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From left, back row, siblings Addisyn, Mila and Corbin Hay gathered for a photo with their grandfather, John Kemmerer, as the third and fifth generations of Kemmerer Farm farmers.

Centennial Hay Days celebration Aug. 21

Century farmers offered much-needed support

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

STANFORDVILLE - Raised on her family's 100-acre hay farm in Stanfordville, Emily Hay understands just how indispensable farms and farmers are to their communities. Having observed the hardships many longtime farming families endured during the COVID-19 pandemic, Hay and her husband, Bradley, sought a way to strengthen the roots many

farmers planted in the region centuries ago. So they created the Centennial Farms Foundation (CFF), which operates out of Pine Plains.

As fourth-generation farmers, Hay and her siblings, John Jr., Leif, Victoria and Kristin, grew up throwing hay at Kemmerer Farm from when the sun came up. Today, the Kemmerer siblings (save Kristin, who passed away in 2019) can be still found on the fam-

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Recreational marijuana in North East

Board opts out of allowing dispensaries and lounges

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

NORTH EAST — It didn't take terribly long for the North East Town Board to decide to opt out of allowing marijuana dispensaries and lounges in town at its board meeting on Thursday, Aug. 12, when the issue of doing so before the governor's Dec. 31 deadline was on the table. It was not a unanimous decision, though, as Councilman John Midwood voted against opting out and in favor of approving the businesses immediately. In the end, the resolution passed 4 to 1.

"If no action is taken by the end of the year, both will become legal, with no possibility to change our position in the future."

Chris Kennan, town supervisor

The Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) was adopted by the State of New York in March. The MRTA legalized adult-use recreational marijuana; New York approved medical marijuana in 2014.

Now municipalities must decide by year's end if they will permit commercial sales of the drug and marijuana lounges where it can be smoked openly. Those municipalities that opt

out before the Dec. 31 deadline will be able to opt back in at a later date, but those don't do so cannot opt back in.

Which is why, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan said he and the majority of the board voted in favor of opting out at this time.

"If no action is taken by the end of the year," Kennan explained in

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Schools left to prepare for fall without state guidelines

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

WEBUTUCK — With the start of the 2021-22 school year only weeks away, Harlem Valley school districts are preparing to welcome students and staff back into their school buildings. But there's been precious little guidance from the state offered thus far as to the best way to do so.

With Governor Andrew Cuomo's Aug. 10 resignation due to sexual harassment allegations in the face of a possible impeachment, the lack of clear guidance from New York State regarding the coming school year has proven challenging as school districts try to put together their plans

for the upcoming academic year. Lt. reestablished as the controlling entity Gov. Kathy Hochul will take over on Aug. 25, and while she's advocated for masking up in all schools, she hasn't said much else as far as how school districts should handle student safety moving forward, as COVID cases are worsening in Dutchess County.

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) hasn't made things any easier, as it announced this month it would not issue any COVID-19 guidance before the start of the school year. Its reason? The end of the state's CO-VID disaster emergency.

On Aug. 5, New York Health Commissioner Howard Zucker stated that, with the end of the state disaster emergency on June 25, "school districts are

for schools."

Zucker added schools and school districts should develop plans to open in-person in the fall as safely as possible. He recommended following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health departments.

Some guidance issued

On Aug. 12, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) issued a health and safety guide to aid school districts for 2021-22, available at www.nysed.gov.

The 21-page NYSED recommendation offers information and resources

See SCHOOL YEAR, A6

Low enrollment and COVID-19 put football programs in spotlight

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — The health crisis has affected many aspects of life, in small towns and large cities. Local residents, many of them parents, are naturally worried about how the coronavirus has impacted local communities here in the Harlem Valley, especially in our schools.

It's a normal reaction after so many traditional elements of everyday life seem to have dropped by the wayside, including the parades, carnivals, concerts and yes, even athletic programs they always assumed would be available as their children rise through the ranks of their school systems.

Even if one take the issue of highrisk sports likely being canceled for fear of spreading COVID-19 and the highly contagious delta variant that's been so concerning out of the equation — participation in athletic programs has been shifting.

According to a Millbrook Athletic Director Al Hammell, fewer local families with school-aged children means lower enrollment. That may be good

for fewer students in class who can get more individual attention from teachers, but it's bad news for schools trying

to build their athletic teams. Most parents today grew up with sports, in particular football, as a part of their school life. The Friday night lights at their school stadiums, the cheerleaders and pep rallies, it was all a part of the school experience.

For a good deal of students today, those days may be over, as for the past number of years some schools haven't

See FOOTBALL, A6



The Millbrook Blazers had a football team during the 2018-19 season, well before COVID-19 was a factor the school district had to consider.



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MILLERTON

Merchants plan for fall food festival, talk sidewalk fixes

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — As thunder roared overhead and the wind began to pick up, members of the Millerton Business Alliance (MBA) worked quickly yet efficiently to exchange updates and plans for upcoming village projects and events at its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 7.

For the MBA's first inperson meeting since the fall, merchants gathered on the lawn in front of the Irondale Schoolhouse at the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Main Street entrance at 5:30 p.m. Sixteen members sat in the circle of chairs set up in front of the one-room 1868 schoolhouse

To get the ball rolling, the group began its discussion with an update on the sidewalk replacement project approved by the Village Board. MBA member Jeanne Vanecko announced the project was slated to start the next week, beginning at Taro's at 18 Main St. and extending up Main Street. She explained the village's plans to replace the sidewalk two storefronts at a time; the schedule was being worked out with shopkeepers.

In the meantime, Vanecko said Townscape of Millerton and North East will help su-

MBA head Thorunn Kristiansdottir talked about a potential food festival slated for Saturday, Sept. 18, to be held throughout the village and feature local restaurants. As the MBA delved further into its discussion, Kristjansdottir suggested participants set up tables and chairs to seat visitors and other festival-goers.

The next step, she said, is to organize food trucks, which she assured the MBA wouldn't compete with other eateries in town. Responding to one member's question as to whether the event would be rain or shine, given the difficulties involved with rescheduling food trucks, Kristjansdottir said it's likely it would be. She also suggested having Millerton farms involved in the festival.

MBA member Cathy Fenn asked whether the festival would have activities geared specifically toward children; cake and cookie decorating was later suggested as a possibility.

Regarding its time frame, Kristjansdottir took into account that the North East Community Center's (NECC) Millerton Farmers Market runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and the Oakhurst Diner

pervise the wiring of electrical is open until around 8 p.m. on weekends. While she didn't think that should necessarily limit the festival, MBA members suggested they set a start time for the food trucks around

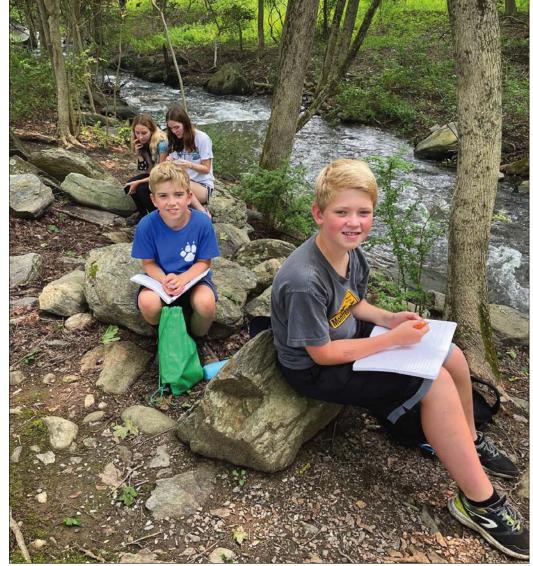
> Regarding the variety of food trucks, Kristjansdottir said she would see what's available, with the idea of offering food different from what is already available in Millerton.

> **NECC Executive Director** and MBA member Christine Sergent also raised the idea of not repeating certain food themes since NECC is planning its annual Hispanic Heritage Festival in the fall.

> In addition to the food festival, the MBA spoke about a future community potluck, with its date coinciding with the completion of the village's sidewalk replacement project.

> For community events like the future food festival, MBA members discussed village parking both as an issue to consider and as an obstacle that has challenging in the past.

The MBA met again on Wednesday, Aug. 4, and continued to discuss the food festival. Its members delved further into the issue of bringing in food trucks; look for an upcoming report in this newspaper.



Local children took in their surroundings and jotted down notes by a local creek as they explored nature through the NECC's annual Summer Enrichment Program.

Program offers students enriching summer and interesting lessons

WEBUTUCK — Demonstrating that learning doesn't stop when school does, the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton recently finished a five-week collaboration with the North East (Webutuck) Central School District and the North-East-Millerton Library (NEML) as part of NECC's annual Summer Enrichment Program.

Along with the Webutuck Central School District and the NEML, NECC Youth Program NECC collaborated with the Watershed Center in Millerton, Schaghticoke First Nations and the Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H program — all of which were essential partners in delivering NECC's programming this summer.

Running from Monday, July 12, to Friday, Aug. 13, the Summer Enrichment Program offered enrichment opportunities to students ages 7 to 11 living in the village of Millerton, town of

Local artist Tilly Strauss helped run the program and taught participants all sorts of interesting lessons.

Using weekly themes like When I Grow Up and Time Traveler Week to engage students in fun, educational activities, the program taught crafts reflecting possible career choices and various subjects, including cooking, local Native American history, farm animals, hiking, time traveling and more.

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Hope Rising's hoedown raises funds for equine equipment

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Between the live music and line dancing with a local instructor, Hope Rising Farm in Millerton offered the community free rein of the dance floor as they joined in a Hoedown Fundraiser on Sunday, Aug. 1, to benefit the farm and its equine partners and participants. The farm said it raised about \$2,800 in four hours; by Aug. 15 it was more than halfway to its fundraising goal at \$3,800.

Established at 19 Morse Hill Road, the therapeutic riding center that provides lessons to the developmentally challenged set a goal of raising \$7,000 to purchase a HayGain hay steamer and an equicizer.

Hope Rising Farm Founder and Executive Director Jackie Wikane said the hay steamer takes the dust out of the hay to make it easier and more palatable for the horses to digest, especially the animals with allergies and the senior horses.

To date, Wikane said Hope Rising Farm has 10 horses, eight of which are senior horses over the age of 18.

As for the equicizer, Wikane described it as a mechanical horse that provides riders with the sensation of riding a horse to help them become familiar with the motions of riding a real horse.

In total, the HayGain hay steamer costs \$2,999 while the equicizer costs around \$4,000.

