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Sold! So what's next for the Kaplan Farm?

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

NORTH EAST — The farmland on Route 22 in North East/Millerton that was owned for many years by Sam Kaplan and his father before him has been for sale for so many years that Linda Kaplan has lost track.

But however long it's been since her late husband's family farm was put up on the market, she said she's just thankful that it finally sold.

"Yes, I'm mostly relieved," she said on Friday morning, June 4, after word had spread around town that all three parcels of the former Joseph Kaplan and Sons, Inc., Dairy Farm had been

sold to NML LLC, which is registered in New York City. "Oh goodness, it's probably, I don't know, 10, 15, 20 years [that it's been for sale]."

Her husband, Sam, died in 2017. The three parcels are south of the village of Millerton at 5681-5705 Route 22, across from the Harney Tea factory and near Silamar Farm.

The buildings include a small concrete building, a small residence, a red barn with fading paint and a similarly aged white Victorian-style residence, whose white paint has largely turned

In total, according to the website

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Mayor Middlebrook reflects on her tenure

Millerton elections Tuesday, June 15

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — The hot and hazy days of June are not typically associated with municipal elections, but in the rural village of Millerton, popular for its one-of-a-kind and surprisingly chic shops, eateries and plethora of antiques stores, June is exactly when villagers are expected to vote. Village Elections this year are on Tuesday, June 15, from noon to 9 p.m.

According to the Dutchess County Board of Elections, there are 515 reg-

istered voters among the population of roughly 1,000 in Millerton (193 Democratic, 120 Republican, 10 Conservative, four Working Families, four Green Party, two Libertarian Party, 42 Independence Party and 139 No Official Party), all of whom will have to go to the Village Offices at 5933 North Elm Ave. (Route 22), which are serving the community while the Village Board decides what to do with the decaying Village Hall building on Dutchess Avenue that's in dire need of repair. The

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Amenia's M&T Bank to close on June 10

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — After a successful 27-year-long run, the Amenia branch of M&T Bank at the intersection of routes 22, 44 and 343, at the town's iconic Fountain Square, will be clos-

ing its doors, on Thursday, June 10.

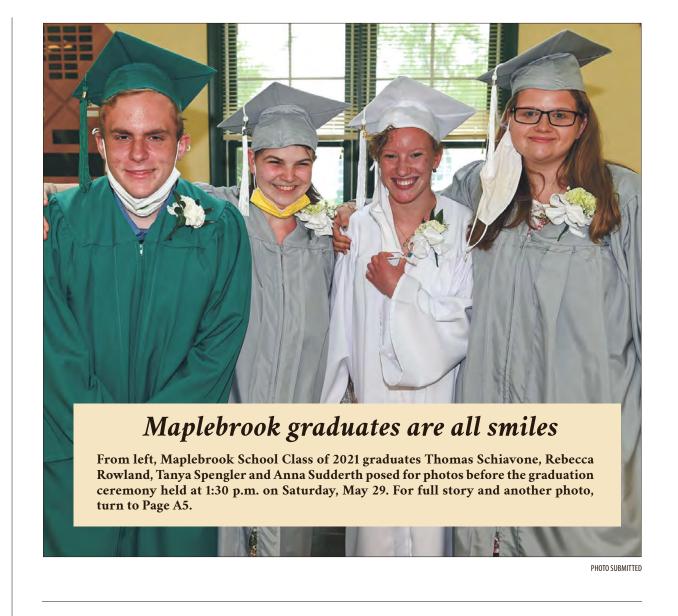
"It's disappointing that we're losing a foundation," town Supervisor Victoria Perotti said, "... especially one that has been in the center of town and walkable for most people."

Perotti said residents will have to drive or find other means to get to the only other bank in town, the Bank of Millbrook at 5086 Route 22 in the Freshtown Plaza. Others may have to consider online banking.

She also spoke of the rich historical significance of the circa-1865 stone building where the M&T Bank branch has been located for almost three decades.

While the town wasn't told any of the particulars of what is happening with the property, Perotti said Amenia is "trying, hoping, that someday another bank or credit union will

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Major Kathryne Rohde takes helm at New York State Police Troop K

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

SALT POINT — When Troop K of the New York State Police (NYSP) held a Memorial Day ceremony on Friday, May 28, for many it was their first introduction to the troop's new commander, Major Kathryne M. Rohde. Named by New York State Acting Superintendant Kevin P. Bruen, her appointment became official on May 27. Rohde takes over from Major Michael J. Drake, who will be serving with the Division of State Police in the Professional Standards Bureau

at Division Headquarters. "I whole heatedly believe in the oath I have taken and will continue to serve the state, its citizens and the people I have been blessed to lead with the utmost honor, integrity, respect and compassion," said Rohde. "I'm truly grateful for this opportunity and look forward to leading the outstanding men and women

assigned to Troop K." Rohde began her service with the NYSP on May 10, 1999 when she entered its Police Academy. Upon graduating, she was assigned to Troop F, in the western corridor of the state. She earned the rank of sergeant in



Major Kathryne M. Rohde, commander of New York State Police Troop K, made her first appearance at a Memorial Day event on Friday, May 28.

