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Post 178's clinic canceled after J&J vaccine put on pause

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MILLERTON — There was last minute word on Tuesday morning, April 13, just before this paper went to press, that the COVID-19 vaccination clinic scheduled at the Legion Post Hall for Friday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., had been canceled.

"The FDA/CDC is recommending a pause on the J&J Vaccine," emailed Post 178 Historian Sean Klay, who had

been instrumental in coordinating the vaccination clinic and getting word out to the community. "I assume it will affect our Pop Up Friday. More to follow."

Less than half an hour later, Klay followed up with another email.

"I just heard back from [the county executive's office] a few moments ago. They will NOT be administering the J&J vaccine this Friday and are currently reevaluating their options at this time," he wrote. "For the moment, that

is all I've got."

It had taken a lot of planning and some secrecy for Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro's office and the Millerton American Legion Post 178 when they released word last week that they were planning to distribute approximately 100 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine on the 16th.

According to a breaking news report from The New York Times on

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COVID-19 will once again have an impact on area garden centers

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SHARON, Conn. — There will still be snow again (possibly on Friday, April 16), but spring is officially here and with it has come the opening of area garden centers — many of whom opened for business on the first day of spring, Saturday, March 20.

Some of the markets and garden centers, such as Freund's in East Canaan and McEnroe Organic in Millerton, stayed open through the winter.

Kent Greenhouse and Salisbury Garden Center and Paley's in Sharon both opened March 20.

The plan for Paley's this year was to open a little later than normal, on March 27 (although the fine weather encouraged them to have an early "soft" opening).

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McEnroe Organic Farm had a full supply of potting soil, compost and other gardening supplies on hand at the start of April, but it's sure to go quickly as spring has officially arrived along with gardening season.

August Regents are called off; June Regents still a question mark

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NEW YORK STATE — Back in January, the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) union asked the New York State Education Department (NYSED) for a federal waiver so students in third grade all the way through high school wouldn't have to go through the annual round of standardized testing.

The NYSED did so last year for New York students due to the many

problems the education system encountered due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, classes were again a mix of remote, hybrid and soon, some students will be returning to in-person learning full-time while some will remain remote. Some schools will be either or while others will do away with the hybrid model completely.

A recent letter to Interim State Education Commissioner Betty Rosa, Regents Chancellor Lester Young Jr. and the Board of Regents from the teachers' union stated that due to the

pandemic, education has not been a uniform, normal process.

"Throughout this school year there has not been a standardized mode of instruction across the state," stated the teachers.

The teachers don't believe standardized testing should be conducted during a year when so many other challenges exist, like the ongoing racial tensions across the country or the unsettled economic and emotional

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Three years since their operations took off in the village of Millerton, Harney & Sons' sister company, The Hemp Division, has been doing well in the midst of the changing hemp market.

Marijuana is now legal in New York

Harney & Sons has its hand in the pot

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Considered a crucial step forward for local growers and retailers, Governor Andrew Cuomo's decision to sign legislation legalizing adult-use cannabis marked an historic moment for New York, laying the groundwork for the marijuana industry to grow the state's economy to an unknown potential.

For those unfamiliar with the world of cannabis, here are a few key terms to keep in mind. The term "cannabinoid" has been defined on the National Cancer Institute website, www.cancer.gov, as a type of chemical in marijuana that causes drug-like

effects throughout the body, including the nervous and immune systems. The Alcohol and Drug Foundation website, www.adf.org, attributes delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) as the two main cannabinoids, and recreational, medicinal and synthetic as the three types of cannabinoids used by people.

As they wait to find out what the rules will be now that New York State has legalized adult-use cannabis, local CBD retailers — such as Harney & Sons in Millerton — are considering their future operations. The Millerton News spoke to Michael Harney, vice-president of Harney &

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From honey to tins and bags of tea, rows of products from The Hemp Division, the sister company of Harney & Sons Fine Tea, can now be found on the shelves at the Harney & Sons Tasting Room, located at 13 Main St. in Millerton.

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Village lowers 2021-22 budget by \$2,600

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MILLERTON — Taking the next step in the budget development process, the Village Board held the required public hearing for the 2021-22 village budget at the start of its workshop meeting on Monday, April 5.

Live streamed to the “Village of Millerton VOM” Facebook page at 6 p.m., the entire board attended; the public hearing opened five minutes later.

As there were no questions from the board, Village Clerk and Treasurer Kelly Kilmer presented the tentative budget, and said after taking questions from the public, the board would have to adjust the budget as needed.

One of the adjustments needed would involve lowering the amount of taxes that the village will collect in the next fiscal year by \$2,600, said Kilmer. After doing so, the new total for the amount to be raised in taxes amounted to \$419,728.

Millerton’s tax rate for the 2021-22 budget comes to at \$4.66 per \$1,000; for 2021-22 the tax rate is \$5.52 per \$1,000, an increase of \$0.14 per \$1,000.

Kilmer also directed the trustees to the budget’s revenue line for public safety and traffic costs. This area, she explained, is normally where the village’s DWI contract with Dutchess County is listed, for which the board had budgeted \$2,275. Though the board had initially anticipated that the contract amount would be the same in the upcoming budget, Kilmer said the amount had gone down significantly, so the village’s DWI contract with the county will be \$1,100.

When she called the county to ask why, she was informed that the county’s DWI program is “totally funded” on the revenue that is brought in because of DWIs, which then gets divided among the municipalities that are a part of the DWI contract. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kilmer was told there was a lot less revenue that came in this year, which explains why Millerton’s contract will also be a lot less this year.

Village Trustee Matthew Hartzog asked for confirmation as to whether the board was able to give a very small pay raise to a number of village employees in the 2021-22 budget. Kilmer affirmed it was and that all of the village employees will be getting a pay raise. She also confirmed that Mayor Debbie Middlebrook and the village trustees opted not to give themselves raises in the next year, but instead to give the pay hikes to other village employees.

While there were no questions from the Village Board members or from the members of the public, the trustees decided to keep the public hearing open to give the community a chance to come forward with any concerns or comments. As they waited, the board and Kilmer addressed other matters pertaining to the village of Millerton.

The board checked if any questions were submitted before closing the hearing; Kilmer asked it not to vote on the budget that evening so she could change the items she mentioned earlier and bring the budget back to be voted on at the April 19 meeting. Agreeing to the good idea, the board officially closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

Webutuck students shine at Dutchess County Regional Science Fair

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WEBUTUCK — Almost a month after their projects were applauded at their school district’s first-ever Virtual STEAM Fair, Webutuck students Carlos Franco Sub and Samantha Meehan took their STEAM Fair projects to the next level, at the Dutchess County Regional Science Fair in March, earning them honorable mentions.

With Webutuck’s STEAM Fair going virtual this year due to the COVID-19 health crisis, students from kindergarten through 12th grade could submit their experiments, projects and studies to the “2021 Webutuck STEAM Fair” Google site, which went live for public view on Monday, Feb. 22. The projects were examined and judged through Sunday, Feb. 28 and by Friday, March 5, the winners were announced.

A seventh-grader at Eugene Brooks Intermediate School (EBIS), Carlos’ project Swift Corrosion won second place while Samantha, a junior at Webutuck High School (WHS), won first place for her project, Short Term Memory and Its Effect on Eyewitness Testimonies.

As is the tradition for all STEAM Fair winners and hon-



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A junior at Webutuck High School, Samantha Meehan received an honorable mention award for her Short Term Memory and Its Effect on Eyewitness Testimonies project in this year’s 62nd Annual Virtual Dutchess County Regional Science Fair, as did seventh-grader Carlos Franco Sub.

orable mentions, Carlos and Samantha were eligible to enter the annual Dutchess County Regional Science Fair. Typically held at Dutchess Community College (DCC) in Poughkeeps-

ie, this year’s 62nd county fair was virtually held on Saturday, March 27.

In addition to each receiving an honorable mention award, both students received a Cer-

tificate of Achievement, a commemorative T-shirt and a Terra Foundation Sport Sack. Carlos was also presented with the special award from the American Chemical Society for his project.

In speaking with Dutchess County Regional Science Fair Director Maung S. Htoo, Christine Gillette, a science teacher at EBIS, said both students commented on how challenging it was to pull off doing projects for both fairs virtually.

Though Carlos and Samantha had reminders from her and WHS science teacher Danielle Fridstrom, Gillette said it was in their hands to meet the necessary deadlines to enter the Regional Science Fair and to show up for the virtual judging appointments. Additionally, this year’s science fair coincided with Webutuck’s spring break and “this alone was concerning if students would be able and willing to join virtually.”

“I feel that the virtual judging could be more intimidating to our young adults than the in-person in some ways,” Gillette said. “We are very proud of both Carlos Franco Sub and Samantha Meehan for overcoming these challenges and for their accomplishments in the DC Regional Science Fair.”

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Earth Day Children’s Activities this April with Millerton library

Coinciding with this year’s celebration of Earth Day in the village of Millerton, the NorthEast-Millerton Library will have Earth Day Story Hours and Take and Make Magic Bean Stalk

Kits for local children. Come Thursday, April 22, at 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 24, at noon, children are invited to pick up a Take and Make Magic Bean Stalk kit and enjoy stories about the Earth and how they

can help take care of it. All ages are welcome. As RSVP is required, families should email Kristin McClune at kmclune@nemillertonlibrary.org to sign up.

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Lavelle Road pump house could cost town \$336,000

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AMENIA — After waiting patiently for Town Engineer John Andrews' report, the Town Board was informed as to how much it would cost to upgrade the Lavelle Road pump house and generator at the board meeting held on Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m.

Though he identified himself as a New York State licensed engineer and highlighted his years of service as engineer to the Amenia Planning Board, Andrews said this was the first time he's worked on a water district issue. He explained he was asked to do a quick evaluation of the Lavelle Road pump station, which he described as a small, wood frame pumping station located at the end of Lavelle Road in the middle of the town's water system. He also said that the pump house contains controls for two wells on the town property surrounding the structure.

After doing an evaluation of the site, Andrews said it became evident that there are some issues with the structure and its inside components. Along with describing that section of Lavelle Road as low and wet, he mentioned the pump house contains a chlorination system, one well and all the controls for the two wells inside the structure. As a consequence, he said there's a high degree of both moisture and corrosion. With water pumping stations — especially ones associated with chlorine — Andrews said there's a great deal of moisture involved, he said all the small electrical contacts and

equipment inside the pump house structure are highly vulnerable to corrosion.

Andrews talked about how replacing the station in kind with certain other improvements was considered as an option. In replacing the current structure, he said the town would have to build a bigger building that would need a minimum of two separate rooms inside, one of which would keep all the electrical and water components away from the chlorine components. Other factors to be considered include removing the well that's physically located inside the existing pump house structure and installing a chlorine contact tank to treat the water.

Though he didn't conduct an evaluation of the entire water system, Andrews said he included a section in his cost estimate regarding potential alternatives and considered that replacing the entire pump house is "not in the overall best interest of the system as a whole."

Andrews said it might be more prudent for the town to look at its overall water system. Given the amount of money the town wants to spend on the pump house upgrade, Andrews suggested it might be better to evaluate other places to spend money, perhaps using it to improve the station instead of replacing it.

In conducting a construction cost estimate that included the replacement of the existing pump house, Andrews said preliminary estimates said it has to be a 15-by-15 foot structure; he recommended both precast concrete for the structure and installing a

chlorine contact tank. Other related costs included the costs of well improvements; demolition and removal; electric services; and shifting the water system to the replacement structure.

While the total construction cost was calculated at \$236,670, Andrews reminded the board of the added percentages added to construction costs, such as engineering design approval, water operator and legal costs. Altogether, he said the net project comes to \$336,000 for the replacement of the current 8-by-10 foot building.

Recommending that the board sit down and come up with alternative avenues for an expenditure of this size, Andrews suggested, as one option, that the town might be able to drill two new wells, take the existing wells offline and perhaps spend less than \$336,000.

"I think what the board needs to do is take this under advisement, consider whether it's prudent, and perhaps authorize a little more detailed study to see what the options to simple replacement are," Andrews said, "and I think that's a better expenditure of time and effort."

When asked by town Supervisor Victoria Perotti for recommendations, Andrews said he typically works with the environmental engineering company Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc., which previously served as the hydrogeologists for Silo Ridge Field Club's water supply; he offered to reach out to the company to get a proposal regrading well drilling for the board.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Local residents were greeted by members of the Amenia Fire Company as they drove into the parking lot at the firehouse to pick up their chicken dinners as part of the fire company's Drive-Thru Chicken Barbecue fundraiser.

Amenia Fire Co., good on the grill

AMENIA — The smell of hot, delicious chicken came wafting out of the parking lot next to the Amenia firehouse on Saturday, April 10, as the volunteer firefighters and their supporters cooked up more than 350 chicken dinners for the company's Drive-Thru Chicken Barbecue.

Dinners were made available for pickup from 3 to 6 p.m. at the firehouse, located at 36 Mechanic St. With each

dinner priced at \$15, all proceeds went to benefit the Amenia Fire Company. On the day of the event, the fire company held a sold out community event.

Throughout the afternoon, local residents drove into the parking lot where the mouth-watering barbecue was delivered to their cars. Members of the Amenia Fire Company were spotted working in an assembly line where they prepared take-

out containers packed with chicken, baked beans, potatoes, cole slaw, a roll and dessert.

When asked what makes the Drive-Thru Chicken Barbecue such a great event for the community, Amenia Fire Company Junior Member Brody Howard was quick to say it's "because the chicken is nice and juicy, there are cookies that are chocolatey and the potatoes are nice with butter and salt."

