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Millerton Climate Smart survey is in

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MILLERTON — Perusing the results of its climate change survey, the North East/Millerton Climate Smart Task Force anticipates using those results to keep the community better informed and more engaged.

Designed by Climate Smart Task Force Coordinator Kathy Chow and summer intern Emma Benardete, the survey was launched in early January.

Among the multiple choice questions, residents were asked to indicate which environmental issues they were concerned about; which climate actions were most

important to them; what actions they'd like to see the town of North East take; and what other climate issues they want to more learn about.

On top of learning what local residents already knew about New York State's Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program, Task Force members hoped to learn more about their opinions and priorities regarding climate change. Using that input, the Task Force hopes to then pick and choose actions to address those priorities and design programs to benefit the community.

Residents were asked to take

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PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Supporters, board members and staff of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies attended the grand reveal of the renovated science building on Friday, April 8, after the Millbrook research center spent \$14 million on redesigning the newly named Tozer Ecosystem Science Building.

Cary Institute unveils \$14M redesigned science building

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**
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MILLBROOK — After several years of planning, developing and building, the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies welcomed visitors and guests to view its newly renovated building. The Tozer Ecosystem Science Building was unveiled on Friday, April 8. Guests celebrated the grand reveal and walked the grounds, talked with one another, sipped champagne and viewed the impressive new facilities.

A large tent, set up near the new science facility, had seating for those who wanted it, and while drinks were poured and canapés served, Cary President Joshua Ginsberg welcomed all, especially the donors and members of the Cary's Aldo Leopold Society.

The Society supports environmental science, public programming and education at the Cary Institute. Ginsberg shared his appreciation to all who helped make the \$14 million renovation possible.

Key among those were Zibby and Jim Tozer, who donated \$2 million to the Cary this January, which put the research institute over its fundraising goal.

While speaking to those present, Ginsberg introduced some of the Leopold members, members of

the Board of Directors who were present and called on Zibby Tozer to say a few words.

She said her time as a board member had been "an inspiration," and that she was grateful for the wonderful and consistent leadership at the Cary and on its board.

The building, designed by architects Becker and Becker, glowed as the late afternoon sun hit its copper

sheathing.

Originally built in 1974 after being designed by Malcolm Wells for the New York Botanical Garden, it was one of the very first commercial solar-powered buildings. In 1983, it was taken over by the newly founded Cary Institute.

Many wondered why those at

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Chef Jaime Parry is just one of two paid chefs who regularly cooks to help serve hungry residents throughout Columbia County through the Columbia County Recovery Kitchen.

Columbia County Recovery Kitchen

Food kitchen cooks up April fundraiser

By **CAROL KNEELAND**
Special to The Millerton News

COLUMBIA COUNTY — It isn't often that one person's decision to retire can make a difference in the lives of hundreds, but that has been the case with Carole Clark. Clark sold her Hudson restaurant, Charleston, in 2006 and thus became available to address

local food insecurity at just the right time by founding the Columbia County Recovery Kitchen (CCRK).

Now, as the group celebrates its second anniversary on Thursday, April 14, with a month-long fundraising effort, CCRK has become an essential staple for those

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The Lakeville Journal

Coston appointed to fill editor post

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FALLS VILLAGE, Conn. — John Coston is the new editor of The Lakeville Journal.

Coston, who lives with his wife, Bridget Taylor, in East Canaan, is a veteran newspaper editor, most notably with The Wall Street Journal.

During his 30 years with The

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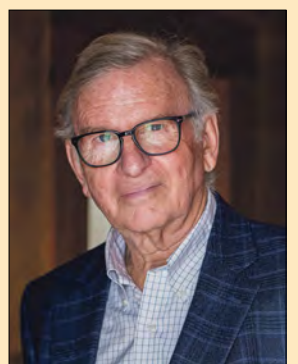


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MILLERTON

Village asks for comments on future policing at April 20 public hearing

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Moving forward with plans to reconfigure its police services, the Village Board proposed a local law on Monday, April 4, to abolish the Millerton Police Department (MPD) and transfer all police services to the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO). It scheduled a public hearing on the local law for Wednesday, April 20, at 6 p.m. in the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex at 28 Century Blvd. It will likely vote on the law that night.

Though some residents have expressed dismay about the MPD's abolishment over social media — including the "Millerton Amenia Community Forum" Facebook page — Mayor Jenn Najdek said this isn't a new discussion. The village has been considering shifting from the part-time MPD to the DCSO for more than 20 years, she said.

The issue came to a head in June 2020 when former Governor Andrew Cuomo enacted an Executive Order mandating every local government entity with its own police agency conduct a comprehensive review of its policing policies, procedures

and strategies and develop a police reform plan.

In the wake of that Executive Order, Najdek said Millerton spent several months working with the community to improve its policies, adding "there have always been discussions and comments made about the police in general and what we want to see in police services."

The Village Board held a special workshop with the DCSO and Acting Sheriff Kirk Imperati on Tuesday, March 29. Nearly 50 village and town residents attended.

Though the exact cost of contracting with the DCSO was not shared (or necessary known), Najdek said deputy sheriffs all get an hourly rate that ranges between \$25 an hour for part-time deputies to \$57.80 an hour for more senior deputies. Her understanding about their shifts, she said, is they are offered to the most senior deputies first, who can accept or turn them down. The DCSO then goes down its list of deputies until the shifts are filled.

One deputy would serve per shift to cover just Millerton (and not the town of North East) if the Village Board contracts with the DCSO, for a total of three shifts per day,

according to the March 29 meeting. That would be in addition to the coverage the DCSO provides to eight zones to all 22 towns and villages in the county 24/7/365, paid for through county taxes. Millerton is in Zone 6.

The special arrangement to cover just Millerton would require a specific contract. Najdek said Millerton is currently figuring out an average cost per hour for the DCSO deputies, adding the county would only bill the village for what actual costs and any additional hours served. Because Millerton has its own police vehicles, Najdek said it wouldn't have to pay a mileage fee or use DCSO vehicles.

Najdek reiterated the DCSO would install a sub-station at MPD headquarters at Village Hall on North Elm Avenue (Route 22). She noted running shifts out of the sub-station would not cost any extra if a contract existed with the village for patrol times.

With a majority vote of 4-1, the Village Board approved the proposed local law to dissolve the MPD and scheduled next week's public hearing.

A copy of the proposed law can be viewed online at www.villageofmillerton.net.

Concerned the board is

moving too fast on a self-imposed deadline, Trustee Dave Sherman voted against the local law. Prior to the March 29 workshop, Sherman said he emailed the board, recommending it defer its vote and instead communicate with the public "so we would be able to get information out not just in a timely manner, but in a way that it would be considered, weighted and judged."

Believing it takes time to hear a broad cross-section of the community's concerns, Sherman said, "Timing is part of how you do things... and you need to give your public time to hear what's being said in regard to what would be proposed."

Yet the mayor said the public hearing is the way in which residents get to express their opinions, and clarified the hearing won't commit the board to acting — that includes passing the local law.

"I want everyone to have a voice in this," Najdek said, "and that's the way it should be."

Residents who cannot attend the public hearing on April 20, may still submit their comments to Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer in written form prior to that date to clerk@villageofmillerton-ny.gov.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Strumming his guitar on a sunny afternoon, musician Otis Sedgwick, 23, gave a lively music performance on the sidewalk in front of Veterans Park earlier this spring.

Strumming on the streets of Millerton

MILLERTON — The corner of Main Street and Dutchess Avenue in Millerton sprang to life on in recent weeks, as local musician Otis Sedgwick performed some live music on the sidewalk in front of Veterans Park.

