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Willow Roots Co-founders Lisa and Nelson Zayas, center, celebrated a new beginning for their food pantry in Pine Plains alongside members of the Willow Roots Board and volunteers at the pantry's new distribution site at 7730 South Main St., after neighbors complained about their former site.

## Pine Plains food pantry celebrates new site, new start

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PINE PLAINS — After the challenges they faced in their search for a new pantry space, Nelson and Lisa Zayas of Willow Roots wholeheartedly welcomed the community to join in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new space at 7730 South Main St. on Saturday, March 21, at 10 a.m.

The pantry co-founders were brought before the town's Planning Board as they did not have the proper permits to operate in a residential neighborhood, out of their North Main Street home. Neighbors on the adjoining street, Carla Terrace, began complaining last September that traffic on Saturday morning distribution days was disrupting their quality of life (for more, go to [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com)).

The Zayas are in litigation at

the moment dealing with the matter; they are also in the midst of pursuing a major home occupation special-use permit. In the meantime, they've found a new home for their two-year-old pantry, thanks to the countless do-gooders in the community who contacted them with suggestions of where they could set up a new distribution site. The space that worked out is located on South Main Street.

And that's where familiar faces in the community could be spotted, standing around the front of the new Willow Roots' front entrance, waiting in hopeful anticipation.

"It's a new beginning," said Willow Roots Board Vice President Brett McCormack. "With winter, you see so many efforts happening behind the scene, roots if you will, and now that it's spring, people are excited about positivity and change and new beginnings."

The new set-up, McCormack said, will allow Willow Roots to grow and help more people, generating productive, rather than reactionary, change.

Walking out the front door, Lisa said she was touched to see so many people come out to watch the pantry take root in a new location. Nelson was soon spotted coming out the door with a ribbon in hand, which he pulled tautly across the entryway.

Meanwhile, longtime volunteer Ray Christiansen passed green ribbons out to onlookers to tie onto the willow tree McCormack crafted and painted for the lobby.

Thanking everyone for their presence and letting grateful tears fall, Lisa said, "I love you all and I'm really proud to be part of Willow Roots. I always said that Willow Roots doesn't belong to us, it belongs to everyone,

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## Willow Roots co-founder shares emotional journey to new pantry site

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PINE PLAINS — It's taken more than seven months and many sleepless nights for Lisa and Nelson Zayas to find a way to move their home-grown food pantry, Willow Roots, from 23 North Main St. in Pine Plains to 7730 South Main St. Though only a few mere blocks in a town the size of a pinprick on most maps, the move itself was monumental to the couple.

"We were so touched with joy in our hearts, we both started to

tear up," said Lisa when she spoke of the pantry's new space, which just celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sunday, March 21 (see article this page). "This is something stories are made out of, that movies are made of, it's a miracle. We felt touched; we absolutely cried that night."

That's because since last September the Zayas have been battling neighbors on Carla Terrace, which backs up on their North Main Street home where Willow Roots has been distributing food from for the past two years every

Saturday morning from 11 a.m. to noon. A number of residents there complained about increased traffic and noise due to pantry clients and food deliveries, taking the issue to the Pine Plains Planning Board. They charged that Willow Roots didn't have the proper permits and wasn't zoned for operating in a residential neighborhood. That issue is still pending before the town. The issue was covered by this newspaper in a series of articles. Those articles brought an immediate flood of

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## Agriculture Literacy Week goes virtual

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MILLBROOK — When people from out of state think of New York, many think of national landmarks: the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, even Niagara Falls. Many might not realize that most of the 7.3 million acres of farmland brings in about \$2.4 billion dollars each year, and that agriculture is a vital part of the state's economic health.

That is why the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) in Millbrook is spreading the word about New York Ag-in-the-Classroom, which works with the

CCEDC's 4-H Youth Development Program. Together, they bring both readers and storybooks to classrooms county wide — even if they have to do so virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic — so students can get a deeper understanding about the importance of agriculture in New York State. Imparting the knowledge of farming and its history in the state to children is a priority for program organizers.

Starting back in 1985, New York Ag-in-the-Classroom (NYAIRC), partnering with Cornell University, CCEDC, the New York Farm Bureau, the New York State Education Department

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## Women honored in Barrett's yearly booklet

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MILLERTON — As the year 2020 produced several historic milestones in the fight for women's equality — including Kamala Harris' election as the United States' first female vice president — New York State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) announced the release of her 2021 edition of "Women's History in the Hudson Valley: Ten Stories from Columbia and Dutchess Counties" this March.

Aligning with the celebration of Women's History Month, this annual booklet has been informing readers of the impact left by centuries of Hudson Valley women for the eight years Barrett has been publishing it.

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**Barbara Jeter-Jackson, 1938-2020, was born in Salt Point. She worked at IBM for 47 years and served on the City of Poughkeepsie School Board for 16 years. She was elected to the Dutchess County Legislature in 2006, serving until her death last year.**

## 'We will get there, together'

## Molinaro delivers 2021 State of the County address

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DUTCHESS COUNTY — Confident in the county's ability "to rise above a year of challenge and tragedy" and answer the call to action together, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro delivered his 2021 State of the County Address virtually on Tuesday, March 16, due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

Molinaro acknowledged the "un-

imaginable challenges" and "incredible loss" the nation, state and county have faced in the past year. From the onset of the coronavirus pandemic and its casualties to the outcry for police reform and social justice on national and local levels, he touched on the struggles Dutchess residents have endured as well as the countless ways they have rallied together. Molinaro described how county government

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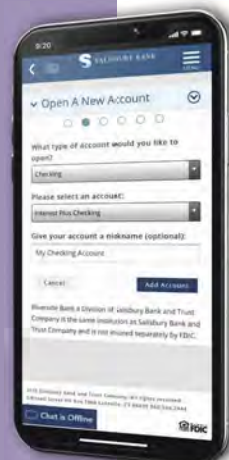
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## MILLERTON

## Community park, sidewalk projects to go out to bid

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MILLERTON —The Village Board helped set in motion the next steps for both the revitalization of the Millerton Community Park (aka Eddie Collins Memorial Park) and its sidewalk replacement project at its business meeting on Monday, March 15.

#### Millerton Community Park update

Kevin Hasselwander, a landscape architect from The Chazen Companies, mentioned he shared both the project manual and project drawings with the board to give a sense of where the project is and where it's going. Since they last met in February, he said the biggest development is they're looking to go out to bid on Monday, March 29. Looking ahead, he asked how much avail-

ability there is for the village's Highway Department to assist with site preparations and removal.

Mayor Debbie Middlebrook asked if the project's entire Phase One is going out to bid, and if not, what elements are going out for bid and what he thinks people will see first when they drive by the park.

Along with confirming that all of Phase One is going to go out for bid, Hasselwander said he and Jeanne Vanecko of the Eddie Collins Memorial Park Revitalization Committee updated their project cost estimate and planned to be strategic. In order to provide flexibility in the bid, he explained there are certain elements they're going to list as alternates to get their pricing during the bid process. He said they knew the pricing will be a

little more than was originally anticipated as certain elements surfaced while they refined the design; this will provide them with the flexibility to remove elements and still offer a viable project at the end of the day.

Hasselwander said people are likely to see the earth work since they're going to be raising the site and perhaps the parking lot, which will formalize the park immensely. Anticipating opening the bids on Friday, April 30, he asked the board if it plans to open the bids over Zoom or in-person. Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer said it would likely be done via Zoom since the Village Hall isn't open to the public.

Though it could take upward of a few months to go through the bids, Hasselwander said they could do it fairly quickly and get their recommendation

over to the board. Considering the board's meeting schedule for April and the time needed to review the bids, Village Trustee Jenn Najdek suggested the board consider holding a special meeting to open the bids on Saturday, April 10, given how "every week makes a huge difference" when it comes to springtime construction.

Hasselwander agreed to the date; a meeting was promptly scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 10.

#### Sidewalk replacement

Welcoming Village Engineer Ray Jurkowski to the meeting, Middlebrook asked him to talk about the village project to replace the existing sidewalk on the south side of Main Street, running from the former Coyote Point location at 56 Main St. down to the Harlem Valley Rail

Trail entrance by the traffic light at Route 22.

Jurkowski reported that, after months of waiting, the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) gave final approval for the project. In addition to replacing the sidewalk, the project also includes installing new solar crosswalk signs at the crosswalks in front of The Moviehouse and in front of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail as well as installing a new crosswalk in front of the library, all on Main Street, which will also receive a solar crosswalk sign. Altogether, Jurkowski said the project totals approximately 975 feet in length.

For this project, Jurkowski asked the board to consider authorizing the bid to go out that evening so they could be available on Friday, March 19. Following a three-week bid period, the

bids could be opened on Friday, April 9, after which Jurkowski asked the board to consider holding a special meeting to award the bids on the week of Monday, April 12.

Carrying over from a previous village project, Jurkowski talked about a section of sidewalk totaling around 195 feet that could be replaced on South Center Street, saying the board could do the work as an add alternate if the budget allows it. Another potential add alternate would allow the sidewalk from Park Avenue to the Millerton Presbyterian Church at 58 Main St. to be replaced.

Following further discussion between Jurkowski and the board, the board unanimously approved a motion to authorize Jurkowski to put the sidewalk work out to bid.

## Webutuck alumni makes the grade

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The North East (Webutuck) Central School District and its teachers have yet one more reason to be proud as they consider the many accomplishments of their past graduates. In this case, the latest standout is Patrick Brunese, PhD, Class of 2001 and director of academic programs at Purdue University's School of Engineering in West Lafayette, Ind.

The son of John A. Brunese of Millerton, Brunese recently received the Leah H. Jamieson Leadership Award "for his dedication to transforming the culture, attitudes and environment in the School of Industrial Engineering through cultivating staff talent that builds on individual skill sets and interests, as well as adapting student curriculum, such as the Professional Master's Program, to complement the changing world and industry."

In addition to helping develop the program, which has led to the school being ranked the Number Two College of Engineering in the country, Brunese also recruits and advises students who are involved in the program.

Reflecting on suggestions for Webutuck students who might follow in his pathway, he said, "I was a good student, but I wasn't the most motivated. It just came easy for me. I got lucky along the way."

Part of that luck included connecting with the right people.

"When I was at Webutuck, I spent most of my time in the wood shop with Rock."

The "Rock" is also known as the popular, now retired Webutuck woodshop teacher John Roccanova, a student favorite.

"He and Erik Harvey, one of the math teachers, are the people who suggested I pursue engineering. I owe quite a bit of my initial part of my path to just spending a lot of time interacting with them. I had multiple math classes with Mr. Harvey, and I took almost everything that Mr. Rock offered. I think there was one class he taught I didn't take. They had a lot of experience with me, so I trusted their judgement."

As he works with students to help them find the right path, Brunese urges them to consider what personal traits and interests will lead them to success in their chosen field.

For engineering, which is considered to be a hot field in today's job market, he said key attributes are "the ability and interest in solving problems analytically with math and science... a fascination with using math — with using scientific principles in a creative way — which is really what makes it engineering."

He added that in the modern world, an engineer must also be a good communicator with "the ability to actually do design and create products and to see that they are used well and actually



Webutuck Class of 2001 graduate Patrick Brunese, son of John Brunese of Millerton, received the prestigious Leah H. Jamieson Leadership Award at a December 2020 ceremony for his work at the School of Engineering at Purdue University School of Engineering.

meet the needs of the people who would buy them. You have to do a good job of communicating what you did."

