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Counties prepared to help distribute COVID vaccine

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NEW YORK STATE — As the U.S. moves forward with finalizing a vaccine that can be distributed to the public to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, likely sometime in December, New York county officials as well as local health departments are assuring the public they're ready to help state and federal partners distribute the vaccine. A webinar was hosted by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) on Thursday, Nov. 19; Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro was among those present.

A recording of the webinar and PDF of the PowerPoint can be found online, at www.nysac.org/webinars.

NYSAC Executive Director Stephen Acquario remarked that COVID-19 vaccine candidates show great promise and could be approved by the FDA and other federal government jurisdictions by the end of the year. Once a vaccine is approved and manufactured, he stressed that federal, state and local governments will need to work together to get the vaccines delivered, stored and then distributed and administered in various phases.

According to a presentation on phased allocation of COVID-19 vac-

cines listed on the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) website, www.cdc.gov, the proposed groups for Phase 1 vaccinations include healthcare personnel, essential workers, individuals with high-risk medical conditions and adults over the age of 65. Of course, the question is, will people be willing to take the vaccine?

Sharing a phrase he heard on the subject, Acquario said, "A vaccine doesn't save lives — vaccinations do," meaning that we have to effectively administer these vaccines in a profes-

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Cary scientist named to national EPA Science Advisory Board

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MILLBROOK — Long-time scientist Emma Rosi of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies has been appointed to serve on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB). Rosi, an ecologist, will serve a three-year term on the SAB, after which she will be eligible to serve a second term. The EPA made the announcement in October. Rosi was one of six experts appointed to fill a vacancy on the board.

In its official announcement, the EPA said of Rosi, "She will have the opportunity to bring science to bear on a range of scientific and technical matters underlying the EPA's policy and regulatory decisions."

An expert in her field, Rosi said she has always been interested in nature. "As a child I wanted to be an en-



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Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies scientist Emma Rosi was recently named to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Science Advisory Board.

tomologist [someone who studies insects]," she said. In college she pursued her passion and while an undergraduate she spent her summers studying ecology.

"These unique opportunities gave me the confidence to pursue graduate work in entomology and ecol-

ogy," Rosi said, who feels that the more opportunities that are given to students the more they will opt for studies in environmental studies. She mentioned the Cary Institute's program for undergraduate students who spend a summer doing research work.

Rosi joined the Cary Institute just over a decade ago.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for me to pursue research full time," she said. "Prior to joining the Cary, I was a professor, which I also enjoyed, but

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"Heroes Work Here," according to a sign at Dr. Leonard Astrauskus' office in Sharon, Conn. The poster was lettered by Kent resident Joan Behling and colored by her 9-year-old granddaughter, Emma, who wanted to thank frontline workers. The sign is one of 40 they distributed starting this past spring to doctors' and dentists' offices, restaurants and grocery stores throughout the Tri-state region with help from their neighbor, Ann Jamison. The doctor's staff, including, top row, from left, Deborah Hill, Wendy Murphy and Evett Ching-Grant; bottom row, from left, Angel Falzon and Victoria Jackson, said the sign lights up the office.

Harlem Valley braces for the possibility of dreaded 'twindemic'

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HARLEM VALLEY — Most years, right when autumn is winding down and winter is about to begin, people would be talking about how best to avoid catching that ghastly flu, contemplating whether it's too late to get the flu shot (it's not), whether it's worth it to get inoculated at all (it is) and simply how to stay healthy for the remainder of the flu season. But 2020 isn't like most other years. That's because 2020 is the year of the coronavirus, which means now that the flu season has officially arrived, those living in areas like New York's Harlem Valley, neatly tucked away in the Northeastern United States all snug and cozy, people are bracing for the possible arrival of the long-feared twindemic.

That's right, the twindemic — the merging of the worst possible scenarios — having both COVID-19 and the flu, something doctors have been concerned about since projecting that the second wave of the coronavirus could hit anytime during this fall or winter.

"I think that December, January and early February are going to be terribly painful months," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top infectious disease expert in the U.S., to The New York Times on Friday, Nov. 20.

What makes the possibility so dangerous, is that once sick with one of the diseases, that illness will leave a person's immune system weakened, and vulnerable to catching the other. And, according to Dr. Neha Vyas, a family medicine doctor at Cleveland Clinic who was interviewed on the

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Food Pantry resources, here to help

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

TRI-STATE REGION — Local food pantries are always a critical element of the community support network, but as many struggle to deal with the challenges that have come with the COVID-19 health crisis, the need is greater than ever. In addition to regular support, some pantries are also assisting families who are quarantining or isolating due to the virus.

Most pantries are in need of donations but are generally not taking

new volunteers due to the concerns of spreading the virus.

The following information is accurate as of press time, but as the situation evolves, some changes may go into effect. To continue to inform the community of these vital services, The Millerton News has been publishing an updated list of our regional food pantries and their needs periodically in our newspaper and on our website, www.tricornernews.com.

Millerton

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Millerton, 58 Main St.

Phone: 518-592-1165. Hours: Call for emergency. Residency requirements: Live in Millerton or North East. Volunteers needed: No. Donations: P.O. Box 429, Millerton, NY 12546.

Location: North East Community Center (NECC), 51 South Center St. Phone: 518-789-4259, ext. 124 (English) or 125 (Spanish). Email: foodaccess@neccmillerton.org. Hours: Every Thursday, 2 to 4 p.m. Residency requirements: None. Deliveries also made to Millerton, North East,

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Santa at the stoplight

Santa Claus came to town a few weeks early as he and two of his elves were spotted waving to passersby near the stoplight at the intersection of Main Street and Route 22 in Millerton on Friday afternoon, Nov. 27. Since the Millerton Fire Company's annual Festival of Lights parade was canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it decided to bring some holiday cheer to the community with a surprise visit from Santa. Here is Santa with helpers from the Fire Company, from left, Kelly Roger and Sharon Stramm — who waved to all who passed by the day after Thanksgiving.

Virtual talk explores effects of climate change

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Through meaningful exploration and entertaining experiments, local residents considered the effects of climate change on both the Hudson Valley and the world around them during the virtual "Estuary Live! Climate Change" talk organized by the NorthEast-Millerton Library on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The talk was originally scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 19, before it was postponed to Tuesday, Nov. 24. Viewers tuned in via Zoom at 6 p.m., and were introduced to Chelsea Moore, an environmental educator for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) out of Norrie Point Environmental Center in Staatsburg. Moore dove in by differentiating between weather and climate change.

When talking about climate change, Moore took temperature and precipitation into account. She said, "weather is a mood, climate is a personality," to describe how weather can fluctuate and how climate refers to the average temperature and level of precipitation in an area over several years. Climate change, she explained, comes down to carbon dioxide, specifically an increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and its role in the earth's hydrologic cycle, water cycle, temperature and precipitation.

Describing the Earth as a closed system, Moore attributed the greenhouse effect as the reason life is able to persist on Earth: also known as "the Goldilocks effect." She said Earth has the perfect amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere to keep it at a temperature to sustain life. However, when it comes to climate change and the greenhouse gas effect, she said, "What we're talking about is human-induced climate change, which means humans are contributing to the amount of CO2 that's go-

ing into the atmosphere... and essentially creating a really thick blanket around the Earth trapping in heat."

Moore highlighted ways of measuring carbon dioxide (CO2) levels in the atmosphere over time and the human impact on climate change. She touched on the ocean's role in balancing the atmosphere and stabilizing climate, how temperature plays a role in water density and movement, the impact of climate change on wildlife and how extreme weather events can contribute to climate change. Throughout her presentation, Moore used simple, but effective experiments to illustrate the specifics of climate change as well as maps and other resources.

As far as what the community can do to reduce the impact of climate change, Moore suggested that it use a carbon footprint calculator. This tool is used to examine a person's lifestyle to determine their carbon footprint, what aspects of their lifestyle are contributing the most carbon dioxide and what they can do to change that. In the Hudson Valley, she said there's a Climate Department that's focused on climate change, adding that it wants to mitigate the impact of climate change rather than adapt after the damage is done. Mitigation, Moore said, refers to changing what a person does to reduce carbon dioxide (such as planting more trees and switching to solar energy) while adaptation refers to "living with the fact that you might be impacted by sea level rise" and other like elements of climate change. She also highlighted some of the projects that the Hudson Valley has undertaken as part of the adaptation model, such as building structures on the shorelines to reduce erosion from sea levels rising.

Once her presentation ended, Moore received a warm response and positive feedback from her viewers, and she engaged with them as they considered their role in climate change.

Village Board weighs its options for wastewater treatment system

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MILLERTON — Turning its attention to the proposed wastewater treatment system for the village, the Village Board considered alternative options at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 16.

