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Millerton man coordinates help overseas

Help sow sunflowers, solidarity in Ukraine

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON - Polish-born André Wlodar and his wife, Kim Schmidt-Wlodar, have come to appreciate the benefits of living in a close-knit community like Millerton during the past 10 years. The couple splits its time between Dutchess County and Manhattan.

In the past 15 days since Russia began its military invasion of Ukraine on Tuesday, Feb. 24, to when this paper hit newsstands on Thursday, March

10, they have been traveling nonstop between their two hometowns to collect donations and wire money to help those in the war-torn nation.

The Wlodars are working hand-inhand with vetted 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations like Sunflower of Peace. based out of Boston. While Sunflower of Peace started its first fundraiser in 2015, due to the current crisis in Ukraine, it is now fundraising "to provide medical and humanitarian aid that

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Through the efforts of Millerton residents André Wlodar, his wife, Kim Schmidt-Wlodar, and a number of nonprofits like Sunflower of Peace, the Wayair Foundation and Razom, 23 Ukrainian orphans and seven of their helpers were evacuated to Poland on Wednesday, March 2. They arrived safely in Warsaw and are being housed at the University of Poznan.

Acting Sheriff Imperati wants permanence at helm of DCSO

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

DUTCHESS COUNTY - Endorsed by the Republican and the Conservative parties, Acting Sheriff Kirk Imperati is running for the next full term of Dutchess County Sheriff this November. Serving as undersheriff at the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) for 14 years, he is seeking the fouryear term in the wake of his former boss' death, the late Sheriff Adrian "Butch" Anderson, who died while in office last October.

Imperati has been endorsed by

Acting Sheriff Kirk Imperati is running on the Republican line to replace former Sheriff Adrian "Butch" Anderson, who passed away in office last October. Anderson had served since 1999; Imperati was Anderson's longtime undersheriff.

several police unions and the corrections officers of the Dutchess County Jail.

Imperati said he has always set

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From left, David Garvin; 15-year-old Yuliana Rossi; Ruslana Rossi; Lydia Anne Binotto, who held a small sign; behind her, Mark Reinhardt and in blue; and Polly Pitts-Garvin. Kneeling in front, 13-year-old Veronica Rossi.

Millbrook shows its

Amenia murder suspect's mental fitness to be determined March 16

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

POUGHKEEPSIE — With his criminal case advancing forward, David A. Trotta, 26, of Wassaic appeared in Dutchess County Court in Poughkeepsie on Tuesday, March 1, on an indictment for stabbing his neighbor, Juan Carlos Cedillo, to death on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Next Trotta will be in court to see if he is mentally fit to stand

trial.

Trotta and Cedillo, 45, were neighbors living on the first floor of an apartment house at 173 South Amenia Road in Wassaic.

Trotta was arrested at the scene for attacking Cedillo at the apartment house that Sunday morning. He was charged with Murder in the Second Degree, a class A-1 felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th degree, a class A misdemeanor.

He was arraigned in the Ame-

nia Town Court; Town Justice Christopher Klingner remanded him to the Dutchess County Jail in Poughkeepsie without bail.

At 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, Trotta appeared in Dutchess County Court before the Honorable Jessica Segal. He was represented by Attorneys Robert Demono and Brad White from the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office, with Attor-

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solidarity for Ukraine

MILLBROOK — This group of local residents gathered together at the bus stop at Front Street and Franklin Avenue in Millbrook at noon on Sunday, March 6, to protest the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Lydia Anne Binotto arranged the rally to show support of Ukraine and for the Ukrainians fleeing the fighting — and for those who have chosen to stay behind and fight.

Her large sign proclaimed, "Stop the War."

The smaller sign claimed it is another war over oil, and that renewable energy equals security.

Binotto and her friends are local residents from the Millbrook

community, others at the rally were just stopping through the area when they noticed the small group, including the Rossis of Manhattan.

They were driving through the Hudson Valley when they stopped at the Millbrook Diner for lunch and saw the protesters with their signs.

Coming to investigate, the Rossi family thanked the people gathered near the bus stop. Ruslana Rossi said she immigrated from Ukraine in the late 1970s as a child of 7, but still has emotional ties with her native land and was touched by the rally.

Her family then joined the others protesting the war in Ukraine.

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Visiting the village of Millerton from his hometown in Red Hook, Brodie Read, 9, sat down for a delicious breakfast of chocolate chip pancakes.

Pancakes at the Post: Goodwill and good eats

MILLERTON — Thanks to the American Legion Post 178's monthly Pancake Breakfasts, local residents were able to kick off their Sunday morning with a belly full of pancakes and other delicious breakfast foods on Sunday, March 6.

Running from 7 to 10 a.m., breakfasts were available to enjoy at the American Legion Post Hall off Route 144 or to take-out. From the early morning hours, hungry diners lined up outside the lobby to purchase their morning meals, which consisted of their choice of pancakes, eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage and home fries. Breakfast sandwiches were also available.

After placing their breakfast orders and taking their tickets, residents sat among friends and family. Breakfasts were then served by the young members of the Dutchess County Long Rifles Club.

The next Post 178 Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 3, from 7 to 10 a.m. To place an order, call 518-

789-4755. – Kaitlin Lyle

tones.

ZRC tackles commercial zoning in North East as first assignment

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

NORTH EAST — Few people likely appreciate the importance of zoning in their communities. Zoning is there to "protect properties from inconsistent or harmful use and protect individual property owners from harmful or undesirable uses of adjacent property."

So explains the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service's (PUCES) pamphlet and PDF "Zoning — What Does It Mean to Your Community?" It was created by Val Slack, an Ag & Natural Resources educator with PUCES in West Lafayette, Ind.

In the town of North East, the Town Board created the Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) specifically to review and update the zoning code, and to ensure the town grows in a smart and methodical way.

The ZRC is chaired by Edie Greenwood, who has been working for the past 18 months to ensure the sevenmember volunteer committee delves into issues key to the town's development. The group decided it should look at commercial zoning first, and then deal with residential.

A determined group, the ZRC has been meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., mostly remotely during the pandemic to make sure it doesn't lose any time as it works toward ultimately redrafting the town's zoning codes.

It met on Jan. 24 via Zoom with consultant Will Agresta of Matthew D. Rudikoff Associates, Inc., who has been assisting the ZRC as it assesses the Boulevard District (Route 44 from Cumberland Farms toward the Connecticut border).

Why commercial first?

"We decided to do the commercial districts first and do the full process for just the commercial districts... there isn't a lot of real estate in the commercial districts," said Greenwood. "We have the Boulevard District then the Irondale District, currently HB3, which is quite small, with the former Dutchess Diesel, Irving Farm roasting properties; then there's the M-A Light Industrial District, with Harney's Tea plant, maybe 21 acres, at the junction of routes 22 and 199. We don't really have any manufacturing; I think it's more fabrication. We're working on a definition of light industrial and it's gone through several iterations."

Greenwood noted that "it's very exciting," acknowledging those focused on muchneeded affordable housing might have a tough time understanding why the com-

in face paints, posing multiple

health complications, and

women used dyes to dilate

mercial districts are being evaluated first.

There is a method to doing so, as the commercial district includes many parts of the town that need to be addressed just as much as housing does, said the ZRC chair.

As Greenwood put it, the ZRC "works very hard to keep the vision of the Comprehensive Plan as our north star."

She also explained that right now, "We're working on uses and definitions; then we will address standards that we haven't gotten to yet."

There is, to be sure, much work to sort through.

"Our goal is to put a package of legislation before the Town Board by year's end, only related to commercial districts, and if that gets bogged down, the primary impetus will be the Boulevard District," she said. "Meeting that goal will be hard, but given the potential for significant changes on our boulevard, everybody agrees it's an important place to start."

The committee addressed the current land conservation (LC) district, which is significant in the commercial districts. ZRC member Bill Kish showed the GIS mapping he developed on Google Earth Pro.

According to Greenwood, "the group looked at the 100year flood plain used for the town's Flood Insurance Rate Map administered by FEMA; the 500-year flood plains; and the floodway that is the area where the velocity during flooding is considerable and impediments to the flow of water are not allowed."

The ZRC also discussed using mapped districts or an overlay district to protect its water resources.

Keep commercial focus

She additionally noted that while there are many natural resources the town needs to protect, "right now we need to focus on the natural resources in the commercial districts."

ZRC member Ed Downey said as far as commercial districts go, the two areas of concern are wetlands and flood plains. He suggested creating an overlay for both in the commercial districts.

The ZRC will discuss adding additional overlays when it focuses on zoning for the remainder of the town. The consensus was it should start by including both state and federal wetlands in its draft overlay district for the commercial districts.

Public comment from Millerton resident Mary Lynn Kalogeras stressed the importance of protecting local natural resources and urged the ZRC not to destroy local habitats She said Hudsonia should be the group's primary advisor when defining the town's natural resources, adding "Business is not as important as the environment."

Women learn why makeup makes them blush at NEML talk

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Having previously hosted the Grounded Goodwife's revealing lessons on women's fashion, the North-East-Millerton Library (NEML) was delighted to welcome mother-daughter duo Ehris Urban and Velya Jancz-Urban back for another fashionable talk, "You're Making Me Blush! The History of Women's Makeup," on TuesThe earliest historical record of actual makeup use comes from the first Egyptian dynasty around 3,000 before current era (BCE), when women would decorate their eyes by applying dark green colors to their lower lashes and blackening their upper lashes with coal (made with antimony and a mixture of metal, toxic lead, copper and ash). Makeup was viewed in ancient Egypt as an



PHOTO SUBMITTED Kicking off Women's History Month, Grounded Goodwife mother-daughter duo Ehris Urban and Velya Jancztheir pupils and give their eyes a luminous look. This practice would later be replaced with putting a drop of lemon juice in each eye to create a brighteyed look.

Around the 1800s, Queen Victoria, who abhorred makeup, declared it vulgar and felt women who tampered with their natural coloring were to be looked at with disdain.

Respectable women would use homemade face masks

their own mascara by adding petroleum jelly or wax to the tips of their eyelids. Lip gloss and eyelash curlers were developed, and it wasn't long before the word "makeup" was colonized.

"You're Making Me Blush!" was the first in a "three-part herstory unsanitized series," to be presented by Urban and Jancz-Urban this spring. The NEML will host the duo later this month with "Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow" on Tuesday, March 22, followed by "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff!: Body Odor through the Ages" on Tuesday, April 12. Both talks will be held virtually at 6:30 p.m. To sign up, go to www.nemillertonlibrary.org.

day, March 1.

Relishing the chance to expose a little history, patrons Zoomed in at 6:30 p.m.

In 2008, Urban said a study showed women who wore makeup in bars were approached much more quickly and often than those who didn't. That same year, men started wearing makeup in public.

Urban said the pair found it hard to believe that, according to statistics, women spend up to \$3,756 annually on makeup. Divided by 12 months, women spend up to \$313 a month on beauty products. She added the beauty product market predicts that number will hit \$54 billion by 2027, though their research shows the CO-VID-19 pandemic has slowed the makeup industry.

While many believe the Egyptians first invented makeup, the duo said it traced history depicting cave paintings of Paleolithic women coloring parts of their bodies in reddish-brown

indicator of wealth and reported to appeal to the gods.

As early as 1,000 BCE, Urban said Chinese women would use gelatin, beeswax and gum herb to stain their nails. Colored nails represented social class, and lower classes were forbidden from having colors on their nails.

To demonstrate their aristocracy, individuals grew their nails up to 10 inches long and wore special guards to protect their nails. Between 420 and 589 BCE, plum blossom makeup became popular among aristocrats, and women would decorate their foreheads with plum blossom petals.

Around 500 BCE, makeup was more widely used in Rome, with women using coal to darken their eyelashes, chalk to whiten their complexion and a spritz of gladiator sweat as a moisturizer and an aphrodisiac.

In Greece, women felt the unibrow was the best eyebrow

Urban delivered the talk, "You're Making Me Blush! The History of Women's Makeup," to NorthEast-Millerton Library patrons on Tuesday, May 1.

shape, believing it signified intelligence and purity; those who couldn't grow one naturally would paint one on.

