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Located at 32 Front St. in Millbrook, the staff at Marona's Market has been taking the necessary precautions to keep safe and healthy as it continues working at the grocery store during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grocery stores, pharmacies busier than ever as they deal with pandemic

By KAITLIN LYLE
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HARLEM VALLEY — Supermarkets across the Harlem Valley are working overtime, trying to keep their staff and customers safe, their stores sanitized and their shelves stocked during the coronavirus pandemic. Likewise, local pharmacies are making sure residents can access their medicine and other vital supplies, even as

they struggle with shortages of sanitizers and other products.

The Millerton Mercantile, located on Main Street in Millerton, offers fresh groceries from local suppliers, particularly eggs, bread and milk. At this time, the store's hours of operation run from noon to 6 p.m. on Fridays through Sundays; call 518-796-3694 for details.

At this time, CVS Pharmacy — there's one in Millerton and one in

Dover Plains — declined to comment about how it's faring during the pandemic.

In an informational video entitled, "Preparedness for Coronavirus at PSK Supermarkets — Foodtown — Fresh-town — Pathmark" that was posted on YouTube by PSK Foods, Daniel and Noah Katz, co-presidents and CEOs of PSK Supermarkets, shared the pre-

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Molinaro urges residents to 'stay the course' to slow COVID-19 transmission

By KAITLIN LYLE
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — In addition to keeping residents informed as to where the county stands amid the advancing coronavirus health crisis and answering their questions, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro urged everyone to take

the proper precautions to reduce their risk of contracting COVID-19, during his second county-wide Telephone Town Hall on Thursday, April 2.

Since Molinaro's first Telephone Town Hall on Wednesday, March 18, the county has gone to great lengths to keep its communities connected and offer support to those struggling

during the pandemic. Such efforts include establishing the online portal Dutchess Responds (see article, online), creating emergency shelters and additional care facilities and launching the COVID-19 Data Dashboard.

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CDC advises the U.S. to cover up

How to make face masks, and where to buy them

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HARLEM VALLEY — Though the public has been advised to stay home to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, people continue to venture out to meet their essential

needs, whether that means shopping for groceries, fueling their cars or picking up supplies for their homes. As a precautionary measure, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended wearing face masks last week to slow the spread of COVID-19, in ad-

dition to maintaining 6 feet of distance between individuals. Rather than use surgical or N-95 masks that healthcare professionals need for the front lines, the CDC has issued guidelines for creating cloth

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State enacts 2020-21 budget amid crisis

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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ALBANY — The New York State Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget deadline was Tuesday, March 31. And while Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the state Legislature were not able to get the spending plan finalized on time — largely due to the coronavirus pandemic that has widely shut down the state — by April 1 the governor said he had "a conceptual agreement" with lawmakers; by Thursday, April 2, the Legislature had indeed agreed on a tentative budget. By Friday morning, April 3, lawmakers passed the \$177 billion budget, but due to the pandemic and the unknowns associated with it, it did so with far less zeal and certainty than in years past.

The Legislature debated many late

nights via teleconferencing and remote work due to social distancing, to hash out budget details.

According to the governor's office, the budget authorizes a reduction in spending by \$10 billion to deal with the economic fall-out of the COVID-19 pandemic. It also "empowers the state budget director to develop a plan for across the board reductions and [to] implement that plan as necessary over the course of the year."

"This is a moment in history unlike any other, and government needs to function and deliver results for the people of this state now more than ever — and that's exactly what we did with this budget," Governor Cuomo said.

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Pine Plains food pantry deals with crisis

Willow Roots feeds the hungry

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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PINE PLAINS — Husband and wife, Nelson and Lisa Zayas, are committed to helping the hungry in their community. That mission is even more important these days, with the coronavirus pandemic shutting down cities, towns and villages and making obtaining everyday essentials — like food — harder than ever before.

In June of 2019, the couple started up their own food pantry, Willow Roots, which they run out of the garage of their 23 North Main St. home. This past June, the pantry was incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit, a milestone in their mission, which started years earlier in Pennsylvania.

"Lisa had been feeding people for a couple of years before that, in Pennsylvania," said Zayas, telling the story of how his wife began by cooking meals for an older veteran who had lost his benefits. "We felt bad; it touched us, so she started cooking for him," and then others, including individuals caring for sick relatives who were neglecting to care for themselves. Zayas said it wasn't always poverty related.

"But that started getting too big, and we needed to protect ourselves — we found out we couldn't cook for people, but we could run a food pantry," he said.

Which is exactly what the pair de-

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For more on where to find assistance during the COVID-19 crisis, read "Food Pantry Resources" and "Dutchess Responds rallies volunteers, offers relief during COVID-19" at www.tricornernews.com.

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This week, due to the pandemic, we have cut back our print run to accommodate subscriptions and a single copy sales outlet in each of our towns, so there are fewer places for our drivers to go to drop off and pick up papers. It may even come to where we need to go all online to sustain our ability to continue to publish and maintain

the ability to inform our readers long term. We also want to keep our staff, and people they come into contact with, safe and well during this crisis.

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— Janet Manko,
publisher and editor-in-chief



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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Alice (Taylor) Paviol

EAST CANAAN — Dorothy Alice (Taylor) Paviol, 88, passed at her home on April 4, 2020. She was the widow of Raymond H. Paviol.

Dorothy was born on Staten Island, N.Y., on Nov. 18, 1931, daughter of the late Marion (Greseck) and John Taylor.

Dorothy worked as a secretary in the office of the first selectman for the Town of North Canaan. She was a fixture in the office from 1964 to 2015. She loved her job.

She enjoyed meeting the folks from town who would come into the office, and helping answer their questions.

She also was an avid knitter. She made scarves, hats and socks.

But her true passion was her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Thomas Paviol of East Canaan and his children, Amy and

Sarah; Barbara Strattman and her husband, Chip, of East Canaan and their children, Becky and Jessie; Martin Paviol of Florida, and his daughter, Morgan; Nancy Lepore of Cranston, R.I., and her children, FJ and Vinnie; Timothy Paviol and his wife, Linda, of Falls Village, and their children, Alyssa, Zachary and Jacob; her brother, Arthur Taylor of Granby, Conn.; and her eight great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Dorothy's Life will be held at a later date. There are no calling hours.

Memorial donations may be sent to either the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 178, North Canaan, CT 06018, or to the Falls Village Volunteer Ambulance Service, 188 Route 7 South, Falls Village, CT 06031; or to any local food bank.

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



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Vehicles drove through the center of Falls Village, Conn., on Saturday, April 4, with homemade signs honoring the memory of Shea Cohn, 16, who died following a car crash on March 27.

In memory of Shea Cohn, a motor vehicle memorial

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN patricks@lakevillejournal.com

FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. — More than 300 vehicles, most containing at least two people, turned out to show their support for the Cohn family in Falls Village on Saturday morning, April 4.

The parade was in honor of 16-year-old Shea Cohn, who died at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford on Sunday, March 29, following a motor-vehicle crash in North Canaan on Friday, March 27.

Many of the vehicles were carrying signs with messages for the family, who were sitting in front of the Falls Village Children's Theater on Main Street. Parents Doug

and Denise Cohn were flanked by their daughters, Emma and Grace.

The cars, pickups and vans filled the parking lot at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, covered the length of Warren Turnpike, and were backed up to Route 7.

The parade took about half an hour, from Greg Riley's van coming into view, to the rear, brought up by the Hodgkins family, who had organized the parade.

The memorial parade was meant to show support for the Cohn family at a time when traditional memorial services can't be held because of the recommendation that no social gatherings be held during the COVID-19 quarantine.

AREA IN BRIEF

Donations accepted to help during pandemic

COLUMBIA COUNTY — With calls coming into the county regarding the donation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as N95 masks, face shields and gowns, Columbia County officials advise those wishing to make a donation to contact the Emergency Management Office at 518-828-1212. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will return the call.

Nitrile gloves are consid-

ered suitable for medical use, while other types of gloves must explicitly state they are for medical use.

Food donations should be directed to the Columbia County Office for the Aging, which can be reached at 518-828-4258 and to local pantries.

For the most up-to-date, accurate information, go to the Columbia County Department of Health's website at www.columbiacountynyhealth.com/home/coronavirus-covid-19.

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As a further update on the response to the coronavirus, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamott issued an Executive Order concerning short term rentals effective April 2nd, 2020. It states that any short term rentals less than 32 days are null and void. The exceptions are for tenants who are helping with this crisis, ie health workers, first responders and workers who are considered essential. There are other exceptions, but basically short term lodgings during this State of Emergency cannot be used for leisure and vacations. To review the full Executive Order, please go to: www.portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7T.pdf

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Connie L. Davis

DOVER PLAINS — Connie L. Davis, 75, a 48-year resident of Dover Plains, died peacefully on March 28, 2020, at New Milford Hospital, surrounded by her loving family, following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Davis worked for First Student Transportation in Dover Plains for over 25 years, where she loved and was loved by all the students she safely carried to school every day. Prior to her career at First Student, she worked as a cafeteria aide for the Dover Union Free School District.

Born Aug. 23, 1944, in Elkland, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Vera G. (Sowers) and George E. Davenport.

She was a graduate of Tonawanda Senior High School in Tonawanda, N.Y. She married Frank R. Davis in 1965 in Niagara Falls, N.Y., a loving marriage that lasted 22 years before Mr. Davis's untimely passing on April 26, 1987.

Connie was also predeceased by her loving companion, Albert "Sonny" McRoberts, in 2000.

Connie was a longtime member of Grace Church in Millbrook and enjoyed gardening and growing flowers at home. She loved



spending time with her children and grandchildren and socializing with her many friends in and around Dover. She will be dearly missed by her loving family and her many friends and students.