Born and raised in Millerton, Brunese noted that engineering requires perseverance as well as "a high degree of confidence and abilities to actually design things that meet human needs" in a field of study that "is not always easy."

In addition to STEM capacities, short for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, Brunese said "most all, engineering majors have a fairly diverse set of topics that get covered. In industrial engineering, we're taught everything from psychological aspects down to actual material needs for products and so forth. So it's very different types of perspectives that you have to internalize to use on a design problem, depending on the nature of the system you might work in. It may be intuitive, but you have to get those

basics... because at the end of the day you have to design stuff that is going to impact people in a really profound way."

Beyond preparing for a future career, however, Brunese emphasized that in college, students get to ponder future possibilities.

"You're essentially paying to have the ability to spend pretty much all of your time in thought, where you get to really engage with the life of the mind," he said. "I took that for granted a little bit as an undergrad."

As he counsels students today, however, he now encourages them to take advantage of

that time as a means of seeing what possibilities are out there and the expanding horizons.

## MILLERTON IN BRIEF

#### NECC Farmers Market outside for spring

The North East Community Center's (NECC) Farmers Market is back outside for spring.

Stop by to pick up fresh quality vegetables, fruits, herbs, pasture-raised meats, chicken, dry-cured sausage, bacon, cheeses, honey, fresh-baked breads and a host of fresh-baked pies, cakes and more.

Market hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Upcoming dates are March 27,

April 10 and April 24.

For a safe shopping experience, the Market Safety Plan requires masks, a 6-foot social distance and provides hand-washing stations and hand sanitizer.

Pre-orders for quick pick up are encouraged. For more information, call 518-789-4259 or go to [www.neccmillerton.org](http://www.neccmillerton.org).

The market is held at the Millerton Methodist Church at 6 Dutchess Ave., at the corner of Main Street.

#### OFA needs volunteers to deliver meals

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging's (OFA) Home Delivered Meals program is in immediate need of volunteer drivers to bring nutritious meals to homebound seniors in Millerton and nearby in northeastern Dutchess County.

Volunteers with their own vehicles and licenses are en-

couraged to join the team; volunteers may choose which days to deliver the meals.

Hours are between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., weekdays. Mileage can be reimbursed. COVID-19 safety protocols are observed.

To find out more, call the OFA at 845-486-2555 or email [ofa@dutchessny.gov](mailto:ofa@dutchessny.gov).

#### Virtual Teen Writing Workshop in March

Resuming in March, the NorthEast-Millerton Library is offering a Virtual Teen Writing Workshop on Fridays from 4-5:30 p.m. with local writer and poet, Abbey Gallagher. The adolescent writing workshop series is online using written prompts, physical objects,

images and much more to spark curiosity and imagination in new or regular writers.

For writers of any genre. Teens in sixth through 12th grade are welcome.

Registration is required; e-mail Abbey at [agallagher502@gmail.com](mailto:agallagher502@gmail.com).

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## What tools do you need to build your business?

You get handed your first wrench at seven, and by 14 you're swapping engines in the car you race. It gets in your blood. Not just mechanics. Building. Dominick kept building, starting his business at 24, taking out a mortgage on a broken down and abandoned train station in Pine Plains. Between fixing cars, he fixed sheetrock and plumbing.

These days, that building has four commercial spaces in addition to Factory Lane Automotive, and the racecar Dominick works on belongs to his youngest son. When you build, or rebuild, for a living, it helps to have the right tools at hand. And over the years, one of Dominick's most valuable tools has been his bank.



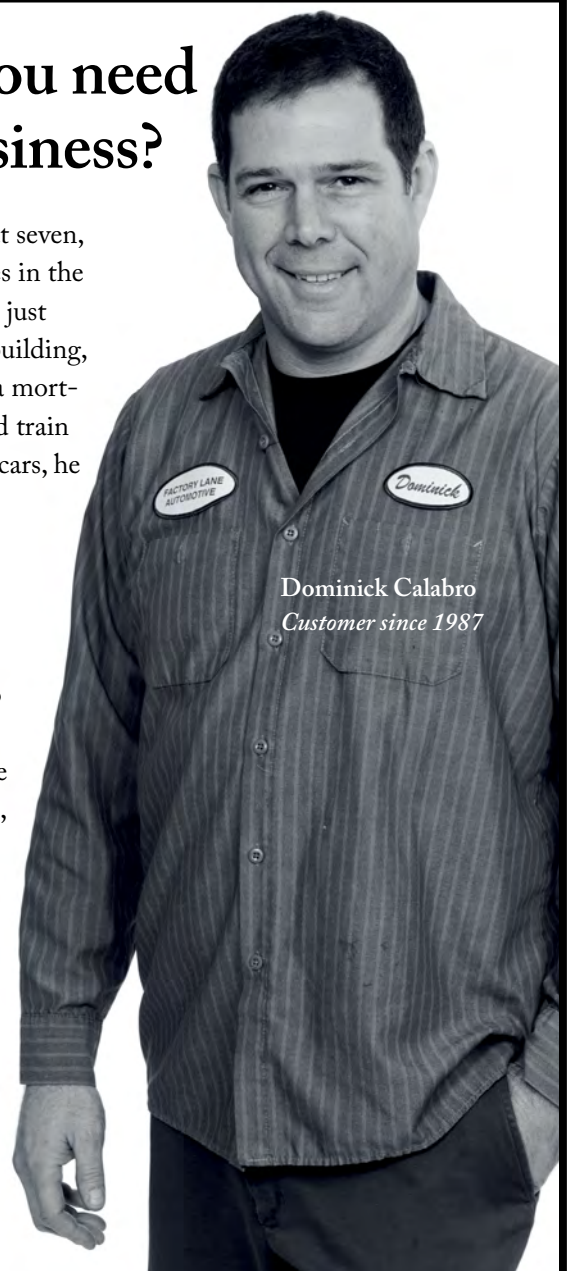
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PINE PLAINS/SPORTS/AREA

# Bombers football team tackles Spackenkill, 20-18

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PINE PLAINS — Though this year's sports season may have changed in regard to COVID-19 restrictions, the Stissing Mountain High School football team's will to work hard on the field remained intact as it faced off against Spackenkill in an away game on Friday, March 19.

Kicking off at 7 p.m., the game was held at Spackenkill High School, located at 112 Spackenkill Road in Poughkeepsie.

Leading the Pine Plains Bombers on the field, Andrew Speedling had 144 yards rushing on 13 carries and scored

a two-point conversion for Stissing Mountain. Meanwhile, Speedling's teammate, Sebastian Burmester, added 52 yards on 10 carries and scored two touchdowns, while Sid Stracher had 68 yards on eight carries.

Burmester also led the Bombers' defense with 10 tackles while Speedling and Stracher had eight tackles each. Pine Plains player Devon Hurst added to the team's defense with six tackles of his own.

Among the game's highlights, Stissing Mountain Coach Robert Scott praised the offensive line anchored by Hurst, Jason Michetti, Dalton Burns and Ryan Martin and how it wore down "an excellent

Spackenkill defense," according to the coach.

"I challenged the line all week and they performed very well tonight," Scott said with pride.

Stracher eventually scored the game-winning touchdown, resulting in the Spartans' defeat at the Bombers' hands, with a score of 18-20.

Praising the Spartans for being "a very well-coached team," Scott said, "Spackenkill is an excellent team and this was an absolute war tonight — two well-coached physical teams going after one another every play of the game. I am very proud of this team — we were gamers tonight."

# Ancram Town Board passes local law to regulate short-term rentals

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ANCRAM — Recognizing the growing phenomenon of property owners renting out their homes, especially as many city dwellers have been heading northward to escape to the country during the coronavirus pandemic, the town of Ancram enacted a local law this past December to permit and regulate short-term rentals (STRs) in town to offer STR owners guidelines for managing their property in order to minimize the impact on their neighbors and community.

**STRs in Ancram**  
Though STRs weren't considered a permitted use in Ancram prior to the local law's adoption, Ancram town Supervisor Art Bassin observed that people were already doing so in town and that it seemed a popular way for property owners to use their property when they weren't there. In recent months, he said he believes the town has just less than two dozen residents who are currently offering STRs in Ancram based on an analysis conducted by the STR monitoring and compliance company, Host Compliance.

Bassin explained that while the town decided it would permit the use of STRs, it wanted to have some oversight on how they operated in Ancram. In a way, he said, the Town Board passed the local law "to recognize that this was a phenomenon we weren't going to block."

"I think most of us believe that when you own a property, you should be able to do what you want without creating a disturbance to your neighbors," Bassin noted. "I think we're putting into place the kind of oversight that will protect the community and the property owner at the same time."

The local law regarding STRs was adopted at the Ancram Town Board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020. That same month, the Town Board amended the town's zoning law to include policy, procedures and standards governing STRs, according to an e-mail sent from Bassin in recent months.

After it was filed with New York State, the local law officially went into effect on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, and can now be found on the Town of Ancram website, www.ancramny.org, under "Local Law #2 of 2020."

On Friday, Jan. 29, Bassin released an e-mail detailing new guidelines for STRs in Ancram, which requires all STRs to comply by Monday, June 7. STRs were defined in the e-mail as the use of land for "rental for payment of a portion of a dwelling unit, entire dwelling unit, accessory apartment, free-standing accessory dwelling or portion of a free-standing accessory dwelling."

The term also refers to "the rental for payment of a portion or whole part of a property where no principal or accessory use building exists." For both definitions, the rental involves a period of 30 consecutive days or less where the property owner may or may not be present for either a part or the

entirety of the rental.

Bassin's email stated that all STRs require a special-use permit (SUP) approved by the Ancram Planning Board. The SUP is valid for one year after which time it becomes eligible for renewal, and the SUP application requires a site plan of the property, a floor plan, photographs, proof of tax payment, septic certification, certificate of insurance, owner contact information and fees.

At this time, the proposed Ancram Building Department inspection fee is \$250 while the proposed Planning Board special permit fee is \$150 plus advertising and mailing fees.

Additionally, the SUP review process requires an inspection by Ancram Code Enforcement Officer Ed Ferratto. After the initial inspection, Bassin said the town will require that an inspection of the property be done every year. Once the property is deemed safe and up to STR standards, he said it will be up to the property owner to make sure his or her guest or guests aren't going to be disruptive. Annual renewals of both the inspection and the SUP will be required for the STR.

To comply with STR regulations, current and prospective STR owners can contact the Ancram Building Department via email at buildingdepartment@ancramny.org or via phone at 518-329-6512, ext. 207 where they can arrange an inspection of the premises with Ferratto. STR owners must have a short term rental building permit application from the Ancram Building Department, which will allow the inspection of their property.

STR owners may also obtain an SUP application form from Planning Board Secretary John Hoffman by emailing planning-board@ancramny.org or calling 518-329-6512, ext. 205. Once the SUP application is completed, it can be submitted to Hoffman

either by email, by faxing it to 518-329-6535 or a hard copy may be dropped of by appointment to 1416 County Route 7 in Ancram.

Concerning his hopes for this new local law, Bassin said, "This is a phenomenon that we are watching carefully, and we hope the neighbors will be responsible and careful and that everything works out."

**Hillsdale transient rentals**

Meanwhile, in the neighboring town of Hillsdale, local officials have been pleased to see how well STRs are operating in town since the Hillsdale Town Board adopted the local law in December of 2019 to regulate transient rentals. Transient rentals were previously defined by former Hillsdale town Supervisor Peter Cipkowski as "the rental or lease of any dwelling to a 'Transient Guest' for a period of fewer than 30 days [excluding hotels, motels, inns and B&Bs]," and can include listings booked through online rental platforms like Airbnb and HomeAway. A copy of the transient rental law can be found on the town's website at www.hillsdale.ny.gov.