By the Middle Ages, beauty standards began shifting: pale skin was seen as a sign of wealth; hair was best blond and fine like gold wire; and the absence of body hair was emphasized as women plucked their eyebrows and hairline, sometimes completely removing their eyelashes. Between 1616 to 1685, makeup was used to hide signs of illness and epidemic.

As the duo traveled further and further through time, patrons were shocked to learn the lengths women would go to achieve perfection. Rouge was introduced during the Regency Era, later followed by eyebrow transplants. A combination of toxic white lead and mercury were used

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AMENIA

BOE declares end of asbestos work, new district initiative

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

WEBUTUCK — The Webutuck Board of Education (BOE) closed the month of February on a promising note as BOE members celebrated the completion of the Webutuck High School's emergency asbestos abatement project and welcomed presentations on a new initiative and class on Monday, Feb. 28.

BOE members convened via Zoom at 7 p.m.

Emergency project Under public comment, Webutuck English Language Arts (ELA) teacher Jenna Garofalo shared the positive vibes she felt from the district's middle and high school students who returned to in-person instruction that day.

Webutuck students in grades seventh through 12th were placed in remote instruction earlier this year while the district dealt with asbestos in the ceiling in the Webutuck High School auditorium. Hopes were to return to school inperson on Monday, Feb. 28, coinciding with the project's anticipated completion.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani reported on the project's completion later in the meeting. With the asbestos cleaned out and the auditorium's ceiling removed, he said the district is looking to replace the former ceiling with "an acoustic 2022 modern ceiling" and options will be reviewed during the next few months into the summer.

As middle and high school students returned, Castellani said he and Business Administrator Robert Farrier were walking around the building that day, speaking with students who were happy to be back. **Path Forward** Excited to share Webutuck's

new Path Forward initiative with the BOE, Technology Director Lauren Marquis gave a presentation outlining "actionable steps with achievable goals."

With each goal, she offered a list of action steps for administrators and teachers to move Webutuck programs forward by Thursday, June 30.

She started with the i-Ready program (which uses diagnostic data to track math and ELA development). The goal is to use it in instruction in every classroom in grades kindergarten through eighth when school restarts in September.

For the blended learning program, she said the goal is to utilize blended learning strategies in classrooms "to ensure students are engaged, lessons are enhanced and efficiency is increased."

Regarding the Instructional Support Team (IST), Response to Intervention and Academic Intervention Service programs, Webutuck's vision is to maintain a cohesive IST process among all three schools as students transition from building to building.

As for the Restorative Justice program, Marquis said the goal is to continue the work to become more restorative and less punitive within classrooms, schools and the district.

Meanwhile, the goal for the code of conduct policy and behavior matrix is to provide Webutuck staff and students with clear expectations and predictable consequences for behaviors. Additionally, Marquis illuminated action steps for Webutuck to take as part of its continued involvement in

the National Center for Rural Education Research Network (NCRERN) initiative.

Health center

Regarding the planned new in-school based health center, Castellani said they're hoping to open it some time in May.

"This is one of the things you hang your hat on as a very proud moment," Castellani said.

Farrier noted the health center will be staffed through the summer and students will be able to get their school and sports physicals and other health services there in the summertime.

"The idea is to have health services that are readily available within the district that students may not have had access previous to; this is really tremendous," he said.

Animation course

Art teacher Craig Wickwire presented a new course to be implemented by Webutuck's Art Department to the BOE. Entitled, "Introduction to Animation," it's designed to "teach students the basics of traditionally drawn and digital animation, or moving images, emphasizing both audio and visual capture," according to the course outline. This new course would be open to students in grades ninth through 12th.

In an effort to "continue that leap into the technology age," Wickwire said, "I think it's extremely important that students get the opportunity to work with the age they're living in."

Along with providing students with 21st Century skills, Wickwire described how the new course would help the Art Department and Webutuck grow, and provide students with more options as they get involved with technology.



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A former resident of The Children's Museum in Poughkeepsie, this Mastodon skeleton will be at Amenia's Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre for the theater's 2022 season.

Four Brothers Drive-In has surprises, and history, in store

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — Movie-goers have much to look forward to as the Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre at 4957 Route 22 in Amenia opened for its preseason on Friday, March 4, with a slew of surprises in store for fans of all ages.

The drive-in is open on weekends only at this time, with a limited Grand Shack menu and full restaurant menu. Full concession and amenities will not be available until the opening of the full season on Friday, April 15. To purchase tickets, go to www.playeatdrink.com.

With the 2022 season marking the theater's ninth season, co-owner John Stefanopoulos can hardly believe how quickly the time has gone and is excited to highlight some exciting surprises coming to the drive-in this year.

The drive-in has become the new home of a Mastodon skeleton, formerly from The Children's Museum in Poughkeepsie. Measuring about 12-feet tall, 10-feet wide and 22-feet long, Stefanopoulos said they plan to put the Mastodon on display but have yet to determine how it will be done.

Adding some historical context to the new arrival, he mentioned the incoming skeleton was cast from the exact skeleton found in nearby Hyde Park in 1999. Stefanopoulos said there are plans to create a storybook for children visiting the theater to teach them all about the Mastodon.

Adding on to the drive-in's Hotel Caravana amenity, it plans to bring another Airstream travel trailer to accommodate more guests looking to spend a night on the grounds.

Delicious new menu items will be introduced to the Grand Shack this year, including lobster rolls, the meatless Impossible burger, a BBQ chicken sandwich and crepes.

On top of the nightly showings at the large outdoor screen, Stefanopoulos said the drive-in will have numerous events throughout the season between its Throwback parties and other community favorites.

There will be a pop-up

shop on the grounds, with local businesses invited to bring their wares to the drive-in. This way, shoppers can experience services beyond what's already offered at the drive-in while local businesses can show their wares and introduce themselves to new customers.

Looking ahead, Stefanopoulos said he's excited to partner with other people and organizations in the community throughout the 2022 season, whether that entails jewelers, florists, local banks, toymakers, craftsmen, boutique owners and more.

On Friday, April 15, the drivein will host its annual Fireman's Fundraiser, which coincides with the theater's opening of its full season with shows playing seven nights a week.

Seeing how the theater's opening coincides with the start of spring, Stefanopoulos remarked, "When our season starts, it's an indicator that seasons are turning."

For more information on upcoming shows and events at the Four Brothers Drive-In, go to www.playeatdrink.com.

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OBITUARIES

Ann (Watkins) Schopp

NORTH CANAAN - Beverly Ann (Watkins) Schopp, 87, of Claverack, N.Y., and North Canaan, passed away March 1, 2022, in the comfort of her home in North Canaan.

Born in Brooklyn on Oct. 28, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Vincent Benjamin and Gertrude Charles Watkins.

Beverly and her family moved from Brooklyn to Birmingham, Miss., in 1937, where she later graduated from The Kingswood School in 1952.

She attended Middlebury College in Vermont, where she met her future husband, Roald "Rollie" Schopp, also a 1956 graduate.

While raising five children Beverly was a Hudson High School substitute French teacher and worked part time at Pattison, Koskey and Lawrence. She raised her family in the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson, N.Y., and continued to be an active church member in many capacities for decades.

Beverly was dedicated to many civic organizations in Hudson including the Hudson Dav Care and Hudson Junior Service League; she worked tirelessly to manage the Hudson train station snack bar venue to benefit the Hudson Day Care. Beverly was an active PEO. Beverly was an avid golfer, gardener and seamstress. She loved to read, play tennis and piano, and bake for her family – the cookie tin on top of her refrigerator was never empty. A Columbia Golf and Country Club long-time member, Beverly held several board positions and competed and won the women's club championship

Beverly instilled environmental conservation values in her family.

Beverly was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Rollie Schopp in 2018; her grandson, Arthur Joseph Schopp; and her great-grandson, Miles Bishop.

She is survived by her sister, Barbara Struthers of Arizona; her five children, Kenneth C. (Rebecca) Schopp of Sheffield, Julie S. (Patrick) Roach, of Fort Wayne, Ind., Michael A. (Heather) Schopp of North Canaan, Laura L. (Richard) Sheft of Lake Placid, N.Y., and Edward V. (Shannon) Schopp of North Canaan; 16 grandchildren and four step-grandchildren, Caroline, Charles and Catherine Schopp, Brooke (Andrew) Bishop, Frederick (Alisha) Schopp, Benjamin Schopp, Colleen (Liam) O'Reilly, Michael (Madeline) Schopp, and Greyson Schopp, Haley, Henry, Lillian, Jackson and Harrison Schopp, Theodore Roach and, Jodi Pfiefer, Jeff Roach, Julie Maury and Emily (John) Sheft and Trevor Sheft; and eight great-grandchildren, Rowan, Katherine, Noel O'Reilly, Elizabeth Bishop, Emerson and Tallulah Schopp and Mark and Annette Schopp.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 5, at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home in Hudson, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hudson Day Care Center or the First Presbyterian Church of Hudson.

Tips for Ukranian crisis charitable giving

NEW YORK – New York Attorney General (AG) Letitia James is offering tips to support the Ukrainian people amid the ongoing conflict. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) charity before you give. Most charities are required to register and file financial reports with OAG's Charities Bureau to solicit contributions from New Yorkers. Check OAG's website

Lois C. Bailey

MILLERTON - Lois tion polls for the Town of C. Bailey, 67, a 39-year resi- North East for many years.

dent of Millerton, died peacefully on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Vassar Bros. Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. Lois worked as a mail carrier for the

United States Postal Service out of the Dover Plains Post Office for 33 years prior to her retirement in 2010.

Born Jan. 24, 1955, in Monticello, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Emma (Furman) and John Bailey.

She attended and graduated from Monticello High School

She was a longtime member of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association and served as secretary and then president of the American Postal Workers Union, where she was currently serving as their webmaster.

She also worked the elec-

Jay Michael Haft

SALISBURY - Jay Michael Haft of New York, son of Helen and Jack Haft, passed away on Feb. 7, 2022, at the age of 86. The world has lost a great husband, father, grandfather and leader.

Born in Brooklyn on Nov. 9, 1935, Jay attended the Horace Mann School before graduating from Yale College, and then Yale Law School. After starting his legal career with an established law firm based in New York City, Jay started his own law firm with several friends and colleagues, which grew to be more than 100 lawyers in New York City, Florida and Long Island. Jay was widely regarded as a preeminent corporate lawyer, frequently structuring and leading complex transactions that were novel and innovative, and that are now regarded as commonplace.

Over the course of practicing law for many years, Jay served and partnered with global business and political leaders and participated on the board of directors of many well-known privatelyand publicly-held companies. Later in his life, Jay moved on from the practice of law into international venture capital and technology finance, where he continued to follow his love for advising and participating in intricate and significant financial and political opportunities and transactions. Jay was also a philanthropist, and he contributed his immense knowledge and critical thinking to a number of institutions and organizations in the various communities around the world. He served as a member of the Florida Commission for Government Accountability to the People, a national trustee and Treasurer

In her spare time she enjoyed spending time with her beloved grandchildren. She will be

her loving family and many friends and colleagues. Lois is survived

by her son, Albert Bailey and his wife, Danielle, of Millerton; her two grandchildren, Emma and A.J. Bailey of Millerton; her brother, John Bailey Jr. of Florida; her nephew, Scott Bailey and his wife, Ginger; her niece, Kristy Kelly and her husband, Joe; and many friends.

Calling hours were held March 8 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. A funeral service followed, the Rev. William Mayhew officiating.

To send an online condolence to the family please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.

of the Miami City Ballet, and a Board member of the Concert Association of Florida. Jay also served as a trustee of Florida International University Foundation and as a member of the advisory board of the Wolfsonian Museum and Florida International Univer-

sity Law School. Jay was also a "collector of collections," amassing important collections of African and other art, rare books, unique cars, and even toys, among other things. He was a wellread man who had a great sense and appreciation of history, yet he never took himself or anyone else too seriously. His wit, self-effacing humor and practical approach to life made Jay stand out as a person whom so many people loved and admired. Yet, despite his many interests and passions, starting with his family, Jay was always available to provide his guidance and help to others in his life. When people in Jay's life were facing a dilemma or issue, whether rooted in personal or business

Laura Katrina Keefe

sion" as she put it.