With the sun shining down upon his face and onlookers watching from

the sidewalk, Sedgwick, 23, took to his guitar and enlivened the quiet village with his music.

A frequent performer in Millerton, Sedgwick likes to split his time traveling between Salisbury, Conn., where he and his family live, and New York.

—Kaitlin Lyle

Public silent at hearing on \$800K budget

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Moving forward with this year's budget development process, the Village Board held a public hearing on the 2022-23 tentative budget on Monday, April 4, to give residents a chance to voice their concerns.

Budget hearing begins

The meeting was held in person at Village Hall at 6 p.m. The public hearing opened at meeting's start with four people in the audience, but as there was no initial public comment, the board proceeded with its agenda while keeping the hearing open.

Park update

Providing an update on the Millerton Community Park project (formerly known as the Eddie Collins Memorial Park project), park revitalization committee member Jeanne Vanecko said a designer for the project from Chazen Companies (LaBella Associates) was asked to break Phase II into parts and give price estimates for the schematic design. Phase II of the Millerton Community Park project includes the installation of the pool and bath house.

Vanecko explained the schematic design is part of the process where the design concepts are fleshed out and any problems are identified and resolved.

"It's everything up to design development and construction documents," Vanecko said later, "so we'll know what the pool is going to be like at the end of the process and what the bath house is going to be like."

Providing the board with an update on where the project stands in terms of cost, Vanecko said so far the committee has raised \$302,000 above what's been allocated for Phase I of the project and has \$126,000 that can be put toward Phase II.

Seeking the Village Board's approval to move forward with Phase II, Vanecko said they have "basically a complete park." She's hoping the pool can be installed sooner rather than later as well as a sidewalk that will take visitors

from Route 22 into the interior of the park.

As trustees posed questions about Phase II, Mayor Jenn Najdek said, "I think it's important to act on this now because this is the time to start applying for grants."

The board unanimously approved a resolution to sign a service contract with Chazen for Phase II for the estimated amount of \$64,500.

Though this money technically belongs to the village of Millerton, Vanecko remarked later the money is in an account with the Hudson Val-

ley Community Foundation, where the Millerton Community Park team puts all the money raised for the park.

Budget hearing ends

Turning its attention back to the budget public hearing, trustees discussed aspects and asked questions about the tentative 2022-23 budget while waiting for public comment.

A copy of the tentative budget can be viewed online at www.villageofmillerton.net.

The expenses have been calculated at \$811,644.43 while revenue other than taxes comes to \$366,943; the

amount to be raised by taxes comes to \$443,631.23 with a tax rate of 0.00465893.

Village Clerk and Treasurer Kelly Kilmer reminded trustees they still have time to make adjustments, but that the board must vote on the budget at its meeting on Monday, April 18, during which time the final budget will be presented.

At 6:21 p.m., with no comments made by the public, the board voted to adjourn the public hearing on the tentative budget.

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Easter Egg Hunt at Gun Club April 16

Millerton's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be returning Saturday, April 16, at the Millerton Gun Club at 12 Gun Club Road in the village.

Organized by the Millerton Gun Club, the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the Millerton Fire Company, there will

be hayrides down to the Gun Club at 10:30 a.m. with wagons loading at the Millerton firehouse at 24 Century Blvd.

The egg hunt is free of charge and will begin at 11 a.m.

Hot dogs, soda and other snacks will be served after the hunt.

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DWI arrest

Sunday, April 3, Deputies arrested Byron Marcos-Borja for DWI subsequent to a welfare check request of a motorist in the area of 48 Charles Colman Blvd. in the Village of Pawling.

The subject is to appear in Pawling Court at a later date.

Trespassing complaint

Sunday, April 3, Deputies responded to the Chestnut

Ridge Rod and Gun Club in the Town of Dover for a trespassing complaint.

A silver Jeep registered to a local man was left on the property after it became stuck while using the power line right-of-way through the complainant's property.

An investigation is ongoing at this time.

Domestic dispute complaint resolved

Sunday, April 3, Deputies responded to 9 Saddle Ridge in the Town of Pawling for a complaint of a disturbance/physical domestic dispute between a boyfriend and

girlfriend.

The matter was investigated and resolved without incident.

Complaint of order of protection violated

Tuesday, April 5, Deputies responded to 134 South White Rock Road in Pawling for a Temporary Order of Protection violation.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of Thomas Chen for Criminal Contempt in the 2nd degree.

Chen was then turned over to the NYPD, which held an active warrant for his arrest. Chen is to appear in Pawling

Court at a late date.

Report crime tips

Anyone with any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity, should contact the DCSO tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

The Millerton News will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 625, Millerton, NY 12546, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to editor@millertonnews.com.



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BBQ and rainbows

Amenia residents braved April showers at the Amenia Fire Company's Chicken BBQ-To-Go on Saturday, April 9. Those who showed up at just the right time were treated to a double rainbow while waiting for their meals.

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Stripping of Altar
April 15
12:00 PM Good Friday
April 17
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10 am Easter Worship

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From left, Laylaa Brescia, 2, and her sister, Ayaan, 4, celebrated Easter a week early with encouragement from the Easter Bunny and his feathered friend, and a bright yellow duck.

An egg-cellent Easter hunt

PINE PLAINS — Easter came a week early to one Harlem Valley town as the Pine Plains Hose Company sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for local children on Sunday, April 10.

hordes of happy children could be found swarming the playground at the Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center in search of brightly colored eggs.

Easter baskets, the children and their families were invited to stick around for some spring-time photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny and a bright yellow duck that waddled around the school grounds.

Pine Plains Free Library

Patrons have till April 18 to complete survey

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Seeking the community's input to help the library develop a new strategic plan, the Pine Plains Free Library at 7775 South Main St. has asked its patrons to fill out a short facility survey to let the library know what they think about the building and what improvements they'd like to see at the library and with its services.

Since the library's 2017-2021 strategic plan has now lapsed, Pine Plains Free Library Director Alexis Tackett said the Board of the Pine Plains Free Library is looking to create a new strategic plan this year.

"Since Pine Plains is seeing a lot of exciting growth with the development in Town Centre and potential growth long-term, the library wants to make sure we are prepared to fulfill our community needs through a post-pandemic world and beyond," Tackett said. "As the library is a resource for our town, we are looking to gain community feedback for this plan, which began last year during our September Community Survey."

Tackett credited this opportunity for the library to Dutchess County. It was the county's "Learn, Play, Create" grant program that served as inspiration to the survey.

The library received a \$50,000 grant through the county program last August to be used for the "Creation of Creative Youth STEAM Spaces," according to a statement from Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro's office when the awards were announced.

Through the grant, Tackett said the library's been able to use the funds for the development of a MakerSpace to bring more programming into the children's section and to provide a designated teen workspace.

Additionally, she said with the \$50,000 grant, the library was able to bring in a consultant in who specializes in library architecture to help the library reconfigure underutilized spaces.

By launching the facility survey, the library board is hoping to better understand ways in which it can improve its space, through the perspective of its patrons.

As the town of Pine Plains owns the library building,

Tackett said the library will be working closely with town leaders during the next few months on any floor plan modifications. She said that "should allow us to bring more programming across all ages back into the library and free up the library's increasing usage of the Community Center."

The town's Community Center is located on the second floor of the library.

The facility survey can be accessed either online on the Pine Plains Free Library website, www.pineplainslibrary.org, or in paper form, which can be picked up at the library until Monday, April 18.

Featuring multi-choice and open-ended questions, the facility survey asks patrons (among other questions) how often they use the library, what they primarily use the library for and how satisfied or dissatisfied they are with the library facility.

Patrons are also asked to evaluate the facility's current services and write what improvements they'd like to see made at the facility and with the services provided there.