2005. In 2010 she accepted an assignment to the Governor's Protective Service Detail and in 2012, after rising to the rank of lieutenant, she joined the Professional Standards Bureau.

Shortly thereafter, Rohde transferred to the Computer Crimes Unit serving as the Commander of NYS Internet Crimes Against Children.

Transferring to Troop K in 2015, Rohde was assigned as the assistant Zone 2 commander. In 2017 she was

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MILLERTON

Four candidates seek seats in June 15 Village Election

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — With the 2021 Village Election just around the corner, registered voters will have their choice of four eligible candidates to step into the role of mayor and fill the two open seats on the Village Board.

This year's election will be held at the Village Offices located 5933 North Elm Ave. (Route 22) in Millerton, on Tuesday, June 15, from noon to 9 p.m. If elected, candidates for either mayor or the Village Board will serve a two-year term in office, starting Thursday, July 1, through June 30, 2023.

For this year's election, current Deputy Mayor Jennifer Najdek is running unchallenged for mayor while DeLora Brooks, David Sherman and Laurie Kerr are vying for the two open seats on the Village Board.

Jennifer Najdek

Running on both the Democratic and Republican party lines, Jennifer Najdek (NOP) was involved in the community at an early age. Her late mother, Mariley Najdek, also served as mayor and did much for the village.

Among her roles, Najdek has been a trustee for four years and as deputy mayor for three years. Despite her involvement in politics, she said she doesn't feel it plays "a role necessarily in smaller communities.

"I think it's really a matter of people working together that have the best intention for the village as a whole in mind," Najdek said, "not necessarily focusing on those residents who are voters, but it's also people that come to visit or new homeowners and fig-

By KAITLIN LYLE

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the Millerton Business Alliance

(MBA) shared their thoughts on

impending projects and ideas for

making Millerton more inclusive

at their meetings on Thursday,

May 6, and Thursday, April 8,

ing, MBA members talked about

reactions to this year's Earth Day

celebration and shared what

worked, what didn't and what

they'd like to see in 2022. Jennifer

Dowley also invited merchants to

contact her if interested in work-

ing on plans for next year's Earth

tion for installing a wastewater

treatment system in Millerton,

Jeanne Vanecko said, after having the petition at Montage and Oblong Books & Music for a couple

of weeks, the petition would be

As an update on the peti-

To kick off last month's meet-

both held via Zoom.

Day event.

MILLERTON — Members of

uring out a way that Millerton from her previous experience can move forward."

Considering how Millerton has evolved as a community over the past 20 years — let alone the past two years - Najdek emphasized the importance of making sure the community embraces the old while welcoming the new to make the village a place that's comfortable for everyone.

Seeing as Millerton is currently in the middle of several large projects, Najdek said she's looking forward to finishing up the replacement of the sidewalks on Main Street and seeing both the revitalization of Eddie Collins Memorial Park and the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant for improvements to the village water tower and its completion. Additionally, she said Millerton needs to look into installing a wastewater treatment facility.

DeLora Brooks

From watching her father, the late Eugene Brooks, work to bring about change in their community to her regular attendance at local board meetings, DeLora Brooks, a Democrat, has done her utmost to stay well-informed and involved in the village community over the years. She is currently campaigning for the Village Board on the Democratic

Inspired in part by her teachers to participate in local government and make informed decisions, Brooks said she's always believed in civic duty and civic responsibility and identifies as a centrist. Along with listening in on Town and Village Board meetings, Brooks previously served on the North East Zoning Board of Appeals. Drawing

MBA members report on springtime

result — all of the businesses ben-

Owen's letter to the editor in this

newspaper, MBA members also

noted the ways the article glossed

over challenges the community

has faced in the past year as well

as what it can do to overcome

as the business alliance, it would

be a good thing going forward if

we tried to think of ways that we

can really reach out and be more

accommodating and sensitive to

the people who live here in town,"

Rohn said. "Most of us who own

businesses here don't even live

here... and I think that we could

"It did make me feel as though,

Referencing resident Claire

projects, encourage inclusivity

efitted from it."

those challenges.

as a trauma nurse, she said she learned decision-making should be done quickly and accurately and believes "government, in many ways, tries to duplicate that profession."

Having watched her father try to bring Stewart's into Millerton over 50 years ago, Brooks believes bringing a grocery store into Millerton has to be a priority as it will determine how the village develops and what businesses it attracts.

