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The businesses along Main Street, Millerton, have changed greatly in the past 146 years since the village was incorporated in 1875. Here's a comparison of what Main Street looks like today, compared to what it looked like in 1995.

The evolution of Millerton's Main Street

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With so many changes taking place in the world today, including in our local business communities, *The Millerton News* is taking a closer look at how the village of Millerton has changed in the years leading up to the present day. The paper will be running a multi-part series on the many changes that have taken place in the Millerton business district since it was first established in the late 1800s. This is the first part in that series.

Part I

MILLERTON — Despite all of the advances science has made in the millions of years since man has been on earth, no one has yet been able to figure out how to freeze time. Which explains why the world has

witnessed Millerton evolve in the last nearly century and a half from what was a bustling local community that was pretty much self-sufficient and centered around three railroads that brought the entire Tri-state region goods and services from major cities and outlying areas into a hip village that earned the title "Ten Coolest Small Towns in America" from Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel magazine in 2007.

Those rave reviews have continued, frequently in *The New York Times*. The most recent was published in *The Times* on March 24; there was another large spread featuring Millerton on www.upstater.com, a guide about living, buying, renting and vacationing in upstate New York that just came out on April 20.

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Petition launched to support Millerton wastewater system

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MILLERTON — Understanding just how important a wastewater system is to attract future businesses and visitors, the Millerton Business Alliance (MBA) recently started a petition drive in support of installing a wastewater treatment system in the village of Millerton. It emailed the petitions to those on its contact list and place copies at a couple of stores along Main Street.

For those living or operating a business in the village, the lack of a

wastewater treatment system is no small matter, especially considering how essential it is to economic development.

In addition to attracting new businesses, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan said having a wastewater system is important from an environmental standpoint. At the moment, he said the community is dependent on septic systems, many of which are either in poor shape or are failing.

"We have supported the village in making it a priority," he said. "It's one of the things we have focused on in

our Comprehensive Plan and in the Zoning Review Committee. It has been discussed as an urgent priority, particularly with respect to the Boulevard [Zoning] District."

Jeanne Vanecko, an active member of both the MBA and the grassroots community betterment group, Townscape of Millerton and North East, said the MBA has been talking about the necessity of a wastewater system for years.

Believing there may be money for the project, she said, "What we're try-

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Hillsdale Hamlet Committee

\$1.4M fundraising campaign planned to redesign hamlet park

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HILLSDALE — Promising new developments are in store for Hillsdale in the coming years as the Hillsdale Hamlet Committee is looking to start fundraising to benefit the up-and-coming redesign of its Hamlet Park, located at 9248 Route 22.

Hamlet under-used

Hillsdale Hamlet Committee (HHC) Chair Shannon May explained the town identified the park as an under-utilized resource years ago. As detailed in its Comprehensive Plan, she said the town spoke about

how wonderful it would be to redesign the park as a more essential part of the community. In 2019, the HHC took on the Hamlet Park restoration project, determining what would go into its redesign, all while keeping the Hillsdale Town Board informed.

For many who grew up in Hillsdale, the park represents an important part of their childhood, according to May. Though she said there isn't much at the park to attract visitors now — there haven't been any baseball games there in the last decade — May said there has been a growing number of families with young children that visit the park

making new memories.

Parks the place to be

Especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, May said more people are using their local parks. She expects this renewed interest to only increase as more people get vaccinated against the virus, and she believes people hesitant about meeting indoors will continue to go to parks and gather outdoors instead.

"It's about bringing the community together," she said. "That's why the Hamlet Committee and the Town Board have pursued this."

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Cuomo signs \$212 billion 2022 budget to mixed reactions

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NEW YORK STATE — After weeks spent waiting in anxious anticipation, New York State residents and officials were at last able to breathe a sigh of relief as Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the 2022 state budget. Totalling \$212 billion, next year's budget seeks to continue supporting middle-class tax cuts to help New Yorkers recover from the economic hardships of the COVID-19 pandemic; lower income tax rates; and continue investing in essential

programs and services to benefit local communities.

Even with the burdens posed by the health crisis, the 2022 budget process was unlike anything the state has faced in recent years. While the budget was due on Thursday, April 1, the governor missed the annual deadline as he was locked in negotiations with state lawmakers. By Wednesday, April 7, the budget had been passed by the State Senate and the State Assembly, but Cuomo didn't officially sign the fiscal plan until Monday, April 19.

As published on his website, www.governor.ny.gov, anticipated tax cuts

are expected to save 4.8 million New Yorkers more than \$2.2 billion by the end of 2021.

Enacted in 2016, this is now the fourth year of tax cuts, and once they're fully phased in, middle-class taxpayers will have "received an income tax cut of up to 20%, saving 6 million filers a projected \$4.2 billion per year by 2025," according to the governor's website.

For New York homeowners with incomes up to \$250,000, next year's budget will provide a personal in-

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Members of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association and leaders on the local, state and federal levels gathered at the Millerton trail head of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of the Rail Trail's fourth and final phase.

Harlem Valley Rail Trail extension celebrated with ribbon-cutting ceremony

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MILLERTON — Two years after they broke ground for the fourth and final phase of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail extension, local leaders, county and state representatives and members of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association (HVRTA) gathered at the trail head in Millerton once more, this time to celebrate the extension's completion with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting on Thursday, April 22.

Open for use since this past November, the project's fourth and final phase features an 8-mile segment linking Dutchess and Columbia Counties, thereby providing 26 miles of continuous trail from the Wassaic Train Station in Wassaic (including the Trail to Train path connecting the Wassaic Train Station to the hamlet of Wassaic that was completed last September) to the Copake Falls area of the Taconic State Park in Columbia County, according to an April 22 statement from Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro's office.

The project included the installation of approximately 4,100 feet of elevated boardwalks, the installation of trail crossings and the rehabilitation of six bridges.

An unexpected flurry of snow whipped through the region on Thursday morning, though the sun came shining through just in time for the ceremony at 11 a.m. A medley of leaders from the local, state and county levels was spotted along Main Street where a crowd of local residents, trail advocates and HVRTA board members gathered. A tent was set up on the grass with chairs for the guests, who were encouraged to keep the trail clear in case of incoming cyclists and walkers.

Following an introduction by Dutchess County Parks Director Sandy Washburn, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan and Village Deputy Mayor Jenn Najdek started off the speeches.

Wishing everyone a happy Earth Day, Kennan celebrated the opening of "a great new, old resource for Millerton, the town of North East and Dutchess County." Calling it a "defining feature of our town," he said the expansion was worth the wait.

"I hope everyone has a chance to experience it, whether in pieces or the whole way," Kennan said, himself a known trail user.

Speaking on behalf of Mayor Debbie Middlebrook, who was unable to attend, Najdek thanked those involved in completing the project as well as those who sup-

ported it along the way.

Reminding everyone that Rail Trails are about connecting people and communities, Molinaro said he believed trail goers will feel a sense of hopefulness as they take to the linear park, drawing inspiration from the natural landscape. As he commended the many layers of leadership and commitment that went into the project while keeping it under budget, Molinaro said, "Today we open and dedicate officially all 23 miles of trail linking our counties together."

Along with perceiving trails as a connection between two points, Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19) mused how, with trails, there's also a connection between people. He asked those present to remember trails can be used as a social connection and urged them to find that common ground, whether physical or social.

"Two years ago, we broke ground on a similar cold day," Pulver said. "I hope going forward the sun continues to shine on this trail."

State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) considered how Rail Trails are about the past, present and future and how they create opportunities for the next

generation while enjoying opportunities in the present.

State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) marveled at Dutchess County's work in preserving the land and said she was looking forward to taking a bike ride on the trail.

As chairman of the HVRTA board, Dick Hermans spoke thoughtfully about the Rail Trail's role as a resource for people of all ages and abilities. Thanking everyone who had a hand in the expansion, he encouraged all to visit the trail as often as they could, "because it's there for you."

Molinaro and his fellow leaders then invited HVRTA board members to step forward for photos of the ribbon-cutting. With Molinaro and Pulver sharing a giant pair of scissors between them, a blue ribbon stretched in front of the group was cut, signifying both an end and a beginning for the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. As the snipped pieces of the ribbon fluttered in the breeze, Molinaro announced a plaque would later be installed on a black rock at the trail head to commemorate the event.

Attempted burglary at Elizabeth's Jewelry, large crime ring hit the region

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MILLERTON — Police do not believe the late-night attempted robbery at Elizabeth's Jewelry Store on Wednesday, April 21, was connected to a large, organized out-of-state crime ring that has hit the northeastern towns of Millerton and Amenia recently, but they are warning residents and business owners to be on guard as "the perpetrators should be considered armed and dangerous," according to Captain John Watterson of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO).

There have been several larcenies reported from vehicles, three vehicles themselves actually stolen and an attempted burglary in the northeastern part of the county. According to Watterson, "the crimes all occurred in the late-night or early morning hours, and in each case the perpetrators have targeted vehicles that were unlocked with the key fobs inside or easily accessible."

The attempted burglary at the jewelry store was foiled when the security alarm sounded and the perpetrator(s) fled. Owner Betsy Trotta said this was the first attempted break-in at Elizabeth's Jewelry, located at 110 Route 44, just east of CVS. Though no one was there at the time — the alarm sounded at around 11:30 p.m. Wednesday night — Trotta said she was relieved that the Millerton Police Department responded so quickly.

Police arrived within four to five minutes. Thankfully, nothing was taken, no one was hurt, though a window was smashed.

Trotta said it was traumatic to learn that the incident was

so organized. She commended the Millerton police for doing a phenomenal job as well as the investigator who came out from Poughkeepsie to process the scene.

"Hopefully, they will figure out who did this or attempted to," Trotta said.

On top of being thankful to the village police for its service and professionalism, Trotta voiced her gratitude to the various community members who came to her aid in the aftermath of the attempted burglary, from store manager Taylor Ellis, who made sure everything was secure at the business, to Kent Glass LLC, which replaced the glass in the store window immediately after the incident.

"All the local people kind of pulled together and really helped us rebound very quickly," Trotta said, noting the store is adding more security, "and I really felt so encouraged by that after being so discouraged in the morning that someone would do this. I felt so much better because that's really what our town is about."

The DCSO is handling the investigation. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Wilber at 845-486-3826 or bwilber@dutchessny.gov. Information can also be provided via the DCSO tipline at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or dsotips@gmail.com; all information will be kept confidential.

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The results are in for Millerton's Republican, Democratic caucuses

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MILLERTON — In preparation for this year's Village Election, local voters made their nominations for candidates to fill the open seats for mayor and two village trustee positions at the Republican and Democratic Caucuses held on Thursday, April 22, and Saturday, April 24, respectively.

At both caucuses, candidates were given time to speak about their unique qualifications, what motivated them to seek office and what projects and issues they hope to address if elected to the positions they were seeking. All three positions carry two-year terms.

Republican Caucus

The Republican Caucus was held in the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening. North East Town Councilman George Kaye was nominated as caucus chair for the evening. As his first order of business, Kaye nominated Judy Westfall as caucus secretary, while John and Cindy Heck were nominated as caucus tellers.

After they each had the chance to share their platform for why they're running for office, current Deputy Mayor Jennifer Najdek, who is registered with No Official Party (NOP), was nominated for mayor while former North East town Supervisor and former Millerton Village Trustee Dave Sherman, a registered Republican, and political newcomer Laurie Kerr, a registered Democrat, were nominated for the two open seats as trustees on the Village Board.

Democratic Mayor Debbie Middlebrook has previously said she did not intend to seek

re-election in the upcoming election, after having served for many years as both trustee and mayor.

Democratic Caucus

Meanwhile, the Democratic Caucus was held on Saturday, April 24, at 9:30 a.m. at the Eddie Collins Memorial Park pavilion. As a member of the local Democratic Committee, Village Trustee Matthew Hartzog appointed himself as caucus chair. Jon Arnason was appointed caucus secretary while Ed Downey, Village Trustee Alicia Sartori and North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan were appointed caucus tellers.

After Najdek said she was

seeking the nomination for mayor, attendees heard from Kerr and frequent Village Board meeting attendee Delora Brooks, a registered Democrat, both of whom were seeking nominations for village trustee. Najdek was again nominated for mayor while Kerr and Brooks were nominated for the village trustee positions.

It is not unusual for candidates to be endorsed by both political parties in municipal elections throughout the Harlem Valley.

This year's Village Election will be held on Tuesday, June 15, at the Village Hall building, located at 5933 North Elm Ave. (Route 22), from noon to 9 p.m.

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Broadband survey

The Town of North East Broadband Access Committee wants to know, How's Your Internet? Fast, slow, non-existent?

Tell the committee all about it, by taking the community survey. Those who participate will help the town in its efforts to bring high-speed internet service to homes and businesses in North East. Participation could also assist the town in acquiring important funding down the road.

To start, go to www.townofnortheastny.gov. There are also paper copies of the survey available at the NorthEast-Millerton Library at 75 Main St., Millerton.

The survey will be live until around the end of May. For more information, call the North East Town Hall at 518-789-3300.

Little Free Grocery needs support

Donations are needed for the Little Free Grocery at the NorthEast-Millerton Library as the original funding has run out. The program is in addition to the Tiny Library Food Pantry on Main Street and provides free groceries and household items. Patrons may order online at www.nemillertonlibrary.org or by phone at 518-789-3340 with pick up at the library at 75 Main St. There is no cost or library card required.

Donate online or send a check to NorthEast-Millerton Library, P.O. BOX 786, Millerton, NY 12546.

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Fun, freedom and lots of love at Dog Meadow at Millbrook

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Dogs at Dog Meadow at Millbrook relaxed in the shade after a bit of frolicking in the meadow on a recent afternoon.