Considering the benefits of having STRs available in Hillsdale and how the majority of renters are weekenders, Hillsdale Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Craig Norton said, "It's the same for most places, at least for most of our little towns, is that the short-term rental thing cuts both ways: It's a benefit to the local economy as much as it can bring into town, but it also puts pressure on the already tight rental housing market. Rents have become harder to find and less affordable."

For the sake of efficiency, Norton said the town isn't forcing people to register en masse, but rather "letting them dribble in, in organic fashion." Likewise, he said they haven't set a deadline for when people can register or shut down their homes.

## DEC FOREST RANGER REPORT

The following information was provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers, of recent Forest Ranger actions. The DEC Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured or distressed people from across New York State.

In 2020, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 492 search and rescue missions, extinguished 192 wildfires that burned a total of more than 1,122 acres, participated in eight prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 203 acres and worked on cases that resulted in 3,131 tickets or arrests.

**Hillsdale brush fire**

Friday, March 12, 10:30 p.m., DEC's Central Dispatch received a request from Columbia County 911 for Forest Ranger support for a wildfire in the town of Hillsdale.

Forest Ranger Gullen re-

sponded. The brush fire was approximately 8 acres and fire crews were able to contain it by constructing a fire line with water support. Due to heavy winds, hot spots flared up on the hilltop, extending mop up operations.

On Saturday, March 13, at 12:30 a.m., the fire was declared out and firefighters were clear of the scene.

"During New York's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, more people are enjoying the outdoors than ever before and our Forest Rangers are on the front lines to help people get outside responsibly and get home safely," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, urging New Yorkers to abide by safety regulations and to take special care when conditions are ripe for wildfires this spring.

In an effort to reduce the number of spring brush fires, New York State's residential brush burning ban is in effect through May 14. For more information, go to: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical.

# Feeling lucky at The Pond

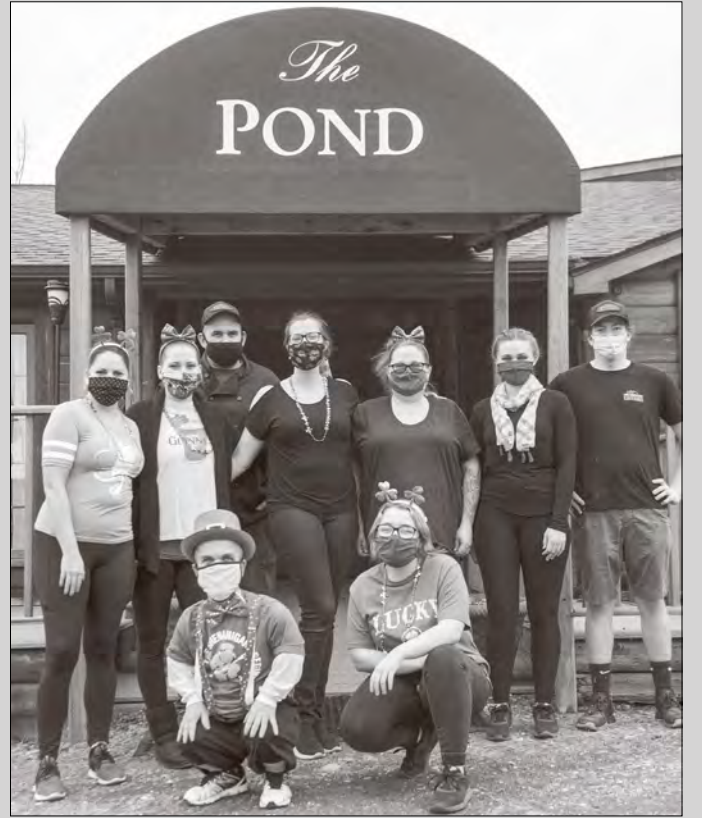
ANCRAMDALE — Staff and customers alike at The Pond Restaurant, located at 711 County Route 3, were feeling the luck of the Irish on Wednesday, March 17, as an apparent leprechaun stopped by to spread some St. Patrick's Day cheer.

Dressed in green from head to toe, Brian Reese of Winsted, Conn., said he was pleased to play the part of the leprechaun and had fun passing out flowers and green beaded necklaces to customers at The Pond. He also helped deliver curbside pickup to their cars.

Delighted by the customers' response to this quirky promotional idea, restaurant co-owner Robert Castellano said Reese, a longtime friend, enjoyed taking photos with all of the customers and staff members.

"We have been friends and fishing buddies for 15 years," said Castellano. "He is great guy that's had it rough. He has had to have over 28 surgeries because of his dwarfism and remains the most positive and happy guy."

Castellano said Reese



From left, rear, staff members of The Pond Restaurant in Ancramdale including Amanda Tyler, pictured with owners Paige and Rob Castellano, along with Elizabeth Sprague, Lea Ann Barlow, Hannah Barlow and Patrick Merrill, who celebrated St. Patrick's Day with help from friend Brian Reese, who played the part of a leprechaun, joined by staff member Kamarin Meiller, in front.

told him he hopes to come back next year for St. Patrick's Day to help celebrate the holiday again — hopefully without any pandemic restrictions.

— Kaitlin Lyle

## PINE PLAINS IN BRIEF

### FRIENDS of library offers art/activity kits

The FRIENDS of the Pine Plains Library is providing spring-themed Grab 'n' Go art/activity kits for children 4 years and up, at the Pine Plains Free Library.

Grab 'n' Go kits are FREE to children and the young at heart who will enjoy the ac-

tivity with the children in their life. The kits maybe picked up from the Pine Plains Free Library during operational hours.

The library is located at 7775 South Main St., it can be reached at 518-398-1927. For more information, go online to www.pineplainslibrary.org.

### Teen diversity group

Students at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School and Taconic Hills High School have a new group focused on social justice issues and are looking for members.

Weekly Zoom meetings are held on Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. To join, send an email to diversifypineplains@gmail.com.

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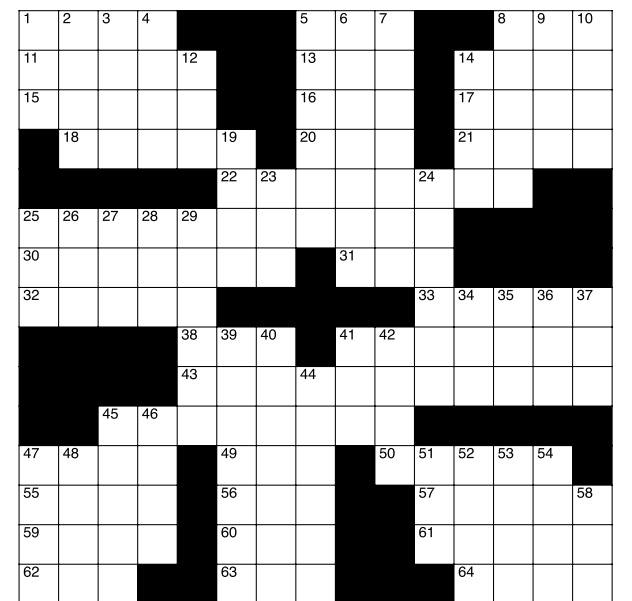
# Brain Teasers

### CLUES ACROSS

- As soon as possible
- Gateway (Arabic)
- Doctors' group
- Madder genus of plants
- A team's best pitcher
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Go up
- Neither
- Bolivian river
- Manila hemp
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- British School
- Human reproductive organs
- Surrenders
- Dog with long, silky coat and drooping ears
- Sun up in New York
- Lead alloy
- Eastern Asian plant
- Rapid deployment force (abbr.)
- Japanese warrior
- Festivity
- Interruptions
- Nonsense (slang)
- Data mining methodology (abbr.)
- Calvary sword
- French river
- Global business conference (abbr.)
- Afflicted
- Con man's game
- No (Scottish)
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Fish
- Camera term (abbr.)
- Impudence

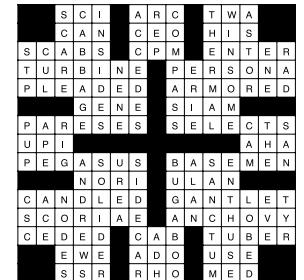
### CLUES DOWN

- A continuous portion of a circle
- Genus of seabirds
- Infant's dining accessory
- Native Americans from Arizona
- Popular fruit
- Poisonous plant
- Scolded
- Assists
- Hand (Spanish)
- Amazon product identifying system (abbr.)
- Basics
- Cain and \_\_\_
- Malaria
- Indicates particular shape
- Respiratory disease
- Central Standard Time

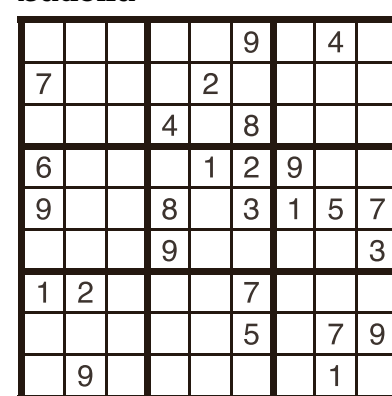


- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- Resistance fighters
- Speak disrespectfully of

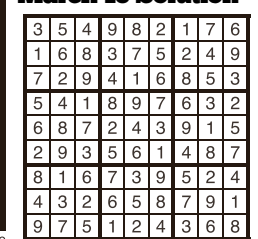
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# Honoring women who have sparked positive change in our community and the world

In honor of Women's History Month in March, students at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., interviewed four remarkable Tri-state area women.

## Maria Horn, Salisbury

By Victoria Fertig

While working on Wall Street, in the U.S. Attorney's office and as a Connecticut state representative for the 64th District, Maria Horn has successfully navigated being a woman in predominantly male fields.

Her first job after college was at J.P. Morgan, where she was initially assigned to work on the trading floor, a field where few women worked.

In this first out-of-college work experience, she learned to laugh at jokes that she later realized were inappropriate, trying to make it seem like she could take it and also wanting to get along with her colleagues.

After four years working on Wall Street, she realized that she wasn't driven by finance and made the choice to go to law school, with the ultimate goal of working in the public sector.

Horn joined the U.S. Attorney's office in the same year many other women were hired. Due to the hierarchical structure of this job, these women all started together in the Criminal Division, where they were able to bond over their shared experiences and struggles.

Later, after her two children were born, she felt judged by her male colleagues because she prioritized getting home at a certain time and had to sacrifice some of the face-time and camaraderie in the office.

Horn's career in the Legislature began in a similar way: She was elected in 2018, the same year as many other women. They shared similar experiences despite their different backgrounds.

After contemplating running for office at various times, Horn had decided she needed to take action after the 2016 presidential election. She went into her campaign with a commitment to the idea that "government can be a force for the good."

She was elected to a second term last November. Her campaign and current work are focused on protecting the environment, economic fairness, income equality and public health, among many other important issues to our community.

She talked about how income inequality especially affects our community, where the wealthy accrue more wealth while for others, wages have been stagnant despite their productivity.

Now in her second term in office, she has a sense of what has worked for her as a legislator and what lessons she can share with the next group of women in these roles.

She wants to create more room for women of all backgrounds, to help pave the way

for them, and get them into leadership positions.

## Jacqueline Rice, Salisbury

By Katie Farrington

When she was growing up here in Salisbury, Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service Chief of Service Jacquie Rice often saw her parents' interests in and devotion to helping their community.

Her father was a banker, and heavily involved with the FFA chapter at Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Her mother was the town's tax collector. Both were members of different boards, and were involved at their church as well.