Along with keeping a diverse socioeconomic community, she said she'd like to see a business that can employ people and provide them with a living wage. She also believes in the value of preserving what is loved about the village while adapting it to be more inclusive and moving it forward "in a current way."

David Sherman

has been involved in the coming more than a decade's worth of service on the North East Planman and more than two decade's and supervisor.

Today, he currently serves on the North East Zoning Review Committee. He also served as

"Millerton has been my home and its welfare is important to me — I take it wholeheartedly,"

Sherman is running on the Republican and Independent party lines. Regarding his motivation for running for office, he

maybe more sensitive."

Rohn cited the Festival of

Lights as an event organized for

local residents. Jeanne Vanecko

reminded Rohn that "the main

thing we can do at this point is

be hugely supportive of the Eddie

Collins Field project because that

we are looking for ways we can

better represent diversity and

equality," said North East Com-

munity Center (NECC) Executive Director Christine Sergent as

she reminded the MBA that they

could also support non-profits

like the NECC. "Every entity in

our country should be looking at

how they can be more inclusive.

"In every aspect of our lives,

is for our general population."

Saturday in June hosting the band, Open Border Trio at Rudd Pond State Park on Saturday, June 5, at 6:30 p.m. as part of its Twilight at the Pond music series. The concert drew a large crowd of families and couples - all music lovers looking for some Saturday night entertainment. With the setting sun casting a glow on the performers, the familiar music brought smiles all around as the sound of fishermen casting their lines in the background added to the summertime scene.

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A lifelong resident of Millerton, Republican David Sherman munity's development in various capacities over the years, includning Board as member and chairworth of service on the North East Town Board as councilman

village trustee from 2014 to 2018.

Sherman said.

said Millerton is on the threshold of a couple major projects, such as the revitalization of Eddie Collins Memorial Field and the development of a sewer system — both of which he'd like to see through to completion.

While there are other projects to be completed, Sherman prioritized bringing a grocery market into Millerton at the top of his list and believes the community can use available resources to connect with people in the grocery business to find out how to draw them to Millerton.

Other projects he'd like to address include improving pedestrian crosswalks, replacing sidewalks and working to promote more opportunities for local development and housing.

Laurie Kerr

Though she's only been in

Millerton for a short time, Democrat Laurie Kerr has fallen for the community and believes it's at a point to move onto its next stage of growth.

Running on both the Democratic and Republican tickets, Kerr has come to understand the three essential issues that need to be addressed in the village are the absence of a grocery store, the installation of a wastewater treatment system and affordable housing.

Drawing from her experiences in public policy and as an architect, Kerr said she knows how to think creatively to solve problems that make financial sense, environmental sense and help people at the same time.

On the local level, Kerr has been involved with the Climate Smart Task Force and has consulted for the Eddie Collins Memorial Park revitalization project and the shared highway garage being built by the town of North East and the village. She is also working on the LED streetlight project to replace all 133 streetlights in Millerton.

Kerr believes Millerton should take a page from the Eddie Collins project by creating committees and empowering them to move forward so "the board doesn't become a bottleneck for these processes. We have a lot of people with talent in the village and town that want to pitch in."

Regarding affordable housing, Kerr said she'd like to see better groundwork so the village can approach the problem with more knowledge of what needs to be done and of possible strategies to solve the problem.

A summer of songs The NorthEast-Millerton Library kicked off the first



From left, George Potts, Carol Leven and Nick Moran of the band Open Border Trio.



probably come up with some I don't think there's any reason work or, I don't know, some into say, 'We've done enough' — I think we should always be looktention or projects or something that would be more inclusive and ing for more ways to be inclusive."

walked around the village to get more signatures. At the MBA's April meeting, Dowley informed merchants about the progress with the Eddie Collins Memorial Park revitalization project. Construction was expected to start at the end

By taking down fences and digging up trees, Dowley said they would be saving money. She explained the fundraising goals had to be revised with a slightly higher amount because of all the work The Chazen Companies did on site last fall to determine the nature of the construction site. Due to challenges the firm uncovered, she said the cost is higher than was originally anticipated, though the committee has a request out to foundations and individuals to help fundraise.

Thorunn Kristjansdottir raised The New York Times article about Millerton published in March. Given the mixed reviews the article received from locals, she asked if the MBA had any comments.

Rohn said she many customers speak about the article.

