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Millbrook interior designer Ashley Lempka took a photo of an old maple tree that split in half and fell on top of her garage at her home in the village of Millbrook on Tuesday, Aug. 4, during Tropical Storm Isaias.

Tropical Storm Isaias hits the Harlem Valley

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HARLEM VALLEY — Just as millions of Americans living along the Eastern Seaboard — and those of us living right here in the Tri-state region — have dealt with the hardships of existing during a global pandemic, all were forced to deal with Tropical Storm Isaias, which arrived Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 4. In New York the following day, Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a State of Emergency in Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties, adding it “applies to all counties bordering the 11 specified.” The damage crossed borders into Connecticut and Massachusetts — leaving hundreds of thousands in the dark for more than a week.

Locally, Isaias felled trees with heavy gusts of wind and rendered homes and businesses without power — some were still waiting for restoration as of presstime on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

According to Millbrook resident Kleber Santos, who owns and runs the cageless doggie day care and boarding business, Dog Meadow Park, with his wife, Laura Dodd Evans, out of their Millbrook home at 578 Tyrell Road, which also does some animal rescue and has sheep, goats, chickens and ducks, “a tornado went through our

property at about 2 p.m. on Tuesday, downing several trees and doing a lot of property damage.”

Although official reports of a tornado haven't been confirmed, Santos “lost a chicken coop, fences and dog runs during the storm.”

According to Colleen Pillus, communications director for the Dutchess County Executive Office, though, “Emergency Response did not have any reports of a tornado in Millbrook and there is nothing confirmed.”

Santos said that whatever the weather event was — it was both scary and dangerous, and he's just glad his animals and workers are safe.

“All of our farm animals and dogs are safe. We brought everyone in by keeping an eye on the weather radar and news reports,” he said. “All people and animals were brought inside and kept safe.”

Santos added they consider themselves lucky.

“The damage was all in the back of the house, but we lost about 10 trees,” he said. “We only had minutes to get everyone safe. There were heavy rains; we heard the trees snapping as they fell.”

And Millbrook interior designer Audrey Lempka also suffered structural damage to her home, as “an old Maple tree split in half and fell on our garage!” she exclaimed in an email to this newspaper.

According to Central Hudson, “The storm caused widespread dam-

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New York State schools submit reopening plans

School districts review COVID-19 re-entry logistics

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HARLEM VALLEY — “School districts have until Friday, Aug. 21, to submit plans for in-person learning to the Department of Health (DOH),” stated Governor Andrew Cuomo in a daily coronavirus email update on Monday, Aug. 10. “Currently, a number of school districts have yet to submit a plan. If they fail to meet the Friday deadline, they will not be allowed to open in person.”

The DOH the New York State Education Department (NYSED) are now reviewing re-entry plans.

On Monday, July 13, the state, the Reimagine Education Advisory Council and the DOH released the “Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Schools,” which be viewed at www.governor.ny.gov. It covers reopening school facilities’ in-person instruction; monitoring health conditions; containing potential transmissions of COVID-19; and closing school facilities and in-person instruction if necessitated by widespread virus

transmission.

Harlem Valley school districts — including the North East (Webutuck), Pine Plains and Millbrook Central School Districts — formed task forces and re-entry committees to make individual plans. They examined how the state’s three reopening models — including an in-person instruction option, a remote/distance learning option and a hybrid model that combines in-person instruction with remote/

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A much-needed, light-hearted COVID break

Millerton library loves ‘Lucy’ art

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MILLERTON — If you “Love Lucy” — and the library — here’s a great opportunity to combine the two passions. Local artist Marilyn Nichols, whose art show at the NorthEast-Millerton Library is the first since the doors were closed in mid-March due to the coronavirus pandemic, has donated a painting of the famous redhead for a raffle to benefit the library.

Nichols is making the donation in part as an appreciation for Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson’s

decision to provide a venue for her 50-plus paintings.

“She’s such a good soul, and she just takes me in, regardless if I’m famous or not — which I’m not,” said Nichols. “She’s just so eager to be of help, and the library could use a little funding these days. I felt it would be fun and whatever she gets can go to the library.”

Self-taught, Nichols has loved art all her life, starting as a child when she doodled and “played around” with painting and drawing. The result is a collection of oil and acrylic paintings with a whimsical style, which reflects

her appreciation of fun.

A native of Millerton, her “Lucy” is in part an homage to her mother, as both she and the comedienne had copper colored hair, and features some glitter as a final touch to her interpretation of Lucy’s crowning glory.

The raffle, she said, is “something different” she was “game to do.” Other paintings are for sale, but she picked Lucy to donate because “I had it over there and said this is the one people might like. If she appeals to people and they take a chance, it’s an oppor-

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Protesters get one year probation for scaling Cricket Valley smokestacks

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DOVER PLAINS — Almost nine months after they were arrested for criminal trespassing on the Cricket Valley Energy Center (CVEC) property, New York residents Creek Iversen, Ben Schwartz, Monica Hunken and George Elliot had their day in court on Monday, Aug. 3, where they each received one year probation for climbing the power plant’s smokestack last November.

Arriving at the power plant around 5 a.m. on Nov. 16, 2019, the four climbed the 275-foot smokestack to protest CVEC’s operations. Schwartz, a farmer from White Pine Community Farm in Dover Plains, cited impact on the stu-



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From left, New York protesters Monica Hunken, Creek Iversen, George Elliot and Ben Schwartz (not pictured) stood in solidarity against the Cricket Valley Energy Center’s operations from atop the power plant’s smokestack last November.

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Actors Liam Neeson and Micheál Richardson speak at drive-in premiere of 'Made in Italy'

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AMENIA — For many a moviegoer living in the Hudson Valley, it's a rare privilege to be able to go out for a night at the cinema and hear a first-hand account of the actors' experience in making the film. Yet such was the case last Saturday evening, Aug. 8, as the Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre invited audiences to the Hudson Valley premiere of the film, "Made in Italy," with a live introduction by the film's leading men, acclaimed actor Liam Neeson and his son, Micheál Richardson.

Hailed for his versatility as an actor and applauded for the ease with which he approaches a role, many locals know that Neeson ("Schindler's List," "Love Actually," "Taken") shares close ties to the Hudson Valley as he currently resides in an estate located just outside of Millbrook. For his latest on-screen role, the actor and his son co-star in a story about an artist and his estranged son who travel to Tuscany, Italy, to sell the house they inherited from their late wife and mother. Though this film marks the directorial debut of actor James D'Arcy ("Cloud Atlas," "Dunkirk"), "Made in Italy" marks the third occasion that Neeson and Richardson have shared the silver screen, having previously worked together in "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues" in 2013 and "Cold Pursuit" in 2019.

When asked what it meant to him and his father to be able to share the experience of working



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together with a local audience — especially during COVID-19 — Richardson replied, "We grew up here and there are 321 drive-ins in America, so to be able to do this, how lucky are we?"