For more information, go to www.pineplainslibrary.org or call 518-398-1927.

Ancram Planning Board

Roundtable discussion focuses on Iron Star project

By KAITLIN LYLE
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ANCRAM — After hearing their consultants' thoughts on the site plan, members of the Ancram Planning Board had a comprehensive discussion on how they plan to move forward with the proposed Iron Star Retreat Center project.

The Iron Star Retreat Center project was first brought to the Planning Board early last year for a retreat center in Ancram with glamping facilities. The project originally proposed a project on 146.75 acres divided into four lots. After taking the Ancram community's concerns about the project's size and scale into consideration, the applicant submitted a new, scaled-back application contained to 36 acres of land.

Stacey Shurgin is the applicant of record and owner of Iron Star Retreat Center. She presented the reduced development proposal to the Planning Board on March 3.

The Planning Board met on Thursday, March 31, at Ancram Town Hall at 7 p.m.; a video of that meeting can now be watched on the "Town of Ancram NY" YouTube channel.

Planning Board Chair John Ingram explained the purpose was so the board could workshop and gather information from its consultants.

After doing so, he said board members would have a discussion among themselves on what to do next.

According to planning consultant Nan Stolzenburg, of Community Planning & Environmental Associates, in comparison to what Ancram's zoning law requires for a site plan there were some minor deficiencies and other items that need to be included on the updated application.

Stolzenburg said that includes the names and identifications of homeowners across Route 82 who are adjacent to the proposed project site; the size of the proposed structures; a lighting plan; and an agricultural data statement.

Not only are these items required by Ancram's zoning law, but Stolzenburg said they add a lot of information that the Planning Board will need

as it moves forward.

She also noted the project's existing conditions map could be improved for the Planning Board to better understand what's on the current site.

Stolzenburg also raised a few concerns the board should consider. Among them are a proposed 22-car lot for the center's inn and restaurant; infrastructure features (such as the stormwater basin) that don't seem to meet the proper setback from the property line; the water and septic hookup; and whether the project sufficiently meets the definition of a retreat center.

Consultant George Schmitt from the New York State Erosion and Sediment Control Certificate Program shared his concerns about the project's proposed uses as well as comments on its stormwater handling. He also spoke about the need to identify any potential significant adverse environmental impacts, done

through the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process.

As the Planning Board dove into a roundtable discussion at its March meeting, members were reminded its alternative purpose was to prepare for the next step in SEQRA.

As lead agency for the project, the board's first significant decision is to make a determination of significance and issue either a positive or negative declaration in terms of Iron Star's environmental impact.

The board went through Part I of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF); it must also assess the potential environmental impacts and their magnitude.

Consultants suggested board members take Part II of the EAF home with them to review Part II in preparation for their 7 p.m. meeting on Wednesday, April 20.

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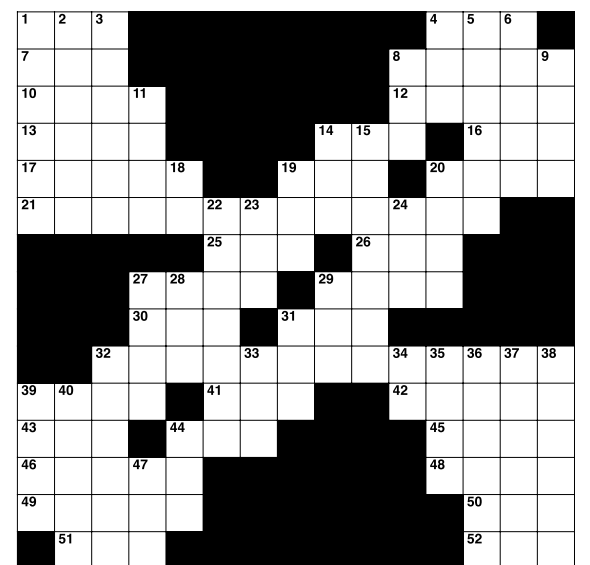
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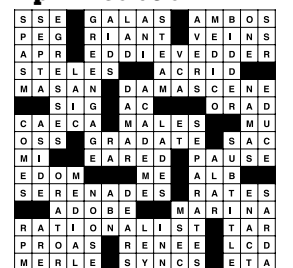
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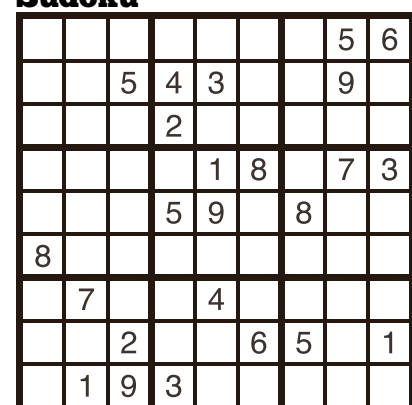
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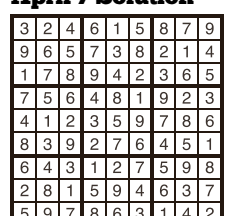
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CARY INSTITUTE *Continued from Page A1*

the Cary chose to renovate rather than build a new center. The answer? After almost 50 years, the facility was still in good condition; renovating is greener, cheaper, takes less time and allowed the staff to continue to work throughout.

The plans to renovate were on the drawing board for a while; the fundraising campaign began in August 2020. Thankfully, the \$13 million goal was exceeded by \$1 million, before COVID struck. So while the pandemic might have slowed the project down slightly, fundraising, planning and construction were able to continue through those stressful times.

With oversight by Emeritus Cary Trustee Allan Shope, himself a respected architect, the project went forth.

The original saw-tooth roof was restored, and the building has achieved the goals set out for energy efficiency and sustainability.

The solar field adjacent to the property will meet 100% of the Cary Institute's energy needs, which includes more science offices, space for visiting scientists, post doctoral studies and conference rooms. All of these space will be equipped to support networking, both virtual and hybrid.

The building, spacious and light-filled, also features a recessed courtyard, offering outside space for contemplation and peace.

Very modern in feel, many materials used in the construction were recycled and repurposed. A long hallway leading off the foyer has a wall, with multiple windows for light where eight plaques



Left, from left, volunteers Mona Staaf Gunther, Minali Abraham Aggarwal and Amy Sherman attended the Friday, April 8, unveiling of the redesigned and renamed Tozer Ecosystem Science Building. Below, President of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies Joshua Ginsberg was pleased to welcome the community to the celebration at the Cary's Millbrook campus.

proudly display the names of the many donors who made the project possible. The attractive entrance can be seen from Sharon Turnpike.

Ginsberg was asked early on about why the renovation was necessary. He said it was both needed and urgent.

"The 45-year-old building needed updating," he said. "We wanted the renovation to support Cary's mission, creating a headquarters that is highly energy-efficient and built sustainably. The design supports the collaborative nature of 21st century science."

Cary is a nonprofit science center; its staff and scientists research and compile data on environmental issues such as freshwater and forest health, prevention of emerging diseases and the sustainability of cities.

It is particularly noted for its work on Lyme disease and tick-borne illnesses, as well as



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

water pollution. It also has summer programs for students and the annual Data Jam contest for local students.

The institute shares its findings with the public on a well-maintained website, through highly prestigious papers presented around the world and at monthly programs that Ginsberg hopes will resume this fall.

The new space was de-

signed to protect the health of those in the building, with filtered outdoor air that is not recirculated. In a nod to the rise in frequency of pandemics, the space also allows for social distancing and offers low-VOC products, hands-free doors and fixtures and antimicrobial surfaces.

For more information, go to www.caryinstitute.org or call 845-677-7600.