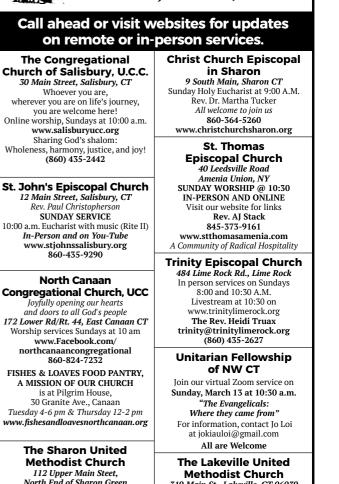
Talented at virtually everything she touched, including mathematics, languages, sciences, music, art and creative writing, she ultimately committed to a life spent in pursuit of peace for her soul. Tragically, this proved elusive for her on earth. Despite missing Laura deeply, her family finds solace in the knowledge that she has at last found the peace she sought.

Laura is survived by her mother, Terri; her father, Francis, and his wife, Joan; her brother, Gerry, and sisterin-law, Tracy; and her sister, Judith, and brother-in-law, Scott; and by six nieces.

A memorial service will be held at the chapel of The Hotchkiss School on Friday July 15, at 11 a.m. A reception will follow immediately after. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

LAKEVILLE – On Oct. 3, 2021, Laura Katrina Keefe, beloved daughter to Terri Lee Young and Francis Edward Keefe and beloved sister to Gerald Francis Keefe and Judith Johanna Frost, passed away at the age of 51.

Laura was born on Jan. 14, 1970, in Exeter, N.H., to Terri and Francis. She graduated from The Hotchkiss School in 1987 and Yale University in 1991 and lived thereafter in New Haven, Boston, New York and finally in Los Angeles, involved in various creative pursuits. She forayed briefly into investments, music and dance, but principally spent her time writing. Laura was a loving aunt to her nieces, engaging, thoughtful and kind, and brought a sophisticated presence to her visits. She drew them to John Langstaff, Tasha Tudor and centerpiece crafting rather than allowing them to "dissolve in front of the televi-



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Solicited by Email? Find Out Who is Soliciting. If you receive a solicitation by email, find out who is behind that email address. Contact the charity whose name is in the email or visit its website to find out if the email is really from the charity. Do not give personal information or your credit card number in response to an email solicitation unless you have checked out the charity.

Be Careful When Giving Through Social Media or Other Fundraising Sites. Before doing so, research the identity of the organizer of the fundraising efforts and ask the same questions you would of a charity. Online platforms that host groups and individuals soliciting for causes may not thoroughly vet those who use their service. Only give to campaigns conducted by people you know; take a close look at the site's FAQs and Terms and Conditions to see what fees will be charged. Don't assume that charities recommended on social media sites have already been vetted. Check Before Giving. Donate to charities you are familiar with and carefully review information about the for financial reports of charities or ask the charity directly for its reports.

Ask How Your Donation Will Be Used. Find out how the charity plans to use your donation, including the services and individuals your donation will support. Find out what organization will receive the money, what programs it conducts or what services it provides.

Look Into Newly Formed While most new organizations are well-intentioned, and some may provide innovative forms of assistance, some may not have the experience or infrastructure to follow through on their promises, and some may turn out to be scams.

Exercise Caution Before You Text A Contribution. Check the charity's website or call the charity to confirm it has authorized contributions to be made via text message.

Don't Give Cash. Give directly to the charity either by check made payable to the organization or through the charity's website.

Be Careful About Personal Information. Be cautious before giving credit card or personal information over the phone, by text message or via the internet. In all cases, make sure you are familiar with the organization to which you give such information and check to see that the fundraising campaign is legitimate.

Report Suspicious Organizations. If you believe an organization is misrepresenting its work, or that a fundraising or charitable scam is taking place, contact the Charities Bureau at complaints@ag.ny.gov.

matters, they would inevitably contact Jay for his thoughtful and practical advice. He was a person whose opinions carried significance and meaning.

Jay is survived by Clayre, his beloved wife of 40 years; his children, Jackie and James, and their mother, his first wife, Elsa Daspin Suisman; his stepson, Andrew; his sonin-law, Carl, and his former daughter-in-law, Simone; and his eight grandchildren. Frances, Harrison, Harry, Isaac, Jacob, Jake, Jesse and Max.

A graveside service was held Feb. 9 at Cedar and Beth-El Cemetary in Paramus, N.J. Local arrangements were

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AREA NEWS

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STATE POLICE REPORT

The following information was provided by the New York State Police (NYSP) Troop K in Salt Point. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Manhunt for Vermont murder suspect

Friday, March 4, following a joint investigation by the NYSP and the Vermont State Police (VSP), Jerry Ramirez, age 35, of Brooklyn, the driver who attempted to flee Troopers on March 2 on the Taconic State Parkway in Clinton, was arrested for Unlawful Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle in the 3rd degree, a class A misdemeanor, and as a Fugitive of Justice for a felony warrant out of the state of Vermont.

Ramirez was arraigned as a Fugitive of Justice before the Honorable Judge McLoughlin of the Dutchess County Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail without bail, where he is currently awaiting extradition to the State of Vermont.

On March 1, the NYSP assisted the VSP with the ongoing homicide investigation after receiving a law enforcement tip from the VSP that a vehicle and its occupants were traveling on the Taconic State Parkway in Columbia County.

Members of the NYSP located the vehicle southbound near State Route 199 in Milan. Troopers initiated a traffic stop and the operator subsequently failed to comply.

Spike strips were utilized to end the vehicle pursuit in the town of Clinton, and the two occupants fled on foot. Both were located a short time later in the surrounding wooded area.

The passenger of the vehicle

was released uninjured. The vehicle operator was transported to a local area hospital with nonlife threatening injuries and was listed in stable condition.

Endangering the Welfare of a Child

On Thursday, Feb. 10, the NYSP from the Rhinebeck barracks arrested Hayez Prelich, age 24, of Pine Plains, for Dissemination of Indecent Material to a Minor in the 2nd degree, a class E felony, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor.

After receiving a complaint, Investigators determined Prelich sent indecent material of a pornographic nature to two victims under the age of 16.

Prelich was arraigned before the town of Pine Plains Court and released on his own recognizance to return before the court on Wednesday, March 2, at 4 p.m.

Troopers arrest armed juvenile during burglary

On Friday, Jan. 7, the NYSP arrested a 17-year-old for Burglary in the 1st degree, a class B felony.

Troopers were dispatched at approximately 4:05 a.m. to a residence on Lime Kiln Road in the Town of Dover for a report of a burglary in progress.

Once on the scene, Troopers arrested the juvenile, who was armed with a knife. The armed juvenile allegedly broke into the residence but was detained by the homeowner until the Troopers arrived.

The name of the juvenile charged with this crime is being withheld because of his or her age.

The juvenile was arraigned before the Dutchess County

Court Youth Part and sent to the Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital. Traffic stop leads to

multiple drug charges Further north, NYSP ar-

rested two Columbia County men on drug charges on Thursday, Jan. 20, following a traffic stop on Route 23 in the Town of Catskill.

Troopers pulled over a 2003 Mercedes Benz minutes before 1 a.m.

The driver, Crawford Boice, 28, of Ancram, was charged with driving while ability impaired by drugs (DWAI).

A check of the vehicle revealed the registration was suspended.

A search of the car yielded 1.1 grams of cocaine, ecstasy pills and 35 grams of cannabis oil.

Boice and his passenger, Brad Hapeman, 48, of Hudson, were both charged with felony drug possession. Hapeman was charged with a second felony count of drug possession.

As a result, Hapeman was remanded to the Greene County Jail without bail while Boice was released on his own recognizance pending a future court appearance.

Crime Watch

If you or someone you know has been the victim of a crime. or you suspect criminal activity, send an e-mail to New York State Police Crime Watch at crimetip@troopers.ny.gov. 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.

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO). All suspects are considered innocent until

> Violation of protective order

proven guilty in a court of law.

Thursday, Feb. 17, Deputies responded to 144 Scott Drive in Amenia for a reported Order of Protection violation involving a neighbor dispute at that location.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of Robert Lugo, age 78, for Criminal Contempt in the 2nd degree.

Lugo was to appear in the Town of Amenia Court to answer the charges.

Intoxicated male

Saturday, Feb. 19, Deputies responded to 65 Old Branch Road in the Town of Dover after a call of someone attempting to enter the caller's residence.

The investigation revealed that a 26-year-old male was highly intoxicated and was at the wrong house.

The matter was mediated without further incident. Stolen vehicle

falsely reported

Saturday, Feb. 19, Deputies responded to 4 Benton Road in the Town of Amenia for the report of a stolen vehicle.

The caller reported that his vehicle was stolen from 3171 Route 22 in the Town of Dover. A further investigation revealed that the caller had allegedly filed a false report and given a false written statement surrounding the stolen vehicle report.

The vehicle was located, and the complainant was identified as Adam Jasmin, age 28, who was charged with making a False Written statement.

Jasmin was to appear in the

Town of Amenia Court at a later date to answer the charges.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Lumber yard burglary

Thursday, Feb. 3, Deputies responded to 528 Old State Route 22 in Dover at the J&J Log and Lumber Company for the suspected burglary of tools from several garages.

The matter is currently under investigation by the DCSO's Detective Division.

Barbershop burglary

Thursday, Feb. 3, Deputies responded to 3304 Route 343 in Amenia for the suspected burglary of a barbershop.

An employee reported to the owner of the business that the side window had been damaged and the cash box had been taken.

The matter is currently under investigation by the DCSO's Detective Division.

Domestic disturbance

Thursday, Feb. 3, Deputies responded to 6087 Route 22 in North East for a physical domes-



dential.

If one is considering renovating a house older than 1978, it would be good to know the risks of lead paint and how to renovate your houses safely. The EPA has put out an excellent primer, The Lead Safe Guide to Renovating Right which can be found on their site at : https://www. epa.gov > files > renovaterightbrochure. correctly renovate an older house and control any hazards created by lead dust and chips. One of the keys is that the contractor should be certified by either the EPA or State of Ct and that they will follow the recommended work practices to prevent lead contamination in your house. A good place to start is to contact Rob Rein, LEP, of EnviroConsultants and Recyclers, :http://www.envirocr.com/.

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Alchemy Pure, LLC Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed New York Sec. of State ("NYSS") 10/12/2021. Office loc. Dutchess County. NYSS designated as agent of LLC Dutchess County, New York, on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM, or soon thereafter as possible, in the Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, New York, on the application of Michael and Gina Butts for a 25 foot reduction in the required west side

to ensure that payments of water charges are properly made to the Town. A copy of this Local Law is available for public inspection at the Pine Plains Town Clerk's office during regular hours. A copy of the said Local Law has also been provided at the Town's public library located

This data will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel for the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Amenia which will be filed on May 1, 2022.

The information may be reviewed, by appointment, at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY 12501. Contact 845submitted by Nan Morrison for property located at 14 Cedar Drive, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #6872-17-049117.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard with regard to the proposed action requesting the maximum side yard setback for a proposed lap pool to be 20 feet, in lieu of the required minimum of 30 feet, as well as having the proposed structure in the front yard. The application is available for review at the Pine Plains Town Hall during regular business hours.

during regular business hours.

> By order of: Scott Chase Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals 03-10-22

Village of Millerton Local Law No. 1 of 2022 Public Hearing

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Legal Notice

Nationwide Seminars LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on 1/26/22. Office location: Dutchess County. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and is directed to forward service of process to the registered agent, Kerri L. Yamashita, 251 Ackert Hook Road, Rhinebeck NY 12572. The registered agent is to be the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING

yard in order to construct a one-family residence on Indian Lake Estates lot #6, Red Cedar Lane, tax parcel #7269-00-513817-0000, in the A5A 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: March 7, 2022.

