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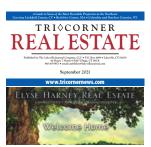


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Pine Plains opts out

Marijuana can't be sold or smoked publicly, for now

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

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

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — Described as the "face of Pine Plains," by her onetime 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-



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

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

"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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Celebration for Eddie Collins Park redo five years in the making

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — This week's hot-

test 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

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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Local ADs talk **Football** programs depend on merging

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

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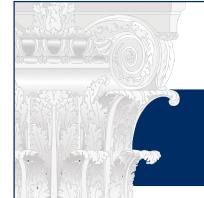
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Library gets creative and mobile with \$25k county grant

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 supersophisticated, 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

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.



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 local farm at 12:30 p.m. on 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,

Arriving at the popular

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

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

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.

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"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.



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"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 rural communities, and those of our youth and teens should not

go unnoticed."



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PINE PLAINS/AREA

BOE discusses fall re-entry, parents vent on masks

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

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.

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 Hegganstaller, 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 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

staff to complete the online require only 3 feet of social distancing.

> Other highlights of the reentry 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

> 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.



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 kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

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

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 CO-VID-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 seasonably 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 another 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."

Brain Teasers

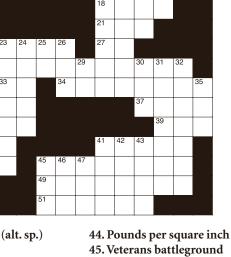
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- 38. Native people of Nebraska
- and S. Dakota
- 40. Deliver
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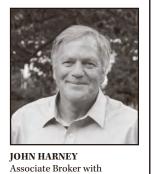
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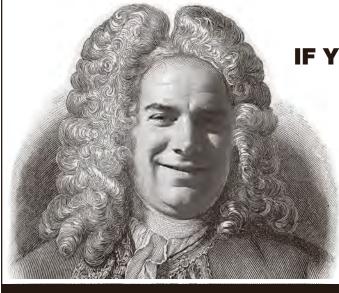
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children previously participated

in the track program and volun-

teered this year helping the little

"It takes a lot of volunteers,

but everyone chips in and it

works out great," Sullivan said,

expressing her gratitude to all

the families and volunteers who

helped with this year's program.

the high school, summer track

was held on Monday nights at 6

p.m., starting July 8 and ending

Aug. 9. Offered to children ages

4 to 12, the program had at least

50 children participating every

like a track meet, Sullivan said

the children were split into

age groups to run in different

track events with others their

own age. They would run a

100-meter race, 200-meter race,

the children for their participa-

Reflecting on how this sum-

mer played out on the track, she

added, "I think it's been great.

It's been really fun to see the

kids, and because we skipped

a year, it's been great to see a

whole new crop of kids get-

ting exposed to track and it's

been fun to have the program

running at the same time as

the Summer Olympics, so as

they're running track and field,

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Running the weekly program

week, according to Sullivan.

Held on the track behind

ones learn the ropes.

With the summer sunshine on her face, a little girl was spotted running down the track behind Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School as part of this year's Pine Plains Summer Track program, which ran every Monday from July 8 to Aug. 9.

Pine Plains races through eighth year of Summer Track Program

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — Connecting local athletes of the past and present, the annual Pine Plains Summer Track Program recently finished another energetic season pounding the pavement, gathering just as much excitement from its young participants as it did when the program started eight summers ago.

The Pine Plains Summer Track Program took off in 2012 when Tara Sullivan, one of its organizers, called a few of her track buddies from her athletic days at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, including Chris LoBrutto, Kate Osofsky and Sullivan's sister, Linda Murray.

All of them, Sullivan explained, had participated in track in high school around the 1980s. Each had excelled at different track events: Sullivan was a long distance runner while LoBrutto and Murray were sprinters and Osofsky was a hurdler.

Along with getting involved with the events they previously excelled in, Sullivan said the program offers the adult volunteers a chance to work with the young athletes who were excited about running.

