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A dynamic doggie duo, Kali the Australian Shepherd and Zoey the

Golden Retriever rested by Old St. Nick's boots to take a festive holi-

day moment at the Top Dogs 4-H Club's Pet Photos with Santa event.

Happy

Howlidays!

AMENIA — The Top Dogs

4-H Club found a way to unleash some holiday joy by offering Pet Photos with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in

the pet-friendly town of Amenia. Families from around the region were invited to bring their

furry friends over to Cascade Country Corner at 8 Old North Road to snap a candid or posed, depending on the pooch, Christ-

mas photo with Chris Kringle.

For a \$10 donation to the Top

Dogs 4-H Club, families received

a 4x6 photo of their canine com-

panions and any other family member who wanted to pose with

Outside in front of Ritchie's

Deli, Top Dog 4-H Club members were more than willing to sit

in the unusually mild 60 degree

weather for a bake sale that of-

fered an array of delicious goodies

to the local families that stopped

by. They also held a pet food drive

that accepted all kinds of food do-

was able to donate 10 bags of dog

food and 40 cans of cat food to

the local charity, Giving Human-

ity, with its Giving Box for kitties

and pups in need of nourishment.

- Kaitlin Lyle

In total, the Top Dog 4-H Club

nations for dogs and cats.

jolly Old St. Nick.



AMENIA Library Settles Into Its Newly Expanded Digs, Patrons Enjoy A5





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Winter fire safety tips

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Families heal following fatal fire, with Millerton's support

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — It's been more than a month since the devastating house fire claimed their homes and two of their friends and neighbors, but the Millerton families affected by the fatal house fire on Saturday, Nov. 6, are continuing to heal and navigate

their way to a sense of normalcy.

Thanks to the support and comfort of the community, the families that were both directly affected by the fire and those that were displaced by the blaze, they're trying their best to work through what has been an extremely difficult time.

On the morning of Nov. 6, the home of Millerton restaurant owner Amy Yang went ablaze. Yang's 24-year-old daughter, Jenny, died in the fire; so, too, did 30-year-old Wangdi Tamang. Both resided at 5902 South Elm Ave. (Route 22) in Millerton along with the rest of the Yang residence. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, said Mil-

See SAFETY TIPS, A6

Pine Plains Fire Co. has annual election

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — The results of the Pine Plains Fire Company's annual election on Thursday, Dec. 9, may or may not be of surprise to those in the community - depending on how much they know about firehouse politics. According to those inside the fire station, there are always politics to deal with — that's just the nature of the beast. Yet when those sirens blare, all politics are put aside and the business of saving lives is the only

thing on the minds of each and every volunteer who dons their gear.

"No matter what anybody has to say when we're inside the firehouse, when we're on a call together, we're together," said newly re-elected Pine Plains Rescue Squad First Lt. Veronica "Ronnie" Brenner Walsh, wife of newly re-elected Fire Chief and town Supervisor-elect Brian Walsh. "I have watched for 23 years a lot of stuff go down. Never have I seen any firefighter go public with

See FIRE CO. ELECTION, A6

New slate of officers

Pine Plains Fire Company • Fire Chief Brian Walsh

- First Assistant Chief Ray Brown
- Second Assistant Chief Mike McCarthy
- · Captain Matt Cade First Lieutenant
- Tyson Klay

Pine Plains Rescue Squad Captain Nia Carey

• First Lieutenant Veronica "Ronnie" Brenner Walsh

Clark now Chief Operating Officer at Lakeville Journal Company

FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. — James H. Clark of Salisbury, who began working at The Lakeville Journal in August of 2002, has been promoted to the position of Chief Operating Officer. Clark has served the company in multiple capacities over the years, always with the highest stan-

dard of work ethic and skill. Clark began as a graphic artist in 2002, then was promoted to composing manager in 2005. He advanced to production coordinator in 2006, and took on the task of keeping the flow of all the work done at The Lakeville Journal efficient, seamless and on time. He saw the tools of the trade advance over the course of his career from paper paste-up on drafting boards to completely digitized systems in all departments at the company. He oversaw the digital transition in those departments due to his expertise in computers and software, but also due to his pa-



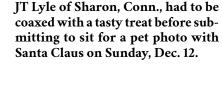
Lakeville Journal Co. Production Coordinator James Clark has been promoted to chief operating officer.

tience in working tirelessly to have those with less understanding than he of digital change master the new

Clark will continue to oversee the

operations of the company in his new role, and to use creativity to strategize new systems as the company moves

See CLARK, A6



Normally a camera-cloying canine,

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Molinaro, Pulver tour Hope Rising Farm to celebrate \$17,900 grant

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Congratulating Hope Rising Farm Therapeutic Riding Center as a recent recipient of the county's "Learn, Play, Create: Supporting Our Kids" program, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19), of Pine Plains, toured the Millerton therapeutic riding facility on Friday, Dec. 3.

Their goal was to achieve a better understanding of the facility's offerings and how local youth have benefited from its programs.

In November, the county's grant program awarded \$3 million to fund 147 projects of local nonprofit organizations that directly serve children. The projects aim to enhance and empower opportunities for children to learn, play and create "while filling an educational, financial, social and/or emotional void because of the quarantine and stay-at-home orders necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic," according to the county.

Of those recipients, Hope Rising Farm, located at 19 Morse Hill Road in Millerton, received \$17,900 to purchase equipment for therapeutic means.

According to its website, www.hoperisingfarm.org, the facility was founded in 2017 "to enhance the physical, sensory, emotional, cognitive and social skills of adults and children with special needs through equine-



Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro was introduced to a few of the horses at Hope Rising Farm Therapeutic Riding Center during his tour of the Millerton facility on Friday,

assisted activities."

Allison Dunne, a volunteer and soon-to-be certified therapeutic riding instructor at Hope Rising Farm, said the riding facility plans to purchase an equicizer, a SureHands Lift & Care System, an Inky-Dinky therapeutic saddle, a larger therapeutic riding saddle, ladder reins, gait belts, a Hippo Helper and a seat shrinker.

Dunne said the equicizer and the SureHands Lift & Care System will take up the bulk of the grant funding. She explained an equicizer is a mechanical horse used to instill confidence and strength in riders, so that they may practice riding without being on a live animal. The SureHands Life & Care System will be used to help students in wheelchairs get on the back of the horses to ride.

"It meant the world," Dunne

said in regard to receiving the grant. "It kind of signifies the next step for Hope Rising Farm. As a nonprofit, there's so much you can do and there's so much we can offer."

She added that out of all of the grant recipients, Hope Rising Farm was the only one that Molinaro and Pulver actually visited in person.

On Friday afternoon, the two county officials toured the riding facility with Hope Rising Farm Founder and Executive Director Jackie Wikane. They met some of the students and Wikane gave an abbreviated lesson to show Molinaro and Pulver what the riding facility does with those who go

Parents also met with the officials to share how the facility's programs have benefited their

"It was one of the most amazing experiences that I've had at a farm, quite honestly," Pulver said, a lifelong farmer himself.

In describing what it was like to watch the programs being demonstrated by the young people who use them, "who don't normally have an opportunity to ride a horse or the physical ability to get on a horse," Pulver said seeing the emotional connection between those youth and the horses floored him.

He said he was touched to see the connections the riders make at the facility with the horses. He said he was quite impressed by how much the students seem to have benefitted from attending the various programs and services offered at Hope Rising Farm.

"We are very fortunate to have them in our community," Pulver

"To me, to have the county executive and chair of the Legislature there was just phenomenal," Dunne said, likewise impressed. "To see how engaged they were in what we do at the farm really helped us identify potential opportunities down the road to take us to the next level... We put our best foot forward and were rewarded."

To contact Hope Rising Farm, call 845-797-8365 or go to www. hoperisingfarm.org.



With help from the Millerton Fire Company, Santa and his elves visited with children from around the Millerton-North East community as part of the fire company's second annual Santa Run on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Fire Co. fills in for Rudolph to help Santa

MILLERTON — Helping to spread some holiday cheer around the Millerton-North East community, the Millerton Fire Company embarked on a holly jolly journey as part of the company's second annual Santa Run to help children celebrate in the age of the coronavirus pandemic on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Families interested in having Santa visit their homes were invited to drop off letters in the fire company's special "Letters to Santa" mailbox stationed in front

of the firehouse last month. Beginning at noon on the

11th, the fire company escorted Old St. Nick and a few of his special helpers (even the Grinch got into the act!) around the village of Millerton and the town of North East and beyond.

With each stop on Rudolph's route, the fire company made sure to safely deliver Santa and his elves to the homes of local children for a friendly visit as an early Christmas surprise.

– Kaitlin Lyle



Jolly Old St. Nick made sure to visit with a smiling Darla Gangloff, who was delighted to spend time with Santa a little ahead of of Christmas Day.



