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Pine Plains opts out Marijuana can't be sold or smoked publicly, for now

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PINE PLAINS — Like the neighboring town of North East did at its board meeting on Aug. 12, the Pine Plains Town Board decided to refrain from permitting marijuana dispensaries and/or lounges to operate anywhere within its 31.2-square mile town when it met to discuss the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA) on Thursday, Aug. 19. The board had met days earlier on Monday, Aug. 16, to discuss the MRTA in greater detail but had failed to come to a decision.

The MRTA was adopted by the State of New York in March, when it legalized adult-use recreational marijuana. The State of New York approved medical marijuana in 2014.

Governor Andrew Cuomo, who will have turned over his office to incoming governor, Kathy Hochul, on Aug. 24, gave municipalities a Dec. 31

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Longtime Pine Plains Town Clerk Judy Harpp retires after 33 years of service

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PINE PLAINS — Described as the “face of Pine Plains,” by her one-time boss and longtime friend, current Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19), who for 12 years also served as Pine Plains town supervisor, Judy Harpp officially served the last of her 33 years as Pine Plains town clerk on Aug. 15.

It was 33 years well spent, said Harpp, a Republican who describes herself as a “people person,” which is a real plus for someone who is the point person of an entire town.

“I enjoyed the job,” said Harpp last week, after she had a few days to reflect on her new life of leisure. “I like people.”

It seems more than evident from the past three-plus decades that people like her, too.

After all, Harpp had not only answered phones at and given directions to and from the Pine Plains Town Hall as part of her job as town clerk; she issued hunting, dog and all sorts of licenses; performed weddings and issued death certificates; researched genealogy (a personal hobby); not to mention publicly noticed and taken minutes at every Town Board meeting, public hear-



PHOTO BY STAN HIRSON

Former Pine Plains Town Clerk Judy Harpp celebrated her retirement at the Backyard Garden on Church Street on Thursday, Aug. 19, with her longtime co-workers after being on the job for 33 years.

ing and special meeting on record during her tenure while providing board members and town attorneys with all of the requisite reading materials, applications, legal files and any other necessary paperwork for them to base their decisions on while keeping the community both in the loop and under control during what could sometimes be both contentious and even raucous public meetings.

The amazing thing is that no matter the circumstance, as town

clerk, Judy Harpp always managed to stay in control despite having a very petite frame; some attribute it to her endearing personality, sharp wit and constant smile.

“She was the face of Pine Plains — there’s no if’s and’s or but’s about that,” said Pulver. “Anybody who came in, she was who they wanted to see. Everybody thinks the town supervisor is the most important position in town; it’s important, but Judy was the most important position in town. She was probably

the most important person in town government... She was a true public servant... it’s going to be a huge hole to fill, no doubt about it.”

Current town Supervisor Darrah Cloud, a Democrat, who is serving her second term and therefore worked with Harpp for about three-and-a-half years, agreed with Pulver.

“She is the person,” said Cloud, strenuously emphasizing the “the.”

Cloud added without any ego, that if residents moved out of town and returned to visit, they would stop by Town Hall, specifically to see Harpp.

“A lot of people would come by the office to visit her,” she said. “I just feel like she was kind of the keeper of the flame here.”

If not for a rather “pushy” Rosie Chase and Virginia Kemp, said Harpp, she would never have been town clerk in the first place. That’s because 33 years ago, the previous town clerk, M. Pat Blakney, announced she was retiring, and the Town Board needed to find a

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Local ADs talk Football programs depend on merging

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HARLEM VALLEY — The question as to why participation in many of the region’s high school football programs has dropped so dramatically in recent years has been raised by parents during the coronavirus pandemic — and even beforehand — causing a number of local athletic directors (AD) to respond.

Last week, Millbrook Central School District AD Al Hammell went on the record in a front page article about why he believes the number of high school athletes playing

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Adorable & adoptable
Above, from left, Miller Veterinary Practice employees Deirde St. John, Jonah Cannella and Kristen Aubry welcomed visitors to the Dog Days of Summer, with info and raffle tickets to benefit The Little Guild Animal Shelter in Cornwall, Conn. Left, Drako, an Australian Cattle mix up for adoption.

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Celebration for Eddie Collins Park redo five years in the making

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — This week’s hottest event promises to be the free ice cream social and ground breaking celebrating the start of a new day for the temporarily named Millerton Community Park at Eddie Collins Memorial Park on Saturday, Aug. 28, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, Aug. 29. The park is located on Route 22, just north of the main intersection in the village and steps from Main Street.

Revitalization Committee Chairman Stephen Waite initially approached the village with the idea of renovating the deteriorating facility after suggesting a community-wide recreation survey. Waite and his volunteer team have been working tirelessly since getting the village received a 2017 grant to update the community

resource and create a genuine community space for all. Waite has worked closely with local architect and Revitalization Committee Co-Chair Jeanne Vanecko.

The group wants the park “to be as accessible as possible. It needs to be for all — from kids to older folks — all ages and all abilities,” said Waite.

The inclusive concept begins with Saturday’s Free Family Fun event, which Waite sees as an opportunity to celebrate the work that has been done so far and to raise enthusiasm for the future plans. It will include refreshments, an open playground, Bee Bee the Clown and music by the popular band The Joint Chiefs.

Mirroring the park’s 1964 dedication, which drew an estimated 1,500 people, community leaders including

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Library gets creative and mobile with \$25k county grant

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The boundaries of the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) are in the process of expanding geographically and creatively thanks to a huge chunk of change that was just dropped into its donation jar by Dutchess County in the form of a \$25,000 grant. The funding is designed to make up for some of the deficits caused in childhood development by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant, which came from federal monies filtered through the state and eventually by the county, amounts to five times the library's annual budget for children and teenagers, according to Youth Program Coordinator Kristin McClune.

McClune said a portion of the funds will be used to create a Makerspace, which, she explained, is as much a concept as it is a physical entity. It's also an idea that has spread like wildfire throughout schools, libraries

and other institutions across the country.

The Makerspaces are super-sophisticated, elevated arts and crafts for the 21st Century. They provide users with technical equipment and materials they otherwise might not have access to in order to explore and bring ideas to life.

McClune said the grant, which represents approximately 10% of the funds distributed by the county during this pandemic period, will be used in part to purchase two 3-D printers and other materials for the NEML. The items will help advance patrons' understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) subjects by purchasing "robotics kits and other supplies for pop-up science events on-site and off-site," said an enthusiastic McClune.

She noted the investment — something the library could not have afforded on its own — is in part a follow-up to a recent and tremendously popular program

sponsored by Bard College that was presented at the Millerton library.

McClune said she feels the Makerspace programs have risen in popularity because "people do like to create something physical" as they work through their ideas. Programs like Makerspace provide supplies that normally might not be available, with the materials reaching far beyond the paper plates and construction paper to which most novices are accustomed.

In addition to the funding for Makerspace, the grant also allows for the purchase of a "book bike," which will literally take the offerings of the library on the road.

Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson said that while the staff has yet to determine exactly what the new two-wheeled adventure will entail, she is certain that as the program progresses, "we're going to have legs of steel." That's because staff members will likely be able to pedal

to locations around the village such as the Millerton Farmers Market, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, the Irondale Schoolhouse and the newly redesigned Eddie Collins Park.

Not wanting to promise something they might not be able to deliver, Leo-Jameson said plans will evolve over the course of the year once the book bike purchase is completed.

Contents that can be borrowed through the book bike might include books, periodicals and even CDs, depending on what the community wants.

Recalling childhood memories of vendors enticing customers up and down the streets with melodious music, Leo-Jameson, ever the dedicated librarian, playfully teased, "I dream of biking down the sidewalks and people streaming out to get books when they hear library music."

To learn more about the library, its offerings and exciting new programs, go to www.nemillertonlibrary.org.



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From left, Sean, Benjamin, Eleanor, Patrick and Trish Devine explored the trucks and big rigs on site at McEnroe Organic Farm in Millerton during their trip to the farm's composting facility on Saturday, Aug. 14.

Learning the ins and outs of composting

MILLERTON — The NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) closed its 2021 Summer Reading Program on Saturday, Aug. 14, with a trip to McEnroe Organic Farm so families could tour its composting facility.