CLIMATE SMART *Continued from Page A1*

the survey online at the Climate Smart Millerton website, www.climatesmartmillerton.org, and the "Climate Smart Millerton" Facebook page. Paper surveys were also distributed at the town's Bulk Trash Day last September.

The survey closed on Sunday, March 6. Out of a total 115 surveys collected, the majority of respondents (61.4%) were from the town of North East; 22.8% of respondents were from the village of Millerton; 11.4% of respondents were from the nearby region; and 4.4% were not from the village, town or the nearby region.

"We don't think our community stops at our borders necessarily," Chow said in reference to the respondents who didn't identify as town or village residents. "This whole region we consider our community."

Task Force members noted there were more survey respondents over age 70 than age 30, and only a third of respondents were under 50 years old.

Regarding common denominators in the findings, Task Force member and North East Climate Smart Advisory Council Chair Rich Stalzer said that, in response to asking about which environmental issue most concerned respondents, the top three answers were impact on future generations, water pollution and storm damage.

Pollution was also among the top three responses for the issues residents prioritized, as were greenhouse gas emissions and extreme weather, storm damage, flooding or drought.

Asked which actions they'd like to see the town take, the top three answers focused on helping residents and businesses convert to solar power and heat pumps; composting and recycling food scraps and plant waste; and adding electric vehicle chargers. Converting to heat pumps and solar or renewable power and using less fossil fuels was the top answer for which climate action was the most important to respondents.

However, when asked how familiar they were with the state's CSC program, only 37% of respondents said they were familiar. Though 57% of respondents said they don't follow the Climate Smart Task Force on any online platform, 68 respondents added their email addresses to the Task Force's mailing list.

Stalzer mentioned several respondents showed interest in the Climate Smart Task Force's outreach efforts. Having relied on the town's mailing list to distribute information, the Task Force is now working on a series of newsletters to keep the community informed and hopes to organize future public meetings.

Considering the overarching themes of the CSC program, Chow said there will be a focus on climate change mitigation; climate resilience; and preparedness.

Along with using the Climate Smart Task Force's platforms to keep the community informed, Chow said the group is anticipating using the village's annual Earth Day celebration to let residents know what climate smart activities are available and what the Task Force is working on.

Scheduled for Saturday, April 23, this year's celebration of Earth Day will be centered on the front lawn of The Millerton Inn and the theme will be "Invest in Your Planet."

Chow said it refers to residents investing in their homes, vehicles, planets and themselves as well as what their towns can do.

For more information on Earth Day and a list of activities planned for April 23 in the village of Millerton, go to www.climatesmartmillerton.org.

FUNDRAISER *Continued from Page A1*

in need.

Clark, the co-founder and director, said the organization officially kicked off in April 2020 because, "When the pandemic hit, I was aware of the impact it would have — especially on Hudson."

Although retired, Clark said she knew she "had the skills, so I decided to get out there."

So she formed the nonprofit organization to prepare and deliver food to those in need. She admits that at that point she had "no kitchen — no staff," but she did have the necessary heart, grit and contacts from her nearly two decades in the restaurant business. That included the Columbia County Department of Health, which gave her rapid approval of the project.

Pandemic restrictions meant she had to organize everything by phone, which she said actually made things move pretty quickly.

With the help of Co-Founders Pam Kline and the late Carol Peckham, within two months, the newly certified organization was serving 200 meals within its first week — now up to approximately 900 meals a week.

The group included the word "Recovery" in its name as an optimistic nod to what Clark hoped would soon happen. And while the COVID crisis has since lessened, she noted that the need has not.

Clark said that even families with double-wage earners, particularly those with children, still might not bring home enough income to put nutritious meals on the table. To help counter that, CCRK meals include protein, vegetables and a carbohydrate, with much of the food being locally sourced.

An ideal spokesperson for the issue, Clark points out that "invisible" food insecurity is rampant, especially in



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Columbia County Recovery Kitchen served up barbecue glazed turkey meatballs with garlic green beans and mashed potatoes to residents in need of some nutritional support through its meal delivery program recently.

rural areas. More than 11% of Columbia County's population is impacted by hunger despite the best efforts of various governmental and other organizations with whom the kitchen cooperates.

Most of those receiving meals have been referred by those groups, but Clark said because many in need are often "really isolated," individuals may also register friends, family, neighbors or themselves by calling Kline at 518-965-8051.

Lauding the generous support CCRK has received from the community, she noted the program functions with only two paid cooks who prepare meals at The Christ Church Episcopal on Union Street in Hudson. The heart of the operation, said Clark, is the 90 volunteers who give of their time and talents.

The work begins four to five days a week with meal preparation from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. At 1 p.m., others package the food and load it for drivers, who arrive around 2 p.m. with their own vehicles, paying for their own gas, to distribute the meals directly to homes in Hudson and 26

towns and villages throughout Columbia County.

Clark said she feels the service is especially important for seniors and for the many residents who do not have cars or other transportation and who cannot otherwise access food pantries.

Numerous farms and other businesses supply products and find other ways to support the effort. Clark added that recently, when the group received a generous donation of 300 pounds of organic beef but lacked the facilities to store it all, a local farm stepped up to provide the necessary freezer space.

The CCRK organizer said donors from the Harlem Valley region include: Sky High Farm of Pine Plains; Wally Farms of Ancram; Fat Apple Farm of Pine Plains; Dirty Dog Farm of Germantown; Pigasso Farm of Copake; Common Hands of Hillsdale; and Migliorelli Farm of Tivoli, among many others.

To donate to the 501(c)3, nonprofit, go to www.columbiacountyrecoverykitchen.org or send a check to CCRK, Box 183, Spencertown, NY 12165.

COSTON *Continued from Page A1*

Wall Street Journal, Coston served as deputy foreign editor, markets editor and national news editor.

He retired in 2015. Coston has been in the Northwest Corner for almost 40 years, first as a part-time resident and now full-time, living on a farm where he raises sheep.

He is also a longtime reader of The Lakeville Journal. Bridget Taylor's mother, Hatsy Taylor, wrote the Hilltop Harvest column for many years, beginning in 1982.

"We are fortunate to have a person with as much knowledge, experience and over-the-top enthusiasm for journalism as John join our group as editor of The Lakeville Journal," said Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Janet Manko.


"I know he will make it a point to meet community members as he settles in, but as a resident of East Canaan, he already has a good understanding of our coverage area and the important issues facing our towns.

"We are looking forward to getting to know him better and to hearing his ideas for


improving the newspaper for our readers. All our readers should know he is available to them to hear their ideas as well."

Coston said he is committed to community journalism. "I believe people want to know things, what's going on in their communities. And it's getting harder to find that out. "So community journalism is vital to an informed public."

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‘The Batman’ Soars: A Tale Of Revenge and Renewal

Batman has always been mysterious to me, perhaps even as mysterious as he is to the residents of Gotham.

Maybe it's because I've been invested in Marvel superheroes since the age of 8, when I first saw Tobey Maguire as Spiderman, or because I only saw "The Dark Knight" for the first time this past January. Maybe there were just so many versions of Batman that I simply lost interest.

So when I was told that "The Batman" starring Robert Pattinson was "the most amazing Batman ever," I bought a ticket with an open mind. Three hours later, I left the theater speechless — and confident that Pattinson's Batman had indeed outshone those of his predecessors.

Directed by Matt Reeves, the film opens with a rendition of "Ave Maria" that's haunted me for days. Batman's already been thick in the vengeance game for two years. Scarred by his parents' murder when he was a child, he has made it his mission to protect the residents of Gotham.