Julie Schroeder

Chair Zoning Board of Appeals 03-10-22

PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Pine Plains Town Board shall conduct a public hearing on Local Law No. A of 2022 entitled: "A Local Law Amending the Provisions of Sections 263-14 and 263-16 of the Town 02-17-22 Code with regard to the Payment of Rentals; Liability 02-24-22 for Unpaid Charges; and 03-03-22 03-10-22 Delinquent Payments for the 03-17-22 Use of Water" on March 17, 03-24-22 2022 at 7:05 p.m. at the Pine Plains Town Hall, located 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York. The purpose of NOTICE IS HEREBY this Local Law is to provide GIVEN that a public hearing that all contracts for water will be held before the rentals are made with the Zoning Board of Appeals owner of the property rather of the Town of North East, than renters of the property

at 7775 South Main Street, Pine Plains, New York and will be posted on the Town's website and official board. Any person desiring to be heard on this Local Law shall be permitted to do so at the public hearing. Dated: February 17, 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD.

> MADELIN DAFOE Town Clerk 03-10-22

Public Notice

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data for the Town of Pine Plains is now available for examination and review. This data is the information that will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear in the tentative assessment roll on May 1, 2022.

To set up an appointment to review this information, please call 518-398-7193 ext 7. Please be sure to wear a mask.

> **Richard Diaz** James Mara Lynda Wisdo Assessor(s) 03-03-22 03-10-22

TOWN OF AMENIA ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax law, notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review.

373-8860 x 104 for an appointment.

Donna DiPippo Assessor Town of Amenia 03-03-22 03-10-22

TOWN OF NORTHEAST **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel for the tentative assessment roll of the Town of North East which will be filed on or before May 1, 2022.

The information may be reviewed with the Assessor. For an appointment, please call 518-789-3300 ext.605.

Katherine Johnson Assessor Town of North East 03-03-22 03-10-22

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS DUTCHESS COUNTY NEW YORK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Zoning Board of Appeals on the 22nd day of March 2022 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the area variance application

By order of: Scott Chase, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals 03-10-22

TOWN OF PINE PLAINS **DUTCHESS COUNTY NEW YORK** NOTICE OF **PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Zoning Board of Appeals on the 22nd day of March 2022 at 7:45 pm at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the area variance application submitted by Ann \overline{M} . Gilbert for property located at 243 Lake Road, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #6771-00-914732.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard with regard to the proposed action requesting the maximum side yard setback for a single-family dwelling to be 15 feet, in lieu of the required minimum of 50 feet. The application is available for review at the Pine Plains Town Hall

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton will hold a public hearing at the Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, New York 12546, on March 21, 2022, at 6 p.m., Prevailing Time on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2022, entitled "A Local Law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c".

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the Village of Millerton Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, New York, during normal business hours on all business days between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested, and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. By order of the

Village Board of Trustees Kelly Kilmer - Village Clerk 03-10-22

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

Notices can be emailed to legals@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039

Go to www.tricornernews.com/ legalnotices to view current and past legal notices.

SPORTS

Stissing Mountain Boys Basketball Section IX Playoffs

Bombers squash Rhinebeck in semifinals, lose by three to Chester in championship finals

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — Closing its 2021-22 season with two hard-fought games on the court, the Stissing Mountain varsity boys basketball team defeated Rhinebeck in the Section IX semifinal game on Monday, Feb. 28.

Days later, the team was defeated by Chester in the Section IX finals on Wednesday, March 2.

The Bombers competed against Rhinebeck at home on Monday evening at 6 p.m.

As reported on the "Bombers Athletics" Twitter page and posted to the Pine Plains Central School District (PPC-SD) website's athletics page, www.ppcsd.org/athletics, Stissing led Rhinebeck by 21-16 at halftime.

Competing for the Bombers, John Bopp and Sid Stracher hit threes (or three-pointers) to open the game's third quarter, bringing Stissing Mountain's lead over Rhinebeck up to 27-18.

Also competing for the Bombers, Zach Strang and Logan Lydon scored 17 points each.

By game's end, Stissing Mountain won its home playoff game with a final score of 53-44 over Rhinebeck.

Advancing to the Section IX finals on Wednesday, March 3, Stissing Mountain faced off against Chester at 7 p.m. at Sullivan West Community College in Loch Sheldrake.

Chester took the lead in the first quarter, with a score of 13-7 over Stissing Mountain, and maintained the lead with a score of 27-18 by halftime.

Competing for Chester, Alex Bastian led the game



Gathering on the sidelines, Stissing Mountain Coach Zachary Lydon gave his players a few pointers before they returned to their game against Rhinebeck.

with a game-high of 10 points, according to the PPCSD's athletics page.

Heading into the fourth and final quarter, Chester was in the lead with 38-32. With a

final score of 50-47, Chester walked off the court as victors over Stissing Mountain in the last game of the 2021-22 sports season and the championship.



PHOTOS BY T.C. MORTON

Competing for Stissing Mountain, Zachary Strang was unafraid to challenge Rhinebeck on the basketball court as the Bombers faced their opponents in the Section IX semifinal game on Monday, Feb. 28.





PHOTO BY DARYL BYRNE

Cheering on Conn. curler

Connecticut native Steve Emt is vice skip on the U.S. paralympic curling team, which is in the middle of the 2022 Paralympic Games in China this week. Emt calls the Norfolk Curling Club his home ice; members of the club turned out at the club on Sunday night, March 6, to watch the U.S.

Brain Teasers

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Stretching toward the hoop, Bomber Logan Lydon shot for a basket in last week's Section IX semifinal game.

team compete against Canada.

SPORTS IN BRIEF Summer equestrian programs for youth at Lucky Orphans

DOVER PLAINS -This summer, Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, located at 2699 Route 22 in Dover Plains, will be offering a seven-week summer riding program for local youth.

The program kicks off the week of Monday, June 27, and ends the week of Monday, Aug. 8.

There are half-day sessions designed for children ages 5 to 7.

For children ages 8 and

older, there will be a fullday program offered.

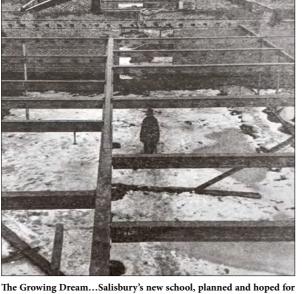
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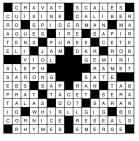


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PINE PLAINS/AREA

Pine Plains Central School District

BOE reviews transportation and facilities budgets, tax cap at 3%

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS - Continuing the conversation about the 2022-23 district budget, the Pine Plains Central School District (PPC-SD) Board of Education (BOE) opened its meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 16, for presentations on next year's transportation and facilities budgets.

BOE members met via Zoom at 7 p.m. Assistant Superintendent for Business Monica LaClair brought the BOE up to speed on next year's budget calculations.

General budget figures

For the 2022-23 school year, she said Pine Plains' tax cap is going to see about a 3% increase, marking a dollar increase of \$756,325 from the 2021-22 budget.

Total draft revenue projections for next year have been calculated at \$34,103,687, a \$1,002,112 (or 3% increase)

budget.

This includes \$8,290,219 in state aid; \$25,466,368 in the tax levy; and \$347,100 in miscellaneous district costs.

Total draft expenditures for 2022-23 were calculated at \$35,080,135, indicating a \$1,396,021 (or 2.41%) increase from the current school year. Overall, LaClair said Pine Plains is looking at a budget of more than \$35 million.

Transportation budget

Presenting next year's transportation budget, Transportation Supervisor Lauren Ross gave a detailed outline of the district's current transportation staffing, route structure and vehicle fleet.

Looking to the 2022-23 school year, many of the budgetary impacts the Transportation Department have encountered can be linked to cost increases and equipment conditions. These include rising fuel costs; rising vehicle maintenance and repair

from the current district costs; an increase of Special Education placements and out-of-district transportation requests for private and parochial schools; an aging fuel tank and pump system; and antiquated tracking and pumping software and routing software.

In total, the draft budget for the Transportation Department has been calculated at \$667,000, an \$11,900 increase from the 2021-22 budget.

Ross also said the department is proposing to purchase two 71-passenger gasoline school buses for \$233,210 and surplus two of its 22-passenger buses.

Facilities budget

Presenting next year's proposed Facilities Department budget, Director of Facilities Richard McKibben gave an overview of the department staffing and what facilities the department cleans and maintains.

Next year's draft budget

for the department's operations was calculated at \$566,660 (a \$30,360 increase from the 2021-22 district budget) while its maintenance budget was calculated at \$335,200 (a \$5,800 increase from the 2021-22 district budget).

Providing a list of anticipated challenges for the 2022-23 school year, McKibben placed utility costs at the top. Additionally, he gave an update on the PPCSD's fiveyear plan in terms of what's already been accomplished and what he hopes to accomplish during the 2022-23 school year and in the next five years.

Highlights of the five-year plan includes an ongoing capital project, the Cold Spring Early Learning Center pavement project and fire alarm system upgrades at all three school buildings.

Corned Beef Takeout Dinner

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Presbyterian Church will host a Corned Beef Takeout Dinner with curbside pickup on Saturday, March 19, from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.

Takeout dinners will include corned beef, cabbage, boiled red potatoes, glazed baby carrots, Irish soda bread and dessert.

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Dinners are \$17 for adults; \$5 for children ages 6 through 12; and free for those under 5 years old. Dinners are payable by cash or check at the door or Venmo in advance @ FUPCPP. Funds will support church programs and commuity outreach efforts. The church is located at 3039 Route 199 (Church Street) in Pine Plains.



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Something creepy and kooky is taking place inside the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School auditorium as students there rehearse for this year's spring musical. "The Addams Family" will be performed by The Stissing Theatre Guild on Friday, March 11, and Saturday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m.; and on Sunday, March 13, at 2 p.m. Face masks are required at all performances. Tickets may be purchased at www.seatyourself.biz/stgboxoffice.

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Run for the BOE, get details at district office

PINE PLAINS - Nominating petitions for the Board of Education (BOE) of the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) are now available in the District Office from Clerk Julia Tomaine. District residents interested in becoming a member of the BOE may request an information packet, including nominating petitions, from Tomaine at 2829 Church St. (Route 199), Pine Plains.

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members Tia Maggio and Ella Hofman. They'll also be making extras for the library's glass showcase for all to see.

For more information, email director@ roejanlibrary.org, call 518-325-4101 or go to www.roejanlibrary.org.

held Tuesday, May 17, the same time as the vote on the 2022-23 PPSCD bud-

> Nominating petitions are due in the District Office no later than Monday, April 18, at 5 p.m. with at least 25 signatures of qualified district voters. Potential candidates are strongly encouraged to obtain more than 25 signatures to ensure their petitions include at least 25 valid signatures. Any questions about the vote or voting process may be submitted to Tomaine at 518-398-7181, ext. 1408 or by emailing j.tomaine@ ppcsd.org.

Hecate considers local input before submitting application

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

COPAKE — Between the dramatic changes made to its original proposal and the recommendations made by the working group Craryville Gateway, renewable power projects developer Hecate Energy is on its way to submitting a solar project that will hopefully satisfy both the developer and the Copake community.

As of this time, Hecate intended to file its application to Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) on Tuesday, March 8, the day this paper goes to press.

Considering how Hecate

Last summer, Hecate stated its intent to file its project application to ORES under New York State's 94-C process, which requires renewable energy projects larger than 25 MW to be permitted by ORES. An amended notice of intent to file was submitted this past December, with plans to file on or about Friday, Feb. 18.

Catching Hecate before the Feb. 18 deadline, Craryville Gateway, a group of environmental organizations concerned about the town's future, held a virtual meeting last month and then presented the developer with the its vision for a redesigned Shepherd's Run. Its hope was for a win-win for Copake's environment, agriculture, residents and economy. Hecate was asked to "pause" submitting its application and consider both Craryville Gateway's and the public's recommendations. Campbell said Hecate has

been working with Craryville Gateway during the past few months, incorporating the vast majority of its recommendations into the Shepherd's Run plan.