Even as "Made in Italy" was scheduled to illuminate the drive-in theater's main screen around 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, the event attracted tremendous interest from the local region and far beyond, resulting in a sold-out show long before Saturday came around. Though walk-ins were accepted once the show sold out, the event's popularity garnered just as large a crowd until there was no more room. As they approached the ticket booth placed in the center of the theater's driveway, spectators received a custom bottle of wine from Millbrook Winery and a mini "Made in Italy" film poster

courtesy of IFC Films.

All around the premises, the night-time scene was effervescent: with live music on the patio and customers enjoying their dinners outdoors and across the adjacent lawn, it was just the kind of night out local residents and area visitors craved between COVID-19 and the recent aftermath of Tropical Storm Isaias.

With minutes until the actors' arrival ticking down, spectators began forming in clusters around the site where the premiere's guests were reserved to speak from atop a wooden balcony established to the right of the main screen. Holding their cameras at the ready, their eyes searched the premises in anticipation of their arrival. Once their guests had arrived and been welcomed by the Stefanopoulos brothers, John and

Paul climbed the balcony to set the show in motion.

"We are so honored," John said into the microphone. "It's such a wonderful experience to have

Following the live introduction by Liam Neeson and Micheál Richardson, members of the Stefanopoulos family gathered together for a photo with the two actors on the grass next to the Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre's main screen.

Mr. Neeson and his son Micheál Richardson here with us."

As he thanked the audience for attending the evening's premiere, Neeson recounted the experiences he and Richardson shared in filming "Made in Italy" last year in Tuscany, Italy, calling to mind the pouring rain that fell when they were shooting the film and other anecdotes that made this film particularly memorable for the two of them.

With the finished feature ready to be screened at the drive-in, Neeson said he hoped the audi-

ence would enjoy it: "Seriously, we're all in debt to you being here."

"And a big thanks to Four Brothers — we love you," Richardson said, while his father sung high praise for the restaurant's first-rate pizza and chicken wings.

As they descended the wooden balcony and headed in the direction of their car, Neeson and Richardson commemorated the evening by taking a photo with members of the Stefanopoulos family on the grass. Not wanting to miss out on a rare opportunity, spectators edged closer to Neeson with the hopes of capturing a photo as a souvenir from their night at the theater. Just as the car carrying Neeson and Richardson pulled out of the drive-in, the audience's attention was diverted by the appearance of the opening advertisements, prompting them to return to their cars for the show.

Village eyes highway equipment, police vehicle

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Opening the floor to discuss local business, the Village Board received reports from both the Highway Department and the Millerton Police Department during its regular meeting on Monday, July 20.

The entire board met via Zoom at 6 p.m.; the meeting was live streamed on the "Village of Millerton VOM" Facebook page due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After approving the latest vouchers, the board opened the floor for a report by Highway Supervisor Coleman Lawrence.

Highway update

Lawrence reported that the village's roller recently needed to be serviced again as it needed a new fuel pump and had a pretty substantial hydraulic leak. He said the roller has been used all summer for patchwork, small painting jobs and similar tasks, adding while the roller is village equipment, the town of North East also uses it. Seeing as the roller is almost 20 years old, Lawrence said he thought it makes sense to replace the roller, adding that it would cost the village \$15,000 to do so. Since the equipment is still working at this time, he explained that, instead of replacing the unit right away, he is looking to replace it some time in the 2021-22 fiscal year.

"It's an item we need and use," Lawrence said.

Mayor Debbie Middlebrook suggested that Lawrence provide the board with information regarding the cost of a new roller to consider the cost as part of the 2021-22 village budget.

Lawrence also raised the idea of purchasing a hot box for the village. Describing it a fairly new device, he explained that the hot box could be used for any of the village's water repairs or blacktop jobs by taking material used for the job (such as asphalt) and putting it in the hot box, thereby recycling the material for another job. In response to questions about what the Highway Department currently does with the asphalt it rips up, he reported that it places it in a landfill. Priced at around \$15,000, Lawrence said the hot box could be used all year long and shared with the town. Middlebrook considered whether there could be county funding for the shared services.

Police update

After delivering a report on the

latest number of calls from the village and town, Millerton Police Officer-in-Charge Mike Veeder reported that on Wednesday, July 15, the department underwent in-service use of force training, which, in addition to use of force, covered taser-related training and de-escalation training. Clarifying what use of force training and de-escalation training involve, he explained that de-escalation training refers to how the officers would present themselves in a situation while use of force refers to what techniques they can and can't use if a hands-on approach is necessary.

Keeping the board updated on Dutchess County's efforts in creating a countywide plan for modernizing police strategies, procedures and protocols, Middlebrook reported that the county will be hosting meetings with police personnel in the near future. In addition to its Criminal Justice Council, she said the county has gotten the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, the Chief's Association, community activists, faith-based leaders and others involved in the effort. Middlebrook also commended Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro for taking the lead in moving this countywide effort forward "because they really have the resources to do this and to do a good job."

At this time, Middlebrook said the county is hopeful about having a draft of the plan by the end of October. Once the draft is completed and revised, she said the Village Board will receive an updated version and will hold a public hearing prior to adoption.

"The hope is that all of the law enforcement agencies within the county will be on the same page with the same guidelines," she said.

Responding to Trustee Matthew Hartzog's question about whether there will be a municipal or countywide public hearing on the plan, Middlebrook said she believes the county wants each municipality to hold a public hearing, and that the county will help each municipality implement the public hearing, whether it's done in-person or remotely.

Veeder raised the upcoming purchase of a new police vehicle, reminding the board that it talked about the vehicle's color at its previous workshop on July 6. After talking with a couple of auto body shops, he reported that Pine Plains Autobody gave him a \$7,480 quote to paint the car while Jim's Auto Body offered to paint the car for \$3,000 to \$3,500. Veeder also received a verbal quote from Martinez Auto Body Shop for \$3,000.

With regard to its color, Veeder said he'd like to see a black police car as it would stand out and wouldn't be the same color as state or county vehicles. Middlebrook agreed with ordering a black police car and asked where the village budget stands before getting another police car painted.

When Middlebrook asked her fellow trustees how they felt about having a black police car, the majority indicated a preference for a black and white police care instead of solid black. Hartzog said it would make the car "look more menacing," while Trustee Jennifer Najdek suggested that the board purchase a new black and white police vehicle now, and then send the older police vehicle out to be painted to match.

Middlebrook said she and Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer must decide whether painting the vehicle would impact the \$52,000 bond anticipation note (BAN). She confirmed the board prefers black and white.



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Sheriff's Office actions during BLM protest reviewed

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POUGHKEEPSIE — More than three weeks after a Black Lives Matter (BLM) protest was held in Pleasant Valley, which was attended by 700 people, including a number of Millbrook residents and leaders, conflict continues. Both the BLM group and the group that formed a counter protest in support of the police, Blue Lives Matter — or Back the Blue (BLB) — have been accused of misconduct. The Dutchess County Legislature's Public Safety Committee, chaired by Legislator Gregg Pulver (R-19), met on Thursday, Aug. 6, in Poughkeepsie with representatives of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) to discuss the protest and the DCSO's actions.