"People will come in and say they came to Millerton because they saw it," she said. "We definitely had people talking about it, those were people coming in because of it, so that was a good

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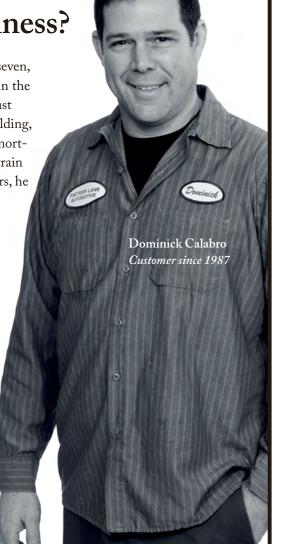


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PINE PLAINS/AREA

Military historian outfits talk of material culture of militia with samples

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PINE PLAINS — Donning the wardrobes of soldiers past. local military historian and Pine Plains educator Neil Murray guided residents through the history of the nation's conflicts in a presentation on the material culture of New York Militia and Regimental soldiers hosted by the Little Nine Partners Historical Society (LNPHS) of Pine Plains on Friday, June 4.

The talk drew 18 people including the evening's featured speaker — into the Community Room above the Pine Plains Free Library for the presentation at 7 p.m. In his introduction, Murray said this would be his first time doing a timeline on the wars as well as focusing his presentation on shirts and jackets.

With each outfit he donned as a visual (and fashionable) demonstration of the clothing worn by civilians and soldiers throughout the nation's different conflicts, Murray outlined each clothing component before opening the presentation up for questions. He also talked about how the soldiers acquired the uniforms — whether they'd have to acquire the uniforms themselves or were supplied the uniforms by their infantry — along with the variations in the designs and distinguishing



Along with modeling an officer's fatigue blouse with decorative scrollwork and a belt to hold the issued revolver, history teacher and military historian Neil Murray demonstrated how to load and unload a revolver used by a soldier in the year 1872.

As they went further down the timeline, Murray said attendees would hopefully begin to see a similarity among the coats. Slowly, the audience began to see minor similarities between each outfit style as well as the different features added and removed from the later styles as the nation transitioned into its next battle.

Starting at the far left of the table where the components of different garb were laid out, Murray initiated his presentation by pulling on the uniform typically worn by a civilian during the American Revolution, complete with a red hand-sewn coat and a dark wool hat.

Next, he moved forward in time to the regiment Alexander Hamilton was involved with, during which time he put on a green wool coat and a beaver hat that bore the New York militia company "Hearts of Oak" name on a tin plate and had the mantra "Liberty or Death" printed on the hat's surface.

Turning his audience's attention to the Battle of Plattsburgh, Murray said he liked this era since it was here they began to see the United States "coming into its own with symbols," such

Actions behind proposed solar farm has Copake community fuming

By KAITLIN LYLE

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COPAKE — Concerned by Hecate Energy's decision earlier this spring to switch to a new siting process in order to move forward with building its proposed industrial solar plant, Copake officials are now attempting to reach a mutually beneficial understanding between the developer and the town.

As described on the Sensible Solar for Rural New York website, www.sensiblesolarny.com, the project proposed by Hecate Energy entails the construction of "a 360-acre, 60-megawatt solar facility near New York State Route 23, Route 7 and Route 11A in Craryville, a hamlet of Copake, N.Y."

After making its initial project presentation to Copake in 2017, Copake town Supervisor Jeanne Mettler said the town didn't hear from Hecate Energy again until January 2020.

At that time, she said, Hecate Energy proceeded under Article 10, a process by which it could avoid going to the town for permission to build and instead go a siting board that would decide whether the installation would be allowed.

Mettler said she, along with the rest of the town, was disturbed the developer tried to skirt not only town processes but also the town law, which prohibits building solar installations of more than 10 acres.

Last spring, the State Legislature passed a law to create the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) process to issue siting permits for renewable energy projects, among other responsibilities.

This April, Mettler said the town received a letter from Hecate Energy Project Developer Alex Campbell stating Hecate Energy would be switching from Article 10 to "94-c," a process in which developers can obtain faster and easier approval from the state for large-scale renewable energy projects.

To make matters worse, Mettler said the town discovered New York State exempted ORES from the requisite State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process in its 2021 budget. For years, the SEQRA process typically has required "all state and local government agencies to consider environmental impacts equally with so-

cial and economic factors during discretionary decision-making," according to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) website. Without going through SEORA, Mettler said developers will be permitted "faster and easier" approval for their projects.

"Copake is very concerned about the damage to our local environment, to our natural resources, to prime farmland, to wildlife habitat," Mettler said earlier this spring when Hecate first changed course, adding agriculture and tourism are two main components of Copake's economy, and that a massive solar farm would be "hugely detrimental" to its environment.

"As much as we absolutely support the governor's concerns with regards to climate change and we absolutely support his goal of having 70% of New York State energy come from renewable energy by 2030, there are 932 towns in New York State and each town's share is 6.5 megawatts," Mettler said, "and when Hecate's proposing a 60-megawatt process, it's asking Copake to shoulder 10 times its share of solar energy."

Although Hecate reduced the project's acreage from 900 acres to 255 acres, Mettler said the project is still massive considering Copake's size and not properly scaled. She wants Hecate to speak with the town to find a solution beneficial for both the community and the company.