Gathering at 6 p.m., the entire board met via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and live streamed the meeting on the "Village of Millerton VOM" Facebook page.

As she introduced Tighe & Bond Senior Project Manager Erin Moore's presentation, Mayor Debbie Middlebrook said she wanted the board to hear what's been going on with the project and what their options are. Though it was hopeful about purchasing some additional land near the parcel it located for the proposed wastewater system, Middlebrook said she wasn't sure if it would be feasible. She asked Moore what the village's options are if it is unable to get the additional land needed to cover all of the village's wastewater needs plus some areas extending outside of the Boulevard District and up

Route 22.

If all the village has to work with is the one parcel of land for its proposed wastewater system, the mayor asked Moore how many properties the system can actually provide for using the original proposed subsurface wastewater system and, if it wasn't going to give the village enough coverage, whether there is another type of wastewater system it could choose — or if the village should start looking at other parcels.

Moore began her presentation by refreshing the board's memory of previous discussions related to the wastewater system proposal. As far as what approaches the village could take with its current parcel, she projected the village's probable system. With the current parcel, Moore said the village could get rid of about 50,000 gallons of wastewater a day if it uses the system to the maximum.

The village would need some open ground for the wastewater system as well as biofiltration units, a flow meter, equalization tanks and a control shed, and Moore said engineers would use every bit of space they could for

site absorption fields for subsurface wastewater disposal when designing the system.

One important factor to consider is that the village needs to be able to access the wastewater system at all times. Seeing as 50,000 gallons a day is just shy of Tighe & Bond's recommendation of 55,000 gallons a day, Moore said the village has to figure out how to buckle down with the estimates to see if it is overestimating or if there are some residential areas where it would be reasonable to shave off 5,000 gallons a day. That 50,000 gallons a day, she said, is what the village can get rid of on the site without any additional space.

As an alternative option, the board could opt for installing a surface disposal wastewater system. Projecting a map to show what the system's layout would look like, Moore said that the access road and emergency access road scenario would remain the same and that it could fit easily on the village's parcel. Included in the benefits for a surface disposal system, there would be a lower capital cost for construction; there wouldn't be any volu-

metric limitation to the outfall capacity or a requirement for an additional parcel. The challenges include the operation and maintenance costs being more expensive; a more intrusive treatment system; an anticipated high level of regulatory review coordination; and the system would not be "easily faceable."

Without specific flow data, Moore said Tighe & Bond is concerned about the potential for inflated costs and recommended a phased approach for the project. For Phase I construction costs, the estimated total project cost for the surface disposal system was calculated at \$9,161,000 while the total annual cost for debt service and operation and maintenance was calculated at \$465,400. As far as whether this is affordable, Moore said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said it's affordable if it's less than 2% of the median household income; for a single family house, that has to be less than \$933.34 annually. Middlebrook wants the board to meet in December.

"We all know we want to move forward," Middlebrook said. "It's just finding the right fit for us."

Town Board tends to planning referrals, highway garage and Climate Smart support

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NORTH EAST — Though the town's 2021 budget was first and foremost on the Town Board's mind, its members set their sights on signing agreements and accepting proposals to benefit town residents at its meeting on Thursday, Nov. 12.

The board authorized the list of properties in the Town of North East Water District #1 with unpaid water bills to be sent to Dutchess County for collection in the amounts listed by North East and the village of Millerton.

Next, town Supervisor Chris Kennan signed an inter-municipal agreement with the county to permit the elimination of certain referrals to the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development. He explained that certain items from the town's Planning Board need to be referred to the county, including Comprehensive Plan master plans, zoning amendments, re-zonings under proposed local laws and/or other authorizations, site plans and special permits. Additionally, under this inter-municipal agreement, there's a smaller list of referrals that are eliminated from the referral and review process, such as administrative amendments; zoning amendments regarding fees, procedures, penalties and so forth; special-use permits; etc. Kennan said this was a renewal of a similar inter-municipal

agreement dated July 14, 2016; the board authorized Kennan to sign the agreement unanimously.

After delivering a recap of the multi-year joint highway garage project between the town and village and all its moving parts, Kennan said the town has been working with the village's engineer, Ray Jurkowski, and CPL Engineering on the project's first two phases and that they talked about Jurkowski doing the work on its third and final phase. In response, Jurkowski submitted to the town a proposal to continue the engineering work on Phase III, which Kennan said the town and village would like to move forward with. One of the reasons is because of the timeline, as constructing facilities like a highway garage are easier to do during the warmer weather. Also, in order to build this structure next year, Kennan said the board needs to be able to go out to bid on construction ideally in February, as that's when contractors start to fill up their summer schedule.

Before opening the discussion for comment from the board, Kennan acknowledged that they'd just finished the new New York State Department of Transportation-approved entrance way for

the garage, so all of the work that needs to be done in anticipation of the highway garage building's construction is now completed.

"The only thing I would say is with the time factor we're looking at, I think it's something that we need to move along with as speedily as possible," said Councilman George Kaye.

Before asking for a vote, Kennan noted that this agreement won't be executed until he has an additional meeting with Millerton Mayor Debbie Middlebrook, adding that he'd like her review the preliminary sketch for the building and its accommodations and make sure she's on board with it. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Kennan then said the Climate Smart Community Task Force, headed by Kathy Chow, has been very active, meeting on a regular monthly basis with good attendance. He explained that the New World Foundation, based in Kingston, was brought to the Task Force's attention for wanting to support Climate Smart activities throughout the Hudson Valley. In fact, he said the Foundation has offered six communities in the Hudson Valley special technical and financial support in the Cli-

mate Smart work they're doing.

"This is amazing because it's an agreement with no strings," Kennan said, adding he sent the details to the town's attorney for review. If the town is successful in its application, Kennan said the New World Foundation will give the town \$8,000 toward its Climate Smart work in addition to technical support.

Kennan said the foundation identifies a local champion — usually the chair of a municipality's Climate Smart group — and provides grant funding and programmatic support to local municipalities working on a New York State Climate Smart Community program with the goal of enabling towns to reach their Bronze Certification within six months.

"It's really jump starting our work, which is already well underway," Kennan said, "but it certainly will be a help, so not only do I want to see us make an application, I want to apply for this jumping up and down and waving our hands because I really think this would be what we might have dreamed of finding."

The board OK'd the resolution for Kennan to sign the application for the New World Foundation.

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The Thorne Building has stood at the top of Franklin Avenue for more than a century; it was a gift to the village of Millbrook from the Thorne family to be used for educational purposes. It is now being repurposed as the Thorne Building Community Center. It is seen here from the rear of the building, a view seldom seen.

Thorne Building now owned by nonprofit

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MILLBROOK — The village of Millbrook officially transferred ownership of the Thorne Building to the nonprofit 501(C)3 Thorne Building Community Center (TBCC); the legal step was taken following a unanimous vote at the Tuesday, Oct. 13, Village Board meeting.

In January 2017, a group of citizens had the idea to do something constructive with the building after years of sitting vacant. There were two impediments: The reversion clause, which only allowed the building to be used for educational purposes or else its ownership would revert from the village back to the Thorne family; and the fact that the building was in a residential zone.

The final step was taken when the village approved a resolution, with input from the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development, to create the Thorne Building Overlay District (TBOD), thus allowing the building to be used as a community center despite it being in a residential district.

The Village Board discussed the issue at length; a public hearing was held before it voted. The hope is the Thorne Building Community Center will be a community center not just for Millbrook, but for residents throughout central Dutchess County. This could help bring traffic to local businesses, shops and restaurants, and bring new life to the village.

Since the original community meetings began in fall of 2017, the Thorne Building Committee and most of the residents of the village of Millbrook and town of Washington have had ideas about what should be offered at the center, from educational classes to events for senior citizens to programs for children and theatrical events. Most residents are elated that the historical building will be put to good use, and again be a vital part of the community instead of a vacant piece of property that could end up in ruin, like the old Bennett College.

Chairman of the Board of the TBCC Oakleigh Thorne III expressed his delight in a recent press release.

"The creation of the zoning overlay district allows us to continue our excellent progress in making the Thorne Building Community Center a reality," he stated.

The village has seen to the maintenance of the building and property over the years, and while it was not in use much after the 1960s, when it ceased to operate as a school, it has always remained a focal point of village life, being next to the Band Shell and the VFW Post, as well as very near to Lyall Federated Church.

The building was a gift to Millbrook from the Thorne family in 1895, designated for educational use only, and it was the reason that Millbrook became an incorporated as a village. Many village residents graduated from high school there, and more recently it has opened on occasion for people to take a closer look at the building and its potential uses.