"We wanted it for a couple of years now," Wikane said, "and because the farm is so new, we were able to set our sights on a specific something to fundraise for because there's so much capital stuff to take care of, but we thought it would be nice to tell the community we needed something. We really wanted a physical item that we wanted people to know this is what their money is going for."

Wikane said a woman who donated some hay to the farm, Gloria Tatsapaugh, came up with the idea for the hoedown and said it'd be a great way to

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On Sunday, Aug. 1, Hope Rising Farm in Millerton held its Hoedown Fundraiser to raise money to benefit the farm and its equine partners and participants. Above, one of the farm's 10 horses enjoyed a satisfying snack.

raise some money.

Running from 3 to 7 p.m. at the farm, tickets were \$20 per person for those ages 12 and up and free for those under the age

Fender Benders Band provided live music while Tatsapaugh offered line dancing lessons. A weekly line dancing instructor at Amenia Town Hall, Tatsapaugh brought some students from her Thursday night classes to the event.

Hot dogs and hamburgers were sold as well as Sno Cones, and along with the music and

dancing, attendees took part in a silent auction and a 50-50 raffle. The farm also had a large slide for children to enjoy.

Wikane said between 250 and 300 people attended.

Come October, Hope Rising Farm will host a two-day horse show that, in addition to engaging the community will help raise money for the two pieces of equipment.

At this time, the equestrian event has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2, through Sunday, Oct. 3, with a rain date of Oct. 9 and 10.

Apart from its fundraising events, Wikane said that Hope Rising Farm has restarted its riding lessons and that it's happy "to be back and to serve the community and the population of adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities," adding, "we're always looking for volunteers and participants."

For more information about upcoming events, volunteer and program opportunities, contact Hope Rising Farm at 845-797-8365 or at hrf2019inc@gmail. com. There's also a Facebook page, "Hope Rising Farm Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.," and the farm is on Instagram, at "@ hoperisingfarminc."

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wetlands that are hidden treasures here in the Northwest corner. They are dependent upon upflowing calcium rich groundwater and are indicators of a healthy ecosystem. They are also home for the federally protected bog turtle and many rare plants like the Showy Lady's Slipper orchid. There is an excellent article in the spring 2017 edition of the Connecticut Woodlands magazine entitled: The Missing Fens: Rare and Growing Rarer. The article describes both the fens and why we should ensure their protection. This article can be found at: https://www. ctwoodlands.org/sites/default/files/ CTWSpring2017.pdf.

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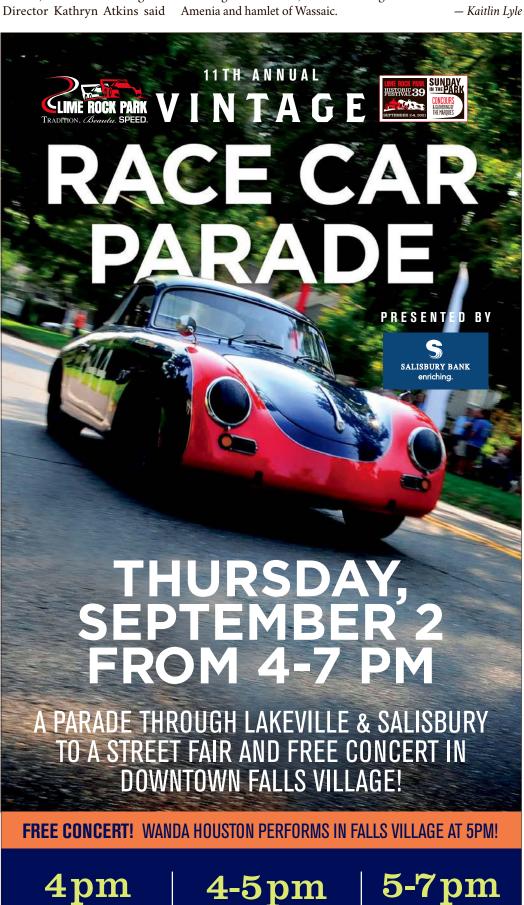
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Webutuck BOE appoints teachers, staff, during busy summer

By KAITLIN LYLE

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WEBUTUCK — The Webutuck Board of Education (BOE) launched the month of August by approving several instructional, support staff and extracurricular appointments for the coming school year at its board meeting on Monday, Aug. 2.

Starting at 7 p.m., the meeting was held in-person in the Webutuck High School library and live streamed online.

Included in his report, Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani announced the district has been very active this summer, highlighting its instructional summer enrichment program, the English as a New Language program and the Extended School Year program for special education students as examples.

Additionally, Castellani said Webutuck has been extremely busy with hiring staff and has some wonderful candidates to help take the district into the next year and beyond.

To start the personnel section of the evening's agenda, the BOE approved special education teacher Justin Deming's resignation, followed by teaching assistants Denice Clapper and Chelsie Hurley's resignations. Both Clapper and Hurley's resignations went into effect on Sunday, Aug. 15, while Deming's will become effective Wednesday, Sept. 1. Clapper and Hurley were later appointed as 12-month typists, effective Monday, Aug. 16.

Taylor Ball was appointed to a four-year probationary period as an elementary education teacher, starting Wednesday, Sept. 1, and ending Sept. 1, 2025. Castellani told the BOE that Ball was at the meeting and was replacing Deanna Ambrosino, who recently left Eugene Brooks Intermediate School.

Replacing former Webutuck Elementary School teacher Concetta Lanza, John Martino was appointed to a fouryear probationary period as a teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages in the English as a Second Language tenure area, starting Wednesday, Sept. 1, and ending Sept. 1, 2025.

Replacing Deming and Lee-Ann Willie, Ashlee Caldwell was appointed to a four-year probationary period as a special education teacher, starting Wednesday, Sept. 1, and ending Sept. 1, 2025.

Martina Marchese and Ashley Duncan were appointed as elementary teachers while Shea Olszewski was appointed as a secondary English teacher; their appointments will start Wednesday, Sept. 1, and run through June 30, 2022.

For the agenda's support staff appointments, Brandice

Roberts was appointed as a nurse, starting Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Shane Watson was appointed as a custodial worker, effective Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Starting Monday, Aug. 16, Melanie Kay was appointed as a 12-month senior typist while Stacy Monty was appointed as a 10-month typist, starting Wednesday, Sept. 1.

After approving a long list of extracurricular appointments for the 2021-22 school year, the BOE appointed Mark Clizbe and Mary Murphy as substitute teachers, effective Wednesday, Sept. 1. Clizbe was also appointed as a substitute teaching assistant and a substitute teacher aide.

Dawn Marie Klingner was appointed tax collector for the coming school year while Jennifer Jaffe and Mary Murphy were appointed as academic consultants.



Drivers will certainly notice the difference after all of the road repairs are done by the Amenia Highway Department crew, which was hard at work during last week's heatwave blacktopping Furnace Bank Road, Borden Lane and Nelson Road in the hamlet of Wassaic on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 12.

Rolling pavement in the intense heat

WASSAIC - Toiling un- Services Program, workder intense heat, the Amenia Highway Department has been hard at work this summer blacktopping all of the hamlet of Wassaic.

According to Amenia Highway Superintendent Megan Chamberlin, the Highway Department started in June with its shared service paver, through the **Dutchess County Shared**

ing on Old Cross Road and Under Mountain Road in Amenia and Benton Road in Wassaic.

On Thursday, Aug. 12, the crew worked on blacktopping Borden Lane, Nelson Road and Furnace Bank Road in Wassaic before moving on to the hamlet's Main Street on Friday, Aug. 13.

- Kaitlin Lyle

AREA IN BRIEF

Vendor & Craft Fair, Penny Social

WASSAIC — Area residents are invited to drop by the Vendor & Craft Fair plus Penny Social sponsored by the Wassaic Fire Company Auxiliary on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Held at the Wassaic firehouse, located at 27 Firehouse Road, the social will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle and refreshments will be available for purchase. There will be a winter coat drive at the social as well.

Vendors are wanted for the event. The cost is \$25 per 6-foot table/space, and setup is at 9 a.m. on the day of the event.

To reserve a spot, contact Michelle Winters at 845-235-9326 or email winmall@optonline.net, or contact Carol Corrow at 845-891-6863 or email carolcorrow@gmail.com.

Open call for 2022 Summer **Exhibition**

WASSAIC — The Wassaic Project's 2022 Summer Exhibition open call is now live and accepting applications from interested artists.

The show will feature 30 to 40 emerging artists throughout the Maxon Mills building at 37 Furnace Bank Road and will be open to the public every weekend from Saturday, May 21, to Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022.

The Wassaic Project will accept proposals for ready-to-hang work, site-specific installations, temporary installations/ performances and publication-specific works to go in its companion publication.

The Wassaic Project also offers an Exhibitions Fellowship, which provides no-fee residencies in April or May to up to five artists interested in creating site-specific installations for the show.

Applications will be accepted through Monday, Sept. 27. An informational session will be held on Thursday, Sept. 2; there will be office hours on Tuesday, Aug. 24, and Tuesday, Sept

For more information, go to www.wassaicproject.org.

Send news and photos to editor@millertonnews.com

Free home repairs for county residents

AMENIA — Rebuilding Together Dutchess County (RTDC) is now accepting applications for their home repair and accessibility modification programs. These services are provided at no-cost to qualified homeowners and focus on ensuring that individuals can live independently in safe, warm, dry and healthy

The deadline for applications to be considered for the 2022 Rebuilding Day program is Thursday, Sept. 30. Income qualified Dutchess County homeowners - especially seniors, persons living with a disability, military veterans or parents with school aged children - are encouraged to apply.

For more information, call the RTDC office at 845-454-7310. Further details and applications can also be found at www.RT-Dutchess.org.

Wassaic Project party & Summer **Exhibition**

WASSAIC — The Wassaic Project's 2021 summer exhibition, If You Lived Here You'd Be Home By Now, is now open at Maxon Mills building at 37 Furnace Bank Road in Wassaic, throughout the summer from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

This year's annual summer exhibition features 35 artists in and around the mill with a particular emphasis on immersive, sitespecific installations. The exhibition will be open through Saturday, Sept. 18.

The Wassaic Project will also host a block party on Saturday, Aug. 28, in support of the show, featuring videos on the side of the mill by a variety of artists.

For more information, go towww.wassaicproject. org.

Find your local park!

MILLERTON - Eddie Collins Memorial Park is now closed for renovations. Here are some other parks and/or playgrounds you can enjoy for the rest of this summer.

Please be sure to check the website to review when the parks are open and what policies they may have regarding COVID-19.