In spite of the grumpy expression on his face, the Grinch did his part to help spread some holiday joy with the Millerton Fire Company during its second annual Santa Run on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Library has the conversation

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — The North-East-Millerton Library (NEML) is sharing its findings from spring time Community Conversations it held; it invited residents to learned what was said at a virtual presentation on Thursday, Dec. 3.

The NEML held several talks in person and via Zoom focused on Millerton, exploring its strengths, areas to improve and what residents would like to see in the future.

Though people spoke anonymously, NEML Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson was able to share what was learned publicly.

More than 80 individuals participate in either group conversations or one-on-one talks. Of those, 75% of the participants live either full-time or part-time in the village of Millerton or the town of North East; 19% said they visit the area to shop, dine, for entertainment or other reasons; and 18% work in either Millerton or North East.

"These are our neighbors and friends and individuals we see every day in Millerton," Leo-Jameson said.

She said many expressed they want Millerton to feel like "their hometown, not just a small town." Participants also voiced an

interest in having a school that's active in the community... with diverse backgrounds, incomes and beliefs.

Other concerns focused on the lack of communication, a lack of community members working together and the lack of community inclusivity.

The library divided up the information it gathered into three categories: communication, working together and community inclusivity.

Communication

Concerns were listed about local government websites not being clear or up-to-date; local government and community group websites being only in English; an absence of clear ways to contact certain community groups; an absence of volunteer opportunities; and the difficulties of learning what's going on in the community.

Working together

Leo-Jameson said participants said they felt town and village organizations should cooperate more, work toward common goals and cooperate to provide better services rather than multiple groups duplicating services.

Community inclusivity

Participants shared concerns about being "priced out of local shops" and a lack of general amenities (access to public transportation, internet access, groceries, etc.). There were worries about a divide between newcomers and "locals" and the challenges obtaining affordable housing for both renters and owners.

Leo-Jameson reported about participants' thoughts on how the village and town are impacted by and how they impact the environment, how they can attract more of arts programs and activities and how they can fund and develop essential services like a municipal sewer system.

Looking into actions that would make a difference in their community, participants also suggested having a community liaison. They also suggested creating a central place where people could find information about events as well as holding community festivals not (or not only) centered around shopping.

The library's findings from its Community Conversations series can be found online, at www. nemillertonlibrary.org.

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The fund was established at Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation to help families who live or work in the Region One area of the Northwest Corner of Connecticut, and who, because of the effects of cancer and its treatment, cannot meet their day to day financial obligations.

We are honored during this season of giving to share the list below of long-standing clambake sponsors who this year gave to The Jane Lloyd Fund as though the clambake was actually taking place. We are humbled and inspired by their exceptional dedication to our community, especially during these difficult times. Since the first clambake over 15 years ago, the generous sponsorships of local business have made it possible for 100% of the clambake proceeds to benefit cancer patients in our community.

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OBITUARIES

Jenny Lynn Nodine

MILLERTON — Jenny Lynn Nodine, 42, a lifelong area resi-

dent died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Jenny was a gardener and landscaper for Sharon Lawn Care based in Sharon.

Born July 24, 1979, in Sharon, she was the daughter of the late Charles Edward Nodine and Linda Lea Labelle of Edenton, N.C. She attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School and enjoyed gardening in her spare time.

In addition to her mother, Jenny is survived by her children, Gerard Muller and his girlfriend, Mackenzie Decker of Millerton, and Gavin J. Muller of Millerton and their father, Gerard Muller; her fiancé, Moses "Tony" Mail-

> let II and his children, Moses III and Savannah; her brother, Paul Nodine and his wife, Katherine, of Copake; and Christina Nodine of Texas; one nephew and three nieces and many friends.

> Calling hours were held on Wednesday,

worth Cemetery in Sharon at a later date.

Bertha Mae Fowlkes

LAKEVILLE — Mrs. Bertha Mae Fowlkes, age 98, passed

away surrounded by her family on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021, in Montgomery, Ala.

Born on March 9, 1923, Mrs. Fowlkes lived the majority of her life in Lakeville.

She was predeceased by her father, Arthur Day of Mount

Meigs, Ala.; her husband, William Albert Fowlkes of Lakeville; her mother, Mattie Day of Mount Meigs; her son, Samuel Lee Jones Day; and her greatgrandson, Montez James.

Mrs. Fowlkes leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, daughter, Beverly James and

her husband, Benjamin, her grandsons, Mark Anthony Green and Torrey William Green Sr. all of Montgomery; a host of greatgrandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

behind devoted friends Margaret Cooley and Susan Cooley and so many friends who loved her dearly.

Mrs. Fowlkes' remains were reunited beside her husband on Dec. 8 at Salisbury Cem-

community. Many a good night

spent at The Bridge Restaurant.

Dennis was an avid

golfer for years, play-

ing rounds at both

Egremont and Canaan

Country Clubs. He be-

came quite the gardener

after retirement and

grew both flowers and

vegetables and enjoyed

watching his massive

magnolia tree out front.

He was a talented self-

taught woodworker

and made many pieces

for himself and family.

Dennis loved the casi-

nos. Even when sick

and needed treatment

in Boston, he would

make a detour and try

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his luck. He loved the Dallas

Cowboys and the New York

Yankees. He enjoyed watching

his bird feeder, especially the

Squad.

SHEFFIELD — Dennis William Hankey, 70, of Shef-

field passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on the morning of Monday, Dec. 13,

Sept. 13, 1951, to Evelyn Casivant and William Hankey in Great Barrington.

cole and Bill Ciaccio; his grandchildren, Spencer and Mariah Broderick, and Linus Ciaccio; his brother, Marvin Casivant and wife, Olympia; his sister, Eileen Kellogg; his stepson and his spouse, Toby Zucco and Tasha Duryea; and his stepgranddaughter, Taylor Zucco. Dennis is also survived by the mother of his children, Sandy Turner.

Dennis was predeceased by and his sister, Susan Knuffke.

Dennis graduated from Mount Everett Regional High School in 1969 and went straight to work at Mead Paper in Lee, Mass., the day he turned 18. He started out entry level on the ground floor and worked his way to the top. When he retired in 2004, he was the manager of the South Lee Mill. During his time at Mead Paper he traveled frequently, making lasting relationships with co-workers in Tokyo, Germany, and especially London, where he spent a year helping another paper mill get running. He was admired and respected by those who worked for him and by those he worked

Dennis belonged to Kiwanis of Sheffield and enjoyed his friends there while helping the

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North Canaan.

Dec. 15, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. A funeral service was held at 6 p.m. at the funeral home, the Rev. William Mayhew officiating. Burial will be at Ells-

To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Mamie Day Green; her grand-

She also leaves

Dennis William Hankey

Dennis was born

He is survived by his wife, Lyn Hankey, of 13 years. He is survived by his three daughters and their spouses, Kelly and Greg Kilmer, Jo-Anne and Lanny Broderick and Nic-

his mother, Evelyn Casivant; his father, William Hankey; his stepfather, Marvin Casivant;

Reverend Peter Alexander Dakers

NORTH CANAAN — Peter Alexander Dakers, 79, was born on July 3, 1942, in Port Glasgow, Scotland, and died on Dec. 7, 2021, surrounded by family in

The first son born to Alexander and Agnes Dakers, Peter grew up in Scotland and immigrated to the United States in 1953 through New York on the SS United States with his parents and his younger brother, Alan Dakers, and younger sister, Elizabeth Siemiatkaska. They moved to the Jamaica Plain neighborhood in Boston, Mass., and began a new life in America.

He graduated from high school at the age of 16 and planned to enter seminary immediately, but his mother, Agnes, made him wait one year before enrolling so that he could be certain about the decision. Peter was resolved to become a minister and entered Bangor Theological Seminary in Bangor, Maine, in 1960.

He began his career at Veazie Congregational Church in Eastport, Maine, in 1963 and thereafter served at various churches in Malta, Mont., Middle Haddam, Conn., where he was ordained, Trumbull, Conn., and North Canaan, where he ultimately settled with his family. He was the driving force behind the merger between the Pilgrim Congregational Church and East Canaan Congregational Church into what is now known as the North Canaan Congregational Church. He was the minister at the North Canaan Congrega-

become a U.S. citizen and he Commission for many years.

He was very supportive of softball and girls and boys basketball. Many years ago, stuthe name followed him through-Journal and the Register Citizen.

He ministered in Tor-

ringford, Winchester and Falls Village before his eventual retirement. He held countless youth groups, baptized and married hundreds of people, ministered funerals, and was a trusted advisor to his community. He touched the lives of many people, but the parishioners from North Canaan Con-

gregational Church always held

a very special place in his heart.