Several legislators were present, including Leg. Deirdre Houston (R-25). District 25 includes parts of Pleasant Valley as well as Millbrook and other municipalities.

While Sgt. Adam Harris of the Internal Affairs Bureau stated that small groups on both sides resorted to violence, he added no formal complaints were filed by the BLM protesters; only one complaint was filed by a counter

protester. However, he later said a "handful" of complaints are being investigated.

Sheriff Adrian "Butch" Anderson, Sgt. Harris, Lt. Shawn Castano, Capt. John Watterson and Undersheriff Kirk Imperati were on hand Aug. 6 to discuss how the DCSO handled the situations that arose during the protest and counter protest, which have come under fire for being out of control. A young girl was reportedly punched at the rally.

Many different videos have surfaced of the day of the protests, through the main stream and social media. The police are looking into the protests but complained they haven't been given any evidence of criminal wrongdoing; Harris said that he has had about 75 complaints emailed to him, but that 95% were edited versions of the same complaint.

There was some ambiguity following the presentation on Aug. 6 if the DCSO had been informed that the counter protest was planned on July 18, but the BLM group had met with both Pleasant Valley government leaders and members of the Sheriff's Office.

On July 16, Capt. Watterson confirmed, "Sheriff Anderson announced that law enforcement

is aware of two potential planned demonstrations in the Town of Pleasant Valley this upcoming Saturday, July 18."

Also, on a social media post that went viral, former Detective Dan Balasone reportedly referred to the BLM protest and advised counter protesters to show up.

"This would be a great opportunity for Back the Blue, Right to Life and MAGA groups to have their own demonstrations and get some exposure," he wrote.

Amenia native Royal Parker, along with Kevin Halcott and Lauren Sky, co-organizers of the BLM protest, said they were assured by the Sheriff's Office that protesters would be kept safe and protected; many had received death threats following the announcement of

their protest on July 2.

Halcott has organized social justice protests for 17 years; Parker has helped organize recent protests in Millbrook. Having attended Webutuck schools, he now lives in Pleasant Valley.

The marching route on July 18 was established with "peace-keepers" peppered throughout, in case of trouble, to keep everyone calm and to prevent BLM protesters from engaging with counter protesters. They were easily identifiable with their bright yellow vests.

The sheriff's deputies admitted that their communications were compromised, due to interference with the cell tower they were using. That has since been rectified. They had 70 deputies present, but many were on the outskirts

of town, a decision now being reconsidered as a more obvious presence might have deterred criminal activity.

Legislator Giancarlo Llaverrias (D-1) was among those with questions following the DCSO's presentation.

"Speaking for Black and brown people and for those who were there, our biggest issue is that we do not trust law enforcement, even less the Sheriff's Department," he said, adding he was at the protest and saw women and children assaulted by counter protesters.

"Why weren't the arrests made when it was made in front of police officers?" he asked.

Imperati reminded Llaverrias that they had a conversation the day of the protest and he said he

was going to turn some footage over, but as of July 6, the legislator had not done so.

Llaverrias also asked about the racial composition of the DCSO.

The investigation is ongoing; deputies were asked if they would update the situation in September. Harris agreed, but added the investigation could be over faster if more information, video footage and complaints are forthcoming.

The Sheriff's Office has created an e-mail address for reporting police misconduct: InternalAffairsBureau@dutchessny.gov. It is also making a policy that will allow people to make complaints at its Poughkeepsie offices in the future. Anyone with information is asked to contact Capt. Watterson at 845-486-3860.

OBITUARIES

Carl W. Bartow Jr.

SOUTHFIELD, Mass. — Carl W. Bartow Jr., 73, died Aug. 2, 2020, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

He was the husband of the late Shirley (Bell) Bartow.

Carl was born April 27, 1947, in Winsted, son of the late Eva (Rattigan) and Carl W. Bartow Sr.

Carl worked as a cement truck driver for the former Connecticut Sand and Stone located in North Canaan. He drove for the company for over 20 years.

He answered his country's call as a member of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam Conflict.

Carl enjoyed classic cars and also enjoyed restoring them at his home.

Carl is survived by his son, Aaron Bartow of Southfield, Mass.; his half-sister, Catherine Riva, of Sheffield, Mass.; and his two grandchildren, Sean and Lillian Bartow, both of Philmont, N.Y.

A celebration of Carl's life will be held on Friday, Aug. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 2 p.m. in Our Lady of the Valley Cemetery, Salisbury Road, Sheffield, MA 01257.

More obituaries appear on Page A4

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Thomas Gerald Hussey

LAKEVILLE — Thomas Gerald Hussey, 76, of Furnace Road died Aug. 6, 2020, at Sharon Hospital. He was the husband of Nora (Crowe) Hussey.

Thomas was born Feb. 12, 1944, in Athlone, Ireland, the son of the late Mary (Sullivan) and James Hussey. He grew up in a family of 10.

He joined the Irish Armed Forces and was a member of the United Nations and in the 4th Field of Engineer Corp Costume Barracks located in Athlone.

He also served in the Belgian Congo from 1962 to 1963 with the 36 Battalion. He was awarded the silver star by the United Nations.

While in the Corp he became a gymnast for the Irish squad and performed on a national level that was broadcast on RTE and won many medals and ribbons.

After serving six years in the military he moved to England and served an apprenticeship with the

Amalgamated Society of Painters and Decorators.

In 1971 he married Nora Crowe. They moved to New York City in 1972 and settled in Lakeville soon after. He then started the Hussey Painting and Decorating business in 1978 until his retirement.

His biggest passions were his family, horse racing, friends and his faith.

He is survived by his first wife of 49 years, Nora C. Hussey. He also leaves three children, Emmet Hussey and his wife, Maureen, Pearse Hussey and Tracey Hussey; as well as five grandchildren, Molly and Sean Hussey, Caiden, Marygrace and Niamh

Hussey. He was predeceased by four brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, Aug. 13, at 11 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours of St. Mary, 79 Sharon Road, Lakeville. Burial is private at St. Mary Cemetery in Salisbury.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, Aug. 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon. A reception will follow at 7 p.m. at the Emmet Hussey residence, 9 Ledgewood Road, Lakeville.

Memorial donations may be made to the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 582, Salisbury, CT 06068.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Training his concentration on the ball, Carter Knickerbocker, 8, practiced juggling the soccer ball in the last 5 minutes of the summer camp program held in Pine Plains on Thursday, Aug. 6.

Staying safe, playing soccer

PINE PLAINS — Rising soccer players from the local area seized the opportunity to perfect their skills on the field by registering for the summer camp program hosted by Fox Soccer Academy in Pine Plains. From Monday, Aug. 3, through Friday, Aug. 7, the program was held at the Pine Plains Recreational Park, located on Beach Road, from 9 a.m. to noon, during which time the 14 registered players learned basic foot skills and how to master the soccer ball.