Amenia Town Hall Playground; Beekman Park (Amenia); Wassaic Borden Park; North East Community Center Playground (Millerton); Taconic State Park-Rudd Pond (Millerton); Taconic State Park-Copake Falls; Wilcox Park (Milan).

Twilight concerts

MILLERTON - The NorthEast-Millerton Library is hosting Twilight at the Pond Concerts this year, held outdoors to keep everyone safe while being entertained.

Northwest Passage will perform on Saturday, Aug. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Because of the open-air setting, the library cannot collect donations at the door, money that usually helps fund about half of the annual concert series. For more information, go to www.nemillertonlibrary.org or call 518-789-3340.

Correction

The July 29 edition of The Millerton News erroneously printed that the Tri-Town Coalition received a grant totaling

\$100,000 from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundations. The correct grant amount was \$10,000. We regret the error.

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guilty in a court of law.

Sunday, Aug. 1, Deputies responded to Route 292/Holmes Road, Town of Pawling for a one-car property damage auto accident.

arrest of Luis C. Escobar-Mejia

The subject is to appear in the Town of Pawling Court at a later date.

Sunday, Aug. 1, Deputies responded to 1456 Route 22 in the Town of Dover for a report of a

The incident was a physical altercation between two individuals. The matter was resolved without an arrest.

Anyone with any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suscontact the DCSO tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email dcsowill be kept confidential.

The Millerton News will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 625, Millerton, NY 12546, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to editor@millertonnews.

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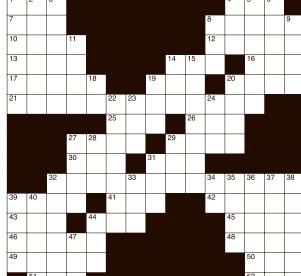
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- 20. Uncultured, clumsy persons
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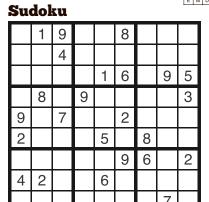
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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth J. Fontaine

J. Fontaine, 74, a resident of

Hopewell Junction, N.Y., for more than 27 years, passed away on Aug. 12, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. She previously lived in the Bronx and Manhattan.

Born in Manhattan on April 16, 1947, Elizabeth was the daughter of the late Rachel (Di-Angelo) and Antonio Martucci.

Elizabeth's family and friends will remember her as always being vibrant and full of life.

She had an intense love of life and dedicated her life to rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife. On Dec. 14, 2001, she mar-

LAKEVILLE — Elizabeth ried Robert Paul Fontaine, who survives at home. A resident

of Lakeville, New Milford and Kent, Robert attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

She is also survived by her daughter, Kathleen Regalbuto of Wappingers Falls, N.Y.; her grandson, Antonio Regalbuto of Red Hook, N.Y.; and her great-grandson, Silas.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the McHoul Funeral Home in Hopewell Junction, followed by a memorial service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Visit Elizabeth's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

David W. Moore Sr.

Moore Sr., 77, died Aug. 12,

2021, at Sharon Hospital. He was the loving husband of Shelia (Green) Moore.

David was born June 9, 1944, in Waterbury, the son of the late Glenys (Berry) and James Moore. He worked at BE Aerospace as an inspector for 23 years. He also

was a member of the Advent Christian Church in Torrington.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, David is survived by his children, Brenda Rotenberger and her husband, Charles, David Moore Jr., Lori MacKinnon and her husband, Norman, Brian

CORNWALL — David W. Moore and his wife, Jennifer, and Mary O'Dell and her husband,

Chris; seven grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.

A celebration of David's life will be on Thursday, Aug. 19, at 11 a.m. at the Advent Christian Church in Torrington.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cornwall Fire

Department, 289 Sharon Goshen Turnpike, West Cornwall, CT 06796; or to the Sullivan Senior Center, 88 E. Albert St., Torrington, CT 06790.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of arrange-

SPORTS



Carol Dean, left, and NorthEast-Millerton Library Treasure and North East Councilwoman Lana Morrison braved scorching heat and threatening storms to participate in the first Millerton vs. Amenia Libraries Golf Tournament.

Millerton library triumphs over Amenia on the links

By CAROL KNEELAND Special To The Millerton News

COPAKE - Millerton is bursting with good-natured pride thanks to stellar performances by members of the NorthEast-Millerton Library's (NEML) golf team, which swept the first-ever annual golf tournament with the Amenia Free Library on Friday, Aug. 13, at Undermountain Golf Course in Copake.

The trophy, donated by the host course, will rest on the winning library's mantle until next year's rematch, thanks to a low combined score of 90 to 98 for the top three players in the scramble. The tourney netted \$600 for each library.

Individual winners representing Millerton were the first place father/son team of Jeff Harvey Sr. and Jeff Harvey Jr. and second place Orvie Garrett and Boyd Mazel. Amenia's husband-andwife team Doug and Jill Hausmen was third.

A gift certificate gifted by Talk of the Towne Deli for the Most Honest players went to NEML's Edie Greenwood and Christine Augustine.

The team of Jeff Anderson and Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek donated its raffle winnings back to the library, bringing its total to \$1,665.

"I think the library fundraiser was a great thing," said Najdek.

"Usually golf tournaments are logistically difficult sometimes. I think this was a good way for them to increase community awareness and have fun while

A delighted NEML Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson noted the event broke up just as the thunder started to rumble. Appreciating the 46 participants, she said, "It was 90 degrees out there but they did it, and Undermountain helped us out immensely. They did a fabulous job."

doing it, while also raising little a bit of money for them both."

SALISBURY — Carl Holst-

Carl Holst-Grubbe

Grubbe, 79, of Ocala, Fla., passed away on Aug. 5, 2021, after a brief illness.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Holst-Grubbe; and his siblings, Charlotte Shipley, Richard Wrigley, Reginald Lamson Jr. and his wife. Roseann. and Roger Prindle. He leaves behind

his children Carl Jr. "CJ," Danette, Stacey, Aaron and his wife, Stephanie, Jennifer, Kevin and his wife, Michelle, Tina, Allison and her husband, Jason, Nate and his wife, Kim, Brian and his wife, Becky, Wayne and his wife, Dawn, and Michael; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews, who will truly miss out on his grand sense of humor and contagious

He was predeceased by his son, Guv Holst-Grubbe; and his siblings, John, Nancy and Guy. Carl was born on Nov. 24,

1941, in Torrington, to Sylvia (Nelson) and the late Per Holst-Grubbe. He was raised by stepdad Reginald "Jim" Lamson of Salisbury.

He was the owner and operator of Carl and Son's Painting for 20-plus years before permanently moving

to Florida.

Carl visited many nooks and crannies throughout the United States, making friends wherever went with his natural gift of gab.

He has strong ties to the AA community in the North and Southeast and spent his latter days with Ruth exploring Ocala eateries, singing karaoke, playing guitar, working on house projects, and tending to his beloved girl, Roxie (dog).

A celebration of life will be held in his honor at a later date in Connecticut.

Robert H. Darden

LAKEVILLE — Beloved war, the two were married in husband, father, grandfather,

great-grandfather and Lakeville resident Robert H. Darden, passed peacefully at home in his sleep on Aug. 15, 2021. He was Bob, as he was

known, was born in Raton, N.M., on Oct. 18, 1919, to Archie H.

Darden, an attorney, and Annie Lou Darden née Wood, a voice and piano instructor. He attended University of Michigan, where he received his BA and Law degrees. After his first year of law school, he was inducted into the Army's officer training school, trained as an Army Air Corp navigator and assigned to serve as such on an unusual and transitional aircraft the YB-40, a bomber outfitted to serve as a gunship escort to defend bomber squadrons on their missions over Germany. On June 22, 1943 Bob's plane, with a crew of three officers and seven enlisted men, went out on what became their final mission, joining in the defense of the first Allied bombing raid over Germany's heavily fortified Ruhr industrial district. Of the hundred aircraft on the raid. 26 were shot down — including Bob's YB-40. He spent almost two years in POW camp at Stalag Luft III near Sagan,

Germany. Returning after the war and earning his Law degree from University of Michigan, Bob served as the law clerk for the chief judge of the prestigious Tenth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Denver. He was invited to join the recently formed U.S. Small Business Administration, where he accepted positions first as Regional Counsel for the Rocky Mountain area, then Assistant General Counsel in Washington, D.C., then SBA's first attorney in Albuquerque, and finally the agency's Regional Counsel for the West Coast and Pacific islands, headquartered in San Francisco.

In his sophomore year, while on a geology field trip at University of Michigan, Bob met an accomplished student and Pi Phi, Virginia Appleton of Cleveland, Ohio. After the 1945 and raised four children

in Washington D.C., and cities in Colorado, New Mexico and California. After Bob's retirement from government service, and wishing to be close to their daughter Anne Richardson and grandson Barrie, of nearby Salisbury,

Bob and Virginia moved to Lakeville in 1994. They quickly became highly active within the community and were regular members of the choir at St. Mary's Church, where they are well-known and beloved by all. Bob served for a time as President of the Rotary Club of Salisbury, receiving the Paul Harris Award, Rotary's highest award for Community Service. He and Virginia continued to travel throughout the United States and Europe, even leisurely driving across country to California at 90 years of age.

Always athletic, Bob continued to jog, golf, hike, body surf and fish into his 70s, and swam regularly into his 90s at The Hotchkiss School Pool and Lakeville Town Grove, taking his last dip at the latter at 99.

Bob was predeceased by his parents; brother William H. Darden; sister-in-law Kathryn Darden née Taylor; and son David H. Darden.

He is survived by his wife of 75 years, Virginia Appleton Darden; three children: his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Rebecca Darden; his daughter, Anne Richardson and Howard Aller; and his daughter and son-in-law Margaret and Steven Garber; three grandchildren, Madeleine Garber and her husband Randy Thurber, Barrie Richardson, and Kristina Darden; and one great-granddaughter, Ruth Anne Thurber.

The funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary's Church in Lakeville on Monday, Aug. 23, at 11 a.m. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions can be made to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service or the American Red Cross.

Millerton, NY

Rosemarie Flinn

MILLERTON — Rosemarie

of Conway, S.C., and a 60-year resident of Millerton, died Aug. 15, 2021, at Conway Medical Center following a brief illness.