Peter was an avid fan of all Boston sports teams, UCONN basketball, political banter, Democratic policies, recounting history, desserts, black coffee, breakfast at Collin's Diner, clergy lunches with colleagues, striking up a conversation with anyone he came across, youth counseling, being a camp counselor and mentor at Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon, traveling within the United States, fly-fishing, golf, hockey, softball, watching his children and grandchildren play sports, and reading. He was most proud of his family, his Scottish heritage, and reaching his 50th Ordination Anniversary.

Peter is predeceased by his parents, Alexander and Agnes Dakers. He is survived by his daughter, Laurel Caliendo and her husband, Mark Caliendo; his son, Earl Dakers and his wife, Christine Dakers; his four grandchildren, Alyssa Caliendo, Clayton Caliendo, Trevor Dakers and Chloe Dakers; his brother, Alan Dakers and his wife, Marge Dakers; his sister, Elizabeth Siemiatkaska and her husband, Walter Siemiatkaska; his nephew and nieces, Mark Dakers, Darcey Kamanitz, Anne Siemiatkaska, Alison Welton, Alexandra Siemiatkaska; the mother of his children, Sally Ford, and many parishioners and members of the community whom he touched during his lifelong ministry.

Services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m. at the North Canaan Congregational Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Reception details will be announced at a later date. Please observe COVID-19 safety protocols and precautions. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Peter's honor to Housatonic Valley Regional High School Athletics.



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tional Church for over 20 years. It was important to him to

completed the naturalization process on Dec. 12, 1975. He was deeply committed to his local community in North Canaan and served on the North Canaan Board of Education and the North Canaan Recreation

Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HOUSY) and was a fixture at HOUSY sports games throughout his life. He coached dents at HOUSY affectionately nicknamed him "Little Rev" and out his ministering and volunteering careers. Later in life he drove for the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance and was a sportswriter for The Lakeville

In appreciation: Doris Longaven

Doris Longaven was the first person I met, who introduced me to life in Falls Village.

It was in the early 1970s. My husband was the assistant director of Camp Freedman's summer program for seniors, divided into two-week segments, from mid-June through August.

Since I was teaching in New York City, Ed started at camp without me until I could join him in July. He brought with him our octogenarian friend, Frances Fourman, who would teach drama there for the first two weeks.

By the time I arrived at camp, Frances had returned to New York. She left two books and a note for me, asking me please to return these to the library. I meant to ask someone where the library was located — and then I forgot!

Several weeks later, an item in The Lakeville Journal announced a library amnesty, which jogged my memory. Directions in hand, I drove to the D. M. Hunt Library, books in tow. There was an Amnesty Box near the screen door. I quickly dumped the books and was about to run back to the car when I was startled by a booming voice from inside the library: "Mrs. Fourman's books! I wondered why she didn't return them! She was such a nice lady when we met."

I was astounded! I looked inside the library and saw the librarian: a lovely, red-headed woman, seated near the door. How could she so quickly have identified the books and the borrower? Then I knew that I was not at home in Manhattan; I was in Falls Village!

I came in, told the story of how I was teaching in New York when the books were borrowed, and how I did not honor the note, asking me to return them in a timely fashion. I paid the fines and joined the library!

But that was not the end of the story. Doris questioned me about my teaching and encouraged me to write my experiences. Each week I returned to the library with a chapter for her to critique, and by the end of August I had my book.

Doris and I kept in touch from then on until almost the end of her life.

I will remember her as the very pretty, charming librarian who showed interest in everything and who so memorably

connected me to Falls Village. Gila Lipton

New York City

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OBITUARIES

Mark Douglas Niedhammer

LAKEVILLE — Mark Niedhammer of Lakeville died Dec. 9, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Hospital after a short illness.

He was born in Schenectady, N.Y., on Oct. 15, 1948, son of the late Evelyn (Zaberowski) and Edwin Niedhammer.

Mark graduated from Bishop Gibbons High School in Schenectady and the Embry Riddle Aeronautical Institute in Florida.

He served in the New York State Air National Guard.

His career started in Schenectady as a cameraman for WMHT, which led to his doing the same job for WABC in New York.

He excelled at his job and was the recipient of an Emmy Award. He left the city and moved to Lakeville, where he worked at The Lakeville Journal as the Classified Ads manager and also a friendly greeter.

He spent a summer or two working at the Town Grove in Lakeville. His last position was "the friendly man in the booth" at the Salisbury Sharon Transfer

Mark was a true "people person," with an infectious personality. He loved nature (and nature photography) and music. He was also an avid fisherman. He possessed a strong faith, which guided him in life.

He is survived by his partner, Anne Bowen of Salisbury; his sister, Marcia McDevitt and her husband, Richard, of Albany, N.Y., and their three sons, Tavis (and his wife, Rie), Richard (and his wife, Anne) and Adam McDevitt; and two great-nieces and two greatnephews.

A funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Lakeville.

Contributions may be made in Mark's honor to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

In appreciation:

Mark Niedhammer

The thing about Mark is that he had a lot of layers. He liked to present himself as almost a vaudevillian jester, silly all the time and joking all the time but there was a lot more in there.

Most people never saw those other sides of him, but I think they could feel it. People liked Mark. They could sense the warmth and intelligence underneath all that silliness.

Mark could have a short fuse at times, but those times were rare compared to the many, many times I would hear him patiently (oh so patiently) helping someone create their classified advertisement for The Lakeville Journal. I'm pretty patient but on many occasions I felt certain that I could never, ever have mustered up the level of care that Mark could find in himself for those people who really needed it.

The highest level of care was saved for children. If you ever saw Mark deep in serious conversation with a youngster, you would feel such envy. He was always focused, never distracted or rushed when he was talking to a child.

Adults didn't always get the same kind of conversations with Mark, but that's probably because we were always whizzing by him on the way out to do something that seemed important at the time.

Two of the adults who got the best part of conversational Mark were Richard and Fran Paddock. Fran used to work beside Mark in the front of our Bissell Street office, for years. Even after she retired she and her husband, Dick, would wander in and sit and chat with Mark for hours.

By then, Mark had already had his fill of running around chasing journalism stories, as a cameraman for the ABC news affiliate in New York City.

Two of the highlights of his television news career were covering the visit of the pope to New York — I think it was Pope John Paul in 1979. Mark didn't talk about it in detail most of the time, but once he described to me, with delight, they way they had strapped him to one of the news vehicles, like Homer listening to the song of the Sirens, so his camera wouldn't shake or fall.

He also covered the Winter Olympics in (I think) Lake Placid in 1980. He loved that trip and still wore his Olympic news team jacket for years after.

I can't remember which story Mark won his Emmy Award for, but he did win one, and it always elicited a look of surprise from our summer interns when I would tell them that. They, like perhaps others, might have overlooked the talent in that silly guy sitting at the front desk answering the phone at our office.

But he always patiently shared photo tips and tricks with the interns, and our reporters. Of course, the thing is this: Mark could share tips with me all day long but I could never take photos like he did. Some people just have a gift. Here's the positive proof: One time we took an office field trip into New York City and Mark sat next to me on the train. We both raised our cameras and took the same photo at the same time. The end result? No comparison, and I'm not being modest. That to me was the greatest photo lesson ever: It's in your eye. It's the way you see the world.

In his later years, Mark saw the world in new and happy ways with his companion Anne Bowen, who patiently put up with all of Mark's silly jokes because she also was the beneficiary of Mark's warmth and caring.

I think Mark found the perfect companion in Anne, who is kind, patient, generous, curious about the world and — most important — has a great laugh.

As I write this I wonder whether Mark would want us to laugh as we remember him, or if he'd want us to cry a little bit because he's gone. I think maybe a tear or two would be OK. Everyone needs to know they were loved and will be missed.

But then he would want us to live by the words he shared with us all, day after day: "Continue to have a wonderful day!"

Cynthia Hochswender

In appreciation:

Mark Niedhammer

It's easy to define Mark by his sense of humor. After all, conversation almost always started with a joke and from there meandered through non sequiturs and demonstrations of gadgets, made more amusing by how out of place they seemed to be in everyday life — a part of a single piano action, a magnet from a hard drive, a pear he had grown

While Mark's humor sparked instant friendships, it was his kind, encouraging comments and willingness to offer help that ensured the friendship endured.

inside of a glass jar.

ham of East Canaan.

in death by his old-

est brother, Dana, in

2008; by his paternal

grandparents, Robert

and Glenda Dunham;

his maternal grandfather, John

Dell; and by several uncles, aunts and a few very close friends.

his two sons, Parker Dunham of

East Canaan and Gavitt Dunham

of Waterford, Conn.; his mater-

nal grandmother, Myra Dell of

Salisbury; his brother, Jeremy

and his wife, Melanie, of Con-

way, S.C.; and by many aunts,

He is survived by his parents;

Phil was preceded

Mark came into my life as a mentor when I was about 10 years old. We spent many weekends doing the kinds of things I found fun in the moment. Looking back, those moments become much more meaningful.