"Half the kids are knock-down, drag-out, total soccer players, and the other half are athletes who love soccer and want to play," Fox Soccer Academy Premier Coach Paul LaBarbera said appreciatively, "so we're appealing to both."

Respecting the rules of social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, all of the program's participants wore face masks

while on the field and stayed 10 feet apart from one another whenever they weren't wearing masks.

"Basically we're doing no contact and adjusting the game so people can come out and play soccer," LaBarbera said.

— Kaitlin Lyle

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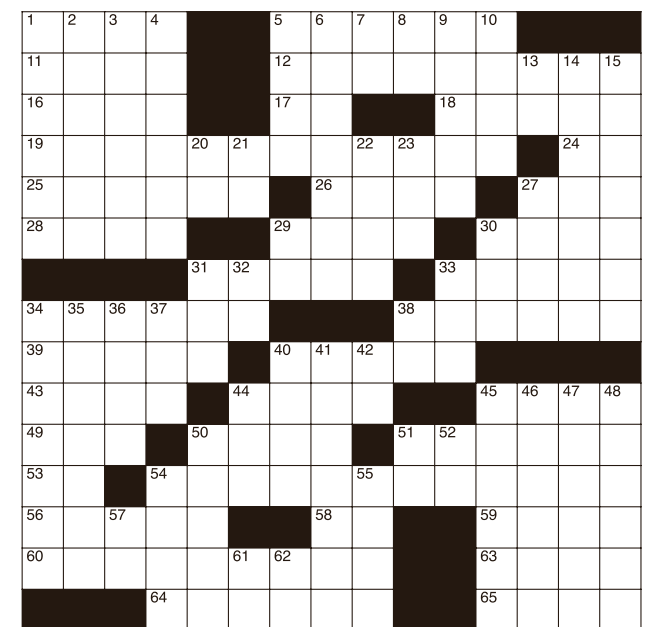
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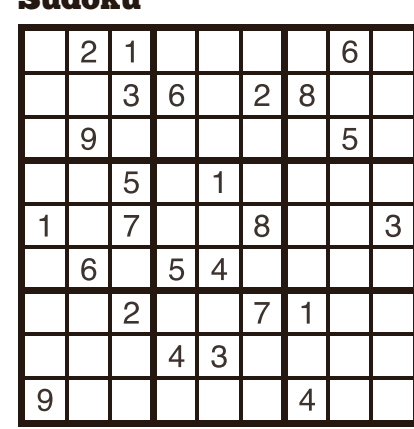


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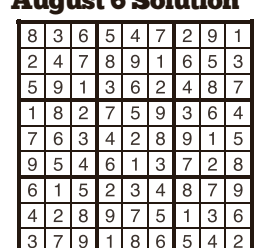
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OBITUARIES

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Virginia Alice (Cahill) Golden

SHARON — Virginia Alice (Cahill) Golden, 79, of Torrington, died July 27, 2020, at home surrounded by her family. She was the loving wife of Edward T. Golden Sr. Virginia "Ginny" was born Oct. 28, 1940, in Sharon, the daughter of the late Alice and Fred Cahill.



She is survived by her husband, Ed; three sons, Ed Jr. and Kristine Golden, David Golden and Scott and Sue Golden; and daughter, Heather and John Ongley; and 10 grandchildren, Alexa and Jim Hunter, Kyle and Ally Golden, Ben and Gina Golden, Rebecca Golden, Connor Golden,

Ginny graduated from Pine Plains High School in 1958 and then attended St. Margaret's Maternity Nursing Program in Albany, N.Y.

Corey Golden, Hannah Golden, Taylor Golden, Zach Ongley and Mackenzie Ongley; her brothers, Robert, Donald, Peter and Tom; and her sisters, Betty and Margaret.

She married Ed on Oct. 28, 1959.

She was predeceased by her brothers, Pat, Bill, Fred "Fritz" and John; her sisters, Shirley, Judy and Mary; and her daughter-in-law Jill Golden.

Ginny worked a 23-year career at the Wassaic Developmental Center until her retirement.

Due to COVID-19, a Memorial and Celebration of Life will be held at the Sharon Congregational Church on a later date/time to be determined.

Ginny was a founding member and president of the Sharon Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, www.StJude.org.

She was also the pitcher and founding team member of the Sharon Patriots Ladies Softball Team. Ginny loved bingo (and all her bingo friends), activities with family and friends and traveling to Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Florida. Ginny was most happy when she was with her family and friends.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of arrangements.

Dorothy Patricia Jensen

SHARON — Dorothy Patricia Jensen died peacefully in her home in Lincoln, Mass., on Aug. 6, 2020, at the age of 99.

turning many times over the course of her life.

She was the beloved wife of Philip B. Jensen, MD, for 66 years and devoted mother of Frances (and her husband, Jeffrey), Charles and Richard (and his wife, Sabita); and loving grandmother of Andrew (and his wife, Shannon), William, Philip, Anja, Viggo and Soren.

Patricia and Philip lived in Sharon for almost 40 years, where she was a member of the Sharon Woman's Club. She was an active member of the Millbrook Garden Club.

Patricia was the daughter of Dora and Charles Riley and was born in London, England, on Oct. 20, 1920. Patricia emigrated with her husband, Philip, to the USA in 1954, where they began a fruitful and lifelong partnership.

In addition to her love of nature, Patricia upheld all family traditions, was a talented cook and was in her element bringing family together over a delicious meal, prepared with fresh ingredients from her kitchen garden.

Prior to their emigration, Patricia served as a staff sergeant in the British Army MI9 unit in World War II.

She was an expert at fine needlepoint and completed many tapestries that are treasured by the family. While she was an avid traveler, she most cherished her trips to the countryside of her beloved England.

She was stationed in Denmark and developed a strong love of Danish culture and cuisine, re-

A private service will be held at a later date.

To share a memory or offer a condolence, go to www.concord-funeral.com.

SALISBURY — Barbara Thibodo, 82, of Salisbury, died July 16, 2020, with her two daughters by her side.

brarian at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School in Pine Plains for the bulk of her career. There, she also did stints as the quiz bowl team coach and the president of the teachers union.



From a deep commitment to the feminist movement to actively supporting local Democratic candidates to regularly attending the weekly Salisbury vigil (even during cancer treatments in the pandemic) and national protest marches, she was a strong advocate for social justice throughout her life.

A dedicated volunteer with Women's Support Services for 25 years, she served on the board and the hotline, as well as recruiting volunteers and organizing fundraisers. In "retirement," she spent 15 years working as a part-time library assistant at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, where she delighted in keeping the collections and staff organized. She also enjoyed volunteering at local public school libraries.

She was an active member of three book clubs, avid gardener, world traveler, devoted yoga student, and skilled and generous quilter and sewer who crafted

and donated quilts for military veterans, dresses for African girls, and costumes for productions at the Sharon Playhouse.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jerome Cramp, and is survived by her daughters Karen and Stacey Cramp; her son-in-law, Scott Douglas; and six siblings and their families.