MILLBROOK — When Laura Evans and Kleber Santos met eight years ago, it was a meeting of not only of the hearts, but also of the minds; they had many things in common.

She is a musician and a music teacher; he is an artist and a photographer. Evans' love of animals, in particular dogs and goats, soon had Santos not only interested, but learning a great deal about them. Living in Westchester, they dreamed about having a place where they could have meadows, space, a place to create a foundation.

They began looking at properties north of Westchester, something rural, and as soon as they saw the property at 578 Tyrrel Road, they knew they had found their ideal location for Dog Meadow at Millbrook.

In July of 2019, they made their move, planning a home for themselves, their dogs and their business, boarding and offering daycare for other people's dogs. But even the best-laid plans can

go awry. A storm in early August of 2019 tore down 20 trees from their property. A deck they were building at the time of the storm was also destroyed and while they have since rebuilt, it took a long time to clean up all of the debris from that day.

Now, even during COVID-19, with fewer people leaving their homes to go to work and very little travel, the pair is still fortunate to gain customers. They limit visiting dogs to six at a time; the dogs are never fenced in, caged, kenneled or tethered. Instead, they have a living room with a leather sofa, comfy chairs, a wide-screen television, canine art on the walls and music playing 24-hours a day. There are two additional rooms: Lily's Pad for the older and more sedate guests, with a fenced-in area for roaming, and Jack's Den for those who want a little more action.

They emphasize that this is not a farm, although there are a few goats, sheep, ducks and chick-

ens. They also have four cats who came to them through Guardian Angel Cat Rescue: a mother and her three offspring. There are barn cats on site, with their own room and heated beds, sharing in the special treatment all Santos' animals enjoy. They are also in close proximity to the Country Comfort Animal Hospital should the need ever arise.

Santos takes the dominant role in the caring for the dogs while his wife teaches music in Valhalla, a job she loves. She describes him as cool, competent and great in emergencies.

At Dog Meadow they offer all of the amenities they want their own dogs to enjoy. Those include Lily, a 14-year-old miniature poodle and Jack, a 6-year-old hound mix. They also provide foster care for Ashley, a golden retriever mix, who came to them pregnant and in bad shape. Her six puppies didn't survive in spite of round-the-clock care. Ashley almost didn't make it, but she has come around and is now the picture of good health.

Their home is on the same road as the famed Innisfree Garden. July of 2021 will mark Dog Meadow's second anniversary, and after surviving last year's violent storm and the rigors of the COVID-19 pandemic, they hope the future will be just a bit more placid.

Having a safe place to board a family dog, whether for a day or longer, is a welcome addition to the Millbrook business community.

Santos has a website for his photography at www.fotosbysantos.pixieset.com. Dog Meadow at Millbrook also has a website, at www.dogmeadow.com. They are also on Facebook, and have a blog with photos, recipes and insights about life at Dog Meadow.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

The members of the Millbrook Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 and the Millbrook Rescue Squad joined together at their swearing in ceremony, led by Millbrook Mayor Tim Colopy, on Tuesday, April 20.

Millbrook Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 and Rescue Squad induct new officers

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MILLBROOK — On Tuesday, April 20, Mayor Tim Colopy was pleased to swear in the newly elected officers of the Millbrook fire department.

The new civil officers include: president, Matthew Rochfort; vice president and acting secretary, Kara Granger; trea-

surer Shelley Hollingsworth; chief, Edward (Ted) Bownas; deputy chief, Dominic Boscardin; assistant chief, Kevin Granger; captain, Ted Bownas; first lieutenant, Tim Race Jr.; second lieutenant, Roland Burlingame.

Rescue Squad Officers: assistant chief, Laurie Olson; captain, Rose Galanti; first lieutenant, Kim Bownas; second lieutenant,

Kevin Duncan; acting secretary, Kim Bownas; treasurer, Laurie Palmer.

Auxiliary: president, Jodi Swart; vice president, Debbie Wheeler; secretary, Lynn Swart; treasurer, Allison Hulst.

Board of Directors: chairperson, Peggy Mulligan; board members, Jodi Swart, Brian Hicks, Allen Meyer, Leo Arruza and Robin Horan.

New leadership at Guernsey Real Estate, Compass

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MILLBROOK — There have been many changes during the past year: how people live, how they travel, how they invest and how they buy property. The real estate industry has done very well in some areas, including New York's Dutchess County, which has seen an incredible rise in sales as a result of city dwellers leaving Manhattan during the coronavirus pandemic and moving to the Hudson Valley. The prospect of a slower pace of life, of a less crowded living environment and of safer streets has apparently been very appealing during the stress brought on by the COVID health crisis.

Millbrook has a special reputation for its horse and dairy farms, rolling green spaces and nature trails and basically being as different from city life as one can imagine. Which is why those fleeing NYC have been seeking out Realtors with long established reputations, known for good service and for being trustworthy. The name Guernsey is among those that stands out, as it has been around since 1908, when Zip Guernsey's grandfather and father established H.W. Guernsey Real Estate. Years later, when Zip took over, he rebuilt it from the ground up and made it the vibrant business that it remains today.

The pandemic has brought in new customers, many from big cities looking to live in rural areas where they feel safe. Guernsey, sensing what he describes as his "boutique" firm, said he began to feel he could benefit from more technology, new marketing ideas and expertise selling properties online. That's when he partnered with Compass Real Estate in March of 2020.

Further change came that

December, when Guernsey had lunch with Realtor Byron Anderson. It was then that Guernsey knew he had his man to lead his family's real estate firm into the future.

Guernsey had actually known Anderson for years, as well as his mother, Candy Anderson, who was a longtime Realtor with his agency since about 1986. Guernsey said he even remembers young Byron doing his homework in the Millbrook real estate office, and working there for a short time after graduating from college.

Byron then spent four years in Wyoming and Colorado, pursuing a career in ski racing until 2011 when he moved back to New York State, deciding that his future was in real estate.

He worked for Stribling Associates, then moved to Urban Compass in 2014. The call from Guernsey to take over Guernsey came in December 2020, and he started Jan. 1. Wishing to retire, Guernsey was looking for a successor.

"Byron was a logical choice and a perfect fit," said Guernsey. "I knew him as a young boy. He worked for us for awhile after college. He knew the area and many people. From what I've been hearing from people, I hear he's doing great," Guernsey said, adding he still has his license, and is working out odds and ends with Compass.

Byron is married; his wife is a chef who gave up her career with the birth of their second child. He loves what he is doing, and agrees the position is a perfect fit. He sees a great future in the Millbrook agency.

"Compass is a hybrid real estate and tech firm," he said. "They invest in their agents. Their motto is to help everyone to find their place in the world."

To make this possible, they have created an entire tool suite, allowing agents to have more time operating in the field to use their expertise to deal with clients.

"Compass is largely a tech-driven firm," Byron said, "it has platforms and tools for market-

ing, PR and data that no other firm has."

He said he's thrilled to bring this expertise to Millbrook, and feels strongly that the future is bright, adding he's always open to new ideas and change.

To contact HW Guernsey Real Estate, call 845-677-5311.

Owls & hawks visit Dutchess Day School

By MARGARET DREIER
Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Dutchess Day School (DDS) in Millbrook enjoyed its first all-school assembly in more than a year since the COVID-19 health crisis first hit, with a presentation by Brian Bradley of Skyhunters in Flight on Wednesday, April 14.

The school has been open in person since September with a full range of classes and activities adapted to social distancing and safety guidelines.

Assemblies have been virtual and included class plays, a holiday assembly and an African dance program, all prerecorded and projected on each classroom's SMART boards.

Current social gathering guidelines allowed the entire school to meet outside on the 14th, sitting in class cohorts along the hill overlooking the campus pond. Bradley showed five different kinds of owls, two types of hawks and a gyrfalcon, and gave facts about each bird before sending them soaring above the crowd to the delight of students and teachers alike.

DDS administrators said they are looking forward to more assemblies this spring, including the first-ever 8th grade musical performed on an outdoor stage.



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Skyhunters in Flight's owls and hawks were at Dutchess Day School on April 14, where they entertained students and staff alike.

For more information about Skyhunters in Flight, contact Brian Bradley at hawkingwithchase@yahoo.com or call 845-853-3173.

Margaret Drier is the reading and math specialist at Dutchess Day School.

Clarification

In the April 14 edition of The Millerton News, an article ran about the Millbrook village budget. It did not make clear that the amount to be raised in taxes will be \$1,034,464, and that the total real property tax increase will be 6%. We regret any confusion.

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John J. Jerome

SALISBURY — John J. Jerome, a fifth-generation New Yorker, was a long-serving partner of the international law firm Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, where he founded its financial restructuring practice. Jerome was a key architect of modern restructuring legal practice, helping to transform the specialty from a boutique practice to a cornerstone of Big Law. He is acknowledged as a “true dean” of the bankruptcy bar.

He died peacefully on March 2, 2021, at his Connecticut home with his family. He was 88. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Maureen M. Jerome; his daughters, Dr. Mairin Jerome and Emily Jerome and her husband, Lorenz Schmidl; and from a prior marriage, Christopher Jerome and Jennifer Jerome Jeffers, her husband Ian Jeffers, and their three children, Kate, Nick and Jack Jeffers. He is also survived by his sister, Miriam Bottinick and her grandchildren, Kristen Chozick and Abby Pell; as well as his niece, Jeannie O’Neill.

Mr. Jerome was an active participant in numerous bar organizations, including the International Insolvency Institute, and an emeritus member of the National Bankruptcy Conference, an elite group of judges, scholars and practicing attorneys who advise Congress on bankruptcy legislation. He was an experienced and resourceful negotiator. In 2003 then-Senator Joe Biden recommended John to the State Department to re-negotiate Iraq’s external debt. In a letter to the Senate, President Biden wrote, “Given his background as a lawyer with extensive experience in financial restructuring, bankruptcy and liquidations, I am convinced Mr. Jerome could be of tremendous assistance to the coalition’s efforts to revitalize Iraq’s financial sector.”

Jerome was a critical part of the internal reorganizing of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy: “The practice was changing in the 1990s [and] client loyalty was changing, we were into the era of competition,” said Alexander Forger, former Chair of Milbank, in the American Lawyer in October 1996. Forger promoted several new ideas to the conservative law firm and placed bankruptcy rainmaker John Jerome in charge of encouraging one department’s clients to use other Milbank departments for their legal needs.

Jerome helped steer the Chase Manhattan Bank through some of the most difficult corporate reorganizations of the day. He also represented United States Lines, then the largest shipping company in the United States, in its complex chapter 11 case. He had major roles in the Johns Manville case and the contentious bankruptcy of embattled investment bank Drexel, Burnham and Lambert. According to John’s former colleague, Alan Kornberg, Mr. Jerome “revolutionized the way large corporations and their creditors rescue companies facing financial collapse. John’s boundless creativity and his ability to analyze complex problems in unconventional ways enabled him to propose solutions that were often stunningly original. His unique talents and courtly manner in and out of the courtroom made him a notable presence and inspired countless restructuring lawyers who followed in his footsteps.”

In the tapestry of a rich life, Jerome’s golden thread was the law. After retiring from Milbank, Jerome remained active in restructurings, domestic and international. As recalled by Bucksbaum family members, “John played a pivotal role in the 2009 General Growth Properties (GGP) bankruptcy. As lead counsel to the GGP Equity Committee, John guided the equity holders to emerge from the proceedings with the greatest retained equity value in the history of bankruptcy. Initially, through his friendship with Melva Bucksbaum, John took up the cause on behalf of the Bucksbaum family and all other

pre-bankruptcy equity holders. He achieved unparalleled results in a case he perceived to be a terrible credit injustice during a time of unprecedented financial disruption.”

In a rare move, Jerome then joined Sullivan & Cromwell, where he served as senior counsel. Rodgin Cohen, Senior Chair of Sullivan & Cromwell, recently said, “Around 2012 we had a fledgling Bankruptcy department. I became aware that John Jerome might be interested in joining Sullivan & Cromwell, which solved our problem of creating a successful and viable bankruptcy practice. I spoke to Joe Shenker, Chair of the firm, who also knew John’s reputation and skill set, which were extraordinary. John Jerome had a voice that people listened to because his solutions to complex problems were so creative.” At Sullivan, together with practice leader Andrew Dieterich, Jerome played a leading role in the reorganization of Eastman Kodak and other companies. Retiring from Sullivan in 2015, John remained active until 2017 as a mediator and as a member of the Appellate Division, First Department, Disciplinary Committee.

Outside of the bankruptcy arena, Jerome fought tirelessly for the rights of artists whom he believed were vulnerable to exploitation. Among the most notable was his life-long best friend, the seminal American artist Donald Judd. Jerome was the legal architect and mastermind behind the creation of the Judd Foundation and the Chinati Foundation.

This was deeply personal to Jerome, who came from a long line of artists himself. His maternal great-grandfather, Luciano Contorno, was a musical prodigy who began his career at the age of 5, in 1844, when he played a flageolet solo at a concert given before King Carlo Alberto of Piedmont. Luciano went on to serve at the age of 9 in his father’s band aboard the Japanese Expedition with the U.S. Navy, commanded by Commodore M.C. Perry. He eventually became the bandmaster of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Luciano’s son, John’s maternal grandfather, Dr. G.E. Contorno, was a professor of music at West Point, a master of several instruments and a prolific opera composer. In the winter of 1879, he performed at the English Opera in New York. He became a composer at the age of 17. President Arthur commissioned his work to be performed at the opening celebration of the Brooklyn Bridge on May 24, 1883.