"The missing piece here is

that Hecate Energy has not sat down with the town in a sincere way to find a solution for Hecate, the state and Copake," said Sensible Solar Co-Founder Darin Johnson, "and that is what the town has asked and Sensible Solar has asked and it has not yet happened... They have not been a good community partner. We don't trust them. If they want a real presence in the community, then they need to sit down and be a real partner, not just in word."

On May 21, Mettler said New York State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) arranged a site visit in Craryville, during which time representatives from the DEC, ORES and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NY-SERDA) toured the area where Hecate wants to build. Following the tour, everyone returned to Copake Town Hall where they discussed their concerns with town officials.

Ideally, Mettler said the next step should be a meeting between her and Hecate Energy. However, on May 27 Mettler said Hecate responded to requests from the town's attorney regarding discovery, claiming its requests were unreasonable, premature and not supported by law.

Currently, Copake is attempting to organize another meeting with Hecate Energy, as Mettler said she's still concerned with the project's size, siting on prime farmland and its impacts on Copake's scenic beauty, natural resources, economy and local law.

AREA IN BRIEF

Celebrate local medical volunteers June 12

PINE PLAINS — On Sat- thank you will take place at 4 urday, June 12, there will be a reception and celebration for all of the medical volunteers who helped vaccinate most of the town of Pine Plains.

and Victoria LoBrutto. For more information, call 518-398-5628. This community-wide

Car Show in Hillsdale Hamlet Park June 12

HILLSDALE — There will be a rumble of steel, chrome and rubber zooming into the Hamlet Park for the Hillsdale Car Show on Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Relive the past with a stroll among these vintage time capsules, none newer than 1990. Vote for your favorite in the People's Choice Award. Then stick around for when the rubber really meets the road at the 3:30 p.m. awards ceremony. The Car Show will include food from O's Diner available for purchase, a 50/50 raffle, DJ, music and more.

p.m. on the Pine Plains Epis-

copal Church lawn at 16 Pine

St., hosted by Penny Wheeler

Want to show off your own vintage car? Registration is just \$10 per car; email hoffman.gaye8@gmail.com or show up at 8 a.m. the morning of the car show.

He then donned a dark coatee with buttons inscribed with the letter "I" for "Infantry." He also showed attendees a shay coat and a hat that featured a tin plate with an eagle printed on it.

For the Mexican-American war, he placed a forage cap on his head; drawing from his previous presentations on the Civil War, he brought out a New York-specific jacket - a standard blue jacket with four buttons and the word "Excelsior" printed on the bottom — as a Civil War visual.

Moving into the year 1872, Murray modeled a fatigue blouse with pleated peplums and piping on the jacket; he later pointed out that the piping's color represented a soldier's status, whether he was an infantry member or a coward.

Along with modeling an officer's fatigue blouse with decorative scrollwork and a belt to hold the issued revolver, he demonstrated how to load and unload the revolver used by a soldier in that era.

Focusing on World War I, Murray explained that by 1912, the Army developed a wool fatigue tunic for soldiers to wear and it was around this time the United States saw the first helmets, though they were mostly worn to be protected against flying debris.

As another example of World War I attire, he put on a jerkin, a leather and wool vest soldiers would wear over their tunic to stay warm in cold weather.

Ending his presentation with World War II, Murray highlighted the development of the M1 helmet and flight jacket.

After accepting applause from his enraptured audience, Murray invited attendees to take a closer look at the outfits on display at the front of the



Guitarist Anna Witiuk performed "Body Waltz" at The Stissing Center in May as part of its Video of the Week series. The center's first in-person performance since the COVID-19 pandemic forced a statewide shut-down last March is planned for Sunday, June 27, at 4 p.m. with Bulgarian violinist Bella Hristova.

Strumming at The Stissing Center

PINE PLAINS — Traveling from her home in nearby Stanfordville to record a couple of songs for The Stissing Center (TSC), artist Anna Witiuk's performance of "Body Waltz" captivated local audiences as they tuned in to see what talents had been curated for TSC's Video of the Week series in May.

Strumming the strings of her guitar, Witiuk's talents as a songwriter and singer were apparent as she performed for the Tri-state performing arts center and its virtual audience.

Posted on the world wide web on Thursday, May 6, the local musician's performance was also a part of TSC's Extra Takes series and can now be watched in full on the YouTube channel "The Stissing Center."

Before long, music-lovers from around the region seeking some long-awaited in-person entertainment will be invited back into the hallowed halls of The Stissing Center, located at 2950 Church St.

The venue announced last week it will soon be launching the second season of its LIVE! from The Stissing Center chamber music series, starting with an initial performance by Bulgarian violinist Bella Hristova on Sunday, June 27, at 4 p.m.