She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by her family and wide circle of friends for her generosity, kindness, wry humor, intellect, energy, quirkiness, optimism, steadfastness and forthrightness. Her loved ones will continue to be inspired by her life devoted to helping others.

Due to the pandemic, a private memorial service will be held. Donations in her name can be made to the American Civil Liberties Union (www.aclu.org).

Gladys MacRitchie

KENT — Gladys MacRitchie, 102, a longtime resident of Kent, died Aug. 6, 2020, at her home in Kent.

Cheryl, Burke, Annette Euell, Daniel Williams, Stephen Williams, Susan Williams and Amy Williams; and several great-grandchildren.

Born on Sept. 20, 1917, in Oneonta, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Maude (Simmons) and Henry Kopf.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by a son, Bruce MacRitchie; a grandson, Mark Williams; a sister, Minnie Ivelia; and five brothers, Rueben, Arnold, Herman, Henry and Harry Kopf.

On Nov. 20, 1938, in Bridgeport, Conn., she married Bruce MacRitchie, who predeceased her.

Private graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family at the Kent Congregational Cemetery.

She was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Kent. Mrs. MacRitchie is survived by a son, Joseph MacRitchie and his wife, Dorothy, of Kent; four daughters, Charlotte Williams of Dexter, Maine, Penny MacRitchie of Kent, Amy MacRitchie-Aakjar and her husband, Ronald, of South Kent and Janet MacRitchie of San Francisco, Calif.; a daughter-in-law, Carol MacRitchie of South Kent; nine grandchildren, Joseph MacRitchie, Scott MacRitchie,

Memorial donations may be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1 N. Main St., Kent, CT 06757; or the Kent Volunteer Ambulance Fund, c/o Kent Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 355, Kent, CT 06757.

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

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James Tanner Sr.

"Thank you" does not come close to encompassing the immense appreciation we feel for our family, friends and community. There are no words to express the heartfelt gratitude we have for each of you, for everything you have done to support our family in these last two years, including Noble Horizons and the Millerton firehouse.

a huge help from the start. They hosted a benefit upon learning of Jim's diagnosis, assisted in our daughter's wedding so Jim could walk her down the aisle and at the end hosted his celebration of life.

We would like to thank Noble Horizons for the compassion and understanding they have given to our family. While our family went through the devastation that a cancer diagnosis brings to a family, Noble continued to be supportive and gave us the ultimate gift of invaluable time.

There were countless other businesses and community members who supported us in our time of need. From the overwhelming generosity of you all, it's easy to see how many lives Jim had touched in our community. He was truly honored that so many people cared.

Sometimes "it's not the length of life, but the depth of life" that matters.

Molly Tanner, Jimmy Jr., Spencer and Emily Tanner
Millerton

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on July 9, 2020, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was subject to permissive referendum. The period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum, and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed in connection with such resolution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Millerton, New York, August 8, 2020,
Gail J. Wheeler, Town Clerk
BOND RESOLUTION
DATED JULY 9, 2020.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE CONSTRUCTION

OF PHASE 2 OF A NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE FACILITY WITH SAND/SALT STORAGE BUILDING ON A TOWN OWNED PARCEL OF LAND ON ROUTE 22 IN MILLERTON, NEW YORK, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,000,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$440,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose: Construction of highway garage and sand/salt storage facility on Route 22 in Millerton, New York (Phase 2)

Period of probable usefulness: Thirty years, subject to permissive referendum

Maximum estimated cost: \$1,000,000

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$440,000 serial bonds

Current available funds: \$233,000

Grant monies: \$327,000

STATUS: Unlisted Action. Negative Declaration. SEQRA compliance documentations on file in Office of Town Clerk where it may be inspected during regular office hours.

08-13-20

Notice of Election
Amenia Fire District #1
In the Town of Amenia
Dutchess County, New York
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners, a special election of the qualified voters of the Amenia Fire District

#1, County of Dutchess, will be held at the Amenia Fire District's Firehouse located at 36 Mechanic Street, Amenia NY 12501 on the 15th day of September, 2020, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to vote on whether to approve the following resolution adopted by such Board of Fire Commissioners:
RESOLUTION FOR FINANCING OF AN AERIAL:
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE AMENIA FIRE DISTRICT #1, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT"), AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING OF AN AERIAL; ESTIMATING THE TOTAL COST THEREOF AT A MAXIMUM OF \$1,700,000 PRINCIPAL; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING BY A COMBINATION, IN FULL OR IN PART, OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: BY ISSUANCE OF A SERIAL BOND OR STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND FOR UP TO \$1,700,000 UP TO TWENTY (20) YEARS AND TO ISSUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ABOVE, FOR UP TO FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

All persons registered to vote in the district and residing in the fire district for at least thirty (30) days prior to the day of the vote may vote in such special election.

PLEASE NOTE all social distancing rules will be placed for the vote.
Dawn Marie Klingner
District Secretary
08-13-20

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: Reckess AMR, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 6/25/20. Office location: Dutchess County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 32 Pine Tree Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

07-09-20
07-16-20
07-23-20
07-30-20
08-06-20
08-13-20

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: Arthur May Redevelopment Holdings, LLC. Application for Authority filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 7/1/20. Office location: Dutchess County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 32 Pine Tree Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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Worship Services Week of August 16, 2020	
Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.	
The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10am www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442	Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194
St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Marilyn Anderson Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Said 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE At Noon – with Eucharist www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290	Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org
North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC 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: FISHERS & LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational	Greenwoods Community Church 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 www.greenwoodschurch.com
North East Baptist Church Historic Meeting House, Main & Maple Millerton, NY God's word is always relevant! A Warm Welcome Awaits You SUNDAY SERVICES Family Bible School - 9:30 AM Morning Worship - 11:00 Evening Service - 6:00 PM WEEKDAY MEETINGS Weds. Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM at Parsonage 33 S. Maple Ave. Sat. Bible Studies for Men & Women 3:00 PM FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON First Sunday of each month after AM services Pastor Henry A. Prause 518-789-4840	St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 Please go to www.stthomasamenia.com to log on. Followed by a virtual coffee hour Rev. AJ Stack www.stthomasamenia.com 845-373-9161
The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, 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 sharonumc5634@att.net	Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour & Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org
Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com	Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT The format for our Unitarian Fellowship has changed to Zoom. There will be no August meeting. For information call 860-435-2319 All are Welcome
Promised Land Baptist Church 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! www.promisedlandbaptist.org	The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 lakevillemethodist@snet.net
The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com 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!	ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH 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
The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building	UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd., Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community
Sharon Congregational Church 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online sermons. Bible Study Guides also available by request: info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org Or contact us at 860-364-5002	SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003 The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE 9 AM - St. Bridget (indoors) Monday, Tuesday & First Friday 9 AM - St. Bernard (indoors) Wednesday SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget (outdoors) SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard (indoors) 10 AM - St. Bridget (outdoors) Face masks required Limited attendance indoors
	Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 A.M. 518-789-5138