Rosemarie had a long career with the Webutuck Central School District in Amenia, from 1966

until June 30, 1999, when she retired as head cook from the school's cafeteria. Born Feb. 10, 1937, in Bremer-

haven, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Anna Schmidt. She was educated in Germa-

ny and married Ronald A. Flinn on May 4, 1957, in Germany. Mr. Flinn died on March 29, 1994. Rosemarie enjoyed spending

time with her loving family and many friends and relaxing on a beach in her spare time. For many years she volunteered at Thriftique, a thrift shop in Millerton. She will be dearly missed by her beloved family and friends.

Rosemarie is survived by Flinn, 84, a three-year resident her son, Gary A. Flinn and his

wife, Christine, of Clinton Corners; two daughters, Teresa "Terri" Schaab and Phyllis Gapinski and her husband, Ralph, all of Conway; and two grandsons, Steve Gapinski of Conway and Ryan Flinn of Clinton Corners. In

addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her son-in-law, Kenneth Schaab; and her four siblings.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

A graveside service will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 18, at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton, the Rev. William Mayhew officiating. Burial will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

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



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PINE PLAINS

Goose droppings gone, for now

Town culls geese to deal with bacteria at Stissing Lake

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — Taking action as part of the town's ongoing battle with nature. Pine Plains officials were given crucial advice from Ken Preusser, a lake expert from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), on how to reduce the goose population at Stissing Lake to ensure the beach can stay open this summer.

Calling this a "many pronged effort," Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud said the town has tried "every single other way" to address the increased goose population at the beach over the years, including setting up wind flags, installing a fence and extending beach hours to bring more people onto the beach.

Yet the geese have managed to overcome such measures to lower their numbers, from jumping over the wind flags to pushing down the fences with their body weight. To date, Cloud said Pine Plains has four to five times the goose population that the lake can handle, so emergency measures were needed. Along with the bacteria issues caused by goose droppings on the beach, she said a lot of the geese tend to come back to their birth place (in this case, Stissing Lake) when they mature and start breeding.



Captured in the evening hours, Stissing Lake in Pine Plains is a popular spot during the summer months. However, the increased goose population at the lake in recent years has left so many droppings that increased bacteria levels in the water often causes problems.

Inviting Preusser this spring to give advice on how to deal with the geese, Cloud said he suggested the town do a goose cull, a practice used to reduce a wild animal population through selective slaughter. Cloud said the town was hesitant, but it felt the overpopulation of geese had become a critical health problem. So Presseur began taking population control measures to prevent the geese from continuing to make the lake their permanent home.

In addition to culling the geese by about 21, Presseur did a practice known as "oiling the eggs," which he said involves finding a goose nest and putting oil on the eggs to prevent them from hatching, thereby reducing the number of future generations born.

The meat from the goose cull was donated to Willow Roots Food Pantry.

Preusser had been working steadily since April; the Pine Plains Beach opened to the public at the end of June. And while it's about to close in the next week

or so, Cloud said "she thinks they have a good plan going forward and hopefully more understanding from the Dutchess County Department of Health [DOH] as to how to correctly test the water."

Dutchess County Assistant Executive Ron Hicks came to the beach with representatives from the Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH) to meet with Cloud, Councilman Matthew Zick, Recreation Director Michael Cooper and Presseur on July 6 look into the problem.

What was discovered, said Cloud in an update on Tuesday, Aug. 17, was fascinating. Firstly, the cull worked, reducing goose numbers and droppings at the

Secondly, a DOH representative who went on the lake in a boat to check things out, said the way the town has been testing the water at the beach has been incorrect.

The goose droppings didn't help the situation but the testing needed to be done at the end of a dock. As there is no dock at the beach, the town had to conduct its testing at an approximated distance and location from the shoreline. The DOH representative found the water was very clean and the testing had been erroneous. Cloud said she doesn't know what this means for the town because it's "all in the hands of the DOH." She said she does have the DOH's recommendations and support.

The town wants to clean the beach and survey the situation next April. To that end, she said it will be inviting the USDA back next year, adding that Preusser will need to repeat the cull for three years before the beach notices a real impact.

Speaking at the July Town Board meeting, Presseur suggested the town get an inflatable "airman" to put on the beach at night as well as a solar air raider.

Cloud acknowledged public concern about the surrounding waters being contaminated affecting septic systems along the lake. She said the Stissing Lake Association has done careful monitoring of septic systems along the lake including dye testing — and is working hard to check on water quality.

Meanwhile, Cloud noted the town's beach crew has worked diligently to pick up the goose droppings daily.

"It's us versus the geese and nature is going to win," Cloud said, "and possibly it should. The world belongs to nature. We're battling something that is a force beyond our ultimate ability to win - nature will always win and we're trying to keep it at bay for our kids for a while, but it's hard to figure out how to work with it as opposed to against it, which is what we want. Ultimately, that's what I want: to work with it instead of against it and get the geese to go someplace else."

BOE OKs fund balance, tax levy for 2021-22

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) Board of Education (BOE) held a special meeting on Monday, Aug. 9, for the sole purpose of authorizing both the fund balance for its approved reserves and the tax levy for the coming school year.

At 7 p.m. the board gathered in person for its meeting at the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School library. As no one from the public attended, the board dove straight into the

BOE President Anne Arent read aloud an Aug. 4 resolution authorizing the funding of the PPCSD's approved reserves

"with the excess of 4% from unassigned fund balances" from the 2021-21 academic year and "pending final audit by the external auditors." It was unanimously approved.

According to the draft 2020-21 fund balance projection, the total assigned and unassigned fund balance for last year was calculated at \$2,442,200 while the total ending fund balance (including reserves) came to \$13,239,341.

BOE member Chip Couse noted on a later date that these numbers are only estimates until the audit is complete.

Next, the BOE turned its attention toward authorizing the tax levy for the 2021-22 school year. The BOE was authorized by district voters at its annual

meeting in May to raise the current 2021-22 district budget "a sum not to exceed \$34,176,675," or the overall budget for next

The resolution also noted that the BOE is expecting unexpended funds estimated at \$2,442,200 "of which a total of \$1,075,100, including appropriated reserves, [may be] appropriated toward the 2021-22 budget."

The BOE set the tax levy at \$24,710,043 for the upcoming school year.

For Columbia County towns that are a part of the PPCSD, the total amount of taxable assessed values by town was calculated at \$431,067,065 with a distributed levy of \$6,352,228.30, while the amount for Dutchess County towns in the PPCSD came to

\$1,417,553,378 with a distributed levy of \$18,343,568.82.

Breaking this amount down by towns in Dutchess County, the taxable assessed value for Pine Plains came to \$406,294,805 with an equalized tax rate of 12.940302.

Repeating Pine Plains Superintendent of School Martin Handler's prior comments regarding the true value tax rate, Couse noted the true value tax rate "has dropped this year 100%," adding Pine Plains has the second lowest rate in Dutchess County.

"This is the first time, I think, since I've been here, we've been below \$13 on true," Handler said.

The BOE unanimously approved the tax levy and adjourned its meeting shortly thereafter.

COPAKE FALLS

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The bridge at Willow Vale Road is open for drivers, thanks to the Dutchess County Department of Public Works finishing the project ahead of schedule.

Bridge at Willow Vale Road has smooth driving

By WHITNEY JOSEPH

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PINE PLAINS — The bridge work being done on Willow Vale Road in Pine Plains is now complete, thanks to the Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW).

The DPW replaced the bridge on Willow Vale Road over the Shekomeko Creek in Pine Plains ahead of schedule and within budget — not an easy task for road crews dealing with summer storms, heat waves and high material costs — and now the road is opened to thru traffic. The project work wasn't originally scheduled to be finished until later this fall.

The project began in March, and according to the DPW, "involved replacing the structure with a one-lane bridge on an improved alignment to help increase visibility for motorists and reduce speed on the roadway."

During the road work, drivers had to take a detour along County Route 83 and Hammertown Road/Righters Corners Road (CR-70).

About 88 vehicles per day typically travel on Willow Vale

For more information, contact the Dutchess County DPW at 845-486-2925.



About 35 Pine Plains seniors lined up in the Community Room above the Pine Plains Free Library for a community lunch provided by the Moose on the Loose deli last week.

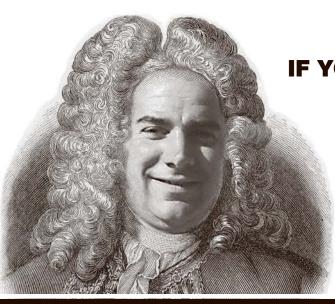
Seniors gather to enjoy lunch, courtesy of the town and deli

PINE PLAINS — Seniors living in Pine Plains spent a lovely afternoon among friends and neighbors as the town hosted a luncheon and talk on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Arranged at noon, the event drew 35 guests who dined on a meal provided by the Moose on the Loose deli inside the Community Room above the Pine Plains Free Library.

As the seniors savored their luncheon together, local filmmaker and creator of Pine Plains Views Stan Hirson provided the entertainment by presenting a slideshow and a few short films about early life on local farms as well as some modern films about life in Pine Plains.

- Kaitlin Lyle



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his Friday, Aug. 14, community newsletter email, "both will become legal, with no possibility to change our position in the

Municipalities can decide to permit the dispensaries and/ or lounges independently or

Midwood said he believes "if we opt out, we would lose the sales tax revenue while watching it continue just over our border or in the village of Millerton."

That, of course, depends if Millerton approves the dispensaries and lounges.

Being realistic about all that green

Some nearby communities, like Great Barrington, Mass., have had incredible success selling recreational marijuana since legalizing it in 2016. Much of that is due, said Kennan, to the fact that communities in neighboring states like New York have previously not legalized pot. If, however, a proliferation of legal marijuana businesses crop up in the Harlem Valley, individual municipalities may not experience the boon that towns like Great Barrington did in the years after cannabis was legalized in Massachusetts.

"I don't think people should think this is going to be a game changer for the town of North East or any other small town around here," said Kennan for that very reason.

Midwood, though, said "dispensaries will create much needed jobs; we don't prevent bars and liquor stores from selling alcohol to those over 21, so why would we ban dispensaries and lounges from operating in North East?"

When asked where he thinks the ideal location would be for such businesses, Midwood replied, "I really haven't thought about that in detail, so I prefer not to comment at this time. I will say that I do hope down the line the town will eventually opt in."

Where's the guidance? Adding to the complexity

of the issue at the moment is that New York State has not issued any guidelines as of yet on how dispensaries and smoking lounges should be regulated.

Kennan explained during an interview on Aug. 14 that was one of the major facts the board considered when it voted.