— Kaitlin Lyle

BOE gets update on capital project

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WEBUTUCK — The North East (Webutuck) Central School District Board of Education (BOE) was kept abreast of the status of the long-awaited capital project during a presentation facilitated by Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani on Monday, March 15.

Starting at 7 p.m., board members convened for their meeting via Zoom due to the COVID health crisis. Accompanied by Business Administrator Robert Farrier and Luis Rodriguez from The Palumbo Group — both of whom answered questions and provided input — Castellani launched his presentation.

Giving an overview, Castellani attributed the need for another capital project to replace the main components in the district's infrastructure so it can avoid larger emergency repairs down the road.

Other factors include improving air quality and avoiding safety issues, as well as addressing certain items such as roofs and heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems that have reached the end of their lifespans.

Castellani answered the question "why now?" He said the district has resolved debt from a previous capital project dating back 20 years, and will replace it with this new debt. He explained Webutuck has debt "falling off the table," so the district and taxpayers will therefore be able to realize a savings as a district and as taxpayers.

As capital debt is reduced, building aid is reduced, thereby affecting the capital exclusion for tax levy calculation. What Webutuck is looking to do, Castellani said, is schedule this strategically so there will be no additional costs to taxpayers if the debt is replaced at the present time. The longer the district waits, the more costly it becomes to replace

the components in need of upgrading.

With the debt service rolling off in the 2022-23 school year, Farrier pointed to a dramatic reduction in Webutuck's total debt service, which he said will go from \$1,598,900 in the 2020-21 school year to \$433,775 in the 2022-23 school year.

Meanwhile, the estimated building aid would be reduced from \$1,025,775 in the 2020-21 school year to \$612,322 in 2022-23 school year. The capital project components include replacing the roofs at Webutuck Elementary School (WES) and Webutuck High School (WHS); upgrading and replacing the district's HVAC system; replacing the aging HVAC controls at WES; abating the WHS auditorium; and repairing the gym ceiling at WHS.

Breaking down each project component, Castellani highlighted existing issues the district feels must be addressed and what the scope of work for each component may look like.

The estimated costs have been calculated at \$10.3 million, though Castellani mentioned the district has more work it wants to do. He said it has tried to stay within the budget so the work would have no significant impact on taxpayers as there is about \$10.3 million coming off the debt.

In addition to gaining support from the BOE, he said the district plans to continue to work with its fiscal advisors to develop a specific funding plan, along with the Palumbo Group to refine and develop the plan. As the plan is developed, the superintendent said this will include a public relations initiative to educate taxpayers about the project.

As the March 15 presentation opened for BOE discussion, the school board gave input on the components of the plan.

Reflecting on previous district projects, BOE member Nikki Johnson revived the idea

of a playground for students at Eugene Brooks Intermediate School, a proposal that was featured in Webutuck's original capital project.

"I think that if COVID has taught us anything, it's that the outdoors is our classroom," she said, "and I would love to see us make more use of that."

On top of suggesting other improvements, Johnson reminded her fellow BOE members that "kids learn through play." As they considered the merits of this idea, BOE President Judy Moran — having seen playgrounds in Millerton and Amenia — said she very rarely sees children using playground equipment these days. Furthermore, Moran said she didn't want to spend the district's money on "things we wish people would use as opposed to what they will use," though she agreed the board should get input from the public.

"I think we have to be honest and forthright and really clear about what our plans are and what we're asking taxpayers to do," Moran said.

Fundraiser for Firemen April 23

Coinciding with its grand opening night for the drive-in movie theater's new season, the Amenia Four Brothers Drive-In will be hosting the fifth annual Fireman's Fundraiser for the community on Friday evening, April 23.

Running from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m., area residents are invited to come out for an evening of fun and to help support their local fire volunteers, who do so much to keep everyone who lives and works in the local community safe.

All proceeds from ticket sales for this event will go to the Amenia Fire Company.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to Four Brother's Drive-In website at www.playeatdrink.com.

Correction

The April 1 edition of The Millerton News reported on the The World Peace Sanctuary's application for a minor subdivision with the Amenia Planning Board. The sanctuary, located at 26 Benton Road in Wassaic, was purchased in 1990 from the fourth generation of the Benton family and opened in 1991 with the first Amenia World Peace Festival, not in 2001 as reported. It is owned by Byakko Shinko Kai, located in Shizuoka, Japan, based on the teachings of Masahisa Goi. Goi was mistakenly referred to in a follow-up article on April 8 as the sanctuary's founder rather than as the founder of the sanctuary's movement. We regret the errors.

AMENIA IN BRIEF

Volunteer to clean up Amenia April 24

Please join the Amenia Enhancement Committee and Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) in de-littering the town on Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon.

CAC Chair Michael Peek and Amenia Town Councilman Damian Gutierrez will be heading up efforts in downtown Wassaic, distributing contractor bags at Borden Park (across from Maxon Mills and the new Harlem Valley Rail Trail extension to the Metro-North train station) and compiling filled bags to be taken to the transfer station at noon.

Eric Eschbach, head of the Enhancement Committee, will be doing the same for downtown Amenia — distributing bags, collecting filled bags and prepping garden beds at Fountain Square if there is sufficient time and volunteers.

The Smithfield Valley Association will be cleaning up its neighborhood that day.

Other neighborhood groups are welcome to join in the efforts, recognizing that many already do their part to keep Amenia litter-free throughout the year.

STEM Saturdays for curious children

The Amenia Free Library is offering a STEM Saturdays program for students in grades sixth through eighth (ages 11 to 14).

This program is offered by the Bard Center for Civic Engagement and the Amenia Free Library, the NorthEast-Millerton Library, the Pine Plains Free Library and Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, Conn.

The program features a hands-on STEM project with Kiwi Co. boxes. Each week, each participant will be given a different box of materials with a different theme and will be guided through the maker process by a Bard STEM Engagement Fellow over Zoom.

For more information, stop by the library (at 3309 Route 343, Amenia), go to its website at www.amenialibrary.org or send an email to director@amenialibrary.org.

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Town Board expected to issue SEQRA declaration Thursday, April 15

Ancram ends period to submit thoughts on proposed solar law

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ANCRAM — Aligning with its plans to update its zoning law, the Ancram Town Board asked residents to submit their questions and comments regarding the proposed local law to amend its zoning for regulating solar facilities at a public hearing on Thursday, March 18. And on Monday, April 12, the board closed out the nearly month-long period it allowed residents to send in their written comments about the proposed law.

The solar law

The purpose of the proposed local law is to amend selected provisions of the town's zoning (which was adopted in November of 2014) as well as to implement Ancram's updated 2019 Comprehensive Plan, which "outlined a variety of zoning changes needed to address ongoing and new issues facing the town, including solar development in the town."

The board adopted a resolution to introduce the local law at its meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18, and scheduled the mandated public hearing for the following month, which was held via Zoom, due to the health crisis. Only a few community members attended.

Ancram town Supervisor Art

Bassin said at the hearing. "This is an important local law and deserves great public scrutiny."

Providing some background, Bassin explained the town zoning law that was adopted in 2014 basically only permitted solar for individual, personal or business use and didn't allow for any large-scale solar. The current law, he explained, is proposing the town allow up to 10 acres of a community-scale solar operation; it will also address and restrict utility scale solar operations.

Public comments

Resident Scott Benedict asked about the statement in the local law on how the town is "bolstering the law to counter the new iteration in New York State that's making a home rule even more indefensible."

Speaking as a councilman for the Town Board and chair of the Ancram Zoning Revisions Committee, Hugh Clark said the town's Comprehensive Plan gives guidance to exclude large scale commercial solar as inconsistent with the community's rural character.

What Ancram is doing, he said, is using the state's Agriculture and Market Laws and paying attention to environmental and agricultural concerns to balance the state's push for macro-scale solar.

"It's a little complex, but basic-

ly, while we prohibit utility scale — the megawattage, if you will — at the same time, we understand that the state can override local concerns and even indeed local laws," Clark said. "However, as we're all aware, the state has quite a body of policies and indeed even laws that show concern for the environment... and in the text of the law, dealing with the utility scale, we recognize that the state may override us, but when they do, we push that they must still apply state policies and priorities in terms of the environment, in terms of agriculture, other points that somewhat cancel out their ability to override on the solar front."

Next steps

Benedict later asked what the next step would be for finalizing or adopting the local law.

Clark said there are a number of steps the Town Board took at its Feb. 18 meeting, including referring the proposal for the local law to the Columbia County Planning Board and the Ancram Planning Board and other steps related to the required State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process. Having taken several steps pertaining to SEQRA and gotten approval from the Columbia County Planning Board to move forward, Clark said the Town Board is now waiting for its

Planning Board to respond.

SEQRA,

April 15 meeting

Next, he said the Town Board will be doing parts two and three of the environmental assessment form (EAF).

Since he anticipates that the law itself would produce no negative environmental effects, Clark said the Town Board will likely issue a negative SEQRA declaration, which will pave the way for the town to give final consideration to adopt or not adopt the law. He added that he expects this to happen at the board's meeting on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

Responding to a question submitted in the hearing's chat box about whether the local law is available online, Bassin confirmed that the local law can be found online on the Town of Ancram website, www.ancramny.org, as can Clark's memorandum on the local law.

Since there were no other comments, the board closed the public hearing around 6:50 p.m. While the spoken portion of the hearing was closed, Clark recommended the board hold the hearing open for additional written comments to be submitted until Monday, April 12, to give people more time to send in their concerns and questions.



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Fostering green thumbs among local children, the Roeliff Jansen Community Library shared "Let it Grow!" kits as soon as spring sprung. Each kit was comprised of a pot, potting soil, sunflower seeds and a little accordion book about the growth cycle of plants.

'Let it Grow!' at Roe Jan Library

COPAKE — Now that spring is in the air, the Roeliff Jansen Community Library has been sharing "Make and Take" kits with local children to encourage their growth and curiosity.

Children are invited to drop by the library during regular hours of operation to pick up the activity kits.

For more information, stop by the library at 9091 Route 22, go to the library's website at www.roejanlibrary.org or call the library at 518-325-4101.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Durst on Planning Board's April 14 agenda

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PINE PLAINS — On Wednesday, April 7, The Durst Organization submitted an application to the Pine Plains Planning Board proposing a 237-lot conservation subdivision on its 2,655-acre property west of the main hamlet of Pine Plains.

Though the Durst Organization has altered its plans through the past decade-plus, currently its proposed project vision is described online as an "alternative design [that]

includes a recreation-oriented resort that complements the proposed residential project, providing economic resources for the community."

It will include space for artists, naturalists, sport enthusiasts and more on what once was the site of the golf course of famed ice-cream magnate Thomas Carvel.

Included in the proposal, the applicant has requested that the Planning Board begin both the sketch plan review of the subdivision and the required State Environmental Quality Review

Act (SEQRA) process, and begin circulating for lead agency status.

The SEQRA process will include preparing a new Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to review the entire proposed project, which will include approximately 445 acres of land in the town of Milan in addition to the land in Pine Plains.

The initial discussion of the sketch plan submission by the Planning Board is on the board's agenda for its Wednesday, April 14, meeting at 7:30 p.m., to be held via Zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The public is welcome to join in the meeting; just contact the Planning Department at the Town Hall for details and for the Zoom link or go to the town of Pine Plains website at www.pineplains-ny.gov.

Details about the proposed project can be found online at the project website, www.hudsonvalleyproject.com.

Look for full coverage of the Planning Board's meeting in an upcoming issue of The Millerton News and on The Millerton News' website, at www.tricornernews.com.

BOE reviews expenditure/revenue budget, OKs propositions

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — With several important dates in the 2021-22 budget development process coming up, the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) Board of Education (BOE) focused part of its meeting on Wednesday, March 17, to reviewing the draft expenditure and revenue budget proposed for next year's school district budget.

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and can be seen on the PPCSD website, www.ppcsd.org.

Expenses and Revenue Budget

Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance Michael Goldbeck gave a brief presentation on the 2021-22 expenses and revenue budget. As of that evening, he said it been calculated at \$34,382,238, indicating an increase of \$856,788 (or 2.56%) from last year's budget, though Goldbeck said he's working to minimize that increase.

Breaking down the expenditure budget by component, he said the administration budget is at \$3,941,123, indicating a \$147,567 increase from the 2020-21 adopted budget. Meanwhile, the program budget is at \$27,287,734 for next year — marking a \$626,157 increase from last year — and the capital budget is at \$3,153,381, indicating a \$83,064 increase from last year.

The allowable tax levy is at \$24,710,043, generating a \$520,367 (or 2.15%) increase from last year.

Same boat with state aid

Based on Governor Andrew Cuomo's proposed budget — which Goldbeck felt was going to be radically different when they got the legislative budget — the 2021-22 total estimated state aid had been calculated at \$7,842,859. As

part of the governor's calculation, Goldbeck said Cuomo included the district's STAR payment, a deduction of \$481,576 for COVID-19 related expenditures and then a replacement of that money with the COVID-19 supplement stimulus.

"So it appears we're going to be in the same boat next year as we were this year in that we had a portion of our state aid that had to be allocated toward COVID-related expenditures," Goldbeck said, adding that he believes it will be a challenge next year having half a million dollars allocated toward that.

Meanwhile, the 2021-22 estimated revenue came to \$34,382,238, indicating a \$656,788 (or 2.56%) increase from last year. In terms of what still needs to be determined for next year's budget, Goldbeck took state aid into account in addition to special education costs, transportation costs, federal grants and fuel prices, usage and energy savings.

In addition to the approval of the 2021-22 budget, he reminded the BOE that the voter propositions include the approval of the district-wide capital project, establishment of the new capital reserve and election of three BOE members.