They had a clear love for helping those around them and were Jacquie's inspiration to get more involved in community service; they stressed the importance of giving back to the town and community that had helped to raise her.

Jacquie knew that she had to volunteer and contribute but she needed to find something of interest to her. At the time, many of her friends were Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and firefighters and they encouraged Jacquie to join them, even inviting her along on calls.

Her involvement led to many achievements, as she became a vital member and leader of these community organizations. She has especially enjoyed the opportunity to help train and teach new EMTs.

She was also the first woman firefighter in the Lakeville Hose Company. Within a year of her arrival, other women were able to join. As a firefighter, she had to prove herself more than the men did and she had to be careful not to make mistakes. The more she proved herself the more they accepted her.

Jacquie never let the challenges of being a woman in traditionally male-dominated fields stop her. She teaches math and finds that there aren't many other female math teachers.

Jacquie Rice did not set out to be a role model but through her determined vision to serve and to make a difference, she has inspired countless young men and women to follow their dreams with conviction, purpose and consequence and to lead lives of resonating impact.

## Jennifer Dowley, Millerton

By Olivia Torchen

Jennifer Dowley is a woman determined to make a difference. A natural leader, her impact in our community as well as across the country has been profound. Through her leadership of nonprofit and philanthropic organizations, she has facilitated transformative innovations in our area, fostering positive change and progress specifically in the arts, education, environment and social services.

Dowley's dedication to community service stems from her love of the arts. From a very

young age, the arts played a large role in Dowley's identity. She spent many years working with the federal arts agency in Washington, D.C., and has consulted with artist foundations across the country. This love for the arts and her dedication to improving aspects of the world through art led Dowley into community service.

Following work in San Francisco and D.C., where she worked with the National Endowment for the Arts as the director of museums and visual arts, she pursued a friend's recommendation to apply for the director's position at the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (BTCF), based in Sheffield, Mass.

Under Dowley's leadership for nearly 17 years, the growth of Berkshire Taconic spiked, as did its influence in the community; the foundation's assets increased from \$9.9 million to \$121 million, and the number of funds expanded from 161 to 550.

Dowley launched BTCF initiatives to address core community needs in education, housing and the arts that helped to improve quality of life in the four counties in the three states that BTCF serves.

One of Dowley's most consequential projects established education enrichment funds at public schools in the region. This program brought financial support to various school activities, projects and trips. Dowley's vision inspired dozens of community programs and the distribution of \$104.3 million in funding to support these initiatives.

Dowley retired from Berkshire Taconic in December 2015 and now works with foundations throughout the country. She also serves on the board of the nonprofit Wassaic Project in Wassaic, N.Y., which uses art and arts education to foster positive social change.

As a woman, Dowley has sometimes confronted challenges over the course of her career, particularly in leadership positions where she sometimes felt underestimated.

This was most pronounced at the beginning of her career, when she worked with a different generation with different gender assumptions.

This underestimation only pushed Dowley to continue to work hard and stay focused on her goals. Her dedication has stimulated positive and ongoing change in our community. Through her leadership, she not only helped transform the region but also created new possibilities and hope for the future.

## Dana Cowin, NYC & Amenia

By Kwaku Agyapong

Growing up in Manhattan, Dana Cowin describes a comfortable childhood that was marked by an early passion for supporting those in need. She first became involved with nonprofit organizations in high school, when she and a group of students raised about \$300 for Asphalt Green, an organization focused on providing high-quality sports, swim and fitness instruction to people living in the urban areas of New York.

Cowin refers to this contribution as minor, but it marked the beginning of her life's dedication to service.

Later on in life, in 1995, Cowin started her 20-year tenure as editor-in-chief of Food and Wine magazine. In addition to an unusually long time as the head of a major magazine, she is also proud of having introduced and expanded the annual Best New Chefs Award and the Most Innovative Women in Food and Drink issue, which allowed her, she said, "to uncover what I would call food celebrities who are helping feed the world."

Cowin has also worked with City Harvest and Hot Bread Kitchen, both of which are organizations focused on providing aid for those suffering from food insecurity in the city.

She's on the board of the Food Education Fund, as well as on the advisory board of Women in Hospitality United and on the Food Council of City Harvest. City Harvest in particular approaches this problem by redistributing excess food from restaurants in the city, to food pantries and relief centers.

Being from The Bronx, N.Y., myself, I was familiar with the organization, and the various relief programs that were put in place around the city during the pandemic. Hundreds if not thousands of boxes of fresh produce, canned goods and other non-perishables were put in depots in the city and distributed by local community members, bringing communities even closer together in their time of struggle.

Neighbors looked out for each other; the at-risk elderly with no family members to take care of them were never forgotten.

During our interview, Cowin stated that there was no reason why citizens of one of the wealthiest countries in the world should be dying of starvation. The problem with our system did not stem from the lack of production, but a lack of access. Certain communities, whether urbanized or rural, do not get the attention they deserve and would benefit from infrastructure set in place to distribute extra goods.

Following her retirement from Food and Wine, Cowin (who splits her time between New York City and Amenia), created Speaking Broadly, a podcast in which she "conducts intimate interviews with brilliant, powerful women in the food world about their lives and careers."

During the pandemic, Dana and a partner founded www.Roar.NY (Relief Opportunities for All Restaurants). They have raised more than \$3,000,000 to assist more than 5,000 laid-off NYC restaurant workers.

Her years of work have given Cowin invaluable insight and wisdom and demonstrated her passion and capacity to improve life for others. She said she is grateful to those she has worked with who understand her mission and dedication enough to support and empower her work as one of the first and most prominent women in her field.

## OBITUARY

### Marvin W. Jarrett

MILLERTON — Marvin W. Jarrett, 84, a 54-year resident of Millerton, died unexpectedly on Sunday, March 21, 2021, at his home in Millerton.

The beloved husband of Penny D. Jarrett and loving father of Juan, Renee, Kendrick and Geri and a devoted grandfather and great-grandfather.

A memorial service and inurnment will take place at the

Community Mausoleum at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

A full obituary will appear in the April 1 edition of The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News, which will include the date and time of the service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence, go to [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).



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## Worship Services

Week of March 28, 2021

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<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on YouTube <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a> 860-435-9290</p>	<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a></p>
<p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE 30 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHES &amp; LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 <a href="http://www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a></p>	<p><b>Greenwoods Community Church</b> 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Connection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 <a href="http://www.greenwoodchurch.com">www.greenwoodchurch.com</a></p>
<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Steet, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-364-5634 <a href="mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net">sharonumc5634@att.net</a></p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p><b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b> 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! <a href="http://www.promisedlandbaptist.org">www.promisedlandbaptist.org</a></p>	<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour &amp; Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax <a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a> (860) 435-2627 <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a></p>
<p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: <a href="mailto:mmgates125@gmail.com">mmgates125@gmail.com</a> for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> Join our virtual service on Sunday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at <a href="mailto:jojokialoi@gmail.com">jojokialoi@gmail.com</a> All are Welcome</p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.thesmithfieldchurch.org">www.thesmithfieldchurch.org</a> 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 <a href="mailto:Lakevillemethodist@snet.net">Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</a></p>
<p><b>Sharon Congregational Church</b> 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Visit our website <a href="http://sharoncongregationalchurch.org">sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> for current online sermons. Bible Study Guides also available by request: <a href="mailto:info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org">info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> Or contact us at 860-364-5002</p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 am, Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
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## MILLERTON IN BRIEF

### Learn about climate change

Children interested in becoming ambassadors for the Earth are invited to take part in the online Intro to Climate Change program hosted by the NorthEast-Millerton Library.

Open to students in grades third through sixth, the program will be led by members of The Hotchkiss School's Students for Environmental Action and held every Wednesday at 4 p.m. By participating in this series, students will have the chance to learn about different aspects of the environment.

Sign up by emailing Kristin McClune at [kmcclune@nemillertonlibrary.org](mailto:kmcclune@nemillertonlibrary.org).

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Village of Millerton 2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 5th, 2021, at 6:05 p.m., which will be televised live through the Village of Millerton's Facebook page. Please refer to the Village website for more information, [www.villageofmillerton.com](http://www.villageofmillerton.com), a copy of the Tentative 2021-2022 Budget will be on the Village website for review on March 24, 2021. The Mayors salary will be \$7,255.00, Deputy Mayor's salary will be \$4,877.00 and Trustees salary will be \$3,251.00 each.

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## 33 Year Memory of Lynn and Gregg Lamay

— March 26, 1988 —

So much time, it just does not seem real.  
Has it been this long since we said goodbye?  
Since we looked for answers to the why?  
Then realized there was no point to try,  
And figure out why you left so young.  
Days and weeks, now months and years gone by.  
We cried until we had no tears to cry.  
The answer, I guess, didn't really matter,  
You had left and time continued on.  
It didn't stop because you guys were gone.  
Even though it felt like time stood still,  
And interfered with our sense of will,  
We learned to do our best without you here,  
And know within our hearts that you are near.

We Love you Lynn,  
We Love you Gregg,  
Your sister and aunt Ruth,  
Your niece and cousin Bobbie-Jo



AMENIA/DOVER

# Spring takes root in Wingdale with Tree-Planting Field Day

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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WINGDALE — Welcoming with open arms the arrival of spring and the return of visitors to the farm at 147 Old Forge Road, the Harlem Valley Homestead (HVH), in partnership with the Housatonic Valley Association (HVA) kicked off the first day of spring by inviting volunteers to help plant trees in the Tenmile River Watershed at a Tree-Planting Field Day held on Saturday, March 20.

HVH sent out an invitation for people to sign up for the family-friendly community work party on its website, www.harlemvalleyhomestead.com, noting volunteers would be planting indigenous trees and shrubs along the Tenmile River and around the Homestead's ponds to help continue its efforts to protect local wetlands and watersheds. By 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, 30 people were signed up for the field day, all of whom arrived wearing face masks and maintaining as much distance between each other as they could manage. Additional masks were provided at the sign-in table in front of the farmhouse.

"I think it really shows people's commitment to the envi-



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, the Harlem Valley Homestead property in Wingdale drew 30 registered participants who helped plant trees along the Tenmile River and around the ponds on their property.

ronment and [finding] ways to be together during the pandemic," Harlem Valley Homestead Managing Director Lynn Martin said, "and it feels great for us on the farm to have people back on the farm. I think people are hungry for connection and it's a great way to connect... What better way than protect the river we love that runs through here on the first day of spring?"

Once the majority of participants had checked in, they were led across the farm to the prop-

erty's two ponds where their work would begin. More people would join them over the next hour. Before they were free to get their hands dirty for a good cause, members of the HVA providing a few tree-planting basics. Taking a bucket of dogwood and willow plants in hand, attendees were encouraged to plug the plants about a foot into the ground, at which point the branches would reach the water table where they could take root and grow. After volunteers



Walking hand in hand around the Harlem Valley Homestead, Kamal Persaud and his daughter, Avani, 6, helped plant trees to help strengthen the local environment in partnership with the Housatonic Valley Association.

finished at the ponds, they were shown where to start planting along the river.

"We do plantings throughout the watershed," said Housatonic Valley Association Tenmile River Watershed Manager Amanda Cabanillas, adding that

any planting along a steam corridor helps reduce the impact of flooding and erosion and improves water quality.

With this year marking the second Tree-Planting Field Day between HVH and HVA, Cabanillas remarked, "It feels

so good to see the community come together to connect with the river and the surrounding water bodies and build a community around protecting water quality."