"So it's really a decision aimed at keeping our options open and giving us the time to get more details about what the state regulations are going to look like," said the supervisor, who noted he hasn't seen a timetable for when regulations will be issued by the state either.

While the state did form an initial board to evaluate marijuana smoking regulations, the change in administrations due to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Aug. 10 resignation over sexual harassment allegations and the possibility of facing impeachment might add more time to when local municipalities finally figure out which way to rule.

"With the change in the governor, that may create a further delay," agreed Kennan. "My feeling is that we have a plenty of time to make a thoughtful deci-

Community can weigh in

Which is why he and Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek have planned a community forum on the cannabis law and whether the town and village should consider allowing local dispensaries and lounges. The forum is set for Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m., at the Millerton American Legion Post 178 on Route 44.

residents and business owners show up, as it's the ideal opportunity for them to share their thoughts about an issue that will impact them for years to come.

"We need to have this discussion sooner rather than late," she said. "The tricky part is people generally have something to say after the fact. They say, 'I'm too busy and can't go to that,' or 'I didn't know about it,' but I'm hoping people will come and express their opinions, whether positive or negative."

The Millerton Village Board has not formally discussed the MRTA yet, but Najdek said she expects it will likely be on the board's agenda either for its September business meeting or October workshop meeting.

Like Kennan, she said there's been a lack of guidance from the

"They've worked out how the revenue will work but not specific guidelines of what will be permitted and what will be done or not be done," she said.

A breakdown of where

those tax dollars will go As far as the tax revenue earned from local marijuana sales, Najdek broke down how the share of the income would work between the village and the town in various scenarios.

"How it works is basically 11% goes to the state, 1% goes to the county and then the other 3% goes to the municipality the dispensary is in," she explained. "In our case, being in the village, if the town opted out and we had one, we would get 3%. If the town opted in and we had one, if we didn't have an intermunicipal agreement on how we would split the revenue, each municipality would share the revenue 50-50."

Of course, if the town opts in Najdek said she really hopes and the village doesn't, it would

not be able to locate the businesses within village lines, and the town would get the 3% in tax revenue.

Early indications

Kennan noted while he can't predict how the Town Board will vote in the future, he has talked to a few residents ranging in age who seem to be in favor of opting in and having dispensaries, but not necessarily lounges.

"I don't know that there's any great appetite for having lounges," he said. "I don't even know if there are any in Massachusetts, which is a number of years ahead of us in this."

Najdek said she herself is open to the idea of dispensaries, but wants to be cautious.

"I'd love to see a dispensary in the village, but it's hard to say what kind of revenue it would bring in," she said. "But it's extra revenue in the village, and not by taxing people. It's similar to the revenue we get from the cell tower on the water tower. The village has a very small tax base as it is, and has so many things that need work: our aging water system, roads, sidewalks, all of that costs money. If we had the revenue without taxing it onto residents' water bills or taxes at the end of the year, that would be nice."



Raingutter Regatta

Pine Plains Cub Scout Pack 3045 invited the local community to help them set sail on a brand new tradition with their first-ever Raingutter Regatta on Friday, Aug. 13. Running from 6 to 8 p.m., the regatta was held at the Pine Plains Lions Club Pavilion on Beach Road. The Cub Scouts built their own boats and raced them down inflatable raingutters. From left, back row, Pack 3045 Assistant Troop Leader Bradley Toombs and Scouts Benjamin Blue and Richard Stockton IX watched as, from left, front row, Callen Nannetti and Wyatt Witt raced their boats in the inflatable raingutters.

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ily farm helping out alongside father John and mother Clara.

At age 17, Hay ventured off to open her own feed store in Stanfordville, Hay's Country Feed 'N Needs, and later in Pine Plains on Church Street, which closed during the COVID crisis.

Now raising a fifth generation of farmers — her daughters Mila, 9, and Addisyn, 5, and son Corbin, 3 — Hay said they go to her dad's farm as often as possible. She tries to instill in her children a sense of responsibility, not to mention the pride and satisfaction of hard work.

When the pandemic hit, Hay also lost all of her online business. As COVID-19 raged on, she helped her father run his farm, which celebrated its centennial anniversary this March.

Hay said the health crisis led her to evaluate how so many farms have struggled over the past year-and-a-half, as her family's farm did. She said she realized something needed to be done — thus CFF was born. Its focus is specifically on centennial farms and their owners.

"They are truly the founders of our country, our nation," Hay explained. "They put food on everybody's tables and they're very under-appreciated and very under-supported."

Admiring their contributions, Hay said, "They are a longtime staple that have, of course, been here longer than others. Their families are reputable members of the community; they're supportive — I don't know a single farmer that hasn't offered their hand or service. They're a necessity; they're a staple."

The goal of CFF is to help support centennial farm workers through debt fulfillment grants along with business planning for the future and property tax aid assistance. In addition to financial support, Hay said CFF wants to provide emotional support to the farmers.

A psychologist with 30 years experience has already volunteered to provide her services to farmers free of charge through CFF. As the demand increases, Hay said she hopes to partner with other nonprofits that provide similar services.

Donating to CFF is simple,

said Hay, who hopes to spread the message through word of mouth. "It's as easy to saying you can

dedicate \$5 a month to help a farm family in need," she said. Sponsors can donate any

amount of their choosing as often as they can. Donations via debit or credit card may be made online at www.cff100.org, and checks can be mailed and made payable to CFOSNY Centennial Farms Foundation, P.O. Box 42, Pine Plains, NY 12567. All donations are tax deductible and donors will receive the appropriate forms following their donation.

Asked how they plan to allocate the funding to local centennial farms, Hay said they're starting in Dutchess County with its 31 registered century farm owners, and will then spread funding throughout counties in New York as their funding increases.

"I hope that the support for such a cause will be so overwhelming that we can do this from state to state and nationally," she said.

Going in order of hardship, Hay said CFF will help the farms with the worst financial situations first to help to prevent farmers in dire financial straits from losing their farms.

Given how many century farms exist in the area, she said, "I don't think people realize that just one local farm may support a farm stand that they have at their community events. It might support the restaurants in their towns, it provides at least a few jobs and provides food to the neighboring animals. Where would all the local shelters get donated items?

"There's a huge [snowball] effect," she stressed, "and then, over time, it might be just one small farm, but when enough of the farms go out, it's giving power to some of the larger farmers. It might just be one, but it's a huge effect."

CFF will hold a fundraiser, Centennial Hay Days, on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Kemmerer Farm, located at 391 Shuman Road in Stanfordville.

On top of breathtaking views of the Catskills, there will be live music from by the popular local singer Wanda Houston and the

Hay said CFF will hold future community events, including silent auctions on the farm and other activities there during the warmer months, such as open-air markets. She added the primary sources of funding she hopes for to support CFF's efforts will include individual donations, federal grants and county grants.

For more information, go to www.centennialfarmsfounda-

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even have football teams. Millbrook High School, for one, has had to join forces with Dover just to let students play. Otherwise it didn't have enough students to man a squad — and it's not just because of the pandemic.

This is also true at Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains and Webutuck High School in Amenia, much to the disappointment of some teens.

Parents are also disappointed. Especially those who may be remembering their own glory years on the field, not to mention those thinking about what the lack of athletic programs can have on future college scholarship opportunities.

Some parents have written letters to their school boards and posted on social media to complain about the lack of athletic options for their children.

A simple explanation

One reason why are now fewer options for students is simple: The drop in enrollment. It takes a certain number of players to make up a team, explained the athletic directors (ADs) interviewed for this article. (Look for more from the Pine Plains and Webutuck ADs in future issues.)

Students today also seem more interested in alternative sports.

Hammell said negative publicity around high-impact sports like football, which can lead to injuries including concussions, have also caused some to shy away from the field.

Millbrook school parent Rich Thomaselli posted on the mostlymillbrook Facebook page on July 9 his dismay about the lack of a football program. "Very disappointed to find out

today that this school administration, citing lack of interest from enough players, canceled the fall 2021 Millbrook football season — 10 weeks before the first official practice on Aug. 23."

Hammell responds

Yet some students would rather play soccer instead of football, said Hammell, as not enough students have registered for football in recent semesters. Others who have signed up haven't qualified for academic reasons or have had scheduling conflicts.

Hammell added there are "countless" reasons why the program could flop, which is why he tried merging with other schools, like Webutuck High School. That didn't work out, so he looked to-

ward Dover High School.

"You give opportunities to kids they wouldn't otherwise have [when you merge]," he said.

Merging districts to create a football program, as Millbrook has done, is just the reality of living in a small, rural district, said Hammell. At one point, he had six players signed up for the joint team, but only two agreed to play in Dover, so the full team merger fell apart. However, the two individual players ended up playing with the Dover Dragons.

Millbrook resident Patricia Aitken posted on mostlymillbrook on Aug. 11 that she was pleased Hammell's plan worked out for the students.

"I think it's great that a solution for the Millbrook players was reached...[I] hope they have

a stellar season," wrote Aitken. "We are excited to give our football players the opportunity to compete this fall in Section 9 with the Dover football team," said Hammell about the fall 2021 season. "Logistically the merger should run quite smoothly due to our close proximity to Dover."

As a side note, Hammell said there's more interest for soccer and baseball teams from students.

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based on CDC guidelines for COVID-19 prevention in K-12 schools and COVID-19 guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). It was designed "to be used in conjunction with the myriad of other local, state and national resources available to schools."

NYSED recommends monitoring community transmission of COVID-19; universal indoor masking for all, regardless of community transmission levels or vaccination status; and maintaining a social distance of at least 3 feet in the classroom combined with wearing masks indoors.

It should be noted that as of Aug. 9, CDC ranked Dutchess County among the 18 counties in the state with "high" transmission rates (i.e. counties that recorded between 50 and 99.99 new cases per 100,000 people in a week's time), according to The Daily Voice. The NYSDOH reported three people in Dutchess County died this week from COVID-19, bringing new positive cases in the county to 93 and total positive cases to 30,806.

The NYSED stated as long as local public health officials agree, schools may open for in-person instruction, adding remote instruction should only be for when school is closed during public health emergencies.

Local districts plan

School districts in the region have been assembling plans based on available guidance.

On Friday, Aug. 6, Webutuck Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani posted a letter online announcing plans for a five-day in-person schedule for students in grades K through 12. It can be viewed at www.webu-

tuckschools.org. Though he hopes to stick to that plan, Castellani acknowledged last week it's "very subject to change in the next few weeks," depending on any guidance he receives, any surges in COVID-19 cases or the highly-transmissible delta variant, community input and the Board of Education's (BOE) final input.