"We're extremely excited for all the ideas and recommendations the working group presented," Campbell said. "From our perspective, we're very proud we had a real community involvement process where we've integrated many concepts and recommendations into the project, and the project is completely different from where we had it two years ago and that is because of local input and stakeholder engagement."

After Craryville Gateway's

has been changing its project dramatically during the past two years, Hecate Energy Project Developer Alex Campbell said, "I'm very proud of the project that has come out at the end of this. I think the community is very happy with the things we've been able to achieve together, which is key, and there's still a long way to go.

"This is not the end by any means," he said, "and we're really inspired by what the working group has been able to accomplish and bring together a variety of different types of stakeholders to come up with a set of recommendations that's broad and truly focuses on community benefits, which is why we're trying to do this together."

Hecate first went to the Copake Town Board in the spring of 2017 to present a proposal for a solar installation in the town of Copake.

The original proposal detailed roughly 500 acres inside a fence on several noncontiguous areas along routes 23 and 7. Additionally, Campbell said the original plan was not a co-utilization plan and entailed regular chainlink fencing.

Hecate later returned to Copake in early 2020 to propose a new project, Shepherd's Run, which entails installing a 60-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic solar facility along the Copake property proposed in the original.

This new co-utilization project includes 221 acres inside the fence and uses wildlife-friendly fencing.

public presentation on Feb. 17, Campbell said he's had a number of calls and meetings with the working group. He explained Hecate is continuing to refine the plans after the working group suggested it formulate a "quasi-private partnership model."

the BOE this year, currently held by BOE members Chip Couse and Amie Federicks; both are for three-year terms commencing Friday, July 1, and ending on June 30, 2025.

The BOE election will be

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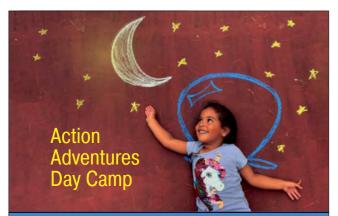


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Finding strength through gratitude and positive thinking

By Cynthia Hochswender Special to The Millerton News

So far 2022 hasn't been a year of wonderful for most people. Even if everything has gone pretty well in your personal life, there's still COVID and Ukraine, and the deaths of so many beloved celebrities (which is sad and also a reminder that we all are aging).

After two years of pandemic and assorted other depressing developments, how do we continue to find the motivation to wake up every day and brush our hair and go meet the world (even if it's only on Zoom)?

One answer comes unexpectedly from a coaching course I've been

doing. The program insists that every morning you wake up and think of at least a few things for which you're grateful.

At first I felt like that was a giant eye roll but before long I began to find I was looking forward to my morning gratitude. It was a relief from the alternative of waking up and immediately becoming anxious about the hurdles ahead.

It turns out that there is some science behind this idea of gratitude.

On the simplest level, you obviously can't Think Positive and Think Negative at the same time. You can only do one at a time. Make your choice.

On a more profound science level,

Alex Korb is a neuroscientist who specializes in mental health and is a professor at UCLA. He wrote in his book "Upward Spiral" that you train your brain to look for particular types of information.

If you wake up in the morning and think, "ugh," and then continue to think, "ugh," throughout the day, you are training your brain to seek information that reinforces your sense of "ugh."

Studies have been done (by smart people who like to remain in the Ugh state, apparently) that claim that you can find ways to improve your outlook but that we all have a baseline mood. You can make yourself happy for a while (or you can make yourself

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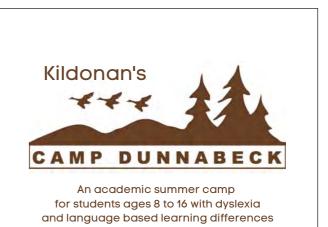
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sad, presumably) but in time you will revert to your natural baseline state, whatever that is.

A study with a different outcome was done in 2005 at the University of Pennsylvania by a team led by Dr. Martin Seligman, a founder of the Positive Psychology movement.

Seligman is also an expert on, among other things, resilience something that we all need as we enter our third year of hard times.

The Seligman team did studies in which they assigned six positive thinking tasks to people who were mildly depressed, and then tested them for six months after to see if there were any lasting effects.

Four of the tasks had only shortterm effects. But two seemed to bring a lasting change in mental state: "Our results suggest that lasting increased happiness might be possible even



outside fairy tales."

One of the key elements was that the tasks had to be fun and easy to do; the two most effective tasks were ones that people enjoyed enough that they continued to do them after the study ended.

Those two exercises:

• "Three good things in life. "Participants were asked to write down three things that went well each day and their causes every night for one week. In addition, they were asked to provide a causal explanation for each good thing."

• "Using signature strengths in a new way.

"Participants were asked to take an inventory of character strengths and receive individualized feedback about their top five ("signature") strengths.... They were then asked to use one of these top strengths in a new and different way every day for one week."

There are a number of other "gratitude" exercises that you can find online, from sources including Harvard Health. But these two exercises seem to be ones that have a lasting impact.

At the conclusion of their study, the Seligman team summed up by saying that modern psychotherapy always focuses on the negative (how to be less anxious, less depressed, less angry).

Perhaps, the team suggested, psychotherapy in the future will ask patients to also focus on the positive, things they like about themselves, things for which they are grateful.



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will be used by the paramedics and doctors in the areas that are affected by the violence in Ukraine [aimed to acquire and distribute] first-aid backpacks, medicine, medical instruments and other means of survival," according to its website, www.sunflowerofpeace.com.

The nonprofit's goal was initially to raise \$300,000, and it did so swiftly, said Wlodar.

"Now the goal is \$5 million, and as of March 3 they were at \$1.7 million," he said. "What they are fundraising for, mostly, is IFAK backpacks for paramedics."

The Wlodars are also working with the World Central Kitchen, founded in 2010 by Chef José Andrés to help victims of the Haitian earthquake.

This time, Andrés was at the Polish border serving meals to those escaping Russian troops almost instantaneously, said Wlodar.

"He was in Poland the day after the war started, cooking for refugees," he said, adding Poland had 60,000 refugees as of Friday, March 4. "He started and cooked all night."

What the money can do

"Obviously everyone wants to donate to help, but they don't know how," said Wlodar. "Yes, you can donate to the Red Cross or to the U.N., but I tell you, on Saturday, I went with my wife to the city straight to the bank and transferred money to the city in Ukraine. It was the first transfer of our own money, plus whatever a few friends donated... and the money arrived on Tuesday."

One goal is to help the Ukrainians purchase as many

of those IFAK (Individual First Aid Kits) and as much medicine as possible.

"One backpack can save 10 lives, which is enough materials, medicine and special trauma kits for paramedics," said Wlodar. "My friends in Poland and other places said they need 300,000 of those."

He said one particular friend has a son volunteering for the Ukraine Armed Forces in a special unit that deals with psychological warfare. He told him one of the many ways in which Ukraine is less equipped than Russia to fight the war.

"They have so many volunteers, but not enough laptops or equipment, so I talked with my friends in Ukraine who said that's what we need right now," said Wlodar, who wired money to help them buy the laptops.

Local support

Wlodar has also been visiting business in Millerton and nearby towns as well as in neighboring Connecticut to collect donations. He said the response has been overwhelming.

Hammertown Barn, Silamar Farm, Herrington's, Oblong Books & Music, Montage Antiques, Harney's Fine Teas, North East Ford, LaBonne's Market, Associated Lightning Rod, Robin Hood Radio and many others have supported the effort.

Wlodar said he has spoken with Sharon Hospital, Le Gamin in Sharon and NECC in Millerton to likewise support the campaign. He and his wife have also personally contributed, as have many of their friends.

"We spent \$800 of our

own money buying Ukrainian flags, pins and materials, to market them, and dropped them off to Montage Antiques, where they've been getting \$20 to \$100 in donations for them," said Wlodar. "We had to bring them more and they raised over \$300."

Cellmark donates \$100K

Additionally, Wlodar's own place of business has contributed. He works for the Swedish company, Cellmark, Inc., which specializes in pulp paper and recycled fibers and chemicals. Cellmark sells around \$3 billion worth of packaging materials in the global physical marketplace, explained Wlodar.

He's the vice president of sales and marketing and has been working with newspapers, publishers and magazines for the last 30 years.

He said he was surprised to learn his boss had been to Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, many times, as his daughter was adopted from there.

"I had no idea," Wlodar said. "He authorized a \$100,000 donation, and basically said, 'You decide who gets the money and how it should be distributed.' So I'm extremely touched because it's a huge responsibility."

Wlodar said so far, out of Cellmark's \$100,000 donation, \$50,000 will go toward Sunflower of Peace; \$25,000 will go toward the José Andrés' World Central Kitchen; and \$25,000 will go toward helping evacuate Ukrainian orphans through Wayair Foundation (with another \$6,000 kicked in from Wlodar's friends for a total of \$31,000 for the orphans).

The Wayair Foundation is

in Poland helping to relocate some of the orphans, as is Razom, a nonprofit Ukrainian-American human rights organization based in NYC.

"I understand people have to trust this money will be spent and utilized in the right way," said Wlodar. "I can absolutely guarantee you we are not taking one penny; everything is going immediately to Ukraine."

Humanitarian need

"There is a huge humanitarian need. My friends, they went into great risk, but they helped to evacuate an orphanage from Kyiv," he added. "Those are the first of the kids, as young as 3 years old, who were in bomb shelters between five and six days. You can imagine how traumatic that was."

Wlodar said on Wednesday, March 2, he and his wife received the "best news we had; 23 orphans arrived safely in Warsaw, and now all the kids and seven helpers are now in wonderful accommodations [at the University of Poznan]."

But their work is far from over - in fact, it's just begun.

"We have hundreds of more orphans right now in places as far as Odessa, and far as east Kharkiv, the second largest city in Ukraine, with 1.4 million people," he said. "We expect, through my friend and my network, at least 400 more of them."

Wlodar said Poland just signed a pledge to accept 850,000 more Ukrainian orphans, adding "there is a huge need."

He's speaking with organizations such as Razom, which translates to "Together for Ukraine," along with Sunflower of Peace, to figure out if people can donate in the U.S. to those two organizations or any others and in turn help Ukrainian orphans through Polish charities.

"All I want is people to understand we can make a difference as a community," he said, noting he's also in talks with Sharon Hospital for donations of medicine and trauma kits. "We cannot wait. Every day now counts. It's a human crisis on a scale we have not seen since 1939... People need help, from orphans to the elderly. War taking a heavy toll

"Right now there are 1 million refugees, but they're saying there will be in the next couple of weeks 7 million mainly women and children," Wlodar added. "The men are going back. The numbers are staggering; almost 80,000 Ukrainian men went back to fight.

"Have you ever seen bravery like that?" he asked. "The whole world is united... The outpouring of goodwill is amazing."

Fundraiser, March 12

To help support those affected by the war in Ukraine, Wlodar and local businesses have organized a fundraiser for this Saturday, March 12, from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

The event will take place at the RE Institute, the art studio

of Millerton sculptor Henry Klimowicz, located at 1395 Boston Corners Road, Millerton. Directions are available at www.reinstitute.com.

Wlodar said he is "very fortunate to be getting enormous support and food from Herondale Farm, Jacuterie, Mary of Chaiwalla and Michel and Patricia from Champetre. Many other businesses and individuals are lending financial and other support."

Tickets cost \$150 per person; donations to Sunflower of Peace (www.sunflowerofpeace.com) are also appreciated and attendees are asked to please bring their checkbooks and/or cash as there will be a silent auction of art donated by a growing list of local artists, along with a large jar for cash donations for Ukrainian orphans.

One hundred percent of the contributions will go to aid Ukraine and its people.

Hopes are the response to the fundraiser will be robust and to the Ukrainian war relief effort ongoing, as the suffering will continue long after this weekend.

"Some people are saying, 'You're crazy; you should be doing this in two weeks," said Wlodar. "We don't have time. Look every day at what's happening. We don't know what will happen in two weeks."