Included in the varieties of trees and shrubs they were given to plant, Cabanillas said participants were given red osier dogwood and a few native willows. Because these plants are native to the area, she said they'll provide habitat for animals and help shade the sides of the river to keep the water cool; the roots will also help hold the bank together and filter the water as it moves through the water table.

With sturdy shoes on their feet, a bucket of plants in their hands and the drive to give back to the earth and strengthen the local environment, volunteers walked down to the water's edge and pushed the plants into the ground with care and precision.

Between the quaint farm landscape and the idyllic spring weather, neither organizers nor participants could have asked for a better day to plant the trees. After taking a break in the afternoon for lunch, attendees continued their work with gusto. To thank them for their efforts, HVH invited everyone to stick around at day's end for a tour of the farm and treats at the farmhouse.

## BOE examines 2021-22 proposed BOCES, Webutuck budgets

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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WEBUTUCK — With 2021-22 budget planning underway, the North East (Webutuck) Central School District Board of Education (BOE) turned its attention over to presentations by the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) School Business Official Matt Metzger and Webutuck Business Administrator Robert Farrier on Monday, March 15, to get a glimpse at next year's budgets.

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### BOCES Budget

Metzger broke the proposed BOCES budget financial structure into three major categories: programs and services, capital and rentals and administrative. He reminded the BOE that BOCES doesn't have a fund balance at the end of the year.

"We close our books, we take our revenues and our expenditures and then the amount that's left over," he said, "and hopefully it is a positive surplus that goes back to the school districts."

Metzger highlighted the challenges BOCES has faced in this year's budget development, noting BOCES must continue to offer programs and services that are cutting edge and meet the districts' needs while remaining cost effective. Additionally, he reported that, by law, BOCES retiree health insurance costs must be paid through the administrative budget, and that nearly 70% of the administrative budget is retiree health insurance costs.

To date, the proposed 2021-22 administrative budget for BOCES has been calculated at

\$7,051,000, indicating a 2.36% decrease from last year's budget.

Marking a 20.10% decrease from last year, the proposed capital budget for next year totals \$1,154,489. Next year's administrative and capital billings for Webutuck have been calculated at \$98,872, indicating a \$380 decrease from last year.

Responding to component requests, he highlighted the new programs planned for next year, including a career exploration program at the Career & Technical Institute, a proposed Center of Educational Equity and Social Justice, a shared data privacy specialist and a proposed Center for Sustainability and Climate Education.

Come Tuesday, April 27, Metzger said the component Boards of Education will vote on the administrative budget and BOCES Board members; final service requests will be due to BOCES by Friday, May 7.

This year's BOCES Board member nominees include Marie Johnson and Robert Rubin from Wappingers; Richard Keller-Coffey from Webutuck; Edward McCormick from Arlington; and Karen Smythe from Red Hook. BOCES Board seats are for three-year terms, starting July 1 through June 30, 2024.

### Webutuck budget

Kicking off his first presentation on the 2021-22 budget development process, Farrier referenced the 2020-21 adopted budget and tax levy, which totals \$23,909,545 while the tax levy comes to \$15,600,509. Next year's rollover budget comes to \$24,583,227, marking an increase of \$673,682 (or 2.8%) from last year's budget. In addition to contractual salary obligations and district benefits, Farrier

remarked that the rollover budget includes changes to special education out-of-district placement, changes to BOCES and debt service.

Farrier reported the 2020-21 allowable tax cap is 4.2% (or \$661,780), which he said is the allowable tax cap levy "once you take into consideration and put it into the formula and you're allowed to exclude capital debt payments, BOCES capital debt payments and transportation."

That would equate to a levy of \$16,262,289, and Farrier said the BOE will be looking at lower options while still keeping services constant.

Looking at the tax levy calculation, Farrier projected the district's revenue sources and how state aid is the second largest component other than the levy itself, though he stressed that "it's the unknown" factor in the budget process. Altogether, the amount to fund the rollover budget comes to \$16,208,928.

Factors that the BOE still needs to consider include the unknown medical costs, identifying efficiencies and reductions and if there will be any anticipated increase in the town of Amenia's overall assessment from development.

Farrier said the BOE has the option of keeping the district's programs as they are with some small additions and a 4.2% tax levy, or keeping the programs as they are by finding efficiencies and reductions and a 3.90% tax levy. A levy any less than the above options, he said, will have serious implications to services and staff. Stressing that this is an initial budget presentation, Farrier said the district will be able to pinpoint revenue once it knows more details.

## Workshop on alternatives to pain relief

WASSAIC — From arthritis and carpal tunnel syndrome to sprains and sciatica, the World Peace Sanctuary offered community members the chance to learn about holistic approaches to body ailments at its recent Edgar Cayce Remedies workshop held at the sanctuary at 26 Benton Road on Saturday, March 20.

Running from 1 to 4 p.m., attendees broadened their knowledge of Cayce's remedies through videos and demonstrations as well as through consultations with longtime Edgar Cayce educator Jack Rosen.

They were also given a chance to expand their understanding during the Q&A session held in the workshop's final hour.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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All while keeping their faces properly covered and maintaining a safe distance from one another, community residents learned a holistic approach to arthritis and other ailments at the Edgar Cayce Remedies workshop held at the World Peace Sanctuary on Saturday afternoon, March 20.

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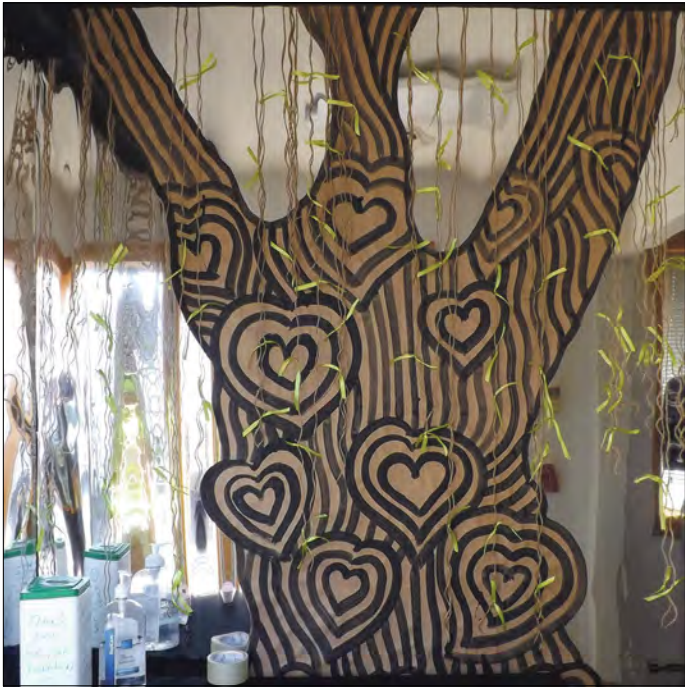
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As they toured the new Willow Roots space at 7730 South Main St., community members were invited to tie a ribbon on the willow tree crafted by Willow Roots Board Vice President Brett McCormack that's stationed in the lobby.

and you definitely showed that when you rallied together to help us."

Telling the story of how Willow Roots first took root in Pine Plains, Lisa introduced the group to Bruce Silvernale, whom she described as the willow root that started their work. From that moment on, she said they realized they were "going to need a bigger boat" and their efforts flourished as they continued to feed, clothe and provide for more people in need of support.

Whether they've been a receiver or a giver of Willow Roots' services, Lisa told the crowd that each and every one of them has become a part of the Willow Roots family.

"When we were asked to leave, or told we should leave... we had a hard time," she admitted. "Nelson and I kept it quiet and then at one time we decided we were going to give up. We didn't think we could go through with it anymore; we were tired and we thought that maybe the community didn't really need us as much as we thought — and

you guys all proved us wrong."

It was with the community's support, Lisa said, that she and Nelson realized Willow Roots didn't belong to them at all and they had no right to make the decision to give up. Choosing instead to fight, they were able to secure the space that she said will be the pantry's home for as long as the community still wants them. Previously occupied by the former thrift store, Pass It On, the Zayases learned of the space through its owner, Kyle Lougheed.

Once the pantry's board members and volunteers had a chance to speak their peace, the Zayases invited Silvernale to stand beside them to tie on the willow tree's first ribbon, and with a snip of the scissors in Lisa's hand, the ribbon was cut and the pantry was officially opened for operation. A line soon formed up the walkway for visitors to tour the new space and tie on ribbons, and volunteers began arriving to distribute food at 11 a.m., for a rare Sunday morning distribution.

**JOURNEY** *Continued from Page A1*

calls, emails and texts to Willow Roots and to the Zayases, who said they were overwhelmed by the show of support.

"It was because of your paper," said Lisa of the final outcome, which has been especially gratifying after being "blindsided" by what she described as her neighbors' "lack of sympathy and lack of compassion" at her and her husband's mission to feed people who had gone hungry — particularly challenging during the coronavirus pandemic.

"We just felt that we had to act," she said. "We didn't realize that anyone would be upset that we were helping people who came to us who had lost their jobs or who couldn't feed their families. I guess we were naive. We didn't think anyone would be upset or that we would need a permit; we didn't do any of this to win medals. We just did this quietly."

Despite the litigation, Lisa said she is "so grateful this is how the end came out.

"It would have been nice if [our neighbors] came and we discussed their complaints, but because your paper came and did the articles, we are where we are

and got to this spot. It got us to this point and I couldn't be any happier. I've got a great landlord, wonderful space, the community has embraced us; 20 of the most amazing volunteers came last week with a flatbed to move us... this is a great community."

She doesn't fault the Planning Board, either, but rather praised it for doing its job.

"I don't want to be bitter," she said. "I'm a little sad they didn't come to us and talk to us [about their issue with the pantry]."

"I have to tell you that the community, they definitely were so overwhelmingly positive and no nonsense. They said, 'we will get you out of there.' People from everywhere reached out: old friends outside the area, there was an outpouring of concern. It was so incredible, the outrage of someone doing this to us. People asked, 'why are they picking on you?'" said Lisa, adding a number of spaces were considered. "This is a small town. Literally everyone was talking about it, saying, 'you're on the front page,' and reaching out to us on Facebook. Young and old alike — not one age group was not worried about us. The frustration hit

more people than I could have imagined."

One person who was clearly affected was Kyle Lougheed, owner and operator of Ginocchio Electric, Inc., and the pair's new landlord.

"What he gave us, literally, is more than we could ever could have hoped for," said Lisa, adding Lougheed offered the couple commercial space next to where his business is located on South Main Street, where the former consignment shop Pass It On was once located. "It was a verbal agreement. He said, 'we trust you to come here.' It was a handshake. He said, 'come, we need you here.' We're surrounded with the firehouse across the street, the post office on the left and there are some residences around, too."

Willow Roots immediately began distributing food out of 7730 South Main St. after the ribbon cutting on Sunday, a rarity; it will now revert to holding distribution days on the first, third and fourth Saturdays of the month from 11 a.m. to noon.

Donations, however, should continue to be dropped off at 23 North Main St., as no one will

be at the new South Main Street location to accept deliveries. Willow Roots will continue to operate its office out of 23 North Main Street; its phone number remains 518-592-1298.

As always, the food pantry relies on not only food donations, but monetary donations to get by. Lisa said she did notice an uptick in donations once the community learned of the conflict with Carla Terrace neighbors.

Another way to donate to Willow Roots is through the Amazon Smiles program when buying online through the Amazon website. That sometimes brings in a couple of hundred of dollars to the pantry a month.