Organized by the NEML, the Amenia Free Library and McEnroe Organic Farm, the event drew a large group of curious patrons, filling the attendance limit by Friday, Aug. 6.

Arriving at the popular

local farm at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, young readers and their families were offered the chance to learn more about the large composting operation while touring of the farm's facility.

There were also other trucks and big rigs available on site for the children to observe and explore during their visit to what is the one of the largest organic farms in the entire Northeast of the United States.

— Kaitlin Lyle

County block grant funds make their way to Millerton and Dover

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MILLERTON — A total of 21 projects centered on improving infrastructure, developing affordable housing and addressing other vital community needs received additional financial support from Dutchess County in July, thanks to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership programs.

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro's office announced on July 9 funding from the CDBG program supports "community development projects and activities that benefit low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, populations and communities," while the HOME Investment Partnership program supports affordable housing development. Funding for both programs is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

More than \$2.2 million was awarded through the two programs to 21 projects in Dutchess County, with \$1,213,700 going toward CDBG (block grant) infrastructure projects and \$150,000 going toward CDBG public service projects. Another \$863,794 went toward HOME affordable housing projects.

An additional \$233,988 will be set aside for a new, competitive application cycle later this year to create new affordable rental units, according to the county executive's office.

"There are many issues that are challenging for our rural communities, and those of our youth and teens should not go unnoticed."

Christine Sergent, NECC Executive Director

CDBG infrastructure

Millerton was one of the municipalities to get a block grant, worth \$150,000, to complete its sidewalk infrastructure repair and replacement project. In addition to replacing 600-linear feet of deteriorated Main Street sidewalks, a new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible sidewalk and crosswalk will be installed in front of the NorthEast-Millerton Library to promote accessibility.

"The funding will help a great deal," said Mayor Jenn Najdek. "It will allow us to replace a lot of the damaged sidewalks from the library as well as connecting to the new handicapped accessible crosswalk that will be in front of the library."

The town of Dover also received CDBG infrastructure funding worth \$99,000 for its J.H. Ketcham Memorial Park Walking Track project. The town aims to develop a "new quarter-mile porous asphalt accessible walking path to enhance recreation options," according to Molinaro's office.

Claiming this project will "absolutely benefit our town,"

Dover town Supervisor Richard Yeno said residents were surveyed about improvements they wanted most in town and chose the walking track. Yeno said the town has gone out to bid and is hoping to have the track installed before the fall.

The town is also working to renovate the old storage building at the park into a community center as well as install both a new driveway and ADA-compliant parking.

CDBG public service

Among the CDBG public service projects to get funding, the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton received \$25,000 for two of its youth development programs: Teen Team and the Community Partnership with Schools and Business (CPSB) internship program. Available to teens ages 14 to 18 living in the North East (Webutuck) Central School District, Teen Team offers teenagers a myriad of educational, recreational and community service opportunities, while the internship program offers a work skills training program for local students ages 14 to 19.

"NECC is immensely grateful for the ongoing support of the people of northeastern Dutchess County by our county executive, Marc Molinaro, and our county Legislature," said NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent. "This funding is another demonstration of their commitment to serve the entire county of Dutchess, including those living in the rural areas. There are many issues that are challenging for our youth and teens should not go unnoticed."

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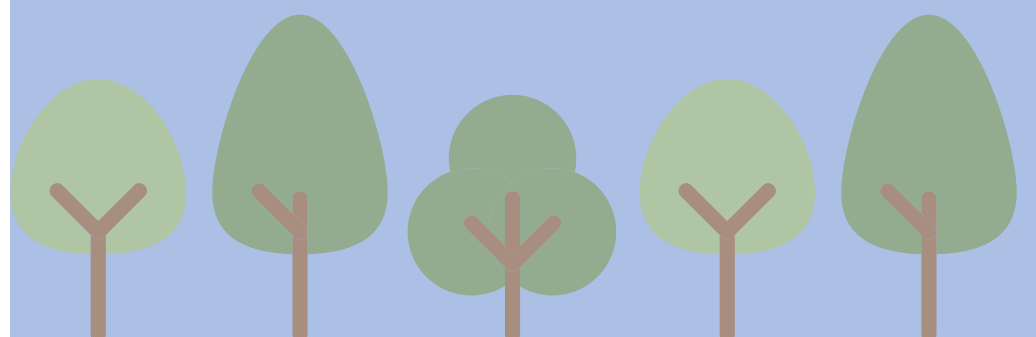
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PINE PLAINS/AREA

BOE discusses fall re-entry, parents vent on masks

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PINE PLAINS — Whether they gathered in-person or virtually, parents and community members tuned into the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) Board of Education (BOE) meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 18, to learn more about the its plans for reopening for the 2021-22 school year.

The meeting came to order in the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School auditorium at 7 p.m., and a recording of the meeting is online, at www.ppcsd.org.

The meeting's first public

comment section heard several people in support of the BOE, focusing on the district's insistence on masks being worn and following the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

Parents speak out about masks

Jared Heggansteller, a sophomore at Stissing Mountain, said the COVID-19 safety protocols enacted last year "were, at most, a minor inconvenience" and didn't disrupt his learning.

One parent spoke in support of masking, saying, "if anyone is complaining, it's the adults, not

the kids."
"Children are deserving of protection," another parent said. "Masking should be mandatory throughout the school system for all staff. No child should have to feel singled out for wearing a mask while everyone else is not. Our children have gone through enough over the last year — why add more stress?"

Other community members suggested making masks optional and asked about different aspects of opening schools, such as the plan for school sports.

Claiming the BOE was going to ignore the parents it disagreed with and believe the guidance issued by President Biden's

Chief Medical Advisor and the top infectious disease expert in the U.S., Dr. Anthony Fauci, and the CDC, Stanfordville resident Cassandra Miller said, "I will not apologize for believing medical choice is one of our many God-given, Constitutionally protected rights. It's important to fight, especially when it's in regards to a virus with a 99% survivability rate."

By 7:35 p.m., public comments were brought to a close to be continued at meeting's end.

Back to the re-entry plan

Speaking about other parts of the re-entry plan, Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler said the plan was a draft until the BOE approves it.

He added, "it could change because heaven knows that some of this guidance is, to say the least, very fluid."

With schools opening on Wednesday, Sept. 8, the plan is to have all students be on campus, in-person, five days a week.

Handler said the district is going to conduct daily health screenings and will require all

staff to complete the online health screener; parents will have to complete it for their children. Temperature checks will also be done on school buses as a safeguard.

Upon the recommendations of the CDC, NYSED the Dutchess County Department of Health and the American Pediatrics Association, the PPCSD will require all staff, students and visitors to wear masks while indoors and on buses.

Individuals who can't tolerate masks for medical reasons must provide documentation from their physicians.

Children exempt from wearing masks will need to socially distance 6 feet or more from other students and staff. Handler said 5 minutes per hour will be given to students to remove their masks, calling it a "reasonable" mask break.

Though the district required social distancing of 6 feet last year, Handler said, "Six feet means we can't get all of the kids in the school at the same time." This year, the district will

require only 3 feet of social distancing.

Other highlights of the re-entry plan — all of which were detailed in Handler's letter to PPCSD parents on Thursday, Aug. 19 — include a daily cleaning and disinfection program and the decision not to offer a remote instruction option this year.

Regarding quarantining, Handler explained if a student is in close proximity to another student who has tested positive for COVID-19 and both are properly and continuously masked, the non-positive contact won't have to quarantine.

Additionally, he said the district won't have to quarantine whole classrooms this year, "only those students who have close continuous, unmasked contact with an infected person."

Later, the BOE accepted Handler's and the Re-Entry Task Force's re-entry plan to reopen school next month. The Re-Entry Plan for the 2021-22 year can be found on the PPCSD's website, www.ppcsd.org.

Hochman sells out Stissing Center

PINE PLAINS — The Stissing Center (TSC) saw its second performance in its "LIVE! from The Stissing Center" series sell out as community members sought tickets for musician Benjamin Hochman's solo piano recital on Friday evening, Aug. 13.

Held at 5:30 p.m., a full house enjoyed Hochman's concert in the performing arts center located on Church Street in Pine Plains.