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Beginning at 11 a.m., South Amenia Presbyterian Church Director of Music Cindy O'Brien provided the music for the church's Candlelight Service for Peace in Ukraine on Sunday morning, Feb. 27.

Praying for

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high goals for himself and wants to reach out to all citizens in the county.

"I want to be everyone's sheriff," he said. "No matter who you are, what you are, where you come from. I want to take care of everyone, to keep everyone safe and secure."

He has other goals in mind

low end of the pay scale); and better quality of life for all who work there. He would also like to see the 40 or so open positions currently available in the DCSO filled.

Other changes that Imperati believe could improve policing in the county, and life for those who go afoul of the law, would be to improve training. moted to training director of all civilian and police employees, also arranging Police Academy assignments for all new recruits. In 2004, when he became a detective, he also took on the responsibility of crime prevention and public information officer.

Named undersheriff in 2007, his duties were added

tee; the 40 Under 40 Mover and Shaker Award, from the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce; the Community Service Award from JDRF of the Hudson Valley; and the Lifetime Service Award; the Community Service Award from Claudio Care's Foundation; the John Flowers Organization Com-

as well, should he be the next sheriff. He's hoping that the new Dutchess County Jail facility will improve for corrections officers and other staff, with more space; better hours; more efficiency; improved shifts and possibly different hours; better retirement plans; improved salaries (Imperati said currently they are on the

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neys David Kunca and Sarah Thompson from the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office serving as prosecutors.

Though he was unable to delve too deeply into the court date's proceedings, Demono said Trotta's case was presented to the Grand Jury and he was arraigned on the indictment as part the County Court proceeding.

The defendant's next hearing is set for Wednesday, March 16, at 2 p.m., during which time Trotta's capacity and mental fitness to proceed with the case will be evaluated.

"If he's found capacitated, the case will proceed with motion practice, hearings and a trial," Demono explained. "If found incapacitated, he will be remanded to the Commissioner of Mental Health and go to the psychiatric hospital until fit to proceed."

Asked which hospital Trotta might be sent to if deemed unfit to proceed, Demono said it would be up to the commissioner. He said he would also like to develop a Mental Health Unit at the DCSO to include training staff in de-escalating incidents, with a social worker and a counselor, as well as an on-call officer.

A dedicated law officer with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Science from Marist College, Imperati graduated from the FBI National Academy; he is working on earning a Master's degree in Public Administration.

An Arlington High School graduate, he has been with the DCSO since 1993, becoming a detective in 2004. In his almost 30 years with the department, he has been involved in many aspects of police work, and has always been especially dedicated to working with youth.

He worked closely with Sheriff Anderson; the pair was instrumental in getting the School Resource Officer (SRO) program started in 2000. Imperati coordinated that program until 2006. If he wins in November, he hopes to expand the SRO program, as he said it's vitally important for the county to invest in student safety.

A staunch supporter of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, which teaches effective peer resistance to drugs to adolescents, he became a DARE instructor in the Arlington and Wappinger school districts in 1995, and in 1998 he was named coordinator of the DARE/Crime Prevention Unit for the DCSO.

In 2000, Imperati was pro-

to, now working with the Corrections and Civil and Road Patrol Divisions.

Mentored by Sheriff Anderson, Imperati led initiatives with the Field Intelligence Group, the Hudson Valley Safe Streets Gang Task Force, the Child Advocacy Investigative Unit, the Sex Offender Registry program and the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Always willing to learn more and do more, in 2020 Imperati initiated a Community Policing Unit while he also led the DCSO in spearheading its Police Modernization and Police Reform plan, ordered by former Gov. Andrew Cuomo. He developed a team for more men and women to take police exams, hoping to create a more diverse force.

Born in Poughkeepsie, Imperati said he values family and community. Married to his wife, Becky, for almost 27 years, they have two grown daughters.

He is deeply involved in his community. He serves on the boards of both the Hospice Foundation and the Ryan McElroy Children's Cancer Foundation; is a trustee of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Poughkeepsie, where he has been a congregant for the past 45 years; and he has served on the Steering Committee of Our Lady of Lourdes High School Athletic Facility.

Imperati has been bestowed with many awards and honors throughout the years, including the Symbol of Freedom Award from the Town of La-Grange Republican Commitmunity Service Award; and the Hospice Foundation of the Hudson Valley Community Service Award.

At this point most agree the Republican Imperati will remain acting sheriff until the November General Election, because although Governor Kathy Hochul could appoint a new sheriff between now and then, Hochul, a Democrat, has not done so yet.

Imperati currently manages a staff of 525 employees and a budget of \$55 million at the DCSO.

Imperati is being challenged by the Dutchess County Democratic Committee's nominee, former DCSO Deputy Jillian Hanlon of Millbrook. For more on Hanlon, read the March 3 issue of The Millerton News or go to www. tricornernews.com.

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passion to the people of Ukraine, congregants and community members attended the South Amenia Presbyterian Church's heartfelt Candlelight Service for Peace in Ukraine on Sunday morning, Feb. 27.

Beginning at 11 a.m., South Amenia Presbyterian Church Pastor Zora Ficarra-Cheatham said the turnout, though small, was attended by church members and individuals "with a passion for peace and support for the courageous people of Ukraine." The simple service consisted of prayers and hymns with candles being lit to the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth." As the sunflower is recognized as the national flower of Ukraine, packets of sunflower seeds were distributed to each person to offer to their friends and neighbors.

Pastor Ficarra-Cheatham said the church will repeat the service in support of Ukraine and the nearly 1 million people who have fled the country (as of Thursday, March 3) on Good Friday, April 15, at 7 p.m.

– Kaitlin Lyle



COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

STREAMING: ED FERMAN

The Apocalypse Is Good For You

hy are we drawn to post-apocalypse stories? One theory is that shows of social chaos and survival prepare us better for the fearful time we live in and that fans of such stories are better able to cope with anxiety.

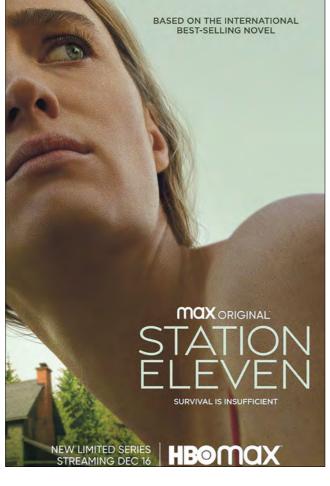
So turn off the news, cut down on your meds and watch these two very different and exceptional shows.

'STATION ELEVEN'

Fans of "The Leftovers," in which 2% of the world's population disappears, will appreciate this new HBO miniseries, in which almost everyone is killed by a flu that "explodes like a neutron bomb over the surface of the earth." Patrick Somerville created both, this one based on a 2014 novel by Emily St. John Mandel.

The story opens with Jeevan, an EMT trainee, rescuing Kirsten, a child actress, and taking her to his brother's apartment high over the city of Chicago, where they seal themselves off from infection and the collapse of the city. Himash Patel plays Jeevan, and Matilda Lawler plays Kirsten, in one of the finest performances I've seen by a child actor.

Then the action moves forward 20 years, where an older Kirsten (Mackenzie Davis) leads a troupe of actors who travel among survivor



settlements to perform Shakespeare.

Along the way you'll be rewarded with some stunning and unforgettable passages, such as episode five, where a settlement of survivors in an airport terminal watches the arrival of a flight of sick passengers; will they disembark? Or episode nine, when Jeevan is attacked by a wolf and ends up assisting in a rough and improvised birthing center.

"Station Eleven" received rapturous bonds that connect the survivors.

Stream on HBO Max. 'WALL-E'

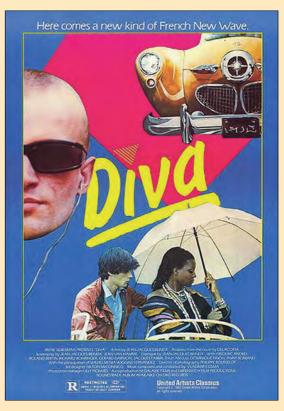
As a one-time science fiction editor, I'm occasionally asked for my favorite sci-fi movies. Some are surprised when I mention "Wall-E" in the same breath as "2001: A Space Odyssey" or "Blade Runner." The animation wizards at Pixar have made many memorable films, but this is their most ambitious and original and in my view the best.

there's no one to hug him except for his sidekick. a cockroach. One day a probe bot named Eve lands in search of life. She's been sent from the huge starship where humans have escaped into an orgy of luxury. The two bots have a magnetic attraction, and when Eve returns to the ship, Wall-E hitches a ride; much action ensues.

I love many things about "Wall-E." It's an almost Chaplinesque silent film with little dialogue. It's a charming love story. Although Earth is a grim and desolate mess, the ending offers hope for its future. Its only human star is my favorite character actor (and an old personal friend) Fred Willard. And the music is playful fun: from "Put on Your Sunday Clothes" to Louis Armstrong's "La Vie en Rose" — to Strauss's "Thus Spake Zarathustra," in a nod to Kubrick and one of the great openings in film history. I guarantee 97 enjoyable minutes for the entire family. Don't skip the end credits.

Stream on Disney; rent on Amazon, You-Tube.

'INTO THE WOODS' **IN FALLS** VILLAGE



Opera great Wilhelminia Wiggins Fernandez co-stars (and sings) in the 1981 French cult classic "Diva," which will be shown this month at the Warner Theatre in Torrington, Conn.

FILM: **CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

Boondocks Is Back, with 'Diva' on March 19

he Boondocks **Film Society** is back after a six-month hiatus with a screening on Saturday, March 19, of Jean-Jacques Beineix's cult classic, "Diva."

Boondocks is run by Jeff Palfini as a sort of labor of film love. He selects iconic and cult films from the past half century or so and matches the film with a local venue. Hayao Miyazaki's 1992 anime film, "Porco Rosso," about sky pirates, was shown at the Great Barrington airport; the John Cusack film "Better off Dead," which includes a confrontation on a ski slope, was shown at Catamount Ski Area. Anyone who remembers "Diva" will understand why it's being shown at the Warner Theatre in Torrington, Conn.: This combination love story-crime thriller begins and ends in a gorgeously decrepit theater in Paris. The film's design is credited to Hilton McConnico, one of the most famous names in fashion and design of that period. A native of Texas, he spent most of his life in Paris and was the perfect visual maestro for a French film inspired by American (and Asian) culture. The "Diva" screening will not be in the Warner's ornate main theater, Jeff Palfini said; it will be in the smaller "black box" theater. That will give the Boondocks team more leeway to create little vignettes inspired by the film.

One such vignette will be a small stage where soprano Lisa Williamson will sing "Ebben? Ne Andro Lontano," the aria from the opera "La Wally" that is the musical theme and the lynchpin of the film's plot. In the film, it is sung by actress Wilhelminia Wiggins Fernandez, the opera great whose career had not yet launched when the film came out in 1981.

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reviews; I don't disagree, but you will have to pay close attention as the story jumps among three time periods. There are some disturbing scenes, but you'll see more Shakespeare than violence, maybe too much for someone like me with thriller genes. Be assured that the emphasis is not on the pandemic, but on a rebirth of art and the

Hundreds of years into the future, our environmental recklessness has turned Earth into a giant trash heap. Wall-E is a garbage bot who tidies up his tiny corner of the planet during the day and at night inserts a tape into a dusty Betamax and watches "Hello, Dolly." He has cute binocular eyes and is quite huggable, but

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Musical theater returns to Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn., with performances of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's "Into the Woods" on Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m., Friday, March 18, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 19, at 2 and 7 p.m.

Michael Kevin Baldwin is director and producer of the show featuring 15 student performers from the Housatonic Musical Theatre Society and a six-piece live orchestra.

All audience members will be required to wear a mask while inside Housatonic and for the entirety of the performance. Due to some mature themes, parents should use caution in bringing young children.

Seating for "Into the Woods" is general and all tickets are \$15. The primary way to purchase tickets is online with a credit card at www. HMTS.org. Seating is at 60% capacity to ensure social distancing within the auditorium.