Fishing at the Grove always started with a trip to pick up a can of sweet corn — for the sunfish, of course. Occasionally, curiosity about whether other types of "bait" would work were indulged. Based on our tests, broccoli, green beans, and various other vegetables are unsuitable.

A sledding trip started with

a stop at Bubbles and Bows (a retail clothing shop he owned) for a new hat. A drive around the Northwest Corner was an excuse to introduce me to Turkish delight, which he had procured specifically for the drive.

Once, he arrived driving a limo and proceeded to act as chauffeur for a trip through the McDonald's drive-thru for french fries. He ordered a large to my small to compare the size of the individual fries — they were, in fact, the same size.

Later, at 18 and after having moved out of the area and back, I visited The Lakeville Journal to renew a classified ad for a computer business I was starting.

Mark said, "Hey! They're hiring a graphic designer and it would be great if you worked here!" Thus began nearly 20 years with Mark as a colleague, during which I got to know and appreciate him in a different way.

Mark's overarching approach to customer service was that of friendship. Every person who sat at his desk to place a classified line ad, make an inquiry, or just to chat was treated as if they were the most important person to him — because they were. An approach worthy of emulation.

When I proposed to my wife, there was no question in my mind that Mark would be the person I'd ask to be my best man. He accepted, with a tear in his eye (yes, really) and threw his full support behind us.

Once we had kids, he and his longtime companion, Anne, always greeted them with genuine excitement and talked with them as people first and children second. Of course, this was not at all unfamiliar to me.

Relationships evolve and change over time and ours was no exception. But, I will always remember Mark as a mentor and friend.

Salisbury

In appreciation: Mark Niedhammer

When I started working at completely unsuited for even The Lakeville Journal I quickly

realized I was only ever going to be "the other" funny guy in the of-

fice. I can't remember the circumstances that led to a photo of us -I, dressed in

my usual un-

derstated elegance, and Mark in a bee costume.

But it didn't surprise me that Mark was so attired.

International Talk Like a Pirate Day, observed annually on Sept. 19, was always a highlight of the fall. I recall an earnest discussion of where to buy a stuffed parrot, for maximum verisimilitude. (He already had a tricorn hat and a crutch.)

Mark was also the source for endlessly entertaining stories about his days as a TV news **James Clark** cameraman in New York City.

The bulk of his material was Lakeville

cautious paraphrasing in a fam-

ily newspaper.

But it was funny.

We shared an interest in fly-fishing, but sadly never were able to coordinate on a fishing adventure. But we sure talked a blue streak

A couple years ago Mark approached me for help and advice in a personal matter, which

I was in a position to supply. The situation was resolved in a highly satisfactory manner, in the course of which I was able to get past the comedy and get to know the warm, caring side of Mark.

Of course we cracked jokes

He was my friend, and I will miss him.

Patrick L. Sullivan

EAST CANAAN — Philip uncles, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Philip Dell Dunham

Dell Dunham, 38, passed away unexpectedly on Dec. Phil lived life large. 8, 2021. He was born He was always up for on July 26, 1983, and was the third son to Cathie and Phil Dun-

a good time or lending a helping hand; he made friends most everywhere he went. He was known for his big heart, witty

sense of humor, friend-

ly personality and big

hugs. In his life he worked various jobs, often putting his exceptional mechanical skills to use.

Whether writing songs, playing for friends, or playing gigs, music was a huge part of Phil's life. He played with his brothers as often as possible and was a member of multiple projects over the years including Yellow 5, Tones of Home, Silenced, and Last of the Marsupials, as well as

playing acoustic solo and duo shows at various points in time. He was also a very talented artist either on a sketch pad or with a tattoo gun.

A celebration of Phil's life will take place on Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Pilgrim House in North Canaan, from 1 to 4 p.m. Anyone who plays music is asked to bring their instruments as a large part of the celebration will be an open mic. The family asks that those who plan to play reach out to Wiley Morey via Facebook ahead of the event.

Memorial contributions can be made to the gofundme page started by a friend: https://gofund.me/fae965e7; any funds remaining after funeral expenses will go to his boys.

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Dear reader,

When this newspaper made a plea to our readers for support in 2019, The Lakeville Journal $Company, publishers of The \ Lakeville \ Journal, The \ Millerton \ News \ and \ www.tricornernews.com,$ was at a crossroads. Then, we were looking at drastically cutting costs in order to survive.

Two years later, after two highly successful appeals to our readership for contributions that saved your local community newspapers, this small media company is in a very different place. Your generosity kept us alive, even during a worldwide pandemic, and we were able to apply for and receive tax-exempt status from the IRS as a public charity. Your contributions to The Lakeville Journal Foundation are now tax deductible to the extent permitted under the law. Now it is time to regroup again and make a new plan to take this media company into a successful future.

During COVID-19 shutdowns and restrictions, this company was able to obtain two PPP grants from the U.S. government, which, combined with our readers' generous support, helped us remain in place to report the news of your communities. Your wish for local news is what drives our mission, which publishes in the newspapers every week:

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We sincerely ask you to be a Community Contributor, donating whatever you can to support local news, to The Lakeville Journal Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Unlike the last two years, your donations are now tax deductible within the limits of the law.

Thank you for keeping track of your local news in our publications, and profound gratitude for your support that kept The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News and www.tricornernews.com here for your communities.

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AMENIA/AREA



Under the artistic direction of musician and arranger Matt Finley, the Smithfield Church Orchestra delivered a soaring repertoire of holiday arrangements at the Smithfield Church's annual Christmas Concert.

Smithfield Concert & Tea

AMENIA — Nearly 120 people from around the region celebrated the arrival of the Christmas season at the Smithfield Church with the return of the church's annual Christmas Concert and Tea on Saturday, Dec. 4.

This year's event was hosted by the Bang Family Concert Series and Katharine Dunlop.

Under the direction of

musician and arranger Matt Finley, the musical talents of the Smithfield Church Orchestra soared as the orchestra performed a stunning selection of holiday arrange-

After the music warmed their hearts, attendees were invited to warm their spirits and bodies by enjoying tea among friends.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Library spreads its wings, adds wing

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — It was a long time coming, but those who like to visit the Amenia Free Library are finally living the dream of having ample and comfortable space to read its lively collection, use its computers, check out all its DVDs, books on tape, children's section and so much more not to mention chat with its knowledgable and friendly staff - after decades of planning and fundraising and a COVID-delayed construction process. That's right, as of Nov. 18 patrons could finally check out the Amenia Free Library's long-awaited expansion after it officially opened to the public.

The once-tiny library, located at 3309 Route 343, began saving for the expansion back in 1994 and planning for it around

Before more than doubling in size, it was extremely tiny the existing structure totaled

Walking into the Amenia Free Library's recently opened addition, patrons will be pleased to find materials easier to access and the reading space more open, spacious and comfortable.

just 880 square feet. The expansion itself involved constructing a 68-foot long by 28-foot wide addition to the west side of the building, adding a total of 1,900 square feet to the structure.

The expansion cost included "\$900,000 for the construction itself and more than \$100,000 for engineering and architectural costs," according to Library Board of Directors President Alan Gamble, who spoke to this newspaper just as the project was about to be completed.

The library received approval from the Amenia Planning Board for the project in the fall of 2018, and celebrated with a groundbreaking ceremony in August 2020. During the past year, passing motorists and curious passersby watched as the new, modern structure took shape on the west side of the main building.

Taking requests for increased hours, services and materials into account, the Library Board presented Proposition No. 7 to voters on this year's ballot, requesting additional funding from the town to support the library's operations.

Prop. 7 asked the town to

increase its contribution by \$50,000, totaling \$175,000 annually. It was its first request for an increase in three years. On Election Day, Nov. 2, 538 voters out of 1,043 voters approved the proposition, which passed, giving the library the money it needs to function.

'We are thrilled and very thankful for our community of voters that our proposition did pass," said Library Director Victoria Herow. "It will allow us to keep growing in our next chapter of the library and allow us to be there for the community with our programming and the services that we offer."

"I think it's wonderful," said Library Board Trustee Amanda Forbes. "I think it speaks to the fact we really need this space, the community needs this space and it'll be put to very good use. The community is going to love this space: it's super bright and roomy and I especially love the children's area where kids will be able to do activities and browse books without being crowded anymore."

The library invited patrons and voters to preview the final renovation in October. A nice crowd turned out to mingle

among books and bites, to talk and taste while they enjoyed the new views of the reworked library space.

In early November, the library closed its doors to the public in order to move materials into the new structure. Though the hope was originally to reopen by mid-November, Herow said there was more to take care of before the library could reopen and plans were postponed. The library officially reopened on Thursday, Nov. 18.

"We're really happy to be over here finally in our new space," Herow said. "We have a larger work space for the staff, we have a much larger children's area and we have better shelving for everything."