"I would love to have nothing more than to have a normal opening of schools," Castellani said, "but the way the pandemic is exploding again, we have to take the safety of all into account."

Asked if he felt abandoned by the DOH not issuing any guidance, Castellani said, "Abandoned is a strong word. I would say that we feel that we've been hung out to dry to make these decisions locally and be responsible to our students and our staff... We would love a little bit more support and guidance from above."

The Millerton News contacted other local superintendents to ask about their plans for fall.

Pine Plains Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler said he'll present his plan to the BOE on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m. It essentially mirrors the CDC, AAP and NYSED guidance.

The Millbrook Central School District also has a plan in the works, which it will present to its BOE on Wednesday, Aug. 18.



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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

LIVE MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Beloved Local Band, The Joint Chiefs Perform on Aug. 20

f the Tristate region can be said to have 🚣 a "house band," then that band is probably The Joint Chiefs, a perennially popular quartet featuring Eliot Osborn, Louise Lindenmeyr, George Potts and Diana Herold.

They play shows throughout the region throughout the year. A next opportunity — for anyone who has missed them so far — comes up on Friday, Aug. 20, at The Center on Main in Falls Village, Conn., with the doors open at 6 p.m. and a 7 p.m. start for the music (which will be played in one long set). Tickets are \$15 per person.

Although they do cover popular songs and favorite tunes (Beatles, soul, folk, rhythm and blues), they also write much of their own music. It's always very singalong, dance-along, clap-

Their own songs are usually amusing, always tuneful and literate. One can get a feeling for them just from the email announcement they sent out in advance of the Aug. 20 concert,



PHOTO BY CHRIS LITTLE

The Joint Chiefs continue a summer-long series of concerts in the Tristate region with a performance in Falls Village, Conn., on Aug. 20.

and addressed to their fans, known as the Chief Heads or C'Heads for short:

"C'Heads: Clearly summer is evaporating faster than dew drops in the morning sun. It won't be long before indoor musical events are our only option — or will they be? While they still are, please consider joining us.

"Save for the hallowed environs of Infinity Hall, the Center on Main is as

delightful a performance space as we are fortunate enough to have in our neighborhood. Currently home to the Falls Village Children's Theater and recently the beneficiary of a dynamic music series that flourished under the direction of Twelve Moons Coffee House, the room is drenched with character and blessed with superb acoustic properties. We will be playing a mixture of old favorites and new songs

we have only just begun to play in front of an audience."

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Center on Main.

"Current state and CDC guidelines regarding indoor gatherings will be observed. Please feel free to bring whatever you might wish to eat or drink during the course of the evening."

Tickets are available at the door on the evening of the performance. To learn more about The *Joint Chiefs, go to www.* jointchiefsmusic.com.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Some of your summer edibles have probably died back by now; take some of their seeds and plant them again for an autumn harvest.

EDIBLES:

CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The End of Summer Isn't the **End of Farming**

ugust is wonderful because Lit's the peak of summer but it's sad because you know that autumn is on its way.

I often wonder why autumn can't be the same as spring, with that same sense of anticipation I feel as I wait for my seedlings to turn into full-fledged plants.

The University of Connecticut Home & Garden Education Center inspired me with its newsletter on July 21. The ground right now is warm and wet, the newsletter said —creating the perfect conditions for germinating new seeds.

You might not need to go hunting around at your local garden center or nursery to find those seeds; they might be right in your own garden.

This year for the first time, I planted sugar snap peas, which I expected to start producing sweet, crunchy peas early in spring - and then quickly disappear. In fact, my vines kept producing peas all through July. When they were done, they left me with an enormous number of fat little seed pods that I have just planted, in hopes of getting of an autumn crop.

The UConn newsletter gave me dispensation to plant this next round of peas right on top of my original crop. Ideally you rotate to a new location, but "unless you had some disease or pest problem, replanting will be OK right now."

Peas like cool weather. So do radishes and lettuce; those tiny vegetables seem so fragile and yet they're the ones that can best tolerate frost.

If you had early spring dill, you'll be getting dill seeds soon; try planting them back in the ground, and do the same with the seed pods that might be turning brown now on your arugula plants.

Weather is unpredictable, especially in this time of climate change. It's possible there will be a hard early frost and all your plantings will suffer because of it. If you replanted your own seeds, you haven't really lost anything. But it's also possible that we will have a lovely warm and lengthy autumn which you can spend in your garden, harvesting some of your "spring" edibles.

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Artwork of Terre Lefferts, 199 Main St, Salisbury, Conn.

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Fulling Lane, Kent, Conn. www. artnet.com/galleries/cravencontemporary/

The Flowers Featuring Alex Katz and Michael De Feo, Through Sept. 19.

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great

Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org Paul Taylor Dance Company, Sept. 3 and 4, 8 p.m.

PS21 Chatham, 2980 Route 66, Chatham, N.Y. www. ps21chatham.org **Movement Without** Borders - Ballet with Adam Weinert, Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

MUSIC

Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn. www.musicmountain.org Gabriel Alegria Afro-Peruvian Sextet, Aug. 21, 3 p.m.; Jupiter String Quartet, Aug. 22, 3 p.m.; Galvanized Jazz Band, Aug. 28, 3 p.m.

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www. sharonplayhouse.org The Sounds of Swing & Soul, Aug. 21, 8 p.m.; Laser Encounter, Aug. 27 and 28, 8:30 p.m.; The Rave-Ons, Sept. 11, 8 p.m.

THEATER

Shakespeare & Company, 70 Kemble St., Lenox, Mass. www. shakespeare.org King Lear, through Aug. 28; ART, through Aug. 22; Measure for Measure: A Production Workshop, Sept. 1 to 5; hang, Sept. 10 through Oct. 3; The Chairs,

Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. www. warnertheatre.org Nate Bargatze: The Raincheck Tour, Sept. 18,

Oct. 8 through 31.



CELEBRITY CRUSHES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Billy Collins, Former Poet Laureate, Comes to Winsted and AMP

t's hard to comprehend that boyish and wryly hilarious Billy Collins, the former poet laureate of the United States, is 80 years old.

It's hard to comprehend, also, that someone whose work is so accessible and delicious could have been selected for an honor such as the Poet Designated to Reach Out to a Nation aka U.S. Poet Laureate. He was chosen by Pres. George W. Bush and served from 2001 to 2003 and during that time helped millions of people across America understand that poetry can be wonderful, if it's prepared just the right way.

Collins was a professor at Lehman College in New York City for many years, but after retiring in 2016 he now lives in California and Florida. He journeys back east/north again to help The American Mural Project in Winsted celebrate its Art of Work Gala on Saturday, Sept. 18.

The gala begins at 5 p.m. with a reception (open bar, hors d'oeuvres) and tours of the massive mural being constructed under the guidance and inspiration of Ellen Griesedieck of Sharon, Conn. The mural honors America's workers, an appropriate subject for a work of art that fills a massive former industrial mill.

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PHOTO FROM MASTERCLASS

To get a taste of the wry and delightful wonder of Billy Collins, watch the teaser for his Master Class lessons on writing poetry.

Collins will take the stage at 6 p.m. and read a selection of poems specially selected for the gala.

If you think that nothing could be more boring than a poetry reading, you should definitely watch one of the many videos online of Collins reading. He isn't just dry and funny; his poems are observational and casual and conversational, and are more like having a chat with a wry and insightful friend than like a high school poetry class.

Collins himself isn't exactly a fan of the traditional poetry seminar; look at his poem on this page, "Introduction to Poetry," to get a sense of what it looks

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like from the teacher's podium.

Collins also teaches poetry through the Master Class online program. The trailer for the class on YouTube is a delight unto itself.

The Mural Project is also a delight; if you haven't seen it, you should.

There are three levels of tickets for the gala. All of course include the reception and the reading. There will also be a dessert reception after the reading; general tickets are \$175. Priority tickets are \$300 and include special seating. The \$500 tickets include a special dessert reception with Collins.

The festivities begin at 5

Sunday

Aug 22, 3 pm

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INTRODUCTION

By Billy Collins

TO POETRY

I ask them to take a poem and hold it up to the light like a color slide

or press an ear against its hive.

I say drop a mouse into a poem and watch him probe his way out,

or walk inside the poem's room and feel the walls for a light switch.

I want them to waterski across the surface of a poem waving at the author's

name on the shore. But all they want to do is tie the poem to a

chair with rope and torture a confession out of it.

They begin beating it with a hose to find out what it really means.

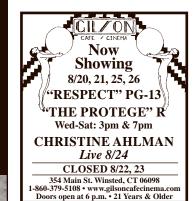
p.m. with a tour of AMP's mill building, with an open bar and "generous hors d'oeuvres."

Guests can view the current mural installation progress.

Event contingency plans are in place to comply with state mandates.

For tickets or more information, call 860-379-3006 or go to www.americanmuralproject.org/gala.

At The Movies



STREAMING: ED FERMAN

Two Great British **Series that Veer Toward the Fantastic**

nside No. 9 might be the best show you've never seen. BBC keeps it going despite its small audience, perhaps because of critical acclaim or pressure from devoted viewers who love that this show does something new and does it brilliantly.

Created by Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith, each 30-minute episode tells a different story in a different setting, ranging from a 17th-century witch trial to an office comedy told through CCTV footage.

Almost all feature a bizarre twist at the end (which you will never guess). Often the twist is dark, as in "The Bill," where an argument about who will pay the dinner check escalates into something homicidal — or does it?

Sometimes it may move you to tears as in "The 12 Days of Christine."

And occasionally you'll be laughing out loud, as in "Zanzibar," a farce told entirely in iambic pentameter. The only thing the episodes share is a link in some way to the number 9.

Here are two remarkable things: Every episode is good, some better than others of course, but not a dud in the many I've seen.

And although you know you're being set up for a twist, the first 25 minutes are always compelling and well acted.

Take "Bernie Clifton's Dressing Room," which stars Pemberton and Shearsmith playing two comedians reunited after 30 years and rehearsing for one final show.

Their lives have changed in drastically different ways, and tension grows as they try out their dated, wacky routines. The ending is both surprising and inevitable, and it is heartbreaking.

You need to do some digging to find "No. 9," but it's worth the effort. There are six short series. Three are on Hulu; all are rent-

able on Amazon or free on Britbox, which is available through Amazon.

lack Mirror is sometimes compared to "No. 9," but it more closely resembles "The Twilight Zone."