In May of 2020, the Thorne Building Committee, consisting of Charles Pierce, Ann Gifford, Thorne, George Whalen III and others, announced that architect Michael Sloan had been retained to do the renovation. Some of the ideas suggested from committee members as well as from public meetings include possibly creating a new Band Shell, classrooms, technology space and room to accommodate cultural and entertainment events. A small café, a kitchen for catering and/or space for lessons might also be included. The plans are exciting and innovative.

While there is no specific time line for the project to be completed, some of the work that was to be done during the summer was delayed due to the COVID pandemic and other factors.

Much of the hard work is just now beginning, not just the construction, but the fundraising necessary to make the community center a reality, fulfilling a need for year-round cultural and arts programs in the village.

In May, Pierce stated, "We hope that everyone will have the opportunity to give at a level that is comfortable for them."

More information about the building, its history and how to donate can be found at www.thornebuilding.org.

Black Friday, Small Business Saturday

Business is good, spirits are high

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MILLBROOK — How did Black Friday and Small Business Saturday hold up in the midst of a global pandemic? Well, maybe they fared better in small towns and villages like Millbrook than one would have thought. When asked how their businesses did during the weekend following Thanksgiving, several local business owners had some rather good news to share.

Corinne Tardio, owner of Cordially Corinne, a paper goods boutique at 1144 Church St., said that her shop did really well in spite of the coronavirus pandemic this past weekend, even during this past spring and summer. On Small Business Saturday, Nov. 28, there was a steady stream of customers coming and going; the store currently allows only two families at a time. Decorated for the upcoming holidays, she said business was brisk.

Kira Wizner, owner of Merritt Bookstore, said Black Friday was really good for business, and Small Business Saturday was busy as well.

"[We did] better than usual



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Corinne Tardio, owner of Cordially Corinne, stood beside a decorated holiday tree, amid crafted note paper, cards, wrapped items and other exquisite gifts at her shop on Church Street in Millbrook.

for Black Friday," said Wizner. "Usually we're not that busy, but maybe this year people are avoiding the larger stores."

J. McLaughlin, an upscale clothing and accessory store

at 3283 Franklin Ave., also did well on the traditional shopping weekend.

"It was crazy, really busy," said Ann Barton, store manager, who had little time to talk. "That's a good thing." The store offered a 15% discount, complimentary gift wrapping and other incentives — all effective.

Workers at the Millbrook Antiques Mall also described business as good; Friday the mall did less business than it ordinarily would do on a Black Friday, but workers said Saturday and Sunday were both excellent days for business.

Jennifer Moriarty, owner of Juniper, at 3285 Franklin Ave., offered gifts perfect for stocking stuffers, and said she was very pleased with the volume of business throughout the weekend. Juniper has a wide assortment of articles at a range of prices sure to fit everyone's wallet. Moriarty said she is grateful for all of her customers' support, who shop both online and in person

at her store.

"This weekend we felt supported, loved and confident that we will make it through these trying times because our customers care and will stand by us," she said.

Patrick Murphy, owner of Millbrook Gardens and Garden Center, also reported that business has been strong, despite the pandemic.

"It was the quickest season start-up since I bought the business over seven years ago," he said. "We're seeing steady clientele, more walk-ins and many new faces."

Deirdre Houston, owner of Millbrook Floral Design, was already getting ready for Thanksgiving orders a week before the holiday. The weekend immediately following Thanksgiving, she said, was also busy, with a steady flow of customers.

Those who work at Reardon Briggs, which sells lawn and garden equipment, saw what it considers "normal traffic" during the holiday shopping weekend, but added they're looking forward to a good season ahead.

All in all, most of the small businesses in the Millbrook community did well on Black Friday, and especially on Small Business Saturday. In addition to the retail stores, eateries also benefitted from the much-hyped shopping weekend, as foot traffic always helps restaurants and other food service industries.

Everyone is hoping for a good holiday season this year, as the economy has taken a serious blow thanks to the coronavirus pandemic. Strong sales would help offset some of the losses local businesses have suffered this past year — and they're hoping residents will make a concerted effort to buy local rather than rely on online shopping, which while convenient and COVID-friendly does little to bolster businesses facing financial failure so desperately in need of the community's support.

OBITUARIES

Sheila Jean Scott

NORTH CANAAN — Sheila Jean Scott, 76, of North Canaan passed away on Nov. 23, 2020, peacefully at her home.

Sheila was born Aug. 8, 1944, daughter of the late Bud Tompkins and the late Margaret Marion.

In addition to her parents, Sheila was preceded in death by Norma Tompkins and Henry Marion; her siblings, Maureen Tompkins, Kevin Marion, Eileen Leigner and Eddy Tompkins; and one niece, Savannah Marion.

She is survived by her daughters, Beth and Curt Glaunert of Wisconsin and Denise and Joseph Wilson of West Virginia; her grandchildren, Brendt Glaunert and Jess Jacobson, Toby Wilson and Ellie Wilson; her great-granddaughters, Melah and Myleigh Wilson; her siblings, Kathy Mitchell of Texas, Barbara and Bob Tainter of New Mexico, Gordan Tompkins of Texas and Shaun Marion

of Otis; numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and her beloved cat, Willie.

Sheila was a person who enjoyed life and loved her family. She had a determination that diabetes would not affect the way she lived or the quality of her life. Sheila will always be remembered for making the best out of life and bringing a smile to those around her.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to either the American Diabetes Association or your local Humane Society or animal shelter in her honor.

In accordance with Sheila's wishes she will be cremated and be taken back to the place she loved most, Los Alamos, N.M. There will be a family memorial service when restrictions with COVID are lessened.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Jay Alexander Leone

LAKEVILLE — Jay Alexander Leone passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 15, 2020.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1940. He was predeceased by his parents in New York state; and his wife of 57 years, Shirley Brazee Leone. He was predeceased by his son, Christopher Jay Leone.

Jay was an active member of the Lakeville Hose Company for most of his adult life. He retired from the company and was an honorary member.

He drove long-distance tractor trailers for more than 40 years and was awarded for driving 1 million miles.

He leaves behind three children, Lisa Stevens of North Canaan, Anthony Jay Leone of Salisbury and Michelle Leone of North Canaan; four grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

More obituaries appear on Page A3 and A5

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According to Collin Adkins of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County in Millbrook, free "incentives of up to \$10,000 in energy efficiency upgrades" are available to qualified residents.

"Eligible upgrades include attic and wall insulation, high efficiency lighting, refrigerator and freezer replacement and

solar credits [discounts on electric utility bills] of \$5 to \$15 a month that are applied to your utility account, all at no-cost," said Adkins.

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OBITUARIES

Philip B. Thompson

AMENIA — Philip B. Thompson, 71, passed away at home on Nov. 23, 2020, surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Phil was born at Sharon Hospital on July 20, 1949, the son of Dorothy (Phillips) and Paul Thompson.

Phil attended the Amenia Elementary School and graduated from Webutuck High School in 1967, followed by Potsdam State University in 1972 with a degree in Education.

Phil was a Math Teacher throughout most of his 20s and 30s, teaching many years at Dover Junior/Senior High School. In 1985, he became a 911 Dispatcher for the Dutchess County Bureau of Emergency Services. He served as dispatcher 14-7 until his retirement in 2011.

Phil was honored in 2009 with the New York State Communications Specialist of the Year Award, the highest award a dispatcher can earn in New York State. He cherished his fellow dispatchers and loved making a difference as a front line worker at the 911 Center.

Phil's true passion was to serve his community. He joined the Amenia Fire Company in 1967 alongside his father, Paul, and his brother, Don. Phil served faithfully for 53 years in the Amenia Fire Company, where he served as a firefighter, EMT, treasurer, fire prevention officer, parade chairman, and company historian.

He became an Emergency Medical Technician in 1972, serving on the Amenia Rescue Squad, where he held the title of EMS Captain from 1996-2011.

He also worked for Northern Dutchess Paramedics from 1998 right up until his passing. Phil loved serving his community, and loved the many people who served with him.

Phil also loved to play golf. He will fondly be remembered teeing up his "yellow" ball at the start of every round. He enjoyed the 30 years of "Golf Week" during the summer with his brother Don, son Cory and life-long friend Tom Foley. Phil enjoyed traveling with his wife, Christine, especially cruising throughout the Caribbean. He



also loved spending time with his grandkids.

Phil Thompson will be remembered as a man who put others ahead of himself. His service and sacrifice to his hometown of Amenia will never be forgotten.

The family wishes to thank all of his brothers and sisters in fire and EMS who served alongside him, keeping him safe and giving him a sense of purpose and pride within his community.

The family also wishes to thank the many wonderful nurses and doctors at Sharon Hospital who cared for him in his final days, and especially the Amenia Fire Company & Rescue Squad for bringing him home for his "last ride."