Asked how patrons have reacted to the renovated library, Herow said they usually take a minute to walk in the door to absorb their new surroundings, adding that overall they appear to be really happy about the redesigned layout and added

The library is currently open Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays from noon to 5 p.m.; Wednesdays from 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and closed Sundays.

Herow said the original, smaller library space is now being redone. Once that space is finished in the next couple of months, she said there will be a larger space for future library programs. Until then, Herow said the Amenia Free Library will be operating all of its programs out of the new space.

For more information, call 845-373-8273 or go to www. amenialibrary.org; herow can also be emailed at director@ amenialibrary.org.

The library reminds its patrons in light of the omicron variant face masks are required by all who enter, even for those who are fully vaccinated.

Stanford election results finalized

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

STANFORD — Now that the Tuesday, Nov. 2, Election Day results are what many Stanford residents consider old news, most in that town said they are just relieved to learn how the absentee ballot results that were challenged in court turned out.

Most of the races in Stanford were settled on Election Night, but not all.

Incumbent town Supervisor Wendy Burton (DEM) was challenged by Mark D'Agostino (REP, CON) for her two-year position, with numbers posting at 736 to 521 on Election Night. Those changed slightly after the absentee ballot results were tabulated. In the final analysis, Burton beat D'Agostino, 779 to 539.

Incumbent Town Clerk Ritamary Bell (DEM, REP) ran unopposed for office as did Highway Superintendent James Smith (DEM, REP), with both being returned to office for their twoyear terms. Town Justice Dennis Smith (REP) also ran unchallenged, and was returned to his four-year term serving the town.

Where things got heated were the races for the two town council member positions, both for four-year terms.

The candidates were Anne Arent (DEM), also the president of the Pine Plains Board of Education; Nathan Lavertue (DEM); Dennis Buchal (REP, CON); and Hans Tabor (REP, CON).

According to Republican **BOE Elections Commissioner** Erik Haight, there were 12 objected ballots when counting the Town Board elections.

Following the final tally, Lavertue led the race with 677 votes, Arent came in second with 670 votes, followed by Buchal with 667 votes and Tabor came in last with 560 votes.

Democratic BOE Elections Commissioner Hannah Black explained a ballot can be objected to for a number of reasons, such as if a voter's signature on the ballot doesn't match the signature they registered with or because of an affidavit ballot.

Black said in this case, the objected ballots didn't hold up the process much and that she and Haight counted all the other town election results while they were waiting for Stanford's results to come in.

Election results are at www. elections.dutchessny.gov.



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lerton Fire Chief Jason Watson. After the fire, the community immediately stepped in to help.

A GoFundMe page was established within a day by Millerton resident Monica Baker to support the Yang family.

Another GoFundMe page was launched by Associated Lightning Rod Company owner Rob Cooper on behalf of Edgardo Choc Cho to support the Choc Cho and the Ical households that lived next door to the Yang family and was displaced from their home due to the fire.

Millerton resident Josh Driver also created a page to support neighboring families that evacuated their homes to escape the inferno.

All three GoFundMe pages were launched within days of the devastating fire and are continuing to raise money today.

"The community has been

very nice, very good," Yang said with appreciation, clearly touched by the support. "A lot of people have helped."

In addition to putting out a call to anyone who may know of available housing, the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton offered the affected families help through a MealTrain page created by NECC Family Program Director Jessica Raymond to help alleviate the burden of cooking and grocery shopping.

Anyone wanting to help may bring meals and groceries to NECC at 51 South Center St. between 3 and 4 p.m.; NECC staff will deliver the goods to the families in need.

Between all the virtual and in-person acts of kindness, the families affected by the fire are trying to return to normal. It was the first fatal fire North East

Fire District (NEFD) Commission Chairman Stephen Valyou said the company has had to deal with in its history, according to him, and it's been difficult to process. More than 50 volunteer firefighters from more than eight departments around the region responded to the call, with other companies on standby that morning.

Cooper, meanwhile, said the Choc Cho and the local households found temporary housing on Route 22 in Millerton through New Horizons Resources. They rented it through April and have also received donated furniture, which they said they really appreciate.

"It is truly heartwarming to know there are so many generous people in our community," Cooper said, thanking those

With everyone focused on

the holidays, the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) is urging residents to exercise caution this winter, given the variety of potential fire hazards linked to the holidays. Home fires in the United States spike during the winter months.

NFPA stated in a Dec. 8 press release that Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are among the worst times of the year for home fires, topped only by Thanksgiving Day.

"December is a leading month for home fires, in large part because many of the activities we engage in during the holiday season reflect leading causes of home fires year-round," said NFPA Vice President of Outreach and Advocacy Lorraine Carli. "By knowing where potential fire hazards exist and taking some basic safety precautions to prevent them, people can enjoy a festive, fire-free holiday season."

NFPA reported an average of 790 home fires began when decorations other than Christmas trees caught fire, causing "an average of one civilian death, 26 civilian injuries and \$13 million in direct property damage per year between 2015 and 2019."

Also during that period, an average of 160 home fires began when Christmas trees ignited, said NFPA, adding fires caused by heating equipment peaks during the winter months when temperatures drop and more people use heating equipment to warm their homes.

Practical safety tips

The NEFD's Valyou said the fire district bases its operations on NFPA standards, and converts them so they apply to their particular needs and requirements within the community.

Among the top fire safety tips, Valyou emphasized the importance of installing smoke detectors. While smoke detectors previously needed to be checked every six months, New York State enacted a law in April 2019 that all smoke detectors include a 10-year battery.

Valyou also advises residents to clean their chimneys and fur-

naces annually and to mark their houses with easy-to-read street numbers to make them simple to locate at night for emergency responders, preferably with reflective markers.

As part of the fire district's continuous push for using smoke detectors, Chief Watson said he reached out to Ed Herrington, owner of Herrington's hardware chain in the Tri-state region, who donated 100 smoke detectors in a joint venture with Herrington's, the Millerton Fire Company and the North East Fire District.

Watson said, thanks to Herrington's, if anyone living in the fire district needs a smoke detector, they can obtain one at the Millerton Fire Annex on Century Boulevard and a fire district member will even install it for them. Residents may pick up a smoke detector by emailing commissionersnefd@gmail.com or by stopping by the Annex at 29 Century Blvd. on Mondays between 5 and 9 p.m.

"This is something we want to continue throughout the year and eventually make sure every house is outfitted with working smoke alarms," said Millerton firefighter Larry Selfridge.

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anything. I'm not sure why this is happening; I'm not sure what the goal is with this. Pine Plains is a great town."

The uncertainty Ronnie referenced has to do with a Nov. 29 fire drill, in which the fire company's 30 or so members gathered for their weekly training and at which time some firefighters announced their candidacy for last week's election. The routine session turned out to be anything but the norm.

The do's of a drill

At a typical drill, according to former Second Assistant Fire Chief Steven Camburn in a Dec. 2 interview, the sessions usually include a combination of class work, hands-on training, practice of the various apparatus, work with tools and equipment, practice on the fire company's safety course, checking of the fire company's equipment, safety checks of the fire hoses, etc.

"It's very broad spectrum," said Camburn. "It encompasses

Nov. 29 drill

What happened on the 29th, though, created some extra strain.

"At election time there is always tension," said Walsh later. "It doesn't matter what department you're from; it doesn't matter anything, it's just the nature of firehouse elections."

Word seeped beyond what are usually very thick firehouse walls, often opaque to the general public, that Fire Chief of six years (and volunteer firefighter for more than 15) Walsh had differing views than a couple of firefighters who had stepped forward to announce their candidacy for the Dec. 9 annual election.

Those firefighters were Camburn and Assistant Chief Marc Dillinger, who happen to be half-brothers. The pair had stepped forward during the yearly fire company election process.

Dillinger had expressed his intention to run for fire chief; Camburn reportedly planned to run for treasurer.

Some kind of disagreement took place at the drill when the two firefighters announced their candidacy, but none of those involved would speak about the details or against any of their fellow firefighters. They would only say that it will all iron out after the election and the top brass in the fire company rules on the matter.

Not in writing

The fire chief said both Dillinger and Camburn officially resigned at the drill. He attributed it to the fire company's bylaws. "That's true," said Walsh.

The two firefighters in ques-

tion disagreed, though, because their resignations weren't in writing. Dillinger said on the night of the drill, he left his gear at

the firehouse, as did Camburn. They were merely making a statement, he said. He added the friction was really about "a little bit of everything: bylaws and being in the pandemic... and about health and safety."

He also confirmed his intent to run for fire chief against Walsh with this newspaper on

According to Ronnie, Dillinger was allowed to run Dec. 9 "because at that point everybody was so tense we just didn't say anything," despite that he seemed to have resigned at the November drill.

Company versus district

The Pine Plains Fire Company is a separate entity with a different purpose than the Pine Plains Fire District — which charges taxes and has a separate budget.