For more information, go to www.TheStissingCenter.org. — Kaitlin Lyle

Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

1. Most courageous

8. Insurance giant

13. Small trace left behind 14. In a way, signals

15. The same letter or sound at the beginning

19. The Great Lakes State

20. Engage in a contest 21. Drinks served to celebrate a

birth (Spanish) 22. Manpower

23. Undivided

24. Strong, magnetic metal

25. People of Tanzania 26. Sorts

30. Cop car accessory

31. Trade

32. Sullen and ill-tempered

33. Distinctive practices

34. Motor vehicles

35. Electrodes 38. Polish river

39. Human feet

40. Make very hot 44. Toppin and Kenobi are two

45. Blackbird

46. One point west of due south 47. Large beer 48. Third stomachs

49. Rare Korean family name

50. Hectoliter 51. Aquatic invertebrate

55. Where we live

57. Poked holes in

58. Partner to ways

CLUES DOWN 1. Expressions of approval

2. Replace the interior of

3. Not awake

4. Roman numeral 7

5. Sun up in New York 6. Institute legal proceedings

7. Bugs homeowners don't want

8. Maltese-Italian composer

9. Very long period of time

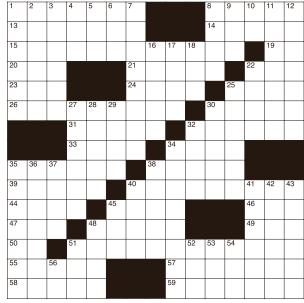
10. Touchdown

11. Agents of downfall 12. Complacently or inanely

foolish 16. Argentina capital Buenos __ 17. County in New Mexico

18. An electrically charged atom

22. New Zealand conifer 25. Type of brandy



27. Comments to the audience 28. Tears down

29. Gifts for the poor 30. More painful

32. Good friend 34. Lying in the same plane

35. Line in a polygon

36. Clouds of gas and dust

37. Norse god 38. Health care pro

40. Close tightly

41. One's holdings 42. Became less intense

43. Wilco frontman

45. Woman (French) 48. Expresses delight **June 3 Solution**

51. TV channel (abbr.)

54. Cleaning accessory

56. Dorm worker

53. Unit of work or energy

52. Beverage

Sudoku

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SPORTS



Stepping up to the plate with a bat in hand, Dover athlete Alex Marino readied himself for the pitch in a home game against Millbrook on Monday, May 24.

Dover Dragons savor a hot winning streak

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

DOVER PLAINS — The spirit of America's favorite pastime has been alive and roaring on the Dover High School varsity baseball team this season as the team has been adding one victory after another to its record these past few weeks.

The team claimed a win over Onteora at Millbrook High School on Wednesday, May 12, followed by a win over Ellenville in an away game on Thursday, May 13, after a reported seventh-inning boost; followed by a win over Millbrook during an away game victory on Monday, May 17, despite an early fourrun inning and a home game victory on Monday, May 24; followed by a win over Webutuck at a home game on Wednesday, May 19; followed by a win over Pine Plains at an away game on Thursday, May 20, and a home game victory on Tuesday, May

Among the team's highlights, Kevin Kirk was credited with throwing a no-hitter against Pine Plains on Thursday, May 20; Dover's winning run for that game was walked in with a runs batted in (BRI) by Evan O'Connor.

Fans cheered on Declan Noonan as he hit a grand slam home run when Dover competed against Millbrook on Thursday, May 24.

When the Dragons played against Pine Plains on Tuesday, May 25, Kirk hit a double and stole three bases. O'Connor and Noonan each stole a base, and Marino scored a double and threw a wild pitch.

As of Tuesday evening, May 25, Dover had a season record of seven wins and one loss and a league play record of 7-0.

Dust 'em up

ecently, I was watching a Mets/Diamondbacks **BLEACHER** game out in Phoenix when the Mets pitcher, Marcus Stroman, and one of the Rattlers got to jawing at each other. Now the Diamondbacks are what I call an HCT (Historically Challenged Team), and they were playing in a home ballpark that seemed to have more New York fans than Phoenix fans. Those playing conditions plus a month long losing streak can make any snake eyed bat wielder a mite testy; so the players got in each other's faces a bit.

Then the benches emptied and we had a "baseball brawl" on our hands: a scary, violent confrontation much to be dreaded and avoided? Well, maybe not so much.

"Baseball brawls" generally have a similar relationship to real riots that two groups of 130-pound dancers in the cast of "West Side Story" have to a real street fight. Threatening attitudes are proudly displayed, giant punches and kicks may even cleave the air somewhere in the same area code as the "enemy gang," but someone actually getting hurt? Are you kidding?

And that was the way this brawl went as well. It didn't even get to the all out viciousness of pushing and shoving. The two sides let each other know how tough they were, satisfied their honor, and sat down to continue the game as though it had never happened.