Their eyes on the musician and his instrument, attendees watched in rapture as the renowned pianist performed Beethoven, Kendall, Debussy and Brahms for their entertainment.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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Renowned for his talents as a pianist and a conductor, Benjamin Hochman delivered an enthralling performance for the Pine Plains community with a solo piano recital held in The Stissing Center on Friday evening, Aug. 13.

Volunteers revamp Pine Plains Pharmacy windows

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Through the collaboration of the creative team at NYC women's fashion company Tory Burch, the windows of the Pine Plains Pharmacy at 2965 Church St. now pop with color and energy, thanks to a community service project done this summer.

The idea can be traced back to Eric Rewilak, who works on the creative development team at Tory Burch, and recently moved from New York City to Pine Plains.

Rewilak and his partner formerly rented a home in town, but officially became homeowners three years ago, transitioning from the fast pace of the city to the calm of rural living.

Rewilak said he kept hearing from friends about the Pine Plains Pharmacy and all the work its owner, pharmacist Nasir Mahmood, has been doing for the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A few months ago, Rewilak said he was approached by a friend who asked if he would redecorate the pharmacy's windows to support Mahmood for all he's done for the community. Rewilak loved the concept, and spoke with his boss about it.

She not only got on board, but suggested he turn it into a team-building event. Rewilak approached Mahmood, who he said was "completely open to the idea." Drawing from his background

in production, Rewilak connected to vendors who work on storefronts to propose the community service project.

"We have a team that works on windows, activations and pop-ups," Rewilak explained, "and once they're done, we don't know what to do with the props and set-ups."

When Rewilak filled Burch in on how Mahmood has helped out during the pandemic, she loved the idea and offered props from their storeroom for the project.

The work began on June 18, with a team of around 20 people taking a three-hour ride from New York City to Pine Plains to help out.

"It was exciting because it was the first time we had seen each other in a year," Rewilak said.

Calling this project their "Day It Forward Day," the team wore T-shirts with the words "Day It Forward" printed on them to reflect their community service.

From scraping old decals off the pharmacy windows to arranging the props, Rewilak said every volunteer had their own role, which he believes contributed to the project's success. When asked about the look they were going for, he said they wanted it to feel seasonally appropriate but also fresh and exciting. French café chairs were placed in front of the pharmacy to give customers a place to sit while they wait for their prescriptions.

Starting at 9 a.m., the team was finished by 1 p.m.; they then went to Rewilak's house for an-

other team-building event.

Asked whether this project was meant to be a pop-up installation or a project he'd like to redesign every so often, Rewilak said he'd like to return, adding that he stops by the pharmacy to see what the community's reactions have been and where the windows need to be retouched.

Looking ahead, he said he's going to be working closely with Jeanne Prager, a Pine Plains Pharmacy employee who was previously in charge of the installations in the pharmacy's windows. Prager said she now loves the way they look.

Reflecting on his first local community event, Rewilak recalled memories of his mother working in a pharmacy. Seeing how hard she worked, he said "being able to pay back [my thanks] to Nasir felt very good," Rewilak said. "We've been getting a lot of emails and calls, and Nasir calls to say it's made a big difference as a community."

"The community was very happy," Mahmood said. "We had a very good response from the volunteers and a big response from the community... They did a marvelous job, no doubt about that. We're getting a lot of comments from people who come in and from people who stop by to comment on it. It's very satisfying that we did something that works for the whole community, but the credit goes out to the volunteers."

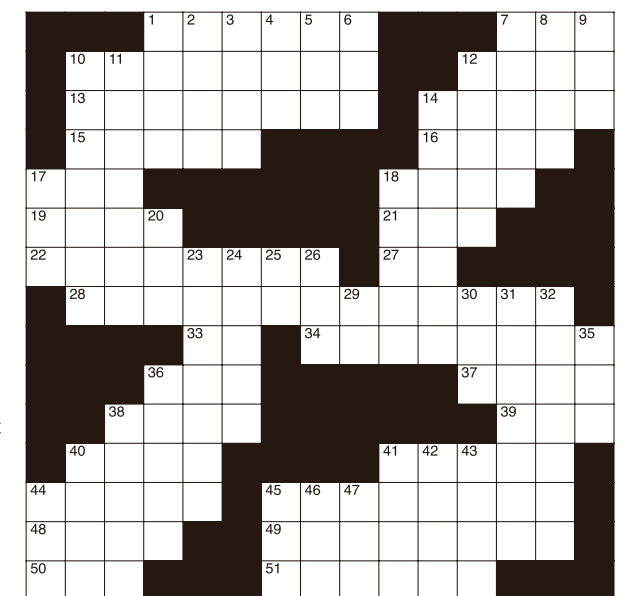
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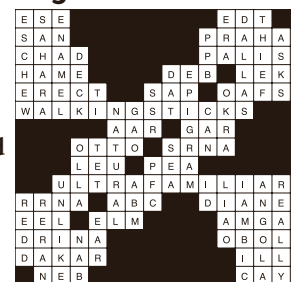
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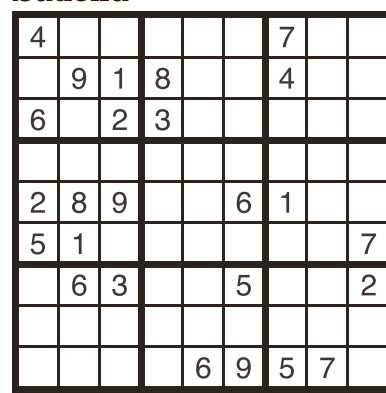
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- 9. An athlete who plays for pay
- 10. Where to get drinks
- 11. Japanese art form
- 12. Baseball great Satchel
- 14. Winged angelic beings
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- 18. Group of islands in Polynesia
- 20. A place to play: ___ center
- 23. Masses of gray matter in the brain
- 24. Belgian city (alt. sp.)
- 25. Millilitre
- 26. Beloved Will Ferrell film
- 29. Railway above ground
- 30. Satisfaction
- 31. Aggregate of molecules
- 32. Type of barometer
- 35. Type of college teacher (abbr.)
- 36. Long periods of time
- 38. Native people of Nebraska and S. Dakota
- 40. Deliver
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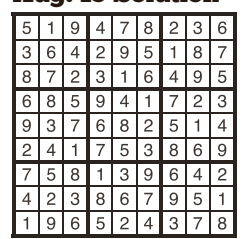
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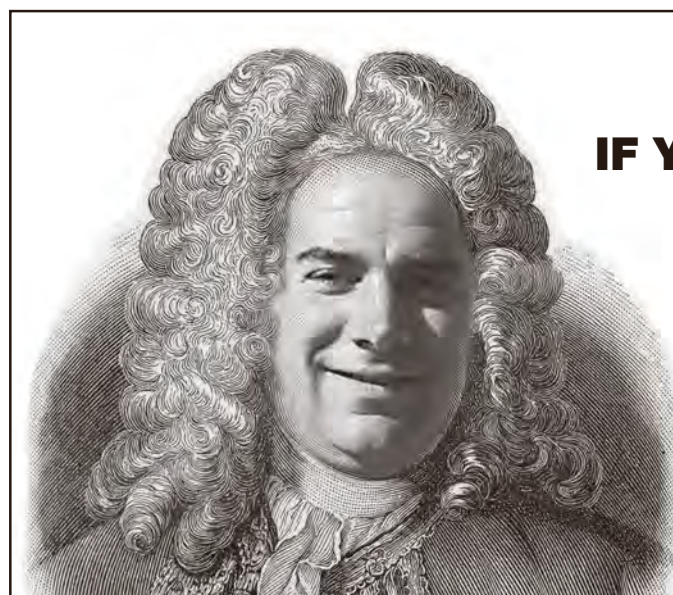
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Webutuck BOE assesses plan for '21-'22 school year

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WEBUTUCK — With just a few weeks left until the end of summer vacation and the start of the 2021-22 school year, the North East (Webutuck) Central School District (WCSD) Board of Education (BOE) took a look at its plan for opening schools at its board meeting on Monday evening, Aug. 16.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani addressed the start of the 2021-22 school year in his report. With school scheduled to open on Tuesday, Sept. 7, he said the district isn't considering a hybrid or remote program at this time as "we want our students in school."