The fire company holds drills once a week and monthly company meetings to discuss business, during which it pays its bills. Those drills and meetings are not open to the public nor are they videotaped.

Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) is a 20-year member of the Pine Plains Fire Company and a former volunteer firefighter, and former Pine Plains town supervisor. He explained the difference between the function of the fire company and of the fire district.

"There's the fire district, run by the fire commissioners; they take care of the district budget," said Pulver. "That would be the taxpayers' budget and money they receive in taxes. The fire commission is responsible for overseeing that budget. Then there's the fire company, which is more of a social institution, and there are different bylaws and stuff that run it."

The fire district holds its own separate meetings, which are open to the public. The district's regular monthly meeting is typically held on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pine Plains firehouse.

Election bylaws

Walsh said the resignations on Nov. 29 had to do with election protocols and company bylaws. The fire company holds annual elections in December; candidates announced their intent to run on Nov. 29 this year.

Walsh, a Republican, who won the Nov. 2 general election for Pine Plains town supervisor against two-term Democratic incumbent Darrah Cloud, noted holding the dual roles will not be a problem.

He added the two firefighters' resignations were because "the individual[s] in question did not meet our bylaws, so they could not run."

Small department

"The whole thing is a political wild goose chase," said Walsh. "That's what happens in a small town when you have a small fire department."

Camburn, when asked before the election, said it's "an internal issue right now," adding "the key factors are being put in front of the people that it needs to go in front of."

He added the president and vice president of the fire company are looking into the matter.

"Technically I didn't resign, I just left my gear there," he said on Friday, Dec. 3, again stressing it wasn't an official resignation. "With our department, you have to either submit a letter [of resignation] or verbally state that [you're resigning], and then the president of the company would have to accept that state-

He said neither happened adding he has no intention to formally follow through with either process — nor does his half-brother, Dillinger, who was assistant chief for two years. Camburn also served as the second assistant chief for two years.

Ronnie said that's not entirely accurate.

"If you resign verbally, then that can be accepted; they both did," she said.

At 38, Camburn has volunteered with the Pine Plains Fire Company since he was a junior in high school.

"My mother is in the firehouse, my brother is in the firehouse, my sister-in-law is in the firehouse," he said.

Professionals, everyone

Like Ronnie, Camburn assured residents not to worry about any friction within the firehouse affecting emergency services in town.

"It's not going to affect the service of the fire company," he said. "They're going to still respond or go to whatever house regardless of who they are. Any political feelings anyone has, they don't care, they're still going to do what they have to do, that's it. It doesn't affect the outcome."

Bylaws versus COVID

Camburn also noted that for him, one of the biggest issues has to do with dealing with the current COVID crisis.

"I don't really think it's the bylaws; it's the criteria of what's in it," he said. "I think with CO-VID and all this stuff, it's changing some things that are in play, and some things aren't in play, and it's just causing a conflict. Pretty much everything that COVID touches causes a mess... The bylaws just need, not an overhaul, but it needs an update. That's what the hiccup is."

Dillinger added that "when you have to follow certain guidelines, from the county and state, it makes it hard to get certain things done."

He also noted that "everybody's got to work together... if not, nothing gets changed... one person can come up with an idea, but they can't change things on their own. It's a group effort.

Saving lives the priority

Walsh stressed the fire company is there to do a job, and that's priority number one.

"We're volunteers and we're here to help the community," he said. "We're the first ones you call no matter what it's about when something is wrong."

Camburn added he just wants to put out fires and ensure the fire company continues to exist for years to come.

"The firehouse needs people; it's a good organization," he said. "This is just a hiccup about the bylaws, that's mostly it. I'm just a hose dragger."

Ronnie agreed.

"We do our best. There are people who love us and people who don't. We do what we can between work and family," she said. "We've had this rough year. We just lost our chief, Bob Cahill, who was 80-something he probably had his first diaper change at the firehouse. Then we lost Larry Pariseu, our chaplain; and now we just lost life member Ron Parliman. So it's been a really tense year at the fire company. A sad year."

"But this is a great group," she added. "I've been at other departments and I've been here 23 years, and this is one of the better groups I've seen."

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into its next phase as a nonprofit entity. He has overseen the upgrades to www.tricornernews. com and will continue to be part of the process as the newspapers' website is modified and improved over time.

Lakeville Journal Foundation CEO and Publisher Janet Manko said of Clark's promotion, "So much of what The Lakeville Journal Co. and now the Foundation is about is finding new ways to make local journalism work, against all the odds. Without having had James Clark as part of our group, there would have been real question as to whether any of those initiatives could have succeeded. His ability to find cost efficient answers to problems that might be seen as unsolvable by others has made all the difference for this little media company. We are thrilled he is willing to take on this new challenge, and look forward to seeing what comes next."

Clark said, "I'm proud of the work that all at The Lakeville Journal have done to maintain a journalistic presence in the communities we serve. I'm honored to step into this role and look

forward to working with each member of our team, CEO and Publisher Janet Manko, as well as our new Lakeville Journal Foundation Board to strengthen and grow that presence."

"It's often said that 'No one is irreplaceable.' James Clark is the exception who proves that rule," said Lakeville Journal Executive Editor Cynthia Hochswender.

"He is truly irreplaceable, a Jack of All 21st-Century Trades who is able to fix and improve anything and everything at our small company. The list of all he does is truly too long to include

"The title Chief Operating Officer is perfectly suited to James: Everything in our company operates because he is there to keep it working. He is scrappy, inventive and indomitable," she said.

"We are fortunate to have him, and would not have made it through the challenges of CO-VID and remote working without him. In addition to that, he contributes to the collegial environment that helps our small staff feel valued, protected and inspired."

- Janet Manko

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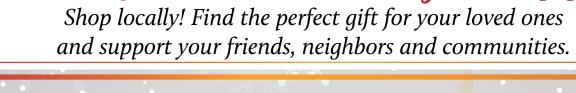
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Standard Space: 'Your View Is My View'

Theo Coulombe is a gallery owner, a curator, a teacher at The Millbrook School and a talented photographer in his own right (and a one-time Maine park ranger). The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., this autumn featured a show of his work (curated by the school's Terri Moore), but access to the campus has been limited because of the pandemic.

So Coulombe has moved the show back to his own gallery, with an opening scheduled for Sat-

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urday, Dec. 18, from 4:30 to

Standard Space openings tend to be very well-attended and lively; anyone worried about close contact with strangers will be happy to know that there are usually groups of art fans who congregate outdoors as well as indoors. Everyone

is also asked to wear a

A focus of the show will be Coulombe's own landscape photographs, many of them featuring familiar vistas and views from the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. There will also be Coulombe's collaborative works with contemporary artists including

The view of Long **Pond in Salisbury** from Dug Road is a featured image in a show of work by Theo Coulombe at his Standard Space gallery in Sharon, Conn.

Shantell Martin, Laksmi Hedemark, Avana Evans, Tsedaye Mackonan, Signal Corps and Alan Krathaus.

The show is called "Your View is My View II" and it will remain up until Jan. 9.

The gallery is at 147 Main St. on the Green in Sharon, Conn. The website (with images from other, recent shows) is at www. standardspace.net.

Learn more by calling 917-627-3261 or emailing in fo@standard space.net

— Cynthia Hochswender

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The Congregational Church of Salisbury, Conn., will present its annual **Christmas Concert on** Saturday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m. at 30 Main St. The Meeting House doors will open at 2:30 p.m. Attendance will be restricted to one-half

capacity. Audience members will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis. Masks will be required.

For this concert, the Salisbury UCC handbell choir, directed by Mary Davidson, will present its first performance since the beginning of the pandemic. The bell choir will highlight a selection of bright, festive seasonal favorites.

The program will feature four settings of the Ave Maria, with Josquin's gorgeous classic of the high Renaissance and Cecilia MacDowell's haunting modern setting for vocal

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purchase items for the home, or from the clothing selection, have them embroidered inhouse with custom art, simple monograms, or a choice of motifs from the artist's book.

Trimble's work can be ordered and purchased on Thursday, Dec. 16 (noon to 5 p.m.), and Saturday, Dec. 18 (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

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D. M. Hunt Library, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. www. huntlibrary.org HOLIDAY POP-UP SHOP,

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MOVIES

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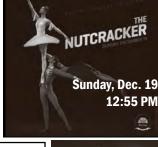
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MILLBROOK

Village Board discusses sidewalks, trees, grants

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE Police Department. judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Village Board's November meeting addressed holiday concerns, which were reported on in the Nov. 25 issue of The Millerton News. Below is a rundown of the other items the trustees discussed at that November meeting.

There is currently an opening on the police force, noted Sgt. Jared Witt. For more information, contact the Millbrook

The Village Highway Supervisor Bob Collocola reported that he received \$150 for the old plow at auction. The highway crew has been busy making repairs after several storms. It has also been picking up the flower barrels on Franklin Avenue, four had to be disposed of, he said. Collocola said he will look into purchasing new barrels made of resin or another more sustainable material. Fall is always busy with leaf blowing and leaf pickup, he added, although soon

it will be time for snow plowing.