Jerome channeled his creative heritage by protecting artists. Donald Judd’s daughter, Rainer Judd, wrote with the news of Jerome’s passing, “John was Don’s best friend, lawyer and protector to the last minute and beyond. John’s hard nose negotiations defended and made possible Don’s ideas. He championed the right of an artist to defend his work by making permanent installations independent from status-quo institutions.”

Jerome represented Judd when he entered into discussions with Heiner Friedrich and his wife, Philippa de Menil, for what was then known as the

“Marfa Project.” He insisted that Judd have a written agreement in place. As Don would later claim, “I had the contract, and the contract said ‘in perpetuity,’ which is forever. The contract was absolutely clear — it was drawn up by my friend John Jerome of Milbank, Tweed in New York, and it saved the day.” Due to John’s efforts, Don was the only artist in the DIA group, which included Dan Flavin, Bob Whitman, Lamont Young, Walter de Maria and John Chamberlin, among others, who had an enforceable agreement with the foundation — one that protected the art that had been made with DIA’s support from being sold. John counseled Don and protected his work and vision throughout his life, formulating legal plans and asset transfers for what is now known as “The Chinati Foundation” and the “The Judd Foundation.”

John and Don had a deep personal friendship. Both were ferocious intellectuals, yet they were private men with compassionate hearts who devoted time to helping others. Quite fittingly, they met in their 20s when teaching at the Police Athletic League, an organization run by the New York City Police Department designed to help disadvantaged youth by providing a cultural and athletic outlet. Don taught arts and crafts, while John taught boxing and ran the pool table.

In the Korean War, Jerome served with the Eighth Army’s Psy-war division — a small unit devoted to psychological warfare through propaganda. Before departing to Korea, Jerome was stationed in the American South, where he ran a radio station at an Army hospital. Deeply opposed to the segregation and racism he encountered there, he blasted black gospel music over the loudspeakers. This was not a welcome act, and shortly after, Jerome was sent overseas to Korea. There, he took over a radio station, which until that time broadcasted crass gossip about the enemy into their territory. Jerome instead took the opportunity to create radio programs that juxtaposed fairly run American legal cases with corrupt versions in North Korea. He broke down the cases and ran them as parallel narratives, aiming to elucidate the benefits of justice under a democracy. After PSY-OPS, Jerome served in the United Nations Civil Assistance Corps Korea (UNCACK), a United Nations military agency devoted to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the Republic of Korea. UNCACK provided major humanitarian assistance to the ROK during the war.

A true patriot, John was forever engaged in and plagued by the complexities of America, and uniquely attuned to the stark realities of war. During the Vietnam War, he served as a lawyer observer to protect the rights of anti-war protesters. In May 1970, Jerome spearheaded a meeting with eight other Wall Street lawyers in Washington, D.C., with U.S. Congressman John J. Rooney, Democrat from Brooklyn — a Korean veteran who was an influential member of the House Appropriations Committee, and a strong

supporter of Vietnam policies. The meeting was designed to convince Rooney to introduce a resolution to cut off funds for U.S. military forces in Cambodia unless both houses of Congress approved. The New York Post quoted Jerome in the meeting as deeply concerned over “the enormous waste of billions of tax dollars, the lives of thousands of American men, as well as those of innocent women and children — but most importantly, the division, the discord, the polarization in our own country which is really unparalleled since the Civil War.” According to the Post, Rooney, fed up with “peaceniks” whom he saw as hysterical, saw this group of clean-cut Wall Street men with “ability” in a different light. Jerome continued, “I hope 10-15 years from now, my 7-year-old son won’t be sitting in some logistical enclave in danger of mortars and artillery.” Rooney reportedly paused and then responded, “You know ... I have four little grandsons.” And with that, a super hawk turned dove. Rooney introduced the resolution, in which he proposed the cut-off of funds 30 days after the enactment of his proposal, along the lines of the Cooper-Church Amendment, “in order to avoid the involvement of the United States in wider war in Indochina and expedite the withdrawal of United States Forces from South Vietnam.” Later that year, all the lawyers at the meeting were audited by the IRS.

John dearly loved his family and the practice of law. He was a great athlete, who boxed, swam, played tennis and had a deep passion for skiing because it made him feel like a bird. In his 80s, John paraglided and skied double-black diamond runs in Aspen. Perhaps his greatest passion was reading. He adored history of any kind but especially American history, constitutional history, the World Wars, Greek philosophy and science. He loved to swim at his pool in Connecticut, with a snorkel, contemplating man’s minute existence in the universe. Before he died, he said to his family, “I have no regrets. I love my family, I love the law, and I helped a lot of people. Time to say so long.” He raised the bar with his ferocity of commitment to everything he loved and cared about. A fighter to his core, his greatest strength was his heart.

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OBITUARIES

Kim Carberry

SHARON — Kim Carberry, 59, of Sharon Valley, died April 7, 2021, at Vassar Hospital after a brief illness, with family by her side.

Kim was born on April 10, 1961, to Herbert Webb Lee and the late Elizabeth Ann (Stapleton) Lee.

On Aug. 22, 1987, Kim married Thomas J. Carberry and for more than three decades together they lived out their vows and built a beautiful life where they raised three children, Michael, Ashley and Zachary. The pair went on to have four granddaughters Aria, Circe, Faora and Sybella.

Kim is also survived by her

brother, Herbert; her twin brother, Kenny; and her three sisters, Debbie, Cindy and Terri.

She was predeceased by her mother, as well as her brother Bob.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date at the family’s convenience. Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

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PINE PLAINS/AREA

Pine Plains Board of Ed adopts 2021-22 school district budget

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — With the annual school budget vote scheduled for next month, the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) Board of Education (BOE) wasted no time in adopting the 2021-22 budget at its meeting on Wednesday, April 21.

BOE members assembled at 7 p.m. in-person in the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School library. The meeting was also live streamed to the district's website, www.ppcsd.org.

To preface its adoption, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance Michael Goldbeck informed the BOE that the budget being presented that evening was nearly identical to the budget he presented two weeks ago. However, there was a slight difference in two budget lines: the amount budgeted for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Career & Technical Institute (CTI) program was increased by \$11,725, and the BOCES Special Education budget decreased by the same amount.

Goldbeck attributed the increase in the CTI program line to an additional student who is interested in attending next year.

"I'm very supportive of that program and I'm happy to see that increase," he said.

Overall, Goldbeck said the total budget and year-to-year increase didn't change and is consistent with the full budget that was presented to the BOE on Wednesday, April 7.

Regarding the BOE's plans to submit the property tax report card to New York State on

Thursday, April 22, Goldbeck said one aspect he wanted to bring to the board's attention was the district had to list what it has estimated as appropriated fund balance.

Providing a breakdown of the calculation data behind the property tax report card, he said the "big number" there is the amount of money he's anticipating will be available for the capital project, which totals \$2.4 million. Assuming the district has the \$2.4 million, Goldbeck said the balance to fund over the next two to three years would be \$1.8 million and change. He went on to say some or all of that could be appropriated from the year-end fund balance from subsequent years or from short-term borrowing.

Goldbeck noted on a later date that the BOE discussed an estimated amount. While the budget was submitted to the state via the property tax report card, he said the appropriated fund balance number will be determined as part of the calculation of its year-end fund balance in relation to the tax warrant, which won't be finalized until August.

"While our goal will be to minimize the amount that may need to be borrowed to fund the project, those numbers are not by any means final at this point," Goldbeck said.

BOE President Chip Couse asked for a motion to adopt the 2021-22 school district budget in the amount of \$34,176,675, indicating an increase of \$651,225 or 1.94% from this year's budget. The budget was unanimously approved.

On Wednesday, May 5, the BOE will hold the required public hearing on the fiscal plan at 7 p.m. The annual school district budget vote will be held from noon to 9 p.m., on Tuesday, May 18.

In addition to the 2021-22 budget vote, the ballot will feature a capital project, a proposition to establish a new capital reserve and the election of three new BOE members.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Taking direct quotes from the Human Rights Watch and Bring Back Our Girls, artist Angela Fremont-Appel took to acrylic paint as another medium to represent the girls who had been kidnapped in Chibok, Nigeria.

Chibok Project focuses on resilience in the face of trauma

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — When the news broke in the summer of 2014 that 276 schoolgirls had kidnapped by the Boko Haram in Chibok, Nigeria, artist Angela Fremont-Appel had been working as a NYC public school art teacher.

Now almost seven years after that story took the world by storm, Fremont-Appel has drawn both from her own personal experiences and her capacity as an artist to raise awareness about violence against girls through The Chibok Project.

Currently residing in the East Village in the City, Fremont-Appel said she had been teaching art for the last 20 years when she learned about kidnapping.

She recalled a photograph published on the front page of The New York Times depicting the 276 girls dressed in hijabs and sitting with the book of Koran behind them. By the time the photograph reached The New York Times, the girls had been missing for almost a week.

Thinking back on her visceral reaction to the news, Fremont-Appel said, "I knew that I would make art about it because as an artist responding to my own inner feeling about it and knowing how terrible it was for these children, I had to make art that would connect in some way and show that I was somehow bearing witness to what happened."

Turning to the ceramic studio at Hunter College in NYC where she was doing her post graduate work, Fremont-Appel created a 3-inch figure out of clay that she fired and dressed in a hijab, marking the first of many figures she'd make over the next three years.

However, even after trying different positions for her figures and different ceramic techniques, the artist said she wasn't satisfied. Then she met fellow artist Marina Ferrara. Ferrara said the reason she believed Marina Ferrara was having such a hard time was because the artist was feeling so much sadness when she needed to find a way to make the process more joyful.

Drawing on the internet, Fremont-Appel found an image of 82 girls who had been released in exchange for five Book of Koran members, and observed that they were pho-

tographed with their arms in the air. Considering the historical significance of women captured in art with their arms up, Fremont-Appel realized she needed to see the girls as survivors rather than as victims.

Returning to the studio, she began making figures with their arms reaching up as a testament to their heroism and their resiliency in the face of tragedy. She completed the rest of the 276 figures on March 12, the day before COVID-19 was declared a pandemic.

Through The Chibok Project, Fremont-Appel is raising funds to pay artists in Nigeria to work with the kidnapping survivors.

"We know when people make art and talk about it, something in them begins to heal," she said, adding that donations will go toward funding artist fees and art materials.

Through ChaNorth in Pine Plains, Fremont-Appel was able to discuss her art with the public at an Open Studio event on Sunday afternoon, April 25. ChaNorth is an international artists-in-residency program that began in 2006, which annually hosts 48 writers and artists during seven four-week sessions that run from April through November. It had limited scheduling this year due to pandemic restrictions.

Displayed against the stark white studio walls, Fremont-Appel's work was compelling, from the ceramic figurines dressed in deep-colored hijabs to the acrylic painting hanging on one wall that boldly stated direct quotes from the Human Rights Watch and Bring Back Our Girls.

On another wall, a series of 12 watercolor paintings was hung, depicting the girls with their arms in the air along with snippets taken from their experience. The longer one became absorbed in Fremont-Appel's work, the more the magnitude

of the girls' trauma seemed to resonate. Yet upon closer inspection, the viewer might have noticed how Fremont-Appel magically managed to capture a look of serenity on the faces of her figurines, perhaps as a reminder of the girls' innocence in the midst of the unspeakable horrors they suffered.

For more information on ChaNorth, call 845-750-2629 or go to www.chanorth.com.



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Sizzling jazz under serene skies

Though the skies appeared colorless overhead, the scene inside the Hilltop Barn at Roeliff Jansen Park in Hillsdale resonated with the sounds of American songbook jazz as the Roeliff Jansen Community Library hosted a free Benefit Concert in the Park on Sunday afternoon, April 25. Bringing their own chairs from home, community members enjoyed live music performed by, from left, Scott Heth on keyboard, Jay Bradley on percussion and Kris Jensen on the saxophone.

Correction

Last week's Millerton News published a photo with text about the Pine Plains Community Garden at Town Hall. It neglected to mention that the town donated the woodchips and erroneously stated that volunteers delivered the materials when the town's Highway Department crew delivered the materials. We regret the error.



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OBITUARY

Arietta M. Carroll

AMENIA — Arietta M. Carroll, 100, a six-year resident of Port Orange, Fla., and formerly a longtime resident of Amenia, passed away on April 22, 2021, at Halifax Medical Center in Port Orange. Mrs. Carroll was a therapy aide at the Wassaic Developmental Center, retiring in 1981.

Born on Sept. 24, 1920, in Fairfield, Conn., she was the daughter of the late Louisa (Wing) and Thomas Pendergast.

On Oct. 6, 1940, in Amenia, she married Sylvester J. Carroll, who predeceased her on June 28, 1976.

Mrs. Carroll was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters and the Altar Rosary Society. Mrs. Carroll was also a volunteer at the Rose Thrift Shop in Amenia.

Mrs. Carroll is survived by her son, Jeremiah Carroll Sr. and his wife, Sally, of Amenia; two daughters, Joan Sinn of Piney Flats, Tenn., and Linda Roberts and her husband, David, of Port Orange; seven grandchil-

dren, Mark and Anthony Losito, Stephanie Carroll, Jeremiah T. Carroll Jr., David Roberts Jr., Craig Sinn and Elaina Heredia; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Carroll was predeceased by a sister, Elizabeth Curtis; three brothers,

Thomas, Chester and Peter Pendergast; and a granddaughter, Roxsanna Pence.

Calling hours were held Wednesday, April 28, at the Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 29, at Immaculate Conception Church on Lavelle Road in Amenia, the Rev. R. Kent Wilson officiating.

Burial will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia.

Memorial donations may be made to the Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Road, Amenia, NY 12501; or the Amenia Fire Company, 36 Mechanic St., Amenia, NY 12501.