While he said Webutuck understands there are parents and community members who may be concerned, he assured the BOE and the public that "we're all concerned regarding masks, regarding the pandemic," and that the WCSD will listen to and have discussions with those who are worried to address their fears.

As the meeting progressed, both BOE members and the public inquired about different aspects of opening for the academic year, including the 3-feet of social distance in the classrooms as

required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as wearing face masks, the busing situation and how many staff members are needed to cover the classrooms.

BOE members asked about how the summer school program went and if there was any data yet about the number of COVID-19 cases reported during the summer session.

Castellani reported that there have been cases of COVID-19 reported in Dutchess County summer school and summer camp programs, though thankfully none at Webutuck.

Looking back on the district's summer enrichment program, run in conjunction with the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton, Castellani spoke highly about how successful the program is preparing students with the skills they need for the coming school year. Given that success, Castellani said he hopes to duplicate the program next summer.

Community members can read more about the WCSD's plans for the 2021-22 school year online at the district's website, www.webutuck-schools.org, where a letter from Castellani to the community can be found.

Amenia Yoga

'A place for Wellness' offers sanctuary, serenity for every body

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — No matter their age, ability or level of yoga expertise, every body is welcome to join a class at Amenia Yoga — A Place for Wellness, which opened at 18 Old North Road in Amenia earlier this summer.

With about 30 years of experience practicing yoga, Amenia Yoga owner and instructor Sarah Wallace returned to the United States last October after living in Italy for the last 28 years. While living on a vineyard there, Wallace started holding yoga retreats, welcoming visitors from all over the world.

She returned to the States last fall in pursuit of a new adventure when a friend of hers found her a place at 18 Old North Road. After looking at the space last November, everything aligned for Wallace and she moved in last March.

Reflecting on what yoga means to her, Wallace described it as a profound connection to her body, heart, mind and spirit — a transformation of sorts.

"We want everyone to feel that they are home, that they've come home," Wallace said of her hopes for Amenia Yoga. "It's unsettling for me when people have been told, 'Oh, you can't do yoga because you're not flexible,' or 'Oh, I can't do this because I can't touch my toes,' and it's unsettling for me to think of all the people that might avoid yoga or might have negative expe-



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riences in doing yoga because they think it's all about being flexible, agile, young and being able to twist yourself into a pretzel, and it's not."

At Amenia Yoga, Wallace said yoga is about people connecting with their bodies, spirits and minds, and understanding how their bodies work.

"We just want people to feel welcome here and that anybody can do yoga," she said.

Opening for business in early June, Amenia Yoga offers classes every day of the week at different levels of experience. For the early risers who want



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

to start their day with a good stretch, Amenia Yoga offers a 7 a.m. Zoom class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On those same days, the studio of-

Residents from around the region have found a way to connect with their bodies, minds and spirits by participating in one of the many classes currently being offered at Amenia Yoga — A Place for Wellness, located at 18 Old North Road, behind the Freshtown Plaza off of Route 22 in Amenia.

fers an in-person senior yoga class at 9:30 a.m. and an all-levels class at 5 p.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., Sara Regan, Amenia Yoga's other instructor, hosts an all-abilities yoga class.

Saturdays are left open, and private classes are available on demand. On Sundays, the studio offers classes at 11 a.m. for all levels of yoga experience. More classes — including a wheelchair yoga class taught by Wallace — are also available.

After hosting yoga retreats in Italy, Wallace is looking to hold yoga retreats at her Amenia studio. Come this fall, she plans to hold a six-week yoga course for bone health on Tuesdays, starting Oct. 5. Along with herself and Regan, Wallace shared her thoughts on bringing in an instructor to teach Qigong (a Chinese healing art) at the studio and offering prenatal yoga and offering Reiki master's services to the local community.

To learn more about Amenia Yoga and its current class offerings, contact the studio at info@amenaiyoga.com, call 646-401-4188 or go to www.amenaiyoga.com.

Future plans discussed by Amenia Housing Board

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Pleased to meet in-person after months of virtual gatherings, the Amenia Housing Board (AHB) got straight to business on Tuesday, Aug. 10, in talking about its future listening session and other upcoming plans and projects.

Assembling at Amenia Town Hall at 5:30 p.m., the agenda kicked off with an update on its recent housing survey. The AHB was notified that Mike Johns, the statistician recommended by Amenia Councilman Damian Gutierrez, sent revised bar charts of the survey results.

As recorded in the meeting minutes, Nathan Briggs from the Tri-Town Coalition (TTC) housing group agreed with Johns that the AHB has enough information to proceed with its executive summary.

However, there was some concern that because the survey results have been delayed, people who took the survey may have forgotten they did so. The board voted to get all graphics and raw data back from Johns in order to post it on the Amenia town website, www.ameniany.gov, so it could distribute the information.

Briggs reported Hudson River Housing (HRH) will manage the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation grant for the TTC and work with the Regional Planning Association.

At the AHB's previous meeting on July 13, member Leo Blackman reported the TTC received a grant totaling \$10,000 from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation to train housing ambassadors in the coalition's three member towns: Millerton/North East, Amenia and Pine Plains.

The training will assist it with outreach and help ambassadors talk about the need for affordable housing. Briggs reported the housing ambassadors will be trained to "win hearts and minds" in each town.

Regarding the upcoming listening session, Blackman

suggested the AHB look for representatives from various communities who would benefit from workforce housing and invite them to participate at the listening session.

Briggs suggested the board target groups like NIMBY, or "Not In My Backyard," which often oppose local development.

AHB member Stacy Mantel suggested limiting the listening session to Amenia renters or home and business owners, while Amenia Councilwoman Vicki Doyle suggested asking participants to give their addresses before they speak, similar to how public comments are made at Town Board meetings.

Turning back to the TTC, Blackman reported his resignation from the TTC Steering Committee, primarily from frustration that HRH Real Estate had provided "virtually none of [the] assistance requested by the AHB over two years."

Blackman then asked for a volunteer to replace him on the TTC, ideally a co-chair of the Amenia Housing Board who would share some of the burden and provide continuity if

Blackman wins the election for the Town Board seat he's seeking this fall.

Briggs asked Blackman to reconsider as HRH interaction is outside of the Steering Committee's purpose. Briggs said HRH Executive Director Christa Hines will be at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Included in its discussion of next steps for the AHB — including looking at member and Wassaic Project Co-Director Jeff Barnett-Winsby's real estate project and how to encourage accessible dwelling units in the area — Blackman brought up the Amenia Wastewater Committee (WWC). He noted the Town Board has yet to hire an engineer for the WWC using federal American Rescue Plan funds.

AHB Member Tracy Salladay suggested all AHB and WWC members send letters to the Town Board about the urgency of hiring an engineer to look into the wastewater project.

The next AHB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall.

AMENIA IN BRIEF

Town Board to discuss cannabis law Sept. 2

Residents interested to find out whether the Town Board will opt in or out of allowing marijuana dispensaries and lounges are encouraged to attend its monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 2.

Meet Democratic Candidates Aug. 29


The Amenia Democratic Committee (ADC) will be hosting an outdoor "Meet your Democratic Candidates" event on Sunday, Aug. 29, from 3 to 5 p.m. Meet Dutchess County and local Democratic candidates for office.

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

Road, Amenia.

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AUDIOBOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Everything You Want To Know About Audiobooks

If you want to hear Peter Lerman's raspy, folksy delivery as an accomplished audiobooks narrator you can easily go to his website at www.lermanvo.com. There he promises "the truth and nothing but the truth" — as he specializes in nonfiction (and has done the audio recording for nearly 100 books).

But his audiobook delivery is beside the point, at least for the purposes of Lerman's in-person presentation by the Kent Memorial Library on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m. in the reading room.

Lerman's talk will cover all aspects of audiobook conception, production and distribution. He will

begin with who buys and listens to audiobooks, how they listen and why. He will explain how audiobooks are produced and he will talk about ways to self-publish an audiobook.

Business topics touched upon will be the economics of production and distribution as well as industry trends, historic perfor-

mance and future outlook.

Lerman is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and the Audio Publishers Association, is an Audible Approved Narrator and a winner of an AudioFile Magazine Earphones Award.

This talk is free and open to the public; masks are required.



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Peter Lerman, who now sports a full beard, will talk about the art and commerce of audiobooks on Aug. 31.