Along with its ties to the past, the track program provided a link to the current track team at Stissing Mountain Junior/ Senior High School, since it had current track team members and coaches Jeremy Weber and Mike Cooper also volunteer. That, plus the ties to the community and all of the parent volunteers, and Sullivan said it was a win-win situation. Her

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Softball clinics Tuesday nights

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Softball Fall Clinics are happening now and are held on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. The clinics are open to girls ages 8 to 12.

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OBITUARIES

Wallace W. Kaye

MILLERTON — "The Last of the Original Rounders of

Riga," Wallace W. Kaye, 81, died Aug. 19, 2021 at Sharon Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer.

Wally, as he was more affectionately known, worked as a mason for Sharon Masonry in Sharon and as a truck driver for Upcountry Landscaping,

tirement. Born March 14, 1940, in Sha-

also in Sharon, prior to his re-

ron, he was the son of the late Blanche (Bates) and Wallace A. Kaye.

While growing up on the Kaye Farm he enjoyed attending agricultural fairs, riding horses and caring for his favorite goat, Cliff.

He was a graduate of Roeliff Jansen High School and attended SUNY Cortland.

On Sept. 19, 1967, in Ancram, he married Linda Brendline. His loving wife survives at

Wally was a past member of the 4H Club and the Millerton Fire Company. He was also a former baseball coach for the Farm League in Amenia.

He was an avid hunter and founding member of the Rounders of Riga, a hunting club that was established in 1952 with many of his dearest friends. He also enjoyed ice fishing in the winter months and crossword puzzles in his spare time.

Wally enjoyed talking to his nephews, Don and Greg, and taking drives with his niece Charlene. He had a special bond with his granddaughter Jaya, who lovingly referred to him as "Sam." They spent time together playing with balloons, and he enjoyed giving her dollar bills to put in her little savings

He will be deeply missed by his beloved family and many dear friends.

In addition to his wife of 54 years, Wally is survived by his

son, Brian E. Kaye and his wife, Maya, of Millerton; his daughter, Lisa Bradley and her husband, Keith, of Eloy, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Jaya "Sam" Kaye and Justin and Brandon Lundy; two great-grandchildren; his brother, George Kaye and his wife, Etsuko, of Millerton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a sister, Linda Amerighi.

Private family visitation took place on Friday, Aug. 20, at 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. A graveside service and burial will take place on Monday, Aug. 30, at 11 a.m. at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton, the Rev. Zora Ficcara-Cheatham officiating. All are invited to attend. A reception in Wally's honor 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.

Frederick William Barna

ick William Barna, 85, a 45-year

resident of Dover and formerly of Millerton, died peacefully at his home on Aug. 18, 2021, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Fred was a proud farmer who worked for many years at Sunny Meadows

Farm in Pine Plains and for the Booth Farm on McGhee Hill Road in Millerton. Fred also worked for Pawling Rubber for eight years as a groundskeeper before his retirement.

Born June 24, 1936, in Worcester, Mass., he was the son of the late John and Rosella Barna.

He attended school in Cheshire and on April 19, 1958, at St. Mary's Church in Cheshire he married the love of his life, Dorothy Slater. Mrs. Barna survives at home.

Fred was a longtime member of St. Bridget's Parish in Copake Falls and VFW Post #5444 in Dover Plains, where he enjoyed laughing and socializing with his friends.

He was an avid bowler and excellent horseshoe player and liked fishing in his spare time. "Poppy Donuts," as he was affectionately known to his loving grandchildren, will

DOVER PLAINS — Freder- be dearly missed by his loving family and many close friends.

> In addition to his beloved wife, Fred is survived by his daughter, Jodie Lord, and her husband, Earl, of Wingdale, N.Y.; his granddaughters, Danielle Rutigliano and her husband, Mike, of Pleasant

Valley, Linsay Rob-

bins and her husband, Keith, of Wingdale and Lacee Peeters and her husband, Derek, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; seven great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Vegas, Mason, Kaliyah, Aries, Stormi and D.J.; and several nieces and nephews.