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Smiles tell the story of good times had at the Summer Youth Program at the Roeliff Jansen Park, among campers who formed lifelong friendships while attending camp there two years ago.

Camp at Roeliff Jansen Park offers children a summer of fun

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

HILLSDALE — Childhood is fleeting, but its memories and friendships can last a lifetime, especially when they come from a special experience like the one at the Summer Youth Program, returning to the Roeliff Jansen Park this year after a year's absence due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Although the final word is yet to come from Columbia County and New York State, the town is currently accepting applications for 65 campers, with plans to operate from Monday, July 12, through Friday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Traditional camp activities abound, but according to Program Director Joe Raco, who will be returning with Assistant Director Josh Piper for their 10th year, the favorite activity for older campers and strong swimmers is the Stream Hike, which progresses from the camp's starting point up to nearly the edge of the park — going through water that is anywhere from ankle height to knee deep — with the return being a traditional land hike.

The second most popular activity is a counselor-led hike to a "secret spot" consisting of an opening with a large rock where campers like to hang out, and play games such as Capture the Flag or Tag. Ping Pong finishes third on the most popular list.

Although enrollment priority is given to children from Hillsdale, residents from other towns are also accepted. Raco said the camp provides an opportunity to get "to know kids from all over the place."

"It's kind of neat to see the local Taconic Hills kids mix and match with campers that may be from Connecticut or New York City and become year-long, lifelong friends," he said. "I have a few kids who have been in the program since kindergarten. They kept in contact with each other through social media, and they're all going to be CITs [Counselors in Training] this year."

While electronics can strengthen bonds outside of camp and lead to attendance at birthday parties and sleepovers, Raco noted, "We don't do electronic devices [at camp], so we

kind of unplug. For six hours a day, they play in the dirt."

That way campers can take advantage of the what the Hillsdale newsletter describes as a "unique location in the park, focused on nature and outdoor activities; it makes use of the park's trails, fields, wetlands, two large open barns and working community garden."

Raco, a teacher and coach, like several of the other counselors, recognizes the value of summer — noting that following the short break between the end of school and the start of camp it's important to provide a certain degree of structure, keep campers busy and maintain regular hours to help combat the lag that some believe makes school re-entry difficult come fall.

The camp is open to children starting at age 5 who have completed kindergarten up to age 13, with volunteer CIT positions open to older teens. Others may apply as counselors with priority given to former campers. Applications are available at www.hillsdaleny.com/summer-youth-program and must be submitted by Saturday, May 1.

Amenia board discusses insurance concerns for proposed skatepark

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — With guidance from Attorney to the Town Ian Lindars, the Amenia Town Board engaged in an in-depth discussion about the Wassaic skatepark proposal at its meeting on Thursday, April 15, during which time board members considered insurance and liability concerns.

This past December, the Town Board listened to a proposal from Amenia resident Christopher May for installing a skatepark in the hamlet of Wassaic.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the recent meeting was held via Zoom and live streamed to the "AmeliaTV" YouTube channel due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

On top of the materials provided by Lindars, Councilman James Morris said he did some independent research and believed Lindars is correct in saying the board needs to have a revocable license agreement in order to protect the town.

"Skateboarding is not as dangerous as football or basketball, but it's still a dangerous sport and it wouldn't be prudent if we had nothing in writing to show what the rights and obligations of each of the parties is," Morris said, "so it should be spelled out in a document."

The town received a \$2,500 grant that will go to May to work on the project, so Morris said things have to be spelled out precisely. In addition to having signage, he said the town should have a waiver of liability and parents should sign something to give their

children permission to skateboard at the park. Perotti said she already sent the information to May about what the town's insurance company requires from him.

Agreeing with Morris on the insurance aspect, Lindars said he believes May and his organization should be insured and that Amenia should be named as an additional insured party on May's policy.

Councilman Damian Gutierrez shared that when Amenia had a dance instructor teach in the past, the town used grant money to pay the instructor.

"I don't recall ever having an insurance requirement of that person to provide their own private insurance," he said.

Councilwoman Vicki Doyle said a dance instructor probably doesn't have the same kind of liability concerns that a skateboard park would have. However, she said dance was still a town activity and Amenia carries \$54,000 worth of insurance to insure the town so it can offer municipal recreation programs such as soccer, baseball, karate and cheerleading.

"This skateboard may rise to a higher level of what's considered dangerous," Doyle said. "Now one thing I will say is that being a Greenway Community does provide additional insurance, perhaps to parks, for this kind of thing, and it is possible to contact the Greenway Community and see if a skateboarding program would add insurance liability indemnifying the town as the primary."

Doyle said this was an option rather than having May try and purchase insurance,

"which would certainly take more money than what he's probably getting for teaching lessons for free to our town residents."

Gutierrez commented that the insurance aspect is "a real blow" to the town's ability to hire people or allow someone to volunteer to do these kinds of programs.

Perotti asked what the town must put in place in order to offer skateboarding. Lindars said he believes it should have some type of service agreement indicating what each party is providing and what is being exchanged for May to have the right to use town property to run a skateboarding program.

Lindars asked if the town currently uses waivers through its Recreation Department, to which Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner said yes, adding every participant who plays baseball needs to fill out a form. Gutierrez noted Amenia doesn't have a general recreation waiver, though Klingner said that when the town had a cheerleading program, participants had to sign a form similar to the baseball waiver.

Gutierrez pointed out for town recreation programs, Amenia carries insurance to cover the programs offered by its recreation commission. He later remarked the town could have a general license agreement that's applicable to other recreation programs. Toward the end of the board's discussion, Lindars said he will look into the activities to see if there are forms, exceptions or ways of keeping the recreation programs running while protecting the town.

What do you expect?

Stereotypes are horrible things. They take what should be complex, nuanced and novel and turn it into simplistic, linear and banal. Terrible, terrible things, stereotypes,

Exceeeeee! They often turn out to be disconcertingly accurate. Upsets our whole cognitive system, that does. Makes me fear that all the deep seated analysis we all do is just window dressing. That deserves a major, "Haaarumph."

This disconcerting moment is especially common in baseball. There are now more ways to quantify a baseball game than anything other than a computer can track, but team stereotypes seem to hold on to their validity like a pinch hitter grabs his bat. Chokes it, he does.

We expect the Red Sox to sock the ball all over Fenway Park, and generally speaking they do. We expect the Bronx Bombers to bomb away; and when they don't, like this year, we scratch our heads.

BLEACHER VIEWS

Theodore Kneeland

We expect the Mets offense to be anemic, and they usually don't disappoint, especially when Jacob deGrom is on the mound. When he finally enters into the Baseball Hall of Fame, he may do so with the lowest ERA compared to total wins of any pitcher in history. Poor Jake pitches gem after gem while getting about as much run support as Joe Biden would get political support at the Republican Convention. In other words, none.

So when deGrom took the mound recently against The Nationals, always a tough game for the Mets, we all expected more of the same. Jake would pitch a beauty for seven innings and the Mets would lose the game in the eighth or ninth.

Jake's reaction was, "Step aside, fellas. I've got this." And he did.

Not only did he pitch a complete game shut out, about as rare these days as finding gold in an old attic box, but he drove in the only run he would need and then scored another — just to make sure — on a home run that made it 6-0.

You had to feel a little sorry for the Nationals, who seem a bit offensively challenged themselves this year, because they were mowed down by a record number of strike outs and about as perfectly pitched a game as you will find south of a no-hitter.

If Jacob deGrom has any desire to become a stereotype, he had better start wearing a long red cape, high boots and tight breeches because what he does on the mound belongs in a comic book of super heroes.

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

Pine Plains Bombers slay Dover Dragons in final game of the season

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains-Rhinebeck joint varsity football team couldn't have asked for a more triumphant end to the 2020-21 season than by defeating Dover on Friday, April 16.

Starting at 7 p.m., the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School Bombers and their Rhinebeck teammates kicked off their final game of the season against the Dover Dragons on the football field at Dover High School.

Competing for the Bombers, Andrew Speedling had 12 carries for 160 yards rushing and three touchdowns while Sid Stracher added 76 yards on the ground and

scored a touchdown.

In addition to scoring a touchdown for the Bombers, Richie Lamping scored two, two-point conversions and ran for 52 yards.

Ryan Martin scored a touchdown on a 26-yard dash and added a two-point conversion to the Bombers' scoreboard. Meanwhile, Devon Hurst and Ryan Lynn each scored a two-point conversion for the team from Stissing Mountain.

Hurst led the Bombers' de-

fense against the Dragons with nine tackles, two sacks and two fumble recoveries. Speedling and Martin made six tackles each while Dalton Burns had a fumble recovery.

By game's end, Stissing Mountain was victorious with a final score of 48-6 over Dover.

"This was a great way to finish our season," Stissing Mountain Coach Rob Scott said. "The seniors played well. Congrats to them — we will miss them."



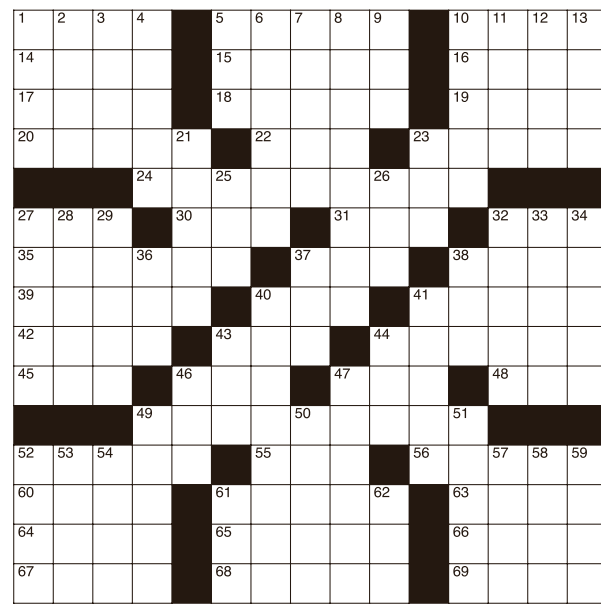
Brain Teasers

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- Volcanic crater
- 5. Long times
- 10. Swedish rock group
- 14. Having the means to do something
- 15. Rods or spindles
- 16. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 17. Missing soldiers
- 18. Measuring instrument
- 19. All of the components considered individually
- 20. Play " __ Irish Rose"
- 22. Gene
- 23. Barrels
- 24. London-based soccer team
- 27. Feline
- 30. Breed of sheep
- 31. Body part
- 32. Doctors' group
- 35. One who follows the rules
- 37. Cigarette residue
- 38. Ancient Greek sophist
- 39. Polish yeast cakes
- 40. Promotional materials
- 41. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- 42. Completed perfectly
- 43. Photo
- 44. A peninsula in SW Asia
- 45. The common gibbon
- 46. Disfigure
- 47. Ribonucleic acid
- 48. Japanese honorific
- 49. Pieces of music
- 52. Expressed pleasure
- 55. Having ten
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Humble request for help
- 61. Eating houses
- 63. Italian Seaport
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- 67. Political outsiders
- 68. Greek sorceress
- 69. Body part

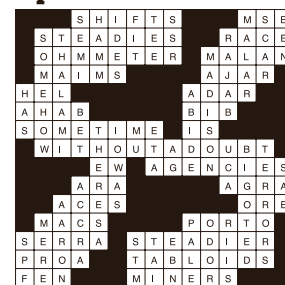
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- 3. Jai __, sport
- 4. Establish again
- 5. Swiss river
- 6. Racetrack wager
- 7. __ but goodie
- 8. Closeness
- 9. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 10. At right angles to a ship's length
- 11. Women's undergarments
- 12. Mountain stream
- 13. Expresses pleasure
- 21. Painful places on the body

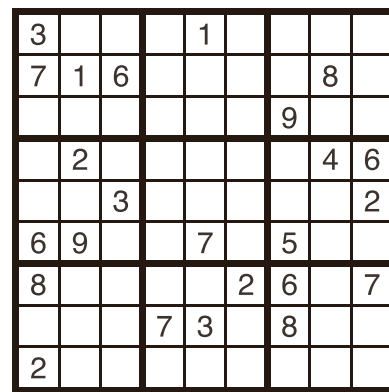


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- 26. Expresses surprise
- 27. Secret political clique
- 28. Yields manila hemp
- 29. River in central Italy
- 32. Brain injury science acronym
- 33. Mental illness
- 34. A person from Asia
- 36. Father
- 37. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 38. Cooked or prepared in a specified style
- 40. Large terrier
- 41. Hillsides
- 43. Golf score
- 44. Not or
- 46. Type of student
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Closes tightly
- 50. Saudi Arabian desert
- 51. Famed vaccine developer
- 52. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
- 53. Actress Jessica
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- 57. Beloved big screen pig
- 58. __ Clapton, musician
- 59. Take a chance
- 61. Cost per mille
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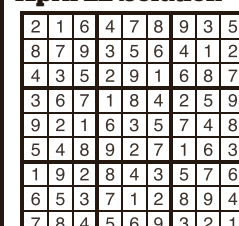
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Webutuck High School shuts down after two students contract COVID-19

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WEBUTUCK — With students, staff and family members adhering to safety and wellness guidelines, the North East (Webutuck) Central School District (WCSD) has been fortunate in not having any positive COVID-19 cases reported in the district since November 2020. However, that lucky streak came to a halt on Tuesday, April 20, following reports of two positive cases at Webutuck High School (WHS), leading to multiple people being affected and the high school closing.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani said the district learned on Monday, April 19, that someone at WHS tested positive for the coronavirus on Thursday, April 15. Due to privacy laws, the individual's identity couldn't be disclosed, though Castellani confirmed that it was a student. After conducting the mandated contact tracing, WCSD learned about 20 students and staff were impacted.