Phil is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Christine (Kelly) Thompson; his brother, Gary Thompson of Albuquerque, N.M.; his brother, Donald Thompson from Canton, N.Y.; his daughter, Kelly-Jo and her husband, Nate Benzel, from East Otto, N.Y.; his son, Cory Thompson and his wife, Alice, from Champlain, N.Y.; his daughters, Nikomi Thompson from Dunedin, Fla., and Samantha Culligan and her husband, JP, of Amenia; his granddaughter, Samantha Benzel; his grandson, Matthew Benzel; his granddaughter, Kadie Benzel; his grandson, Colton Culligan; his granddaughter, Everly Culligan; a great-granddaughter, Aubree Finlayson; several nieces and cousins; and his faithful dog, Cali.

Phil was predeceased by his parents, Paul and Dorothy.

The Amenia Fire Company conducted firematic services at 7 p.m. at the Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains on Friday, Nov. 27.

Graveside services and interment were held on Nov. 28 at Amenia Island Cemetery, the Rev. Zora Ficarra-Cheatham officiating.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Amenia Fire Company, 36 Mechanic St., Amenia, NY 12501.

To send the family an online condolence, go to www.hufcut-funeralhome.com.

John Steven Moore

MILLERTON — John Steven Moore, 63, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully in the comfort of his home on Nov. 24, 2020, with his loving family at his side.

John worked for more than 30 years as a grounds and maintenance man for Taconic DDSO on the Wassaic Campus until his retirement in October 2012.

Born May 7, 1957, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Alan "Mickey" Moore and Jaqueline (Kelsey) Moore.

He attended Webutuck Schools and was a life member of the Millerton Gun Club. He truly enjoyed all his years of be-

ing a part of that organization. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed skeet shooting in his spare time. Everyone knew and loved John; he will be remembered for his generous and caring ways and for being a great friend to many.

John is survived by four sisters, JoAnn Gop and her husband, Bruce, of Millerton, Dorothy Tanner and her husband, Arthur III, of Millerton, Sandy Holst-Grubbe and her companion of Massachusetts and Patricia Moore-Shea; his sister-in-law, Dana Moore of Philmont, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews and many dear friends.



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Carter Knickerbocker posed for a holiday photo with his mother, Kelly, sister, Bree, and father, Bruce, behind their family's float in this year's holiday parade on Saturday evening, Nov. 28.



Siblings Lucille and Marshall Schutts (not pictured), off to the right of Frosty and his penguin friend atop the Schutts family's float, waved to cars driving past the Parade of Lights stationed in the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School parking lot in an attempt to keep spectators safe from catching COVID-19.

Parade of Lights has spectators do the driving to keep COVID at bay

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — With COVID-19 cases on the rise, leaders in Pine Plains had to think outside the box this holiday season when adapting the town's cherished holiday traditions to suit the pandemic's safety guidelines, resulting in a safe, smart and socially distant Parade of Lights that welcomed an impressive turnout on Saturday evening, Nov. 28.

Driving through town, many may have noticed how the trees planted beside local businesses and in front of homes glowed with strings of holiday lights, courtesy of the Bank of Millbrook. On Monday, Nov. 23, the bank provided tree decorating kits to residents, who were encouraged to find a tree and decorate it however they wished. By the night of the parade, Decorating Day Committee Chairman Ibis Guzman reported that 80% of the town's trees were decorated, and while the committee still needs help decorating the remaining trees, he said the town looks "beautiful."

At 5 p.m. on Saturday night, an inventive lineup of festive floats and decorated vehicles could be found parked on display in the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School parking lot on Route 199. The "parade" was stationary so spectators could drive by, pre-

venting over-crowded streets and avoiding places where safe social distancing was all but impossible.

The playful whoop of a fire engine's siren could be heard in the distance while the flashing red and blue lights of the town police's vehicles could be spotted at the school entrance from blocks away. Town police were out and about throughout the parade's duration to direct traffic and make sure families followed the proper path.

Without having to exit the warmth and comfort of their cars, families drove their vehicles down the long driveway leading to the school campus where the holiday festivities awaited them and colorful lights were shining in the darkness of the evening — a wonderland of bright lights and colors. Between the local fire departments and their magnificent engines decked with holiday

lights; the Pine Plains FFA's farm-themed float with Santa Claus as the guest star; the family floats decorated with loving care to bring holiday cheer into town; and so many more, this year's Parade of Lights proved to be just as spectacular as it has been in years past, even with this year's health and safety guidelines.

Averaging 10 cars a minute, volunteers counted an estimated 550 cars, if not more, that passed through the parking lot within the first hour.

"We felt that if we could keep everyone in their own little bubble... that we could keep everyone safe," Guzman said, "and knowing that all of the towns are shutting down, we just couldn't see Pine Plains shutting down, and this way, everybody could enjoy a little bit of what happens in Pine Plains. And it was really great to see volunteers from the

police, fire department, Sheriff's Office, FFA — just the entire community came together."

With no one getting out of their vehicles, no mingling and floats keeping a safe distance, Guzman said, "Everyone is being responsible and I'm so thankful for that."

Driving past the floats, their faces aglow with early Christmas spirit, families gave boisterous beeps from their car horns as they made their way around the vast driveway, peering out of their car windows to see the winter wonderland set up around the parking lot. Fire engine sirens squealed in reply and parade participants offered cheerful waves and holiday greetings. Even keeping a safe distance, local residents, officials and volunteers remained connected and launched the holiday season as only Pine Plains could.

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CHORAL MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Pro Tips for Your 2020 Sing-Along Messiah

As soon as the Thanksgiving table is cleared, I feel liberated to start singing along to Handel's epic oratorio, "The Messiah," and to practice for the annual sing-alongs in Great Barrington, Mass., and Kent, Conn.

It seems unlikely that this year's public sing-alongs will be held. To fill the void, there will be an online "sing-along Messiah" hosted by the Bardavon Opera House in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m.

It features excerpts from the 2019 performance of the Hudson Valley Philharmonic and Cappella Festiva. Lyrics will be streamed on the screen.

I'm not sure how all this will work, and I don't know which sections of "The Messiah" will be included. It should be fun, however, and it's free so there's nothing to lose.

SING-ALONG ESSENTIALS

Even though I will not actually be inflicting my voice on other people for



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Georg Friedrich Handel hopes you'll sing along to his masterpiece, "The Messiah," this holiday season — and he hopes these tips from singers in the Tri-state region will help you sound your best ever.

this sing-along, this is the year I decided to reach out to several area singing pros to ask for tips. If you want to sound great (at least to yourself) try these out.

My first and favorite tip came from my friend Mary Sullivan, who has suffered through several sing-alongs with my friend Jody and I. Mary is an experienced and lovely choral singer and an active participant in the region's extraordinary Crescendo program.

At a Messiah sing-along a year or two ago, Mary politely but firmly suggested that Jody and I cleanly break off our syllables instead of letting them

trail along and deflate like pricked balloons. It's a wonderful tip and definitely made us sound better.

These kinds of simple but essential tips, such as the ones that follow, should make your sing-along experience more fun — for yourself, and for anyone else in the room while you sing (and of course these tips can be applied when you're singing by yourself in the kitchen while you cook).

Alice Maggio is a board member with the Berkshire Children's Chorus. Her beginner-to-pro suggestions: First, she said, "Find a comfortable room in your

house where you don't feel self-conscious making a lot of noise.

"Set up your computer so that the screen is at a comfortable height for you to look at while standing.

"Wear shoes, not slippers — and make sure you don't lock your knees when you're singing."

FOLLOWING THE SCORE

Randy Orzano (who lives in Sharon, Conn., and bakes wonderful pastries at Sweet William's in Salisbury, Conn.) is also a sometime singer with Crescendo. When asked for sing-along advice, he said, "I find that the prepared I am, the more fun choral singing can be."

There are three steps to preparation that he recommends. First, get a copy of the score (which is the lyrics and the music). He suggested this one: scores.ccarh.org/handel/messiah/messiah-fullscore.pdf.

For those of us who can't read music (and Handel's music is very layered and complicated), there is a midi file you can download that will help you learn how to put the music and the words together.

"This website that has Midi files for all the choral parts: www.cyberbass.com/Major_Works/Handel_GF/Handel_Messiah.htm," Orzano said.

Listen to it first, if you like, but, "Before you start singing, warm up your voice. Here's a warm up I found on YouTube that I liked with a conductor named Katherine FitzGibbon: youtu.be/Narti8eO-7Ho.

"Once your voice is warmed up, go to the CyberBass website and choose your vocal part for one of the Messiah movements."

The CyberBass website is the one with the midi files.

"Sing along while reading the score. If the midi file is too fast, the website allows you to slow it down.