Important budget dates

Following the full budget presentation on Wednesday, April 7, the BOE was scheduled to adopt

the 2021-22 budget on Wednesday, April 11. A public hearing on the budget will be held on Wednesday, May 5, followed by the BOE's annual meeting for the budget vote, capital project, capital reserve and election of BOE members on Tuesday, May 18. All of these meetings will be held at 7 p.m.

No new buses

Looking at the voter propositions, Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler said the BOE may notice that there is no proposition listed for buying buses, which is a typical purchase coupled with the annual budget vote.

Handler explained the district would like to replace a portion of its bus fleet every year to avoid getting hit with a larger expenditure all at once. That being said, he said the district didn't propose a bus purchase this year because the buses they would typically replace are the oldest ones, which are tasked with field trips, athletic trips and other such activities. Up to this point, Handler said they've put a few miles on those buses, but as they're in the same condition as they were last year because there was essentially no driving with the pandemic and few on campus classes or activities, there's no point in replacing them.

Capital reserve fund

The board later passed a resolution to approve the capital re-

STANFORDVILLE IN BRIEF

Meatloaf Dinner April 17

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Meatloaf Dinner on Saturday, April 17, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. (The date was incorrectly posted in last week's paper as being on April 10, but the dinner was not held.) The menu will consist of meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas,

crecent roll and a homemade carrot cake cupcake with cream cheese frosting for dessert.

All food will be made in the Grange Hall kitchen, which is certified through the Dutchess County Department of Health.

A \$15 donation is asked for each dinner. The dinner will be take out only, and diners will be available for pick up at 5 p.m. Drive up to the Grange Hall back door, pay for your dinner, get your dinner through your car window and take it home to enjoy.

For reservations or more information, call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at 845-868-7869.

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Thinking locally can also mean thinking outside the box

Chef Dan Kish consults nationally for the food industry, but for the past 20 years, he and his wife Cindie have also fed three kids here in Millbrook.

"I know how challenging that can be," he says. That's why Dan started Market Kitchen — available at Marona's — because, "what's good for Millbrook is good for the rest of the country."

Dan came to the Bank of Millbrook with an innovative approach to small-town business. Build an industrial kitchen for his national business and keep it busy by bringing in catering and production for boutique labels, all while making fresh, affordable food for the village. Not every bank would see the value in that kind of outside-the-box thinking. We saw it as the kind of business we'd like to help Dan build.

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Village Board adopts 2021-22 budget

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Mayor Tim Collopy opened the special meeting, a public hearing on the Village of Millbrook's 2021-22 budget, on Wednesday, April 7, held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He held a moment of silent prayer for John Lester, a longtime member of the Rescue Squad who recently passed away.

The A-fund finished \$100,000 in the red from the previous year's budget, meaning that the expenditures had overridden the revenue for that period. This caused the unrestricted fund balance to drop below \$100,000 and caused the village's fiscal stress rating to go from "no designation" to a "susceptible fiscal stress rating." The mayor added that there is also a need to increase the village's fund balance.

The Water Fund owes the General Fund \$50,000 and the Sewer Fund owes \$60,000.

There were two new vehicles added to the budget, a new dump

Mayor Collopy remarked that the VFW of Millbrook had contacted him about permits for a parade on Memorial Day. The state currently only allows outdoor public gatherings of 200 people or less.

truck and a new police vehicle. There is \$33,000 owed on the dump truck with two payments left on the 2019 dump truck, which was unexpected. The budget must also include an estimated \$42,000 in estimated overtime and shift coverage. Police Reform costs are to be determined.

The firehouse needs a new roof, which will cost the village about 50% of the \$119,000 cost. The annual \$25,000 Thorne Building Trust payment will soon cease when the building is turned over to the new 501(C)3.

The village plans to repay monies from the Water and Sewer Funds to the General Fund by July 2021. This will add \$110,000 to the General Fund balance. The village will start reserve funds for the Water and Sewer Departments for future capital improvements; there will be a freeze on most re-

serve accounts (ambulance and highway vehicles, police vehicle, Village Hall restoration) and a zero contingency.

There will be increased funds from the Water Fund from the 2019 rate increase needed to pay back the \$50,000 owed to the General Fund and to cover a long-term debt obligation for water plant improvements (including a \$500,000 bond, \$550,000 bond anticipation note [BAN] and a \$200,000 BAN).

The Sewer Fund will have see a 16% rate increase and a \$10,000 Sewer Special Benefit Assessment (SSBA) increase will be needed to pay back \$60,000 owed to the General Fund for the maintenance and repair of the sewer's aging infrastructure and future improvements.

The A-Fund General Fund will increase by 2.9%. The cur-

rent tax levy is \$976,000. The real property tax increase will be 6%, so the amount to be raised in taxes will be \$1,034,464, plus a 6% property tax increase.

A public hearing was held to override the tax cap, if necessary, as is done every year as a precautionary measure. No comments were made and the hearing was closed.

The board took a roll call vote to adopt the 2021-22 budget, which was passed.

Mayor Collopy remarked that the VFW of Millbrook had contacted him about permits for a parade on Memorial Day. The state currently only allows outdoor public gatherings of 200 people or less. Some ideas met with more enthusiasm than others, but most agreed something will probably need to occur and at some point there will be a reopening of community events. More discussion will take place in the future.

The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, April 21, at 6 p.m., via Zoom. Email clerk@villageofmillbrookny.com for more information.

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Master Gardener's Annual Plant Sale

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County's (CCEDC) 2021 Annual Master Gardener's highly anticipated Plant Sale will be online only this year. Ordering will begin Saturday, May 6, at 10 a.m. and run through Tuesday, May 11, at noon.

Orders will be prepared, boxed and ready for curbside pick up on Friday, May 14, starting at 9 a.m. until Sunday, May 16, at 6 p.m.

For more information, go to the online store or go to www.ccedutchess.org/gardening/dutchess-dirt.

Celebrate Poetry Month at Merritt

Merritt Bookstore, partnering with Millbrook Arts Group (MAG), will host an open-mic poetry reading on Saturday morning, April 17, from 10:30 until noon.

Poems can be from those that will be posted around the village or may be original, keeping in mind the language should be suitable for children. The reading will be held on the grass in front of the store; masks and social distancing are required, wipes will be available. Each person will have three minutes to read on a first come, first served basis.

Check the Merritt website for more information at www.merrittbooks.com.

Community Yard Sale May 15

There will be a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 15, at the Town of Washington Park and Pool on Route 44, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vendors are invited to rent a space for \$20 per spot; residents or business owners

Innisfree Garden lecture April 22

Innisfree Garden is hosting a lecture on Thursday, April 22, with Larry Lederman and Tom Christopher. The pair will talk about the outstanding gardens covered in their book, "Garden Portraits: Experiences in Nature."

The lecture starts at 2 p.m. Free to Innisfree members; \$10 for nonmembers.

Register online at www.innisfreegarden.org.

Library and MAG offer poetry events

The Millbrook Library is teaming up with the Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) to present a number of programs this month focusing on poetry, as April is National Poetry Month.

On Monday, April 26, they will host a Poetry Open-Mic on the lawn at 6 p.m.

There will be a seed giveaway on Saturday, April 24, on the library lawn; 100 packets of flower seeds will help bring pollinators to one's garden.

On Tuesday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m., there will be a Drawing for Earthlings held for children ages 7 to 12.

There are many other programs available, some via Zoom, some outdoors to maintain social distancing; registration is generally needed for the free activities. Check www.millbrooklibrary.org for details or call the library at 845-677-3611. The Millbrook Library is located at 3 Friendly Lane.

Two-month moratorium placed on Second Mountain project

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington (TOW) Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 8, at 6 p.m. via zoom due to the health crisis with a large group of participants anticipating more discussion on Janet's Farm LLC, also known as the Second Mountain project.

Second Mountain seeks to redo the Migdale property at 3872 Route 44, Mabbettsville, as an upscale spa resort on roughly 350 acres with loads of amenities in the home built in 1927 by Roswell Miller Jr. for his wife, Margaret Carnegie Miller, daughter of magnate Andrew Carnegie, as submitted by applicant, developer and famed NYC restaurateur Will Guidaro.

It was therefore a surprise to most when Washington town Supervisor Gary Ciferri

announced he had received a letter from Guidaro's attorneys, Mackey, Butts & Wise, rescinding a previous petition for the creation of an overlay district in the zoning district where the project is located that would have allowed for proposed mixed-use zone of the property, including four tax parcels. The original petition was submitted on Feb. 18, 2021 and created a furor among the community.

Town Attorney Jeff Battistoni proposed a moratorium on the project, for a two-month period, the time he said it would take to collect public input and hold two public hearings.

Labelling the resolution, "No Further Review of the Janet's Farm LLC Petition," the attorneys for the project stated that the original petition named a narrowly defined area only for hospitality, and the petitioner should have an opportunity to

amend his plans in regard to the TOW Comprehensive Plan.

The board approved the moratorium.

The Town Board will now form a committee to review the Comprehensive Plan as it now stands; it stated that the project cannot go forward without the Comprehensive Plan being amended.

A motion will be drawn up and introduced at the next meeting to form the committee, which will include at least one person who is against the proposal as it was submitted.

Two community groups were formed and hired legal representation. One, the Friends of the Town of Washington, has more than 200 members. The other includes a small group of immediate neighbors of the Migdale property.

Members of the community felt there should be public

participation on the Comprehensive Plan committee and wanted to know if its review would be done with an eye only toward the Second Mountain project or if it would be an overall review.

The Town Board said the Comprehensive Plan will be carefully reviewed especially as it pertains to "hospitality" but also in general.

Town Clerk Mary Alex said the Comprehensive Plan is on the TOW website, www.washingtonny.org, but that she would also post it for easier viewing.

Ciferri then reminded those present that the meeting was a regular TOW meeting, with other business to address and ended the portion dealing with the Second Mountain project.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 13, at 6 p.m. Go to www.washingtonny.org for details and the Zoom link.

Town Board addresses issues other than Migdale at March meeting

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASHINGTON — The Town Board met on Thursday, March 11; it mainly discussed the Second Mountain project to redo Migdale Castle in Mabbettsville (for more on the Second Mountain project, go to www.tricornnews.com), but other issues were discussed as well.

Volunteer Katherine Briggs was appointed to the town's Board of Assessment Review.

The Village Board's March/April budget meeting and public hearing schedule was announced, all of which led to the adoption of the budget (for more, read article at the top of this page).

To watch the review of the final budget and the public hearing on the final budget, go

to www.villageofmillbrookny.com; for more information, call 845-677-3939.

Tax Collector Mary Alex reported that payments have been made to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance in the amount of \$2,145,000; to the Town of Washington (TOW) Highway Fund DB in the amount of \$929,029; to the TOW General Fund A in the amount of \$995,314; to the TOW General Fire Fund A in the amount of \$563,500; and to the TOW General Fund B in the amount of \$30,252.

Alex reported that several town employees have been working at home because of fear of COVID exposure, and while some office procedures may have suffered, working with IT specialists have addressed most of the concerns.

The Feb. 25 meeting did raise

issues about the Zoom technology, as the audio was inaudible periodically during that meeting from the Town Hall's end. Audio during subsequent town meetings has also been problematic, according to some of those who participated.

Alex said that the Transfer Station Report and the Electronic Waste Recycling Reports have been sent to the appropriate agencies.

She also reported the town

website is being updated as an ongoing project.

Recreation Director Chelsea Edson has posted the 2021 park and pool hours on the town's website.

The Justice Court reported that it resumed operations on Tuesday, March 16.

A meeting was scheduled for the end of March to address contracts to purchase generators for the Town Hall and the Town Garage.

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	<p>Waterways May 8</p> <p>Grade 3 & older · Explore Silver Lake's stream and pond and learn how you can help them thrive.</p>
	<p>Love Creation May 15</p> <p>Grade 3 & older · Spend a day in the Silver Lake garden! Learn about where food comes from and how to take care of the earth.</p>
	<p>Silver Lake Field Day May 22</p> <p>Grade 3 & older · Engage in silly competition with friends, new and old. High-energy fun! No skills required.</p>

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Travel advisory

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WASHINGTON — The New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) is advising Dutchess County motorists to expect lane closures along Route 44 in the town of Washington to facilitate pavement resurfacing. Lane closures will take place eastbound and westbound between Route 82 and Franklin Avenue, weekdays from now through approximately Friday, May 28, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., weather permitting.

Motorists should anticipate delays and plan accordingly.

Drivers are urged to slow down and drive responsibly in work zones, where fines are doubled for speeding. Convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could result in the suspension of an individual's driver license.

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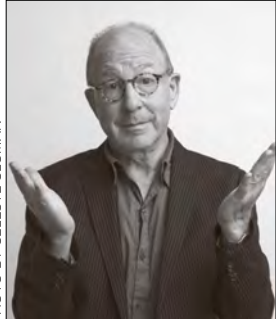
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OBITUARIES

Janice M. Fenn

MILLERTON — Janice M. Fenn, 72, a 39-year resident of the Village of Millerton, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at her home in the village.



Janice had a long career with New York State Developmental Disabilities Services Office, where she began as a development therapy aide at the Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center in Wingdale, N.Y., and ultimately retired from the Taconic Developmental Disabilities Services Office, Wassaica Campus, as a senior developmental aide.

Born July 14, 1948, in Beacon, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Violet (Quirk) and Hubert "Hubie" Jackson.

Janice was a graduate of the Lady Cliff Academy in Peekskill, N.Y.

On June 19, 1982, at St. Luke's Church in Beacon, she married Roland H. Fenn.

Mr. Fenn died on Feb. 12, 2013.

Janice was a longtime parishioner of St. Patrick's Church in Millerton and Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, and she belonged to the local CSEA.