The Highway Department undertook the responsibility of setting up the many small Christmas trees displayed along Franklin Avenue around Thanksgiving; soon enough the board will talk about when to remove the trees.

Trustees Vicky Contino and Buffy Arbogast worked with the Millbrook Business Association (MBA), which decorated the trees this year with MBA vol-

Mayor Tim Collopy adver-

tised for bids to repair of the retaining wall on Harts Village

Deputy Mayor Michael Herzog asked that a resolution be made to allow the village to apply for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)from the county for money to repair village sidewalks. The village was awaiting an estimate on how much that will cost. CDB-Gs typically max out at \$150,000 per municipality.

There was further discussion on bnb's, and whether the village needs to update its zoning if a tree could be saved or must code for such businesses. Also, the board discussed if a local law is needed or needs to be amended, if a special permit is required to operate bnb's, and what the proper process is for collecting taxes for those sorts of businesses in the village.

Herzog reported on the Shade Tree Committee. At the time there were three members: himself, Collocola and former Trustee and current MBA President Kevin McGrane. The committee wanted two more non-voting members, and was accepting applications through Village Hall.

The Shade Tree Committee inspects trees that might be hazardous. When asked, they will examine a tree; determine

come down; and if a tree is within 25 feet of the center of the road. The village is considered the "manager" of trees located within its confines. When in doubt, an arborist is called in to make a final decision.

Millbrook has long been a Tree City designee, so the work done by the committee is considered important. It usually replaces between three to five dead trees per year.

Village meetings are recorded and can be viewed online, at www.villageofmillbrookny.com, as can individual department

A Village Board meeting was held Dec. 8; look for more on that meeting in a future issue of The Millerton News.

Board of Ed gets involved

Another look: How to save the Gazebo?

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK - Ashley Lempka, Chairwoman of the FRIENDS of the Save the Gazebo group, reported on Wednesday, Dec. 8, to the Millbrook Central School District (MCSD) that the Board of Education (BOE) had gotten back to her regarding questions she had about salvaging the aging garden structure. The Millbrook Gazebo has become a galvanizing issue in the village and one that the BOE discussed at its meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

The MCSD learned it's actually the owner of the Gazebo, which is located near Elm Drive Elementary School. Questions had arisen about whether the district owned the structure or the village of Millbrook did. But yes, MCSD is the rightful owner.

Now the question the MCSD is asking is whether it should be torn down, and if so, of if it should be replaced? Many in the community believe it has an important place in the village's history, while others claims it's in an eyesore and in a sorry state. It is currently closed and some think it should remain so.

The FRIENDS of the Gazebo arose as a nonprofit group created to save the site. The 501(C)3



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

The Save the Gazebo float, shown here, was very popular in this year's holiday Parade of Lights in Millbrook.

is trying to work with the MCSD on measures to preserve it.

Lempka had presented some questions to the district about the group obtaining a 99-year lease for the Gazebo and other was to save the structure. The question about the lease has gone unanswered. Another question also unaddressed is from the president of the American Country House Foundation, who offered to provide surveying services for the Gazebo.

Yet another query was made about the possibility of purchasing the Gazebo and the small plot of land it sits on. Lempka said she was told that idea is not currently being considered and that any divestiture of real property would require voter authorization.

One problem was settled, however; the MCSD will provide maintenance for the Gazebo during the winter.

Asked if there would be tax write-offs for those who send in donations to repair the Gazebo, the BOE said tax deductions could be available through either direct donations to the district or through a proxy donation through a charitable organization (like the Millbrook Educational Foundation).

The FRIENDS also asked about getting an independent assessment and their own inspection of the Gazebo. The MCSD replied any work done must comply with state building codes.

"We will be having the Gazebo assessed along with all of our school buildings, grounds and related structures during a comprehensive architectural and engineering assessment in the coming months," stated the MCSD. "This will ensure that the Gazebo assessment is in line with the codes under which the district is responsible to adhere

Lempka indicated it will take time to learn what the future holds for this much-loved structure, and the FRIENDS will support along the way.

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Kwanzaa reading at Millbrook Library

Area children are invited to celebrate the holiday of Kwanzaa with the The Millbrook Library this Decem-

The library will present "Li'L Rabbit's Kwanzaa," by author Donna Washington and illustrated by Shane E. Evans during its monthly

story time.

The holiday story will be read by children's librarian Miss Abbey on Dec. 16 at 11:30 a.m.; story time is posted on the library's You-Tube channel each Thursday morning at that time.

To register, go to www. millbrooklibrary.org.

Live nativity scene at Grace Church

Sunday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m., Grace Church will present a live nativity scene for the community to enjoy.

The live nativity will include a storytelling complete with costumed characters and live animals. The audience may gather outside the church, located at 3328 Franklin Ave., to hear the tale of Jesus' birth and that God is with us, that the light

that shines in the darkness brings hope, love and peace to all the world.

The event will be held outdoors; everyone is asked to wear masks to ensure COVID safety as community members listen to the story, sing carols and celebrate together. The nativity is suitable for all ages.

For more information, call 845-901-8103.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF **PROCESS OF PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF RANDOLPH** IN THE GENERAL **COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION** JUVENILE DEPARTMENT RANDOLPH COUNTY **FILE NO. 21 JA 68** IN RE: IULIE HANNAN

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By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pine Plains Fire District.

12-16-21

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. You fry food in it 4. Pesky insect

8. Gets older

10. __ Dern, actress

11. Uncouth man

12. One who sulks

13. Napoleon's king of Naples 15. One who swims underwater

16. Make amends

17. Expressions

18. Document format

21. What a beaver makes

22. Limb

23. Photograph

24. Golf score

25. Moroccan mountain range

26. Wrinkled dog breed: Shar _

27. 20th century sex symbol

34. Remedy for all diseases

35. Bluish greens 36. Moved swiftly

37. Type of units

38. Madames

39. Indian religious god

40. Potentially hazardous asteroids

41. Leak slowly through 42. An association of criminals

43. A way to push content (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

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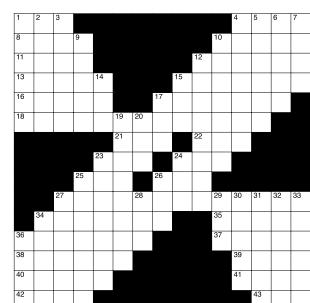
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12. Announce officially 14. Israeli city ___ Aviv 15. Title given to friar

17. Inches per minute (abbr.) 19. Buildings

20. Pouch

23. They steal on the high seas 24. It's mightier than the sword



25. Going off on a tangent

26. Monetary unit 27. Young woman

28. Type of bulb

29. Type of drug (abbr.) 30. City opposite Dusseldorf

31. Animal disease 32. Martini necessities

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

EDITORIAL

Grateful for MFC, let's stay safe

Tt's mid-December, a joyous time for most who are thick in the grip of their holiday celebrations — shopping, baking, wrapping, visiting — doing all of those things that make us most jolly.

While we never like to place a damper on the seasonal festivities, we would like to, just for a moment, redirect our readers' focus to glance back on what happened in our community roughly a month ago, on Nov. 6.

Early that Saturday morning, the Millerton Fire Company (MFC) rushed into a home on South Elm Avenue (Route 22), with as many as eight fire departments backing it up in addition to those on stand-by, saving lives, as the Yang family saw its house ignite into flames.

Nearly 50 of our volunteer firefighters from around the region risked their lives — as they have at countless calls – while their axes chopped through scorching walls, while their bodies were assaulted with splintering glass, while their lungs were flooded with toxic smoke and while their helmets were pelted with shards and shingles from the falling roof.

Yet those are the kinds of dangerous conditions our firemen and women contend with time and again when in the

In the case of the South Elm house fire that fateful November morning, sadly, two of our Millerton neighbors didn't make it out alive. The MFC and other departments not only had to deal with the physical toll of that tragedy, but with the emotional anguish.

We can't stress how deeply we appreciate all that our firefighters and other emergency workers do, whether here in the village of Millerton and town of North East or elsewhere throughout the Harlem Valley.

When the Millerton Fire Company responded to Golden Wok owner Amy Yang's home on Nov. 6, we can say with absolute confidence they saved lives.

Along with the rest of the community, we continue to mourn the loss of Mrs. Yang's daughter, 24-year-old Jenny Yang, and another resident at the home, 30-year-old Wangdi

We know there were other heroes that day who helped save people trapped in the Yang home. To all who ran into the burning building to rescue some of those stuck in what was at that point an extremely unsafe structure fully engulfed in flames — you are indeed amazing.