"Once your part is learned, try singing your part against a different part. For instance, if you're a soprano, play the midi file for, say, the bass part and try singing your soprano line.

"You'll find that there are sections that need more practice. Mark these sections and go back to practicing while listening to the soprano part.

"If you have a keyboard, go over your part, especially the challenging sections.

"If you want another challenge, find a YouTube video of a performance conducted by John Elliot



PHOTO BY PM REED

Along with handmade carry-alls (many made with leather from the iconic Horween Leather tannery in Chicago, Ill.), P.M. Reed makes chef's knife rolls, which are on sale during the COVID-19 season for between \$250 and \$285.

ARTISAN GOODS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Handmade Gifts from the Hudson Valley, Online

There is a wonderful earnestness about artisan products made in the Hudson Valley. It's not just that they're lovingly handmade and environmentally conscious; it's also that they tend to promote self-care, which is something we could all use a little bit of after a bruising year.

Because of COVID-19, this year there aren't the usual artisan fairs preceding the holiday gift season. Although it's not as much fun to shop for knit goods and handmade elixirs online as it is to wander around an old-timey market space, it is still possible to go to the web and find handmade candles and soaps and fermented foods to gift to your beloved(s).

This is the 10th anniversary of the Hudson, N.Y., Basilica Farm & Flea Virtual Market, which is usually not virtual and which is usually held at this time of year in the cavernous Basilica. The website describes the site as "a spectacular solar-powered reclaimed 1880s industrial factory on the waterfront of the historic City of Hudson."

It's a wonderful experience to wander the tight maze of tables in the Basilica, and to touch hand-sewn and hand-knit and hand-mixed little indulgences, but that just can't happen this year. Shopping online is second best but still not bad.

There are about 65 vendors on the Basilica Farm & Flea Virtual Market website, including well-known Hudson Valley brands such as Hillrock Distillery, Jacuterie (maker of artisanal charcuterie) and

Hosta Hill, source of fermented deliciousness and hot sauces in many flavors.

There is quirky sweetness, with toys and clothes for youngsters from Petit Pilou and Petit Felt, the company owned by Jocelyn Krodman, a beloved regional felt artist whose extraordinarily lifelike felt animals have been a draw for shoppers to many artisan fairs in recent years (www.petitpilou.com).

Far more rugged are the gorgeous leather goods from P.M. Reed, whose photos show him to be a cowboy type you'd expect to see more in the vast reaches of Montana than in the relatively tame Southern Berkshires (Reed lives in Windsor, Mass.; his website is www.pmreedcarrygoods.com).

So that's one advantage of shopping at the virtual flea market: You can read the bios of the vendors. And in Reed's case, you can follow a link to see his photography work, which is exquisite and sophisticated, with many of his images shot in Italy in the 1970s.

Another advantage: It's always fairly chilly in Hudson in winter, with cold winds blowing off the river. Shopping at home is warmer.

Best of all, though, is the chance to find enticing little treasures of all shapes, sizes and prices. You have to pay for shipping, but you don't have to pay for gas or lunch.

Shop through the holiday season for Hudson Valley artisan goods online at the Basilica Farm & Flea Virtual Market, www.basilicahudson.org/farmandflea/vendors.

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BIRDING: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Trixie Strauss Bird Count is Dec. 20

The annual Trixie Strauss Christmas Bird Count (CBC) hosted by the Audubon Center in Sharon, Conn., will be held this year on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 12:01 a.m. to midnight. This year's count is completely online.

While most participants in the count are experienced birders, the count is also an excellent time to start learning about bird identification.

Most of the birding takes place from sunrise to sunset. The count area is a 15-mile circle (with its center at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn.), which encompasses some excellent birding areas in Connecticut as well as Amenia and North East/Millerton in New York.

Teams and individuals from all over the state and all over the country (and even Canada) take part in the CBC, and all of the numbers are compiled and reported to help better understand what birds are doing in the winter. This year, social distancing and face masks are required because of COVID-19.

Although most participants in the bird count are experienced birders, anyone can participate in and enjoy the CBC. This year, more than ever, Audubon

has asked for volunteers to help. Watching and counting birds at a backyard feeder is an excellent way to help take part in the CBC without leaving home and braving the chilly weather. Simply give your count numbers to compiler Zach Adams at the end of the count day and they will be included in Audubon's overall CBC report.

At approximately 6 p.m., the Trixie Strauss Christmas Bird Count teams will gather for a virtual count-up, where birders turn in their data and share stories from a great day of birding. Even those who can't join the count out in the field are welcome to join online to hear what people have seen.

Email Zach Adams at za4250@hotmail.com to receive a bird feeder count form and the Zoom link for the virtual post-birding count-up, or with questions about participating in the Trixie Strauss Christmas Bird Count (he can connect you with one of the area "captains").

For more information on Audubon and the annual Trixie Strauss Christmas Bird Count on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 12:01 a.m. to midnight, go to www.sharon.audubon.org/events/trixie-strauss-christmas-bird-count-2020.



Everyone with a bird feeder or a pair of binoculars and an interest in birds is encouraged to help Sharon Audubon with the annual Trixie Strauss Bird Count on Dec. 20. Some sightings you might record include a wild turkey such as the one, above, at Housatonic State Forest in Sharon; or the Eastern Bluebird, at right, spotted at the Kent Land Trust preserve.



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FREE ENTRY TO THE CLARK

The Clark Art Institute's popular First Sundays Free program continues on Sunday, Dec. 6, with a day celebrating music. Admission to the galleries is free all day.

In addition to the Clark's permanent collection, the outdoor exhibition Ground/work, located throughout the Clark's 120-acre at the Williamstown, Mass., campus, is also on view.

December is the last month to see Lines from Life, featuring works by 19th-century French artists, including Jean-Auguste-Dominique Ingres, Eugène Delacroix, Edgar Degas, Jean-Léon Gérôme and Odilon Redon. Lines from Life is on view through Dec. 13. Ground/work is on view through October 2021.

Pre-registration is required. Go to www.clarkart.edu for more information.

... Sing-Along Messiah

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Gardner (one of Christine's favorites). Practice your part with their tempos and always check your intonation, phrasing, pronunciation (English is challenging)."

ABOVE ALL, ENJOY YOURSELF

The Christine of whom Randy speaks is Christine Gevert, founder and artistic director of Crescendo, which makes its home at Trinity Church in Lime Rock, Conn. She had some tips of her own to share, although she modestly said she felt that Randy hit the high notes, so to speak.

She agreed that, "Listening to recordings beforehand is really important."

For those of us who have sung along before but are flummoxed by trying to follow the sheet music,

Christine suggests that, "A big part of being able to follow the score is highlighting your lines! It seems so obvious, but a big part of 'reading' the score is knowing where to read!"

"If you are not a trained musician," she added, "even looking at notes going up or down, and following with your voice is a big part of being able to sing."

Here's a pro tip: "A very helpful general rule: The more black you see, the faster the music goes (note heads and beams). White notes generally are slower."

Above all, she counseled, have fun.

"Most of all: Go with your heart, your feelings! It is just wonderful to be part of a Messiah performance, and the music will lead you to a happy place — and your voice will follow that."

The free live stream sing-along Messiah performed by Hudson Valley Philharmonic and Cappella Festiva (and you!) will be on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. For more information on this and other Bardavon Opera House streamed performances, go to www.bardavon.org.



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A new twist on the classic holiday tale: Performers in the 2020 'Christmas Carol' at the Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, N.Y., will wear transparent face masks.

A DRIVE-IN, MUSICAL VERSION OF 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

Performances of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" — as a musical theater performance — will continue at the Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck, N.Y., until Dec. 20.

This is a drive-in theater experience that is held no matter what the weather. Performances are on the balcony of the theater outdoors and are watching from the audience members' vehicles. In keeping

with the COVID-19 holiday theme, all performers will wear transparent face masks.

Shows are Thursday through Sunday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20; call the box office at 845-876-3080

or go online to www.centerforperformingarts.org.

The show is directed and adapted by Lou Trapani with musical direction by Paul and JoAnne Schubert. Performances are by Andy Crispell, Emily

DePew, Ellie DeMan, Joe Felece, Harriet Luongo, Lisa Lynds, Duane Olson and Lou Trapani as Scrooge.

This show is appropriate for all audiences.

MAKE AN ARTISAN HOLIDAY CARD

This might be a great year to rediscover the fun of making holiday cards. For inspiration, try the online art classes from the Wassaic Project in Wassaic, N.Y. The newest lesson is by Maryland mixed media artist Jamea Richmond-Edwards, who teaches how to make a collage portrait. Her instructions (good for adults and children) are in text form and in a video. Go to www.wassaicproject.org and click on "Education," then choose a lesson from the "Learn from home" list.