EDITORIAL

Tropical Storm Isaias response leaves room for improvement

Millions were left in the dark for days following Tropical Storm Isaias, which hit our shores on Tuesday, Aug. 4, after it battered the Eastern Seaboard. It left nearly as many people in the Northeast without power as Superstorm Sandy did in 2012, according to utility giant Con Edison. By press time, on Tuesday, Aug. 11, the majority of residents in the Tri-state region reported that their power had been restored, but it took almost a full week for some after Isaias caused blackouts that left many Northeasterners sweltering in what was sometimes 90-plus degree summertime heat, sans air-conditioning, many without fresh water, plumbing, refrigeration, phone, cable, internet, and all of the other day-to-day necessities we have come to rely on — especially as we grapple with living and working in quasi-quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If living without power is tough during normal times, during a global health crisis it's harder still: It's harder to drive on the roadways, with dangerous power lines down, tree limbs blocking streets and without traffic signals fully operational; it's harder to access fresh drinking water, purchase groceries and buy other supplies and necessities; it's harder to get to doctor's offices and pharmacies; it's harder to fill one's vehicle with gasoline or get fuel for one's generator; it's harder to conduct business, to work remotely and to be professional in general.

Since the storm hit, utility companies like Central Hudson and New York State Energy & Gas (NYSEG) have been at work trying to restore power to our region, working with Dutchess and Columbia Counties, among others, to get us back online as swiftly as possible. For some that took longer than others. As of Sunday evening, Aug. 9, NYSEG had announced there were still roughly 1,500 of its customers in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester Counties without power; hours later that number had dwindled to around 250 and was expected to be down to zero by the next day. Other utilities' customers farther south, in Westchester County and New York City, fared worse and tens of thousands were still waiting for their power to be restored by Monday night. Long Island PSEG also reported at least 35,000 of its customers had no power as of Sunday night.

Connecticut suffered just as badly as New York — if not worse. Eversource Connecticut reported it had restored power to 741,000 of its customers — 90% of whom it anticipated would be back online by Sunday night. However, its online map of community service showed most of its service area would not be fully restored until Monday or Tuesday. As of Sunday night, Eversource reported that about 120,000 of its 1.3 million customers were still without power.

Admittedly, this was no small storm. There were even unconfirmed reports of a tornado or microburst hitting Millbrook. According to Communications Director of the Dutchess County Executive Office Colleen T. Pillus however, "Emergency Response did not have any reports of a tornado in Millbrook and there is nothing confirmed."

Tornadoes were confirmed in North Carolina, where two people died, 12 were hospitalized and three were unaccounted for, according to The New York Times. Tornadoes were also reported in Virginia and New Jersey, and another likely in Delaware. And a person was killed in Queens after a tree fell on a vehicle there.

According to Central Hudson, "The storm caused widespread damage throughout the Northeast, impacting 3.7 million homes and businesses and more than 770,000 in New York State alone."

The day after Isaias hit, on Wednesday, Aug. 5, Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a State of Emergency in a number of New York counties, including Dutchess. Also on the 5th, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro held a Municipal Conference Call with the Department of Emergency Response for all mayors, town supervisors and chief elected officials in the county to talk about the storm and how to best respond to it. Molinaro brought in representatives from Central Hudson and NYSEG to participate in the call.

According to North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan, the collaborative approach worked well, and communication among all entities helped keep everyone in the loop. Amenia town Supervisor Victoria Perotti spoke about efforts to provide dry ice and water to local residents, which the utilities also did at points throughout the region. Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud said her town experienced a hiccup when Central Hudson's server went down just as the storm began, making communication tough for those trying to place emergency calls.

Dutchess County worked hard to collaborate, yet the New York State Legislature announced on Monday it will hold a joint legislative hearing to look into "the response failures of various utility companies during the aftermath of Tropical Storm Isaias," charging that hundreds of thousands of ratepayers suffered outages and untenable restoration times. Lawmakers plan to evaluate the utilities' preparation and response to the storm outages, calling their response to Isaias a "complete failure" that needs to be improved going forward.

We hope their investigation will shed light on the issue, and improve utilities' responses in the future — because with all that science has shown us, storms like Isaias promise to keep coming.

"Invention is the most important product of man's creative brain. The ultimate purpose is the complete mastery of mind over the material world, the harnessing of human nature to human needs."

Nikola Tesla



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Great town Highway Department

On Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 4, Isaias paid many of us a quick but devastating visit. The storm brought way too much wind and not nearly enough rain. There are only 12 of us on Moadock Road. It's a dead end street at the edge of town, adjoining Amenia and Pine Plains. By 3:15 that afternoon, our electricity was knocked out by a tree blown over onto a power line. Several other trees were pushed down and lay across the road making it impassable, but they did not bring down any wires.

A few hours later, the sun came out and so too did a road crew! It was our very own Town of North East Highway Department checking up on us. They sawed up the downed trees, tossing their limbs to the side, making it possible for most of us to come and go now

that the road was clear. This was essential for folks to get to work, to collect ice to keep our refrigerators somewhat chilled and to drive to other neighbors for internet service and showers. Our road crew left the tree dangling on the live wire to Central Hudson, which didn't get here until three days later.

And now, as I write this on the following Monday, our Highway Department is back. This time collecting and chipping the branches they cut down last Tuesday night. Wow. Thank you, Mr. [Robert] Stevens, for your and your crew's quick work. While we may be on the far edge of town, we're clearly not at the far edge of your attention. We all appreciate it.

Jennifer Dowley
Millerton

Lasting effects of the pandemic

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

There is considerable worry about the pandemic, the federal and local deficits, COVID payouts, municipal support, hospital support, evictions, mortgage payments, and on and on... all the way down the list of needed assistance to the most basic of necessities for the American population: Food.

Yes, we're in a mess. We have no idea who has got the virus, we have no way to trace those in contact, we have become a selfish community refusing to protect others even by wearing a teeny-tiny mask. Don't wear a mask? It's a statement of not caring about your fellow woman or man in case you have the virus.

Yes, part of the mishandling of this pandemic response can be fairly laid at the feet of the

administration, which denied early signs and examples by other countries of what to do and what not to do. Yes, the administration reacted too late, still reacts too little and has no plan to follow — for the government or individuals — leaving it all up to the states to remedy, poorly.

Yes, families are being torn apart by the illness, deaths of loved ones and, never least, wanting to find someone, somewhere to blame and someone, anywhere, to fix the problems that are still so very evident.

At the end of the day, we each have to find a way forward for our families. How to educate our kids, how to help support ourselves and our neighbors (sometimes emotionally, sometimes financially). We have learned that there is no one in this current administration we can rely on, no one we can trust who has our personal — importantly: personal — interests at heart.