Come Tuesday, April 20, Castellani said another positive COVID-19 case was confirmed. Reporting that it was another student, he said the student was in school on Friday, April 16. This

time, the contact tracing showed that more than 60 students and staff members were affected.

Fortunately, both cases of COVID-19 were contained within the high school building. At 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday morning, Webutuck dismissed the high school and moved students from in-person to remote learning with an anticipated return date scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, after press time.

Castellani attributed the fact that Webutuck hasn't had a positive case in about five months to everyone following the rules.

"I think they're being safe," he said of those on campus, "and I

think their families are being safe outside of school."

He went on to say WHS has been using an in-person instruction model for about two months. Additionally, WHS started the four-day instruction model on Monday, April 12, where students attend school in-person for four days and have a remote learning day on Wednesdays to allow for a deep cleaning of all school buildings district wide.

As WCSD awaits the infected students to return, Castellani said it will continue to take strict safety precautions, cleaning and disinfecting all areas throughout the school building.



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Volunteering to pick up litter and debris in the town of Amenia, Joanne Boyd helped keep Fountain Square clean as part of this year's Clean Up Day.

Volunteers help make Amenia sparkle in honor of Earth Day

AMENIA — Between the gorgeous spring weather and the tremendous turnout of volunteers eager to keep their community clean, Amenia's Enhancement Committee and Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) had the quintessential Earth Day weekend to co-host a Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 24, in honor of Earth Day.

Running from 9 a.m. to noon, more than 20 volunteers came out to help spruce up the town and its popular hamlet of Wassaic, by picking up litter and debris along local roads, trails and in their neighborhoods.

Volunteers had the option of meeting at Fountain Square at the intersection of routes 343, 44 and 22 in downtown Ame-

nia or at Borden Park at the intersection of Main Street and Furnace Bank Road in Wassaic.

Once they had gathered at their designated meeting place, volunteers split into groups to clean up various sections of the town and hamlet.

Along with thanking all of those who volunteered to help out on Clean Up Day, Town Councilwoman Vicki Doyle thanked Amenia Highway Superintendent Megan Chamberlin for allowing the volunteers to transfer the trash gathered from the group's utility trailer into two, one-ton Highway Department trucks, thereby saving them a trip to the transfer station in Wingdale.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Tornado confirmed, with 100 mph winds

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AMENIA — As the wind began picking up speed and the skies overhead grew ominously darker, a tornado touched down in Amenia on Wednesday, April 21, sustaining sporadic damages to local residences and businesses.

Meteorologist Christina Speciale from the National Weather Service confirmed that the tornado that hit Amenia was an EF1 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, which rates tornadoes on a scale of 0 to 5 based on wind speeds

and damage.

With winds estimated at 100 mph, she said the tornado touched down near Powerhouse Road and Amenia Lake Road, starting at 2:49 p.m. and ending at 2:51 p.m. In the two minutes it was on the ground, the tornado traveled 0.6 miles. There was also large hail reported and high winds, though they didn't last for long.

The news site, www.hudsonvalleypost.com, also reported that the tornado was about 100 yards in width and ended near the intersection of Mechanic Street and East Main Street. It

also reported that nine out of 10 homes on Ohandly Drive sustained damages.

John Stefanopoulos, one of the owners of Four Brothers Pizza, located at 4957 Route 22, said the restaurant suffered excessive damage to its outdoor furniture and lost power for a few minutes when the power lines went down.

When asked if he caught sight of the tornado, Stefanopoulos said he saw the dark clouds but not the actual tornado.

"There were some of the restaurants across the street where the windows were blown in, and

the roof, I think, at [the former] Monte's had come off," he said.

That being said, Stefanopoulos said Four Brothers decided to move the drive-in theater's grand opening for the 2021 season originally scheduled for Friday, April 23, to Friday, April 30, at 6 p.m.

Indeed, the Great Cape Baking Company, which opened in the space formerly occupied by Monte's Local Kitchen & Tap Room at 3330 Route 343, confirmed that some of its building's roofing came off. The bakery also lost power for a few hours when part of the roof was caught in the power lines, starting at 2 p.m.

Webutuck BOE adopts 2021-22 school budget

By KAITLIN LYLE
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WEBUTUCK — The North East (Webutuck) Central School District (WCSD) Board of Education (BOE) adopted the 2021-22 school district budget on Monday, April 19.

Starting at 7 p.m., BOE members met via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bringing the board up to speed, Business Administrator Robert Farrier reminded the board that the 2020-21 adopted budget totaled \$23,909,545 while the tax levy totaled \$15,600,509.

Looking at the proposed 2021-22 school budget, he said next year's budget has been calculated at \$24,798,803, indicating a budget-to-budget increase of 3.72% or \$889,258. Breaking down the different sections of next year's budget, Farrier outlined the various increases and reductions in programs and services that contributed to the final figures.

Because the budget is based on a revenue-driven approach, Farrier said the revenue that is received from the district comes from three main categories: state aid, tax levy and any funding the district may have from its appro-

priated fund balance.

Looking at next year's state aid and other costs, he reported a total reduction of \$6,682,074. He also reported a total of \$16,216,729 for the tax levy and a reduction of \$1.9 million for the appropriated fund balance.

With the maximum allowable levy totaling 4.41%, Farrier said the BOE intends to bring in a lower levy and reported next year's proposed levy comes to 3.95%.

Looking at the estimated tax rate, Farrier said the current rate for the 2020-21 school year was calculated at \$11.56 per \$1,000.

The proposed levy for next year was calculated at \$12 per \$1,000, though Farrier reminded the board that this is an estimate since actual rates will be finalized in August.

In terms of the estimated tax calculation for homeowners, for an assessed value of \$100,000, there will be an increase of \$0.44 per \$1,000 with an annual increase of \$44. For a home with an assessed value of \$200,000, there will be an annual increase of \$88; for a home with an assessed value of \$300,000, there will be an annual increase of \$132.

By meeting's end, the BOE adopted the 2021-22 budget.

For this year's budget vote, in addition to approving the 2021-22 budget, voter propositions will include the election of four BOE members. On Monday, May 10, the BOE will hold the required public hearing for the budget at 7 p.m.

The annual school district budget vote will be held from noon to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, in the Webutuck High School gymnasium.



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The World Peace Sanctuary drew a crowd to 26 Benton Road for the sanctuary's annual celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 24.

A peaceful way to celebrate Earth Day

WASSAIC — The World Peace Sanctuary was alive with the sounds of springtime as the sanctuary honored its connection to the earth at its Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 24. Earth Day is officially celebrated as a secular holiday by more than 1 billion people

in more than 192 countries around the world on Thursday, April 22.

Running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the celebration was held on the sanctuary grounds, located at 26 Benton Road in Wassaic.

From the morning tranquil-

ity walk and the World Peace Prayer Ceremony to the afternoon fairy walk and the Nature's Sound Circle, community members were inspired to get in touch with Mother Earth through the sanctuary's featured programs.

— Kaitlin Lyle

AMENIA IN BRIEF

STEM Saturdays offered through libraries

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 nearby Salisbury, Conn.

The program will feature

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, located at 3309 Route 343, go to the library's website at www.amenialibrary.org, email director@amenialibrary.org or call 845-373-8273.

Memorial Day ceremony May 31

The community is invited to pay its respects to the country's heroes, both past and present, at the town's Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 31.

Led by the VFW Post 5444, the ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. at the war memorial at Fountain Square in front of M&T Bank at the intersection of routes 22, 343 and 44.

Masks and social distancing will be required.

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Katja Schultz, the owner of The Dig at 3 Main St. in Millerton, brought some environmentally friendly crafts for 6-year-old Morgan Meyer to play with during the village's celebration of Earth Day.

Eco-friendly thinking makes the Earth go 'round

MILLERTON — The village of Millerton was bursting with love for Mother Earth on Saturday, April 24, as community members of all ages came out to take part in the annual celebration of Earth Day, which was officially commemorated on Thursday, April 22.

Partnering with local nonprofits, farmers and businesses, the North East/Millerton Climate Smart Community Task Force organized three days of earth-centric events on Thursday, April 22; Saturday, April 24; and Wednesday, April 28; offering of in-person and

virtual programs geared toward teaching residents and visitors alike how to be good green citizens.

From virtual talks at the NorthEast-Millerton Library and Oblong Books & Music to farm tours to checking out the latest in electric vehicles to yoga workshops to clean-up events along the Harlem Valley Rail Trail and free seed giveaways at the library, this year's Millerton Earth Day pulled out all the stops to enliven and educate the community, all while adhering to COVID-19 safety guidelines.

— Kaitlin Lyle



From left, Christy Cooper, a teacher from Hotchkiss School in Salisbury, Conn., and students Richie Maman, Alex Chou, Gulia Hurlock and Cecily Smith walked all the way down from The Hotchkiss School campus to pick up trash along the road toward Millerton on Saturday, April 24. Starting at 10 a.m., the group managed to fill up 10 large garbage bags within the first few hours.

WASTEWATER SYSTEM *Continued from Page A1*

ing to do is register our voice about how important that is and offer our support in any way that might be meaningful to get that done."

Vanecko explained the village hired a special consultant, Victor Cornelius from Endeavor Municipal Development Inc., to help find federal stimulus funding and financing for infrastructure projects in the village, including projects like the renovation of Eddie Collins Memorial Field.

In turn, she said Cornelius suggested the petition, so when money becomes available and a grant proposal needs to be written, the village won't have to scurry to collect signatures in support of the project last minute. The idea of a petition was

also suggested by Erin Moore of Tighe & Bond, who has been working with the Village Board on a wastewater project for several years now.

"In talking with them, I'm always asking what can we do to get a leg up on any process," Vanecko said. "If a municipality has a shovel ready project when funds are available, they're in an advantageous situation... We want to be on the advantage side of that equation."

In creating the recent petition, Vanecko said the MBA is trying to get all merchants and building owners in the business district to sign their support and urge the Village and Town Boards to pursue all funding opportunities for a wastewater system.

In the petition drive, the MBA mentioned federal funds currently available through the American Rescue Act "for the development of wastewater treatment infrastructure" as well as future monies that will be made available through pending federal infrastructure bills.

Along with noting the conditions of the village's aging and inadequate septic systems and the presence of cesspools instead of septic tanks, the MBA emphasized that "the absence of a sewer system in the village has been a serious impediment to economic development in our community, preventing existing eateries from seating to capacity and preventing new restaurants from opening in the village."

The petition was launched

April 17. Considering the number of businesses in the district, Vanecko estimated 60 to 70 signatures will be needed, adding that she's hoping to collect them within two weeks. A copy of the petition can be found at Oblong Books & Music at 26 Main St. and another copy can be found at Montage across the street at 25 Main St.

"I think that the merchants and the business owners are the group that actually stand to benefit the most from a wastewater system," Vanecko said. "It's incredibly important to that group of people that this happen. It's because they're the primary beneficiaries of it; they have to take an active role in supporting it and making their voices heard to elected officials."

PARK REDESIGN *Continued from Page A1*

"People have to see each other, even if it's social distanced and outdoors," agreed HHC Secretary Toby Butterfield.

Chazen Associates hired

After laying the framework for the restoration project in 2019, the HHC hired Chazen Associates, a landscape architectural firm, in 2020 to do a master plan of the park. By the later half of that year, the committee did public outreach with Chazen Associates to get input from the community about what features it most wanted in the park. A survey was also sent out to solicit additional community feedback, and the committee held an in-person public meeting in the fall of 2020.

Once Chazen Associates designed the master plan, the committee presented the plan to the public for review. The Hillsdale Town Board approved the plan's final version at its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Future amenities, cost

Among some of the features the community requested in the redesign that were highlighted in the master plan were a renovated basketball court; a renovated and expanded multi-age play area; a play area surrounded by shady areas and garden beds; a pickleball court; a connection to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail; and other features that promise to enhance the park in its entirety.

The projected cost for the project has been estimated at \$1.4 million. A PDF version of the plan can be found on the town's website, www.hillsdale-ny.com.

Fundraising in the works

As of this time, the HHC is



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The Hillsdale Hamlet Committee received the Hillsdale Town Board's approval on the final version of the Hillsdale Hamlet Park's redesign plan at the Town Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

now working on developing a fundraising strategy that will include appealing for private donations and applying for state and federal grants.

Since the goal is to fund the park in its entirety though such sources to ensure no tax dollars are spent, May said the committee hopes to secure most of the project's funding through both state and federal grants and private foundation grants as well as by reaching out to the community for private donations.

"We know the components of what we're going to be pursuing in terms of grants," May said, "and so we expect this year our focus will be on fundraising as well as community events to gather support and attention for the project and just to give

people opportunities to get out and come together as a community."

May said the committee will be brainstorming ways of asking for donations from the community. She added the HHC's goal for next year is to have the funding available so it can begin building, with hopes of finishing construction at the end of 2022.

Upcoming events

To help garner the public's interest in the park's redesign, the committee is developing plans for community events. Coming later this spring, the committee will present a free Jams in the Hamlet concert series in the

park. The series' premier event will be Saturday, May 15, and feature the bluegrass music of the Sleepy Hollow String Band. Starting at 4 p.m. with pre-show fare from local restaurants, the free concert will run from 5 to 7 p.m.

Looking ahead, May said they hope to have a Flea Market Day in the park, perhaps even a car show and a children's activity day, though they're still figuring out the details.

Anyone interested in learning more or getting involved with the project is invited to contact the HHC at HillsdaleHamletCommittee@gmail.com.

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come tax credit if their total property tax exceeds a fixed percentage of their income. The governor claims that this framework targets New York families with the highest property tax to income burden, and according to his website, which will average "about \$340 for 1.1 million New Yorkers, providing over \$382 million in total savings."