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Today we are resettled and have begun to rebuild our home on the property we love. To say that we are fortunate people is a significant understatement. We have been so greatly blessed in this unexpected process by so many in unending ways. Thank you. To each of you, thank you. May you be equally blessed in your lives. And may these challenging times continue to reveal what community truly means.

With deepest gratitude to our extraordinary community,
Janice Hylton, Gail Smallbridge & Scout the Kitty

Town Board addresses emergency roof repair, Verizon lease, Trail to Train costs

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — In addition to adopting the 2021 budget, the Town Board adopted several resolutions, from authorizing emergency roof cleaning and repair at Town Hall to entering an information technology services agreement with Dutchess County at its meeting on Thursday, Nov. 19.

The entire Town Board met, along with Attorney to the Town Ian Lindars, via videoconference due to the coronavirus pandemic; it can now be viewed online at the "AmeliaTV" YouTube channel.

Town Hall leaky roof

Following the adoption of the 2021 budget, town Supervisor Victoria Perotti read aloud a resolution ratifying emergency cleaning and repair for the roof of the Town Hall. Perotti acknowledged that the town "has recently undergone various maintenance and rehabilitation projects to repair the aging Town Hall structure," and that a leak in the roof was recently discovered during an inspection by Perotti and Precision Roofing, Inc.

Because the leak was letting water get into the building, it was advised that corrective measures be taken immediately to repair the roof and prevent any further damage to Town Hall.

Perotti said Precision Roofing President Nick DeMatteo recommended emergency repairs to prevent further water damage. Included in the resolution, Perotti, along with Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Michael Segelken, Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner and Lindars, were directed to take whatever steps were needed to coordinate whatever repair work would be required.

Before the resolution was put to a vote, Councilman Damian Gutierrez asked about the total cost of the repair work. Perotti said it would cost \$4,800 and includes all of the repairs, such as repairing the flashing and removing all of the debris from the gutters. Councilwoman Vicki Doyle inquired as to where they were in terms of doing an overall assessment of the roof and what the next emergency might be, "so we can move in a more calculated way toward preventing these before they cause damage."

Perotti said Precision Roofing could do a "total review" of the roof, adding the last estimate to redo the roof was \$100,000.

"I think we need to know if the entire roof needs to be replaced, what state of affairs it's in and if it's at all possible while they're getting in there making the repairs," Doyle said. "It seems like a good time to start giving us an

overall assessment and I think the sooner we do it, the better."

The board authorized payment for the roof repairs from the building maintenance budget line, according to Precision Roofing's proposal. The town's procurement policy was suspended to pay for the emergency repairs, purchases and expenditures in order to address all potential code violations and dangerous conditions associated with the damaged roof.

Cell tower lease

The board then passed a resolution to authorize a second amendment to the cell tower lease agreement with Orange County-Poughkeepsie Limited Partnership doing business as (d/b/a) Verizon Wireless.

Reading aloud from the resolution, Perotti explained that the town and Verizon Wireless entered into a lease agreement in October 2004, where Verizon "leased a portion of the cellular tower and the land owned by the town at 12 Washington Ct. for the purpose of transmitting wireless signals and maintaining an equipment shelter." In April 2011, JNS Enterprises, Inc. — the company with whom the town entered into a master management agreement to develop, construct and manage a municipal cell tower in Amenia — entered into an asset purchase agreement with Crown Communications, LLC, where Crown agreed to accept and assume JNS' obligations under the master management agreement, which the town agreed to in a resolution. In March 2012, Crown and Verizon entered into a first amendment to the town lease agreement where Verizon was allowed to substitute antennas on the cell tower without any fee increases as long as the number of antennas didn't exceed 12 and the maximum allowable surface area didn't exceed 10,140 square feet.

At this time, Verizon and the

town is looking to enter into a second amendment to the cell tower lease agreement to modify certain terms of both the agreement and first amendment. Gutierrez asked if the town has a revenue sharing agreement or a fixed lease payment with the cell tower operator. Lindars explained that the town has a management agreement with JNS (now Crown), where Crown negotiates these agreements and there's a fee split with the agreement with the town. In response to Gutierrez's follow-up question, Lindars said it was a percentage split, and Gutierrez contemplated if the town would see a benefit of percentage increase.

Trail to Train project costs

Next, the board approved a resolution to authorize the town to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the costs of additional construction, construction support and construction inspection work for its Trail to the Train project. Perotti said the resolution permits the state's Department of Transportation's (DOT) supplemental agreement funding for the project to go toward the town in the amount of an additional \$26,250.

Celebration of Lights

Lastly, the Amenia Fire Company is inviting residents to decorate their vehicles for its 9th annual Celebration of Lights on Friday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Participating floats and decorated vehicles can line up at 6 p.m. at the traffic light near the basketball courts; overflow parking will be on Mechanic Street and Route 343. Floats will be parked for all to admire; social distancing guidelines must be followed and face masks must be worn. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for socially distant photos with children. Parking will be at Town Hall on Route 22. The snow date is Sunday, Dec. 6. For details, call 845-559-4797.



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Workshop facilitator Jack Rosen taught about the remedies of 20th Century holistic healer Edgar Cayce at the World Peace Sanctuary in Wassaic on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Holistic healing at Peace Sanctuary

WASSAIC — The World Peace Sanctuary recently invited community members to expand their knowledge of holistic medicine at an informal, interactive workshop, "Overview of the Edgar Cayce Remedies," held on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 21.

Celebrated as "the father of holistic medicine" as well as the most documented psychic of the 20th Century, Cayce's work as well as the specifics of his remedies and the spiritual factors of healing were thoroughly explored by the workshop's facilitator, Jack Rosen, a longtime student of Cayce's materials.

The workshop ran from 2 to

5 p.m. and was accompanied by a Q & A segment.

As part of the workshop, Rosen brought along a few remedies and Cayce devices to give his audience a visual of the kind of healing tools left in the wake of Cayce's legacy.

Due to COVID-19 safety guidelines, the workshop accepted only 10 participants, all of whom were required to wear face masks.

Located at 26 Benton Road, the grounds of the World Peace Sanctuary are currently open seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Housing Board considers accessory dwelling units as potential affordable housing options

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — From its forthcoming presentation to the Town Board to information related to accessory dwelling units, the Amenia Housing Board gathered for its monthly meeting via Zoom, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 5:30 p.m.

Member Leo Blackman reported that town Councilman Damian Gutierrez thought it was time the Housing Board check in with the Town Board. As far as what the Housing Board should focus on when talking to the Town Board, Blackman noted that the Housing Board's mission is a little unclear. According to how it's written in the town's zoning code, he said the Housing Board is supposed to administer housing. That said, Blackman said he felt creating housing has to be the board's mandate and that it could mention this to the Town Board and perhaps ask for a vote or a resolution to update the zoning code to change the mandate.

The Housing Board engaged in a thorough discussion about its housing survey and the survey's announcement mailing, during which time it explored options for promoting the survey and the various demographics it should contact to gather feedback.

Next, Blackman talked about the phone call that he, Gutierrez, Housing Board member Tracy Salladay and Councilwoman Vicki Doyle had on Thursday, Oct. 27, with Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development (DCDDP) Housing Coordinator Anne Saylor and two county planners.

During their call, Blackman said they walked the planning representatives through the properties the Housing Board has been looking at more recently to see if the properties have potential to be large enough for their own wastewater system. As it was their sense that it'll be a few years before Amenia gets a wastewater system, Blackman said they thought they should have the option of doing an affordable housing development now on land that could actually have a wastewater system. He men-

tioned that they looked at a lot of properties that were large, close to town and not yet for sale. In addition to the DCDPD, information regarding the properties has been sent over to Hudson River Housing.

However, Blackman said Saylor and the planners pointed out that they weren't considering large enough setbacks from the wetlands, flood zones and how the properties the Housing Board thought were dry might not be entirely dry. He said the conversation also touched on zoning review in terms on what elements might make affordable housing more possible.

Housing Board members mused that, rather than focus on identifying constraints right away, they were likely better off focusing on establishing and prioritizing the criteria they want for housing, all while accounting for setbacks. Additionally, they talked about what Saylor described as the "low-hanging fruit of affordable housing." This process involves relaxing the zoning code to allow people to convert their barns into housing units, convert single-family residences into two-family residences and have accessory dwelling units on their properties, thereby creating affordable housing rental properties that can come on the market right away and won't require a significant amount of permitting or construction costs. Blackman noted Amenia's zoning code allows accessory apartments and accessory housing units in town.