Fred was predeceased by his daughter, Brenda Barna; a granddaughter, Carmella Palmieri; five siblings, Mike, John, Harold, Andy and Anna; and his foster father, Anthony Choquette, and his foster sister, Doris Sabin.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. A funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 23, at the funeral home, the Rev. William Mayhew officiating. Burial was at St. Bridget's Cemetery in Copake Falls. To send an online condolence to the family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome. com.

Email obituaries to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com





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AMENIA

Webutuck BOE assesses plan for '21-'22 school year

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

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 CO-VID-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

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

<u>Amenia Yoga</u>

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

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

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-



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 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

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 cur-

rently being offered at Amenia Yoga — A Place

for Wellness, located at 18

Old North Road, behind

the Freshtown Plaza off of

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@ ameniayoga.com, call 646-401-4188 or go to www.ameniayoga.

PHOTO BY KAILIN 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-

Future plans discussed by Amenia Housing Board

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

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 Blackman wins the election 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 Hall.

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

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AMENIA IN BRIEF

Town Board to discuss cannabis law Sept. 2

Residents intered 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.

The meeting will be held at Amenia Town Hall, located at 4988 Route 22, at

For more information, including the agenda, go to www.ameniany.gov.

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.

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

Email ameniademocrats@gmail.com or call 845-489-7826 for more information.

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deadline to opt out of allowing commercial sales of cannabis as well as lounges where the drug can be openly smoked.

The rationale

Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud explained it was the way Cuomo designed the new law, coupled with advice from the town attorney, which nudged her Town Board to opt out at this time.

"As regards the laws, if we do nothing, we automatically optin to allowing both dispensaries and lounges, but we cannot optout ever again," explained Cloud to local residents in her Dear Pine Plains community newsletter email last week. "If we optout, we can still opt-in at a later date. It's complex. So in order to maintain control over the situation, on the advice of our town attorney, last night we voted to 'opt-out' of both of these laws, so that we can 'opt-in' by either deciding to do nothing, or later, after the December deadline, when we will have more information about the State Law. That will give us guidance over what we need to re-zone or put it into an ordinance to make this work in Pine Plains.'

It is complicated, as Cloud's counterparts in North East and Millerton agreed a week earlier. Millerton Mayor Jenn Najdek explained in an interview how some of the financials would

work if a municipality were to approve a dispensary or a lounge within its borders.

"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 said, adding it would vary depending, in Millerton's case, if it were to share the profits with the town of North East, if it also were to

For Pine Plains, which does not have a village within its town lines like North East does with Millerton, but rather has hamlets within its town borders like the town of Amenia does with the hamlets of Wassaic, Amenia Union, Smithfield, etc., it would not have to share any revenue.

Towns with hamlets, meanwhile, do not have to split profits with those hamlets as hamlets do not have their own governments and are not separate taxing entities.

A case study

Cloud noted that she researched the issue before meeting with the Town Board on Monday night. She even reached out to the mayor of Gunnison, Colo., Jim Gelwicks "on the impact of dispensaries and lounges in his small rural town in the mountains." She wanted to see what lessons could be applied to Pine Plains. Cloud said she came away from that discussion learning two important points.

"One, the state does have a lot to regulate already," she said. "Also, the licenses for these things are extremely expensive, and there are only 700 and change that are going to be available in New York. That is quite different than in Colorado, which does not restrict licenses. That was an important thing for me to learn."

Cloud said Pine Plains can also create zoning so cannabis is not allowed in its downtown

A cap on dispensaries, sales dollars put to good use

"So we can do a lot," she said. "That was a good thing to know. There can only be 700 stores in the whole state of New York, so that greatly reduces the overrunning of these stores."