"As we continue to jump start our economic recovery, reopen our society safely and build a brighter future for our children, these tax cuts will provide much-needed relief by putting money back into the pockets of middle-class New Yorkers," Cuomo said in a statement issued on April 19. "There's no doubt that our state will bounce back stronger and better than before, and in the interim, it's critical we support the New Yorkers who helped get us through this crisis and take steps to rebuild an economy that

works for all."

Budget highlights

The 2022 enacted state budget outlines \$111 billion in state operating funds; \$1 billion invested in small business and arts relief and recovery assistance; \$5.5 billion in federal aid; \$29.5 billion in school aid; and \$7.7 billion in state support for higher education.

It also features continued support of the state's affordable and homeless housing capital plan; first-in-the-nation affordable internet for low-income families; an added \$25 million to the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes grant program; and continued support for the New York Public Health Corps.

Mixed reactions

The public's reaction has been a mixed bag of joy for the continued investment in vital programs and dismay for where the budget falls short. State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) said in a statement released on Monday, April 14, that she was pleased the budget includes record funding for veterans across New York, with \$4.2 million in funding set aside for statewide veterans' programs, extended tuition benefits for eligible military members to attend college and the continuation of the Hire-a-Vet tax credit for two more years.

In a statement released on Wednesday, April 7, Dutchess County Executive Marc Mo-

linaro, a Republican who ran against Cuomo in the gubernatorial election in 2018, criticized the budget for neglecting to provide counties with much-needed relief, flexibility and fiscal stability.

"As we seek to extend economic recovery to all New Yorkers, this budget taxes and spends more than residents can afford and leaves too many burdens on local government," Molinaro stated. "We will continue fighting for the people we serve and working with state leaders toward solutions that make sense."

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The spring migration of songbirds has started and will reach its peak in mid-May here is the NW corner of CT. The birds are traveling thousands of miles to reach their breeding grounds further north and the males are in their brilliant colors! A great way to know their arrivals is with the Cornell site Birdcast found at <https://birdcast.info>. Wonderful places to view the migration would be the White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield (whitememorialcc.org) and the Sharon Audubon Center (sharon.audubon.org). Happy birding!

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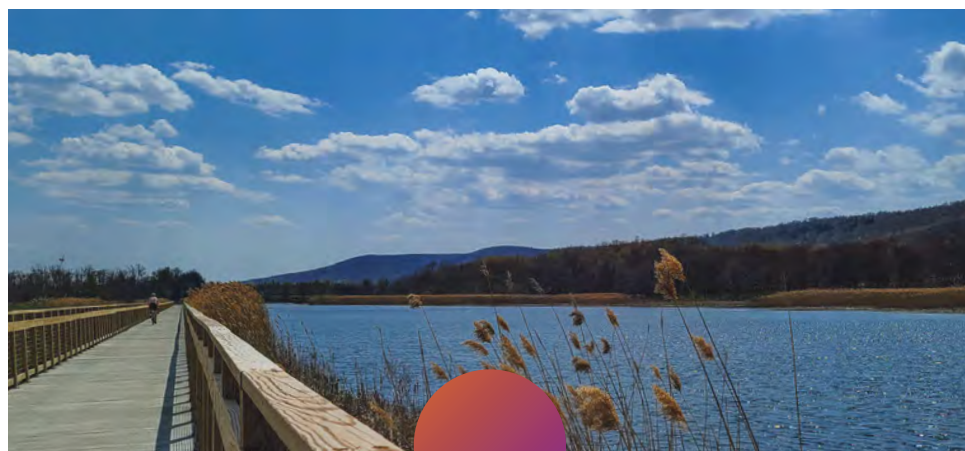
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The Village of Millerton has changed greatly in the past 146 years since it was incorporated in 1875. Pictured on these pages are various scenes from around Millerton, including a 1995 parade (in black and white on this page).

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With so many changes taking place in the world today, including in our local business communities, *The Millerton News* is taking a closer look at how the village of Millerton has changed in the years leading up to the present day. The paper will be running a multi-part series on the many changes that have taken place in the Millerton business district since it was first established in the late 1800s. This is the first part in that series. Read more at www.tricornernews.com/discover-millerton.

The evolution of Main Street

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Who can blame them? Millerton has enviable amenities and resources, great shops, loads of antiques stores, restaurants and cafés; impressive yoga, pilates and wellness studios; a currently under-renovation Moviehouse and a beloved bookstore, both of which have entertained and enlightened generations in the region for decades and promise to do so for decades more; a business alliance that offers support to merchants that is becoming more and more useful; and two governments that have been working in concert with each other for nearly 150 years to get much-needed and important tasks done for the community — with repeated success and with very little drama.

Village history and resilience

Incorporated in 1875 and named after the civil engineer who was working on the construction of the train lines being built in the town of North East, Sidney Miller, Millerton is at the crossroads of New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, with routes 22 and 44 intersecting at the traffic light at the tip of Main Street. That's where the commercial district begins, and where those who have witnessed the growth that has taken place in the village have seen the most dramatic changes.

Dick Hermans was born and raised in Milan, and now lives in Pine Plains, about 13 miles west of the village. Yet he is as much a part of the fabric of Millerton's Main Street as anyone, as he started Oblong Books &

Music with his then-business partner Holly Nelson 45 years ago. Oblong originally opened at 32 Main St., before ultimately settling at 26 Main St., where the beloved bookstore now stands. Hermans spoke of what he considers the village's strongest trait.

"Downtown Millerton is resilient, who comes in and who goes out, there's always someone who wants to run a business here," he said. "It's a small community that has businesses and it's been that way since it started. It was that way when the railroad was here, which was how the goods got delivered here and supplies got delivered here; towns didn't have those commercial centers... But we are resilient — there was always someone coming in here. No place stayed empty for any length of time; there is always quite a bit of turnover, even during the pandemic."

A look back

Hermans reflected on how Millerton looked nearly five decades ago.

"It's funny, because the anchors in town then were Saperstein's and Terni's, and Delson's was still open across the street, and those were the real draws," he remembered. "The bank is where the bank building is [at Gilded Moon Framing]; they don't have that anymore. When we first moved here, The Moviehouse still had triple 'X' ratings, so that was kind of seedy. There were some bars here that were, seedy is probably a good word for it, but I don't want to insult anyone; we had a reputation for being a rugged town when we got here."

A look today

Millerton is a far cry from "rugged" today, with stores like Charlotte Taylor, a home and lifestyle store whose owner was once a buyer for Saks Fifth Avenue and Bloomingdale's and a manager at Laura Ashley, or Westerlind, which sells gear and apparel for the outdoors in NYC as well as in Millerton, where it also has the Westerlind Pantry, which "[aspires] to be the kind of bodega every good snob dreams about [selling] fresh bread, prepared foods, local produce, pantry staples, beer and cider," according to its website.

Westerlind is at 41 Main St., the former Saperstein's, which was the village's iconic department store that had offered everything from shoe repair to Little League uniforms to tuxedo rentals for 70 years, until owner Lew Saperstein announced his retirement in 2017.

That was one of a number of monumental shifts from the business community's past to its present that locals say will never be recaptured. Some are pleased with the changes and others not so much. More on that next week.

In the remainder of the series we will continue to examine how Millerton's Main Street has evolved, and how the community feels about that evolution. Meanwhile, look for an article from North East Historical Society President Ed Downey about the village's historic residential architecture on the next page. And be sure to support the businesses that advertise in this section.

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Spring into step and enjoy Millerton's historic architecture

By Edward Downey

MILLERTON — After our seemingly interminable winter, it is wonderful to see the forsythia in bloom and leaves forming on the trees. To respond to the urge to get outside again, consider a walk through our historic village and look at the architecture of its buildings.

As written in "Railroads Dutchess County, NY: 1848 - 1907," by William P. McDermott, "Railroads changed Dutchess County forever... Many of the county's hamlets were affected by this new steam driven wooden and iron vehicle but none as remarkable as Millerton."

From the arrival of the first railroad in 1851 and two others soon thereafter, the village seemingly burst into existence.

While Millerton's Main Street Historic District is thought of as a commercial one, some of those properties were originally built as residences and later converted.

Perhaps the most prominent example is The Millerton Inn at 53 Main St. This elegant structure was originally built as a residence by merchant E. W. Simmons in 1854 in the Greek Revival-Style and then enlarged by banker Edward H. Thompson, who purchased it in 1887 and renovated it in the Queen Anne style we see today.

Greek Revival homes were often symmetrical with columns or pilasters and a window in the pediment below the roof. Queen Anne houses were more ornate and asymmetrical with gables and elaborate porches and towers.

For many years this house was the home and office of a physician and his family — first Arthur Hoag and then Michael Badeen.

In 1983, Robert and Carol Sadlon purchased it and in a thoughtful restoration and conversion project transformed it into Simmons Way Village Inn.

Other residences have historically served as both a home and location of a business operated by the owner. An excellent example can be found at 54 Main St. This Shingle Style house was built in the 1890s. The original owners were George and Mary Kisselbrack. Mary was an accomplished milliner and dressmaker and part of the residence served as her shop. It was most recently the home of Manna Dew Café.

Several buildings originally built as residences remain so. One of the earliest residences in the village was built by William Colver. Colver, a carpenter who developed an active construction business, built a Greek Revival style residence for his family around 1850 at 59 Main St.

Another residence of a similar style was built by blacksmith Lewis Hutchinson around 1855 at 9 John St. About a decade later, John Winchell built his residence at 60 Main St. It has been the home of the Valentine family for three generations.

By the 1860s, Gothic Revival-style residences began to be built. They had pointed arches and decorative wooden trim. The Philo Cline house, circa-1890, at 76 Main St., is an example. Cline was a wholesale meat dealer in the village.

With the exception of the Colver, Hutchinson and Winchell houses, all of the buildings mentioned above are believed to have been constructed or renovated by the well-known design and construction firm of Beers & Trafford, whose offices and shop were located on South Center Street.

Darwin Beers and William

Trafford established their construction firm in 1885 and grew to be a prominent builder of residential and commercial structures in the region. Others still in existence and thought to be built by them can be found at 53 Main St.; 63 Main St.; 41 Barton St.; and 43 Barton St.

These 19th century works continue to inspire builders today. The design of the Salisbury Bank and Trust Company at 87 Main St. was influenced by the village's historic architecture including that of the Baptist Church across the street. When Michael Smith and Bill Bartlett purchased 44 Main St., they restored its historic look, as did Leo Flood when he purchased and successfully recreated the original facade of 34-36 Main St.

As you take your "architecture" walk, here are some other things to look for: How many of you see which have windows with a dual arched upper sash? I know of two: 24 and 28 Simmons St. How many did you find and what are their addresses?

Here's another question we'd like to know the answer to: Between 1908 and 1942, the 20th century mail order catalogue company Sears, Roebuck and Co. sold house kits, shipped largely by rail, which were then assembled on site. Do a Google search online for the many different models and then see if you can find any in Millerton.

The North East Historical Society would like to document any that exist. If you see any, please send us the addresses at northeast.ny.historical@gmail.com.

In the meantime, enjoy the fresh air, enjoy the walk, enjoy the architecture!

Edward Downey is the president of the North East Historical Society and a practicing attorney in the village of Millerton.



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Clockwise from top left, Dick Hermans, chairman of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association board at this weekend's trail extension ribbon cutting, the new owners of The Moviehouse, Katja Schultz and Morgan Meyer at Millerton's Earth Day celebration, The Music Cellar's Jonathan Grusauskas, aka Johnny G, performing at the North-East-Millerton Library and Oblong Books & Music's Kaylie Johnson and Lisa Wright.

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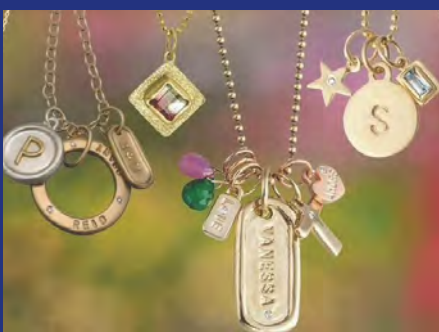
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Furnace Gallery Opens May 1 In the Heart of Falls Village

Don't expect any pastoral landscapes. Furnace: Art on Paper Archive, the decidedly contemporary gallery space opening on Falls Village's quiet Main Street is as modern and minimalist as its art on display is bold and geometric.

Run by artist and former downtown New York City curator Kathleen Kucka, Furnace will mark its debut with Stephen Maine's dynamic abstracts in a show called "Cupcake Uptake and the Cloud of Unknowing."

The doors to this new gallery will be open to the public for the first time at a special distance-safe reception on Saturday, May 1, starting at 4 p.m.

For a longer discussion with Kucka on bringing modern aesthetics to a small-town space, look for an interview in the May 3 Compass Arts and Entertainment.

Furnace: Art on Paper Archive is at 107 Main St. in Falls Village, Conn. The opening is free — with masks required. For more information, go to www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com or follow @furnace_artonpaper on Instagram.

— Alexander Wilburn



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Kathleen Kucka, photo above, opens her new Furnace: Art on Paper Archive gallery this weekend on Main Street in Falls Village, Conn.



PHOTO BY LAZLO GYORSOK

Michael Gellatly, Dr. Julian Strauss and Tilly Strauss in Amenia, N.Y., are on the ARTmostNY Open Studio Tour on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2.

ARTISTS AT WORK

Father-and-daughter artists Julian and Tilly Strauss will open their studios in Amenia, N.Y., as part of the ARTmostNY Open Studio Tour on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, as will Strauss' partner, Michael Gellatly, and artists including Lori Adams, Donna Castelluccio, Bob Madden, Karen Madden, Bill Prickett and Brian Woehrman.