So? First, we have to reassess who we are individually within our nation. We need to move away from choosing and blindly trusting sides, looking for a simple solution to a small issue, and instead look for individuals we can entrust to remedy the governmental oversight that our democracy was established to put into effect. We fought a revolu-

tion to throw off the dictated plan of a potentate, choosing instead to self-govern. It is time to return to that principle of self-governance. And that self-governance begins at home.

We need to examine our families' needs and direction and then ask a simple question: "Who do I trust, in this next election, will be as honest, as moral, as careful and as supportive of our family as we are?" If there is no candidate who you can be sure — deadly sure — meets those criteria, do not vote for her or him. Start at the most local level. Throw out any municipal candidate who fails your own family's values and test. If he or she lies all the time, vote no. If she or he does not value facts and science over make-believe, vote no. If he or she is in any way racist or makes disparaging remarks about immigrants, look back into your own past, take a DNA test and become enlightened that you, too, have dozens of different racial ancestors... tell that candidate to become educated. Find candidates who uphold the American ideal of fairness, opportunity for all, a welcome mat on every doorstep. Surely these are your family's ideals.

Above all, do not compromise, do not assume a candidate will, mostly, be OK. Is OK a standard you apply to your own family members? A candidate who promises one thing you value but fails other criteria is a bad candidate. Do not vote for her or him.

Remember, America was not built on "OK" as a standard. We were built on being open, warm and the best. Find that inner voice of "best" in your family and apply it going forward. Only then can we get past the storm we're in and the lasting effects of this pandemic.

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

Farmers Markets: Fresh, local, nutritious and safe

GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

If you're an income-qualified senior who hasn't yet taken advantage of the 2020 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), keep reading. It's an opportunity well worth exploring.

SFMNP provides fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey through authorized farmers markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture (CSA) programs to low-income seniors. SFMNP aims to increase the consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding, developing or aiding in the development and expansion of domestic farmers markets, roadside stands and CSA programs.

The benefit amount per SFMNP recipient in New York is \$20 per year, distributed as a booklet of five \$4 checks redeemable at authorized markets. Small though that benefit may seem, it has historically provided enough incentive to motivate seniors to go to a farmers market that they otherwise might not have visited. That's a victory for healthy social and nutritional habits. Seniors, in particular, benefit from one often-overlooked benefit of a

trip to the farmers market: social interaction. One Texas study revealed that people who shop at farmers markets have 15 to 20 social interactions per visit, while they would only have one or two per visit to a grocery store.

In Dutchess County, there are eight SFMNP-authorized markets operating this year. 2020 SFMNP coupons are valid until Nov. 30, or whenever an authorized market closes for the year.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office for the Aging (OFA) is only distributing SFMNP check booklets on Monday, Aug. 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at our offices at 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie. We cannot distribute booklets to "walk-in" visitors.

SFMNP booklets are available from the Office for the Aging while supplies last, or until Sept. 30, whichever comes first. Call 845-486-2555 or email ofa@dutchessny.gov to learn more about your possible eligibility.

When you visit a farmers market, take the same precautions you would in any other shop. Make a list before you go, to make your trip as quick as possible. Wear a face covering. Avoid touching the produce the way you normally would to check for freshness; if you have a question about a specific item, the vendor should be able to help.

Regardless of what farmers market you visit in Dutchess County, you'll be supporting our farmers and bringing home some of the freshest produce you can find — outside of picking it from your own garden.

For a list of SFMNP in Dutchess County, go to www.tricornernews.com.

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age throughout the Northeast, impacting 3.7 million homes and businesses and more than 770,000 in New York State alone.”

The damage caused trees to tumble onto roadways along with live wires, leaving local routes blocked until they could be cleared away and residents without power, phone, internet, cable, etc. Thick tree branches lay scattered along the roads, some even suspended in the air by tangled power lines. Sirens could be heard in the distance as first responders were dispatched to help community members in need. Neighbors were seen standing outside of their homes assessing the damage to neighboring properties as well as to their own.

Reaching out to local municipalities to help coordinate storm recovery efforts, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro organized a Municipal Conference Call with the Department of

Emergency Response for all mayors, town supervisors and chief elected officials on Wednesday, Aug. 5.

Along with providing the latest information from Central Hudson and NYSEG, the conference call supplied municipal leaders with information regarding the Dutchess County Public Works' efforts in coordination with the utilities to clear roadways; the county's 911 Communications Center; and shared details among municipalities.

According to the county, the 911 Communications Center “dispatched over 1,100 storm-related calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and midnight Wednesday.”

The multi-pronged county-wide approach has been key in helping the Hudson Valley deal with the aftermath of Isaias, agreed local leaders, who are still scrambling to get their communities back to today's pandemic-era

normal.

“It's affected the town of North East as it has affected other towns,” said North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan, reporting that as of Thursday morning, Aug. 6, there were 700 customers in North East without power. “This is so much bigger and more damaging a storm than Central Hudson predicted. We have a lot of people who still don't have power and because they don't have power, they might not have water, they might not have cell service, so we've been pushing Central Hudson to get out here.”

Though he commended the county's coordination efforts, Kennan said it was a frustrating situation “because individual people have individual situations, particularly people to whom power is critical to their health.”

“The storm knocked out power and cable to the whole town of Amenia,” town Supervisor Vic-

toria Perotti remarked. “Nobody was spared. I was even told by NYSEG that the damage was even worse than the damage they had from Hurricane Sandy.”

Recovery efforts in Amenia have been ongoing, with NYSEG crews working with Highway Superintendent Megan Chamberlin on downed wires.

Perotti said the town made dry ice and water available at Amenia Town Hall, where residents could also charge their cell phones; bottled water was also available at the Wassaic firehouse.

In Pine Plains, town Supervisor Darrah Cloud attributed the town's main issue to the fact that Central Hudson's server went down right when the storm started. With the server down, she said there was no way for residents or government officials to get the word out about where trees and wires had fallen, which led to people to call 9-1-1 for help. Whereas

Cloud said the emergency personnel were “incredible” and tried to fix things as fast they could, she said the town couldn't get the emergency information routed to Central Hudson in a manageable way.

“It is a bit of a frustrating mess,” she said, “but in terms of the town, we had trees down, wires down, trees blocking roads. The Highway Department got everything they could right away that didn't involve wires, so they were out all night right after the storm cleaning trees and getting trees off the road. All that was left was anything that had a wire involved in it, and I saw Central Hudson was working on some of the problems.”

On Thursday evening, Cloud said she received an email from Central Hudson informing her that 75% of the town's power had been restored. Though she confirmed the town had a fair amount of people lose power due to the storm, she didn't have an exact number, given that the server was down.

She said the county's emergency call on Aug. 5 informed her that the neighboring town of Stanford took a harder hit than Pine Plains, losing 80% of its power at one point.

“It's always really good to hear what other people are doing,” Cloud said. “I think this storm was a complete surprise to Central Hudson.”

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PHOTO BY RHIANNON LEO-JAMESON

Everybody who Loves Lucy may take a chance to win Millerton artist Marilyn Nichols' interpretation of the comedienne in a NorthEast-Millerton Library raffle.