Connie is survived by her son, Gregory Davis and his wife, Jody, of Hyde Park, N.Y.; her daughter, Michelle LaHart and her boyfriend, Billy, of Peru, N.Y.; six grandchildren, Gregory and Andrew Davis of Hyde Park, Brianna Davis of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., Kenny LaHart of Amsterdam, N.Y., Crystal LaHart of Peru and Michael Davis of Chazy, N.Y.; two great-grandchildren, Ava and Colton; her brother, George Davenport and his wife, Dot, of Elkland; and several nieces and nephews.

Connie was also predeceased by her son, Michael S. Davis of Austin, Texas; and her brother, Larry Davenport of Rochester, N.Y.

There are no calling hours, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Private graveside services and burial will take place at Nine Partners Cemetery in Millbrook in April 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Helen E. (Antonich) Testa

HILLSDALE — Helen E. (Antonich) Testa, 89, of Hillsdale passed away on April 3, 2020, at her residence.

She was born on March 20, 1931, in Claverack, N.Y., the daughter of Anna (Haba) and John Antonich.

Helen grew up on the family farm in Claverack and was a graduate of Hudson High School.

She worked for almost 50 years at The Lakeville Journal/Millerton News as their circulation manager, only retiring two years ago to "take a break."

Helen was a lifelong resident of Hillsdale and was greatly devoted to her family and her church. An avid gardener, naturalist and reader she could often be seen walking the track or swimming laps at Taconic Hills Central School.

Affectionately known as "Ma" to many, she lived independently up until her passing.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dante "Danny" Testa, whom she married in 1952.

Helen will be missed by her three children, Albert "Bert" Testa and his wife, Anna, of

New York, John Testa and his wife, Kim, of Massachusetts and Helen Ann Testa and her husband, Michael Athey of Florida.

In addition, she leaves a sister, Anne Giannattasio of Michigan; along with nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and long-time friends.

Services for Helen will be held at a future date due to current circumstances.

A memorial Mass will be announced to be held at the Parish of Our Lady of Hope in Copake Falls with burial to follow in the Cedar Park Cemetery in Hudson, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, please remember Helen by a donation to the Roeliff Jansen Community Library or to St. Jude's Hospital for Children.

Arrangements are with the Peck and Peck Funeral Home of Copake. To send an online condolence, go to www.peckandndpeck.net.

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Legal Notice

Town of Pine Plains will conduct meetings on the following dates and times in the manner pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1. No in-person attendance will be permitted. Video conference link will be available from Town Hall before the meeting. Please email Town Hall for the link at alice@pineplains-ny.gov

April 8 10am – Sewer Feasibility Study engineers' proposals discussion
April 13 7pm – TB Workshop
April 16 7pm – TB Meeting
Judy S. Harpp
Town Clerk
04-09-20

Village of Millerton 2020-2021 Budget Public Hearing

Please take notice that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 15th, 2019, at 7:05 p.m., which will be televised live through the Village of Millerton's Facebook page. Please refer to the Village website for more information, along with a copy of the Preliminary 2020-2021 Budget for review. The Mayors salary will be \$7,255.00, Deputy Mayor's salary will be \$4,877.00 and Trustees salary will be \$3,251.00 each.

By order of the Village Board of Trustees
Kelly Kilmer-Village Clerk
04-09-20

Ida J. (Dennis) Von Richthofen

NORTH CANAAN — Ida J. (Dennis) Von Richthofen of North Canaan passed away April 2, 2020, at Sharon Health Care Center after a long battle with multiple health issues.

She was born in Sharon on Feb. 27, 1944, to the late Edward Dennis and Cora Kline.

Ida was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Class of 1962.

She later went on to be a tax assessor for the town of Salisbury and a switchboard operator for Sharon Hospital.

Ida was a great many things.



The most important title she held was Choo Choo Grannie.

Ida is survived by her son, Scott A. Von Richthofen; her daughter-in-law, Ashley L. Von Richthofen; and her Peanut, her grandson Evan S. Von Richthofen. She also leaves behind her beloved niece, Roxanne Pulver; and her very dear friend, Mark Williams.

There will be no services, by request of Ida.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Birches-Roy Funeral Home, 33 South St., Great Barrington, MA 01230 toward a scholarship for her grandson, Evan S. Von Richthofen.

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Week of April 12, 2020

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	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. 518-789-3138

Terni's bids farewell to Millerton after 100 years of business

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — After commemorating its centennial year in the village of Millerton this past summer, Terni's has announced it will be closing its doors for good on Thursday, April 30. The closure of the village's oldest businesses marks an end of an era.

Tracing the story of Terni's back to 1919, the family-owned business at 42 Main St. began with Paul and Assunta Terni, who immigrated from Parma, Italy, and purchased the space on Main Street. Among its modest beginnings, the store was previously known as the George W. Brown store and primarily sold fresh fruit, vegetables, candies and ice cream.

Above the store sat a small annex that housed a shoe shop run by Tony Basile. In 1926, Basile moved his business to Center Street, which led the Ternis to open a United Cigar store in its stead.

Even after Paul Terni's passing in 1927, the store remained within the family with matriarch Assunta running the business with help from their sons, Arthur and Steve. Arthur adapted the business to sell sporting goods in 1934 as its owner. More than a century later, the store continued to run under the tender care of third generation shopkeeper Phil Terni and his wife, Ellen. Its inventory grew to include a selection of fishing tackle, firearms, newspapers, tobacco, sweets, clothing and other equipment. On July 19, 2019, the store commemorated its centennial year.

Withstanding the test of time, Terni's has remained a constant in the business district, embracing



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

A third generation shopkeeper, Phil Terni, grandson of Terni's founders Paul and Assunta Terni, shared memories of the centennial business last year while still manning the store.

generation upon generation of customers who appreciated its role as a village mainstay. The store has maintained its historic character and quaint atmosphere during changing times, and many Millerton merchants were truly saddened by the news of its impending closure. Though Phil and Ellen Terni politely declined to speak about the store's closure right now, other merchants shared memories of their time spent there.

"Terni's was the last link to Millerton's past," said Montage owner Dana Rohn. "As so much has changed — in Millerton and in the rest of the world — Terni's store seemed such a wholesome reminder of the America we came from."

Calling the store "a genuine Mom and Pop operation that provided a hub for the village," Rohn recounted how, for years, Terni's was the center of village life and marveled at the many generations of the Terni family who lived in

they were 'back home,'" Downey said.

"Basically, I recall a sense of communal respect and admiration for the services and space Phil Terni provided the community for decades," Downey's eldest son, Kyle, said when asked about his childhood memories of the shop.

As a friend of Phil and Ellen Terni and the owner of the second longest-standing retail business on Main Street, having just celebrated 45 years, Oblong Books & Music owner Dick Hermans said he was saddened by the closing considering how "essentially irreplaceable" Terni's is.

"There is no way to start a business these days that embodies the character and legacy of an enterprise that has passed through the hands of several generations of a family," Hermans said. "Combined with the devastation being caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, this is a serious blow to the village commercial district. We can only hope that once folks are healthy and back to shopping in Millerton again, some ambitious persons will be charmed by the vintage Terni's building and work to create something new that is respectful of all that Terni's added to the character and community of Main Street."

While village businesses have temporarily closed their doors due to the coronavirus crisis, the Ternis notified the public of their decision to close by fixing a sign on the store's front window. Thanking the community for its lasting support, the Ternis informed the public that "the character of this store has been made by three generations of your patronage, loyalty and fine conversation."



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From left, Candice and PJ Monte of Monte's Local Kitchen and Tap Room in Amenia were greeted at the entrance of Sharon Hospital by hospital personnel as they delivered more than 200 hot meals to the hospital staff on Wednesday, April 1.

Area's businesses support hospital staff

By KAITLIN LYLE
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SHARON, Conn. — Though their doors may be closed to the public and their services adjusted in adherence of coronavirus pandemic protocols, area businesses showed their support for the staff at Sharon Hospital recently with a special delivery of food, flowers and encouraging notes.

As it stands, Sharon Hospital, located at 50 Hospital Hill Road in Sharon, Conn., is one of the few available hospitals in the region. Long before COVID-19 was deemed a global health crisis, the hospital ensured that its staff and departments were prepared to face a potential outbreak by running practice drills; organizing multiple daily teleconferences; teaching staff members how to place a patient with COVID-19 symptoms in an appropriate setting for treatment; and other standard infection control measures for keeping themselves and others safe.

In the wake of the evolving crisis, Marina Ballantine, the public and community affairs associate for Nuvance Health, which owns Sharon Hospital, remarked that there has been an outpouring of community support for the hospital and its emergency preparedness efforts. With the inventory of face masks and other personal protective equipment and medical supplies dwindling, local residents and businesses have pitched in with donations of surgical and N95 masks, gloves and other items to ensure the hospital has the necessary supplies to take care of patients and stay safe. Residents interested in making a donation have been advised to contact Senior Director of Development Adele Conner at 917-846-9829 or at adele.conner@nuvancehealth.org.

On top of the donations of medical supplies, Ballantine voiced her appreciation to Country Gar-

deners Florist, Harney & Sons Fine Tea and Oakhurst Diner, all of Millerton, for their generous deliveries of notes, food, flowers and tea to the hospital's medical-surgical and intensive care teams.

"We are so grateful for the support and generosity of our community," she said.

Assembling boxes of drinks, desserts and appetizers for the hospital staff, Clare Caramanica, manager of Oakhurst Diner, said the diner decided to pitch in "just to say 'thank you' to them for putting their own needs aside to help all of us out." In addition to donating food to the hospital, she said the diner is currently offering toilet paper to local residents in need of it as well as free coffee and tea to employees who are continuing to work at essential businesses. She added if essential workers bring a small bottle to the diner they'll receive a small supply of hand sanitizer.

Grateful for the community's support of the diner during these uncertain times, Caramanica said, "We're looking to do a couple more specials for the community. It's definitely a different time right now... and we do feel the community has been supporting us."