Along with some impressive technology and gear, fear is possibly the most potent tool on this Batman's belt. The illuminated bat signal in the night sky is not just a call for him, but also a warning to the city's



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“The Batman,” with a cast of extraordinary villains and a tormented antihero, has converted new fans to this decades-old franchise.

cesspool of criminals. But even as their fear of Batman sends criminals scurrying back to the shadows, a new and enigmatic figure emerges in the form of The Riddler (played by Paul Dano).

Unlike many comic book villains, The Riddler isn't out to destroy a city for fun and profit. He is furious at Gotham for its unfulfilled promises of renewal. His rage is palpable in the eyes that peer through his glasses, perched atop the Army weather mask that hides his face. Here is a masked man intent on unmasking the corruption on which Gotham profits.

Beyond the villain and the vigilante, a third figure, Catwoman, emerges from the shadows.

Zoe Kravitz' Selina Kyle/Catwoman has

been damaged by a crook, and left to fend for herself. She teaches herself to be a cunning master of disguise at ease in all worlds, slipping into Gotham's underworld to gain intel just as easily as she infiltrates a politician's estate.

Gotham's body count builds. The Riddler's clues taunt Batman into uncovering the city's closeted skeletons. And as he digs deeper, Bruce Wayne is forced to confront not only Gotham's shameful acts, but also his own role in igniting The Riddler's reign of terror.

With shadow-ringed eyes and a hoarse voice, Pattinson does an exemplary job of bringing depth to DC Comics' revered antihero.

Dano creates a worthy opponent in his role as The Riddler. I was shaken

by his performance — his research on the Zodiac Killer for this performance was effectively channeled.

Several other Batman villains show up in "The Batman." John Turturro is a soft-spoken wolf in sheep's clothing as Carmine Falcone. Colin Farrell was unrecognizable as Oswald Cobblepot, producing what I believe was one unparalleled Penguin.

As for supporting heroes, Jeffrey Wright's James Gordon was yin to Batman's yang.

Yet what really stood out in this rendition of "The Batman" was not just its compelling storyline, carefully curated cast or haunting score. What I recall most vividly is what I felt leaving the theater. In a time of citizens navigating a path away from darkness and violence, I left "The Batman" feeling something I'd never expected from a DC Comics movie: hopeful.

"The Batman" has been held over at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y. Go to www.themoviehouse.net for information. It will eventually be available on HBO Max.



PHOTO BY HUSAIN AHMED

Tim Prentice and David Colbert have donated a kinetic work of art to the regional high school in Falls Village.

ART: LYNN KEARCHER

Something Is In the Air

Cornwall-based artists Tim Prentice and David Colbert have gifted a kinetic sculpture to Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn.

Recently installed in the Del Eads Reading Room in the library, adjacent to Two Walls Gallery, the work is suspended from the ceiling, and is comprised of 10 segments of wire and tubular aluminum, highly sensitive to moving air. The piece appears fragile, but dances to the wind's force with resilience that belies the elegance of the sculpture.

"I am trying to concentrate on the movement, rather than the object," Prentice said. "I take it as an article of faith that the air around us moves in ways that are organic, whimsical and unpredictable."

The sculpture, which changes with every opening of a door or window, has captivated the imagination of the students, some of

whom go to sit and gaze upward in a state of meditation.

The title of the piece is left in the hands of the students. Several Native American titles are being considered, among them Mishe Pohkok; "The Great Clear Sky."

The acquisition came about when art teacher Patricia Vanicky approached Prentice with the idea of donating a sculpture for the school's permanent collection. Vanicky's original thought was for a piece for one of the school's courtyards.

When Prentice visited the school, he was interested in the octagonal room with a dome-like ceiling, which has several sources of ventilation. The combination of factors lead to Prentice donating a site-specific piece.

To learn more about Prentice's work, go to <https://timprentice.com>; to learn more about the work of David Colbert, go to www.davidcolbert.com.



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Oil paintings by Treasa Pattison entitled "Honoring Nature" are at the parish house of the United Church of Christ through May 22.

The exhibit can be viewed on weekdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., Sundays from 10 a.m. until noon, and by appointment with the artist, 860-218-0246.

The parish house is located directly behind the church at 8 Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall Village.

CALENDAR

All entries can be found at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

ART

Argazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. www.argazziart.com
Kathy Moss: Paintings, on view through April 15.

MASS MoCA, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. www.massmoca.org
Instagram Basics: Build a Following, Increase Engagement, and Understand Analytics" w/ Francesca Olsen, April 14, 2 to 4 p.m.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
American History Book Club, April 20, 10 to 11 a.m. (online).

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org
Mark Scarbrough – Edith Wharton, April 19, 26, 10:30 a.m. to noon (online).

KIDS

Berkshire Theatre Group, www.berkshiretheatregroup.org
KidsAct! Spring Break 2022: A Door, A Window, A Ladder, April 18 to 22.
TeensAct! Spring Break 2022: A Door, A Window, A Ladder, April 18 to 22.

Send calendar items to calendar@lakevillejournal.com.

CONCERT OF BELOVED FLUTE, PIANO CLASSICS

Acclaimed flutist Eugenia Zukerman will appear in concert on Sunday, May 1, at 3 p.m. with husband-and-wife piano duo Ran Dank and Soyeon Kate Lee, performing works of Liszt, Mozart, Ravel and others.

Zukerman is a Dutchess County, N.Y., resident and since 2014 has been director of Clarion Concerts, an organization that brings concerts and music education to the Tri-state region.

MOVIES

Berkshire Museum, 39 South St. (Route 7), Pittsfield, Mass. www.berkshiremuseum.org
Documentary screening: Chasing Coral, April 23, 2 to 4 p.m.

Gilson Cafe & Cinema, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www.gilsoncafecinema.com
The Lost City, now playing.

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
Boondocks Film Society: Lemon, April 14, 6:30 p.m. Mothering Sunday, opens April 15.

MUSIC

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu
MUSIC IN THE GALLERIES, April 16, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Close Encounters With Music, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org
SKYLARK A Cappella Vocalists: Hidden Symbols, Secret Codes, April 30, 6 to 7:45 p.m.

THEATER

Berkshire Museum, 39 South St. (Route 7), Pittsfield, Mass. www.berkshiremuseum.org
OLLI Course: Staging and Choreography for Musical Theatre, Thursdays March 31 to April 21, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

STREAMING: ED FERMAN

Should Have Won an Emmy But ...

The Television Academy recently changed the title of my favorite watching category from Mini-series to Outstanding Limited Series. The key word is "limited." Too many series shows don't know when to stop. "Happy Days" jumped the shark in season five but continued for seven more, all downhill. Here are three fine Limited Series shows that were nominated for an Emmy but lost to an inferior program.

"MARE OF EASTTOWN"

Did you know that the International Olympic Committee recognizes chess as a sport? And so "The Queen's Gambit" deserves credit for joining "Friday Night Lights" as one of the few good TV shows about sports.

But it didn't deserve the 2021 Emmy. That should have gone to "Mare of Easttown," which is a crime thriller, a family drama, and most of all a character study starring Kate Winslet.

She plays Mare Sheehan, a detective in a depressed small town in Pennsylvania who is investigating the disappearance of a young girl and the murder of a young mother. There are many twists in the investigation, which leads to an unexpected and tragic conclusion.

Everything in this superb show works perfectly: the oppressive, violent setting, the writing, and the supporting cast, Jean Smart as Mare's mother and Evan Peters as a county detective who is called in to support Mare.

But it is Winslet's remarkable performance that powers the show. She has long been respected for choosing quality films over big commercial projects. Her character here as a small-town cop is com-



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Kate Winslet, a former resident of Salisbury, Conn., stars in "Mare of Easttown," which our streaming correspondent feels was worthy of an Emmy Award.

plicated by divorce, the loss of a son to suicide, and a custody battle over her grandson. A brighter spot is an affair with a writer she meets in a bar. But the role is decidedly unglamorous and profoundly moving.