In her spare time Jan volunteered with the Millerton American Legion Post #178 Auxiliary and could often be found socializing at the Talk of the Towne Deli in Millerton or be seen walking her beloved dog, Freckles, on the sidewalks in the

village. Janice had a sweet disposition and a kind heart. She will be deeply missed by her family and her many friends.

Janice is survived by her dear brother, Peter Jackson and his wife, Linda, of Mamaroneck, N.Y.; her loving sister, Nancie Lucariello and her husband, James, of Hopewell Junction, N.Y.; two nieces, Alexis "Lexi" Lucariello and Lindsay Jackson; her nephew, Christopher Jackson; a stepson, Milton "Mic" Fenn and his family; and several nieces and nephews and many friends.

In addition to her parents and husband she was also predeceased by her beloved dog, Pal. A graveside service and burial took place on Wednesday, April 14, at St. Joachim Cemetery in Beacon. Clergy from the St. Joachim Church will officiate and offer committal blessings and prayers at that time.

Memorial donations may be made to the Millerton Legion Post #178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546; or to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Upstate NY Chapter, 421 New Karner Road, Suite 6, Albany, NY 12205.

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

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

DOVER PLAINS — Brian William Franks, 60, of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., was called Home by the Lord suddenly and unexpectedly on Jan. 26, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.

Brian was born on June 7, 1960, in Sharon, the son of Barbara A. (Draper) and William "Bill" G. Franks of Dover Plains.

He married Evelyn R. Arnfield on May 25, 1985, at the Community United Methodist Church in Poughkeepsie. They shared 35-and-a-half years of marriage together, always proclaiming to Evelyn, "It was love at first sight."

Brian was educated in local elementary and parochial schools. He graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie in June 1978. He then went to Paul Smith's College, Paul Smiths, N.Y., and he received his AAS degree for Forest Technician and Surveying in June 1980.

Brian began his career in land surveying in the office of Harry J. Bly, LS in Millbrook. By February 1989, Brian received the professional title of Land Surveyor and opened his own in-home business in the early 1990s.

His career spanned more than 30 years providing for all aspects of the land surveying business in meticulous detail for clients throughout Dutchess County.

Brian deeply loved his two sons and he was passionate about family gatherings as well as vacationing with both family and friends. Brian possessed a great sense of humor and the telling of a good story that was always shared in laughter, especially when reminiscing about his childhood adventures. He especially enjoyed favorite destination spots with his family that included the Eastern Sea

Coast; Lancaster, Pa. (Sight and Sound Theatre); Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and Rudd Pond State Park in Millerton. A "once in a lifetime" trip received as a gift was taken to Maui, Hawaii, in 2018.

Brian loved animals, especially his Irish setter dogs. Over the years, six Irish setters were in the Franks' household. In the early years, Brian was an accomplished dog trainer traveling with his first Irish Setter, Meghan, CD, CDX, to many different locations throughout the Northeast participating in obedience trial competitions. One of his proudest accomplishments was when Meghan received the Award of Canine Distinction (Dog World Magazine) earning three consecutive high scores of 195 or higher as she obtained her CD. At that time, he was also involved in Irish Setter Rescue, he was a member of the Mid-Hudson Kennel Club, and he was a dedicated volunteer at the Dutchess County SPCA, Hyde Park, N.Y.

Brian enjoyed a variety of sports, but football was his favorite sporting event, especially as family gathered together either by watching games on television or attending stadium games. Favorite teams included Penn State Football (college) and the Minnesota Vikings (professional). He also enjoyed playing golf. He had several opportunities to marshal at professional golf tournaments with his brother-in-law, Dave, including an opportunity to attend the Master's Tournament in Augusta, Ga., in 2015.

Brian enjoyed other activities that included hiking (early years), cooking and barbecuing, listening to music (huge fan of John Denver; Christian music), reading novels, and enthusiastically watching John Wayne movies over and over again. One of his most treasured ac-

tivities was deer hunting every fall with his dad, Bill, something that he had done since he was a young boy.

Brian loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He cherished daily devotional and Bible study time with his wife, Evelyn. One of Brian's special gifts was his ability to lead in prayer, beautifully spoken, offering comfort and solace to family, friends and strangers alike.

Throughout his childhood, Brian attended St. James Episcopal Church in Dover Plains, serving as an acolyte for many years. He was a former Sunday School Teacher, Pleasant Valley Food Pantry Co-Director, Ecumenical Minister (early years), Deacon (mid-years) and Stephen Minister (recent years).

Brian currently attended Calvary Chapel of the Hudson Valley in Poughkeepsie and formerly the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley and formerly the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church.

Brian will be remembered for his generosity of spirit and his caring for others, particularly the elderly, that exempli-

fied his faith. Brian is survived by his wife, Evelyn (Arnfield) Franks; a son, Andrew (Nicholas) Franks and a son, Ethan (Thomas) Franks; his parents, William G. and Barbara A. Franks; his sister, Nancy A. Franks; his sister, Mary Beth Franks-Begor and her husband, Scott; his brother-in-law, Alan E. Arnfield Jr. and his wife, Jenny; his brother-in-law, David P. Arnfield and his partner, Julia M. Checchia; many nieces and nephews as well as grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He will be missed by all including a large extended family as well as many friends. Brian was predeceased by a sister, Mary Jean Franks. Arrangements were handled by the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home in Poughkeepsie. A Celebration of a Life Service was held April 10 at Calvary Chapel of the Hudson Valley.

Memorial donations may be made to Calvary Chapel of the Hudson Valley, Care Net Pregnancy Center of the Hudson Valley, or the Dutchess County SPCA. To leave an online condolence, go to www.doylefuneralhome.com.

Diane Lloyd-Smith Hewat

SALISBURY — Diane Lloyd-Smith Hewat, long-standing Salisbury resident, died peacefully at home on March 26, 2021. She was 92.



The youngest of four sisters, she attended Foxcroft School in Virginia, which she hated. At Bennington College, on a blind date, she met Donald Hewat whom, after a diversionary trip to Paris arranged by her mother, she married. In 1953 they moved from New York to Salisbury and established a home on Selleck Hill that over time included a small milking herd, five children, hundreds of houseguests, and a succession of noble, affectionate shepherds.

Resolutely liberal-hearted and sensitive to injustice of all kinds, she was fiercely committed to the causes of civil, social, women's and gay rights. She attended marches against the Vietnam war, years of weekly protests against nuclear proliferation, and campaigned tirelessly for progressive candidates both local and national. She began and ran the local chapter of PFLAG.

She was passionately committed to Salisbury. Over her 68 years in the community, she supported an extraordinary number of local organizations and endeavors, often serving as a board member or volunteer in addition to her charitable contributions. She especially valued programs concerning the town's youth, the Salisbury Summer Program and the robotics program at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Intrigued by the robotics classes,

in part because they included so many young women, she gave an essential gift toward the building of the Mahoney-Hewat Science and Technology Center. In doing so, she provided an opportunity for students of science that she wished had been available to her.

She had a quiet, understated demeanor, modest tastes, and a stylish, artistic eye. A member of the local Fiber Arts guild, she developed a painstaking technique with silk thread — 100 to the inch — weaving refined scarves of classical simplicity and elegance. Though she regularly downplayed her skill, imagining faults where there were none, weaving was one of her great joys.

She surrounded herself with flowers, both those she grew and Anemones, which she adored. She was a consummate hostess, welcoming all guests with an easy grace, sympathetic attention and delicious food.

Generous, modest to a fault, fair-minded, soft-spoken, she rarely spoke against another — with the exception of one local nemesis and the several cross-party presidents she worked to unseat.

She is survived by five fortunate, grateful children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A date to celebrate her life, and that of her husband's, has yet to be determined.

Mary Tracey Woodhouse

NORTH CANAAN — Mary Tracey Woodhouse, 97, of North Canaan, died on April 8, 2021.

Born on Nov. 30, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Mary (Devery) and James Tracey.

One of five children, Mary grew up in Hartford. She had many wonderful memories of living in a neighborhood with a large extended Irish family. She was the last remaining sibling.

Mary lived a long and happy life bringing up her family in West Hartford and then spending 20 years of retirement on Cape Cod.

She was part of the Orleans Quilting Guild, spending many hours with friends creating beautiful works of art. Her quilts were displayed in various art shows and the local library. Many of those quilts are in the homes of her children and grandchildren.

She and her husband moved back to Connecticut in 2007 to be near their children.

She was a loving grandmother, always ready to help, listen, bake cookies and be a supportive shoulder.

She leaves behind her son, Stephen Woodhouse and his wife, Patty, of Hampton, N.H.; her daughter, Pat Whelan, and her husband, Rob, of Sharon;

her daughter, Jamie Butka and her husband, Tom, of Cranston, R.I. She will be sorely missed by her grandchildren, James Woodhouse, Kate Partridge and her husband, Brian, Ian Whelan and his wife, Nora, Kevin Whelan and his wife, Alyssa, Tommy Butka and her husband, Gil Lawrence. "Mimi," as she was affectionately known was also the proud great-grandmother of Maggie, Charlotte and Lucy Partridge, Elijah and Iris Whelan and Will Lawrence. She also leaves her sister-in-law, Ursula Woodhouse, the last of that generation in the family; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, James S. Woodhouse; her grandson, Kyle Whelan; her brothers, Tom, Jimmy, and Donald Tracey; and her sister, Elizabeth McKenna.

The family would like to thank Geer Village for their kindness, love and support. The nurses and aides of Gardenside treated our mother like she was one of their own family.

A private family service will be held in April. Memorial donations may be made to Geer Village or Childrens Cardiomyopathy Foundation.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has charge of arrangements.

Worship Services

Week of April 18, 2021

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

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<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thesmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>
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HARNEY & SONS *Continued from Page A1*

Sons, in November 2019 when the company world famous for its tea announced the opening of its sister company, The Hemp Division.

Harney said the initial thrust for The Hemp Division was beverages, both hot and bottled. Looking into other municipalities (like neighboring Copake in Columbia County) that were growing hemp, Harney & Sons pursued growing and harvesting hemp in Millerton.

Planting hemp in the summer of 2018 with plans to harvest it the following fall, Harney & Sons began The Hemp Division with 4 acres of hemp. Given their expertise as “tea people,” Harney said they learned the differences between growing an annual crop like hemp and a perennial crop like tea, as well as the amount of work involved between harvesting and keeping the crop under control.

Operating at 6075 Route 22 in Millerton, it’s now been three years since The Hemp Division took off and business has been going well. Considering how the hemp market has changed in the last few years, Harney said he’s noticed some of the people who were previously active in the market are no longer involved.

He added there was also supply in the beginning, then more supply than demand as the demand is building. Fortunately, Harney said his company has been lucky enough to have a steady business that doesn’t have vagaries.

Regarding the community’s response to The Hemp Division, he acknowledged there’s been some intrigue and hesitancy, but so far the business has been going in the right direction.

“The growing is always interesting and we’ve stumbled upon some good people to help us do that,” Harney said. “We’re learning how to make it into a regular business rather than into a hobby, seeing what works and what doesn’t. That part is coming along. However, the impression that it would be a gold mine probably was exaggerated.”

As far as what’s next for The Hemp Division, Harney said because the company is not sure what the new rules will be, it

doesn’t don’t know if or how it might participate.

“We need to sort of get a better understanding of what the future might hold,” he said.

The governor signed the law that made recreation marijuana legal on Wednesday, March 31, making New York the 15th state to do so following New Jersey, which officially legalized cannabis on Monday, Feb. 23.

Cuomo’s website, www.governor.ny.gov, states that the legislation fulfills a key component in his 2021 State of the State Agenda in regard to managing New York’s economic crisis, made worse by the coronavirus pandemic.

On top of providing licens-

ing for marijuana producers, retailers, distributors and others involved with the cannabis market, the legislation will expand New York’s existing medical marijuana and cannabinoid hemp programs. It also establishes the Office of Cannabis Management to implement a comprehensive regulatory framework that will cover medical, adult-use and cannabinoid hemp.

The legislation will also create a social and economic equity program to help those who have been “disproportionately impacted by cannabis enforcement that want to participate in the industry.”

Among the legislation’s po-

tential economic opportunities, New York State’s adult-use cannabis industry has the potential for creating between 30,000 to 60,000 new jobs statewide while tax collections are projected at \$350 million annually, according to the governor’s website.

In a press release issued the day he signed the legislation, Cuomo said, “This is a historic day in New York — one that rights the wrongs of the past by putting an end to harsh prison sentences, embraces an industry that will grow the Empire State’s economy, and prioritizes marginalized communities so those that have suffered the most will be the first to reap the benefits.”

SCHOOL TESTING *Continued from Page A1*

state of so many students and their families.

“While we believe in measuring student success, students should again be afforded opportunities to showcase their hard work without being subjected to the stress of either the three through eight or Regents exams in the midst of crisis on multiple fronts,” stated the letter.

“Our students’ social and emotional welfare must come first,” added NYSUT Executive Vice President Jolene T. DiBrango,

“Students are resilient,” Westbutck School Superintendent Ray Castellani added, “adults worry more about this than the students do. I don’t feel there should be accountability for Regents scores; it’s almost impossible to assess how a student will do on a normal test that is given in a year that is not a normal year. It doesn’t address the facts; it’s unfortunate when a political decision is made, and an educational decision isn’t.”

Despite their pleas, their wishes were denied by the federal government. On Feb. 22, the School Administrators Association of New York State denounced the decision from the federal government to go forward with the standardized and Regents testing, noting that the year has been anything but

conventional. Local superintendents, all too aware of how difficult it is to educate children during a pandemic, had their own thoughts concerning testing.