In April, the Pine Plains Community Food Locker requested Willow Roots take a break on the second Saturday of the month, to allow the Food Locker a chance to attract more clients. Lisa said it was a "great idea," that it's worked out really well for both groups. The Food Locker runs out of the Pine Plains Methodist Church on 3023 Church St. (Route 199), and has done so for years. To contact the Food Locker, call 518-398-6312.

**AG LITERACY WEEK** *Continued from Page A1*

ment and the New York State Department of Ag & Markets, knew its mission was then, as it is now, to help educate children about agriculture through reading at the grade-school level.

Volunteers typically go into the classroom and read books especially chosen to help teach children about the importance of farming and agriculture to produce the foods and beverages that feed the nation and the world that are grown right here, in New York.

This year, Ag Literacy Week ran Monday through Friday, March 15 through 19, but scheduling has been difficult because of the COVID-19 health crisis. Difficult, but not impossible; some readings were postponed, others were done virtually.

The book chosen to be read to students in grades first through third was "Chuck's Ice Cream Wish (Tales of the Dairy Godmother)," written by Viola Butler and illustrated by Art Jenkins. In



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Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19), bottom right, a farmer from Pine Plains, took to Zoom and read "Chuck's Ice Cream Wish (Tales of the Dairy Godmother)," written by Viola Butler and illustrated by Art Jenkins for this year's Agriculture Literacy Week for the NorthEast-Millerton Library on Tuesday, March 16.

this tale, Chuck is taken to a dairy farm by his dairy godmother, and learns all about dairy farming and where his favorite ice cream actually comes from and how it's produced.

After the book was read to the students and discussed with the classes, including a talk about the farming industry, copies were

donated to the various school libraries, so they can be re-read and enjoyed throughout the year and in future years. The knowledge gleaned from such readings and discussions will undoubtedly last a lifetime. So, too, will the fun ice cream making kits that many of the students in both Dutchess and Columbia Counties who participated in the program got to enjoy — after the New York Ag-in-the-Classroom funded the purchase of half-and-half so those children could experience what fresh ice cream tastes like.

In the rural Harlem Valley,

where so many families live among working farms, students got to appreciate what goes into farming. They also learned about the hard work so many of their neighboring farmers put in to producing the fresh and delicious products they get to enjoy in their daily lives. Through the program they also learned about the processing of raw products and how the consumer contributes to the food chain.

To volunteer to read in next year's program, contact your local Cornell Cooperative Extension for more information.

**STATE OF THE COUNTY** *Continued from Page A1*

and its many municipalities have proven that "even in the darkness, hope persists."

"Throughout the year, I witnessed hope that came from the work we did as a county, to fill the breach, provide information, assistance, relief, supplies and calm, consistent, capable leadership," the long-time lawmaker said. "We will never be perfect, but I am proud that when others were unreachable, this county government answered the call."

As the county worked to care for its roughly 300,000 residents, Molinaro highlighted what it was able to achieve in 2020 in order to navigate the once-in-a-century pandemic.

He spoke about work done with reduced staff creating emergency shelters and additional care capacity facilities; allocating more than \$1 million in housing stability and eviction prevention; establishing the Dutchess County Business Notification Network to send out emergency information during the health crisis; and allocating \$197,685 for the COVID-19 Childcare Relief Scholarships.

Envisioning 2021 as a year of renewed hope, Molinaro shared his aspirations and initiatives as the county works on "rebuilding, retooling and rising from this pandemic into a new era of progress, prosperity and growth."

Tackling housing and homelessness, Molinaro reported the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development (DCDPD) aims to conduct a for-sale housing survey and develop an updated housing needs assessment to study its existing housing stock and affordability. The DCDPD also plans to evaluate the gap between existing housing opportunities and needs

and explore ways to meet those needs. According to the county executive's office, the planning department is also working on a bold new initiative focused on planning for a "housing village" to provide temporary housing to those in need of living arrangements.

The county has also made police reform a priority, following an Executive Order from Governor Andrew Cuomo that all police agencies statewide update their policies and procedures by April 1 or possibly miss out on state aid in the future. Like all other police departments across New York, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) updated its policy book, and its new reform plan was formally adopted by the Dutchess County Legislature on Monday, March 8 (for a full report on the DCSO Police Reform and Modernization Plan, go to [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com)). Molinaro was a big supporter of Sheriff Butch Anderson's efforts, who helped shape those new policies.

Molinaro also assisted with the co-location of the county's HELPLINE app and 911 Call Center services to improve access to law enforcement as well as medical, fire and mental health services.

Regarding county parks and recreation opportunities, Molinaro mentioned upcoming improvements, highlighting the critical fixess at Dutchess Stadium to prepare for the Hudson Valley Renegades' first season as affiliates of the New York Yankees (for more, go to [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com)).

Molinaro's 2021 State of the County Address can be viewed in full online, at [www.dutchessny.gov](http://www.dutchessny.gov).

**WOMEN HONORED** *Continued from Page A1*

"While Women's History Month is always a time to reflect on the often-untold stories of trailblazing women who fought for justice, followed their passions and helped shape our world, 2021 is a particularly significant year," Barrett said. "This year's Women's History Booklet tells the stories of some of the remarkable women who called the Hudson Valley home, and it is my hope that this booklet will inspire a new generation of leaders, activists and organizers from our region."

Among the women featured, readers can learn about Dr. Sara Josephine Baker, founder of the American Child Hygiene Association; Margaret Hamilton, best known as the Wicked Witch of the West in "The Wizard of Oz" and a public education advocate; and former Dutchess County Legislator Barbara Jeter-Jackson. The booklets are distributed in collaboration with the Mid-Hudson Library System. This year, 2,000 booklets were printed, one of which made its way to the NorthEast-Millerton Library.

"We look forward to it every year," said Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson. "It is always interesting to see who is highlighted and what community they are from... It is important to highlight these women's accomplishments, to help show what is possible in spite of what box society has to create for you. Just as importantly, it shows what efforts

taken are at the local level and has a lasting impact for generations to come."

Millerton Trustee Alicia Sartori knows what it's like to be a woman who serves her community and sets an example for others. She said she's proud to see it on the library's shelf.

"These women have truly paved the path for future generations to make their mark in history," she said. "The historical point of view is very inspiring for all ages, generations, genders and for her to put it together in a nice booklet form... she's really putting together pieces of history in this area and I can tell she enjoys doing this, too."

Millerton Mayor Debbie Middlebrook also praised Barrett for making the sometimes hard to find historical information available to men and women alike in the Harlem Valley.

"As a center of our community and resource for knowledge, I think it is very important that [the] booklet be made available at our public library," she said. "It is important for women, men, girls and boys to be made aware of the accomplishments of women in our local region. The women covered in this booklet have influenced history and this should be recognized and acknowledged. I appreciate the time and effort Assemblyperson Barrett puts into this publication and thank her for doing it and giving us all an opportunity to learn more about the women leaders in our area."

Hudson Valley residents are encouraged to find Barrett's booklet at their local library. They may also find the booklet on the assemblymember's website at [www.nyassembly.gov](http://www.nyassembly.gov)/Barrett, along with her seven previous booklets.

**Send in those Easter listings before it's too late!**

Easter is Sunday, April 4, this year, which means if you have an announcement about a local holiday service or Easter activity and would like The Millerton News to announce it in its April 1 issue, you must notify the paper by Friday, March 26, at noon. Email all the details to [editor@millertonnews.com](mailto:editor@millertonnews.com); inclusion in the April 1 issue is not guaranteed. Thank you.

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## Feeling Safe To Step Into the Unknown — and Maybe Find Joy

In case we didn't already know it, COVID-19 most certainly taught or reminded us that life is uncertain and that the best way to make God laugh is to have plans.

Victoria Labalme figured this out years ago, but sees the positive in it. There's no need to lock in to one path, or to make a commitment to a choice because it seems like *The Right Thing To Do* (to you or the people around you).

Her own life started on the track familiar to so many young people in this region, with high expectations of what one is supposed to do after school. That continued into young adult life, as she traveled the world and studied the dramatic arts — while her friends settled into careers and marriages.

She felt somewhat adrift, a little alienated. And then two life-altering events took place within days of each other: Her mother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and Victoria watched the World Trade Center crumble from her bedroom window following the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Everything changed. When Labalme finally emerged from it all, she had become a successful keynote speaker and performance coach, finding the right gig for herself at a moment when finding direction had become the least important thing on her mind.

### 'AT THE EDGE OF NOT KNOWING...'

She took that as a lesson and began to do keynote speeches on, among other topics, something she calls Risk Forward. As she likes to say about this concept, and her new "Risk Forward" book:



PHOTO BY JUSTIN HOCH

**Victoria Labalme's new book, "Risk Forward," offers comfort, inspiration and a big dose of fun, for facing a world full of uncertainty and hard choices.**

"Some people in life know exactly what they want to achieve. Risk Forward is for the rest of us."

"Risk Forward" the book was started before the COVID-19 pandemic. But, Labalme said in a phone interview last week, "The message turned out to be so timely. The world is really ready for this book." That's what happens when you don't over think: Things fall into place in unexpected ways, ways that wouldn't have been possible if you'd tried to map them out.

"Risk Forward is about the value of not knowing," she said. "It's in that little window of not knowing that we need to pay attention — because once we've made a commitment, then ... we're in it."

"So the question is: How do we evaluate the choices in front of us? We all have choices, whether it's what you make for dinner or what book you pull

off the shelf or what movie you watch. With Risk Forward I want to give people permission to explore an idea — even if they don't have a plan behind it.

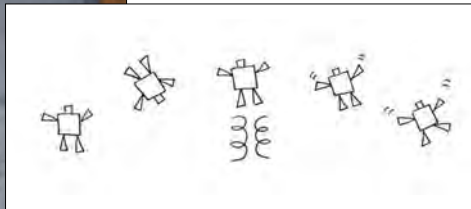
"Because at the edge of not knowing is the beginning of the extraordinary."

### A CREATIVE LIFE IN CORNWALL

One path that Labalme herself followed in an unplanned serendipitous way: Rediscovering her love of drawing, doodling, sketching.

"I was at a store in Kent [Conn.] years ago and saw something that delighted my imagination. I came home and started drawing again and that evolved over the years into the signature character I use in the book."

Labalme has spent much of her life in the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. Her father had gone to school here and fallen in love with the area. After he married,



**A springy illustration, above, helps Victoria Labalme convey her message about leaning into risk, in her new book "Risk Forward."**

George Labalme Jr. and his wife, Patsy, bought a house in Cornwall, where they raised their four children as part-time residents.

Victoria's brother, Henry Labalme, is still here in Cornwall. The family home was sold a few years ago, after George's death in 2016. But Victoria returns to the area often, visiting from her home in New York City.

Visits to Connecticut can be a perfect antidote to a life spent in Manhattan and on the road (when there isn't a pandemic).

"I think the mindset of the Northwest Corner is a very pure one," she said. "There's not a lot that I've seen up here that's about showmanship. It's about sincerity and integrity. There's a lot of creativity here, too."

Labalme was part of the creative community herself while in high school: She spent the summer when she was 17 working as the Inquiring Photographer for *The Lakeville Journal*, a job that was formative for her in some ways.

"The editor used to call me 'Victoria 17 Going on 30,'" she recalled with a laugh. "But to be taken seriously at that age ..."

On her next visit to the area, Labalme will stop by Oblong Books and Music in Millerton, N.Y., and House of Books in Kent to sign copies of "Risk Forward," which is \$24.99 and which is designed to be eminently gift-able. It's fun and easy to read and populated with the lively illustrations that have become her trademark.