Fernandez made her debut in Paris and New York in 1982 in a production of "La Boheme," as Musetta, with costars Placido Domingo and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa.

For the Boondocks event, soprano Williamson will also perform "Musetta's Waltz" from "La Boheme."

Craft cocktails are always a feature of Boondocks events: the bartender from **Torrington's Brinx** will be the guest mixer on March 19.

The film features a memorable scene in which one character lovingly and lavishly creates a "tartine" sandwich, a French classic that involves a baguette and a lot of butter (and in this case, caviar and onions). For the screening at the Warner, Boondocks will partner with the popular Le Gamin in Sharon, Conn., to offer tartines (jambon et beurre as well

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BOTANICALS BY MOSS AT ARGAZZI ART

Art gallery owners don't always love every work they show, but Judith Singelis clearly has a passion for the work of Kathy Moss, on display now at her Argazzi Gallery in Lakeville, Conn.

"It's the kind of work I love," she said. "Spare. Bold. Simple. Iconic imagery.

"I find her work compelling and hypnotic."

Sit in front of the canvases and they begin to reveal themselves. At first you see black and white, but gradually you find other layers of color hidden beneath.

Singelis first encoun-

tered the work of Moss, who lives in Beacon, N.Y., when she saw a show of her work in Sun Valley, Idaho.

"I tracked her down when I moved to Salisbury, I wanted so much to show her at my gallery."

Moss specializes in botanicals, simple sketches of daisies, roses, echinacea. Thistles. — Cynthia Hochswender

Argazzi Art at 22 Millerton Road in Lakeville, Conn., is open on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment (call 860-435-8222 or email info@argazziart.com).



IMAGE COURTESY ARGAZZI ART "Untitled" by Kathy Moss is one of three works by the artist on display at Argazzi Art in Lakeville.

Cronin Sketches, Grown to Full Canvases

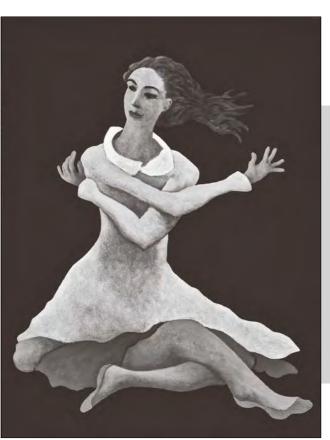
bout four years ago, Robert Cro-_nin, just before falling asleep at night in his home studio in Falls Village, Conn., found himself doing small line drawings in pencil on 8 x 6inch pads of Fabriano paper. They were like little prayers. Laying on his side, with the day's cares and thoughts falling away, he was experiencing a freedom in drawing unlike at any other time.

A figure might start as just a line that suggests the bend of a wrist and would simply go from there into whatever figure wished to be discovered from this. Only one per night. Sometimes it considered good enough for scaling up with absolutely no corrections in proportions or details, to canvases in which form and color would come to celebrate these images.

A new exhibition of the artist's work at the D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., represents only these results.

The exhibition opens on March 18, with a reception on Saturday, April 2, from 3 to 5 p.m.

The full exhibition can also be seen virtually at www.huntlibrary. org/art-wall, beginning March 18; works can be reserved for purchase. Cronin received his



degrees at RISD and Cornell University and has taught at Bennington College and Brown University. His work is in the permanent collections of many major museums including the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the National Academy Museum (New York), the Carnegie Museum of Art (Pittsburgh) and the Museum of Fine Arts (Boston). Learn more at wwwrobertcroninart. com.

A special collection of canvases by Robert Cronin will be shown at his hometown library, the D.M. Hunt in Fall Village, Conn., beginning March 18. Included is Green Dress on Black, left. The Robert Cronin exhibition will be on display at the D. M. Hunt Library during operating hours through Friday, May 6. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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ART

The Clark Art Museum,

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www. themoviehouse.net Compartment No. 6, opens March 11; MET LIVE 2021-22: ARIADNE AUF NAXOS (STRAUSS), March 12, 12:55 p.m.

'SALOME' AT BARD

The Bard College Conservatory of Music in Anandale on Hudson, N.Y., presents "Salome," an opera by Richard Strauss with libretto by Oscar Wilde on Friday, March 18, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m.

The performances will be in the Sosnoff Theater in the Frank Gehry-designed Fisher Center.

Adapted from Wilde's one-act play, Strauss's "Salome" depicts the biblical story of the Judean princess who demanded and received — the head of St. John the Baptist.

Tickets start at \$25, with free tickets for Bard students. Virtual livestream tickets are pay what you wish. To purchase or reserve tickets, go to www.fishercenter.bard.edu, call 845-758-7900 (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.), or email boxoffice@bard.edu.

was only one continuous line. Always a nocturnal surprise, usually followed by very good sleep. From these simple line drawings, only a

select few would be

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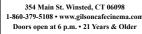


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At The Movies



...'Diva'

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as a vegetarian option) on fresh baguettes.

Palfini said that Boondocks Film Society is back in full swing, with screenings planned for every month of the year to come. Keep an eye out at www.boondocksfilmsociety.org for more details.

And to get a "taste" of the esthetic of "Diva," go to YouTube and search for "Zen in the art of buttering bread."

Tickets for "Diva" are \$20 and can be purchased at https://boondocksfilmsociety.org/now-showing. Cocktail hour begins at 7 p.m., the musical performance begins at 7:45 p.m. and the film begins at 8 p.m. Mass. www.clarkart.edu DRAWING CLOSER: THINK SPRING!, March 11, 11 a.m. to noon.

Norman Rockwell

Museum, 9 Glendale Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.nrm. org

The Time We Spend with Words: A Conversation with Bascove & Steven Heller, March 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of

Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www. hotchkisslibrary.org A New Way of Thinking about Gardens, March 12, 4 to 5 p.m. (online).

The Salisbury Forum, Salisbury, Conn. www. salisburyforum.org JEFF JARVIS, March 18, 7:30 p.m. (online).

DANCE

Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. www. warnertheatre.org Nutmeg Spring Studio Series, March 23 to 26.

KIDS

Scoville Memorial Library,

38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org Online Teen Writing Club, Fridays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (online).

Gilson Cafe & Cinema, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www. gilsoncafecinema.com The Batman, through March 17.

Berkshire Theatre Group,

www.berkshiretheatregroup. org Moondance - The Ultimate Van Morrison Tribute Concert, The Colonial, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

The Egremont Barn, 17 Main St., South Egremont, Mass. www.theegremontbarn. com Putnam vs. Jaffe, March 10, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; The BTU's, March 11, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; Misty Blues, March 12, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

TALKS

The Clark Art Museum, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu LIZABETH PARAVISINI-GEBERT—WHERE THE OZAMA MEETS THE CARIBBEAN SEA: DOMINICAN ART AND SOCIAL ADVOCACY, March 15, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

THEATER

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www. mahaiwe.org TOM PAPA, March 11, 8 p.m.

Warner Theatre, 68 Main St., Torrington, Conn. www. warnertheatre.org Ariadne Auf Naxos, March 12, 12:55 p.m.

OPINION

THE MILLERTON NEWS

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THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

EDITORIAL Harlem Valley stands in solidarity with Ukraine

ar highlights the worst in humankind. Yet it can also bring out the best.

Case in point? The tremendous efforts of some of our local residents, businesses, churches and other organizations that have been scrambling at breakneck speed to collect monetary donations; send emergency supplies and medicine; raise awareness about the humanitarian crisis; evacuate orphans; and assist the traumatized and terrified victims of the now-besieged nation of Ukraine from halfway around the world.

As of Feb. 24, Russia launched a military invasion of Ukraine, forcing more than 1 million Ukrainians to flee their native land, according to multiple media reports as of Friday, March 4. Even more incredible, according to Polish-born Millerton resident André Wlodar, almost 80,000 Ukrainian men have gone back to their homeland to fight.

"Have you ever seen bravery like that?" he asked. "The whole world is united... The outpouring of goodwill is amazing."

Indeed it is, as evidenced by André and his wife, Kim Schmidt-Wlodar. The pair have been going door-to-door in the Millerton business district asking for contributions or any form of support toward the Ukrainian war relief effort that people can muster.

Whether that entails monetary donations; the selling of Ukrainian pins, flags or other materials to raise funds; or, come this Saturday, March 12, a fundraiser at the RE Institute from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$150.

The event will take place at the spacious barn-come-art studio of Millerton sculptor Henry Klimowicz, located at 1395 Boston Corners Road.

There will be food donated and prepared by some of the top chefs in the area, including from Jerry and Jack Peele of Herondale Farm; Mary O'Brien of Chaiwalla; Michel and Patricia from Champetre; and Jacuterie; as well as top art to admire and buy. All are donating their talents for one of the most dire humanitarian crisis we've had to grapple with in generations. To learn more, read this week's front page.

Readers will also learn Wlodar has also been wiring money every few days directly to Ukraine and Poland, to help Ukrainian orphans re-establish themselves with helpers in Poland. He has also been collecting whatever support available, as we stated, from local businesses, organizations and individuals, who have been incredibly generous.

He is working with 501(C)3 organizations like Sunflower of Peace, the World Central Kitchen (founded by celebrity chef José Andrés), the Wayair Foundation and Razom, to ensure funds go to proven and vetted nonprofits. Both the Wayair Foundation and Razom are helping to evacuate orphans from Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities to Poland.

There have been other efforts around the Harlem Valley made in the past 15 days (as of Thursday, March 10, our publication date) since the war broke out to show local residents' solidarity with Ukraine.

The South Amenia Church in Wassaic held a candlelight vigil on Sunday morning, Feb. 27. Pastor Zora Ficarra-



Disagree with paper's readers on Biden and Molinaro's job rating

In response to The Millerton News letter to the editor submissions of Dr. Cavin Leeman and Amy Rothstein in the March 3 edition, I would like to note that while your opinions are duly noted, the American voting public will ultimately decide the competence or incompetence of President Biden and his administration's handling of domestic and foreign policy at the polling places this coming November.

I respectfully side with our

Single pilot flights coming in 2025?

ith the announcement by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA; their FAA) that single pilot evaluation will begin in earnest — awarding \$1,100,000 each to participants during testing — the clock is ticking down — to a future commercial airline flight with Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, a stand-up guy who has achieved a great deal of good for the constituents of the county he represents.

His, your and my opinions are just talking points now. Reality will set in this coming November.

Larry Conklin Millerton

Editor's note: Larry Conklin writes the monthly column, Veteran's Corner, for The Millerton News' Opinion Page.

A VIEW FROM

THE EDGE

Peter Riva

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Library can help you with your smartphone

Like many seniors, we recently were informed that our old cell phones would soon be totally obsolete and not supported by the necessary systems to keep them running.

My cell phone was so old that TracFone actually gave me a smartphone. However, our fears were confirmed when we found that the new cell phones were taking us to places we did not want to go.

Access to basic needs was confusing. The phones made noises for no apparent reason and did not make the noises we needed.

We were aware that the Pine Plains Free Library had a Help Person available, Annie, but assumed she would not have time for our issues.

Annie was sympathetic to our problems with this new (to us) technology.

She fixed some things so that we would never have to touch them again, and has been teaching us how to use the controls we need.

We strongly urge anyone having trouble adapting to the learning curve on their new smartphone to take advantage of this fantastic help.

Bill and Betty Abrams Pine Plains

Editor's note: The Pine Plains Free Library is located at 7775 South Main St. (Route 82). For more information, call 518-398-1927, go to www.pineplainslibrary.org or email info@ pineplainslibrary.org.

Seniors, beware of Medicare Advantage

I, like everyone else, am being bombarded with Medicare Advantage advertisements online and on streaming.

The enrollment period for Medicare Advantage ends on March 31; an enrollment period that is not offered to regular Medicare enrollment (restricted to Oct. 15 to Dec. 7).

This is because Medicare Advantage is actually a private part of Medicare offered by outside for-profit contractors who make money off of your benefits!

Medicare pays a certain amount for everything it covers and those private insurance companies take the public money and give their enrollees only about 47% of what they get from Medicare.