In the town of Amenia, Chef Chip Monte of Monte's Local Kitchen and Tap Room prepared more than 200 hot dinners for the Sharon Hospital staff with help from his wife, Candace, and other helpers from his restaurant. The meals were delivered to the hospital on Wednesday, April 1, nourishing the staff with a dinner of penne pasta with Monte's signature sauce and salad.

Challenging other local dining establishments to do their part to help other local organizations in need of support, Monte remarked in a recent statement, "We are incredibly honored and privileged to have the opportunity to provide these meals to our local heroes during this crisis."

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — In joining the North East Community Center's (NECC) Board of Directors at the beginning of the year, Julie Berkun Fajgenbaum, Shannon Tyree Brown and Meredith Tiedemann were eager to learn more about the local region and put the skills they mastered in their respective careers to work for the community.

"I can tell you that our Board of Directors and I are thrilled to have these three amazing professionals join us," NECC Executive Director Christine Sergeant said.

Welcoming the three women to the board with open arms, Sergeant was effusive in praising their volunteerism as well as their support of NECC's mission.

Drawing from her prior experience at Salisbury Bank & Trust and her current career as a senior vice president at the Bank of Millbrook, Tiedemann anticipates contributing to NECC's Financial Committee (on which she is now a member) and helping the organization create an endowment for continued sustainability. Equipped with previous experience in working with various nonprofit organizations — such as the United States Pony Clubs



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This past January, from left, Meredith Tiedemann and Julie Berkun Fajgenbaum were named as two of the three new members of the North East Community Center's Board of Directors.

and the United States Eventing Association — she said she wanted her voice to be used for the community, resulting in her decision to join the NECC Board of Directors.

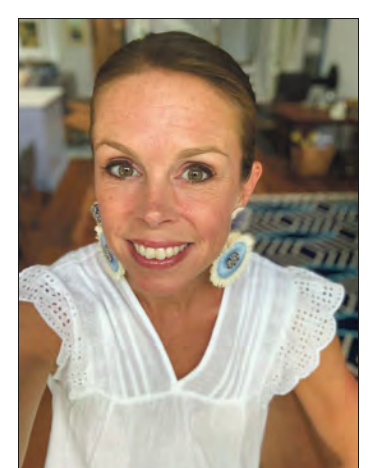
"I really wanted to start putting my volunteer time and energy into something that was really meaningful in the community," Tiedemann said, "and the NECC scratched that itch."

As far as her previous experience with nonprofit organizations is concerned, Brown has been "deeply involved" on the board for the New York Common Food Pantry, a nonprofit dedicated to addressing food insecurity and reducing hunger throughout New York City, for the past eight years. Having stood with the nonprofit through the tremendous growth of its strategic planning, she has helped contribute to the fundraising side of the nonprofit's work as well as broaden its engagement and impact on the communities it serves.

Following her move to the region last June, Brown said, "I was compelled to contribute locally and ensure that I was doing my part as a good citizen and an active community member to provide a service to those in need."

Currently working alongside NECC's Development Committee, Brown said she admires the strength of NECC's programming and education and that she plans to join the Finance Committee once she becomes more familiar with the organization's financial aspects.

Having been introduced to NECC through a friend, Fajgen-



Shannon Tyree Brown was welcomed as the third member of the North East Community Center's Board of Directors at the start of this year.

baum said she admired the organization's dedication and flexibility in serving the community.

"The NECC is able to listen to the community's needs and respond with current and new programming to serve more people in more areas," she praised.

Having gained experience in marketing and technology through her work as the founder and CEO of Tweed Wolf, Fajgenbaum has focused her skills in helping NECC streamline its back-office operations and marketing efforts. In addition to working with the community center to improve its website, she said she's now focused on improving the organization's development database and is also a member of the center's Marketing Committee and Development Committee.

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AMENIA

Webutuck BOE anticipates students' return, thanks community for its continued support

By KAITLIN LYLE
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WEBUTUCK — Keeping up-to-date on the latest news from New York state and the North East (Webutuck) Central School District, the Webutuck Board of Education (BOE) exchanged updates — including a tentative date for students to return to school — during a special BOE meeting on Monday, March 30.

Held at 4 p.m., the meeting was organized via teleconference. As was written in a letter to Webutuck families and posted on the district website at www.webutuckschools.org, Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani gave a recap of Governor Andrew Cuomo's announcement that all state schools are closed through Tuesday, April 14, in response to COVID-19. On Monday, April 6, Cuomor announced schools will remain closed until Wednesday, April 29.

In following the student cal-

endar, Castellani said the online learning that the district set up for students during the closure will stop for the spring recess from Monday, April 6, through Monday, April 13, resuming Tuesday, April 14.

However, Castellani did remind the BOE that the closure may be extended till the end of the month, which it was. Therefore, the district will have to continue to recalibrate as it gets updates from the state's Department of Education.

For the time being, Castellani said the district is continuing to offer learning opportunities to students, adding that he has been following up with Director of Student Services/Curriculum and Instruction Jen Eraca and the school principals on the issue.

"It's pretty impressive that we haven't skipped a beat," Castellani said, noting that other New York school districts have had to take a week off in order to set up learning tools for students to use

during the closure.

"We jumped in right away and I believe that we have been ahead of the curve... in delivering some form of instruction," Castellani continued.

Both the 2020-21 school district budget vote and the election of BOE members have been postponed as a result of the pandemic, as has the deadline for BOE can-

didates to submit petitions for their election. Though Castellani said the state has been looking at Monday, June 1, as a potential date for the vote and election, this date is subject to change.

Moving forward, Castellani expressed his sincere gratitude to the community for donating an estimated \$4,800 to help support the district's Feed Our Families

program. Among those who have donated to the program, Castellani thanked BOE member Richard Keller-Coffey and his wife, Nancy; The Palombo Group; Silo Ridge Field Club LLC; the Webutuck PTA; the Webutuck Administrators' Association; and Webutuck teacher Karen Thompson and her husband, Karl.

"The community is amazing

and our staff is amazing and people are just stepping up," he said, adding that this amount represented more than three weeks of donations to feed district families.

With the cost of food rising, Business Administrator Robert Farrier said the district has been looking at other vendors in order to provide a broad selection of food to deliver to families.

Area churches plan Easter e-services

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to The Millerton News

Many churches around the region and around the world will be closed to their congregations on Easter this year. Here is how one, The Smithfield Church in Amenia, will handle it.

AMENIA — For 277 years The Smithfield Church has worshiped on Easter Sunday. This year the historic church will be closed to worshippers due to COVID-19.

The Smithfield congregation will assemble on Easter Sunday, April 12, along with most other area congregations, in front of computers as they self-distance in body but join together in spirit.

Commenting on a few of the tangential effects of coronavirus, Smithfield Pastor Douglas Grandgeorge noted that 30 Easter lily plants were ordered, each one subscribed for by a church member or friend. A six-piece orchestra had rehearsed intently and a special bulletin was readied.

"Smithfield Church was named after the London neighborhood that became the focal point of controversy within the Church of England," Grandgeorge explained. The local pastors of that time



PHOTO BY ROBERT RIEMER

Built around 1847 to house a congregation first gathered 277 years ago, The Smithfield Church will celebrate Easter Sunday this year on-line via Zoom. Traditionally a celebration that fills pews throughout the area, most worship homes are planning their best efforts to offer the messages of hope and comfort that the holiday brings. The hope is that all will gather under whichever virtual steeple they may choose.

were uncomfortable that the Church of England had retained many of the ceremonial formalities of their Catholic predecessors. The area that the town of Amenia now knows as Smithfield, was formerly called "The City." Today, no one can imagine why.

"If you wanted to send a postcard to New York City, you needed to specify New York City," Grand-

george said. Otherwise it would be delivered to Smithfield.

In ensuing years, the neighborhood in Amenia was named after the church.

On Easter Sunday, The Smithfield Church will offer a live service via Zoom, having run a successful trial of the idea on Palm Sunday, April 5. Those who wish to participate should email Cherry Talbott at

ctalbott07@aol.com to be sent the Zoom link. The link for the Easter Sunday service will be distributed to participants by email on Saturday, April 11.

Grandgeorge emphasized that Tri-corner churches and their ministers are making herculean best efforts to prepare and deliver their own Easter observances and meaningful messages of hope. This year residents who wish to join in worship, should phone or consult church websites to learn the means by which their Easter Sunday service is to be offered. Some are also offering Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services electronically.

Be listening. On this unprecedented Easter Sunday, area residents may hear nearby church bells ringing out.

And if you do decide to join in Easter worship, you may find that the minister's well-crafted message of hope is just what you need at this moment.

Although New York City's annual Fifth Avenue Easter parade is canceled this year, Easter bonnets at home are presumed to be optional, but might be fun if you have one. Who needs "The Rotogravure," when we have Zoom and Facebook?

AMENIA IN BRIEF

The Wassaic Project cancels programs

WASSAIC — Out of respect for the CDC's guidelines for organizations regarding COVID-19, The Wassaic Project announced it is canceling all public programming through the end of April. This includes open studios, ceramics workshops and visiting artist lectures.

The Art Nest will also be

closed and both Heirlooms and Won't You Call Me by My Name will be viewable by appointment only.

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PINE PLAINS/AREA

BOE reviews remote learning plans, postpones budget talks

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — In keeping one another informed during the current health crisis, the Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education (BOE) convened via video conference on Wednesday, April 1, to discuss measures the district has implemented to offer distance learning to students during the mandated closure.

Meeting at 7 p.m., the BOE decided to postpone the presentation on the 2020-21 school district budget that was originally scheduled for that evening. Turning their attention to a presentation by Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School Principal Tara Grieb and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brian Timm, the BOE heard more about the steps teachers and staff have taken to continue instruction as best they can during the coronavirus pandemic.

Communicating with students and their parents on a regular basis, Grieb reported that she sent out a letter to the Stissing Mountain families to keep them informed about district instructional plans. She also reported on a later date that Cold Spring Early Learning Center Principal Gian Starr and Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center Principal Julie Roberts sent out their own letters to their schools' families.