View on HBO Max. "THE NIGHT OF" The 2017 Emmy went to "Big Little Lies," a soapy megahit set in the opulent seaside town of Monterey, Calif., and elevated by Nicole Kidman's performance. It should have gone to "The Night Of," a tense and disturbing crime drama written by Richard Price and starring Riz Ahmed as a Pakistani-American cab driver accused of murdering a woman on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

This dark story moves from Rikers Island to the courtroom, where Ahmed's lawyer is played by John Turturro, a scruffy loser with awful foot eczema. It could not be more different than "Big Little Lies," but it's a brilliant production

that gets you thinking about the randomness of criminal justice. Kidman and Ahmed each won an

Emmy for Outstanding Actress and Actor.

View on HBO Max. "EMPIRE FALLS" What a pity that the Academy did not give PBS a cash gift rather than handing them the 2005 Emmy for "The Lost Prince," yet another costume drama about the royals. I had the good fortune to miss this expensive screensaver, which was called "a little boring" by the New York Times.

It should have gone to "Empire Falls," a moving adaptation of the wonderful Richard Russo novel about life in a small town in Maine. All you need to know about this show is the cast: Ed Harris, Helen Hunt, Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward and Philip Seymour Hoffman, directed by Fred Schepisi. "Empire Falls" did win the Golden Globe award. It's only three and a half hours, and you will love every minute. Stream on HBO Max, Hulu, rent on Amazon.

NEW WORK BY THE CREATOR OF COCOA

A show of work by painter Peter Cusack opens with a reception at the Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., on Saturday, April 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. "A Painter Among Poets" remains on view until May 26.

Some Northwest Corner residents may already be familiar with a magazine called COCOA: The Journal of Cornwall Contemporary Art. What they may not be aware of is that it was started by Cusack, a painter, along with other artists, from Cornwall and elsewhere.

The title for this

exhibition is a play on the title of a book by Marjorie Perloff about poet and art critic Frank O'Hara, called "A Poet among Painters." With his inverted title "A Painter Among Poets," Cusack pays homage to the rich literary history that Cornwall has been home to, as well as the physical surroundings of words and books of the library.

Cusack resides in Cornwall and makes his paintings in a storefront studio in Torrington with his dog, Clover, by his side. More of his work can be seen at www.petercusack.com.



PHOTO COURTESY EUGENIA ZUKERMAN

Flutist Eugenia Zukerman will appear in concert May 1 in Great Barrington, Mass.

The concert May 1 will be held at St. James Place in Great Barrington, Mass. Tickets are \$25 or \$40.

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MILLBROOK

Village budget introduced, public hearing is April 13

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The village of Millbrook's fiscal year begins June 1 and ends May 31. Millbrook's Village Board is thus gearing up to propose its 2022-23 budget, which must be approved by May 1, in order to be presented before the Wednesday, April 13, public hearing. That hearing will be held at 6 p.m. at the Millbrook firehouse.

Mayor Tim Collopy released a summary of the budget via his newsletter and shared it with The Millerton News here.

He began with the General Fund, which is within the New York State mandated tax cap of 2%. Collopy said the budget will include a 1% tax rate increase of \$4.85 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The overall assessed value of village property has increased by 1%, resulting in a 2% tax levy.

The General Fund (A-Fund) is \$2.1 million; \$1.1 million of revenue is coming from the tax levy while the other \$1 million will come from other sources, among them the Town of Washington (TOW), Dutchess County, the state and various fees including rentals, etc.

From the \$2.1 million A-Fund expenses, \$709,000 (35%) will go toward fire and rescue services; \$615,000 (31%) will go toward the Front Office; \$435,000 (22%) will go toward the Highway Department; and \$229,000 (12%) will go toward the Police Department.

The budget also includes a 3% raise for employees, similar to other local municipalities, said the mayor.

"There is a contract between the village and TOW to provide fire and rescue services, with the town paying for the majority of the costs

based on the ratio of property values," according to Collopy.

In his newsletter, the mayor stated, "57% of the Fire/Rescue budget is for the contract with Northern Dutchess Paramedics [NDP] to provide the Village of Millbrook and Town of Washington with 24/7 paramedic/ambulance service. This contract contains an annual 2.5% increase."

Costs also cover training and certification, maintenance and repair for department vehicles and the second of five annual payments covering 40% of the cost a new firehouse roof.

The village also has to pay for an increase to the LOSAP fund, which pays into a fund for volunteers who meet yearly service requirements.

There was also an expansion of cancer coverage for volunteer firefighters, which was state mandated. There's also an annual contractual contribution to the Apparatus Reserve Fund to replace future firetrucks.

Front Office expenses include salaries for elected officials, attorneys and other professional consultants; liability, medical and disability and workers compensation insurances; and IT support.

State retirement contributions are covered by the office budget line, as are principal and interest payments on bonds, etc.

Highway Department expenses include salaries and insurance; road maintenance and repair work; property and building upkeep; and equipment and vehicle maintenance.

Police Department expenses include salaries, training/certification, retirement; police vehicles and equipment purchase and maintenance.

Water Fund (F-Fund) and Sewer Fund (G-Fund) services are outsourced to VRI; their rates are tied to the consumer price index (CPI), said Col-

lopy, which increased by 6.3%.

The overall water budget (F-Fund) will increase by \$339,000 due to a rise in VRI's expenses, increased energy costs and unexpected spikes in the cost for filter replacements. Water rates will be increased by 50 cents per 1,000 gallons of water used, effective June 1. That's a 7% increase but it means that all expenses in the water budget will be covered by the water portion of residents' quarterly water and sewer bills.

The annual sewer fund (G-Fund) will increase to \$375,000, said the mayor. The increase reflects higher energy and administrative costs. The village is also budgeting to replace the pump station and install a generator in south Millbrook. Anticipated revenues will cover the expenses, keeping the G-Fund at its current rates, he added.

Taxpayers who have questions or comments should e-mail Collopy at villageofmillbrookmayor@gmail.com or call 845-677-3939, opt. 5, and are encouraged to attend the public hearing on April 13.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left, the Millbrook religious community got together for Palm Sunday, April 10, including Father Hartley Bancroft from St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church; Father Matthew Calkins of Grace Church; Molly O'Neil Frank, Grace Church Seminarian; the Reverend Thomas Fiet of Lyall Church; and Director of Formation and Grace Year at Grace Church Alison Quin.

Millbrook residents join churches to Bless the Palms

MILLBROOK — The Blessing of the Palms began anew this year after a hiatus due to the COVID pandemic on Sunday, April 10, in the village.

A small crowd gathered by the Thorne Building Community Center on Franklin

Avenue, consisting of parishioners from Lyall Memorial Federated Church, Grace Episcopal Church and St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church, along with their spiritual leaders. They gathered to pass out palm fronds, to pray and sing together and to have

the palms blessed. Then each congregation went to their own church, to worship and to start the Holy Week that leads to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and finally, to Holy Easter Sunday on April 17.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

AREA IN BRIEF

Innisfree talk all about romance

MILLBROOK — Innisfree Garden's next virtual lecture is \$15 for the general public and free to Innisfree members.

Learn about Romanticism at Innisfree with Katherine H. Kerin on Wednesday, April 20, at 1 p.m. via Zoom

For details on this or future programs or to register, go to www.innisfreegarden.org or call 845-677-8000.

Innisfree Garden is located at 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook.

TOW hosts Easter Egg Hunt April 16

WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington (TOW) will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, this year, at 10:30 a.m.

