets go to [www.crescendomusic.org](http://www.crescendomusic.org).

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OUR TOWNS

# Mountainside to relaunch NYC Recovery Hub

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS  
Special to The Millerton News

NORTH CANAAN, Conn. — The Connecticut-based Mountainside Treatment Center, which is nationally recognized for its drug and alcohol addiction treatment programs and operates a sprawling facility in North Canaan, announced that it will be relaunching its New York City Recovery Hub in June to allow for in-person gatherings and events halted during the pandemic.

The three-story facility in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan, opened in 2019, is dedicated to expanding and enhancing the recovery experience for individuals suffering from addiction, and for the community around them, according to Mountainside CEO Andre Basso.

"We are excited to launch version 2.0 of our New York City Recovery Hub to provide more much-needed resources for individuals to heal, learn and connect in a safe and supportive environment," said Basso in making the April 18 announcement.

"We never closed, we just suspended our live events and now we are full speed ahead for the relaunch of services in June," said Basso. "During COVID it was impossible to host in-person gatherings."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), from 1999 to 2021, drug overdose deaths quadrupled in the United States. The pandemic exacerbated the problem, sparking a surge of mental health struggles, leading to an increase in opioid-involved overdoses from an estimated 70,029 in 2020 to 80,816 in 2021.

New York City saw a nearly 80% jump in drug overdoses from 2019 to 2021.

"We have to do something about that as a company and as a society," noted Basso.

"The substance abuse crisis is an ongoing and ever-evolving problem. As one of the

world's largest urban centers, New York City has an entirely unique set of challenges," exacerbated by the stressors of a densely populated, urban environment, he said.

Mountainside, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, currently operates six treatment facilities in the Northeast, including North Canaan and Wilton in Connecticut, as well as centers in New York and New Jersey.

The company also recently expanded virtual services into neighboring Massachusetts so that individuals who seek initial treatment at its North Canaan facility can have access to follow-up treatment without the inconvenience of having to drive 45 minutes to an hour to Connecticut.

"It's very important for keeping people supported," Basso noted.

**Lack of qualified health care providers**

Statistics provided by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) reveal that more than 44 million Americans ages 18 or older struggle with a substance use disorder. Yet officials estimate that less than 10% of those affected receive proper care.

"A major reason behind this alarming statistic is poor treatment accessibility due to

the lack of qualified health care providers," said Basso.

To help shrink this gap, he said, "Mountainside NYC will also house the Mountainside Learning Institute, an initiative to provide first-rate education to train addiction treatment providers."

Mountainside Learning Institute's first program will be the Recovery Coach Training program, which will prepare aspiring coaches to guide those in early sobriety toward a healthy, substance-free lifestyle.

Basso explained that participants will learn from active Mountainside recovery coaches who utilize case studies to teach recovery best practices.

"Helping people become certified recovery coaches will have a more profound impact in helping society survive this crisis," said the Mountainside CEO, who noted that the Recovery Coach Training program exists "in every single location we work with."

The Mountainside Learning Institute will also offer continuing education workshops to support existing mental health professionals in staying at the forefront of the latest therapeutic techniques and advances in the field of addiction treatment.

For the greater New York City community, Mountainside's New York City Recov-

ery Hub will offer educational workshops such as how to use Narcan and the topic of addiction as a brain disease to share knowledge on substance abuse and recovery.

"We have been providing Narcan training for the past five years," throughout its centers, said Basso.

A full suite of clinical outpatient services will be added to Mountainside NYC's existing menu of offerings, according to company officials.

In addition to its peer-to-peer recovery coaching program, New Yorkers will also have access to outpatient counseling from intensive group therapy and individual therapy to family counseling, and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy.

High risk populations such as the LGBTQ+ community, young adults, and business professionals will also have specialized programming to meet their unique needs, and free support groups will also be offered and open to everyone including support groups specifically for family and friends impacted by a loved one's alcoholism and drug use.

"We have a lot going on," noted Basso.

**Addiction is a 'family crisis'**

To mark its milestone 25th anniversary this year, Mountainside will be hosting a series of free community events at its six locations across Connecticut, New York and New

Jersey to educate individuals on practices for healthier, more mindful living.