Created by Charlie **Brooker for Channel 4** in the U.K., it was later produced by Netflix. The 22 stand-alone episodes vary greatly, but most veer toward that branch of science fiction called speculative fiction, near-future stories about technology out of control.

In "Nosedive," eye implants and mobile devices enable people to rate interactions with others from one to five stars; the ratings affect your wealth and social status. The story centers on Lacie Pound, (Bryce Dallas Howard), whose rating has plateaued at 4.2. Her desperate efforts to improve it result in a darkly funny ending.

"San Junipero" is a love story set in a beach resort that turns out to be an alternative reality in which the deceased can live, inhabiting their younger bodies. One of the most popular episodes, it won a 2017 Emmy for Best Television Movie.

"The National Anthem" is a black comedy in which Princess Susannah, a beloved member of the royal family, is kidnapped and will be released only if the British Prime Minister has sex with a pig on live TV. Will he comply? The Home Secretary says yes, his wife says no, a tough decision for a head of state. Go to Netflix, Episode 1, Series 1.

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Pools, ponds and problems for **Washington Planning Board**

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

WASHINGTON - The Washington Planning Board met on Tuesday, Aug. 3, with an agenda that concerned a mining operation, a swimming pool, a land division and patios with tree removals.

The first matter on the agenda was old business, a request to relocate an existing common driveway involving Bancroft Farms and RDR Millbrook Properties on Verbank Road. This matter has already had a public hearing that had closed. Chris Lapine of the engineering firm, Chazen Companies, was on hand to speak about the details of the project. The request to relocate the driveway was granted.

The second matter involved the Mailman Conservation Area Project, which is requesting a special use permit for 113 Woodstock Road by the Chatillon Realty Corporation. Christopher Mailman has applied to re-adapt a former mine, about 35 acres in size, into a conserved area of woodland meadow with about 20 acres of open water and a shallow wetland for maximum biodiversity.

In order for this to happen, Mailman wants to remove up to 2 million tons of sand and gravel through a mining process that would involve trucks and heavy duty equipment traveling on local roads to haul out the materials. He said traffic flow would not be greatly impacted, according to studies he has had done. The property has a view of a waterfall. The project involves a 350-foot stretch of Shaw Creek.

It was brought to the board's attention one of Mailman's neighbor would be subject to trucks passing their home a reported 35 times a day, with the prime egress to Mailman's property being on Route 82.

According to the application, no regulated wetlands are within the area that is to be disturbed. Additionally, the applicant said the water should drain internally. Mailman also said no processing of the sand or gravel would be done on site and the drivers would not be based there. He added work hours would be between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Mailman's request; it said the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will need to weight in on the request, which will also have to go before the town's Zoning

Board of Appeals (ZBA).

A request for a waiver of a public hearing was made by Apollo Millbrook Trust for a lot-line revision. The revised tax parcels would be compliant with the requirements of the Rural Residential and Land Conservation Zoning Districts, apparently, and no new tax parcels would be created. The application and escrow fees have been paid and the board approved the request.

David Mellins applied for a Wetlands and Water Course Permit for his property at 119 North Mabbettsville Road for the removal of ash trees killed or debilitated by emerald ash bore. He is also seeking to remove some sugar maples he said threaten electric poles and lines, as well as his house and deck.

Mellins said he wants to thin the trees' branches and understory to improve the view of a waterfall, and to construct two patios connected by a cement walkway.

The board was told that his neighbors had reported Mellins for taking down several trees, chipping the wood from those trees and disposing the wood chips in the creek.

Mellins was asked to cease and desist all activity until a wetlands and waterway permit is issued or authorization from the town obtained. Mellins re-

portedly did not complete the application properly and was told to resubmit it.

was a request to install an in-Road by Marcia Renert. On July 27, Renert submitted an application to the town, paid the \$600 fee and assumed she could inpool as far as she could or resituate it. She got the permit, she said, and then hired a contractor to install the pool on Aug. 5.

Renert seemed visibly upset, as she had already paid the pool company and town permit fee and has to cancel or postpone the installation. It could take until October until the Planning Board reviews her application.

The last item on the agenda ground pool at 580 Oak Summit stall her pool. She thought she needed only a 50-foot buffer zone; she offered to move the

When her neighbors found out, they complained because Renert's property is considered wetlands. Renert was told to go to the Planning Board. The board discovered she also filled out her application erroneously and also must appeal to the ZBA before return to the Planning

The next Planning Board meeting is set for Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall or via Zoom. For more information and the Zoom link, go to www.washingtonny.org.



Stage crews set up around the Millbrook Diner to shoot part of the HBO five-part series, "The White House Plumbers," about the Watergate-Nixon scandal earlier this month. There were vintage cars lining Franklin Avenue to draw viewers into that era, not shown.

'The Plumbers' film in Millbrook

MILLBROOK — For lovers of nostalgia, Millbrook was the perfect place to be on Thursday, Aug. 5, as HBO filmed part of its upcoming five-part series, "The White House Plumbers" at the Millbrook Diner and elsewhere throughout the scenic village.

Reardon Briggs Hardware store was magically turned into Epstein & Stover, complete with a window display redo. Cars, mostly from the 1960s, were parked along Franklin Avenue, and extras wearing clothes from that era walked up and down the tree-lined street.

About 100 production crew

members scurried here and there, getting everything into place. One woman had the task of affixing bogus Maryland license plates over the legitimate license plates of the vintage cars.

Judging from the wrapped sandwiches and drink and coffee containers, it looked like village businesses reaped the benefits.

And although the diner had to close for a few days, it will forever be a part of the mini-series, as will the memories made during the few days that the film crew was in Millbrook.

The shooting took place each day from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m., so a great many villagers got a peek at the Hollywood happenings.

The series stars Woody Harrelson, Justin Theroux, Lena Headey and Domnall Gleeson.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Hynes Home Inspections, LLC filed Articles of Organization on 05/06/21. Its office is located in Dutchess County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom processagainstitmaybeserved and a copy of any process shall be mailed to 3 Westview Drive, Poughkeepsie NY 12603. The purpose of the company is to provide home purchasers the opportunity to have a licensed home inspection.

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TOWN OF AMENIA **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Highway Material Bids BIDS FOR THE PERIOD** 9/16/2021 to 9/15/2022

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for the purchase of supplies used by

the Amenia Highway Department during the year will be received until 2 p.m. on Monday, August 30, 2021 at the Town Clerk's

Office, Town of Amenia, Town

Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501 and opened and read at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Highway office at 845-373-9922. <U>All bids must include a notarized non-collusive statement and corporate bidders must file a corporate resolution with a corporate seal. All envelopes must be clearly marked "Bid 9/16/2021 to 9/15/2022".

The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids will be awarded at the next scheduled Town Board Meeting September 16, 2021.

Megan Chamberlin Superintendent of Highways Town of Amenia

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Millbrook Garden Club makes donation to the Historical Society

celebrated at the Monday, Aug. 2, donation of the Garden Club's precious archives.

MILLBROOK - The Millbrook Garden Club (MGC) made its first donation to the Millbrook Historical Society on Monday, Aug. 2, at the Village Hall site of the Historical

Senior Archivist Lea Cornell, accompanied by MGC President Alison Granucci and member Amanda Ruane, presented their founding documents from 1913, the meeting minutes from 1931 to 1940, the corporate seal and medals received from the Garden Club of America in 1940 and 1960.

From left, Millbrook Garden Club (MGC) Archivist Lea Cornell, MGC President Alison

Granucci and MGC member Amanda Ruane, along with Millbrook Historical Society

President Robert McHugh and members Robert Mahar, Linda Kolts and Alison Meyer

The collection has been housed in private members' homes, in their attics, cellars and garages.

At the Garden Club's July meeting its members voted to donate the materials to the MHS so that future generations will be able to come to know the history of the MGC, and what it has meant to the community

and the history of the village.

MHS President Robert McHugh was on hand to receive the donation, along with Kathy Derringer and Bernadette Symanski, who have long taken care of the MHS archives, and who are now retiring.

Other members attending the event were Alison Meyer, Jim Inglis, Linda Koltz, Robert Mahar, Courtney Tshalis and Nan and David Greenwood.

- Iudith O'Hara Balfe

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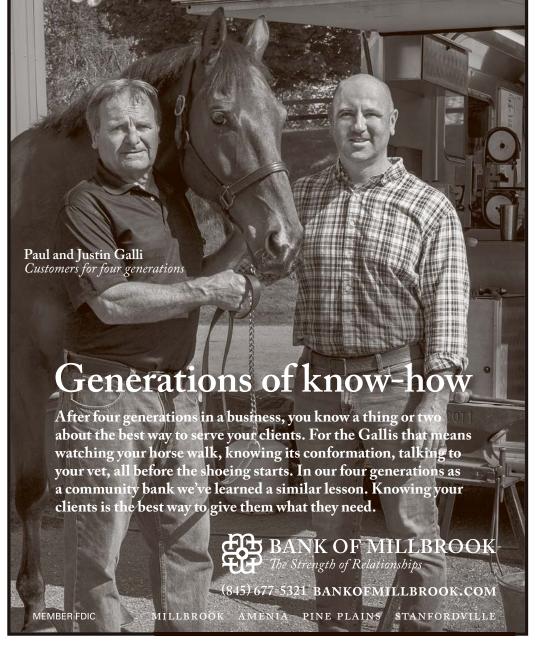
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EDITORIAL

Centennial Farms Foundation's quest to save Century Farms

entennial Farms Foundation is holding its inaugural Centennial Hay Days celebration on Saturday, Aug. 21, and we think it's special enough and important enough to write about the foundation's endeavors here and now.

The story of the Centennial Farms Foundation (CFF) is inspiring. It's about Pine Plains resident and multigenerational hay farmer Emily Hay (and we can't resist... how perfect is her name?), who grew up on the Kemmerer Farm in Stanfordville. The farm celebrated its centennial anniversary this March.

A "centennial farm" is defined as a farm that has remained within a single family's ownership continuously for 100 years

Hay can still be found helping out her father, John, and her mother, Clara, on the Kemmerer Farm along with her siblings. She was forced to shut down her own business, a feed store in Pine Plains, last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

That's when she decided to create the CFF along with her husband, Bradley. According to her she is "a fourth-generation farmer, mother and entrepreneur [who then] had a lot of time on my hands to brainstorm, research and network."

While we're sorry she had to suffer through the economic hardships of the pandemic along with so many other New Yorkers and Americans, we're glad that it led to something as productive and magnanimous as her new foundation.