The studios (in Amenia, Pawling and Poughkeepsie, N.Y.) will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The artists will be at work in their studios during the tour, offering visitors a sense of their challenges in realizing their specific vision.

There will be finished works on display, but the artists will also be working on the projects that drive them to create. It might be dirty, noisy and seem chaotic, but it will not be dull.

For more information on the tour and the artists, go to www.artmostny.org.

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gan Sunday, April 25). The broadcasts will begin immediately following "Sunday Morning on Robin Hood Radio" hosted by Marshall Miles.

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NATIONAL POETRY MONTH: EDWIN FRANK

Birdsong, Transformation, And Thomas Hardy

Proud Songster Thomas Hardy

*The thrushes sing as the sun is going,
And the finches whistle in ones and pairs,
And as it gets dark loud nightingales
In bushes
Pipe, as they can when April wears,
As if all Time were theirs.*

*These are brand new birds of twelvemonths' growing,
Which a year ago, or less than twain,
No finches were, nor nightingales,
Nor thrushes,
But only particles of grain,
And earth, and air, and rain.*

As a young man, Thomas Hardy wrote poetry before putting poetry aside to write the novels for which he became famous. At the end of the 19th century, when he was well over 50, he put the novel aside to devote the rest of his long life to poetry.

For many years Hardy's poetry was viewed with condescension, but that has changed. A product of the Victorian era, he is now recognized as having refashioned himself into a highly individual poet of modern unease.

"Proud Songsters" is characteristic of Hardy's poetry in its combination of bluntness and subtlety. The poem is plainspoken and unpretty. The first stanza presents a list — thrushes, finches, nightingales — and the second reviews that list before offering a

new list that reduces the birds to their component elements.

The poem is nothing if not matter of fact, starkly so. How much further away from the opulent music of Keats's "Ode to a Nightingale" can you get than "nightingales/In bushes/Pipe"?

And yet it's by sticking to such bare particulars that Hardy quietly shocks us into renewed recognition of how extraordinary it is that year after year something as intricate and beautiful and ephemeral as birdsong should spring from nothing, or at least things that are nothing like it, before returning to nothing again.

It is a transformation that the poem, written when Hardy was in his 80s and published after his death, in its own way enacts on the page, and of course in poems birdsong is always also a figure for poetry.

Edwin Frank is the editorial director of New York Review Books, which publishes the NYRB Classics and the NYRB Poets series, and the author of a book of poems, "Snake Train."



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Inspired by the Japanese tradition of *hanami*, or flower viewing, visitors are invited to enjoy the transient and transcendental beauty of Innisfree founder Marion Beck's heirloom daffodils. Some may have been planted as early as 1930; all were planted before Beck's death in 1959. Their numbers have increased steadily over the years. Now these thousands of daffodils — along with the native shadblow,

Amelanchier canadensis — welcome the earliest spring visitors to Innisfree each year.

The gardens will also be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9, with special Mother's Day tours on Sunday.

The official opening day is Wednesday, May 12, when the regular visiting schedule will resume. Innisfree will be open Wednesday through Sunday and on legal holidays.

Pre-registration is required. The garden is open rain or shine. Tickets are non-refundable. To register and for more information, go to www.innisfreegarden.org or call 845-677-8000.



The view of Dragon Rock behind Owl Rock is one of many extraordinary vistas at Innisfree Garden in Millbrook, N.Y., which opens this weekend to the public.

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Shows Based on Notable Books

Larry McMurtry: Movies adapted from his books won 13 Oscars. You could try "Terms of Endearment" or "The Last Picture Show," but his best book is the great Western novel "Lonesome Dove." It was made into a TV miniseries in 1989 that is faithful to the book and was certainly the most unromantic western ever made.

What makes it great? Mainly its two unforgettable main characters: Gus McCrae and Captain Woodrow Call, two aging former Texas Rangers. They are played to perfection on TV by Robert Duvall (Gus) and Tommy Lee Jones (Call).

In Episode One, they gather a herd of stolen cattle and horses and drive them from Texas north toward Montana.

Along for the perilous ride are their scout Deets (Danny Glover) and Lorie (Diane Lane), a lovely and good-hearted prostitute.

There are many adven-

tures and subplots along the way, including chilling encounters with the half-breed Blue Duck. (Some of the casual violence here can be disturbing.)

This show won numerous Emmy awards and, along with Clint Eastwood's "Unforgiven," is one of the two best westerns ever made. Rent or buy, on Amazon Prime.

Stephen King has not been served as well by movie and TV adaptations, but their sheer number has yielded some gems, in TV by the miniseries "The Outsider," based on his 2018 novel (although I actually prefer King's recent supernatural detective stories to much of his horror and science fiction).

This one was adapted for TV by one of our best crime writers, Richard Price, who also wrote for "The Wire."

The story centers on the horrific murder of a young boy. An investigation by detective Ralph Anderson (Ben Mendelsohn) leads to the arrest of a popular

Little League coach Terry Maitland (Jason Bateman).

The evidence against him is overwhelming, but there is equally strong evidence that he could not have done it.

It all seems quite impossible until Ralph asks for the aid of Holly Gibney (Cynthia Erivo), a private investigator who figured in King's earlier book, "Mr. Mercedes." The plot then moves in a darker and supernatural direction. All the actors perform admirably, especially Erivo, who sort of steals this entertaining show. King once said: "I love Holly and wish she were a real person." On HBO Max.

Michael Connelly's notable work is not one book, but many that feature LAPD detective **Harry Bosch**, a Special Forces veteran who works for Hollywood Homicide. These were developed into a popular series called simply "Bosch," which has run for six seasons and was recently renewed for a seventh

and final season.

It stars my Cornwall neighbor Titus Welliver.

Madison Lintz plays his teen daughter, Maddie. Their relationship, which grows more complicated and interesting, is one of the best things about the show.

Although "Bosch" feels a bit like an old-fashioned police procedural, it is distinguished by superior acting, writing, and its believable and gritty atmosphere. The plotting is mostly suspenseful and well paced, but occasionally it gets overcomplicated, and you may find yourself scratching your head. This is a first-rate series. On Amazon Prime.

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PLANT STARTS AND BABY ANIMALS: SPRING IS HERE

What is it about lambs that makes all humans coo and want to cuddle them? Elvia Gignoux of Weatogue Farm in Salisbury, Conn., said, "I think they represent hope and a new start. Something we all need this year."

Something else we all need this year: plant starts. Some seed companies had a shortage of seeds in consumer-sized packets this year because of COVID-19 and the restrictions it put on workers. An emphasis was put on filling orders from commercial farmers. For that reason, this year it's possible you won't be able to get all the seeds you want — but you should be able to get plant "starts" from McEnroe Organic in Millerton, N.Y.; Paley's Farm Market in Sharon, Conn.; Daisy Hill Farm in Millerton, N.Y.; and Ward's in Great Barrington, Mass. Weatogue Farm sells



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ment will need to be exact change or check. Everyone is asked to respect social distancing practices.

Call Elvia with questions at 860-435-0345. The plant sale will be open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The farm is at 78 Weatogue Road in Salisbury, near the border with North Canaan, Conn.

The lambs are bounding around at Weatogue Farm in Salisbury, Conn., and the farm is preparing for its annual sale of starter plants, which begins on Friday, May 14.

NATURE: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Productive Plants

To say that Michelle Alfandari was ultra-urban would be an understatement. Living in New York City with her artist husband, Tom Goldenberg, she traveled the world creating new licensed branded businesses for companies as diverse (but always sophisticated) as The New York Times, the Tour de France and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

When she and Goldenberg moved to Sharon, Conn., a few years ago, Alfandari literally stopped and smelled the flowers.

The house they now live in had been owned for years by a Sharon gardener/nursery owner; the bones were excellent, but the plants and beds had been neglected and needed some intensive TLC. Neighbors Robin Zitter and Michael Nadeau — landscape designers who emphasize native planting and sustainability — helped guide Alfandari through the process of learning what is an undesirable plant that can be evicted and what is a plant that should be protected and invited to stay.

Then Alfandari attended a talk by entomologist Doug Tallamy and learned about the critical consequences of loss of habitat — degraded biodiversity and ecosystem services we all need to survive. She was impressed by the simplicity of the solution to restore biodiversity and felt she could help scale Tallamy's message.

Alfandari has partnered with Tallamy to create Homegrown National Park, a call-to-action to restore biodiversity, one per-

son at a time, by planting native plants and removing invasives. They invite everyone in America, no experience necessary, to get on the interactive Homegrown National Park map by planting native in their yards, whether it's a few feet or a few hundred acres.

To sign up and learn more, go to www.homegrownnationalpark.org. If you're on your way to the nursery, Tallamy suggests these native plants as a way to create and protect biodiversity in your own homegrown national park:

Trees (buy small)

- White oak (*Quercus alba*)
- Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*)
- Paperbark birch (*Betula papyrifera*)
- Black willow (*Salix nigra*) (damp areas)
- Pin cherry (*Prunus pensylvanica*)
- White pine (*Pinus strobus*)

Shrubs

- Any native *Viburnum*
- Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)
- Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)
- Sweet pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)
- Pussy willow (look for native *Salix discolor*)

Perennials

- Any of the goldenrods (*Solidago spp.*)
- New England aster (*Aster novae-angliae*)
- Evening primrose (*Oenothera biennis*)
- Common milkweed (*Asclepius seryaca*)
- Jerusalem artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*)

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EDITORIAL

What will these newspapers be next?

When The Lakeville Journal Company undertook its initiative in October of 2019 to ask for community support, in dire straits then and looking for a way to survive, the response of our readers in the Tri-state region was beyond generous and supportive. It was completely overwhelming and so very encouraging to all who work at this 124-year-old local journalism project. We were not the only small news group with a long history in this country to find itself in jeopardy due to loss of revenues, and increase of attention, to online entities. But we were willing to take desperate measures to ensure the area news would still be covered by our editors and reporters in the small towns in northwest Connecticut and northeastern Dutchess County, N.Y. It worked.

That first plea, then called a Community Membership model, produced such generous and widespread support at all levels from our readers that they did indeed save the company. Then, in March of 2020, we all know what happened: COVID hit. Life changed in a quick turn. Without that support, we are surely among the businesses that would not have survived. But we did, because of our donors (and the two PPP loans/grants we received) and we never missed a week of publication throughout the pandemic. The journalists at The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News felt their responsibility to their communities more keenly than ever, determined to be sure our readers were kept informed of local news while activities were so limited and life so at risk.

In October of 2020, The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News announced a new Community Contributor name for the model, but with the same concept. The company asked for community support, but could not offer any tax incentives to contributors in that we are a for-profit company. The only reward for such support was having the newspapers published every week. But after the 2019 initiative, we let our readers know that we were committed to investigating the possibilities for taking the company to some sort of nonprofit status, so there could be other benefits for donors, and so the company could be eligible for grants available to nonprofit media companies.

Since that time, we at The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News have been researching the options, speaking to community members as well as other journalists and experts in nonprofits. The three possibilities we settled on were: 1.) remaining a for-profit company, 2.) creating a nonprofit arm of a foundation that would support the company, or 3.) attempting to take the company to a full nonprofit status.

At the end of March, the executive committee and board members of The Lakeville Journal Company met via Zoom for their regular quarterly meeting, importantly to discuss and decide on the next step for the company, being one of the three options outlined above. That led to a special meeting two weeks later, where the vote was finalized by the executive committee to pursue nonprofit status. Now, the board and staff at The Lakeville Journal Company are working with interested and supportive community members to find the right attorneys to help with the application for nonprofit status to the IRS. There is no guarantee of success, but we firmly believe it's worth trying.

None of those options (individual nonprofit, a nonprofit arm, or a for-profit entity) are simple in their repercussions or their implications of probable success or failure for the company. We are in new territory: trying to find a business model for small, independent news media that will work in this society. We hope to contribute to the choices for local journalists across the country, covering the news for small towns, in creating transitions to new business models and keeping local journalism here while doing that.

We will keep you informed of our progress and we express once again our deep gratitude to all those who have supported us in so many ways over the past two, and more, years, including giving funding to help us maintain operation as an independent, local journalism company. All at The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News are profoundly committed to having the news covered for our communities in the Tri-state region. Thank you for helping us continue to do that.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Signs of hate are not patriotic

We're in a time of crisis. We're in a time of change. We're in a time when hate reigns supreme. But we must hold on and hang on and be patient and ride this out and have faith that reason and common sense will prevail against the ludicrous, asinine behavior of the ignorant who refuse to accept that white isn't supreme, but acceptance of culture and color makes the best gourmet food and the best life for all.

What we're witnessing is the last gasp and grasp at straws of the Christian White Right clinging to the end of their majority. The "F*** you" flags, and the signs

saying, "Jews Want Your Guns" and the Trumps, Marjorie Taylor Greener and Stephen Millers of the world are just the last hurrah to the end of the Great White Hope. There never was a Great White Hope. Whatever it was, it is now just the "Great White Hate."

So, go on and fly your silly flags, hold up your Nazi signs, you're too blinded with hate and anger to see how ridiculous you are behaving or to be taken seriously. It's comedy. It's quickly turning into a bad joke, but a joke all the same. There is a punch line here somewhere, I just know there is.

And all this banter of being a patriot — believing lies, and believing in an insurrection is not only unpatriotic, but also treasonous. Believing in the Constitution, and not just the part about the right to own guns or the parts one likes, but all of it, is patriotic. Believing in and supporting the Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence is patriotic.

We need to embrace the way our Founding Fathers envisioned this country and not let people muddy it up with narcissistic and racist beliefs, thinking one can get away with that behavior by labeling themselves a patriot.