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**Bunny Williams, one of America's most celebrated interior designers, will invite viewers into the home she shares with her husband, antiques dealer John Rosselli, in a Zoom fundraiser on Sunday, April 11.**

## INSIDE THE HOME OF BUNNY WILLIAMS AND JOHN ROSSELLI

Bunny Williams and her husband, John Rosselli, are more than just the most famous designer/antiques dealer partners in this part of Litchfield County, Conn.

They are also an integral part of life in the Northwest Corner, beautifying life in their home town of Falls Village with the design shop 100 Main and with Williams' contributions to the beautification of the Falls Village Inn; and the creation of the immensely successful Trade Secrets Rare Plant and Garden Antique Sale to benefit Women's Support Services, in Sharon, Conn.

Williams was the founder of Trade Secrets and remains its honorary chair. She and Rosselli also open their property each spring as one of the four featured Trade Secrets garden tours. Meanwhile, Wil-

liams and Rosselli continue with their own work in the design and furnishings fields, and continue to publish gorgeous books.

They have now extended their generosity to the town of Cornwall, Conn., where they will be interviewed in a Zoom talk fundraiser for the Cornwall Library on Sunday, April 11, at 3 p.m.

Their interviewer will be Cornwall's own nationally famous and locally generous Roxanna Robinson, a well-known and respected author and teacher, who has shared her talents with the community during the COVID quarantine by hosting workshops and online literature classes.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at [www.CornwallLibrary.org](http://www.CornwallLibrary.org). — Cynthia Hochswender

## THELONIOUS MONK FROM LITCHFIELD JAZZ, ONLINE

Jazz guitarists Peter Bernstein and Steve Cardenas, with Vincente Archer on bass and Bill Stewart on drums, perform the music of Thelonious Monk in a free online concert hosted by Litchfield Jazzfest on Friday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m.

A co-author of "The Thelonious Monk Fakebook," Cardenas was a martial arts expert and actor featured in the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers franchise in the early part of his life. In his second

act as a jazz musician he's worked with Paul McCandless, Marc Johnson, Madeleine Peyroux and Norah Jones. He's on the faculty at the New School in New York City.

Bernstein has played with Sonny Rollins, Bobby Hutcherson, George Coleman, Lou Donaldson, Dr. Lonnie Smith, Joshua Redman, Brad Mehldau, Diana Krall and others on 200 recordings.

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# Up Close and Personal With the Residents of Falls Village, Conn.

Of all the things that have disappeared from country life during the pandemic — the movie theaters, the clamorous, packed restaurants on a Friday night, the summer season of garden party fundraisers — perhaps most noticeable is the absence of the people in your daily routine.

A pivotal draw of small-town living is the sense of comforting familiarity that comes from knowing not just your neighbors, but your librarian, your barista, your dentist's receptionist, the staff at your post office ... And of course, knowing you could run into someone who knows you at any time, with all kinds of things to tell you. The smallest of errands can suddenly turn into a

half hour standing in the pharmacy as you take in an epic tale involving two properties for sale, an intergenerational feud and some pesky knotwood.

The catch-ups, the idle chatter, the fevered gossip and those winding but fascinating conversations color New England as much as the fall foliage.

"Small Town Big Talk," a civic art project now on display at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., was born both out of the spirit of that continuous community conversation and its notable absence during the pandemic. Combining interviews by Adam Sher and portraits by photographer Rebecca Bloomfield, the project provides a window into a small town

both steeped in safety-induced isolation while also connected by a sense of thoughtfulness.

In the text portion of their "Small Town" portraits, Falls Village residents like Judy Jacobs of Jacobs Garage, Ann Bidou of the former Toymakers Cafe and Housatonic Valley Regional High School teacher Vance Canon consider topics like the fear of being misunderstood, the difficulty of courteous conversation when the issues feel too big or too personal, their ecological hopes for the future and the noise of the digital age of information.

Supported by a grant from Bridging Divides, Healing Communities, a fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community

Foundation, Sher and Bloomfield's interviews are an optimistic demonstration that life continues on despite the strangest of situations.

Even in the most miniature of rural towns, residents are thinking of their neighbors, of the world at large, and contemplating how best to navigate the future.

With their subjects draped in fresh snow (the photographs were taken through the end of 2020 and the start of 2021), the photos by Bloomfield have a regal, solemn quality — these are New England residents not on the go, but standing quietly in nature with their own thoughts.

Rebecca Bloomfield and Adam Sher, along with Hunt Library assistant Meg Sher, will be led in an online conversation by Amy Wynn on Saturday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. To register for this presentation go to [www.huntlibrary.org](http://www.huntlibrary.org) or call 860-824-7424.

"Small Town Big Talk" is on display at the Hunt Library through May 28. To see the project online go to [www.huntlibrary.org/art-wall](http://www.huntlibrary.org/art-wall). In-person visiting hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 3 to 7 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Small Town Big Talk" the hardcover photo book is available for purchase at the library for \$60.

## SHOWING HOW YOUNG PEOPLE SEE THE WORLD

The Art Effect in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., will host the Reel Exposure International Teen Film and Photography Festival from April 7 to 9.

It includes an in-person (or virtual) photography exhibition opening on April 7 at 5 p.m. at the Trolley Barn Gallery in Poughkeepsie followed by a two-day virtual event at 7 p.m. on April 8 and 9, showcasing short films made by creative young artists around the world.

Tickets to the festival are free. Pre-registration is required; go to [www.thearteffect.org/reel-exposure](http://www.thearteffect.org/reel-exposure) for more information and to access a viewer choice poll, virtual photo exhibition and live screenings.



Abigail Horace, photographed by Rebecca Bloomfield for her "Small Town Big Talk" exhibit, which documented residents of Falls Village, Conn., during the pandemic. Bloomfield will discuss her show, currently at the Hunt Library, in an online talk on Saturday, April 10.

PHOTO BY REBECCA BLOOMFIELD

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## Back When We Were Mad for Plaid

We've recently had hundreds of our old Lakeville Journal photo negatives digitized for us by two wonderful volunteers: Perry Gardner and Kathy Phillips.

It's been immensely fun to look at the old photos, and often surprising.

There are beautiful images of people and the landscape, and there are historic events like the time the plane crashed into Lake Wononscopomuc in Lakeville, Conn.

A sort of added bonus is the fun look at Northwest Corner fashion trends.

This is New England, so of course most of the outfits range wildly in color from khaki to navy with some occasional bits of black. Sturdy crewneck sweaters are popular. The ladies usually have had their hair permed and coiffed, the gentlemen are usually in suits or at least slacks and a collared shirt.

Sometimes you see stripes, when someone is



PHOTO FROM LAKEVILLE JOURNAL ARCHIVE

While digitizing photos from the 1970s in our photo archive, we came across an explosion of normally staid New Englanders suddenly opting to wear plaid.

feeling frisky.

And then sometime in the 1970s there was an eruption of wild plaids; some stripes too but more plaids than stripes.

Enjoy these mad plaids,

and the chance to look back at how our world looked half a century ago (yes, it's incredible: 1970 was 50 years ago).

And if you can, help us identify some of the people

in this photo by sending an email to [cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com](mailto:cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com); we will post some additional photos online at [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com) (search for Mad Plaids).



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## MILLBROOK

# Millbrook High School cancels football season

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — Most people know what it's like to have had their dreams deferred, probably this year more than ever before thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. Weddings have been postponed or canceled, graduation plans have been altered, vacations nixed, and in high schools across the country, sports seasons axed.

That means not only no games, but no breaking records, no victory parties, no trophies, no team pictures, no high fives, no chances of being scouted by colleges, no memories.

The Millbrook High School Blazers will not have a football season this year; it was supposed to begin in March. Because of the pandemic, the winter season was changed to follow the spring season, but it wasn't because of COVID-19 directly, according to administrators, it was because of low school enrollment numbers and the low enrollment of qualified players needed to make up the eight-man team.

Jason Moore, the parent of a student who played football last year, shared his concerns over the canceled season with The Millerton News earlier this month. He called it "absurd" when he felt the team had played under similar conditions in past years. He shared a notice that had been sent out by High School Principal Eric Seipp via email.

"Due to low participation and the inexperience of some of the players on the roster, we can't guarantee their safety as many players would be playing on both sides of the ball, some out of position, and others for



Above are group photos taken of the 2019-20 Millbrook High School Blazers football team, showing players excited to be on the field. This season, players say their dreams have been canceled, along with the 2020-21 football season.



PHOTOS COURTESY JASON MOORE

the entire game," stated the communication.

Seipp, though, said he was offended by the accusation that the Millbrook Central School District (MCSD) "stole" the season from the young athletes, as Moore charged.

When contacted, he said Athletic Director Al Hammell was in touch with the football coach about the low numbers and was also in touch with the players and their families. The deadline was extended, but when no other players registered, the e-mail was sent out about the decision.

The season was originally canceled last fall by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. The altered seasons were created with the support

from the MCSD Board of Education (BOE); the plan was to start the abbreviated football season on March 1.

"We were unable to start our season as scheduled due to our positive COVID-19 cases," said Seipp, who added the recent COVID outbreak in the district was not a factor in the decision. He noted the BOE supported a request to allow the Fall II season to begin on the Monday when the students returned to school.

Moore said that a letter was sent to the BOE on Sunday, March 14, along with other e-mails and calls, signed by as many as 18 parents, but no reply was forthcoming. He had hoped that enough signatures would cause a reversal of what he calls "a ter-

rible" decision.

Superintendent Laura Mitchell, who did not return calls for an interview, reportedly said the decision was not made by the BOE.

Moore said his son, James, is now a senior at Millbrook High School. James has been playing football since his early Pop Warner days. He said James is a valuable player, and had hoped to end his high school playing career on a high note, and possibly play in college.

Other school personnel did not comment, including Hammell, who said all queries regarding the issue were to be directed to Seipp.

Moore asked if the coaches are willing to coach, why can't the students at least practice

and get ready for next year? He wondered if taking away football removes the incentive for athletes to study and get good grades.

In defending the decision to cancel the season, Seipp said, "For a perspective and comparison to our eight-man football team last fall, we had 28 student athletes registered and we were unable to complete our final crossover game due to the injuries and concussions... while it was reported that 18 players registered to play, however, this does not mean that 18 players are available for reasons I will not disclose due to privacy. So in fact, that number is not accurate."

Last year the district also lacked a full roster. Moore's son, James, commented after a game on Sept. 13, that "at the beginning of the year, when we got the news, it was a little discouraging."

Moore said the players were disappointed to learn the team would join Section IX's reduced-player football league, as eight other small-town programs in the section had done the previous year.

"But once we started practicing, I started to realize it's not that different. It's still football,"

said James.

After that September game, which was a memorable victory, senior Michael Tipping said of the atmosphere, "It's unbelievable... I love this school. The culture, especially around football, is amazing. This is a football town, for sure. I'm glad Millbrook football is back."

It doesn't seem that anyone is happy with the decision, not the students, not the parents, and not even Seipp.

"Student safety always comes first, and in this case, this applies. I am devastated for our kids. It is unfortunate for our football players, especially our seniors."

He added, per lower enrollment figures and eligible players, "We look forward to our efforts of merging with another school in the fall in the hope to have our kids back on the football field playing the game that they love."

That other school could be Webutuck High School in Amenia, as there have been discussions between the two districts to merge the football programs.

For now, however, there will be no Friday night lights at the Millbrook football field in the immediate future.

## Village Trustee Kevin McGrane resigns; sewer rates to increase

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board was held via Zoom on Wednesday, March 19, at 6 p.m. due to the health crisis. Mayor Tim Collopy began the meeting with good news, stating that Millbrook resident and student James Maestri has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in Millbrook Boy Scout Troop 32.