I guess I graduated, too.”

Leo-Jameson said the funds are both needed and appreciated. Although the library was closed for a lengthy period due to COVID-19, expenses continued — and even escalated — due to managing the special requirements imposed by the virus as donations diminished.

Leo-Jameson explained that although online library services continued, the library was closed from March until early June. The closure led to additional financial strains, which were compounded by the state-mandated shut-down.

“Usually donations people make across the desk make up a lot of what we take in for the year,” said Leo-Jameson. “You'd be surprised how when someone is paying a fine and lets us round up to the nearest dollar, those things really add up. That's what we've been lacking.”

Contactless pick-up is still available and up to eight masked patrons at a time may use regular library sources and view the art show, which will be on view until Saturday, Aug. 29. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the library at 75 Main St. or at www.nemillertonlibrary.org through the Donate Button. For more information, call 518-789-3340.

— so what the hay!”

Nichols' generous act of sharing of her artistic talents is not her first.

“I used to volunteer at Salisbury Central School — pre-k and kindergarten,” she said. “My grandson went there, so instead of just taking him over and dropping him off for three hours, they were so sweet to me I would stay and do artwork — usually three times a week. I was in kindergarten until two years ago, and my grandson is 16 now.

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distance learning — could be implemented, understanding the g models could change depending on the latest guidelines.

A copy of each district's re-entry plan can be viewed online at their respective websites, at www.webutuckschools.org; www.ppcsd.org; and www.millbrookcsd.org.

Webutuck was granted a one-week extension from NYSED to submit its plan. Since the DOH didn't grant an extension, Webutuck submitted its re-entry plan to them on the original submission deadline.

“We wanted more time... to make sure the plan we present is the best possible plan we were able to achieve,” Webutuck Business Administrator Robert Farrier explained on a later date.

Webutuck Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani notified the Webutuck Board of Education (BOE) and the public about the extension at the board meeting on Thursday, July 30. Following further discussion that led to significant changes, the plan was presented at the BOE meeting on Thursday, Aug. 6, and officially submitted to NYSED on Friday, Aug. 7.

“What we have come up with is really a plan and that plan changed dramatically in the last week due to some more discussions that we had,” Castellani said, “but it is just a plan. We are at the mercy of the governor, we are the mercy of New York State Ed, we are at the mercy of the CDC and we are at the mercy of the Department of Health of Dutchess

County.”

Once Pine Plains submitted its plan, its BOE called for a special workshop meeting on Monday, Aug. 3, to better understand that plan. A video with an overview is on its website.

Though he commended the plan for being comprehensive and for laying out the details for the three reopening options, Pine Plains Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler informed the public, “This is a pretty detailed plan and we think we have taken as many precautions as reasonable given our circumstance... I cannot tell you that it's fool-proof, I cannot tell you that we will have absolutely no instances of infection. I will tell you that we have taken every reasonable measure to avoid that and that is our hope.”

In a letter addressed to Millbrook families on Saturday, Aug. 8, Millbrook Superintendent of Schools Laura Mitchell informed families its BOE submitted a re-entry plan to the DOH on Friday, July 31. It was posted online at www.sites.google.com/millbrookcsd.org/covidreentry/home.

“We have been working diligently on reopening learning scenarios: an in-person model, a hybrid model and a fully remote model, knowing that we may have to pivot between them based on changing circumstances,” Mitchell stated. “Regardless of the learning model, our goals remain the same: To provide our students with the quality education they deserve and to maintain a learning environment that is safe, healthy and supportive for our students and staff.”

The Millbrook BOE reviewed the plan at a recent special board meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Schools will open in the fall based on each region's infection rate. As of Aug. 7, out of the 749 districts in New York, 127 had not yet submitted their plans to the DOH while another 50 had been declared either incompetent or deficient.

In addition to posting their remote learning plans and plans for testing and tracing teachers and students online, Cuomo is requiring schools to hold three to five public meetings with parents prior to Aug. 21, as well as one meeting with teachers, to review reopening plans. Parents can opt to participate remotely.

As of Monday, Aug. 10, the DOH was scheduled to contact school districts regarding their reopening status. To date, Webutuck and Pine Plains had their plans accepted; Millbrook has not yet heard about its status.

CRICKET VALLEY *Continued from Page A1*

dents attending the Dover Union Free School District (located a few miles from CVEC) as well as its impact on local resources like the Great Swamp. Additionally, the protesters contribute a 25% rise in greenhouse gas emissions to the power plant.

Elliot studies biology and urban sustainability and believes CVEC shouldn't have been built in the first place. He said, “it's frustrating that these things are still being built and we have to spend our time fighting this infrastructure buildout rather than building the alternatives and putting the investments where they make sense from an economical and an environmental perspective.”

A farmer based in Kingston, Iversen feels protective of the land and of people's health.

“I feel, as many citizens feel... a sense of outrage — I feel like people are making decisions based on their own profit rather than the health of our entire population...”

Fearing their complaints were falling on deaf ears — and that CVEC was continuing to operate — Hunken said they decided to take direct action.

“That's the people's tool for organizing when the powers that be aren't listening,” he said.

After supporting the fight against fracked gas power plants from the sidelines, Elliot said the protesters were ready to take escalated steps to shut down the plant for a day and draw more media attention to the issue.

“We shut it down for 12 hours this way and we did it in a really beautiful vibrant way with the community,” Hunken remarked.

Yet their act was just one of a series organized by the group ResistCVE that day, as a group of 10 people locked themselves to a tractor in a blockade to prevent CVEC employees from entering the power plant, resulting in a halt to its construction and its employees being sent home for the day. A rally was also held across from CVEC, drawing around 200 protesters on site.

Following their descent from the smokestack at sunset last November, the four climbers were arrested and charged with criminal trespassing in the third degree; they were released that evening.

The four protesters appeared at Dover Town Justice Court last Monday. Though they initially risked 30 days in jail, their sentence was reduced to one year of probation plus 20 hours of community service.

“We felt those were quite high, considering no one got hurt, we came down as soon as the New York State Police asked us to and we were very respectful,” Schwartz said. “We feel really strongly that it was worth all the risk involved to really highlight the impact of this plant: it's going to bring out New York State's greenhouse gases from power plants by 25%, which is the last thing we need right now in this time of climate change.”

Hunken said, “It's a shame that we're being treated like criminals like this when the real criminals are the big businesses, CVE.”

“It's absurd to have peaceful non-violent civil disobedience be treated in this manner rather than facing the sociopathic criminals that are destroying our land and health,” Iversen said.

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former editor of Time magazine. Andersen was the co-creator and, for its entire 20-year run, the host of the Peabody Award-winning Studio 360, a weekly public radio show about arts and culture. He also co-founded and edited Spy magazine,

was editor-in-chief of New York magazine and has been a writer and columnist for The New Yorker and Time. This book is a sequel to 2017's "Fantasyland: How America Went Haywire," in which Andersen posits that what's happening in Amer-

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