While she wasn't sure how those 700 dispensaries will be approved, the supervisor did not believe it will be on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

"I think it might be how many are allowed in an area," she said, "and they're going to be very judicious about it. That was important to understand."

Another useful tip she learned from Mayor Gelwicks was how he uses the tax revenue his town earns from marijuana sales; it planted a seed in her mind for possible future ideas in Pine Plains, she said.

"One of the main things he

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football has been so low for the past few years. (To read Hammell's interview, and how he had to send two of his players to join the Dover High School team in order for them to play football this year, go to www. tricornernews.com.)

mentioned was that they used

their sales tax money to create

their first-ever mental health

services for the town," said an

enthusiastic Cloud, noting Gun-

nison is about 90 minutes from

civilization and in desperate

need of health services. "This is

aimed at mitigating the impact of

marijuana sales in the town. His

observation has been that those

with issues would find the drug

no matter who sells it, and if it

were illegal, there would be no

Community feedback

the community for input before

the board voted on the whether

to opt in or out, said she received

about 40 emails from residents,

and spoke with many more on

the streets, taking numerous

those living and working in

town, she said, was "hugely in fa-

vor of having a dispensary while

she said, "People want medical

marijuana to be more accessible

to them because they need it.

That's a good key point, because

right now to get it, they have to

drive Kingston or Wappingers

can openly smoke pot on the

streets of Pine Plains, Cloud said

Stay tuned

board's decision to opt out of

allowing commercial sales and

marijuana lounges at this time

gives the town "power over the

situation because we can always

opt in," Cloud encouraged the

community to stay abreast of the

issue and to tune in for a public

hearing in September, when the

town will seek more formal in-

Residents may attend the Sep-

tember public hearing in person

or submit written comments to

be entered into the record for

the meeting to the Pine Plains

Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, P.O.

Box 955, Pine Plains, NY 12567

or email them to supervisor@

put on the MRTA.

pineplains-ny.gov.

Wanting to stress that the

As far as whether someone

Another frequent comment,

the lounge is of great concern."

The overall sentiment among

"straw polls."

or Albany."

definitely not.

Cloud, who had appealed to

way to control the quality."

This week, we pick up with interviews with the ADs from both the Webutuck and Pine Plains Central School Districts.

Other ADs chime in

Pine Plains Central School Athletic Director Robert Scott merged his football team with the team from Rhinebeck High School in northern Dutchess County about five years ago.

Rhinebeck had never had a football team previously, so it was a win-win for both districts. The merged football team started with 11 players, but then went down to an eight-man team, with Pine Plains hosting.

Scott said while football is still popular, baseball and softball have always seemed to be the most popular sports for the Bombers. Field hockey is also really big in the fall and in the spring, Pine Plains goes to Rhinebeck to play lacrosse with that school.

"It's not always perfect, but the parents have been great," he said. "I think from what we've done with Rhinebeck, we have happy kids who are getting the support to play the sports that they love."

Webutuck High School in Amenia has shared a similar fate as the other two school districts, with declining student enrollment and more interest in sports other than football, such as basketball, soccer and volleyball.

Webutuck Athletic Director Joe Lasaponara was in touch with Hammell before the CO-VID pandemic, when they talked about merging their football teams. At that time, six of the Webutuck players were interested. Then the pandemic hit, so that merger never occurred.

"Interest in a particular sport starts early, especially if a child

finds something he or she excels in," said Lasaponara. "Football generally starts in middle school, and by then many students have found another sport they love. In some instances, you can't play [more than one] sport because of scheduling, so they stick with what they already love."

With the COVID virus experiencing a resurgence, the athletic directors said the upcoming school year will be a tough one in terms of athletics. Not only will the student athletes be challenged just to stay healthy, they may face mask and vaccine mandates, they'll have to deal with keeping 3 to 6 feet of distance from one another even when competing and many high-risk sports could be canceled. Then there are the logistical challenges of transporting athletes safely on buses for their games. Plus, there are question if fans will be allowed to attend games during the sports seasons that will be held.