As Hay explained to this newspaper, the CFF is a charitable organization for century farmers facing hardships. It is currently backed by what she described as "the phenomenal support" of the Community Foundations of Orange and Sullivan (CFOS), out of those counties in the lower Hudson Valley.

She expounded further her very personal reasons for wanting to start the foundation.

"Witnessing firsthand the struggles my family faced, I understand the areas that farmers are lacking in support, and that now, more than ever, it is vital that they receive it. As people who feed the world, farmers are widely under appreciated. The presence of small farms in our communities is diminishing at an alarming rate."

We agree, farmers — especially century farmers here in the Harlem Valley — are becoming too rare a breed these days. They've fed us and our families for eons; now they need our support. We commend Hay for using her COVID downtime to come up with such a positive solution for this very important segment of our population.

Part of the way Hay hopes the foundation can assist century farmers is by providing debt fulfillment grants. She also wants to offer services including emotional support, financial and business planning and property tax aid. She already has one psychologist on board who has volunteered to provide her services to farmers free of charge through CFF. She's hoping more professionals will follow suit in that field and

Next year she is expecting to receive applications from Dutchess County farmers in need, including farmers from Millerton and North East, not to mention the towns of Pine Plains, Stanford, Amenia, Washington and surrounding com-

Currently there are 31 registered century farm owners in Dutchess County; Hay said CFF will start allocating funds to those farmers, prioritizing the ones most in need. It will then distribute the money the foundation raises to other counties throughout New York as more funds are raised.

To that end, CFF will hold its first-ever fundraiser, Centennial Hay Days, on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 4 to 9 p.m. at Kemmerer Farm, located at 391 Shuman Road in Stanfordville. She, along with this newspaper, is hoping that COVID rates will be low enough to allow for many to attend. Please follow all health and safety guidelines.

Those who don't feel comfortable attending in person may still make a tax-deductible donation to the CFF. Donations may be made online at www.cff100.org; checks may also be mailed and made payable to CFOSNY Centennial Farms Foundation, P.O. Box 42, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

For more information on the Centennial Farms Foundation, go to www.centennialfarmsfoundation.org.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANHNA seeks help to provide school supplies

From Aug. 16 to Sept. 3, 2021 Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors Association (ANHNA) will collect school supplies at three locations:

Ancram — please leave school supplies at the Ancram Town Hall during Town Hall business hours;

Ancram and Ancramdale Post Offices - please leave school supplies inside the post offices in the boxes marked school supplies; we collect school supplies for the Taconic Hills, Pine Plains and Webutuck schools. We've been advised that there are children in our communities who need our

The schools were most appreciative of the supplies we've donated in the past and, with your generous help, we hope we can do even better this year!

Many school supplies are on sale now at nearby stores. If you are not able to shop for these items yourself, we will accept donations and, in turn, purchase the supplies the students need.

Please make your check payable to ANHNA, note "school supplies" on the memo line, and mail your contribution to ANHNA, P.O. Box 97, Ancramdale, NY 12503.

Your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent of the law as we are a not-for-profit 501(C)3 corporation.

School supplies needed:

Pencils and pencil cases Child's scissors (blunt end)

Folders with pockets Crayola crayons (fat or thin) Three-ring binders Colored pencils

Three-hole loose leaf paper Erasers

Notebooks Magic markers

Durable backpacks Glue sticks Tissues

If you have any questions, call Laura Ponkos at 518-329-2031 or Karen Davenport 518-929-7451 or email ANHNAinfo@gmail.com. Thank you.

Laura Ponkos, ANHNA Board member Ancram

Karen Davenport. ANHNA Board member Ancramdale

Amenia Democrats invite voters to meet and greet

The Amenia Democratic Committee (ADC) will be hosting an outdoors event on Sunday, Aug. 29, from 3 to 5 p.m.

This is an opportunity to meet both Dutchess County and local Democratic candidates for office. Confirmation has been received from Robin Lois (running for re-election as Dutchess County comptroller), Rachel Saunders (running for Dutchess County Family Court judge) and Danny Hutnick (running for Dutchess County legislator — District 25). Thomas Davis (candidate for New York State Supreme Court judge, 9th Judicial District) has been invited.

Leo Blackman and Katherine Lee (both first-time candidates for Amenia Town Board) will provide

brief statements regarding their interest in serving town residents.

Dawn Marie Klingner (incumbent Amenia town clerk) and Chris Klingner (Amenia town justice candidate) have previous commitments so cannot attend.

The event will be held at the Indian Rock Schoolhouse Pavilion, 25 Mygatt Road, Amenia.

There will be informal conversation with the candidates before and after they speak, plus an opportunity to ask questions. All are welcome.

Contact ADC at ameniademocrats@gmail.com or call 845-877-7212 with any questions.

> **Polly Pitts Garvin** Amenia Democratic Committee chair

Amenia

A quick aviation and space roundup

There is too much going on in the cutting edge of flight technology development to explain everything in detail, so here's a quick overview of this month's news...

The U.S. Energy Department (the folks who control all nuclear material and uses) and NASA have selected three designs for high-assay low-enriched uranium fueled reactors in space. Yes, we already have several nuclear mini-reactors in orbit, but these three designs are for propulsion — rocket motors to you and me.

The race to space requires more launching pads, more space launch facilities, more component factories for all aviation. Mexico has become one of the top "best cost" locations on the planet with more than 300 suppliers setting up shop there. But with COVID and the U.S./Mexico arguments on illegal immigration, many suppliers were walking away. That is until Mexico assured the aviation community that it was an "onshoring" trusted ally/partner.

Some USA aviation suppliers are currently off-shoring manufacture that China could steal secrets from. Mexico is aligning its security with the USA with Biden's help and aviation and space suppliers are eyeing the benefits.

Meantime, Russia, realizing that it cannot compete with the incredible wizardry (or cost) of the F-35 and futuristic war planes the U.S. is developing, and desperately needing export orders, their engineers have come up with a warplane that may prove, in numbers alone, one of the world's most popular. The Sukhoi LTA program was developed from the wizardry (but expensive to buy, run and maintain) Sukhoi-57 but scaled back. Yes the engine and vertical V tails are fully movable, giving the plane incredible agility up to 10gs, but, and here's the catch: The plane is mostly molded in giant sections, then glued together. The estimate is that you can buy five base models for the price of one F-35.

OK, with all those flights to space, who's tracking everything? Well, air traffic control for USA space required a new center, which just opened in Warrenton, Va. Run by the FAA at their Ait Traffic Control System Command Center, every flight to space

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

over the USA is now tracked, approved, sanctioned from that facility. The stuff put into space outside of the USA is monitored, only, by NORAD.

A company called Sakowin has developed a "green machine" methane recycling into green hydrogen (for future jet propulsion), propane for domestic use and chunks of solid carbon for agriculture and industry. Where's the methane from? A by-product of natural gas and garbage dumps across the USA. Waste? Zero.

Meantime, the weapons development of cruise missiles, hypersonic and sub-sonic, continues apace. Fearful of what the Russians and Chinese are doing, Lockheed Martin and others have a whole range of recently unveiled weapons, led by the successfully tested ARRW (air launched rapid response weapon), which can be fired from a bomber at altitude, then travel 500 miles or more to an accurate target.

Oh, and it's not really new. It's being deployed next year. The ones we can't hear about yet are, no doubt, already in trials like the Skunk Works' "Speed Racer" or the P-95X project. The significance of the Skunk Works' projects is that they are digitizing everything, to enable new concepts to fly within months instead of years and be in full production within a few years instead of decades.

Last, but by no means least, is a repair truck for space. Northrup Grumman's Mission Extension Vehicle (MEV-1) flew successfully all the way to 25,000 miles above earth to the geostationary orbit of Intelsat 901 — a defunct geostationary satellite worth (in today's cost) over a billion dollars. MEV-1 attached itself to the satellite (hooked up), refueled it, fixed a computer issue and made it work perfectly well for at least five more years.

Anyone want a tow truck driver's job in space?

Writer Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now lives in New Mexico.



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Pie in the sky

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A nation in turmoil, with dangerous consequences party work for us, not we for them.

Antifa; BLM; The 1619 Project; unchecked cancel culture; defund and abuse the police; critical race theory; white supremacy; failed city, state and federal leadership or lack thereof; uncontrolled lawlessness and homelessness; the decay of morals and ethics; the recent invitation to the unvetted world to enter through our southern border now controlled and regulated by drug cartels; and a current completely failed domestic and foreign policy.

All of the above has contributed to a downhill slippery slope of national division culminating in a cesspool of corruption, hatred, mistrust, national political and racial division and educational decay. It's degrading our national security, causing disrespect and abuse of our history, our military and our law enforcement, not to mention rampant homelessness, drug abuse and sadly, even death.

A former mostly-honest electoral process is now in jeopardy.

VETERAN'S CORNER Larry Conklin

We have slipped from a once proud, self-sufficient nation cautiously feared by our enemies and mostly respected by our allies to currently being manipulated by our allies as we offer a pathway to abuse and attacks by our enemies — without fear of consequences or reprisal.

Our present federal administration thus far has been a disappointment. The president seems confused, disoriented and lacking effective leadership skills. His administration is mostly focused on a political agenda of retaining power at any cost. It seems President Biden has forgotten that he and those he has appointed as well as the rest of those who were elected under his wing of the Democratic

Undocumented citizens

around the world were invited to the U.S. by then-presidential candidate Biden, resulting in what is now a full-blown disaster at our southern border. That's causing thousands of people to be transported at taxpayer expense to red states, I believe, with the intent of swaying future voting trends.

Those dependent upon the government will then be most likely to vote progressive liberal during the next election. Bait 'em, hook 'em and land 'em, that's what this administration is trying to do. What is sad and tragic is that many of those people who are trying to reach our southern border are suffering horrible atrocities, some dying in the process.

I don't blame them for coming, seeking a better life. I blame this administration for putting them in harm's way due to political incompetence.

You won't see or hear this on

mainstream or social media, as they cater to their own agendas. If you eat or drink, use the TV or computer, or basically use any form of energy, you are paying for our stimulus funds and folly.

But beware — a tumultuous and dangerous era is upon us. Democrat, Republican, Independent, liberal or conservative, we are all in this together. Our nation has evolved through the actions and efforts of patriots and warriors. I know that we will never capitulate. Stay observant, seek the truth and look after one an-

God bless you, patriotic readers, and your families. Enjoy this summer and your precious times together.

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

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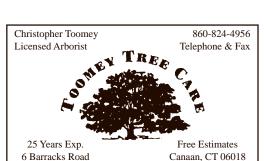




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