As teachers and staff move forward with expanded remote instruction, Grieb acknowledged the hard work both teachers and students have put in since the schools closed mid-March. She emphasized that the instruction must to be meaningful for the different academic levels as well as varied and relatively independent so that the students can work through it with minimal assistance. Through "virtual meetings," she said teachers have shared documents, videos and projects created for this time. Likewise, Grieb reported that teachers have been reading stories to their classes via video and "countless other creative and amazing things."

"The teachers really have done the unimaginable in a very short time at all levels and we are lucky to have such a talented faculty," Grieb later said.

Among the obstacles of remote learning, Grieb said the real challenge is making sure learning is accessible to all students, given the "vast geographic nature of our district and lackluster internet service in parts of the district." There's also the challenge of making sure the district's "unique learners" get the assistance they need during the closure, Grieb noted.

Meanwhile, June Regents exams were canceled by Board of Regents Chancellor Betty Rosa on Monday, April 6.

Ancram Town Board approves LED streetlight conversion project

By KAITLIN LYLE
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ANCRAM — After holding the mandated public hearing to solicit community feedback, the Ancram Town Board unanimously approved Central Hudson's proposal to convert all 31 town streetlights to light emitting diodes (LEDs), on Thursday, March 19; a limited number of people were present.

Included in its proposal for the conversion, Central Hudson cited that the town of Ancram would save 16,000 kilowatt hours each year, and the town and its Lighting District would save around \$2,200 each year in a combination of reduced energy costs and lower maintenance fees. In a statement issued in February, Ancram town Supervisor Art Bassin reported

that the town and Lighting District currently pay around \$7,000 per year to Central Hudson for the streetlights, and that Central Hudson would charge the town around \$3,800 for the conversion.

In addition to having an estimated life expectancy of more than 20 years, these LED light fixtures are Dark Sky Compliant, which means they would eliminate upward light emission toward the sky, reduce light trespass to neighboring properties and provide input into the lumen (or measure of brightness) output of each streetlight that hasn't already been converted to LED.

Despite the coronavirus pandemic changing public gathering regulations, the Ancram Town Board held the public hearing on Saturday, March 14. However,

the board limited public access to no more than three people. The majority of the board was in attendance along with those three members of the public.

Once the public hearing opened, the board reviewed one comment from a resident who was interested in having fewer streetlights in town. Though the person didn't object to the LED proposal, Bassin said the person thought the town could use fewer lights.

In response, the board pointed out that having less lights poses a safety issue. The Ancram Climate Smart Community Task Force asked to review the number of streetlights in town to determine if there are too many or too few before moving forward with the conversion.

No other issues were raised

during the remainder of the public hearing.

At its meeting on the 19th, the board unanimously approved the conversion to LED streetlights, which is subject to review by the Climate Smart Community Task Force and with continued discussion between the board and Central Hudson.

"It makes sense economically and environmentally," Bassin said, "and our Climate Smart Community Task Force has done an excellent job getting this project organized and the Town Board is fully supportive of getting it implemented."

The next regular Ancram Town Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m. Public access will be limited to no more than three people.

Taconic High School student honored by 4-H Club

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

HILLSDALE — Taconic High School senior Hunter Gardner, who was recently honored for his work with the 4-H program, hasn't decided yet on what he'll major in when he goes off to college next fall, but he already has great plans for his adult life.

One of four teenagers who received the 2019 Outstanding 4-H Member Award for the 4-H Club Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties, Hunter said he might well continue to be active in the program, which he credits for much of his own growth.

"I think I'd love to do that when I grow up, especially if I have kids," said Hunter. "But I think it would be great to stay involved. It's always great to stay involved in some type of community service, if that's 4-H or not. I think it's important."

He may have come by that idea naturally having seen his mother, who grew up on a farm and was a young 4-H'er, and his grandmother both be involved with the program as adults.

"I think my parents were extremely proud of me, especially my mom because she's been in 4-H and been involved with 4-H for so many years and so is her mom, so I think they were very proud of me," said Hunter. "She was in it as a kid and she's kind of stayed connected to it."

Initially shy as a child, Hunter said he feels he has grown a great deal though his seven years in the program, having learned "about leadership and exploring and trying new things. It's really helped me to want to keep doing those

things. It makes me want to keep giving back to the community."

Hunter has been doing that both as a 4-H Teen Ambassador, doing everything from clearing trash from roads to helping with the Salvation Army to being active on his school's student council and tennis team before the school closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In addition to his proud parents, James and Sandra Gardner, Hunter credits much of his growth to Linda Tripp, 4-H youth team leader at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties and Cathi Annese, 4-H Club leader of the Teen Ambassador 4-H Club and the Flora & Fauna 4-H Club.

According to Tripp, award winners "are selected on a basis of number of years in 4-H, quality and variety of project work, involvement in county and community service activities, as well as completion of project records."

She said Hunter's most significant 4-H projects are dairy cattle and ornamental horticulture.

"Hunter is a goal-setter and has, throughout his tenure, worked to grow his leadership and public speaking skills," said Tripp. "An example of this is his journey from basic public presentations to teen evaluator to presenting his personal research at the National FFA Convention last fall. His confidence in public speaking has grown to the point where he was able to emcee 4-H Achievement Night last year!"

She added, "Hunter has participated in several state 4-H trips and, again, exhibited his growth in leadership and public speaking skills by applying for and being accepted as a focus assistant and

planning team member for the Cornell Career Explorations trip. Hunter's involvement in the dairy cattle project has found him active in the dairy bowl program as well as exhibiting at the county fair. Finally, Hunter is very talented in floriculture and even created beautiful floral arrangements for 4-H's 90th anniversary dinner last fall."

The Outstanding 4-H Member Award is given to 4-H members who are at least 16 years old and are selected on a basis of number of years in 4-H, quality and variety of project work, involvement in county and community service activities, as well as completion of project records. This award is sponsored by the Columbia County Agricultural Society and the Fortnightly Club of Catskill.

For further information on 4-H, call 518-828-3346, email Columbiagreene@cornell.edu or go to www.ccecolumbiagreene.org.



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Outstanding 4-H member Hunter Gardener posed with 4-H Youth Development Issue Leader Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties Linda Tripp after receiving his award this January.

Correction

In the April 2 edition of The Millerton News, an article on the Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education (BOE) March meeting stated the district was experiencing a "current inability to offer distance learning" during the state-mandated school closure. The article should have reflected that the BOE's comment was about a lack of a "formal" distance learning program at the time. The district has been providing lessons and educational resources to students during the closure, assured Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler, so they may maintain academic readiness. We regret the error.



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MILLBROOK

BOE meets via Zoom, discusses election and budget proposal

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MILLBROOK — Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tuesday, March 31, meeting of the Millbrook Central School District Board of Education (BOE) was conducted via Zoom, a cloud platform for video and audio conferencing; it was not open to the public. The board began with an executive session to discuss a hiring; the regular meeting resumed shortly afterward. The consent agenda was accepted, as were the minutes from the prior meeting on March 17.

A service contract was approved for providing health services in the Spackenkill Union Free School District to one Millbrook resident student who attends Spackenkill, at a cost of \$1,143.13.

The firm of Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill CPAs PC has been engaged as of March 17 to audit the school district's financial statements of its government

tal activities for the year ending June 30, 2020.

Interim Superintendent of Schools Laura Mitchell gave an update on the March 31 launch of Continuity of Learning during the pandemic, announced limited access to district buildings and playgrounds, and said the deadline for non-public transportation requests has been extended to Wednesday, April 15. Also discussed were supplies donated to the Cardinal Hayes School and to the Dutchess County Emergency Response Center.

Mitchell also noted the school budget vote and BOE elections will be postponed until, at the earliest, June 1. She also announced that school districts may have the flexibility to continue some construction projects at this time, but the district is waiting for more clarification from the state. There was also some discussion of providing childcare for first responders and health care providers.

Assistant Superintendent

for Business, Finance and Operations Brian Fried presented a workshop for the 2020-21 budget. Fried said a tentative draft budget sits at \$30,980,759, which is an increase of \$982,014 or 3.27% from the current year's budget. The tax levy is estimated at \$25,174,282, an increase of \$557,672, or 2.27%.

"Given the governor's explanation that there will be or may be quarterly state aid reductions, depending on how state money is spent and received, our current thought is to assign more of our district fund balance to reduce the tax levy in order to keep our taxpayers out of harm's way," said Fried. "We look forward to receiving additional information and guidance from the state."

Upon the recommendation of Mitchell, the board amended a resolution it acted upon at its March 17 meeting, appointing Eliot Garcia as director of Technology and Data Services for a probationary period. Garcia will now serve a four-year probation-

ary term, effective April 1 through March 31, 2024, at an annual salary rate of \$117,000, pro-rated for the 2019-20 school year, effective April 1 through June 30.

Assistant Superintendents Fried and Caroline Hernandez Pidalá were appointed co-coordinators for the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA), which was made into law in 2010 by New York state. DASA seeks to eliminate discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment and bullying on school property, school buses and/or at school functions for New York's public elementary and secondary school students.

An enrollment update was given: Elm Drive has 173 students; Alden Place has 199 students; Millbrook Middle School has 214 students; Millbrook High School has 289 students. Among the district's four schools, there's a total of 875 students.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TREVOR ZOO

Red pandas are a favorite at the Trevor Zoo and can be seen via a live feed camera system on the Trevor Zoo website.

What's new at the zoo?
It's streaming for you!

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Trevor Zoo at Millbrook School is one of the best kept secrets in town, although it does have its dedicated followers who can be found there on a regular basis.

The zoo is a great place to visit and it's usually open daily, year round. It's now closed until further notice due to coronavirus pandemic, but the zoo is providing several different options so the public can still visit the animals, virtually, via Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. At a time when people are being told to stay home to stay safe, what could be better than taking a virtual tour to see all the animals?