“I believe there is some merit in the state assessments that we use today, but I think there is an opportunity here to pause and spend time on exploring innovative and dynamic ways to assess student growth beyond the singular measures and developing assessments that truly capture the whole child,” said Millbrook Superintendent Laura Mitchell. “This approach would be extremely helpful in developing targeted support as well as flexible and intentional pathways towards graduation for each student.”

Pine Plains Superintendent Martin Handler was pragmatic about the decision to proceed with the testing.

“The tests will still be given; that’s a federal requirement. Algebra, ELA, one science — ours will be living environment — they’re not required for graduation; they must take the exam, but the grade will not deter graduation. If they pass the course they get Regents credit for it. For the three through eight testing, no final word as yet. The tests will be shorter, math and ELA in one day, and

the tests can’t be used to assess the performance of the school.”

Castellani explained, “In class, students must take the Regents; remote students don’t have to. There are four Regents in June: ELA, earth science, environmental science and algebra. Also, for grades three through eight, only in-person learners have to, and tests will not fail students or be used as an assessment of the students’ work or the school’s performance. The federal mandate has an educational plan that they do not want to change or amend.”

The state has asked the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) to cancel the June Regents exams, but if the request to cancel the June exams is denied, schools will administer only the exams required by the DOE.

On Monday, March 15, the Board of Regents acted on the Emergency Regulation Revisions to the 2021 Diploma requirements and canceled the August 2021 Regents exams. It stated if the DOE waiver is denied, only four June 2021 Regents exams will be administered, including session one for grades three through eight, the ELA and math assessment exams and only the written test component for grades four and eight science tests will be held.

GARDEN CENTERS *Continued from Page A1*

They could have been forgiven for wanting a slow start this year, after an unusually rough year in 2020 for owners Sarah and Chris Coon (who begin their third year running the market this year; Sarah is the younger sister of founder Charlie Paley, and she’s been working with him since they were both teens).

As much as we hate to look back at 2020, it’s worth remembering the odd squeeze that all our garden centers experienced in the early months of COVID-19: There was an influx of new residents to the area; and everyone was nesting heavily and wanted not only to spruce up their interiors but also to plant a garden. Edibles were especially in demand, as there were concerns about the safety of the food supply system.

Garden centers order their seeds in the prior autumn, and most were unprepared for the boom in their business. But too many customers can be a good problem — if it’s possible to get supplies.

Which was not possible. Seed companies were also hit by unusually high demand at a time when they had to reduce production so their workers could safely social distance.

Sarah and Chris Coon were at their garden center on Thursday morning, March 18, to talk about the completion of their new greenhouses, and during the conversation they summarized some of the challenges that will be facing all Tri-state garden centers in the coming weeks.

Once again, there probably won’t be enough seed packets for everyone who wants to grow at home. In addition to the expected increase in demand, many of the seed companies were working under COVID-19 restrictions and didn’t have enough workers to properly save and dry the seeds in large quantities.

“We put in our order with

Burpee last November and when the packets arrived, we were like, Where is everything?” Sarah said. “They sent us 75% fewer seeds than we ordered. And we’ve been doing business with them for 38 years! There were hardly any cucumbers or tomato varieties in what they sent us. We got a lot of beans and peas.”

Which are a little drab compared to tomatoes, of course. But those are the retail seed packets (Sarah promised that she was able to secure a shipment of some particularly nice seeds from the Hudson Valley for home gardeners).

Chris said the companies seemed to have put commercial growers at the head of the priority list. As a result, his wife and partner said, Paley’s this year is planning to sell more vegetable “starts” (many of which are already growing in the new greenhouses).

It isn’t only the seeds that are coming in limited quantities, though. What happens in the rest of the world does still impact this little rural region. Deliveries of soil have been delayed, not because there isn’t enough dirt on the planet but because there isn’t enough plastic. The reason for that is open to speculation but Chris has heard one theory that the sturdy plastic used for soil bags is made with a byproduct of airline fuel and people are flying less so there’s less fuel ... It all eventually comes back to COVID.

Plastic sacks, seedling pots

A similar problem is holding up the production of plastic plant pots.

Some solutions are available in the region. McEnroe Organic, for example, makes its own soils and composts. Even if there aren’t enough bags to sell them in at retail, it’s possible there and at some other garden centers to

purchase soil and compost by the truckload.

At Freund’s in East Canaan, it’s possible to buy the farm’s famous CowpPots plant starting containers, made from the manure of the dairy cows on the farm.

And of course Freund’s and McEnroe’s also will have their famous tomato starts, as well as herbs, vegetables and fruits.

Business is very good (and busy)

And back to the flip side of the supply problem, the Coons at Paley’s anticipate that most of their employees from last year will return. Farm markets and orchards have traditionally been a popular spot for young people to get first jobs.

Those who started last year certainly got a taste of what it means to work very, very hard.

“We normally have a lull in the middle of the week,” Sarah said. “We didn’t get that last year, which made it hard to keep up. But we met a lot of nice new people, too. Overall, 2020 was very good for us, although it was stressful and exhausting.”

Most stressful, of course, was the tornado that hit the Northwest Corner in August, with winds that toppled the weather vane on the farm and took down three of the six greenhouses.

As with everything else farm related last year, there was a delay in getting parts for the rebuild of the greenhouses. The Coons were full of praise for their greenhouse builder, Paul Harrison of Cheshire, Conn. — who was also overwhelmed with orders and new customers last year.

While they were waiting for Harrison to custom bend the metal supports needed to rebuild the greenhouses, the Coons made lemonade from lemons by adding a concrete center strip in the greenhouses and widening the aisles.

CLINIC CANCELED *Continued from Page A1*

April 13, “The U.S. will seek to pause Johnson & Johnson’s coronavirus vaccine after six women developed rare blood clots... All six recipients were women between the ages of 18 and 48. One woman died and a second woman in Nebraska has been hospitalized in critical condition, the officials said.”

According to the Times, the J&J shots have been given to approximately 7 million people in the U.S. thus far. Some were in Dutchess County.

Roughly 35 residents had signed up for the Millerton clinic by Tuesday morning, according to Communications Director for the Dutchess County Executive Office Colleen T. Pillus.

“They will be emailed with the option of rescheduling at one of the county’s upcoming fixed POD vaccination events this week and next, either at JCPenney or in Dover where Moderna vaccines will be administered,” she stated after confirming the DBCH canceled the Millerton clinic, “until those federal health and safety agencies evaluate next steps.”

New York eligibility

On Tuesday, April 6, anyone age 16 and older who resides, works or studies in New York State became eligible to be vaccinated, with parental consent. The Am I Eligible app is probably the quickest way to check eligibility; residents may also make an appointment by calling the New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

President Biden declared on Tuesday, April 9, that as of Monday, April 19, all adult Americans will be eligible, moving up his previous target date by two weeks.

Dutchess County has also been proactive — promoting its pop-up clinics throughout the Hudson Valley for the past few months, including locally in Pine Plains, Millbrook and Dover. Pop-up clinics have been given in high schools, churches and plazas. Vaccines have also been distributed in pharmacies and doctors’ offices throughout the above towns and villages as well as in Amenia and much of Columbia County. Vaccines are also being given in firehouses, in mobile vans, anywhere patients and practitioners can safely meet to have the precious serum injected into eligible arms.

To schedule an appointment through the county, residents are urged to go online and fill out a form immediately.

“Appointments for the Community Pop Up Clinics work similarly to appointments at our fixed Points of Dispensing [PODs]

at JCPenney in Poughkeepsie and in Dover — residents should complete our Vaccine Information Request Form to get on our notification list,” said Dutchess County Executive’s Office Communications Director Colleen T. Pillus. “We will pull names to notify from that list for available appointments.”

How to register

To fill out the form, go to www.dutchessny.gov/vaccination-Information/vaccine-information-form.aspx.

County COVID stats

As of Wednesday, April 7, according to the Dutchess County COVID-19 Community Impact Dashboard, 635,289 tests have been completed county-wide; there were 26,776 confirmed cases as of that date, with 1,320 active cases, 67 hospitalizations and 426 COVID-related deaths. The positivity rate for Dutchess County (a seven-day rolling average) was 4.53% as of the 7th.

Also as of the 7th, according to the state’s vaccine tracker, 106,041 Dutchess County residents (36.1% of the population) have received at least one dose of the coronavirus vaccine and 61,425 county residents (20.9% of the population) have completed the vaccine series.

The county is asking residents who have already been vaccinated and completed its vaccination request form to remove themselves from the list by completing the form at www.dutchessny.gov/GotMyVaccine to help expedite notification about appointments available at county sites to others waiting to be vaccinated.


Free transportation to vaccine sites

Meanwhile, Molinaro announced on Friday, April 9, that by that Saturday, April 10, Dutchess County Public Transit would begin to offer free transportation to residents with COVID-19 vaccination appointments at the county’s two fixed PODs — in Poughkeepsie and in Dover Plains — and at future sites. Advanced registration for transportation and appointments at vaccination sites are required.

“Removing barriers for those looking to obtain this life-saving vaccine,” said Molinaro, is essential to “expand residents’ accessibility.”


Residents will have to present proof of their vaccine appointment — a paper or digital ticket — to Public Transit drivers when they board a bus to and from the vaccination site.

For details, call at 845-473-8424 or go to www.dutchessny.gov/publictransit.



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Looking for America, For Love, for Innocence

Kenise Barnes, director of Kenise Barnes Fine Art in Kent, Conn., describes the inspiration for a show at her gallery until May 1: "The exhibition title is taken from the well-loved Simon and Garfunkel ballad recounting a bus trip across America, and the hours spent looking out the window as the landscapes slide by. The song and the exhibition share a sentiment of longing and searching for meaning. In the wake of the past year, I think we are yearning for the America that we remember in our mind's eye. "Michigan seems like a dream to me now..."

The show title is "We've all gone to look for America," a line from the almost operatic 1968 song "America," which captures a time that was more innocent, when a young couple could take off for a trip across the country in a Greyhound bus, sharing love, cigarettes, jokes and insecurities. None of it would (really) be possible today; the jokes they



COURTESY OF KENISE BARNES FINE ART, KENT, CONN.

Heat, beach, summer, freedom all glow from the canvas in Sophie Treppendahl's "Swimming in the Yuba," featured in the Kenise Barnes Fine Art gallery show in Kent, Conn., called "We've all gone to look for America."

share and the people they see might not even make sense to a modern generation who don't know what gabardine is and perhaps don't realize that bow ties are not meant to be clipped on.

Paintings in the show by Sophie Treppendahl in particular capture the feeling of being in the sun at the beach, in sneakers. No masks. Also in the show is work by David Konigsberg, Thomas Sarrantonio and

Francis Sills.

The gallery is open Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., and by appointment. To learn more, go to www.kbfa.com.

SCOTT HETH AND AN AFTERNOON OF AMERICAN SONGBOOK JAZZ

Scott Heth, former head of the Audubon Center in Sharon, Conn., and a beloved local jazz musician, returns to the Tri-state region for a fundraising concert to support the Roeliff Jansen Community Library at Roeliff Jansen Park in Hillsdale, N.Y., on Sunday, April 25, at 3 p.m.

Heth will perform on keyboard, with Kris Jensen on saxophone and

Jay Bradley on percussion in an afternoon of American songbook jazz.

Bring your own lawn chair. Masks and social distancing are required.

For information on hours and events at the library, call 518-325-4101 or go to www.roejanlibrary.org, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/roejanlibrary, or on Instagram at www.instagram.com/roejanlibrary.

A CONCERT TO SUPPORT MUSICIANS

A benefit concert for the New England Musicians Relief Fund will be held online on Sunday, April 18, at 7 p.m.

"Berkshire Sounds: A Bash to Bring Back Music to Western Massachusetts and the Hudson Valley" will be hosted by Signature Sounds and will feature musicians from across western Massachusetts and New York's Hudson Valley.

Artists performing as part of Berkshire Sounds include Aston Magna, Boston University Tanglewood Institute, Boston Sympho-

ny Orchestra musicians Rebecca Gitter and Julianne Lee, Chris Smither, Felipe Salles, Izzy Coffey, Izzy Heltai, John Medeski, Pamela Means, Peter Mulvey, Robin O'Herin, Ruby Mack, Samirah Evans, Todd Reynolds, Adam Rothberg and more. The show will also feature special messages from Arlo Guthrie and Tanglewood Festival Chorus conductor James Burton.

Watch the show at www.signaturesounds.com/homesessions as well as the YouTube and Facebook pages of the New England Musicians Relief Fund. There is no cost to view the stream, but donations are encouraged.

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NATIONAL POETRY MONTH: HELEN KLEIN ROSS

Poetry That Finds The Beauty in Ordinary Words

Found poetry has always fascinated me. The first poem I published was "Three Pages Found in a Bureau for Auction," sourced from three pages of stationery I discovered in a bureau I didn't buy — but I did take the pages, which made me feel guilty, although not enough to keep me from writing the poem.

Two of the pages were typewritten lists: "Daily Schedule" and "Weekly Schedule." These were daunting instructions to a maid, which included, "Wednesday, Your day off, Straighten up house before you Leave."

The last page was a heartrending note written in pencil. It began, "Dear Sir, I'm really very sorry but you see that I'm not the right person for the job ..." and ended with, "I could not wait until you got home because you are very sweet people and this is really hard for me. I hope you will find someone real soon. P.S. I also forgot to tell you a very important problem. I sleep walk."

A few years ago, while scrolling Twitter, I came across "The Traveler's Vade Mecum; or Instantaneous Letter Writer," a book of 8,466 numbered telegrams. It was published in 1853 by A. C. Baldwin, a pioneering consumer advocate who sought to save travelers time and expense at the telegraph office by numbering sentences so that a message could be sent by simply telegraphing a number, instead of having to pay by the word.