There was one move, however, that satisfied one of those

VIEWS Theodore Kneeland

"unwritten rules" that are more important than those in the rule book: The catcher will protect

his pitcher at all times, in all places, and at all costs. Tomas Nido, the catcher in question, gently pushed Stroman, one of the major "combatants," aside and put his protected and protective self in the way

of the enemy "bad guy." Even though no punches were thrown or bodies otherwise imperiled, Nido had done the right thing: He had his pitcher's front.

Lately there has been a lot written about the unwritten rules, some commentators bashing them, others celebrating them. I belong to the second group. The way we belong to a team is by understanding what binds that team together. Each team is a little bit different because each group of individuals is slightly different, but if we remember to respect and care for our teammates and cover their fronts as well as their backs, much of the ugliness we commonly see would go the way of yesterday's baseball brawl: gone and forgotten except for the honor paid to the catcher's "doing the right thing."

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

More sports news online

This week, readers of The Millerton News can find more coverage of the latest local Harlem Valley sports online, at www.tricornernews.

Reporter Kaitlin Lyle covers the Stissing Mountain High School Bombers baseball team's loss to the Millbrook High School Blazers, as well as its victory over the Germantown High School Clippers. She also reports on Pine Plains native and famed NYC Mark DeGarmo's dance troop's latest production with a brief story on the Mark De-Garmo Dance Virtual Salon Performance.

Find these sports articles and more online. If you have a sports story to share, email editor@millertonnews.com.

OBITUARIES

Memorial service: Linda Farley Decker

SHARON — A memorial service to celebrate the life of Linda Farley Decker will be held on June 19.

A limited-capacity church service will be held at Christ Church Episcopal at 10 a.m. The family will be given priority for seating.

Weather depending, the family will walk from the church to a graveside service at Hillside Cemetery (Cemetery Road, Sharon) at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend the graveside service, since it is outdoors.

The family would like to welcome everyone to a reception following the service to continue to celebrate Linda at Veteran's Field (29 Sharon Station Road) in Sharon.

Memorial service: Helen E. Testa

HILLSDALE — A memorial service for Helen Testa, 89, will take place on Friday, July 9, at 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Church in Copake Falls, N.Y. A reception will follow.

Amelia Rose (Peretti) Segalla

(Peretti) Segalla, 96, passed away

peacefully on May 30, 2021, surrounded by her loving daughters at Noble Horizons. She was the widow of John A. Segalla Jr., who predeceased her on June 2, 2011.

John and Amelia were wed on Oct. 11,

Amelia was born in North Canaan on Jan. 16, 1925. She was the daughter of the late Lena (Picchioni) and Fred Peretti. Prior to her marriage, Amelia worked as a private cook for several families in the Northwest Corner. Following her marriage to John, her full-time

Amelia was a devoted and loving wife, mother, sister and friend. Her family always came first. She loved fashion, cooking, interior design, music, dancing and gardening. She put everyone ahead of herself.

devotion became her family.

Amelia was also a devoted Catholic. She was formerly a member of St. Martin of Tours

AMENIA - Amelia Rose Parish, St. Joseph's Church in North Canaan and then a mem-

ber of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia.

She is survived by her two daughters, Linda Rose Segalla and Arlene Marie Segalla, both of Sharon; her brother, Albert Peretti and his wife, Charlotte, of Great Barrington; and many

nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her brother, Fred Peretti; and her

nephew, Frankie Peretti. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, June 7, in St. Martin of Tours Parish, St. Joseph's Church. Burial followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to either Life Star, 80 Seymour St., Hartford, CT 06102 or St. Martin of Tours Parish, St. Joseph's Church, P.O. Box 897, North Canaan,

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

Mary 'Susi' Casey Williams-Wyman

away peacefully on May 27, 2021, at her home in Kent.

A native of Kent, she was born on Aug. 16, 1939, the daughter of the late Margaret (Knight) and Harry J. Casey. She graduated from Kent Center School and

Northfield School for Girls in Mount Hermon, Mass., attended Brown University in Providence, R.I., and the University

of Lausanne in Switzerland. Active in local affairs, Susi was a selectman of the Town of Kent for six years, served as tax collector and on the Board of Finance, Board of Assessment Appeals, the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Kent Sewer Commission, and on the Zoning Board of Appeals as chairman and secretary. She was a past chairman and member of the Kent Republican Town Committee.

An original member of the Pond Mountain Trust, she also participated as former president and current trustee of the Kent Historical Society, an officer of Town Action to Save Kent (TASK), the Kent Memorial Library Long-Range Planning Committee, a director of Kent Village Housing for the Elderly and was a donor to Kent Affordable Housing. She served on the Kent Firehouse Building Committee from 2008-2009.

The Town of Kent was very dear to Susi and she was a supporter of many local and area

She was a director of New-Mil Bankcorp for 16 years and

KENT — Mary "Susi" Casey vice president of J & J Log and Williams-Wyman, 81, passed Lumber Corporation for 15 years.