There are 10 different endangered species living at the Trevor Zoo, and about 180 animals in all. They are housed in natural settings much as they would be if they were roaming free.

A staff of eight, led by Director Alan Tousignant, is seeing to it that the inhabitants are fed and taken care of — no small feat given that when school is in session there are about 70 students who help maintain the zoo. The students are now on an extended break due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of the virtual programs are prerecorded and aired on YouTube, but some are live-streaming at all times. The cranes and other marsh dwellers are interesting to watch, and the red pandas, when they are lively, are also fun to observe. The animals seem oblivious to the cameras filming them. Find the animals at www.millbrook.org/trevorzoo.

On Wednesdays, at 4 p.m., a show is live-streamed featuring

different species, with fascinating facts and figures.

The zoo was started by Frank Trevor, the first biology teacher at The Millbrook School in 1936; Tousignant has been there for 30 years. It is the only zoo in the country located at a high school.

Students are encouraged to act as stewards of the animals. Dozens upon dozens work daily, cleaning and helping to plan exhibits, feeding the animals, maintaining their habitats and learning zoo management while obtaining firsthand knowledge of all aspects of wildlife.

Included in the many species at the zoo are Geoffrey's Marmosets, Golden Lion Tamarin monkeys, emus, red pandas and red wolves. There are marsh birds and other creatures as well as playful otters; one might also see a wallaby, a fox or a bobcat.

On Wednesday, March 25, from 3 to 4 p.m., a new weekly Wednesday afternoon program on Facebook will feature Golden Lion Tamarins and two lively Marmosets. Go to facebook.com/trevorzoo to view it.

The zoo is Association of Zoo and Aquariums (AZA) accredited, since 1989. While there are thousands of facilities in North America, only 232 are accredited by the AZA.

Those who are bored at home these days should tune in. And to help Trevor Zoo during this difficult time, supporters can become members ([at www.millbrook.org/trevor-zoo-home](http://www.millbrook.org/trevor-zoo-home)); those who shop on Amazon may also use the AmazonSmile program to make free donations, at www.smile.amazon.com/ch/14-1413770, click on Millbrook School. When open, the zoo can be reached at 845-677-3704.

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WASHINGTON — The March meeting of the Town Board took place on Thursday, March 11. Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri gained board approval to proclaim March Parkinson's Awareness Month.

The first round of bids for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) bathroom improvement project at the Town Park was read. In the first round of bids, all were above the originally budgeted amount. A second round of bids garnered only one bid, from JP Woods, Inc., which was for less than the \$90,000 project budget.

A discussion ensued regarding adding alternates and deleting alternates to the project. Ultimately, the bid from JP Woods, Inc. was accepted, pending a review by architect Ed Loedy.

The board adopted a resolution to give the town supervisor the authority to schedule and/or cancel Town Board meetings in the event of a pandemic when the health and wellbeing of the public is at stake. With COVID-19, that's

extremely relevant.

Discussion was also held on obtaining town services during the pandemic. Since March 11, Town Hall is closed. Limited town staff are still available by phone and e-mail.

Recreation Department Director Chelsea Edson spoke to the board about a bid for the design of a filter bed for the town pool, changes in the recreation agreement with the village of Millbrook and assorted other news pertaining to the upcoming Town Park season, now in limbo.

Joseph Spagnola of the Highway Department and Bookkeeper Lois Petrone gave their monthly reports.

Town Clerk Mary Alex reported that taxes have been paid to the town and they will be sent on to the county.

Other monthly department reports were submitted and filed by the town clerk.

Assessor Lisa Evangelista submitted her monthly report.

The town requested the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services perform a review of the

town's IT practices. The service is complimentary and will provide a network scan, a vulnerability scan and a penetration test, as well as a policy and controls checklist.

A resolution to the board was made requesting the service and authorizing Ciferri to sign the required documents per New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) and to sign an agreement with Fred Shequine, dba as BTC Consulting, whereby Shequine has provided the town with the necessary insurance requirements and hold harmless

agreement. The annual insurance agreement has been provided to NYMIR, said the supervisor.

The annual Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Transfer Station report has been filed with the DEC; the annual Electronic Recycling Report has been filed with New York State; and the annual Recycling Report has been filed with Dutchess County.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9; the meeting may be closed to the public and broadcast instead due to the current public health crisis.

Go to www.tricornernews.com for a recap of the March 17 meeting of the Millbrook Central School District Board of Education.

While we observe our Governor's closure of Churches, we wish all a Happy Easter, and hope to be open in May.



SMITHFIELD CHURCH
Rte. 83 Amenia

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EDITORIAL

Cuomo earns high marks during COVID-19 crisis

Even as roughly 1.3 million cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed worldwide, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has been doing an incredible job keeping New Yorkers informed about the pandemic, which has hit the Empire State especially hard. He reports regularly on the facts, the science and the dire needs of the people. Even his critics are praising his decisiveness and transparency.

The governor has been holding daily press conferences that are informative and direct, infused, at times, with humor and humanity — both much needed during these difficult times.

On Friday, March 27, Cuomo held a press conference from the Javits Center in New York City, which was converted into a temporary 1,000-bed hospital with help from FEMA, the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Guard and the staff at Javits.

He told those helping to battle the epidemic — today including an estimated 85,000 health care volunteers — about 22,000 from out of state and many of whom are retired — that they will be proud of what they did, proud that they “showed up” and had the “skill and the professionalism to make a difference and save lives.”

Those who are working on the front lines and volunteering behind the scenes to save the sick during this health crisis are doing incredible work. For that, we sincerely thank them.

As we do Cuomo, who has taken a proactive stance from the get-go and leaned on his steadfast leadership skills to protect everyone living in New York — the epicenter of the pandemic in the U.S. All the while the governor has continued to run the state effectively and efficiently.

And he’s had to make some tough calls. Monday, April 6, he extended the closure of state schools and essential businesses until the 29th, when he’ll reassess the situation. Cuomo promised to waive the requirement that schools must teach for 180 days.

“I’m not going to choose between public health and economic activity,” he said at his Monday briefing. “In either event, public health still demands that we stay on pause with businesses closed and schools closed, whether we hit the apex or whether we haven’t hit the apex, we have to do same thing.”

And then there was the New York budget; its passage was due April 1, at the start of the state’s new fiscal year. Though not quite making that deadline, the governor and the Legislature did accomplish the monumental task of passing the budget in the midst of the pandemic by Friday, April 3. (For more, read this week’s front page.)

He’s also had to deal with the health crisis on the home front, as his brother, CNN anchor Chris Cuomo, tested positive for the disease last week. Sharing the diagnoses during a press conference, the governor spoke candidly of his sibling relationship with the humor we mentioned earlier. It’s been good for all of us to see that rarer side of New York’s top lawmaker. It’s reminded us that everyone — even the governor — is human, doing his best to deal with a very difficult situation.

Yet Cuomo continues to maintain his composure, even when dealing with our tempestuous president. The governor has been able to straddle that oh-so-fine line between fiercely fighting for his state while not pushing Trump into a corner, where he would likely lash out and deny New Yorkers the support they so desperately need.

It’s vital that everyone — and we mean *everyone* — continue to abide social distancing rules and proper hygiene protocols, including wearing masks in public. The governor chastised New Yorkers this week for showing a “laxness on social distancing” that he called “wholly unacceptable.

“If I can’t convince you to show discipline for yourself, then show discipline for other people you could get infected,” he said Monday. “People are dying.”

We get it — society must continue to operate: people need to shop, to eat, to see their doctors (for emergencies only, of course), to take care of their children, their pets, their homes, their businesses. But, as Cuomo said, “now is not the time to be lax.” That’s why he increased the penalty for violating social distancing rules, upping the fine from \$500 to \$1,000 and asking local governments for more “aggressive enforcement.”

Locally, supermarkets and pharmacies have been busy trying to keep up with demand while keeping customers and workers safe (read reporter Kaitlin Lyle’s front page story this week). Their services are essential, and on Sunday, March 29, Cuomo announced all New York pharmacies will now offer free home delivery.

Functioning during a pandemic is difficult. It’s extremely stressful. The world is changing. But it’s comforting to know we’ve got a strong leader at the helm willing to take charge and deal with reality — no matter how grim.

For now, the Office for the Ag-



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A message from a Hillsdale nurse

Reports have been confusing and conflicting. We are learning more about how COVID-19 affects people every day. Older people, and people with chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and heart disease, appear to be more at risk of developing severe symptoms. But this is not a disease limited to the old or infirmed. Roughly 35% of hospitalized COVID-19 patients are under the age of 40.

Pointers for staying healthy:

Stay home. The safest way to avoid COVID-19 is to stay at home. Disinfect anything before bringing it inside. In fact, disinfect your home several times weekly — especially faucets and toilet handles.

Wash your hands every couple of hours even when you spend long stretches of time in your home (wash your hands long enough to sing “Happy Birthday” twice).

If you have long or artificial nails, cut them. They are germ pockets!

Wear gloves and masks when going out. Masks can be homemade. You don’t need a medical mask. Also, take out only your keys and a credit card (and keep them in a “dirty pocket”).

Discard gloves before touching the inside of your wallet or getting in your car. If a trash receptacle is not available, use a trash bag in your car.

Do not touch your face. When arriving home, strip off all outer clothes into a bag for wash and step straight into the shower.

Limit trips out to once or twice a week. Opt for delivery or curbside pickup.

Open your windows a couple of times a day to allow ventilation to cleanse the air.

If you have a cough, red eyes, fever, diarrhea or cold symptoms, please SELF-QUARANTINE IMMEDIATELY for 14 days. Don’t wait for a test.

Do not attend gatherings, even with close friends. Always keep 6 feet distance from others when you’re out. Assume that a person near you is infected, or that you yourself may be carrying the virus.