Baldwin tried to number everything — every single thing — that 19th-century travelers might want to say. Urgent questions like, "Do you know of a person going West soon, who would take a lady under his protection?" (8328).

Or, news: "A Sad Accident Has Happened" (461). Or simple assurance that one is alive:

"We abound in good cheer." (1508).

If both sender and receiver owned Baldwin's compendium, "I am on board a steamer ship bound for Paris" could be abbreviated to "45-Paris." And "4205" would be all it would take to ruin someone's Grand Tour with, "Your house is at the present moment on fire."

As soon as I saw the book, I was smitten. My first instinct was to make a found poem out of some of the telegrams myself. My poem didn't work. It bore nothing of the richness and range contained in the original document and I realized that what was missing was a complexity of language and syntax that could only be achieved through a multiplicity of voices.

I began reaching out to poets via technologies Baldwin never dreamed of, asking them to write a poem using as title a telegram I'd chosen for them. I created an anthology, "The Traveler's Vade Mecum," published by Red Hen Press in 2016. It got the attention of New York Times poetry editor Matthew Zapruder, who published one of the poems, by Julie Suarez. Its telegram title is relevant today.

THERE WAS A GREAT WANT OF CIVILITY

All night in the trees,
the whispering,
a great disorder, not the way

leaves talk among themselves
during the day, not the rustle
of squirrels and birds among them,

but a tossing, shiftless shadow
weight of darkness,
leaf to leaf.

I dared not close my eyes
for fear it would have
its way with me.

How could anyone sleep?
— Julie Suarez

Helen Klein Ross is a poet and novelist who lives in Lakeville, Conn., in a house that was built the same year A. C. Baldwin published his compendium.



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NATIONAL POETRY MONTH: MARK SCARBROUGH

Emily Dickinson, Poetry That Can ‘Break the Brain’

This poem is an excellent entrance point into Emily Dickinson’s work; it shows off the two things she does best. First, the slow realization that life is both utterly fulfilling AND sad, somehow all at once. That problem can be found in the very first line with the empty word “it” that begins the poem and with the word “eventually” at the end of the line (which equivocates the initial future tense).

The poem then moves through a series of the gorgeous metaphors while also showing off her second, unequaled talent: the ability to show the sheer strangeness of life. Bees despising a tune? Is “frill” an adjective or a verb? Mostly, that strangeness settles into the last four lines. They break out into two metaphors with a jarring “slant” rhyme (“gown” — “done”) that makes the poem feel incomplete just when it should neatly wrap things

up. I’ve taught Dickinson for more than 35 years and her poetry always does the same thing: It breaks my brain.

IT WILL BE SUMMER — EVENTUALLY

It will be Summer — eventually.
Ladies — with parasols —
Sauntering Gentlemen — with Canes —
And little Girls — with Dolls —

Will tint the pallid landscape —
As ’twere a bright Bouquet —
Thro’ drifted deep, in Parian —
The Village lies — today —

The Lilacs — bending many a year —
Will sway with purple load —
The Bees — will not despise the tune —
Their Forefathers — have hummed —

The Wild Rose — red- den in the Bog —
The Aster — on the Hill
Her everlasting fashion — set —
And Covenant Gentians — frill —

Till Summer folds her miracle —
As Women — do — their Gown —
Of Priests — adjust the Symbols —
When Sacrament — is done —

— Emily Dickinson

Mark Scarbrough is a former academic, a current cookbook writer and the very popular leader of literature classes and reading groups in the Tristate region. His newest class, through the Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., is “Emily Dickinson: The Brightness Of Being.” The eight-week Zoom class began April 6 and continues to May 25, and meets on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. until about 11:45 a.m. To register, go to www.cornwalllibrary.org/events.



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April is National Poetry Month, a time to learn more about the work of Massachusetts’ own Emily Dickinson.

STREAMING: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

A Listicle of American Police Procedurals

I will go out on a not-so-perilous limb and opine that most American police procedural TV shows owe their essential form to the 87th Precinct novels by Ed McBain.

Same basic cast of characters, over and over? Check. Cops’ private lives interwoven into plot? Check. A mix of ordinary, stupid crime and gaudier endeavors? Check. Recurring villains? Check.

So using the McBain template, what American cop shows are worth a look?

Law & Order: This procedural ran for 20 years, from 1990-2010, and rarely deviated from the formula of cops investigate crime, district attorney prosecutes crime, justice is (sometimes) served. The earliest episodes feature Michael Moriarty as prosecutor Ben Stone, wearing the last sack suit seen in American media. The Golden Age of the show revolves around Jerry Orbach as Detective Lennie



“Dragnet” is one of several classic American police shows that deserve a second look.

Briscoe (seasons 3 through 14). Tight scripts, solid acting, and topical subjects. Immensely rewatchable. You can buy the episodes or seasons or just wait for them to come around again on regular TV.

Ed McBain’s 87th Precinct: You’ll have to go to the DVD for this 1961-62 effort, with 30 episodes in the box set. You’ll get appearances by Robert Culp, Peter Falk and a zillion other character actors of

the time (just like “Law & Order”). Not nearly as gritty as the novels, but what do you expect from 1961?

Spenser for Hire: I lived in Boston in the mid-1980s when this show was running, and my flatmates — one college pal and three dental students — devised a drinking game based on geographic anomalies in the show. (There were a lot. It got ugly. One of the dentists dropped out and went

home to New Hampshire.)

I rewatched the entire three-season run this past winter and found it much better — and grittier — than I remembered. This is not the case for the four TV movies which followed the series’ demise in 1988. Those struck me as sanitized and, frankly, pretty tedious.

How to watch: I’m sure I watched the regular seasons for free (with ads) on some service, but that seems to have changed and Amazon Prime wants to nick me for \$25 for the first season only.

Columbo: If you want free, watch seven seasons’ worth of “Columbo” on IMDb TV, which is one of those free-with-ads deals.

Thrill as Columbo gets cigar ash on his grubby raincoat! Get a shiver up your spine as That Guy Who Played Whosiewhat-sit in Whatchamacallit makes his nefarious plans! Marvel at how Americans drove gigantic cars and even parallel parked!

And, finally, no listicle on this subject would be complete without “**Dragnet**,” which is available from a number of different sources. Jack Webb was an amazing actor in that he never moved his lips or upper body. Well, almost never. He was also very well dressed. The stories reflect the times, and as such will probably be banned soon. So dial it up while you can.

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New books by local authors include “Word for Word: A Writer’s Life,” by Laurie Lisle of Sharon, Conn., who was the author of the well-received biographies of artists Georgia O’Keeffe and Louise Nevelson.

This new book, due out May 11, is about her own struggles to succeed as a woman and an artist in America in the second half of the 20th century.

And available now is a book by pediatric oncologist and Salisbury resident Dr. Michael Weiner, who writes about inspiring true tales of cancer in, “Living Cancer: Stories of an Oncologist, Father, Survivor.”

Laurie Lisle, the respected biographer of artists Georgia O’Keeffe and Louise Nevelson, has a new book out about her own development as a writer.

Word for Word

A Writer’s Life
Laurie Lisle

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Baseball oddities

Chevrolet is currently running an ad which uses a voice over of James Earl Jones doing his "Baseball" speech from Field of Dreams in which he calls baseball, "The one constant through all the years." It is a fine speech, given in that Jonesean rumble that no one else has ever duplicated.

But I have to disagree with it, at least to a minor degree. What I remember over the years is the weirdnesses that happen in baseball games that are unexpected, completely novel, and just plain, well, weird.

Take this year's Mets home opener on April 8. It was a day game, not all that strange. It was low scoring: for the traditionally run starved Mets — not strange at all. It was won by the Mets 3-2 in walk-off fashion in the bottom of the ninth. OK, that's a bit unusual.

But to first tie with a home run by Mets second baseman, Jeff McNeil, and then to force in the winning run with a "hit by pitch" with the bases loaded, now that's getting firmly into the baseball twilight zone.

And there's more weirdness to follow. The batter, Michael Conforto, not only didn't make an effort to get out of the way, he seemed to deliberately stick his elbow in the way of what would have been a called third strike, ending the rally and sending the game into extra innings.

Initially the call against Conforto was "Strike Three," but that call was reversed,

BLEACHER VIEWS

Theodore Kneeland

sending him to first and the winning run home.

So, the umps go to the video tape and review the play, right? Nope. No can do. The play is not reviewable. Really? Don Mattingly, the erstwhile Yankees first baseman and current Miami Marlins manager, was just about jumping up and down in frustration. Can you blame him? If you can't review a game winning situation, what is the point of having the review process at all? Or you might ask why am I asking all these rhetorical questions?

Mattingly's objection is that the rule states that being hit by a strike while not trying to get out of the way is just a strike. So the ruling should have been strike three, according to Mattingly, and I think he has a solid point.

Keith Hernandez, one of the commentators, said, "I have never seen anything like it." Now Hernandez has spent his life in or around the game. If he hasn't seen something, it definitely belongs in the "too weird to believe" category.

So that's the category we will put the 2021 Mets opening day into, one worthy of even a James Earl Jones rumble.

Millerton resident Theodore Kneeland is a former teacher and coach — and athlete.



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

The first-place male finisher of the Millbrook Marathon was Reid McGrath, who finished with a time of 3:03:23.



The first-place female finisher of the Millbrook Marathon was Caitlin Sorriento, who finished with a time of 3:52:50.

Millbrook Marathon off to a great start

WASHINGTON — The Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club sponsored its first ever 26.2 mile marathon through the town of Washington on Sunday, April 11, and all agreed it was a rousing success. Thirty runners originally registered for the race, and 78 showed up the morning of the marathon.

Three athletes didn't finish the race: one because of an injury, two because of exhaustion. The first to cross the finish line was 31-year-old Reid McGrath of Pawling, who finished with a time of 3-hours, 3-minutes and 20-seconds.

Collapsing on the grass with a bottle of water, McGrath said it was a tough run, mainly because of the hills.

Michael Dolan placed second, with a time of 3-hours, 14-minutes. At the age of 53, Dolan, from

Hamden, Conn., remarked, "This was like an ultra-marathon."

Andrew Orefice, 43, of New Haven, Conn., finished and then laid flat on the grass for a minute or two.

"I never, in a million years, expected to finish up front like this," he said.

Caitlin Sorriento, of Millbrook, was the first woman across the finish line, at 3-hours, 52-minutes and 50-seconds.

In a touching moment, Rachel

Hall of Beacon, was watching the race with her dog, Tucker, waiting for her husband, Dave Tedeschi, to finish the race. When Tucker saw his master coming he began to start barking excitedly as Tedeschi started to approach. Tucker got a pet and a hug from the runner before he passed the finish line; Tedeschi ended up earning fourth-place for the day.

John Morris, president of the Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club, said he was very pleased

with the outcome of the marathon. He noted that they had close to 40 volunteers, and mentioned in particular help from Town of Washington Recreation Director Chelsea Edson, Washington Town Clerk Mary Alex and Millbrook Fire Chief Ted Bownas. Law enforcement, he said, was also great, and the Road Runners Club looks forward to holding another marathon in Millbrook in the future.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Town of Washington offers Spring Lacrosse

WASHINGTON — With COVID-19 safety in mind, the Town of Washington Recreation Department is offering its Spring Lacrosse Program for boys and girls living in the community who are in grades two through six. With a shorter season due to the pandemic and a focus on practice, the town will follow the Hudson Valley Lacrosse League's safety guidelines.

Email news and photos to editor@millertonnews.com

The teams will be geared for U10 Boys in grades two through four and U12 Boys in grades five through six; U10 Girls in grades two through four and U12 Girls in grades five through six. Each team will accept 12 participants.

The spring lacrosse season began on April 1 and will run through Sunday, May 30.

For more information and to register, go to www.washingtonny.myrec.com.

Move and Groove Mondays!

MILLERTON — The NorthEast-Millerton Library is offering Move and Groove Mondays! from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. every week via Zoom. Just email kmclune@nemillertonlibrary.org for the Zoom link.

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From left, Webutuck High School seniors Katie Johnson, Diana Reyes, Erika Voigt and Gabby VanAnden were honored for their time on the Webutuck varsity girls soccer team during Webutuck's Senior Recognition Game for varsity soccer on Friday, April 9.

Lady Warriors senior soccer players honored

Sparring with Spackenkill

By KAITLIN LYLE
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WEBUTUCK — Paying tribute to the team's graduating athletes, Webutuck High School's varsity girls soccer team honored its senior players' time on the field before facing off against Spackenkill High School during Webutuck's Senior Recognition Game for varsity soccer on Friday, April 9.

The game itself was scheduled for 4:15 p.m. on the soccer field behind the high school. Before the game was officially set in motion,

Webutuck Coach Mark Moren and his team took a moment to commemorate each senior player's accomplishments.

Among those highlighted, the team honored Diana Reyes, Erika Voigt, Katie Johnson and Gabby VanAnden. Reyes and Voigt both played as Lady Warriors for four years with Reyes serving as team captain for two years and Voigt serving as captain this year. Johnson competed on the team for two years while VanAnden played for one year.

Moving into the afternoon's main game, the Lady Warriors

kicked off against the Spackenkill Spartans. Competing for Spackenkill, Sophia Maslyn scored two goals, one with an assist by Maddie Updike and another with an assist by Blythe McQuade.

Competing as Webutuck's keeper, Grainne Williams made six saves while Bailey O'Gorman made two saves as Spackenkill's keeper.

Webutuck was ultimately defeated by Spackenkill with a final score of 0-3. As of Friday's game, Webutuck now has an overall season record of one win, five losses and two ties.