So, too, are all in the community who have taken the initiative to help the immediate survivors of the fire and other

nearby residents who were also displaced by the blaze. A number of locals have started GoFundMe pages to help fundraise for neighbors left homeless by the tragedy.

Others have started community food drives, household good drives and even furniture collections to get the families back on their feet.

For details on those initiatives and ways to contribute, please read this week's front page story by Millerton News reporter Kaitlin Lyle.

Tips to stay safe

Which brings us to the fact that we are on the cusp of winter, set to officially begin on Tuesday, Dec. 21. That means more people in the Northeast will be revving up their heating appliances and other incendiary devices. We thought this would therefore be a good time to reinforce some safety tips.

For starters, make sure your smoke detectors work, have fresh batteries and are placed in the proper locations. One local fire chief recommended that if you're buying a smoke detector to pick up a combo-kit with a CO2 unit; he added that there are now smoke detectors with batteries that last seven years. Once the batteries expire, the units can be

If you are installing wood stoves and/or fireplaces, have them installed to code and get them certified by a certified installer. Your local municipal building inspector should give his or her blessing.

Clean all of your chimneys annually; they should be swept down to the firebox.

Those with boilers should have them maintained, cleaned and certified annually by someone who is licensed to do so.

For the holidays, be careful with Christmas trees and other holiday decorations. Many people don't properly hydrate their trees. A dry Christmas tree can go ablaze "like paper going up," said one fire chief, who "strongly recommends unplugging lights on the tree at night." Christmas lights can also short circuit, he warned.

These are some basic, common-sense tips to stay safe this winter and holiday season. As always, keep papers away from heaters no matter the heat source.

Bottom line, do your part to stay safe so the firefighters we value so highly can also stay safe and snug — inside their firehouses — and not have to show up at your house to fight a fire that could easily have been prevented.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Millerton Fire Company is, and was, a lifesaver

A recent letter to the editor gave the mistaken impression that our Millerton Fire Company (MFC) was not sufficiently staffed to respond the incredibly tragic fire on South Elm Avenue last month.

From everything I observed first-hand and have learned since, that is just not the case.

Given the extraordinary intensity of this fire, our Fire Company responded quickly, in force, and to the best of their abilities.

Fire companies from other towns responded to lend assistance, in what is known as Mutual Aid, as they regularly do, and as our company does with other

While more volunteers are certainly needed to assure the future of our Fire Company, the women and men of our MFC should be recognized and appreciated for their exceptional dedication and

I'm glad to know they are there. Chris Kennan

Supervisor,

Town of North East

It's time for U.S. Senator Schumer to step up

Along with so many others, I have grave concerns about the state of our Democracy and the efforts of certain political actors to undermine Democracy's foundational election process. In this vein, I have sent the following email to U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY):

I write to urge you to delay the upcoming Senate recess in order to bring voting rights legislation to a vote before the end

of the year and before conservative Republican-majority state legislators do further harm to voter protections and enfranchisement measures.

Why can't Democrats work as diligently to protect voting rights as Republicans do to disenfranchise people and weaken voter protections?

I urge others to make similar pleas to Sen. Schumer.

Amy Rothstein Pine Plains

All about yokeless axial-flux motors

That the heck is that?" I can hear you asking. Just as we all had to learn new terms like MRI scans, CAT scans, hybrid-power motors, fully EVs and a host of new developments, the aviation and space industry requirements for more capability and new technologies push our envelope of understanding...and when those technologies trickle down, you get the benefit.

Today, let's talk about (mostly)

The first cars in the late 1800s and early 1900s were often electric. Yes, electric.

People did not travel as far and electric motors worked fine, especially in cities. In England, morning milk bottle deliveries are from electric milk "floats" (small trucks to us in America). Since Toyota and Honda pioneered hybrid electric cars — especially Prius models the demand for electric or partially electric vehicles has soared. Since Formula 1 race cars went hybrid a few years ago, the desire for electric capacity has grown, been reinvented, and is being tested.

Now racing cars, and sports cars, perform better when their weight is low and the power is high. The heavier the batteries, the more load has to be put on the engine to move the car forward. It is all simple physics — power-toweight ratios govern everything in transport.

So, we came up with lithiumion batteries instead of alkaline batteries or lead-acid batteries or the nickel-iron batteries of Thomas Edison from more than 100 years ago (some of which are still working in Manhattan subway systems).

Battery technology is advancing, sometimes with risks (lithiumion batteries get hot when charged), admittedly, but technology of batteries is under re-invention with Zinc-manganese, gold-nanowiregel, Organosilicon-electrolyte, lithium-tungsten and something weird called Tanktwo-string-cells, which self-replaces spent battery cells with new parts. So, all-in-all batteries are in development and the estimate is that battery weight per kilowatt/hour capacity is likely to drop by 40% in the next four years. Lighter batteries mean greater range and better powerto-weight ratios.

But cars don't have to be toreducing weight versus the cost Mexico.

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

of development is a finite money calculation. Not so for aviation where weight is everything.

The desire to have urban air taxis, short-range commuter planes, vertical takeoff and all electric flight has forced new inventions. Leading the way is a company in the U.K. called YASA, which has developed a yokeless axial-flux topology motor. It develops higher power and greater torque, pound-for-pound, than conventional electric motors.

Back in 2005, when the demand for such aviation motors didn't yet exist, the creators at YASA looked around for someone to carry the cost of development - knowing they were really designing for aviation, they instead went to the really expensive car market.

Koenigsegg, Ferrari and McLaren all signed up because they saw the electric car future. That future was, for them, greater torque, more power, faster cars. Then Mercedes stepped in and bought YASA, full stop. This new yokeless axial-flux motor is called Evolito for planes and will appear in most cars by the end of the de-

How efficient is this technology? Eliminating the heavy iron stator yoke in a normal radial-flux motor makes up 30 to 40% of the weight.

Tim Woolmer, founder and chief technology officer at YASA, said, "...for the same amount of magnetic material, you can create 20% more torque... We removed [the stator] because we have two rotors, and we spin the flux around the rotating rotors...so radial [motor] to axial-flux gives you maybe a 100% overall benefit."

Think of yokeless axial-flux motors this way: You can cut your engine size in half, get the same performance and have maybe 50% more range. Suddenly that electric car goes from having a 300 mile capability to a capability of 450 miles. Oh, one more thing: Less moving parts equals less wear and

Peter Riva, a former resident of tally light and the economics of Amenia Union, now lives in New

Remote senior exercise, Tai Chi and Bingocize

utchess County seniors who'd like to get their exercise in this winter, without running the added risks of winter travel, can now sign up for remote Tai Chi and/or Bingocize classes this winter. As mentioned in last week's Golden Living, the Office for the Aging (OFA) is also offering a remote "A Matter of Balance" class this winter. To register for any class, and for more information, call OFA at 845-486-2555 or email ofa@dutchessny.gov.

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Winter 2021-22 'Spotlight on Seniors'

The Winter 2021-22 issue of OFA's "Spotlight on Seniors" newsletter is now in print and being delivered to thousands of seniors and caregivers throughout Dutchess County. You can read about the recent return of OFA's Tri-Town Senior Friendship Center; OFA's plans for events throughout 2022; possible upcoming changes to New York Medicaid; information on discussing aging as it relates to driving and much more.

There's even a bit of advice on how to make your outdoor space safely bird-friendly for the

You can also view the Spotlight online at www.dutchessny. gov/aging, where you can also find back issues of the news-

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housing complexes throughout Dutchess County. If you manage any such facilities and would like some Spotlights to distribute while supplies last, email bjones@dutchessny.gov.

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OFA meals, **Friendship Centers** and poor weather

With winter about to begin, and a good chance of winter weather preceding the formal arrival of the solstice, it becomes necessary from time to time to close OFA Senior Friendship Centers and cancel Home Delivered Meals (HDM) operations.

Remember: When schools in your area are closed or delayed, it means there's a strong possibility that Friendship Centers will be closed and HDM deliveries canceled. Frozen and shelfstable meals are delivered in advance of inclement weather to ensure HDM clients have a nutritious meal to enjoy on days when normal delivery is canceled.

Since a typical day for the OFA Nutrition Program involves serving and delivering meals to more than 400 seniors throughout Dutchess County, it's often not possible to call clients individually.

When winter weather requires a change to OFA schedules, it'll be announced and/or posted on area radio stations and their websites. Dutchess County Government will also provide updates on social media channels: facebook.com/ DutchessCoGov and twitter. com/DutchessCoGov.

Golden Living is prepared by Dutchess County OFA Director Todd N. Tancredi, who can be reached at 845-486-2555, via email at ofa@dutchessny.gov or online at www.dutchessny.gov/

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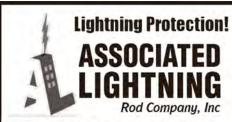


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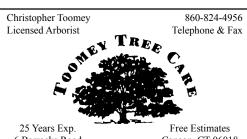
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