Start your car once a week to recharge its battery. Newer cars with their electronics will drain batteries faster.

If you have questions, please contact your primary healthcare provider.

Stay home. Stay safe. We will get through this.

Elizabeth Bledsoe
Nurse practitioner
Hillsdale Healthcare
Hillsdale

Thank you

VETERAN’S CORNER

Larry Conklin

I would like to extend an overdue THANK YOU to The Millerton News editors and staff for providing me a platform to voice the needs and concerns of our military and veterans — and to address our national security and the ever-growing rabid social discourse and hatred that have infected this country. I have been contributing regular commentaries/opinions for the past year. I offered sporadic contributions previously; you know by now I don’t mince words. I know there are many more patriotic readers than demagogues out there so I thank you patriots.

In my experience, The Millerton News has been fair and objective, taking no sides and allowing reasonable differences of opinion to be printed in a country where “Free Speech” can be abused. A country that is now infected with so called news media and publications that mostly spew outright lies, untruths and misleading information that sadly pass as journalism these days. Thankfully most stable minded individuals see through this bluster and charade. Those of us capable of thinking for ourselves rather than having a political party, government or an individual influence our opinions and decisions will prevail (independent thinkers and fact-checkers).

This country could be so much better. And in my humble opinion,

today we’re on a positive roll due to logical minds. I respect differences of opinion. We don’t need to or want to close our minds. I would never get along with myself! Compromising on differences of opinion has always produced positive results. It’s when hatred and intolerance are injected that everything goes haywire.

In conclusion: Thank you Millerton News for providing our communities with fair, objective reporting, valuable personal, public, inspirational and interesting news. After this current health crisis ends, stop by and say “hi” to them some day. They are terrific individuals and will field your opinions and requests if possible. The News provides an invaluable community service. We cannot let honest news reporting slip away. Please consider monetary support to them if possible.

God bless you, patriotic readers and your families. Chin up — Phil says an early spring is upon us.

Millerton resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam veteran and member of both the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the Couch Pipa VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Conn.

Life on Earth — pandemics

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

European techniques, not Asian ones.

Wow, has this stirred controversy. In have stepped a few universities to conduct DNA tests on “human artifacts” (meaning bones) and surprise, surprise, the DNA matches Solutrean humans.

“DNA lineage predominantly found in Europe got to the Great Lakes 14,000 to 15,000 years ago,” said Douglas Wallace, Emory University.

The Smithsonian has chosen the path of applauding the determination of the Solutrean Ice Age man and his ability to strive forward: “To ignore this possibility ignores the merits of people 20,000 years ago.”

What they are really saying is that humans are industrious and travelled everywhere from the moment they could walk and explore.

The problem scientists now have is that amino-acid testing along with DNA tests are beginning to map human-transported plagues that traveled across the globe: harbingers of what we’re facing now. In China at Ham-min Mangha around 3,000 BC there was a massive plague that

their explorers took around the world over the next hundreds of years. Athens? 100,000 died in 450 BC from either Ebola or typhus. A total of 5 million died during the 180 year period after the Antonine plague hit ancient Rome. More than 5,000 died in Rome every day in 250 AD from the St. Cyprian plague. Bubonic plague ravaged the Byzantine Empire in 527 AD. The Black Death came from Asia to Europe in the 1300s. The Coliciztli epidemic derived from Salmonella in the mid-1500s wiped out large populations in Central and South America. Of course, the Plague came back in Europe in the mid-1500s to the mid-1600s and their explorers spread it worldwide. And it came back to France and Russia in the mid-1700s. Yellow Fever hampered the Colonies in the late 1700s. Flu, late 1800s, again 1918 to 1920... polio epidemic 1916 in the USA — all killed millions.

As we endure this terrible COVID-19 we have to remember that it is just another in human-transported diseases and that humanity has survived and flourished — even through adversity and terrible loss. We’ll be here, maybe somewhat diminished, maybe somewhat scarred, but we will survive to fight and explore another day.

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

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Keeping seniors without internet access informed

Our oldest seniors, who lived through World War II and the Great Depression, may be the only ones alive who have experienced challenges anything like what we’re seeing now, as Dutchess County and the nation adapt to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak.

We at the Office for the Aging (OFA) want you to know this: that the safety of Dutchess County’s seniors, caregivers, Office for the Aging staff and volunteers is of the highest importance. We’re in continuing contact with the office of County Executive Marc Molinaro, monitoring the COVID-19 situation as it affects the county. We’re adapting as needed to each day’s new realities.

GOLDEN LIVING
Todd N. Tancredi

ing’s headquarters at 114 Delafield St. in the City of Poughkeepsie remains open during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — but call us at 845-486-2555 before coming by. We are trying to minimize in-person visits, using phone or email contact instead. Our email address for general inquiries is ofa@dutchessny.gov. Many of our own staff are working remotely whenever it is possible to do so.

OFA staff and volunteers are taking all necessary sanitary precautions, following the recommen-

dations of the World Health Organization (WHO) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), along with additional relevant recommendations from state and county government.

Our eight Senior Friendship Centers remain closed to the public. We recognize this can leave seniors without vital social connections, and are doing everything in our power to continue keeping seniors socially connected while remaining physically distanced.

Many seniors without internet access are adapting and getting online, often for the first time in their lives. This is a time when up-to-date local and national information on the outbreak and our response to it is essential. It’s information that seniors who remain offline will miss. Those of you who are connected to a senior who’s offline can help them make the transition. Many local internet service providers are making low-cost service options available, especially for new customers.

In the meantime, information for both those who need help and those who wish to offer help is available by contacting the new “Dutchess Responds” community, available by calling 845-486-3555 or by clicking on “Dutchess Responds” at www.dutchessny.gov.

Todd N. Tancredi is director of the Dutchess County Office for the Aging. Golden Living is prepared by the OFA in Poughkeepsie. It can be reached at 845-486-2555, ofa@dutchessny.gov or www.dutchessny.gov/aging.

GROCERY STORES *Continued from Page A1*

cautions they’ve taken to stop the spread of COVID-19 at their stores, like Frestown of Amenia.

Located on Route 22, Frestown has about 40 associates and “is always” hiring, even now. Hours of operation run from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays and from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays. The store can be reached at 845-373-9155.

Recently, a number of hand sanitizing stations were installed around the store for customers and staff to use. Washing hands and using the hand sanitizing stations “continuously and frequently throughout the day,” Noah Katz said the entire staff passed a New York State food safety course for cleaning, sanitizing and keeping stores safe.

“We never stop training staff on all these proper cleaning procedures,” he said.

As far as inventory is concerned, Katz said the store is fully stocked and has ordered extra hand sanitizers and other sanitizing products including hand gloves for staff and lots of soap, delivered regularly.

For customers looking to shop from home, PSK Foods has partnered with the retail company Instacart to provide deliveries. Customers can go online to www.Foodtown.Instacart.com to shop and have their food delivered within an hour.

With regards to their plans to remodel the Amenia store, Daniel Katz said they’ve already started working on the remodel and that the work will continue at night so it doesn’t interfere with customers’ shopping.

“We are fully committed to the Amenia and Millerton community and greatly value the business and support that we receive,” he said.

Also in the Frestown Plaza, Benzer Pharmacy does its best to cater to the needs of its customers. With five employees, the pharmacy’s current hours of operation run from Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The pharmacy is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Meanwhile, the retail portion of the Benzer store is open Mondays

through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Along with observing an influx of customers from New York City, Kelly Rowe, Benzer Pharmacy store manager, said its toy section has been doing very well, given the number of children now at home due to the pandemic. Likewise, condoms and the morning after pill (known as Plan B and other generic versions of the pill) are selling well.

Though Rowe confirmed that the pharmacy has enough medicine and antibiotics to treat those who are sick — including inhalers, nebulizers and insulin for individuals with diabetes — she said many over-the-counter items are hard to come by since people have been stocking up. Items such as Tylenol, face masks, gloves and thermometers as well as aloe vera gel and rubbing alcohol, which can be mixed together to make a homemade hand sanitizer, are a rarity. Though supplies are delivered daily, Rowe said there are not enough supplies to keep up with the demand.

She added employees are wearing gloves and disinfecting the store regularly. The store’s surfaces, such as the credit card machines, are cleaned and sanitized as well.

It’s been so busy, Rowe said, that the store needs to hire a pharmacy technician, a customer service representative and a driver.

In Pine Plains, Peck’s Food Market, located on Church Street (Route 199), has also been swamped with customers stocking up on fresh groceries. Hours of operation run from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays; from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays; and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Given the rush of customers shopping, no one at Peck’s was able to comment for this article.

Located up the street, also on Route 199, the Pine Plains Pharmacy is providing the community its prescriptions and more.

“We are doing our best and dealing with a lot of shortages in keeping the community safe,” Nasir Mahmood, pharmacy owner and supervising pharmacist, said, “and I think so far we have been successful in doing that.”

As the pharmacy tries to manage a shortage of hand sanitizer, rubbing alcohol and toilet paper on a day-to-day basis, Mahmood said it receives such supplies “once in a while” and tries to limit customer purchases of such items to avoid running out so quickly. While it’s doing well with its current supply of medication and hasn’t experienced any shortages, he noted, “You never know what tomorrow brings.”

Mahmood said he’s asking customers to respect the recommended distance of 6 feet between people in order to keep employees safe. Additionally, the pharmacy sanitizes all surfaces and equipment every hour, from the door knobs and counters to the telephones and signature pads. Employees are wearing masks and gloves and have been asking customers to keep their distance while waiting for medication.

Along with offering curbside pick-up, the Pine Plains Pharmacy delivers medication to local customers.

With a total of eight employees, the pharmacy is fully staffed. Hours of operation run from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and closed on Sundays.

In the village of Millbrook, Marona’s Market has been doing fairly well during the pandemic, according to store manager Pam Smith.