Millbrook Blazers triumph over Lady Warriors, 4-0

AMENIA — Although they were playing away from their home turf, fortune favored the Millbrook Blazer's varsity girls soccer team as they competed against the Webutuck Lady Warriors on Monday, April 5.

Kicking off at 4:15 p.m., the teams faced off on the soccer fields behind Webutuck High School in Amenia.

In the game's first half, Elleeana Francia scored a goal for Millbrook High School with

assistance from Kaleigh Tompkins. Tompkins also scored a goal in the first half with assistance from Samantha Erdt.

Come the second half, the Blazers added another point to the scoreboard, thanks to Emily Grasseler. Meanwhile, Hudson Heinemann scored the fourth and final point for Millbrook with assistance from Tompkins.

As keeper for Webutuck High School, Grainne Williams

made six saves while Ella Wilson made three saves for Millbrook.

By game's end, Millbrook had triumphed with a victory of 4-0 over Webutuck.

As of last Monday's game, the Lady Warriors had an overall season record of one win, four losses and one tie.

The Millbrook Blazers, meanwhile, had a season record as of that time of five wins and no losses.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Pine Plains & Rhinebeck joint football team beaten by Pawling

PINE PLAINS — In spite of its best efforts, the Pine Plains & Rhinebeck joint varsity football team found itself bested by Pawling High School following a recent home game on Sunday, April 11.

Kicking off on the fields behind Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, the Pine Plains & Rhinebeck team was ready to take on Pawling at the stroke of 1 p.m.

Competing for Pine Plains & Rhinebeck, Sid Stracher returned a kick off of 87 yards for a touchdown and had 48 yards on eight carries.

Meanwhile, Stracher's teammate, Sebastian Burmeister, scored on a two-yard run and had 78 yards on eight carries. Also competing for Pine Plains & Rhinebeck, Mike Kelly had 62

yards on six carries.

By the end of the game, Pawling went home the victor with a score of 48-14 over Pine Plains.

Come Friday, April 16, Pine Plains & Rhinebeck will compete against the Dover Dragons in an away game held at Dover High School at 7 p.m.

— Kaitlin Lyle

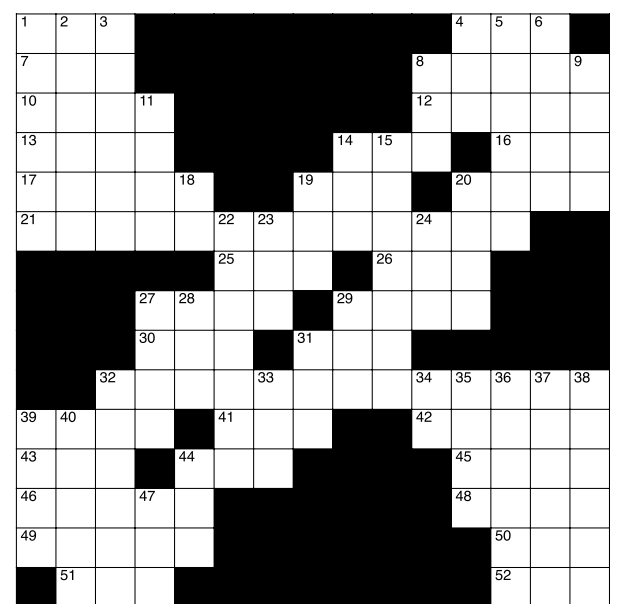
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- Make a choice
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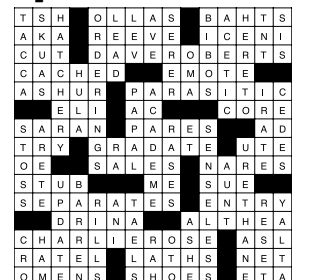
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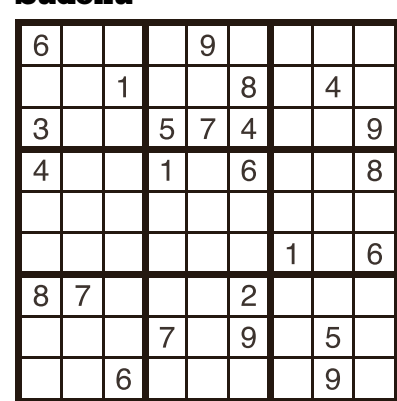
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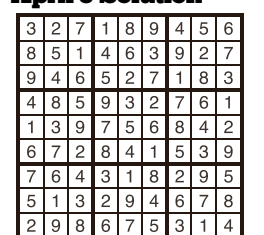
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This photo of the Pine Plains Community Garden at Town Hall shows three beds of garlic in the foreground that have been recently planted by volunteers, who tend to the garden that helps stock local food pantry shelves and feed area residents who would otherwise go without fresh fruits and vegetables.

Volunteers tend to Community Garden

PINE PLAINS — Local volunteers have been busy at the Community Garden at Pine Plains Town Hall, at 3284 Route 199, not only donating but delivering and spreading much-needed wood-chip mulch onto the garden paths.

It was something garden organizer Sandy Towers said was important and physical work that falls onto volunteers each and every year.

"[It's] possibly not a thrilling story for most people, but [it's] big, very big, for us volunteers, and it attests to a positive energy and community spirit in the town, despite recent controversies," she said.

While some of the produce grown at the Community Garden is taken home by the gardeners who tend to their plots, a lot

of it also goes to local food pantries, including Willow Roots.

Willow Roots just moved its distribution center from North Mains Street, where it had become a nuisance to some of its neighbors on Carla Terrace, to a new location at 7730 South Main St. To contact Willow Roots, call 518-592-1298.

The Community Garden also shares its bounty with the Pine Plains Community Food Locker, which runs out of the Pine Plains Methodist Church on 3023 Church St. (Route 199). To contact the Food Locker, call 518-398-6312.

To learn more about the Pine Plains Community Garden and volunteering opportunities, go to the town's website at www.pineplains-ny.gov.

— *Whitney Joseph*

OBITUARIES

James M. O'Malley

MILLERTON — James M. O'Malley, 87, a 32-year area resident, died April 7, 2021, at Vassar Bros. Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.

Mr. O'Malley worked for Shell Oil Company in Brooklyn, N.Y., for more than 27 years. Jim began his career at Shell Oil working as a delivery truck driver and through much hard work and dedication ultimately retired as an office manager in 1989.

Following his retirement, he and his wife, Judy, sold their home in Flushing, Queens, and relocated to the Village of Millerton. Prior to living in Flushing, the O'Malleys were long-time residents of Whitestone, N.Y.

Born Nov. 11, 1933, in Manhattan, he was the son of the late Catherine (Fitzpatrick) and Martin E. O'Malley. Jim graduated from Bayside High School with the Class of 1952. On Oct. 22, 1955, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Bayside, Queens, he married Judith A. Goeller. Mrs. O'Malley passed away on Jan. 25, 2021.

Jim was a longtime parishioner of St. Martin of Tours Church of St. Mary in Lakeville; he served on the Village Board in Millerton for many years; he was a life member and past president of the Millerton Lions Club, where he served for nearly five terms.

In his spare time he enjoyed spending time with his family,

maintaining his beautiful home and yard, watching his beloved

New York Yankees on television and wood-working in his shop.

Jim enjoyed life in the Village of Millerton and he could often be found talking with friends and acquaintances at the Post Office and various other locations when he was out and about. He will be dearly missed by his loving family and his many friends.

Jim is survived by his son, Stephen O'Malley and his wife, Susan, of South Salem, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Brianna and Amanda O'Malley and Melissa Hartlipp; and several nieces and nephews and many friends. He was predeceased by a daughter, Ellen O'Malley, on Nov. 10, 2013.

Private visitation will be held on Saturday, April 24, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. A graveside service and burial will follow at noon at St. Mary's Cemetery on Cobble Road in Salisbury; friends and family members are invited to attend.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116; or Lions Clubs International Foundation, Dept. 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60422 in memory of Past President James M. O'Malley.

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

Salvador Molella

MILLBROOK — Salvador Molella, 92, of Boynton Beach, Fla., and a former resident of Millbrook, passed away on March 26, 2021, at his home.

He was born on Dec. 24, 1928, to Marietta (Spagnola) and Francesco P. Molella

He is survived by his loving sisters, Pierina Pannoza and Filomena "Fanny" Manzi; and many nieces and nephews, who were very special to him.

He was predeceased by his parents; his brothers, Ross, Domenic, Frank, Armand and Paul Molella; and his sisters, Vinny Farley, Mary Magnarella and Rose Mikula.

After graduation from Millbrook Memorial High School, Sal served in the United States Army from 1950-1952. He was then employed by IBM for 20 years, followed by the Thomas Carvel Country Club for many years. He continued his association with the Carvel enter-

prise through the Thomas and Agnes Carvel Foundation, and

he served as a vice president and director of the foundation until his death. Through the foundation Sal was able to help many organizations including the Town of Washington Recreation and St. Joseph Immaculate Conception Church in Millbrook.

Sal was an avid golfer, winning many golf tournaments around the country. He had 12 holes-in-one, and was inducted into the Dutchess County Golf Hall of Fame in 1991.

The family is very grateful for the friendship and help given to Sal by his close friends Sam and Norma DeOto.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Immaculate Conception Church in Millbrook on April 17 at 10 a.m. Interment in St. Joseph's cemetery will immediately follow.

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LEGAL NOTICES

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF ACQUISITION OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FOR SAID TOWN, TO WIT:

2022 International Model HV513 SFA 6 x 4 Cab & Chassis with Plow, Wing and Combination Dump Body/ Spreader

WHEREAS, this Board desires to authorize a Statutory Installment Bond for the financing of the purchase of a 2022 International Model HV513 SFA 6 x 4 Cab & Chassis with Plow, Wing and Combination Dump Body/ Spreader (hereinafter "the Equipment"); and

WHEREAS, this Board, by resolution, authorized the purchase of the Equipment per the Onondaga County Contract #8996.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York as follows:

Section 1. The maximum estimated cost of the Equipment, including incidental expenses to be incurred in connection therewith, is \$263,485.34.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the purchase is as follows: (a) by the issuance of a General Obligation Statutory Installment Bond of the Town of North East, hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law in the maximum amount of \$168,000.00; and by the expenditure of \$95,485.34 from the 2021 Highway Fund.

Section 3. The Statutory Installment Bond will be dated on a date to be determined by the Town Supervisor, and will mature no more than four (4) years following the date of execution of the Bond with prepayment received and will bear interest in the name of the Town of North East by the Town Supervisor and by the Town Clerk and will be sealed with the Corporate Seal of the Town of North East.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid object or purpose is fifteen (15) years, pursuant to Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is further determined that the maximum maturity of the Bond herein authorized will not exceed four (4) years.

Section 5. The faith and credit of said Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of, and interest on, such Bond as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of, and interest on, such Bond becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Town a tax sufficient to pay the principal of, and interest on, such Bond as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of, and to sell, Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the Statutory Installment Bond herein authorized, including renewals of such Note is hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, the Chief Fiscal Officer. Such Notes shall be of such terms, form and content, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such Bond of sale, conducting the sale, and awarding the Bond

are hereby delegated to the Town Supervisor, who shall advertise such Bond for sale, conduct the sale, and award the Bond in such a manner as he shall deem best for the interests of the Town; provided, however, that in the exercise of the delegated powers, he shall comply fully with the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of Municipal Bonds. The receipt of the Town Supervisor shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money. The Town Supervisor shall be authorized to execute any and all documents and to perform any and all steps necessary to obtain financing incident to this purchase.

Section 8. This Resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this Resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. The validity of such Bond, and Bond Anticipation Notes, may be contested only if:

(1) Such Bond is authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or

(2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this Resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication, or

(3) Such Bond is authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 10. This action is a Type II action pursuant to Part 617 of the Rules and Regulations implementing the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

Section 11. This Resolution shall take effect immediately pursuant to Section 35.00(5) (2), and shall be published, in full, in the official paper, together with a Notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on April 8, 2021 which resulted as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Kaye

SECOND: Councilwoman Morrison

Supervisor Kennan Voted AYE

Councilman Fedele Voted AYE

Councilman Kaye Voted AYE

Councilman Midwood Voted AYE

Councilwoman Morris Voted AYE

The Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted April 8, 2021.

GAIL WHEELER
TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF NORTH EAST
04-15-21

Legal Notice

THIS RESOLUTION published herewith has been adopted on the 8th day of April, 2021, and the validity of the Obligations authorized by such Resolution may be hereafter contested only if such Obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of North East is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date

of publication of this Notice, or such Obligations were not authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.
CHRISTOPHER KENNAN,
Supervisor
Town of North East
04-15-21

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Northeast Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on the Budget in the High School Library at the Webutuck High School Building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York, on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2021-2022 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for to fund the budget for the 2021-2022 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., prevailing time, at the Webutuck Elementary School, Eugene Brooks Intermediate School, Webutuck High School and at the District Administrative Office between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, effective May 3, 2021, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays. Copies of the Budget will also be available at the Northeast-Millerton Library and the Amenia Free Library.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Vote on the Budget of the qualified voters of the Northeast Central School District, will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at the Webutuck High School gym, Haight Road, Amenia, New York, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect four (4) members to the Board of Education at-large, two (2) for three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2024 to fill the vacant seats of incumbent board members, Nikki Johnson, and Rick Keller Coffey, one (1) to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Jay Newman whose term shall expire on June 30, 2023, and one (1) to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Steve Abad whose term shall expire on June 30, 2022.

B. To adopt the annual budget of the Northeast Central School District for the fiscal year 2021-2022 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property on the District.

C. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for the nomination of candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with Clerk of the District no later than Monday, April 19, 2021 by 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, in the form and manner prescribed by Section 2018 of the Education Law. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate,

specific offices; candidates run at-large for the vacant seats. Such petitions must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the School District, shall state the residence address of each signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. The petition shall also describe the length of the term of the office and contain the name of the last incumbent. Petition forms may be picked up on any school day at the Office of the District Clerk, at the Webutuck High School building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that absentee ballots will be available for this Election and Vote. Applications for absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk at the Webutuck High School building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York on school days during school hours. The application must be returned to the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed, or the day before the election if the ballot will be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the Election and Vote, May 18, 2021.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these should be directed to the District Clerk. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District at the said District Administrative Offices during regular office hours, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, including the day of the Election and

Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

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

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Education Law § 2035, 2008, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with and directed to the District Clerk at the District Office, on or before April 19, 2021; must be typed or printed in the English language. However, the Board of Education will not entertain or place before the voters any petition or any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of monies which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

Therese M. Trotter
Clerk of the Board
Webutuck (Northeast)
Central School District
194 Haight Road, P.O. Box
405
Amenia, NY 12501
04-15-21

NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL ENROLLED DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLERTON THAT A MEETING OF SAID ENROLLED VOTERS WILL BE HELD ON

Saturday the 24th day of April, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at the pavilion at Eddie Collins

Memorial Park located at 5989 North Elm Avenue, Village of Millerton, Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York for the purpose of selecting and nominating candidates for the following positions to be voted on at the Village Election to be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021:

Mayor - 2 year term
Trustee - 2 year term
Trustee - 2 year term
and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

YOU MUST WEAR A MASK TO ATTEND THE CAUCUS AND MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Democratic Committee
Town of North East
Jon Arnason, Chair
04-15-21

TOWN OF NORTH EAST ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Annex of the North East Millerton Library, 28 Century Blvd., Millerton, New York, on the application of Jennifer Dowley, requesting a reduction in the required acreage in order to construct a second residence on a 7.5 Acre parcel, #7069-00-397374, located at 43 Moadock Road, in the A 5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing.

Dated: April 9, 2021.
Julie Schroeder
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
04-15-21

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

Notices can be emailed to legals@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to

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EDITORIAL

Post 178 and county coordinated for clinic, but J&J vaccines foiled plans

The Millerton American Legion Post 178 has a reputation for doing good works, and even though its Community Pop-up Vaccination Clinic with the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) on Friday, April 16, planned from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Legion Hall, had to be canceled, it doesn't minimize the good intentions of either entity.

The county had expected to distribute roughly 100 of the Johnson & Johnson vaccines. And therein lies the problem.

On Tuesday, April 13, Post 178 Historian Sean Klay informed this newspaper that "the FDA/CDC is recommending a pause on the J&J vaccine," later confirming that "[the county] will NOT be administering the J&J vaccine this Friday and [is] currently reevaluating their options at this time."

The reason? Because, according to a report from The New York Times, of the roughly 7 million Americans who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, "six women developed rare blood clots... All six recipients were women between the ages of 18 and 48. One woman died and a second woman in Nebraska has been hospitalized in critical condition." The U.S. has since decided to put a pause on the vaccine, hence the cancelation of Friday's pop-up clinic at the Legion Post 178.

Dutchess County, under the sound leadership of County Executive Marc Molinaro, has been aggressively setting up pop-up clinics for a number of months, in addition to the two Points of Dispensing (PODs) sites it has permanently established at the former JCPenney store at the Poughkeepsie Galleria on Route 9 in Wappingers Falls and at the CVS Plaza on Route 22 in Dover Plains.

As of Wednesday, April 7, according to the New York State vaccine tracker, 106,041 Dutchess County residents (36.1% of the population) have received at least one dose of the coronavirus vaccine and 61,425 Dutchess County residents (20.9% of the population) have completed the vaccine series.

That's excellent news, especially because Molinaro has been battling fiercely to get his hands on as many vaccine doses as possible — not an easy task when supply from the federal government is limited and New York State is clamoring for vaccines alongside the rest of the country and the world. Hiccups like the current one with the J&J vaccine only make the vaccines scarcer.

Almost a year after the health crisis hit our shores, Governor Andrew Cuomo appeared pleased when he told those New Yorkers who met the eligibility requirements on Jan. 11 that the vaccine would be available to them — back when only those over the age of 65, first responders, law enforcement, teachers, public transit and public safety workers did so. Today, all New Yorkers age 16 and older who live, work or study in the state are eligible for the vaccine. (President Biden announced that as of Monday, April 19, all adult Americans will be eligible for the vaccine.)

When Cuomo spoke in January, he said New York had just 1 million doses for more than 4 million eligible recipients at the time, as the state was to receive only 300,000 doses a week from the federal government going forward — at that rate, he complained it would take 14 weeks just to receive enough doses for those who were eligible for vaccinations. He begged for patience from New Yorkers anxious to get inoculated.

Just days earlier, on Jan. 9, Molinaro had announced that the DBCH had established its PODs to administer the vaccines to eligible residents, and an inaugural six-hour vaccine clinic was held on Jan. 16 at the Dover Middle/High School POD (the initial location in northeastern Dutchess County before being moved to the CVS Plaza), and then again on Jan. 23 and Feb. 3, and many times since at the CVS Plaza.

At each Dover POD, between 600 and 700 of either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine were typically injected into the arms of hopeful patients, all of whom expressed their gratitude to the county and the state for the free vaccines.

So many entities — the state, the county, town governments, village governments, schools, fire departments, rescue squads, churches, doctors' offices, pharmacists, and, of course, community organizations like the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton and civic groups like the Millerton American Legion Post 178 — have all offered to lend a hand. For that this newspaper, and we're certain so many others, are deeply grateful.



Right before your eyes

Imagine you live in a remote location and stare out at the majesty of nature. In fact, imagine you live in a city and walk through the park every day, enjoying the careful design to emulate nature so perfectly. Now imagine that everything you are looking at may not be as it seems and that serious money is coming to rip it all apart.

In Greenland, for centuries, locals have looked at the mountains and glacier-carved valleys as stark, foreboding and relentless. If you lived in Greenland, you'd understand foreboding. The fjords are deep with crystal blue water surrounded by sheer rock walls dusted with snow all year long. In winter the ocean freezes solid and, if anything, the rock that surrounds you becomes sharper, crisper, harder.

So, for centuries your ancestors have been eking out a living there, at the edge of the water, with the rocks at your back, protecting you, of course, but also always remaining permanent, unmovable, impenetrable. And then one day you find out that the rock has a secret, many secrets in fact, and people from all over the world want a piece of your nature.

It was just a matter of time. Industry, modern man's needs for resources see the bare, unexposed rock, as easy to assess and sample. Greg Barnes is chief geologist for Australian mining company Tanbreez Mining. "It is the world's biggest rare earth deposit, it's probably got 50% of the world's rare earth in it. This may be one of the world's top 10 mining sites we think."

OK, so what are rare earth deposits? Every modern product from mobile phones to solar

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

panels to wind turbines to the newest generations of AI computers to, yes, Tesla batteries — they all depend on rare earth metals and elements. Currently, China dominates the world supply because they bartered with countries' leaders all over the developing world and secured the exclusive rights to mines across the globe.

But now Greenland has the potential to be a major player globally. Of course, as soon as prospectors went looking for one thing, they found another: huge reserves of gold, iron-ore, rubies and uranium, as well as oil and gas. Population of Greenland? Fifty-seven thousand people. And what did the electorate say about the boom-time coming? They just held elections and said no thanks, not the way the industrialized nations usually strip mine and destroy nature.

One fisherman said, "Yes, the promise of money and jobs is good, but not if they ruin what we already have."

Interestingly, the TV show "Gold Rush" was cited as proof of destruction of the land.

It will be interesting to see how Greenland handles this bonanza from their rocks and if the population can keep the billions and billions of dollars from corrupting and ruining nature's pristine landscape.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Filibuster akin to the 'kiss of death'

Dear editor,
I'm a full-time resident of Columbia County and, like you, a concerned citizen of this nation. I believe it's time to eliminate the filibuster in Congress as it now exists.

The current filibuster is too easy, allowing any senator with a gripe or a monied backer to raise a hand and scuttle legislation you and I and most of the country approve of. Given the state of hostility in the Senate, requiring 60 votes on anything is, in effect, the kiss of death.

At the very least, the old-style filibuster that required resolve and stamina should be reinstated. But why do we need it at all?

The filibuster has a shameful history, originating in the Jim Crow era. It was used to ensure that civil rights legislation was delayed, or squelched outright.

The filibuster is a mecha-

nism to block progress and tie the hands of Congress, creating real and tangible pain for the citizens they are supposed to represent. Let's cut the rope and untie their hands. Allow them to do the job they were elected to do, and if they don't act for us, we'll know it.

No longer should issues we care about, that affect us, that matter, be held hostage. The Senate has got to be able to function or we all suffer. One person's cynicism should not and cannot be allowed to derail critical legislation. A synonym for minority rule is — look it up — authoritarianism, where the consent of the governed is thrown out the window. Surely, that's not what you or I signed up for.

Louise Pillai

Copake

The filibuster is a relic of the past and must go

Majority rule, the will of the people, has been derailed by the invention of the filibuster by southern racist senators in the 19th century.

It means that a minority of 40% of the Senate can stop anything that the majority of Americans want and need. Like action on climate change, campaign finance reform, gun safety and voting rights — all things that are supported by large majorities of American voters.

The filibuster was never a

part of the Constitution or the original rules of the Senate. It has more than outlived its usefulness (if it ever had any). The pace of our lives and the speed of events and our problems demand swift action today.

This relic of the ancient past must go now so we can move forward and achieve real progress for today and our children and grandchildren's future.

Bruce Thompson

Amenia

Respect our roadsides and our American Flag

Now that Spring has sprung I am walking more. A couple of observations are that our walkways and roadways need their spring cleanup. I will start carrying a trash bag to pick up roadside debris so our beautiful area will be even more beautiful. How about you?

Another observation worth mentioning is I see many American Flags flying that are in disrepair. Please observe the care that our flag deserves.

If your flag has become tattered and torn, take it down and replace it with a new one.

Give the tattered flag to your nearest American Legion Post for proper disposal. (The Millerton American Legion Post 178 is the located right at 155 Route 44.)

There is specific etiquette regarding the care of our American Flag. If you are unaware of it, ask a Legionnaire or Google it.

Honoring our flag and our veterans is very important. God bless them and our country.

Diane Walters

Millerton

Tips on how seniors can stay safe while walking

In the days before the COVID-19 pandemic, when we met with seniors for presentations at Office for the Aging (OFA) Senior Friendship Centers, we discussed five risk factors for older adults to think about when walking: intersections, visibility, vehicles backing up, the physical environment and weather, and personal health. With in-person presentations still not advisable for now, we've adapted to new necessities. For the final item in this series, we've focused on watching for vehicles backing up and hitting a person behind them. It's a common type of crash that we don't often think about.

"Backing unsafely" was cited in almost 10% of all the reported pedestrian-vehicle crashes in Dutchess County over the past five years. It's the third most commonly cited factor in pedestrian crashes, after driver inattention and failure to yield the right-of-way. Since some crashes in parking lots and driveways are not reported or not reported accurately, the true number of crashes related to unsafe backing is likely larger.

Older adults are prone to this kind of crash, both as a driver and as a pedestrian. As a driver, it is often hard to see behind your vehicle, especially if you have limited mobility in your neck and upper back. This makes it tough to check for people behind your car. Many newer model cars have rear-facing cameras

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Todd N. Tancredi

that activate when backing up, but those aren't a cure-all.

It can be challenging to walk through parking lots, as drivers are entering and exiting parking spaces. You may not be able to jump out of the way like you once could.

What can you do to prevent these types of crashes? Here are some tips:

- Check behind your vehicle. Do this before getting into your car, as well as before backing up. If you have a hard time turning your neck and head, talk to your doctor or other caregivers about modifications you can make to your vehicle to improve your visibility. When parking, back into a parking space when possible, or find a "pull-through" space, to improve your field of vision when it comes time to drive away.
- Be alert in parking lots. Whether you're driving or on foot, don't assume that drivers are watching for you. If you see a vehicle with its white reverse lights on, steer clear! When walking, use walkways and marked crosswalks wherever they exist.
- Be cautious at driveways. Treat a driveway like an intersection. When you're walking near a

driveway, check to see if a vehicle is backing out, or turning in.

• Avoid walking near parked cars. Don't cross a street between parked cars — they may be about to move. Avoid walking behind a parked car, as the driver may not see you.

For more information, check out Dutchess County's "Watch Out For Me" webpage at www.dutchessny.gov/WatchOutForMe.

dutchessny.gov/WatchOutForMe, which includes street safety tips and quizzes.

Golden Living is prepared by Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) Director Todd N. Tancredi. He can be reached at 845-486-2555, ofa@dutchessny.gov or online, at www.dutchessny.gov/aging.

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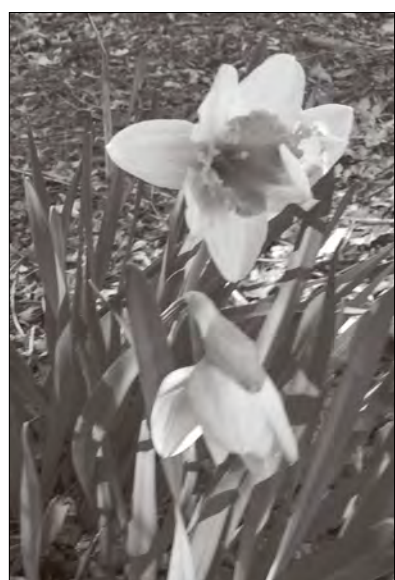
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