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HERITAGE WALKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

History, Architecture, Industry, Edibles and More, Explained

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You might not realize it at first, but the Tristate region is just the same. Whether you're new to the area or have lived here for years, decades or your whole life, and no matter how much you think you know about your surroundings, there's always something amazing that's waiting for you to find it.

The differences are that in New York, new things are trumpeted and celebrated. Up here, the "new" things you learn are often old things: traditions and history and landscapes. It's more about the roots, less about the surface.

There are many talks, hikes and other events through the year that can teach you about our landscape. But there is a concentration of them on weekends in September and the first weekend of October. They are hosted by the Upper Housatonic National Heritage Area, which is a grass roots group with federal funding whose mission is to highlight the history and culture of towns in this part of Connecticut and Massachusetts.

On Saturday, Sept. 4, over Labor Day weekend, there will be two tours of Litchfield County's industrial heritage. The hike from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Kent, Conn., in Macedonia Park is dedicated to

two icons of local history, Ed Kirby and Ron Jones, who both died in 2021. It was Jones who did much of the hard work to create the heritage area here. This tour will be led by Marge Smith of the Kent Historical Society.

Earlier that day, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be continuing tours of Beckley Furnace in North Canaan, Conn.

The Kent and North Canaan tours will help show the scope of the iron industry that shaped the Northwest Corner of Connecticut as we know it today.

The tour in Kent is a hike through the woods in search of iron industry relics. The tours in North Canaan will showcase the beautifully preserved Beckley Furnace on the Blackberry River.

Information on hikes and activities during the month-plus of Heritage Hikes can be found at www.housatonicheritage.org/events/heritage-walks.

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11:00am - Beef Junior Obstacle Course	9:00am - Horse Show	9:30am - Judging of Oxen
12:00pm - Rabbit and Cavie Judging	10:00am - Swine Judging, Sheep Judging, Antique Tractor Pull	- Draught Oxen Contest
- Country Steel	11:00am - Bristol Old Tyme Fiddlers	- Dairy Goat Judging
10:00-1:00pm - High School Timber Team Contests	- Angus, All Other Breeds and Herefords, Open Breed Show	- Sheep Judging
1:00-5:00pm - Northwest Concert Band	- Junior Krauss and the Shakes	- Garden Tractor Pull
2:00pm - Dairy Cattle Showmanship	12:00pm - Horse Draw Contest	- Junior Beef Steers and Heifers Show
- Jackpot Steer Show	2:00-5:00pm - Northwest Concert Band	12:00pm - The Dilemma
- Professional and Street Outlaw Truck Pull	2:00pm - Relay Race	12:00pm - Woodcutting Contest
3:00pm - Jackpot Heifer Show	3:00pm - Dan's Roadhouse Country	1:00-5:00pm - Northwest Concert Band
- Frozen Tee Shirt Contest	4:30pm - Skillet Throw Contest	2:00pm - Apple Fritter Eating Contest
4:00pm - Relic	6:00pm - James Montgomery Blues Band with Special Guest Christine Ohlman	3:00pm - Eran Troy Danner Band
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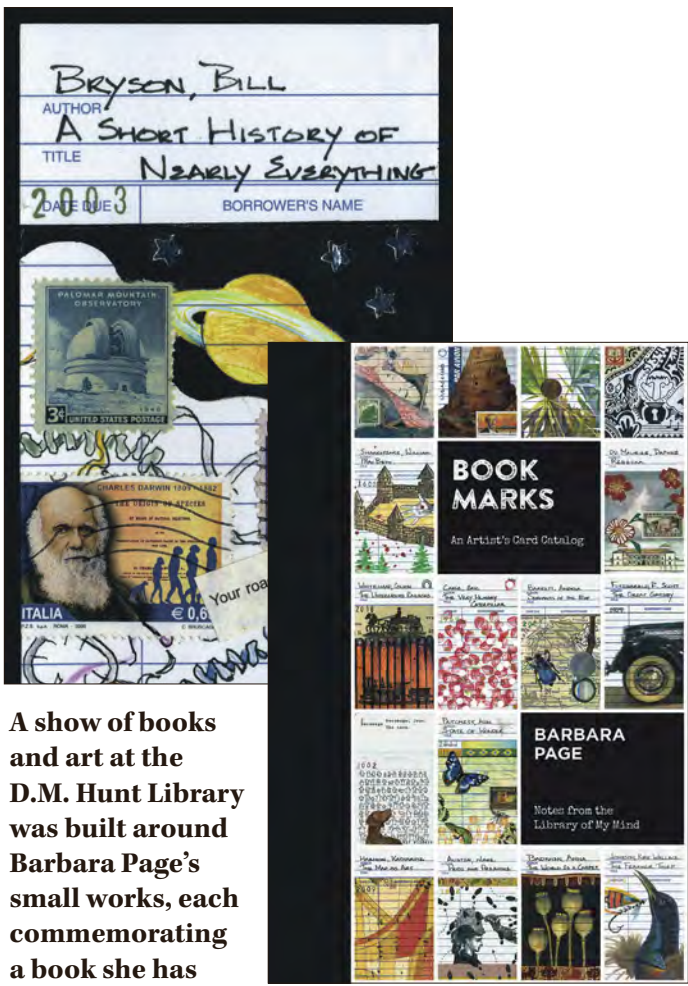
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A show of books and art at the D.M. Hunt Library was built around Barbara Page's small works, each commemorating a book she has read.

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BOOKS AS ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

When Art and Books Collide

The response has been positive and enthusiastic to our August special Compass Arts and Entertainment section, with profiles of artists in their studios (and a selection of their favorite books).

And so it seemed appropriate to give credit to the inspiration for that issue: a show now on display at the D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., called Book Marks. And the inspiration, in turn, for that show is a wonderful book by Barbara Page called "Book Marks."

Long before there was a www.goodreads.com website, where we could

keep track of every book we'd ever read, people had to rely on memory and handwritten lists to keep track of what they'd read (and whether they'd liked it or not).

Barbara Page is an artist and but also an enthusiastic reader. She kept track of books she'd read and liked on little scraps of paper — until it occurred to her that she could buy a box of library identification cards, which she could embellish and decorate with the names of books she'd read, and with illustrative collages or drawings or ink stamp images or all of the above. Her collection of hun-

dreds of book catalogue cards has been compiled into a book called "Book Marks: An Artist's Card Catalogue."

Samples of the catalogue cards that make up that book are now on display at the Hunt Library, along with other book-themed works of art (which are for sale), including several pieces by three artists who were featured in our August special Compass Arts and Entertainment issue: KK Kozik of Sharon, Conn., Robert Andrew Parker of Cornwall, Conn., and Peter Steiner, also of Sharon, Conn.

Their work is on display

until the end of September, and several pieces are still available for purchase. There is also work by other wonderful area artists (22 in total) including Tilly Strauss, Ken Musselman, Robert Cronin, Erika Crofut, Patty Mullins and more.

And there are copies of Barbara Page's "Book Marks," to buy and to browse.

The show and the library are at 63 Main St. in Falls Village and online at www.huntlibrary.org. The library hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

STREAMING: ED FERMAN

'The North Water' and 'The White Lotus': Sui Generis

Most TV shows slide easily into one genre or another, but occasionally something unique comes along. Here are two remarkable new shows that resist any kind of label.

THE NORTH WATER

The North Water is based on Ian McGuire's 2016 novel, which was long-listed for the Booker Prize, named by the New York Times as one of the 10 best books of the year, and is one of the most gripping and dark novels I have ever read. BBC and AMC adapted it into a five-part miniseries that screened in July.

You are a long way from Nantucket in this violent tale of a whaling expedition to the Arctic circle. The story centers on two main characters: harpooner Henry Drax (Colin

Farrell), an amoral psychopath; and Patrick Sumner (Jack O'Connell), an army surgeon and decent man whose moral compass is slightly askew because of an addiction to laudanum.

The murder of a cabin boy, who is found strangled in an oil barrel, leads to a conflict between these two.

The ship's captain makes an attempt to mediate and is bludgeoned to death for his effort. Life on the ship is brutal, but it gets worse when the crew finds themselves on the ice after the ship is scuttled by the first mate as part of an insurance scam.