Additionally, the nationally recognized treatment center will showcase inspirational stories of recovery, spotlighting individuals from all walks of life.

In late March, Mountainside Treatment Center announced that, for the second year in a row, it is providing \$10,000 worth of academic scholarships to high school juniors and seniors in the Northeast.

The treatment provider has created the Mountainside Brighter Future College Scholarship to foster awareness and education about addiction among youth and empower students who have been impacted by substance use disorders to share their

stories.

Interested students are invited to complete an initial application and then submit a short essay explaining how they have been impacted by their own or a loved one's substance use disorder. The writing sample should also detail how the student's personal experiences have shaped their understanding of addiction as a disease.

This year's scholarships will be provided as \$1,000 awards to up to 10 selected students from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is Monday, May 15, and winners will be announced in early June. Essay guidelines can be found at [www.mountainside.com/scholarships/brighter-future/](http://www.mountainside.com/scholarships/brighter-future/)

## Webutuck Elementary School schedules pre-K screening

AMENIA — Webutuck Elementary School, 175 Haight Road, will hold prekindergarten registration Tuesday, May 23, through Thursday, May 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for children who will be 4 years old by Friday, Dec. 1.

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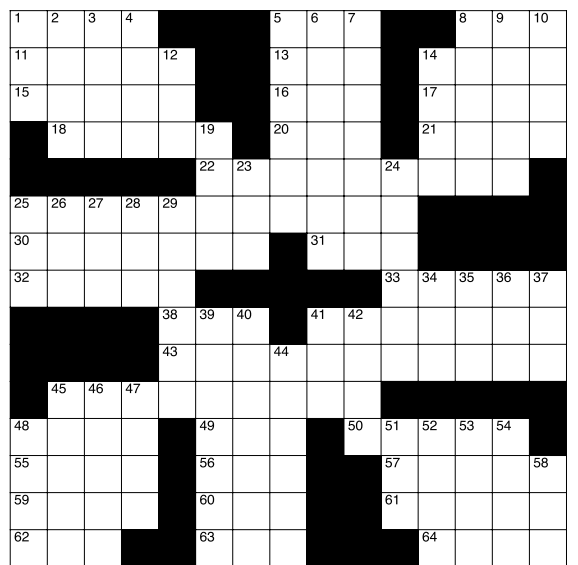
WASSAIC — The Wassaic Fire Company Auxiliary will hold its spring vendor/craft fair on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wassaic Firehouse, 27

Firehouse Road. The event will include a 50/50 raffle and refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Michelle at 845-235-9326 or Katie at 845-784-7410.

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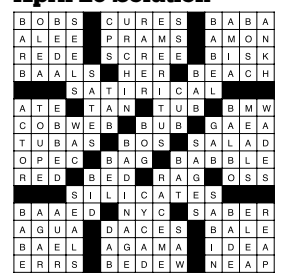
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32. French commune
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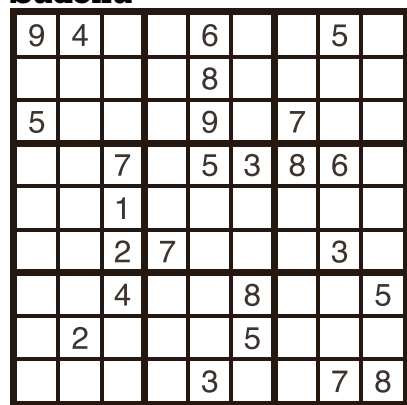


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44. In slow tempo
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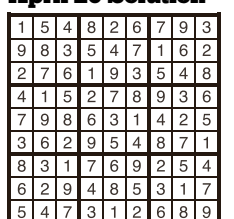
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Solving a problem

It's a climate change problem, of course, because all that trash needs a whole lot of fuel to move it. It's a social justice problem, because the trash ends up in poorer communities, and it's an economic and financial problem because it's expensive to move all that stuff. The good news is, there is something we can do about it."