Sharing with the board what he's learned so far about affordable housing in the Hudson Valley from the six-part LULA class through Pace Law School, Blackman talked about how to get people to participate in such conversions. Incentives were deemed important in the process, as well as tax statements. As far as funding goes, Blackman said there may be some Dutchess County programs or federal programs where they could come up with some kind of grant to provide some cash up front to residents who want to do this type of conversion.

"I think we have to be creative, or at least a little bit creative, and a little bit brave in

terms of being willing to look at the zoning code," Blackman said, "which I must say when we started this board, I was very, very resistant doing, but I think it's specifically what we're looking for is affordable housing... I think we have to think about what's going to make, first of all, accessory dwelling units more likely and I guess we all need to think about what's going to make in the future actual affordable construction or mixed-use construction possible."

Looking ahead, Blackman said the Housing Board might want help from a planner to start thinking about it, while Salladay suggested getting it done through incentives without changing the zoning and sending out a pamphlet

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting for the Town of Amenia will hold its December meeting on MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 7:00 P.M. via ZOOM. Any member of the public wishing to join this meeting needs to contact the ZBA office at 845-373-8860, extension 124 or 122, by December 11th.

John T. Metcalfe
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
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to inform Amenia residents that accessory dwellings are a housing option. Housing Board members added the board needs to figure out what's applicable in Amenia and differentiate between a rental property and affordable housing.

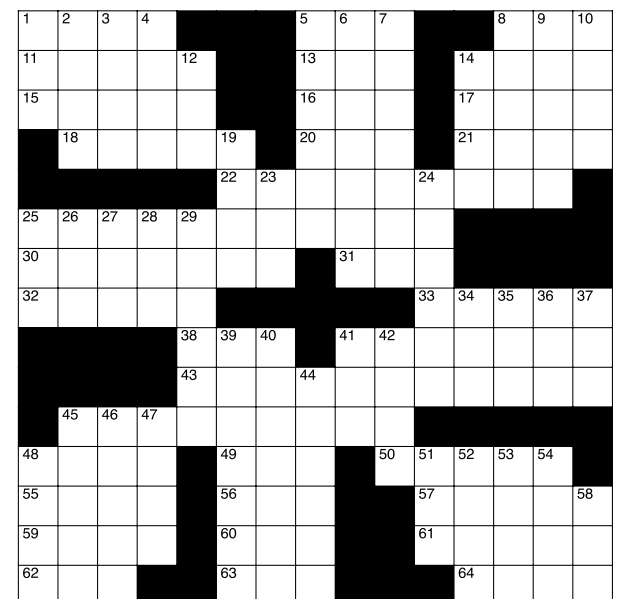
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- Pal
- Expresses pleasure
- Amendable
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- A way to cut off
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- Pale brownish yellow color
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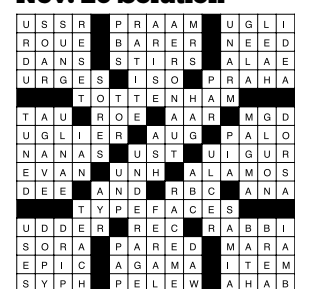
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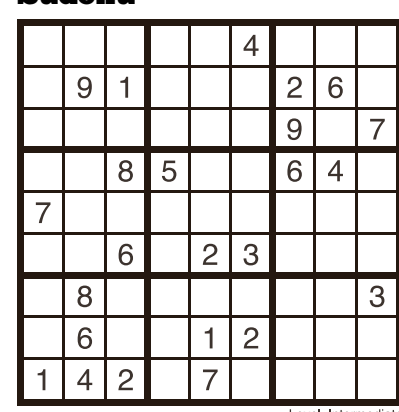


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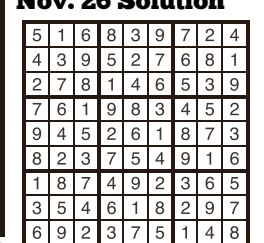
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EDITORIAL

Our gratitude should continue

The Lakeville Journal Company has many reasons to be grateful this year as we reflect on what was a very challenging Thanksgiving, as the coronavirus undoubtedly crept its way into the minds of every single person in every single dining room across the Tri-state region and around the country — but hopefully not into every body. With so many things so very different this year from last at this time, many may wonder how it is that we could still be thankful. But we were, and we remain so.

Because last year at this time, this little local journalism venture was facing a financial crisis that wasn't finding traditional solutions. So, we tried something new: an open admission to our readers that our situation was dire, and that we needed help and support in order to survive.

You answered the call then, and allowed us to make it through a time of global pandemic. Our mission to serve our communities is more important now than ever, with the need to keep people informed on what is happening in their communities being critical to their very existence.

So we have decided to keep the model for reader support for another year, and see where it takes us and you. So far, we have received more than \$40,000 in contributions, giving us a sense of optimism about The Millerton News remaining here, where it can write about life in the Harlem Valley of New York and its surrounds, and that The Lakeville Journal can do the same for the Northwest Corner of Connecticut and the rest of the Tri-state region.

Thank you all for your vote of confidence in our continuation, and for reading our publications. However difficult the year has been for many of us, this kind of affirmation gives us at The Lakeville Journal Company hope for the future.

We hope you all had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving, however you were able to celebrate it, and that you will join us in being grateful for every day that we can find new ways to communicate and lift each other up as we enter the cold days of this pandemic winter.

That time when a chief exec refused to leave

No president has ever refused to leave office after not winning an election but a governor did it once in a most unlikely place, the Land of Steady Habits.

More than a century ago, in 1890, Connecticut had a gubernatorial election that nobody won, allowing the sitting governor, who hadn't run for reelection, to decide to keep on sitting — and get away with it.

It happened because of the strange politics of the day but mainly because there was a very special character in the leading role — the sitting governor, Morgan Gardner Bulkeley. His biography is worth a glance.

He was born in East Haddam in 1837 and raised in Colchester by a mother who was a Mayflower descendant and a father whose ancestors founded Concord, Mass. His father was also one of the founders of the Aetna Insurance Co. and Morgan was related to the Morgan family, as in J.P., on his mother's side.

A Civil War veteran, Morgan worked for his uncle in New York before returning to Hartford in 1872 at the age of 35 to

IF YOU ASK ME
Dick Ahles

help form the United States Bank of Hartford and bring baseball to the city with the Hartford Dark Blues, one of the original National League teams. He served as the league's first president and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame after his death.

Bulkeley's political career began as a Republican member of the Hartford City Council and as mayor from 1880 to 1888, the year he ran for governor. He lost by 1,415 votes but was elected by the Republican Legislature because neither he nor his Democratic opponent had received the then-required 50% of the popular vote. Since governor was then a part-time position, Bulkeley kept his day job as president of Aetna.

Bulkeley chose not to run again in 1890 and watched as the race to succeed him ended in a near tie with neither candidate able to win certification by both the Democratic Senate and the

Safe walking for older adults: Visibility

This is one of a series of pedestrian safety columns, prepared in conjunction with the Dutchess County Transportation Council and the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health.

As daytimes become shorter and it gets dark earlier, it becomes more important to think about being visible when we're out walking, especially in the evening and early morning. In the City of Poughkeepsie, 40% of crashes between vehicles and people walking occur in dark or dusk conditions, according to Dutchess County's Complete Streets Committee (www.dutchessny.gov/CompleteStreets).

What do you do to be visible when you're walking outside? Here are some tips:

- Wear bright colors. White is most visible, especially at night. Bright yellow or orange are also good. A bright shirt or jacket, hat or cap, pants and sneakers all help you to be more visible.

- Carry a flashlight. The light will help you see curbs and other obstacles. It can also help drivers see you, because the light moves

GOLDEN LIVING
Todd N. Tancredi

as you walk.

- Wear clothes with reflective material. Many jackets and sneakers have reflective strips that make you more visible. You can also find reflective tape or stickers and add them to your jacket or pant legs. Reflective material works best when it's on a part of your body that moves as you walk — your arms or legs. That way, a driver is more likely to see it.

While visibility is especially important at dawn, dusk and evening hours, it's good practice to follow these tips whenever you walk outside. "See — and be seen" is how our safety campaign describes it. If you're crossing near a bus, truck or other large vehicle, wait for that vehicle to be well on its way before crossing, until it no longer blocks sight lines.

Use crosswalks and pedestrian push-buttons where available, and cross at intersections

Republican House. The Senate was happy to accept the 26-vote victory of the Democratic candidate but the House wanted to quibble over the fact that a large number of ballots in Bridgeport, of all places, had been rejected and many others had "imperfections," little holes reminiscent of Florida's hanging chads 110 years later.

In the 1890s, the parties prepared the ballots to be cast for their own candidates and the practice caused a dispute over counting the ballots of a third-party candidate named Phineas Augur. The law said the gubernatorial ballot should read, "Governor, Phineas M. Augur" but Augur's ballots read, "For Governor, Phineas M. Augur." It seemed like no big deal but if the third-party votes were counted, the Democrat would lack a majority, so the parties split.