I will not describe the bloody incidents that follow; such a naked synopsis may lead you to avoid the show. Yes, this is a dark story, but it is so brilliantly written and acted that you



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The White Lotus is a darker, funnier version of the film classic "Grand Hotel," and is one of the best and most unusual shows of the year.

can't take your eyes off the screen. Amazon, AMC+

THE WHITE LOTUS

As The White Lotus opens, someone has died — you don't know whom — then the story jumps

back a week, to guests arriving at a luxury resort in Hawaii.

You may think you're in for another of HBO's soapy mysteries, like "Big Little Lies" or "The Undoing." Not so.

As the hotel guests are introduced, you wonder who might be the worst of this unsavory gathering of shallow, rich mainlanders. Two top candidates are Shane (Jake Lacy) a total jerk in a Cornell baseball cap, and his awful mother, Kitty, who make life miserable for his lovely new bride, Rachel (Alexandra Daddario).

Another is Olivia (Sydney Sweeney), the nasty, sardonic daughter of Mark (Steve Zahn) and Nicole (Connie Britton).

Then there is the resort manager, Armond, a drug addict who can barely hide his contempt for most guests and who is played masterfully by Murray Bartlett as a man who is both revolting and sympathetic. The native Hawaiians who work at the resort are portrayed more

sympathetically, and their stories are disheartening.

There is no real plot here, aside from the mystery of who has been killed, but the interaction among the guests and staff becomes increasingly bizarre as the story moves to a shocking conclusion. (The hypnotic theme music, ranging from Bach to a kind of anxious percussion, is an important part of the show.)

Lotus is a satire with many funny moments; its creator, Mike White, was a writer-producer of the comedy classic **Freaks and Geeks**. But it moves beyond comedy and turns into a tragedy for a few characters, a life-changing event for some, a week in the sun for others, and one of the best and most unusual shows of the year. *HBOMax*

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MILLBROOK

Village discusses HBO filming, sidewalks and cannabis law

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Wednesday, Aug. 11, the Millbrook Village Board met at the firehouse for an in-person meeting, which will be now available on the village website, www.villageofmillbrookny.com.

Mayor Tim Collopy opened the meeting at 6 p.m. and quickly discussed the safety protocol for COVID; most wore masks.

Collopy said there were lessons to be learned going forward regarding filming in the village, following the HBO filming for "The White House Plumbers."

The series stars Woody Harrelson and Justin Theroux, and took place earlier this month as well as last week. Collopy said it went well, but that plans will be made and contracts drawn to cover things like changing filming days, using equipment, assigning police coverage and for when a film company cancels production or moves it to another day, which can create problems. He suggested a \$1,000 fee to cover cancellation costs.

He added the village learned from the experience and the new protocols will be put in place for future filming in the village.

Millbrook Business Association (MBA) President and former Trustee Kevin McGrane asked about Community Day, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18. At the meeting nothing had been confirmed, said the board, as plans will de-

pend on the COVID pandemic.

Millbrook Fire Chief Ted Bownas gave his July report, which included 57 EMS calls, plus various other calls, some related to recent storms, which included downed wires and one flooding incident.

Fire Department President Matt Rochfort also asked about Community Day, and if events would be scheduled, as the fire department planned to participate "in a big way." The department will also have to wait and see, repeated the mayor, for what transpires with COVID-19 rates, government guidelines and mandates.

Police Sgt. Jared Witt followed with his July report from the Millbrook Police Department, which included traffic and parking tickets issued by his officers; a hit and run complaint; 11 road hazards; assists from other agencies, including four from the New York State Police, three from the fire department and 16 from the EMS.

Highway Superintendent Robert Collocola presented his July report. His crew has repaired and replaced catch basins, cut and dug-out water mains and repaired and prepared roads for paving. They've also paved and done repairs on Valley Farm Road; it also had to shut off the water valves to do repair work in order to do paving on Reservoir Drive.

Highway crews have also removed fallen trees from the jailhouse roof at the village garage. Warning signs for upcoming

curves on roadways have been installed along with speed signs listing the legal speed at 20 mph on Nine Partners Lane have likewise been installed.

Collocola said the village assisted the town of Washington's Department of Public Works in sealing Bangall Road. The town then assisted the village with roadside mowing on Nine Partners Lane. The village also repaired a drainage ditch on Weatherford Lane, and is continuing to fill potholes in the village as needed.

Collocola said he has been in touch with Central Hudson about street light problems on Franklin Avenue. It turns out Central Hudson said it is not responsible, so the village will have to look for a way to repair or replace the damaged lights.

The tennis court funding campaign is going well; \$23,609 has been raised thus far. One company said it would cost \$27,000 to repave the courts, including a new fence. The original goal was to spend \$26,000 to repair the tennis courts, but because the work won't be done until next year, the village expects the price to go up. It may cost closer to \$30,000, so more tax-deductible donations will be needed and can be made via the village website.

Trustee Vicky Contino has been looking into asset management and will finalize the details, with anything over \$5,000 being recorded. She will make the data available for planning and to help obtain financial in-

formation.

Dutchess County Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) attended the meeting and spoke briefly about two grants Millbrook received from the county through the American Relief Act. The funds are being directed to the Millbrook Library and the Millbrook Hockey Association.

The mayor reported on the sidewalk repair and replacement project; \$5,000 has been paid out so far for engineering advice. Bids must be sought for the actual work.

Collopy opened a discussion on the new cannabis law, which legalized adult-use recreational marijuana in the state. The board agreed it would prefer to opt out of allowing marijuana dispensaries and lounges in the village, but a public hearing is required. The village has to decide if it wants to opt out by the governor's Dec. 31 deadline. If it opts out by that time, it can always opt back in; if it opts in, it cannot reverse its decision.

For more on the new cannabis law, read this week's front page or go to www.tricornernews.com.

The next Village Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Millbrook firehouse. This is a one-time change from the second Wednesday of the month due to a scheduling conflict with the firehouse.



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The Thorne Building is located on Franklin Avenue and will soon be converted into a multi-purpose community center.

It's official!

After more than 125 years, the Thorne Memorial Building no longer belongs to the Village of Millbrook. Following many years of pondering what should become of the historic building, numerous public hearings and countless informational sessions, the one-time public high school is now part of the Millbrook Community Partnership 501(C)3. It will soon be transformed into a community center for the both the village and town to enjoy. It is part of a joint project with the former Bennett College property, part of which is being transformed into a public park.

Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy described what it was like to formally sign the title of the building over to the nonprofit on Tuesday, Aug. 17, after so many years of waiting.

"I am very excited that we have achieved this important milestone so that the Millbrook Community Partnership can begin converting the abandoned Thorne Memorial School Building into the Thorne Building Community Center."

The title was transferred quietly and privately, but many, the mayor predicted, will be happy to hear that the historic moment was finally reached.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

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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 process against it may be served 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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LEGAL NOTICE SCHOOL TAX NOTICE WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned Collector of School Taxes in and for the Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District, in Dutchess County the towns of Amenia, Dover, Northeast, Stanford and Washington and in Columbia County the town of Ancram has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes for the school year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The collection period is September 1, 2021 through November 3, 2021. For the purpose of paying taxes, checks and money orders shall be made payable to School Tax Collector and mailed to P.O. Box 377, Wassaic, New York 12592; online payments please visit www.webutuckschools.org and scroll down.

In person payments may be made at the Webutuck CSD, District Office on 9/8 6p-8p; 9/22 6p-8p; 9/24 12p-2p; 10/1 12p-2p and 6p-8p; 10/22 12-2pm and 11/3 12p-2p and 6p-8p or contact the Tax Collector to make other arrangements. Taxes may be paid on or before October 1, 2021 without penalty (payments must be postmarked on or before October 1, 2021 to be penalty free). On all such remaining unpaid taxes after October 2, 2021, a two percentum

(2%) will be added through November 3, 2021 at which time the remaining unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance, Poughkeepsie, New York to be then receivable on the land tax bills for 2022 with a seven (7) percentum penalty.

For Dutchess County residents paying partial payments there will be assessed a 5% surcharge. Dates due for partial payments are September 15, 2021 and March 15, 2022 to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance as indicated on the installment payment schedule portion of the tax bill.