These were the comments of Richard Schlesinger, former CBS news correspondent, who led an expert panel discussion at the Cornwall Library on Saturday, Earth Day.

By some estimates, Connecticut produces approximately 500,000 tons of food waste annually. It is either shipped to out-of-state landfills or burned in waste-to-energy plants. Gov. Ned Lamont wants to do something about the state's waste management and has proposed waste-disposal and recycling legislation — Bill 6664 — that would, among many things, increase the collection of residential food waste for reuse.

Our news pages have chronicled a growing interest in composting on the part of towns and residents in the Northwest Corner and in Dutchess County. McEnroe Organic Farm in Millerton has been composting at Coleman Station Road since 1987, as reported by reporter Deborah Maier in The Millerton News last week.

According to Saturday's Cornwall panel, about 40% of the garbage sent out of the state could be composted. At McEnroe's, a big source of its thousands of cubic yards of collected food waste comes from New York City restaurants.

Last month, the Connecticut General Assembly's Environment Committee passed a substitute version of Bill 6664. The changes including removing a fee charged for shipping municipal solid waste out of state, and for shipping to waste-to-energy facilities. But the bill's measure related to organics-separation requirements, such as separating food scraps from other trash and waste, remains, along with setting rates for recycled content in plastic beverage containers.

New York state figures in the calculus of Bill 6664, which originally contained an Extended Producer Responsibility (ERP) provision — a policy requiring manufacturers to take responsibility for their product and packaging through end of life, including disposal. New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said at the start of the year that she would introduce EPR legislation in 2023, after it failed to pass in 2022.

Connecticut's substitute bill pulls back on the EPR provision of Bill 6664 until four other states in the northeast region — with an aggregate population of 20 million people — enact such consumer packaging stewardship.

Back to financials. Connecticut municipalities pay on average \$102 to dispose of every ton of solid waste, according to the CT Mirror. And as Richard Schlesinger noted, it takes a lot of fuel just to move it — six days a week, in the Hudson Valley, 15 tractor trailers filled with waste leave the waste facility in Kingston, bound for a landfill in western New York.

The Earth Day event in Cornwall concluded with a demonstration of the composting process using a repurposed fish tank. You don't need much to get started. And, yes, as was demonstrated, there is something we can do about the problem.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Just Another Thursday in the U.S.

Odd going-ons have become the ordinary—a former President indicted, the daily mass shootings, FDA approval questioned by a Texas judge without knowledge or evidentiary fact, a Supreme Court Justice not financially disclosing hundreds-of-thousands of dollars received. What would have been shocking to me and the public at large in prior days is just another Thursday in America.

Tap into the internet, turn on the TV, read your New York Times, New York Post and the headlines are rife with coverage of the tales of the day — tales of law and order discarded, disclosures of national security documents, violent perpetrators laden with praise and promise of pardon, women endangered, killed by the legislative whims of white men in red states.

Negative gravitational pull makes rising above it all a near impossibility.

An Australian Sheepdog hoofed his way across 150 miles of ice to a place where the locals with good 'ole American goodwill traced his home, his family, and returned him by cooperative ingenuity. A doctoral student has devised a low-cost plastic window

with easy install to replace windows bombed and gunned down across Ukraine. Insulin prices are down. Overall unemployment in the U.S. is 3.5%, Black unemployment is at 5% after hovering at 17% during Covid. The pay of the lowest wage earners in the U.S. is up 7%. Two young Black state legislators ousted for supporting protests against mass gun violence are reinstated in Tennessee. In prior days tales of good news: generosity, local Samaritans, innovations were not out of place in the news — we cheered rescuers, applauded helping hands, admired a chef traveling with volunteers, food and equipment to feed the distraught, the endangered, the survivors at sites of disaster. High performance news was headline news.

Today I had to go to the Good News Network to find an actual listing of this week's good news.

Some prominent news agency have good news segments accessible on line but only when the ask includes good — not just news.