The rest is profit. So, while they advertise all kinds of perks and reductions to the consumer, they actually offer LESS by cutting down on your use of services.

If you are healthy and have cash on hand, Medicare Advantage is probably a good bet. pre-permission requirements, much higher hospital costs or some costs just not covered.

These are pay-as-you go plans and often require particular kinds of referrals that regular Medicare does not require.

Medicare pays in advance a set rate for everything. Medicare Advantage games the system to make a profit. That is why they have old and friendly, well-known actors working so hard repeatedly to get you to enroll. Un-enrolling is very hard.

It's true that Medicare only pays 80% of health care costs, but it's probably better to have an additional supplemental plan and pay for that. You will get better service, accountability and more choices for doctors, services and hospitals. And, importantly, no surprise costs.

So be careful. Your public entitlement to Medicare can be squandered for you and for us all if our government continues to let for-profit insurance game the system.

Cheatham acknowledged few attended the intimate service, but said those who did had "a passion for peace and support for the courageous people of Ukraine."

The congregants said prayers, sang hymns and lit candles while singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Packets of sunflower seeds, the national flower of Ukraine, were distributed to all who attended as an offer of hope and peace during this time of suffering. The church plans to hold another service on Good Friday, April 15, at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

Just over the mountain in the village of Millbrook, a group of residents likewise gathered in solidarity against the Putin regime, at the corner of Front Street and Franklin Avenue. Their signs protesting Russia's military invasion of Ukraine even caught the eye of one family at the Millbrook Diner, the mom originally from Ukraine.

Ruslana Rossi now lives in NYC with her family. They were simply driving though the Hudson Valley last week, stopping in Millbrook for lunch in the quaint village.

Having immigrated from Ukraine in the late '70s when only 7, thoughts of her homeland are never far away, she said, especially now with the war. So when Ruslana saw the group of protesters gathered near the bus stop on Sunday, rallying against the conflict, it meant a lot. She joined them, touched residents from our area took it upon themselves to make a stand about an issue on the other side of the globe.

Millbrook resident Lydia Anne Binotto had arranged the rally to show support for Ukraine and its people — both those forced to flee and those who chose to fight.

All of these efforts — the fundraising, the vigils, the rallies — they show the true heart of the Harlem Valley.

We stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine, and hope the war there will end quickly and the lives lost will be few.

As of Sunday, March 6, the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights reported that more than 360 Ukrainian civilians had been killed since Russia invaded their country on Feb. 24. Counts of Ukrainian and Russian troop fatalities vary according to the source.

We just want to see the war cease, and the humanitarian crisis end.

Those who can attend the March 12 fundraiser in Millerton are encouraged to do so; those who can't may be able to support the war relief efforts differently.

To learn about other ways to do so, check out a few of these websites, just to get you started: www.sunflowerofpeace.com; www.unicefusa.org; www.doctorswithoutborders.org; www.icrc.org; www.unrefugees.org; www.give. internationalmedicalcorps.org; and www.unicefusa.org. only one pilot up front.

The emergence of autonomous unmanned aircraft systems (such as ILS auto landing, TCAS for collision avoidance, and auto-navigation via GPS) all bear a huge potential for both safety and efficiency gains already.

Airbus Chief Technical Officer Sabine Klauke added, "There are a lot of possibilities — artificial intelligence, automatization. We can bring synergies between the divisions. We are already looking at certain flight phases, the cruise part for example. I cannot say today on which aircraft this will be implemented first but we will bring it all on when the time is right."

Pilot error needs to be evaluated here as well. Projects to be tested must ensure that the cockpit design is, according to EASA, "appropriately tolerant of errors, noting that when operating as single pilot, there is no scope for cross checking by another pilot."

Overall, it is crucial to assess failure cases from a single pilot perspective. Unlike Boeing, which is saying nothing for now, Deutsche Aircraft's Martin Neusseler is outspoken.

"We will require new design solutions, such as securing aircraft control in case of flightcontrol jamming, or incapacity of a single pilot."

Private aircraft have already developed single and no pilot emergency landing systems that, in fair weather and over America with our myriad of small runways, already are succeeding with emergency landings. The issue with a large commercial able runways, and, never least, security issues having a single pilot in command.

aircraft is the incredible instru-

ment and systems' complication,

the selection of automated-suit-

Some of the solutions may come from the military with their control via telemetry of drone aircraft, which take off and land thousands of miles away from their "handlers" (video-game pilots on a distant base).

In the end, the early testers and future adopters are working on a game plan that requires a new cockpit team, a system where a machine and a human interact. Where the system learns to interpret voice commands and attributes, stress and fatigue, and then can prioritize short-term flight safety measures with ground control in real time.

The ongoing fear of pilots, however, is that real-time in-flight incidents are never properly valued by airlines or manufacturers, nor are they openly shared across all flight training — until an accident provokes real open-to-the-public changes.

Bertrand de Courville, a retired Air France pilot sums it up nicely, citing one month, November 2019, "There were more than 100 incidents [unreported across all platforms]. Engine failure in flight, hydraulic leak, bird ingestion, weather radar malfunction, rejected takeoff... all required near-real-time decision and sometimes instant decisions... In other words, humans are essential sensors, not machines."

Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now resides in New Mexico. But if you don't like copays for your doctor, copays for the referral, copays for the tests your doctor offers or live where there are small doctor/ hospital networks, you will face Check it out: In Google, search: "The Disadvantages of Medicare Advantage - PNHP https://pnhp.org > News"

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MILLBROOK

Village Board accepts bid to fix damaged retaining wall

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK - During the last several Village Board meetings, some much-needed infrastructure improvements in the village of Millbrook have been discussed.

One considered to be of the utmost importance has been the village's retaining wall, an 800-foot structure that is holding up parts of Front Street and Harts Village Road.

This has been an ongoing concern for not only the Village Board, but local residents. At the Nov. 11, 2021 meeting, Mayor Tim Collopy announced the board sent out requests to local contractors seeking bids to do the work on the project.

At the Dec. 8, 2021 meeting, the mayor said that the bids had an endof-year deadline.

At the Jan. 12 meeting this year, Collopy announced those bids were being opened and that the project would be awarded at the Village Board's next meeting. When the bids were opened they were reviewed by legal counsel and Delaware Engineering recommended a contractor.

At the January meeting, the mayor announced that several conditions would be attached to the project: Property owners with property located below the wall would have to agree to let contractors work on their property; residents at the top of Dineen Road would have to agree to the closure of road while the wall was being repaired; and VRI (the village water operators) would have to agree to allow overnight equipment to be stored at the village's wastewater treatment plant. At the Wednesday, Feb. 9, Village Board meeting, the board announced it a Community Develop-



Shown here is a picture of the retaining wall at Harts Village Road and Front Street, which is in dire need of repair. Note the cracks and other fissures. A bid has been accepted for work to begin as soon as possible.

awarded the bid to Con-Tech Construction Technology of Carmel, for the amount of \$240,000.

That includes \$31,000 for Delaware Engineering to provide oversight. The bid, which was the second lowest bid, was chosen over the other low bid. That's because the other company, a firm out of Brooklyn, did not supply references in a timely manner and acknowledged that it was not familiar with the materials needed for the project.

The board received \$144,000 from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for infrastructure projects during the COVID pandemic to help fund infrastructure projects. The ARP funds will go toward the retaining wall with the remaining \$127,000 being funded through a bond.

A request is currently being prepared to submit to local banks, after a resolution was made at the February board meeting to get bond funding. The village is already \$23,000 over budget, according to the board, as it has already spent money to test the integrity of the wall, to document those wall's status and to put forth the bid requirements.

Other projects Other capital projects

currently being worked on in the village include replacing and repairing various village sidewalks. The board is currently seeking ment Block Grant (CDBG) to finance the work.

The village is expecting to hear from the county within the next few months to learn if it will be awarded the CDBG.

A second request for a grant was requested to finance an engineering report at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, made to the state's Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). That application was denied.

The grant would have covered most of the cost of the engineering report, which would have detailed what improvements are needed at the facility.

The Village Board is now working with Delaware Engineering to develop a new plan as soon as possible.

Village Board has February meeting **Police Department looks** to hire new officer

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK – The monthly meeting for the Village Board on Wednesday, Feb. 9, was held at the Millbrook firehouse, with Mayor Tim Collopy, Trustees Mike Herzog and Peter Doro in attendance; Trustees Vickie Contino and Buffy Arborgast were absent.

After Collopy opened the meeting Fire Department President Matthew Rochfort spoke, saying Fire Department and Rescue Squad Life Member Kathy Myers passed away on Jan. 31. Myers began her affiliation with the department when she joined the Auxiliary in 1978.

Dutchess County Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) gave an update on recent legislation being discussed in county chambers. Village Clerk Sarah Witt

and Senior Account Clerk Karen McLaughlin gave a report concerning the 2022-23 municipal budget, which is currently being developed.

Fire Chief Ted Bownas reported on his department's January figures. The fire department aided in five motor vehicle accidents; 46 EMS calls; four structure fires; and 16 miscellaneous calls; for a total of 71 incidents. EMS responses were made by both Northern Dutchess Paramed-

ics (NDP), with 52 calls and the fire department, with seven calls.

Millbrook Police Sgt. Jared Witt gave his January report. The Millbrook Police Department (MPD) issued 15 traffic tickets and 10 parking tickets. There were three reports of property damage. Officers performed town court duty three times and responded to the school district nine times.

The MPD aided other agencies in January; it assisted the New York State Police once; the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office once; the Millbrook Fire Department seven times; Millbrook EMS eight times; and other agencies for a total of 91 incidents.

Witt also mentioned the MPD needs to hire another qualified officer.

Highway Superintendent Robert Collocola presented the Highway Department's monthly report. A total of 12 snow and ice incidents have happened so far this winter, with several refreezing events occurring afterward. His crew has also had to help with other departmental duties.

Scott Osborne of VRI then reported on the monthly figures for the Water and Sewer Departments.

The village clerk also gave an update. There were five building permits issued in January for a total of \$790, and two municipal searches issued for \$125. Witt also gave the treasurer's report. On Jan. 1, the village's budget balanced \$1,088,010; after business was done throughout the month, the balance on Jan. 31 was \$865,336.

Other business addressed by the board included work done by T-Mobile on the water tower; and a meeting held with the EPG program manager on Feb. 10 to find out why a second grant application was rejected, which would have covered most of the cost of an engineering report to modernize the village's Waste Water Treatment Plant. No word yet on the outcome of that discussion.

Trustee Herzog said he is working on repairing and replacing many village sidewalks, and is also updating the Shade Tree Committee policy.

Delaware Engineering gave a report and recommendation for the Retaining Wall project. He will soon present a follow-up report as the Board is looking into proposing a bond to cover the cost of the project.

Where to watch

A YouTube link to all meetings may be found on the village website, www.villageofmillbrookny.com.

The next regular meeting was set for Wednesday, March 9, at the Millbrook firehouse at 6 p.m., after this paper went to press. Look for more on that meeting in a future edition of The Millerton News.

Innisfree lectures

Innisfree Garden's virtual lecture series is continuing; the lectures are \$15 each for the general public and free to Innisfree members.

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Millbrook Arts Group Southland, Swing and Spain concert series

The Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) will present a concert series at the Millbrook Library celebrating Outstanding Women in the Arts.

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COVID policies and possible rescheduling due to the pandemic.

The MAG concerts are on Saturdays, from 5 to 7 p.m. On March 26, Teresa Broadwell, swing violinist and singer will perform and on April 30, Maria Zemantauswki,

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Nuvance planned to close the Sharon Hospital ICU, without State approval, contending that patients needing ICU level care would do well after transport to other Nuvance hospitals.

Facts:

Sharon Ob-Gyn (a private physician group) has successfully recruited a new and experienced obstetrician, Dr. William Schweizer.

Nuvance has announced that it will close maternity services at Sharon this year.

The State has undertaken not one, but two, investigations of the truthfulness of Nuvance's representations (2/2/2022, 10/19/2021).

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