Dawn Marie Klingner
School Tax Collector
08-26-21
09-02-21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Amenia on September 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York, regarding the Town Engineer's written report which was prepared at the request of the Town of Amenia Building Inspector <d>/<d> Code Enforcement Officer, and contains the Town Engineer's opinion regarding the structure located on the premises 31 Tally Ho Drive in the Tally Ho Mobile Home Park, and reputedly owned by Carol Anderson, that said structure is unsafe and dangerous to the public and that the structure is incapable of being safely repaired and, therefore, should be demolished and/or removed from the premises.

Any resident of the Town of Amenia shall be entitled to be heard on said proposal to remove the unsafe structure at 31 Tally Ho Drive in the Tally Ho Mobile Home Park at such public hearing. A copy of the Town Engineer's report regarding 31 Tally Ho Drive in the Tally Ho Mobile Home Park is available for review at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia,

New York during regular office hours.

Dated: Amenia, New York
August 19, 2021
BY ORDER OF THE
TOWN BOARD
DAWN MARIE
KLINGNER, TOWN
CLERK
08-26-21

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Any resident of the Town of Amenia shall be entitled to be heard on said proposal to repair and/or remove the unsafe structure at 5282 Route 44, Amenia, New York at such public hearing. A copy of the Town Engineer's report regarding 5282 Route 44, Amenia, New York is available for review at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York during regular office hours.

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Correcting Errors

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning. Notice of such error must be given to us after the first run of the advertisement.

WASHINGTON IN BRIEF

Comprehensive Plan forums planned

The Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan Review Committee will hold two public forums on the consideration of adding hospitality to the town's Comprehensive Plan as prescribed by the charter issued by the Town Board.

The first forum will be on Thursday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. at Washington Town Hall. It will be limited to 50 people.

Those who wish to speak

must sign in 15 minutes before the meeting; each speaker will have three minutes.

The meeting will also be available on Zoom. Go to the town website for the link or call 646-558-8656. The meeting ID is 829 6124 8253 and the code is 851329.

The second forum will be on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

For more information, go to www.washingtonny.org or call 845-677-3419.

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EDITORIAL

Millerton Community Park worth celebrating

There are 17 acres located in the village of Millerton that by Dec. 31, 2021 — depending on construction schedules (at least Phase I construction) — will be transformed into a recreational oasis the likes of which have probably only been imagined in the minds of the 19 members of the Millerton Community Park Committee and Steering Committee.

For those of you who are not yet familiar with the Millerton Community Park, it is what Eddie Collins Park has been called for the past five years, ever since former Millerton village Trustee Stephen Waite had the brilliant idea to redevelop the park and send out a subsequent community-wide recreation survey in 2016.

The Route 22 Eddie Collins Park was named after the Millerton-born Major League ballplayer in 1963; Collins was born back in 1887 and inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1939.

Returning to the present day, those 19 members of the Millerton Community Park Committee and Steering Committee have been busy ever since Waite's suggestion. With Waite and his Co-Chair Jeanne Vanecko, they've volunteered their time, energy and talents to help renovate the aging Eddie Collins Park into a recreational resource for the 21st Century.

The park had fallen into a lackluster state as of late, not that it wasn't nice to have a park within walking distance of Main Street, but it just hasn't been the shining jewel of years' past.

Denney Pool, built in 1966, was closed by the village in 2015 due to cracks and structural problems. A 2003 skate-board park constructed with funds raised by a local youth group was also no longer being used.

The basketball courts had gotten pretty shabby and the ballfields had so many ruts it was a miracle if players didn't twist their ankles when trying to catch those pop balls.

Eddie Collins Park had an incredible and expansive Playground for All Children, with equipment accessible to children in wheelchairs and a rubber-surfaced ground designed for safety. It was installed thanks to a very generous not to mention anonymous \$1 million donation made in the early 2000s. And while major upgrades were made at the accessible park, some parents said more needed to be done there.

Plus, the parking area where parents and others who used the facility would park their vehicles was not very welcoming during poor weather. It would get extremely muddy and messy in the rain and snow.

In 2017, the village of Millerton received a grant to design a new plan for the park; it hired the engineering firm, Chazen Companies, to create that plan.

The plan includes: a regulation size soccer field; two basketball courts; a refurbished playground; an upgraded Little League field; an accessible swimming pool; a refreshment stand; a new entrance with abundant parking; shaded walkways with benches and tables; wooded walking trails/exercise course; lighting for nighttime activities; a new bathhouse with public restrooms; and an open space for public events.

The total project cost was estimated at \$7 million; the Millerton Community Park Committee set an \$8 million fundraising goal to cover contingencies. As of July 15, it had raised \$1,456,200.

Those funds have come from various sources: \$600,000 has come from the New York Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation; \$620,000 has come from 139 individual donations (as of July 15); \$152,000 has come from the county's Community Development Block Grant program (which comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development); \$40,000 has come from the village of Millerton; \$25,000 has come from the town of North East; \$12,600 has come from foundation and corporate grants; and \$6,400 has come from 100 Trees for Millerton.

The 100 Trees for Millerton program is a fundraising campaign to help the committee "purchase and care for 100 trees that will provide beauty and color, shade in the summer heat, habitats for birds, insects and wildlife, and help groundwater management" at the park. Once the donations are collected, the committee hopes to purchase such lovely trees including maples, lindens, oaks, sycamores, redbuds, cherries, dogwoods and magnolias, all of which promise to beautify not to mention cool down those 17 recreational acres in the village.

Meanwhile, individual pledges in the amount of \$240,000 have been made for the years 2022 to 2024, according to the financial page of project's website, www.millertonpark.org/finances.

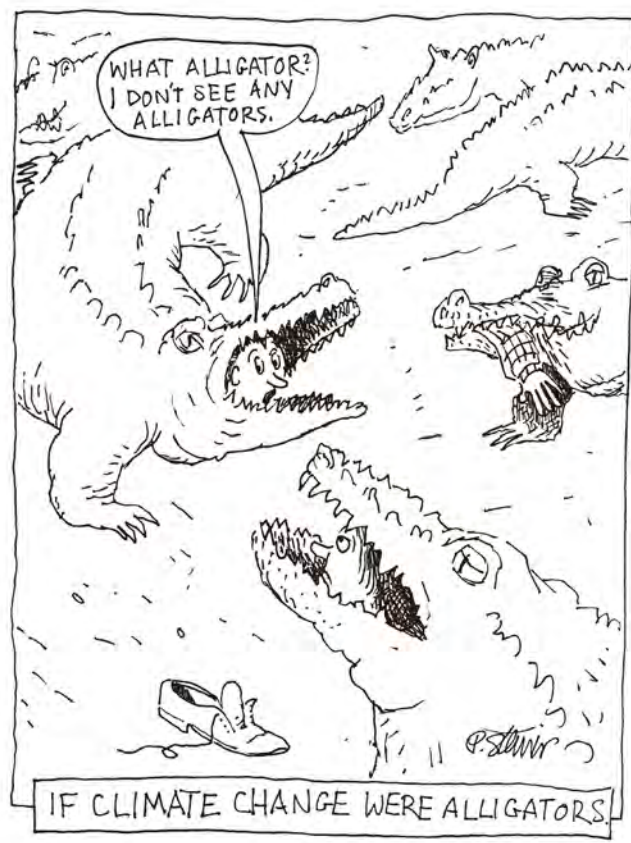
This Saturday, Aug. 28, the entire village is invited to celebrate the committee's hard work and the Millerton Community Park's future at an ice cream social and ground breaking.

The event will be held at the park from 3:30 to 5 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, Aug. 29. The park is located at 5933 North Elm Ave. (Route 22) in Millerton. (For more details, read this week's front page article by reporter Carol Kneeland.)

There will be county and local officials on hand giving speeches, plus the president of the North East Historical Society and the popular band The Joint Chiefs will perform.

Organizers encourage everyone to follow COVID safety protocols, to wear their face masks and to respect social distancing.

To learn more about the Millerton Community Park project, go to www.millertonpark.org or email Stephen Waite at millertonpark@gmail.com.



The legacy you shouldn't leave behind

When asked where they prefer to live out their lives, repeated surveys of seniors overwhelmingly say the same thing: in their own home. They've lived there for decades. It's where they raised their children, and where they still gather for holidays.