“I have been in business in this area for over 20 years,” Smith said, “and I have connections to help us keep well-stocked with produce and meat. The only thing we’re lacking is cleaning supplies, sanitizers and paper towels.”

Running from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day on Front Street, Marona’s Market has roughly 20 employees. To keep the store

protected during the pandemic, Smith said it has hired a cleaning crew to come in five mornings a week to sanitize the store. The store also buys hand sanitizer from the local company, Smells Good. All of its employees now wear gloves that they change frequently and have masks to wear over their faces. Social distancing recommendation are also enforced, especially at the register when people are checking out their groceries.

Located on Franklin Avenue, the Millbrook Pharmacy has

kept its regular hours intact and is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays; it’s closed on Sundays. The pharmacy has three employees at this time and doesn’t see a need for more. All of the employees now wear masks and gloves and practice social distancing.

Though it has enough medicine in its inventory, pharmacy manager Sonny Shah said the store is low on hand sanitizer, rubbing alcohol, Vitamin C and Airborne. The pharmacy has also

shifted to curbside service, so customers will need to call 845-677-3131 for prescription refills. Customers may also order their medications at www.themillbrookpharmacy.com.

On Sunday, March 29, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced all pharmacies in New York will now offer free home delivery of medications, and local pharmacies are working to comply. After speaking with the state’s major pharmacy chains, pharmacies have agreed to do so to help reduce long lines at their facilities.

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cided to do. Nelson moved to Pine Plains in 2003, Lisa in 2012. The pair has been together since 2011 and was married in 2015. But their relationship goes back years earlier. Zayas said his wife was his first girlfriend 37 years ago when they were teenagers living in Brooklyn.

“She is the biggest support of me and everything we do,” he said, “and I absolutely must thank her for her tremendous support.”

Together, they feed the Pine Plains community once a week, distributing food every Saturday morning, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. They also deliver to residents who can’t make it to Willow Roots on their own, thanks to volunteer Ray Christensen. They keep two small refrigerators on their front porch that clients can obtain food from 24 hours a day in case of emergencies, which are increasing daily.

“Everything is very fluid,” Zayas said in mid-March. “I’m getting phone calls left and right. We’ll see where this goes; we do what we can... My fear is we get through this first week — it’s not a problem. But what happens three, four, five weeks down the road? I can’t answer those questions, so we’ll take it one day at time.”

Before the COVID-19 outbreak, Willow Roots had been servicing around 20 households, feeding between 60 and 70 people. Those numbers are climbing. The Pine Plains Food Locker, run out of the Pine Plains United Methodist Church at 3023 Church St. (Route 199), distributes once a month.

“I think what we do is unique from other pantries,” said Zayas, adding Willow Roots works with a number of local farmers and individuals who donate food and funding. While the Food Locker makes use of the state’s Regional Food Bank, Willow Roots does not. The pantry instead receives organic meat, organic eggs and seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables from area farms, including the town’s very own Community Garden, located at Town Hall and tended to by volunteers. Additionally, if the Food Locker has leftover food, it will share that with Willow Roots to avoid waste.

Community Garden organizer Sandy Towers said while she doesn’t really keep track of the numbers, the garden makes a “reasonably good sized contribution to the Food Locker, and then during the month in between distribution, we bring things to Willow Roots, which is great.”

Towers said before the Zayas started their food pantry, the garden “had produce in between the month and no place for it to go, which was always a problem,

but is not a problem any more.”

“We have had support from so many people and so many organizations,” said Zayas. “If we say we need something, they really come together to support us. I thank God, it helps, that my wife and I are established in the community. People know me from being a Boy Scout leader for many years in Pine Plains, a robotics coach, a teacher. I’ve earned their trust, so has Lisa.”

Zayas has been an enrichment teacher in both elementary school buildings in the Pine Plains Central School District since 2003. He also does tax preparation and bookkeeping on the side, is a clinical herbalist (he sells homemade elderberry syrup during winter months), is a shaman of sorts for the Painso community (the Caribbean Native American tribe known for finding Columbus) and runs Sacred Ways, a spiritual business, with Lisa, who is a hypnotherapist and Reiki master.

Added into the mix are the six children between them.

“I could retire right now and still have a full day,” said Zayas.

That’s exactly how they like it, he added, noting their goal is to serve those living in the school district, which includes nine townships. Willow Roots also has clients coming from as far afield as Sharon, Conn., Red Hook and Milan, and while it doesn’t advertise outside the area it asks no questions about where clients reside. Additionally, there is no application to fill out at Willow Roots, which only requests information on how many children, adults or senior citizens reside in one’s household.

“We were surprised by the need, and it’s all levels,” said Zayas. “Some people really need services, while some only need services once in a while. One

thing I’m very pleased to see, people are not taking advantage. Everyone has been very respectful, taking only what they need. We had two individuals come to us and say ‘thank you.’ One got a job; one got a raise, so they don’t need us anymore. They’re a success story.”

Planning ahead, Zayas said their “greatest need” is a place to store perishables during summer. The pantry has two refrigerators, but they’re not large enough to store all of the donated produce and other perishables. That’s why they just built a Cool Box walk-in cooler in their basement, thanks to Father Steve Schunk of the Church of the Regeneration and St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, which helped fundraise for the \$2,500 expense. Local businesses including Oscar Gonzalez Construction and Ginocchio Electric also donated their services to help keep costs down. Carrie Ross, from Feed Hudson Valley, likewise helped with the project, said Zayas.

That’s the kind of cooperation that is at the base of this endeavor, said Zayas, a key part of why Willow Roots has found success. He added that his Board of Directors is instrumental in helping the food pantry run so efficiently, so much so that it’s morphing into a community support network, providing more than just sustenance.

“People are reaching out to us, not just for food, maybe they need a winter jacket for a child,” said Zayas, who said even if the pantry can’t provide the item, it can put people in touch with someone who can.

To learn more about Willow Roots, how to donate, how to volunteer or how to pick up food, check out its Facebook page or call Zayas at 518-751-0164.

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face coverings at home.

According to www.cdc.gov, these cloth face coverings should be worn in public settings “where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain” — such as grocery stores and pharmacies — and “especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.”

The CDC recommends the coverings fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face; include multiple layers of fabric; allow for breathing without restriction; and be able to be laundered and machine dried without any damage or change to its shape. The face coverings should be routinely washed in soapy hot water in a washing machine.

People have been advised not to touch their eyes, nose or mouth when removing their face covering and to wash their hands immediately afterward. The CDC has also advised that the cloth face coverings shouldn’t be placed on individuals who have trouble breathing, are unconscious, incapacitated or are unable to remove the masks themselves. Children under the age of 2 should not wear the face coverings.

Even as he relayed the CDC’s recommendations, President Donald Trump described the recommendation as “voluntary” last week and said he will not wear one himself.

Nevertheless, communities across Dutchess County and beyond are taking the recommendation seriously, urging residents to produce masks, if possible, and definitely to wear masks.

Reaching out to residents through her “Dear Pine Plains” newsletter on Friday, April 3, Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud asked for volunteers to sew cloth face coverings for the senior citizens and health care workers; they can be dropped in the donations box at Pine Plains Town Hall on Route 199.

Along with making the face coverings at home using bandannas, scarves, T-shirts and other cloth materials, residents might be able to find dust masks to use as face masks at hardware stores like Tractor Supply in Amenia or Herrington’s in Millerton, or procedural face masks at retail stores like CVS in Millerton and Dover Plains.

Some have even taken it upon themselves to rally their communities together to volunteer to make masks for local health-care professionals. In Lakeville, Conn., Courtney Saulnier and Ashley Marchand from Lakeville Interiors held a fundraiser to raise money for supplies needed to sew reusable cotton face masks and gowns for healthcare workers. To donate, go to www.gofundme.com/t/masks-and-gowns-for-hospitals-and-vital

services. Saulnier and Marchand have also put out a call for volunteers interested in sewing masks. A Zoom tutorial for volunteers will be held on Thursday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m., and can be found at <https://zoom.us/j/594325834>.

In Sheffield, Mass., Michael Subklew of M Design created free homemade face masks and encouraged residents to pick them up at his business at 44 South Main St.

In the village of Millerton, Ed Stillman of Stillman Travel has been hard at work making homemade masks for friends and family.

With people scrambling to locate face masks to protect themselves and their loved ones from the spread of COVID-19, the CDC has warns of counterfeit N-95 masks on the market, thanks to scammers trying to take advantage of the urgent demand.

The CDC said approval numbers and approval labels from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) are key to identifying legitimate products. That information can be found on or within the packaging or on the product itself.

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Virtual reference and tech assistance

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library will be offering virtual reference and tech assistance while the library is closed.

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from 11 a.m. to noon, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays via Zoom.

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POETRY: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Poetry, for a Time of Family, Quiet and Introspection

Perhaps this is the moment to return to a traditional way for parents and their children of all ages to spend time in the evening: Sitting together and reading poetry out loud.

Here are suggestions from Lakeville residents Susan Kinsolving, who is poet in residence at The Hotchkiss School and whose new book of poems is "Peripheral Vision"; and her husband, William Kinsolving (actor/screenwriter/playwright).

In the print edition article, we will only share the names of the poems and their poets, along with brief explanations of why these works merit your/our attention. Online at www.tricornernews.com you can find the full text.

SUSAN KINSOLVING SUGGESTS:
1) **"#1286" by Emily Dickinson**

At first, like many of Dickinson's poems, this may seem mystifying.

Once you know that a frigate is a sailing warship and a book can take the imagination faraway, the poem becomes clear. I think it promotes good books and reading during quarantines!

2) **Haiku** reminds us to engage in the small fleeting pleasures of the natural world.

Though they are tran-

sient, they are paradoxically reliable.

The Moon in the water
Broken and broken again
Still it is there.

— Choshu

3) **"anyone lived in a pretty how town" by E. E. Cummings**

Cummings is among the most playful of poets. Here he mixes the joy of community with the fun of rhyme and musicality. This poem is best read aloud and not overly analyzed.