A statement on Tuesday, Aug. 10, from New York State Public High School Athletic Association Executive Director Robert Zavas announced that "there will be no COVID restrictions that will have an impact on interscholastic athletics for the upcoming school year." That could change.

He added the state championships scheduled for the 2021-22 school year and fall sports would begin on Aug. 23.

However, New York's education regulators are recommending that some schools cancel high-risk sporting events in areas where there is high transmission of COVID-19, unless participants are vaccinated. For the past few weeks, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has deemed Dutchess County as an area of "high transmission" of the coronavirus.

The New York Department of Health considers football, volleyball and competitive cheerleading to be "higher risk."

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candidate in order to appoint a replacement.

Somehow, said Harpp, they had settled on her. At the time she was waitressing and driving a school bus for the Pine Plains Central School District, both of which she enjoyed do-

"I don't remember the previous clerk's party," she said, "but then I won eight or nine consecutive elections."

She remembered fondly teasing her late husband, Robert, who was the former highway superintendent in town for many years, that she would earn more votes than him during town elections. The two had an easy rapport that kept things light at monthly board meetings. When Bob passed

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

Town Supervisor Darrah Cloud

away in February of 2010 it was difficult on not only the Harpp family but the town of Pine Plains and its entire com-

But the town wanted to focus on happy moments last week, when it looked at all Judy had done for not only the municipality but the people of Pine Plains. That's why Cloud and everyone at Town Hall decided to surprise her with a send-off party at the Backyard Garden on Church Street on Thursday, Aug. 19. And even though she had dedicated 33 years of hard work to her job, Harpp said she had no idea a party in her honor had been planned.

"Stunned, I had absolutely no idea. I'm not a big surprise party person; I don't like to be the center of attention, I thought they all knew that. I know my family all knows that," she said. "I told my grandson I was retiring. When my grandson told me he wanted to take me out to dinner, I said that sounds nice. I had no clue; I was actually dumbfounded."

Which was part of the fun. "They gave me a beautiful crystal vase with a plaque on the bottom that says, 'In honor of Judy Harpp for a lifetime of service to the town of Pine Plains,' and a large bouquet of flowers and a party with a vanilla cake with a boat with a 'gone fishin' tag."

Harpp said it was "a really wonderful experience" being town clerk, and that she "loved helping everyone out" while she was on the job.

"I hope to see most of them around town," she added.

Madeline Chase DaFoe is now the new town clerk; she has asked Harpp to remain temporarily as her deputy town clerk while she learns the ropes. Harpp agreed, but said she doesn't plan to remain at Town Hall for too long. She said 33 years, while great, has been long enough.

Soon, Harpp hopes to be able to travel, as the world health situation allows. She most looks forward to returning to northern Ireland, where her family is from, as well as traveling to Amish Country in Pennsylvania.

COLLINS PARK Continued from Page A1

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, Chair of the **Dutchess County Legislature** Gregg Pulver (R-19), State Sen. Sue Serino (R-41) and others will briefly address the party-

Local historian Ed Downey will present a short overview of the park starting in the early part of the 20th Century when horses raced, student-athletes competed and many — including adults — engaged in the newly minted America's Game: Baseball.

The space evolved in stages from an open field adjacent to the "Round House," which serviced the many railroads that passed through town, to the present day facility that has included basketball courts, a onetime skateboard park, baseball fields, a playground, a one-time swimming pool and more.

With only a few changes in personnel over the years, Waite's team has been working hand-in-glove with the village of Millerton, including past and present Mayors Debbie Middlebrook and Jenn Najdek. They've all worked in concert managing the complex details of planning, organizing, following guidelines and funding requests.

The result so far includes a Community Development Block Grant from the county, a \$600,000 matching grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation and donations from more than 150 individuals to date.