Pre-schoolers through third-graders can search for eggs stuffed with goodies and meet the Easter Bunny at the Town Park in Mabbettsville.

For further information or to register, email recdirector@washingtontny.com, go to www.washingtontnyrec.com or call 845-677-3419, ext. 6.

Holy Week at St. Joseph's Church open to the community of Millbrook and TOW

MILLBROOK — St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church in Millbrook, located at 15 North Ave., invites the community to celebrate Holy Week with it.

Holy Week schedule

Holy Thursday, April 14, will offer a Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m. with the Adoration of the Lord until midnight.

Good Friday, April 15, will have a Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m., with a Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 16, will have a Blessing of the Easter Foods Vigil at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 17, will offer Mass at 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and noon.

Meanwhile, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, will hold Devotions at 3 p.m.

For more information, call 845-677-3422, email stjosephmillbrook@gmail.com or go to www.stjosephmillbrookny.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

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Legal Notice

By resolution dated March 29, 2022, the Amenia Fire District #1 has approved a resolution, subject to permissive referendum, to utilize reserve funds to purchase a Ram 550 Chassis in the amount of up to \$125,000.00, utilizing funds from the Capital Reserve Fund. Any person desiring a mandatory vote on the issue must file a properly executed and sufficient petition within thirty days of the date of publication of this notice.

Dawn Marie Klingner
District Secretary
04-14-22

Legal Notice

OPEN VOLUNTEER POSITION: TOWN OF AMENIA is seeking applications for the open

volunteer position for unexpired position of a Planning Board Member; Town residency required. Letter of Interest and Resume may be submitted via email to townclerk@ameniany.gov or via mail to Town Clerk, Dawn Marie Klingner, 4988 Route 22 Amenia NY 12501. Application Deadline: Noon, April 20, 2022.

TOWN OF NORTH EAST ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 7:30 PM, or soon thereafter as possible, in the Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York, on the application of Mark Jackson, owner of tax parcel # 6969-00-750218, to be represented by Sun Common, for a special permit in order to erect a ground-mounted solar array. The parcel is located at 830 Route 83 in the A-5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall. Persons wishing to appear

at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing. Dated: April 11, 2022

Julie Schroeder
Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
04-14-22

Legal Notice

A meeting of the lot owners of Irondale Cemetery Inc. will be held on April 25, 2022 at 6:00 pm at North East Muffler Inc., 5654 Rt. 22 Millerton, N.Y 12546.

For the purpose of electing trustees and for such other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

The annual meeting of the trustees will immediately follow the meeting of the lot owners. The trustees & volunteers will do an annual clean up in Cemetery before memorial Day, any thing you wish to keep should be picked up before May 1, 2022.

Reminder no plastic plants, glass or trees will be allowed after this date. Thank you.

Cindy L. Heck
Irondale Cemetery Sexton
04-14-22
04-21-22

Correction

The April 7 Millerton News ran an article about the Second Mountain project in Mabbettsville, which mentioned the Town of Washington Comprehensive Plan Review Committee's review of hospitality uses. It mistakenly stated that a town survey had been completed; the survey is actually expected to be conducted later this month. We regret the error.



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EDITORIAL

Happy B-Day, CCRK, here's to many more

With more than 19 years of experience as the chef proprietor of the Hudson restaurant Charleston, Carole Clark was more than familiar with what it took to make a person feel satiated. However, it wasn't until she sold her popular restaurant in 2006 and started working with local children, teaching them about the necessity of proper nutrition as well as how to garden, cook, bake and about the important ritual of sharing a meal that she realized what she described as "the enormity of the problem" of food insecurity.

Clark said she found the experience satisfying, but also difficult as it became painfully apparent that the majority of those children "had poor diets and lacked proper nutrition."

Fast forward 14 years to 2020, when the world was in the thick of the COVID-19 pandemic. Clark became "obsessed with the idea of doing something to help people facing food insecurity," especially among those living in rural communities. It weighed on her mind as she had seen so many struggle with hunger during "normal" times. How were those people filling their plates and their children's plates during the pandemic, while people were losing their homes, losing their jobs, losing their significant others, losing their stability, she wondered.

As Clark put it, she decided to use her "knowledge and experience as a chef proprietor of two restaurants to create a kitchen with volunteer chefs and to prepare and deliver meals in Columbia County."

She called her project the Columbia County Recovery Kitchen (CCRK). To put things in motion, Clark called the Columbia County Board of Health (BOH) for the necessary certifications; Albany was backed up with applications due to the pandemic, but because she had connections at the BOH, the wheels moved quickly, she said. Once certified, she reached out to friends in the community and within two months the CCRK delivered its first 200 meals. That was on April 14, 2020.

One of the reasons it all happened so quickly, said Clark, was because COVID forced her to do her work over the telephone, including her search for a fiscal sponsor, insurance (the Columbia County Democratic Committee provided liability insurance), financial support, needy recipients and drivers.

"Due to the pandemic restrictions, I never actually met the volunteers and enablers until many weeks after we started," said Clark. "The effort was charmed, so inspiring and gratifying."

She had a choice of two church kitchens to prepare the meals in; her two paid chefs visited them and chose The Christ Church Episcopal on Union Street in Hudson.

On Thursday, April 14, the CCRK will proudly celebrate its second anniversary. It now delivers more than 900 meals each week and has an impressive 90 volunteers.

Unlike traditional food kitchens or food pantries, the made-from-scratch meals are delivered by volunteer drivers and drivers from the Department of Social Services and the Columbia County Sanctuary Movement directly to the homes of clients throughout Columbia County. That includes, among other municipalities, local communities like Copake, Copake Falls, Ancram, Ancramdale, Gallatin, Hillsdale, Craryville, Taghkanic, Elizaville and those within the Taconic Hills School District.

The CCRK stresses that also unlike traditional pantries, which rely heavily on canned goods and carbohydrates, it strives to provide fresh, local ingredients, with balanced meals focused on proteins, seldom offered at food banks.

Its website, www.columbiacountyrecoverykitchen.org, reminds us that the CCRK "is an all-volunteer initiative." So if you have the energy and ability, consider donating your time. If you can afford to, perhaps also consider contributing a few dollars, as the 501(c)3 nonprofit's website additionally states that it relies on such donations to operate. Its financial support "comes from... fundraisers, social media and direct donations," as well as grants.

It's in the midst of a fundraising campaign this month, in recognition of its two-year anniversary. For details, we recommend you visit the CCRK's website to learn more and consider giving a birthday gift to help feed our Columbia County neighbors.

HEAP assistance continues through late April

New York's 2021-22 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is open until Friday, April 29, or until funds are exhausted. Qualifying older adults who haven't applied over the previous winter (2021-22) are encouraged to apply; the Office for the Aging (OFA) can help.

Eligibility and benefits are based on household size, household income and primary heating source. For a household of one, income must not exceed \$2,729/month. For a household of two, that number is \$3,569/month. Current and prospective clients can contact OFA's HEAP division at 845-486-2553 or zserrano@dutchessny.gov to request an

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Todd N. Tancredi

application and review their eligibility. They may also apply online via MyBenefits at www.mybenefits.ny.gov.

Clients who have already been approved for HEAP and who need additional assistance may apply for an "Emergency HEAP" benefit. There are currently two different Emergency Benefits open. Apply via a phone interview with an OFA HEAP examiner or contact the OFA to see if you might qualify for an Emergency Benefit in the future. Emergency HEAP



Let's help keep Amenia beautiful

The Amenia Democratic Committee arranges through the Dutchess County Department of Transportation (DOT) to hold a cleanup twice a year on a mile stretch of Route 343 in the town of Amenia.