We all have an opportunity to pursue happiness. Religion plays no part in our government — and our government plays no part in religion. Thomas Jefferson made that clear. If that angers you, then so be it, but please stop calling yourself an American or a Patriot. Your views by definition are un-American, and unpatriotic, and our Founding Fathers said so.

Now, if someone could please let me know who I need to talk to, so I can get one of those space lasers, that'd be great.

Andrew Stayman
Pine Plains

A smooth transition expected as Dr. Handler passes the torch to Dr. Timm

In the Summer of 2013, the Pine Plains Central School District engaged Dr. Martin Handler to head the District as Superintendent. Dr. Handler came to our District with an extensive background in Education Management and it became immediately clear that his experience was what our District needed.

In the ensuing years, under Dr. Handler's leadership, academic standing has risen to be in the upper tier of Dutchess County schools. Innovative programs and working closely with the teaching staff proved to be the catalyst the District needed. Each year of Dr. Handler's tenure has seen improvement in test scores, in Regents scores, and in the graduation rate.

At the same time, Dr. Handler has presided over an extraordinary period of labor peace with the District's collective bargaining units. He has proven that, when treated respectfully and

honestly, the entire community of the District's employees can produce a great educational environment and impressive results.

Lastly, the District's financial situation has never been better. Dr. Handler has proven to be a strong steward of the District's facilities and finances. Ours is one of only a handful of District's across the State without any debt. And our facilities are top notch.

We will soon approach the time when Dr. Handler will step aside and enjoy more leisure time. Dr. Handler will step down from his leadership position with the close of the 2021-22 school year. The thanks of the community seem inadequate for his contributions, and his leadership will become part of the rich lore of our School District.

Part of his leadership has been preparing for that day by ensuring a smooth transition in the Superintendency. To that end, we are pleased to announce that

Dr. Brian Timm will succeed Dr. Handler to become the next Superintendent of the District.

Dr. Timm has played a key role in the academic success of the District during his tenure here and has demonstrated the leadership qualities necessary to continue the District's drive to excellence. With his experience in the District, the Board of Education feels confident that Dr. Timm is the best candidate to carry forward the growth of the District.

Dr. Timm will begin his role as the next Superintendent July 1, 2022. Over the next year, Dr. Handler and Dr. Timm will create a seamless transition that will ensure the extraordinary progress made over the past eight years will continue to grow.

Chip Couse
President,
Pine Plains Central School
District Board of Education
Milan

The police do a good job, and they could do it even better

Today marks tragic times for us and our police. Sometimes, very tragic, as all are being assaulted, perhaps as never before. Our "good" police appear to be dragged down into the mud of history.

When I enlisted and went to Vietnam, I was immature, eyes closed, and unfortunately believed in the slogan, "My country, right or wrong..." I can and will not believe in this fallacy ever again. My service opened my eyes to an America that often times, was very wrong. Politicians sent 58,000-plus young men to their deaths.

Reasons why the filibuster make sense in a democracy

I'm writing to respond to a letter by Mr. John Walters in the April 22 Millerton News.

I am fully in favor of your implied call for comity in our institutions of representative government. The whole idea of democracy is majority rule with certain and sacrosanct limitations that protect the rights of any minority and those of individuals. But this structure is just a golden idea until it is inhabited by diverse people and cultures working together to achieve a just and peaceful, if occasionally cumbersome, society. This, I suspect, is where we part ways.

You write as an apparent fan of the filibuster. Historically it was a contrivance invented and wielded by slave states. It ought to be used rarely and then only as originally intended, by an individual senator trying to hold the floor long enough to exhaust his opponents. But that would require respect for the unwritten rules of courteous behavior, fairness and deference to the other person's point of view, which have all but vanished from our House and Senate chambers.

Commitment to this attitude is a basic tenet of civil society. When a large majority of the Republican House caucus voted to reject the will of the people, expressed in the cleanest, most participatory presidential election in many years, people either lose faith in

the democratic process or in the Republican Party. So far both have diminished.

The problem, Mr. Walters, is typified by our Supreme Court. It is now radically skewed to the religious right, a direction that may well please you. Catholics number around 20% nationwide, which should yield at most two justices, yet six of nine justices or 66.7% are Catholic.

How did this happen? Then Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is the short answer. First, he sacrificed the comity of the Senate, defied many decades of precedents and distorted his institutional power far beyond its intended bounds to keep a Supreme Court seat empty for eight months — eight months — to humiliate the Black man in the White House, and allow the next president to appoint a conservative anti-abortion Republican, which Donald Trump promptly did.

He then enjoyed a second nomination. Brent Kavanaugh, who won his controversial appointment by two votes. And then, most outrageous of all, McConnell embraced hypocrisy and gave a twice-impeached president a dream lame-duck gift: another Supreme Court appointment. Since then McConnell has had the effrontery to complain, without foundation, that Democrats are not playing by the rules. Or maybe he's just taunting them.

better pay and promotional opportunities; monies must be allocated to ensure policy changes; mandatory college degrees in new hires, and require the same, after a period of time, for those currently serving; stronger and continued mental health and in-house training; rules that require "shoot to kill" first must change; stronger educational training in ethics and history; the use of handguns only when to defend one's life; better knowledge of American history, our Constitution and the history of racism; much more positive focus on policing policies; officers serv-

ing should have more input to making policing safer and better for themselves and those they serve.

A better program would help the good police come forward when they see improper policing. Good police must be rewarded. Our police face many challenges for sure, but we all will be better if the discussion starts now.

The police deserve better treatment from all. They and only they have the ability to make it happen. God bless those who serve us so well!

Buddy Platt
Copake

Democrats and the country have suffered other gross abuses of power from recent Republican office holders, usually in hurt silence. Newt Gingrich twice shut down the government over budget issues, for example.

Mitch McConnell refused to bring hundreds of bills to the

floor, and dozens of centrist judges until those positions could be filled by conservatives. If getting rid of the Senate filibuster will stymie future power grabs by any tyrant or party, I'm all for it.

Tom Parrett
Millerton

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Keeping connected

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LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice of Completion of Tentative Assessment Roll

Pursuant to §506 & §526 of the Real Property Tax Law: NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessors of the Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess, have completed their tentative assessment roll for the current year, a copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk.

The Assessors will be available via telephone and by appointment with such tentative roll at: Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Assessor's Office. Appointments for telephone and in-person meetings can be made for the following days and between the hours listed:

5/11/21 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

5/13/21 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

5/14/21 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

5/15/21 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Written complaints with respect to the assessments may be filed with the Assessors any time prior to or

on Grievance Day and shall be transmitted by the Assessors to the Board of Assessment Review on or before Grievance Day.

A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available online at www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf

Richard Diaz
Assessor Chairman
Grievance Day: May 25, 2021 (Fourth Tuesday in May) (§508 RPTL) (§525 RPTL)

NOTICE is hereby given that the BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW for the Town of Pine Plains, County of

Dutchess shall hear complaints in relation to assessments at:

Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, (518) 398-7193 x 7

The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will be in attendance on the following days:

5/25/21 between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

5/25/21 between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will then file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to

become a matter of public record.

*Due to the ongoing issues concerning COVID 19, please check the town website or call <d><d>e-mail the Assessors' Office after 5/19/21 for information on how the Grievance process will be conducted this year.

04-29-21

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, or on Zoom (please check www.webutuckschools.org click the red circle on the homepage for an update status on this meeting) 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 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 April 27, 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. Shall the 2021-2022 Budget as adopted by the Board of Education in the amount of \$24,798,803, with anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$8,582,074 and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$16,216,729, be approved?

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 hi/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 hi/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return hi/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
Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District
194 Haight Road, P.O. Box 405
Amenia, NY 12501
04-29-21

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to Section 506 of the Real Property Tax law:

Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of Amenia

County of Dutchess, has completed his tentative assessment roll for the Current year, a copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk.

The Assessor and/or Designee will be in attendance with such tentative roll at:

THE AMENIA TOWN HALL - 4988 ROUTE 22-AMENIA, NY 12501

He will be available on the following days:

Date: Monday 5/03/2021 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9AM AND 1PM (by appointment only)

DATE: Tuesday 5/04/2021 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9AM AND 1PM (by appointment only)

DATE: Monday 5/10/2021 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9AM AND 1PM (by appointment only)

Date: Tuesday 5/11/2021 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6PM AND 8PM (by appointment only)

Written complaints with respect to the assessments may be filed with the Assessor any time prior to or on Grievance Day and shall be transmitted by the Assessor to the Board of Assessment Review on or before Grievance Day.

A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the Assessor's Office or online at www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievancebooklet.pdf

Chris Boryk, Assessor
GRIEVANCE DAY
Fourth Tuesday in May
(508 Real Property Tax Law)

May 25, 2021
(525 Real Property Tax Law)

NOTICE is hereby given that the BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW for the Town of Amenia, County of Dutchess, shall hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments at:

The Amenia Town Hall- 4988 Route 22-Amenia, NY 12501 845-373-8118 x 104

The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will be in attendance on this day:

DATE Tuesday- May 25, 2021 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 3PM AND 5PM

DATE Tuesday- May 25, 2021 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6PM AND 8PM

The BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW will then file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.

Steven Benardete
Board Chairman
04-29-21

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Village Board of the Village of Millerton invites sealed proposals for the furnishing of all materials and labor necessary for the construction of the Village of Millerton Sidewalk Replacement Project in the Village of Millerton, New York. This Contract has been designated as Contract No. 20-113 as set forth in contract documents, including drawings and specifications, prepared by CPL, Architecture, Engineering, Planning and Land Surveyor, DPC, 64 Green Street, Suite 1, Hudson, NY 12534.

All such sealed proposals must be received by the Village Clerk at the Village Hall, 5933 North Elm Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546 on or before May 11, 2021, 1:00pm, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for prompt consideration by the Village Board.

Copies of the proposed contract documents, including plans and specifications, and the forms of proposals for the contract, are available for public inspection at the Village Clerk's office during business hours, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and becoming available April 23, 2021. Pursuant to the provisions of GML 102, persons desiring to take a copy may obtain them, subject to a non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$50.00 for each set, payable by check or money

order. Such documents are also available for examination at the offices of CPL, Architecture, Engineering, Planning and Land Surveyor, DPC, 64 Green Street, Suite 1, Hudson, NY 12534 (518) 828-2300.

Work shall consist of:
Base Bid:
Demolition of existing sidewalk and curb and replacement with new concrete sidewalk and curbing, sidewalk ramp, crosswalk and signage.

Add Alternate Bid 1:
Demolition of existing sidewalk and replacement with new concrete sidewalk along South Center Street.

Add Alternate Bid 2:
Demolition of existing curb and replacement with new concrete curbing along South Center Street.

The Contractor shall enter into a contract within five (5) calendar days from the date of acceptance of this bid and the work shall be substantially complete within 60 calendar days of the date of the Notice to Proceed.

All proposals shall be made and received upon the following conditions, which are more fully set forth in the bid documents:

1. Only such proposals as are made and filed upon the forms available in the Bid Documents will be accepted.

2. Proposals are to be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

3. Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount bid, payable to the order of the Village of Millerton, or a bond with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Mayor, as Chief Financial Officer, in such amount, conditioned that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will enter into a contract for the same and will provide acceptable security, in the form of cash, certified check or performance bonds, or letters of credit, as set forth in the contract documents, for the faithful performance of the contract, within 15 days from the acceptance of the proposal.

4. Pursuant to the provisions of GML 105, no bids may be withdrawn unless no contract is awarded for more than 45 days after the opening thereof.

5. Upon acceptance of the bid, if the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract pursuant to the requirements of said Village Board or fails to give the further security prescribed in this notice within the time noted herein, then the check deposited as aforesaid, and the moneys standing to the credit of the same shall be forfeited to the Village as liquidated damages and not as a penalty and the Mayor shall collect the same or enforce the payment of the bond for the benefit of the Village.

6. All bids shall contain the non-collusion certificate in a form meeting the requirements of GML 103-d.

The Village Board reserves the right, in its discretion, to waive technical noncompliance or irregularities that are not material or substantial, and to reject all bids and to rebid the project.

By Order of the Village Board
Kelly Kilmer
Village Clerk
04-29-21

Town of North East Assessor's Office

Pursuant to §506 & §526 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, has completed the 2021 tentative assessment roll, a copy of which will be filed with the Town Clerk on May 1, 2021 and will be available online at <https://townofnortheastny.gov/>

The Assessor will be available to discuss assessment issues on Thursday, May 6, 1:00PM-5:00PM; Saturday, May 15, 9:00AM-1:00PM; Wednesday, May 19, 4:00PM-8:00PM; and Tuesday, May 25, 9:00AM- 1:00PM at 518-789-3300 x605

or assessor@townofnortheastny.gov.

Formal written complaints with respect to the assessments should be filed by mail prior to May 26, 2021, Grievance Day, and addressed to the Board of Assessment Review, 19 North Maple Ave., P.O. Box 771, Millerton, NY 12546.

Information on contesting an assessment is available from the Assessor or online at <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/contestasmt.htm>

Katherine Johnson, Assessor
04-29-21

Town of North East Board of Assessment Review

Pursuant to § 508 & §525 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, shall hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 19 North Maple Avenue by appointment between the hours of 3:00PM-5:00PM and 6:00PM-8:00PM.

All complaints and related paperwork must be received by mail prior to May 26th. Mail complaints to: Board of Assessment Review, 19 North Maple Ave., P.O. Box 771, Millerton, NY 12546. For more information contact the Assessor at 518-789-3300 x605 or assessor@townofnortheastny.gov.

The Board of Assessment Review will then file a copy of the determinations with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record.

John Crawford
Board Chairman
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