The committee is "extremely grateful for the contributions," said an appreciative Waite, who is proud of the group's "dedication and consistent efforts." Those have involved weekly meetings, including Zoom gatherings throughout the

pandemic. "We would not be here if everybody had not been doing their part," he noted.

That includes the hard work of the members of the Millerton road crew who, with the park closed, persevered through the hottest summer on record doing much of the preparation work needed to move forward. Those efforts have been credited toward the matching funds required by the state grant.

Born and bred in Millerton, Waite believes that the recreation space at Eddie Collins Park has shaped both the youth of the town and the community itself. He, like so many others, remembers fondly going to camp, swimming on hot summer days and playing sports while forming life-long connections with many other local children at the facilities.

To learn more, including plans for the grand renovation and ways to contribute, go to www.millertonpark.org.

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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 performance 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.

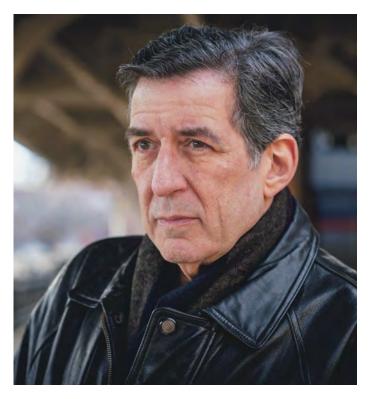


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Peter Lerman, who now sports a full beard, will talk about the art and commerce of audiobooks on Aug. 31.



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HERITAGE WALKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

History, Architecture,

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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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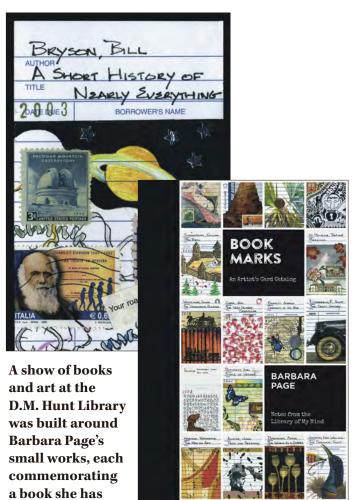
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BOOKS AS ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

When Art and Books Collide

he 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

ost 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.

read.

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 — then the story jumps



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

THE WHITE LOTUS As The White Lotus

— you don't know whom

opens, someone has died

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

The White

Lotus is

a darker,

version of the

"Grand Hotel,"

and is one of

most unusual

film classic

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).

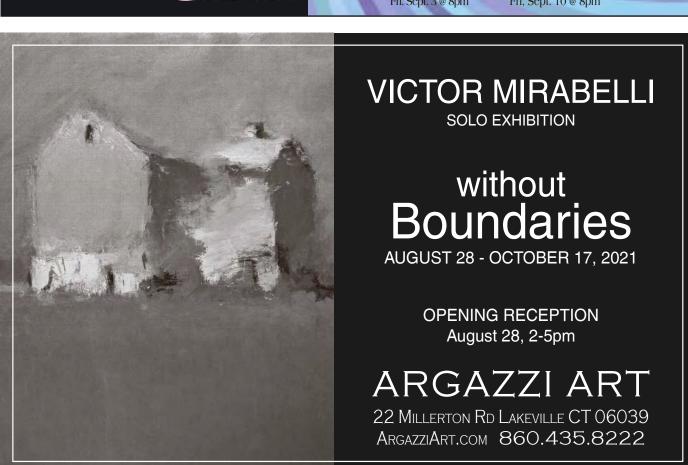
Then there is the resort manager, Armond, a drug addict who can barely hide his contempt for most guests and who is played masterfully by Murray Bartlett as a man who is both revolting and sympathetic. The native Hawaiians who work at the resort are portrayed more

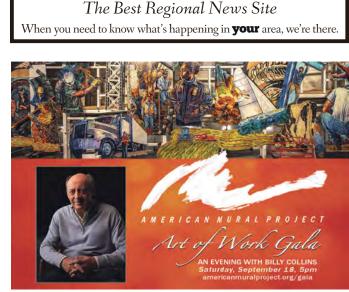
sympathetically, and their stories are disheartening.