Trustee Mike Herzog introduced the Millbrook Police Reform and Modernization Plan Resolution, which the board adopted. The plan will be sent to the state comptroller in time for the April 1 deadline set by Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order last year in the wake of the killing of George Floyd and resulting yearlong protests calling for social justice and police reform.

### McGrane resigns

The mayor announced the resignation of Trustee Kevin McGrane. McGrane was elected to the board in 2018 and was slated to serve until Dec. 31, 2022. He has been absent due to health issues, only just recently participating at meetings. In consideration of his recuperation, McGrane plans to leave the Village Board and its numerous responsibilities, but he said he

will remain active as president of the Millbrook Business Association (MBA), having been advised to take it slow. Collopy said McGrane will be sorely missed. The mayor expressed a wish to finish the budget process before searching for a new trustee to fill the position.

### Village matters

The Public Employer Health Emergency Plan received board approval. It was brought about because of COVID-19 but will suffice for any future pandemic.

The village and town sewer rates are to be increased from \$7.75 per 1,000 gallons to \$9 per 1,000 gallons. Customers who only have sewer service are currently charged based according to costs estimated per 5,000 gallons per quarter. Those charges will be increased to an estimated 6,300 gallons per quarter.

The board said the village sewer plant will be the next large scale project to be improved. It reported that it has been operating in the red for at least the past year. The project will take place over the next several years; a report will be generated concerning what the exact needs are, for a cost of \$5,000 to \$7,000.

Several trust funds, including the Haight, the Lamont Christmas Tree and the Nine Partners Trust, which currently allow

only the interest to be used, will join in a petition to the attorney general asking that the funds be allowed to be used for as close an amount in proximity to the original intent as possible. The total amount was less than \$100,000. The board approved the move.

The mayor mentioned that he planned to attend the Town Board meeting held on Thursday, March 11, to learn more about the Migdale Castle project named Second Mountain by the applicant. He said his main concern is the village sewer and water facilities.

Trustee Vickie Contino said she is researching electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in nearby municipalities, as well as possible state funding for fast charging systems. Contino is also looking into FEMA grants that could benefit the village.

Trustee Buffy Arbogast is also looking into grants; she worked with Herzog on the police reform plan.

The board granted permission to Town of Washington Recreation Director Chelsea Edson to hold tennis clinics at the village tennis courts this summer on weekday mornings.

Collopy noted that any movement at the cell tower located atop the water tower will be due to T-Mobile replacing an antenna.

### Budget hearing

A public hearing on the budget will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 6 p.m.; the next regular Village Board business meeting will be on Wednesday, April 21, at 6 p.m. Both meetings will be held via Zoom; go to [www.villageofmillbrookny.com](http://www.villageofmillbrookny.com), for more information.

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EDITORIAL

Community pulls together to find Willow Roots a home

Rarely do we report on a story that pulls at the heartstrings and then have the pleasure of following up with a happy ending, but such is the case with the Willow Roots food pantry in Pine Plains.

This February, The Millerton News featured front page articles by reporters Kaitlin Lyle and Carol Kneeland about how pantry co-founders Lisa and Nelson Zayas were facing complaints from neighbors on Carla Terrace that Willow Roots, which had been distributing food from 11 a.m. till noon off their front porch at 23 North Main St. every Saturday morning for the past two years, was creating a traffic disturbance and was not properly permitted to operate the pantry.

The Zayas' residential property borders North Main Street and Carla Terrace, and has legal driveways on both roads. Some of its Carla Terrace neighbors were not pleased with the commotion created by food deliveries during the week and the traffic created during Saturday morning meal pick ups.

The pantry has since submitted an application to the Pine Plains Planning Board for a major home occupation special-use permit, which although a zoning issue is within the Planning Board's jurisdiction. The matter is currently in litigation; the Planning Board met on Wednesday, March 10, and Planning Board attorney Warren Replansky advised since Willow Roots is now operating out of a new commercial space, the couple consider withdrawing their application. The pair said they will talk with their lawyers before deciding how to proceed; the board held off from voting (for more on Willow Roots' new site, the ribbon-cutting ceremony and the Zayas' journey, read this week's front page).

The "happy" part of this story refers to the outpouring of community support that resulted in those two February articles — a deluge of calls, emails and texts that Lisa and Nelson received suggesting possible new locations for the pantry where no one would mind the weekly food distributions that help feed about 40 Tri-state households — most in Pine Plains — though that can vary depending on need. The majority of clients receive their food through local deliveries, and Lisa stressed only about 15 to 20 cars were driving to the North Main Street site each week. About 5,000 meals were distributed last year, but with so many losing their jobs due to the coronavirus pandemic, those numbers are likely to rise in 2021.

One of the people who called the couple was Kyle Loughheed, who owns and operates Ginocchio Electric, Inc., at 7730 South Main St. in Pine Plains. He said he wanted to show the pair the space at Pass It On, the former consignment shop across from the firehouse and near the post office, thinking it might be ideal for the food pantry. He did, and it was.

"What he gave us, literally, is more than we could ever have hoped for," said Lisa, adding Loughheed even converted an extra, unneeded bathroom into a kitchen area for washing fresh, donated produce.

"He sealed it and built a box so it would be sanitary. He built a table, left the sink so we could wash vegetables — it is amazing craftsmanship — he did a beautiful job for us," she added. "That's how much he cared we could utilize every inch of that space."

Lisa and Nelson said they are deeply moved by how many people — some they knew and many they did not — who reached out to offer help when the pantry was in such dire need and facing extinction. During her darkest days, days when she was thinking of giving up, Lisa said she learned it's OK to lean on others and ask for their help — help people were longing to provide.

"What we learned, what Willow Roots learned that day, is this was bigger than us," she said. "What we saw was the joy people got from helping was something that could not be suppressed; we were being selfish by not letting people help us. We thought we were being strong, but we realized others needed to help us."

Lisa added each of those volunteers who helped offered invaluable expertise and support, and most continue to volunteer with the food pantry today. Some provided financial support, others now volunteer on distribution days or with various chores that need to get done.

On moving day, Saturday, March 14, nearly 20 volunteers showed up with a flatbed to move refrigerators, freezers and other equipment to the new South Main Street distribution center. Lisa said it went incredibly well and that she was "in tears" at the show of support.

The Zayas celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sunday morning, March 21, under bright blue skies and plenty of sunshine.

"Willow Roots is not going anywhere," said Lisa, adding "this is a great community."

Indeed it is.

To call Willow Roots, dial 518-592-1298. To drop off donations, continue to go to the pantry's original location, where its office will remain, at 23 North Main St., as no one will be at the new location to accept donations. Meanwhile, food distribution at Willow Roots' new site will be on the first, third and fourth Saturday of each month, at 7730 South Main St., Pine Plains. Free clothes will also be available, including winter coats.



Who's going to save America?

We are forced to admit the real Republican Party is gone as it used to be known. We are forced to witness the disintegration of morals and values by GOP senators and House members who want to pretend Jan. 6 never happened, are happy to look the other way or just plain proclaim, "Let's have unity and let the past be past." They openly proclaim that what happened was regrettable but offer no lasting or effective condemnation. They proclaim the instigators and rabble-rousers were only using free speech.

Let's be clear here. If you tell someone to rob a bank and they make an attempt, if they are caught they are not charged with trespass, they entered a federally insured building and will be charged with bank robbery, likely with weapons. The person who encouraged or told them to rob the bank will, at best, be charged either under RICO statute or as co-conspirators. They would all end up in jail.

The real issue facing our country is fatigue. After four year of wearing us down with news of transgressions — any one of which exceeds Nixon's transgressions — inundating us with scandals, bribery, coercion, "perfect phone calls," kidnapping threats for non-Trump-supporting governors, and then the D.C. Jan. 6 performance ending in Capitol break-ins — in the end the public wants, desperately, to avert our eyes and ears and have peace under a new, more steady and normal regime.

That's not how insurrection works. That's what insurrectionists want. Pretend it is all over.

In 1993 a bomb went off in the basement of the Twin Towers garage area. By a miracle, the buildings remained standing. People were blamed, fingers were

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

pointed, some culprits were apprehended and still serve time in federal jail. In 1995 a domestic terrorist blew up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and he and his cohort were captured, tried and convicted. Not one other person was ever arrested. The organizations he belonged to went to ground and the people who egged him on never saw justice. In 2019 a man slaughtered 23 and injured 23 others in El Paso proclaiming he was doing so against the government of the US of A.

The people who blew up the garage in the Twin Towers went to jail but not one dime was spent on penetrating and stopping the international terrorists' cabals. Result? In 2001 they struck again, this time more effectively. At the time, in the shock and horror, the nation came together and agreed we should stamp Bin Laden and his cabal out. Could that have been done more effectively? Hindsight says yes, but the unity of desire to stamp out that terrorist threat was strong and — to a large extent — worked and works still.

What are we doing to stamp out the domestic terrorism threat? Not one darn thing. Arresting a few, giving verbal condemnation to a few more, especially politicians dependent on money to get re-elected so they continue to court Trump and his allies — regardless of the morals they now willingly and openly put aside — none of those action will produce results. McVeigh — the Capitol attack — there will be more terrorism here, you can bank on that.

EARTHTALK

Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss

Dear EarthTalk: Is there scientific basis to the assertion that global warming is affecting our ability to make decisions and lowering our collective intelligence?

— P.D., Sacramento, Calif.

As we continue to pump carbon dioxide (CO2) and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and the climate warms around the world, it's not only our health and the environment that we have to worry about. A handful of recent studies conclude that a warmer world with higher CO2 concentrations in the air we breathe is likely to make us less intelligent.

To wit, a recent study on "Heat and Learning" from the American Economic Association assessing test scores of some 12,000 school-age kids across the U.S. over a seven-year timespan found that in years with more hot days than normal, average test scores declined across the board, signaling a correlation between hot weather and the ability to concentrate and learn.

Meanwhile, a 2018 study by researchers from the Yale School of Public Health found that air pollution itself has a hugely negative effect on human cognition. Yet another recent study found that

humans exposed to high concentrations of atmospheric CO2 (1,000 parts per million) exhibit a 21% reduction in overall cognitive abilities.

At our current rate of output, atmosphere carbon levels will likely surpass 1,000 ppm by the end of the century. The upshot of such atmospheric conditions, as reported by James Bridle in his book New Dark Age, could be a 25% reduction in human decision-making ability as well as a 50% drop in more complex human strategic thinking abilities by 2100.

Rather than letting society fall into a downward spiral, we must step into our critical roles as deciders of both our environment's and our civilization's fate. Scientists have found clear connections between heat and political unrest, so turn these new warmths into an opportunity to get out and make a change.

Whether through protesting or striking, we need to speak our voice and stand together for a brighter future — both metaphorically and literally.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sen. Serino thanks community, urges neighbors to put their health first

I'd like to thank the community for the tremendous outpouring of support I've received during my own health battle, and I'd like to report that I have received a clean bill of health at my first follow-up appointment nearly six months after completing treatment for breast cancer.

I continue to be so humbled by the tremendous amount of

support I received throughout my breast cancer diagnosis and treatment, and I cannot thank our community enough. Nothing about a cancer diagnosis is easy, but our community truly went above and beyond to extend encouragement during this time, and I will remain forever grateful. I'm sharing this update once again in hopes that it will inspire others who may be putting off a health screening for any reason, to take a minute today to put their health first.

My story is one where early detection made all the difference in my treatment and recovery process, and I hope folks will hear it and make the move to schedule — and commit to keeping — their own health screening appointments.

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