But when the Democrats decided to inaugurate their candidate, Luzon Morris, anyway, Republican Gov. Bulkeley informed the Legislature, "I give you notice that I regard such action as revolutionary and unauthorized" and refused to leave

his office — literally. That's where drivers are most likely to expect to see you. New York State law gives pedestrians the right of way in all crosswalks and at intersections with marked or unmarked crosswalks — but as a pedestrian, don't assume a driver knows the law and will yield when they're supposed to.

If there is a location that needs safety improvements such as better lighting, crossing signals, sidewalks, curb ramps or crosswalks, alert the local officials in your town, village or city.

In the meantime, check out Dutchess County's "Watch Out For Me" webpage (www.dutchessny.gov/WatchOutForMe) and explore the available resources, including a street safety tips brochure and street safety quiz. New York State's Pedestrian Safety program (www.ny.gov/pedsafety) has videos, information about laws and other resources — including a short video about visibility.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please pay attention to safety and cleanliness

I have written for quite some time a number of people walking, jogging, bike riding on the sides of the roads either wearing black, or dark clothing.

Please be safe and wear the brightest, most obnoxious colors you can if doing any of these activities. If you don't have any bright clothing, any hardware store can sell you a bright yellow/green safety vest for around \$10.

If you are not concerned with your own safety, think about how terrible a driver would feel if he or she were to hit you.

On another note, if you plan on visiting loved ones at the cemetery this holiday season, please do not discard your summertime plastic flower pots in the surrounding woods. Cemeteries are not garbage dumps.

If you absolutely cannot put a flower pot in your vehicle, leave it on the side of the cemetery driveway and either myself, or someone else who cares will pick it up.

Keep America beautiful!
Bruce Valentine
Millerton

Electricity: At what cost?

Don't get me wrong, I am an environmentalist and I want us to move from carbon fuels as much as possible to electricity. Take a car, for example, a normal family car uses 10-plus barrels of oil a year to run. The same car with batteries only uses 1.2 barrels of the equivalent of oil (gas, coal or oil burned in generating plants). The problem is that as the economy of electric cars grows, so does the demand for electricity. And the same goes for electric heating in your home or office, electric boilers for hot water, electricity for aluminum smelting, electricity for all those factory robots and so on. All good for the environment, up to a point.

Moving to electricity is a bit like robbing Peter to pay Paul. Instead of a motor in your car using less than 20% of the energy in gasoline (the rest is exhausted as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, carbon dust and heat), electricity produced at a plant uses 85% of the energy in the same amount of oil or gas. Coal is not so good, but it is cheaper, so the cost to produce is about the same. Nuclear energy's kilowatts are very cheap to produce when you look at operating costs of a nuclear plant, once up and running. The real cost of the nuclear plant is in the building, which makes the per kilowatt real cost of nuclear energy on par or slightly more than a gas electric plant.

Then there's a real problem with turning everything electric

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE
Peter Riva

— as good as this may be for the environment. And when I say environment I mean the possibility of all of us and our kids being able to live at all. So, yes, saving the environment is real, necessary, and a dire issue for us all. It is all about survival on this planet.

The real problem facing us all in the coming decade is the cost of putting in an electric generating industry, building "sustainable electric generation" (wind, tidal and solar). Why? To start with, our electric grid is at max capacity already. Want to renew the existing grid? Current estimates are \$5,000,000,000,000 — yup, \$5 trillion, or \$14,500 per U.S. citizen. Then there are the costs of electric plants, wind, tidal or solar generators let alone another nuclear plant at a building cost of \$9,000,000,000 each.

The current estimate of electrical need by 2025 is that, all in all, we have to almost double our electrical capacity and handling, or to put in dollar terms (with grid growth) we need to find \$120,000,000,000,000 over the next five years, or \$342,000 for every man, woman and child in America, or \$68,000 per person per year.

But there is a simple solution big industry is overlooking. There are about 100,000,000 residential houses in the USA. The average electric consumption for these houses is projected for 2025 (when more appliances and cars will be electric) to be \$300 a month, or around 2,000 kWh (kilowatt hours at \$0.15 per kWh). If you put solar panels on each and every house to produce clean electricity — back-feeding an existing grid — you could charge owners/users \$150 a month for all their electric consumption. What would the cost of putting solar panels on every house be? With increased factory build of that many panels and installation uniformity and regulatory laws enacted, the cost would be around \$28,000 per house installed. Let me repeat that, \$28,000 installed, all using the existing electric grid.

Instead of a cost of \$68,000 per person in America every year for five years, we could cut the expansion cost needs of electric generation capacity from \$342,000 per person to \$8,000 per person. In my opinion that makes fiscal sense. And it is all good for the environment — and employment and industry, and GNP growth.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Selling crafts for important causes

The annual Crafts for a Cause sale will be by appointment on our porch at 153 Over Mountain Road in Ancramdale this year. Because of the coronavirus pandemic we decided not to hold it in the village of Millerton as we have for the past few years.

There will be salad bowls, platters, rolling pins, candleholders, tea boxes, earrings, toys and other woodcrafts with all proceeds going to Neighbors Helping Neighbors' COVID-19 relief and Grow Against Poverty's education and community development projects in Kenya.

Please email growagainstpovetry@gmail.com or call 518-329-2021 to arrange a date and time.

Thanks.
John and Jean Roccanova
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Hunters advised to stay safe when in the woods

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NEW YORK STATE — Whether in pursuit of big game or exploring the great outdoors while the weather allows it, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has issued advisories for hunters as well as outdoor enthusiasts to remind them to stay alert and exercise common sense when sharing the woods this season.

“Thousands of New Yorkers are getting outside for a nature break this year during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and we’re seeing record-setting enthusiasm from both experienced hunters and anglers and those new to the sport,” NYSDEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said in a press release this October. “We want 2020 to be the safest hunting season on record and to make sure all hunters, whether they have decades of experience or are just starting out, follow the principles of hunter safety.”

As far as this year’s big game season dates are concerned, regular deer hunting in Dutchess County began Nov. 21 and runs through Sunday, Dec. 13. Both late bowhunting and muzzleloading for deer of either sex will run from Monday, Dec. 14, through Tuesday, Dec. 22.

For bear hunting in Dutchess County, bowhunting will run from Monday, Dec. 14, through Tuesday, Dec. 22. Regular bear hunting began Nov. 21 and runs through Sunday, Dec. 13, and muzzleloading will run from Monday, Dec. 14, through Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Hunting hours run from sunrise to sunset for both game.

Prior to receiving a license to hunt, all new hunters and trappers are required by the

NYSDEC to take a hunter or trapper education course. As posted on its website, online hunter education courses and online bowhunter education courses are now available in addition to an in-person course. For \$19.95, the online hunter education course is available to any New York State resident age 11 or older at www.hunter-ed.com/newyork. Likewise, the bowhunter education course is available to New York State residents age 11 or older for \$30 and can be found online at www.bowhunter-ed.com/newyork. New in-person courses will be added throughout the year as safety regulations allow, though most in-person courses are taught between the months of March and September.

Other safety precautions for hunters include wearing blaze orange or pink to make themselves highly visible and prevent other hunters from mistaking them for game or shooting in their direction. Hunters are also encouraged to use full-body safety harnesses and climbing belts in order to prevent falls from tree stands, and to stay connected from the time they leave the ground to the time they return to the ground.

As with every autumn, NYSDEC environmental conservation police officers will be on patrol throughout the state to ensure hunters’ safety during the hunting season.

With regard to outdoor enthusiasts exploring the woods this fall and winter, the NYSDEC also advises them to wear blaze orange, blaze pink or another bright color to help them be seen more easily and from a greater distance by hunters. Accidental shootings can occur when hikers or others ambling among the trees are mistaken for animals. Wearing bright



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From left, Hunter Conklin learned the rules and traditions of hunting turkeys by observing his grandfather, Larry Conklin of Millerton, with the turkey he took at the start of this year’s spring turkey hunting season. Now New York hunters are enjoying New York’s deer and bear hunting seasons.

colors also helps forest rangers, environmental conservation police officers and other rescue personnel find anyone who may be lost, sick or injured in the woods.

Pet owners are advised to dress their dogs in blaze orange, pink or another brightly colored vest or scarf and to keep them leashed at all times if in the wilderness together.

As they share the woods this fall and winter, hunters and outdoors enthusiasts alike are asked to exercise common sense, maintain social distancing and to recreate responsibly to stay as safe as possible during the current pandemic.

For more information on how to stay safe while hunting, go to the DEC’s website at www.dec.ny.gov.

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