The committee will be joining the town of Amenia's Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 23. Meet at Fountain Square (across from Four Brothers Pizza) at the intersection of routes 22, 343 and 44 that day at 10 a.m. to sign in. Trash bags will be pro-

vided but please bring your own gloves.

Last year, there was a great turnout for the morning of the clean up and I hope there is an even bigger group this year.

The thing is, the roadside trash this year is out of control! Please join the town's clean up day, April 23.

I also plan on picking up trash on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Meet me at Peggy's in Amenia on Route 343, across from the Amenia Free Li-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rest assured, Sharon Hospital ED not closing

Recently, we have seen an increase in concerns from patients who think our Emergency Department is closing or reducing its hours.

I am writing today as the Medical Director for the Emergency Department and the Chief of Staff for Sharon Hospital to clarify misinformation and reassure the community that our Emer-

gency Department remains open and ready to care for you and your family.

The planned updates and changes to Sharon Hospital will not impact the hours provided in our Emergency Department. We remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year — and this will not change.

Since Sharon Hospital's founding in 1909, our Emergency Department has been here to help patients in our region with everything from broken bones to heart attacks and strokes.

We remain committed to fulfilling the legacy that began more than 100 years ago, while staying up-to-date with the most modern and advanced standards of care to ensure we can continue providing highly skilled care right here in the community.

On behalf of the entire ED team, I would like to thank our patients and neighbors for your unwavering support, especially over the past two years.

We feel incredibly lucky to have the privilege to care for such a wonderful community.

All the best,
Ron M. Santos, DO, JD
Medical Director,
Department of Emergency
Medicine Chief of Staff,
Sharon Hospital
Sharon

Is sustainable tech fuel possible? We should look at Switzerland

All around the world, companies — mainly non-global petroleum companies — are turning to high tech to develop sustainable fuels.

What exactly are sustainable fuels, since we all know you cannot get something for nothing?

I think a better definition for "sustainable" when it comes to oil production and products is "minimal impact" or "balanced impact." And sometimes a small country desperately worried that every square inch of their environment is connected to what production spews out turns to high tech to resolve the issue of balance. Such is the case in Switzerland.

The only thing Switzerland gets for free is sunlight — and they are looking to make carbon-neutral (remember my definition of balanced impact?) aviation fuel using sunlight.

A Swiss startup, heavily funded by Swiss Airlines and Lufthansa, backed by one of the world's best tech universities in Zurich (ETH), is called Synhelion. An obvious name for what they are planning to make: fuel for jets from sunlight.

Now, here's the thing, they will start production next year and by the end of the decade they will be producing

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

230 million gallons from the one plant. There has already been ground-breaking for a duplicate plant in Spain, with more to come.

Their process works like this: Solar radiation is reflected by a mirror field and concentrated onto a receiver on a tower where it creates temperatures of 2,730 Fahrenheit.

The solar heat is then fed into a thermos-chemical reactor that converts water and collected atmospheric CO2 gas into syngas.

Then, using the established Fischer-Tropsch process, that gas is converted into liquid kerosene (also known as jet fuel).

Now, here's the clever part of their process: They have measured, in testing, that the amount of CO2 released when you burn their jet fuel — and it is exactly the same amount of CO2 they remove from the atmosphere to make the fuel.

Like I said, balanced impact. Oh, and the price? Within 5% of existing jet fuel — 5% cheaper. The big petroleum companies are keeping

a watchful eye.

In case you are wondering how a small country like Switzerland can have such good engineers, it's all about education.

Being neutral, they can spend far more of their GNP on schools and education. And, yes, they make some very special tools and components.

Did you know, for example, that only a Swiss team of welders can maintain the turbines at the bottom of the Hoover dam?

They have superior technical know-how to allow them to reweld the turning shafts of those turbines without having to stop them.

Education pays.

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

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

County offers boater safety courses

DUTCHESS COUNTY — During the next several months, marine patrol deputies from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) will be conducting boating safety courses to educate boaters and encourage safe and lawful operation of vessels in compliance with Brianna's Law.

Named after Brianna Lieneck, an 11-year-old girl from Long Island, who was killed in a boating accident in 2005, Brianna's Law phases in mandatory boater safety education for individuals who operate motorized vessels. Failure to comply with this law could result in a fine of between \$100 and \$250.

Regardless of age, all motorboat operators will need a boating safety cer-

tificate beginning in 2025.

Each boater safety course offered by the DCSO will be conducted on a Friday evening and Saturday morning; attendees must attend both days of the course.

Courses will be held in the DCSO Law Enforcement Center Community Room at 108 Parker Ave. in Poughkeepsie and will run as follows:

- Friday, April 29, 5 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, April 30, 8 a.m. to noon.
- Friday, May 20, 5 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, May 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.

While there is no fee to attend, registration is required due to limited seating in each course. To register, call the DCSO at 845-486-3840.

Town of Washington spring recreation

WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington (TOW) is offering the following programs this spring (call to confirm):

Toddler Programs will be held on Saturdays through May 14 (there will be no session on April 16).

- 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., for 2 to 2-and-a-half year olds;
- 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., for 2-and-a-half to 3 year olds;
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for 4 to 5 year olds.

Introduction to Soccer, Basketball and Baseball. Age-appropriate classes

are being offered; register soon, as spots fill up quickly.

Co-ed Spring Soccer Clinics for grades two through five will be held on Wednesdays, from April 27 through June 1.

All classes will be held at the Town of Washington Park at 3744 Route 44 in Mabbettsville.

For details on fees or to register, email reccdirector@washingtontny.com, go to www.washingtontnyrec.com or call 845-677-3419, ext. 6.

Cold, wet weather doesn't deter Millbrook Marathon runners

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — Sponsored by the Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club (EDRRC), the 26.2-mile second annual Millbrook Marathon began at 7:30 a.m. this past Sunday. It was a cold and mostly wet morning, and even though it was April 10, there was no feeling of spring in the air.

Advertised by EDRRC as "The toughest marathon you'll ever love," which may well have been true for the athletes who took part, the route was hilly and traversed rough dirt roads, only some of which were paved.

"This might not be the flattest marathon you've ever run, but with the quiet country roads, rolling hills and the countless farms, it sure will be the most scenic," said EDRRC President John Morris when promoting the event.

It was a far cry from the famed marathons of New York and Boston, but most runners said the rural scenery made the run worth it... almost.

The Millbrook Marathon is the longest run in the area, and it isn't easy. When the



PHOTO BY JOHN MORRIS

Luis Oyaguari, overall male winner of the Millbrook Marathon stood to the left of Suzanne Sandra, the female overall winner. Big smiles, but perhaps sore feet. Sandra had changed from running sneakers into comfy slippers after the race.

runners crossed the finish line on Sunday, they were clearly exhausted — tired, sweaty, sore — but triumphant.

In 2021 for the race's inaugural event there was a archway of balloons at the finish line. This year there was no

such arch because of high winds. Yet the festive mood remained, because as racers crossed the finishing line, everybody in the crowd cheered and clapped.

The overall winners in the 2022 Millbrook Marathon were Luis Oyaguari in the male category, with a time of 3:19:23 and Suzanne Sandra in the female category, with a time of 3:44:39.

There were signs posted along the route advising drivers to beware of the runners on Sunday, especially as the rural roads have plenty of curves and hills and it was wet and rainy.

Snacks and drinks awaited the participants at the finish line, along with lively music to keep their energy up.

EDRRC, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), welcomes new members. It was established in 2016, with a goal to promote health through long-distance running and jogging for life. It promotes and conducts races to benefit local charities and organizes group runs and other activities while also providing information to encourage running as a way of life.

For more information on the EDRRC or its marathons, go to www.edrrc.org.

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