All the same, keeping a home in good condition can easily become more than seniors can handle on their own. Imagine you live to 100. Now imagine being 100 and climbing a ladder to clean the gutters.

There's no shame in asking for help to prepare your home for the future, whether the home will be kept in the family or sold. "Successful aging" is a term we've used in this column before, and it applies to homes as well as the people who live in them.

In every decade between 1930 and 1980, Dutchess County saw double-digit population growth. Along with that growth came tens of thousands of new houses. Your home may date to that era. Is it aging as gracefully as you?

The story of Pete and Lucy

Pete and Lucy are in their late 80s and have been married for almost 60 years. They moved up from Queens to a new home on a quiet back road in rural Dutchess in 1962. They've been retired since the late 1990s and could afford preventive work on their home — if they knew what needed doing. They don't know that the kitchen lights are flickering because squirrels have been chewing on the wiring. It's a fire waiting to happen.

The roof was last replaced in the 70s. It leaked during July's heavy rains, but not where Pete and Lucy could see it. Now, there's mold growing behind the walls.

The home has certainly appreciated in value, but is it right to leave these issues to their adult children, who have their own homes and families? More immediately, it's increasingly

GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

unsafe for the parents to live in a deteriorating house. The bill to bring everything back into good repair is likely to be huge, right when the costs of caregiving can be expected to grow.

Having the conversation

What can adult children do to avoid the situation Pete and Lucy are in?

- Ask aging parents about home maintenance history, including any problems they've noticed.

- Offer to help. It may be easier for adult children to locate contractors, who have been in short supply since the pandemic.

- Fix it while parents are alive, rather than trying to do it after they're gone.

Help for income-qualified homeowners

Rebuilding Together Dutchess County (RTDC) is accepting applications for their home repair and accessibility modification programs. These services are provided at no cost to qualified homeowners to help ensure that individuals can live safely and independently.

The deadline for applications to be considered for the 2022 Rebuilding Day program is 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. Call 845-454-7310 or go to www.rtdutchess.org for details and applications.

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



PHOTO BY JANET MANKO

The corn grows taller

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Democratic candidates look forward to meeting voters

We would like to remind all voters in Amenia that the Amenia Democratic Committee will be hosting an outdoor "Meet your Democratic Candidates" event in Amenia on Sunday, Aug. 29, from 3 to 5 p.m.

That afternoon, Amenia voters will get a chance to meet both Dutchess County and local Democratic candidates running for office.

On hand will be Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois (running for re-election); Dutchess County Family Court Judge candidate Rachel Saunders; and Dutchess County Legislator (District-25) candidate Danny Hutnick.

New York State Supreme Court, 9th Judicial District, candidate Thomas Davis has also been invited.

Local candidates Leo Blackman and Katherine Lee, both first-time candidates running

for the Amenia Town Board, will be there to meet with voters and to share with them why they want to serve their community on the Town Board.

The candidate meet and greet will be held at the Indian Rock Schoolhouse Pavilion at 25 Mygatt Road in Amenia.

There will be plenty of opportunities for informal conversations with the candidates before and after they speak, plus an opportunity to ask questions. All are welcome.

Contact the Amenia Democratic Committee at ameniademocrats@gmail.com or call 845-489-7826 for more information.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Vicki Doyle
Amenia Democratic Committee secretary
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Small world — worrying events

They say as you get older, you know more people, have more connections. And, yes, that's true. What catches up to you, every once in a while, is just how common events and facts may be — so common that you suddenly find yourself knowing so many similar events when you never expected even one.

I now have five friends and colleagues who are struggling every hour of every day to get trusted people and families out of Afghanistan. Some have tried to get families past the Taliban to the airport and, hopefully, into the American sector. People call each other hourly, seek faxes and emails with paperwork, stamped by the U.S. State Department or the U.K. Ministry or the French government, to wave in front of machine gun waving Taliban regulars opposing their leaving to safety.

No one is fooled with Taliban verbal promises that these interpreters, employees of "the West," have nothing to fear. The reality is threats, physical and verbal abuse, children terrorized and, never to be forgotten, guns being pointed in faces — including children's.

In the same way you may have heard of Kevin Bacon's game of 6 degrees of separation, let me assure you that if you look into it, you have less

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

separation than 6 degrees to get to men, women, children who are in harm's way, outcast in their own country as it implodes into civil war.

Make no mistake, the Taliban may seem to have control, but that's a momentary illusion. And within the Taliban there are factions ranging from blood thirsty terrorists to men who want to make money and retain power.

Outside of the Taliban there are pro-Western holdout communities who are arming and getting ready for civil war.

Caught between are these families, these devoted interpreters, assistants to the media, these local coordinators for decades of media and business interests' needs.

Yes, if you look for the connection to you, you can find it — it's less than 6 degrees of separation, that's how small the world is now. These people are known to you — it is personal and that's why you should care.

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

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Art of Work Gala: Join us for An Evening with Billy Collins, Sept. 18, 5 p.m.

Argazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. www.argazziart.com
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Berkshire Art Association, Pittsfield, Mass. www.berkshireartassociation.org
Everyone Is a Hero: A

Comic and Cartoon Art Tribute to Our Local Heroes, Aug. 6 to 28.

Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.berkshirebotanical.org
Portraits of American Trees: The Photography of Tom Zetterstrom featured at Berkshire Botanical Garden's Leonhardt Galleries, Sept. 17 to Oct. 31.

Kent Historical Society, Kent, Conn. www.kenthistoricalsociety.org
Summer Exhibit "Found in Collection", through Labor Day Weekend, Saturdays

and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BOOKS

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org
Library Book Group led by Claudia Cayne, Sept. 11, 4 to 5 p.m.

DANCE

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org
Paul Taylor Dance Company, Sept. 3 and 4, 8 p.m.

KIDS

ASAP!, 6 Bee Brook Road, Unit B, Washington Depot, Conn. www.asapct.org

11th Annual Celebration Of Young Photographers, submissions open Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, exhibit Nov. 14.

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
Donut Worry, Be Happy!, Sept. 10, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

MOVIES

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net

Together Together, opens Aug. 27; **Working Girls**, opens Aug. 27; **The Lost Leonardo**, opens Sept. 3.

MUSIC

Close Encounters With Music, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org
PRISM Quartet (Saxophones), Sept. 18, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; **End-of-Summer Celebration and Auction**, Sept. 18, noon to 4 p.m.

Crescendo, Lakeville, Conn. www.worldclassmusic.org
"How lovely are the Messengers" - Well-known and beloved Choral Favorites from Tallis to Mendelssohn, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m.

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

THEATER

Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. www.warnertheatre.org
Nate Bargatze: The Raincheck Tour, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY SARAH BLODGETT

Sarah Blodgett, a Tristate region photographer who took this image of a hooded merganser, will teach a photo workshop Sept. 4.

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Photographer Sarah Blodgett will teach a workshop at the Audubon Center in Sharon, Conn., on taking photos of birds and wildlife. The class will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4, and last two hours.

Participants must have a traditional camera with a manual setting. The class is \$45 and is limited to 15 students. Register by emailing bethany.sheffer@audubon.org. The last day to register is Sept. 3.

PLAYING IS THE THING, AT WRITERS PLAYGROUND

Some people love novels, some people like Russian novels and then there are the readers who want to be in and out of a tale quickly. For those readers, there are short stories — and, now, there are quick little sips of live theater in the form of 10-minute plays that will be performed at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28, and Sunday, Aug. 29, at Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn.

The mini dramas are the finalists in a short-play writing competition sponsored by the playhouse.

The Saturday playwrights are Darcy Boynton, Emily Soell, Allison Fradkin, Maria Hasen and Kate Katcher.

The next afternoon's tales are from Michele A. Miller, Gloria Miller, Jennifer Ju, Dorothy Lyman and beloved director/writer/actor Macey Levin (famous for his role in The Moviehouse Elevator Pitch).

Find out more about the Writers Playground festival at www.sharonplayhouse.org; click on tickets to get details; admission is free.

— Cynthia Hochswender



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EAST CANAAN, CT
TAG SALE: Lone Oak Campsites entrance. Saturday, August 28, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendor space is still available at \$10 per space. Call 860-824-7051 to reserve a space. Free admission to tag sale.

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