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.)

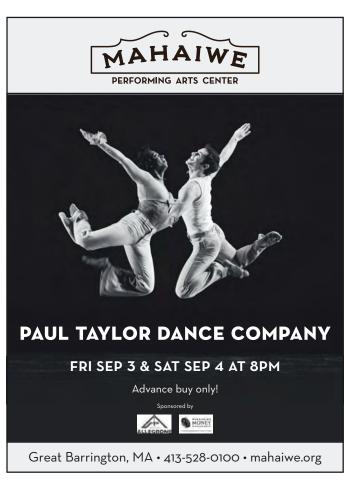
Lotus is a satire with many funny moments; its creator, Mike White, was a writer-producer of the comedy classic Freaks and Geeks. But it moves beyond comedy and turns into a tragedy for a few characters, a life-changing event for some, a week in the sun for others, and one of the best and most unusual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







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MILLBROOK

Village discusses HBO filming, sidewalks and cannabis law

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE pend on the COVID pandemic. curves on roadways have been judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK - Wednesday, Aug. 11, the Millbrook Village Board met at the firehouse for an in-person meeting, which will is 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

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-

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 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-

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 onetime 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-purposecommunity 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 onetime 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

WASHINGTON IN BRIEF

Comprehensive Plan forums planned

The Town of Washington must sign in 15 minutes be-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

fore 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.

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 $process\, again stitm ay \,be\, served$ 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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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,

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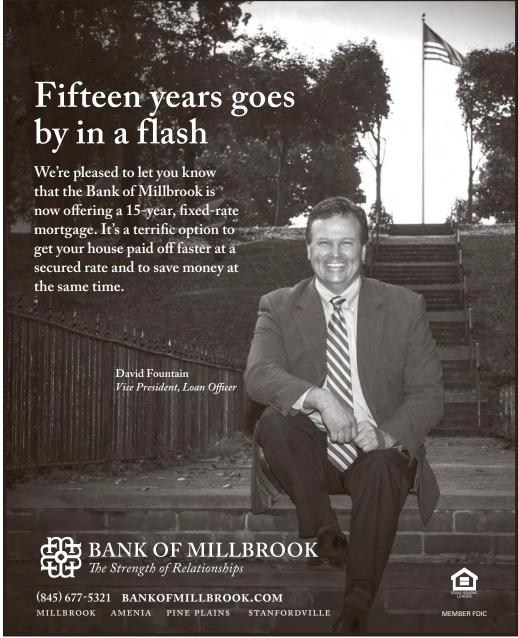
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EDITORIAL

Millerton Community Park worth celebrating

here 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 skateboard 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

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.

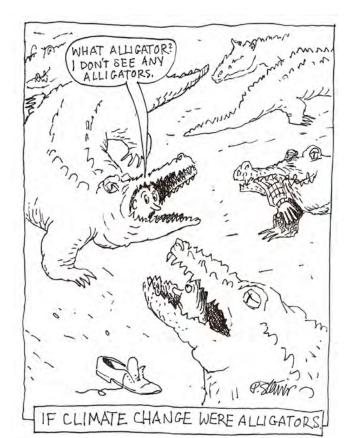
This Saturday, Aug. 28, the entire village is invited to celebrate the committee's hard work and the Millerton Community Park's future at an ice cream social and ground breaking.

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

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

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

Then 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

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

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 incomequalified 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/



The corn grows taller

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Democratic candidates look forward to meeting voters

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

We would like to remind all 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 op-

portunities 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 ameni-

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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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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.

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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.

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

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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

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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.

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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).

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