4) **"Inversnaid" by Gerard Manley Hopkins**

Hopkins was a poet of intense musicality. Here he writes about a "burn," a Scottish word for a stream. His language flows, rushes, and turns to create the sounds of his subject matter. Reading this aloud is the best way to hear his mastery.

5) **"A Noiseless Patient Spider" by Walt Whitman**

Whitman, the father of American poetry, observes a spider in its solitude and patient effort to make con-

nections. Perhaps this is a metaphor for self-isolation while seeking community.

AND WILLIAM KINSOLVING SUGGESTS:

These two poems, he says are, "both basically for the young."

1) **"Of History and Hope," by Miller Williams**

2) **"Sonnet 15: When I consider everything that grows" by William Shakespeare**

Something from another plague-time, from one who survived it.

ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Online Arts Abound Now

Anyone who has email probably knows that there is a universe of online arts and entertainment out there at this time.

Most of it you will find yourself, because it relates to a venue or institution that you already know and love and you have been notified by email. If not, be creative and curious; if you love a museum, go to its website and see what's on offer.

For a PDF that lists many upcoming live stream arts events in the region, put together by the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council, go to www.artsnwct.org/docs/default-source/membership-docu-



The Hotchkiss School is rebroadcasting concerts from its Elfers Hall on Saturdays at 7 p.m.

ments/4_20-digital-calendar_final3.pdf.

The Hotchkiss School is broadcasting past classical music performances that were held in its beautiful Elfers Hall, on Saturdays at 7 p.m. Go to www.livestream.com/hotchkiss and sign up for email alerts.

Theo Coulombe, owner of Sharon's Standard Space art gallery, is curating a "virtual" art show with submitted works by artists working in isolation. See what's already been submitted at www.standardspace.net.

net, search for Art in Place. Email theo@standardspace.net for information on how to submit work.

The town of Cornwall website at www.cornwallct.org now has "Cornwall Arts" to see what some of the town's creative residents are doing during quarantine. There is also information there on the weekly online trivia game.

This is only the smallest sampling of all that's out there.

Go forth and search online for more.

PASSOVER: JENNY HANSELL

Preparing for a 'Zoom' Seder

This year won't be the first time my family conducts a Passover Seder via video: Last year my niece Daphne spent her junior year in high school in China, so at 7 a.m. local time on the first day of Passover she joined our family Seder via FaceTime.

I scanned our Haggadah and emailed her the PDF so she could follow along and participate. The technology worked flawlessly and it was as if she were right there with us.

This year, I envision setting the entire table with devices to beam in my mother and stepdad from Pennsylvania, sister and her crew in San Francisco, and Daphne, her sister and father (my brother) in New Jersey, to my home in Massachusetts, where I expect we'll all still be sheltering in place. (The first day of Passover this year was April 9.)

Everyone will have to prepare their own matzo ball soup (the recipe on the back of the box of Manischewitz matzo ball mix is the best, though they are lighter if you separate the whites of the eggs and beat them until fluffy before combining).

Some years I make fancy charoset from the Sephardic cookbook I have, using dates or figs or other dried fruit. But this feels like a year to do straight-up Grandma recipes: apples and walnuts and cinnamon and wine, nothing more.

The dinner itself is an afterthought. After the Hillel Sandwich (the charoset, mixed with horseradish, on a piece of matzo), the soup, the hard-boiled eggs (nobody in my family actually eats those except me) and have a couple glasses of wine, who's hungry?

But brisket with roasted potatoes and

green beans (maybe with olive oil and lemon zest) is always welcome, and the Instant Pot makes the brisket easy.

Other must-haves: macaroons, preferably straight out of the can, and matzo toffee (Grandma didn't make that one, but it's become a staple): Melt butter and brown sugar to make a syrup that you will pour on top of a layer of matzo. Bake it for a few minutes until it sets and then sprinkle crumbled chocolate and pecans on top while it's still hot. The chocolate will melt and merge with the toffee syrup. A bit of fancy salt or cayenne tops it off.

If I'm the host, I'll insist we use the same Haggadah we used last year and every year since my children were little. It's meant for kids, so the language is simple but beautiful, reminding us that the Passover story, the journey from slavery to freedom, didn't happen somewhere else to other people; it's a journey we are taking together, right now.

There may be a few dark jokes this year when we get to the part about the Ten Plagues, but by connecting to our far-flung family, and knowing that people everywhere around the world are telling the same story and passing its message — that we must work together for a better world for all people — to the next generation, we will survive this plague and any that may come our way in the future.

Jenny Hansell was a 20-year resident of Sharon, Conn., and now lives near Northampton, Mass., where she is starting a garden, forming an Indigo Girls cover band with her kids, and definitely NOT raising chickens. Not right now, anyway.

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Time out of mind

‘M’ay you live in interesting times.” Well, we’ve got that one covered, don’t we? Now the really important question of the day is, “What will take the place of all those games I’m used to watching?”

Naturally, the sports channels have classic games lined up for us, but somehow I wish for something, well, a bit more historic than rehashes of contests that should have been allowed to lie in storage forever more.

I want H.G. Wells’ time machine to zip me back to the real classics. Let’s make a fantasy list of games none of us has seen in person and to which every true bleacher bum would love to find holding a ticket.

For me, the first game involves the Babester, the Sultan, the Bambino himself: that’s right, Babe Ruth, the most important player to ever don a set of baseball knickers. His list of achievements, both on and off, way off, the field, are legendary; but the one I want to see takes place not in New York but in Chicago at fabled Wrigley Field.

I want to see whether he “called the shot” or not.

For anyone who has somehow not heard of this controversy, the play took place in the fifth inning of game three of the 1932 World Series with New York leading the series 2-0. Ruth had hit a home run in the first inning, and when he came up in the fifth, the Cubs bench and the crowd as well were all over him.

In those days, “riding” a player was a baseball tradition, one that today would simply not be allowed. Political correctness was not on the

BLEACHER VIEWS Theodore Kneeland

agenda, but comments about Ruth’s, shall we say, portly form certainly were.

According to Ruth, he had had enough and pointed to the flag pole to tell everyone where the next pitch was going.

Now I know there are videos available that were taken at the time, but none of them are very clear, and everyone knows that Ruth was of that school that never let the facts get in the way of a good story. Still, there are testimonials of those who were there that go both ways. Some think he pointed at the bleachers, others think he pointed at the Cubs bench.

What is beyond dispute is that the next pitch headed right for that flagpole; some estimate that Ruth hit that ball most of 500 feet, and the Yanks won the game.

I would love the chance to make up my own mind. So, Mr. Wells, if I could borrow the keys to your machine, I’ll report back to all my bleacher friends what the verdict will be.

Where and to when would you pilot that machine? Whatever the destination, it would make for a fantastic story whenever we are allowed back in the bleachers. See you then.

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

Opening Day draws fisherman to the water’s edge April 1

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

WASSAIC — Amid the constant stream of reports on the COVID-19 pandemic, New York fishermen found peace by the water as they cast their lines for the Opening Day of the state’s fishing season on Wednesday, April 1.

Yet even as the forecast afforded fishing enthusiasts the perfect spring day to set out their bait, they were still advised to follow the protocols set forth by the New York State Department of Envi-

ronmental Conservation (DEC) to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and other illnesses. In addition to avoiding close contact, washing their hands frequently, avoiding surfaces that are touched often and keeping at least 6 feet of distance between one another, the DEC recommended that people avoid busy waters and follow the guidelines for responsible fishing. For example, if someone is fishing upstream, the DEC recommends others consider fishing downstream or consider fishing another day. The same principle

for finding an alternative location or time applies if a fisherman comes across a parking area with several cars parked there.

In the meantime, the DEC made sure to keep the state’s rivers, creeks and lakes stocked with fish waiting to be caught on Opening Day. The Ten Mile River in Wassaic is always a popular spot for fisherman; this year the DEC stocked the Ten Mile with roughly 1,100 brown trout that were between 8- and 9-inches long and 200 brown trout that were between 12- and 15-inches long, according to its website. Yet the greatest number of brown trout between 8- and 9-inches could reportedly be found in the Wappingers Creek in Pleasant Valley, with a total of 3,530 brown trout stocked in that waterway. Additionally, the greatest number of trout between 12- and 15-inches long could be found in the Wappingers Creek in Poughkeepsie, with a total of 640 brown trout having been stocked there.

By the early afternoon on Opening Day, cars lined Sinpatch Road, across from the Ten Mile River Metro-North Train Station, though motorists made sure to keep their distance when they parked. Dressed for a relaxing day by the water, hopeful fisher-

men from far and wide walked along the bridge or down the hill until they found an ideal spot to fish.

With the sun shining down on their heads and at least 6 feet of space between them, a smattering of seasoned fishermen waded knee-deep — even waist-deep — into the water, patiently casting their lines and reeling them in when a fish took hold. A few families with young children stood along the banks to watch the action, some joining in by teaching their little ones the mechanics of fishing.

Though he was surprised that fishing season started so early in New York state, Manu Nagaraja, a resident of Bethel, Conn., was pleased by the bounty of fish available in the waters of the Ten Mile River.

“I’ve already caught quite a few — better than anticipated,” he said.

Marco Ervolina, a resident of Poughquag, said fishing was a great way to deal with cabin fever from being stuck inside for so long, but he said he expected to see more people take advantage of the great outdoors.

“I was just surprised that there aren’t as many people,” Ervolina said.



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Wading knee-deep into the Ten Mile River, Amenia resident Nick Lengyel spent a peaceful afternoon casting his fishing line with hopes of catching a trout or two on Opening Day, April 1.

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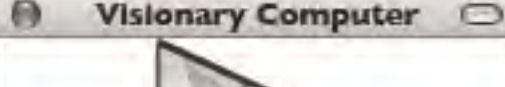
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