Irish headlines are Biden Joy, U.S. headlines are Marjorie Taylor Green defending the source of the recent

national security leak as “a white, male, Christian, and antiwar. That makes him an enemy to the Biden regime.” Unspoken by Green is the endangerment/death to 1000's of civilians in Ukraine in war as well as their military by this leak. Whistled out of New York City when she went to the courthouse to cheer on Trump, Green possesses high regard for doing violence unto others — she seems to be casting her own do unto others golden rule. In the U.S., Easter week

ends in a dense fog of falsity and fraud. Negative gravitational pull is undaunted. I have however found a source of good news on line — ask for good news. Perhaps soon noteworthy coverage of human triumph, human honor, and human goodness will once again fill columns, segments, and headlines.

“Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.” Napoleon Bonaparte

Kathy Herald-Marlowe Sharon



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And the giant stuffed panda goes to...

Once decided to create a national prize for pandering.

It would be like the Golden Razzies, which are awarded for bad films. Annually, we'd hold a press conference at which we would award a giant stuffed panda toy to the person or organization who so egregiously pandered to a group that we judges could do no more than shake our collective heads with admiration at their gall and mendacity. We would not require the recipient to personally accept the award.

I had in mind as perennial candidates for the award such national embarrassments as the Rev. Al Sharpton, who never saw a Black family's crisis that he wouldn't exploit for his own aggrandizement, and such TV show hosts as Maury Povich, who enhance their fortunes by egging people on to hurt each other on air (without benefit of boxing gloves), and the many unrepentant segregationists among the senators of our Southern states...

The problem, I soon discovered, was that there were too many prolific and outrageous panders — so many that we would have a hard time choosing just one. Possibly we

THE LONG VIEW

Tom Shachtman

could up the ante to quarterly awards, but audiences would get tired of the spectacle. So I forgot about the idea.

Silly me.

This year's award — obvious already, even though it's only April — goes to the Fox News Network and its founder, Rupert Murdoch, not only for world-class pandering, a skill that Murdoch has been perfecting for sixty-seventy years on three continents, but also for showing to the rest of us the precise reasons that he and his network engaged in their particular kind of pandering in regard to who won the 2020 election. The settlement with Dominion voting machines, and the revelations about the “real,” off-air sentiments of the broadcast personnel (and the Murdochs) vs. what they said on air, provided all the necessary evidence to earn them this year's award.

In the 1980s, TV land embraced a concept called the Lowest Common Denominator. Network programming

executives for ABC, CBS, and NBC — this was prior to the Murdochian Fox network — would choose from among their vendors' pilot sitcoms, game shows, soap operas, and cop shows the ones that appealed to the LCD, and put those on air, to ensure garnering the highest ratings, which translate into the highest ad rates and profits for the network. Quality of production, acting, scripts, and the like were no match for LCD appeal.

Today's Fox News Network, its Opinion shows but also its News shows — which seldom report all the news, or even an honest sampling of it — have trothed themselves to the LCD. Fox News and Opinion's audience demographic skews older than the norm, less educated, less moneyed, less tolerant of anyone not white and/or born in America, more tolerant of authoritarianism, and very willing to buy a wide variety of snake oils.

The Fox News executives' experience has shown them that when your programs continuously pander to your audience's biases, you will be able to sell and re-sell your audience's extreme loyalty and make money.

The decision of the Fox

brass to settle the Dominion suit rather than to let it drag on through the courts (and in the legitimate news media) is evidence to some that the network and its owners are willing to pay a large price to keep their dirty laundry from further public view.

I view the settlement in a different way. Its monetary cost to Fox is minimal, mostly offset by insurance pay-outs. Money is not the real issue. Nor is the issue the avoidance of displaying dirty laundry in public. Fox's urgent need is to get the distraction out of the way so that it can go back to news-twisting, which it knows its audience wants to see and hear.

I fearlessly predict that the ratings of Fox News and Fox Opinion programs, and the loyalty of those programs' viewers, will not be adversely affected by the settlement of Dominion's suit against Fox.

That is to say: Fox and its “pundits” — Carlson, Hannity, Bartiromo, et al. — will remain on the short list for stuffed panda of the year.

Salisbury resident Tom Shachtman has written more than two dozen books and many television documentaries.



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