> On March 22, 2008, she married Richard H. Wyman, who survives at home.

> In addition to her husband, she is survived by two children, Adam Austell and his wife, Emily, of Chase City, Va., and Marga-

ret Austell and her husband, James Gay, of Kent; four stepchildren, Randolph Williams and his wife, Caroline, of Dover Plains, Nancy Viola Garrison and her husband, Peter, of Sherman, Conn., Tyler Wyman of Dover Plains and Kate Leto and her husband, Brian, of Niskayuna, N.Y.; four grandchildren, Holly Austell, Wendell Austell, Mark Barbaro and Ramona Barbaro; nine stepgrandchildren; seven nephews; and several step-nephews and

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by two former husbands, Jan Van Etten Austell and James Ronald Williams; a sister, Elizabeth "Tish" Casey; and a brother, Robert E. Casev.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 21, at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in New Milford.

A memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at the Kent Congregational Church. Memorial donations may

made to any local charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under

the direction of Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. To send the family an online condolence, go to www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Steven P. Salaway

way, 72, died May 29, 2021, after porations. a long illness.

He was the loving husband of Abigail (Raymond) Salaway.

Steven was born May 20, 1949, in the port town of Bayonne, N.J., the son of the late Mary (Masalsky) and George A. Salaway.

He was educated in Bayonne schools and then Marist High School. He received an economics degree from Rutgers, the state university, and went on to receive his Master's Degree in Applied Statistics there as well.

In his long career in computer technology, he worked for some of the country's foremost companies including PepsiCo, Microsoft, IBM, AVON, KPMG, JPMorgan and Banker's Trust. For the past several years, he successfully owned and operated S. P. Salaway & Associates LLC, a consulting company for

WINSTED — Steven P. Sala- public sector and private cor-

Steven utilized his unique business strategy and IT enablement to assist and accommodate the cus-

tomer experience. He enjoyed collecting S-Gauge model trains and playing the piano, as he was classically trained by The

Juilliard School.

In addition to his wife, Steven is survived by his son, Mark S. Salaway of Derby; a brother, George A. Salaway of Delaware; an aunt, Stella M. O'Neill of New Jersey; a niece, Allison Hromin; a nephew, Jason Salaway; and five grand-nieces and -nephews.

Graveside services were held on Monday, June 7, at Salisbury Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of the Montano-Shea Funeral Home Winsted. The online guestbook is at www.montano-shea.com.



Worship Services

Week of June 13, 2021

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AMENIA

2021 Republican primary election set for June 22

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — On Tuesday, June 22, registered Republican voters may cast their ballots in this year's Primary Election for who they want to represent them on the Republican ticket for Amenia town supervisor and for the Amenia Town Board when the General Election rolls around come November. They may also elect two members to the Dutchess County Republican Committee on the 22nd.

Polling place

According to the Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) website, www.elections.dutchessny.gov, all election districts in the town of Amenia will vote at the Wassaic firehouse, located at 27 Firehouse Road, from 6 a.m. to

Republican Committee

The town supervisor term is for two-years; the two Town Board positions are for four-years each and the two terms on the Dutchess County Republican Committee are for two-years each.

As printed on the Dutchess County sample ballot for the 2021 Republican Primary, for the Dutchess County Republican Committee, Jeanne Rebillard and Apostolis Stefanopoulos are running against longtime committee member Mark Doyle.

Town supervisor

comer Julie Doran, of the newly created Amenia Strong party, will be running against incumbent town Supervisor Victoria Perotti.

Perotti will be running for her fifth term as supervisor under the Republican and Conservative party lines. From 2014 to the present time, she was elected to serve four two-year terms as supervisor. Additionally, Perotti served two four-year terms on the Town Board, from 2006 to 2014; she was appointed deputy supervisor by former town Supervisor Wayne Euvrard from 2010 to 2011; and was appointed deputy supervisor by former town Supervisor Bill Flood from 2012 to 2013. She has also been involved with the boards for the Amenia Free Library, the Indian Rock Schoolhouse and the Association of Towns.

In her campaign against Perotti, Doran will be running on both the Republican and the Amenia Strong lines. As published online at www.ameniastrong. com, Doran has been a resident of Dutchess County for the last 26 years. She also has a 30-year background in management and real estate and is currently employed as the officer manager at Silo Ridge Field Club, which has close ties to the Amenia Strong party. Doran is also currently named in a hefty lawsuit against the town of Amenia.

Town councilmembers Meanwhile, newcomers James running on the Amenia Strong line as well as the GOP line for Town Board against incumbents James Morris and Michele Somogyi. Morris and Somogyi are both running for their second terms.

In addition to his role as a councilman, Morris has served as a liaison between the board and some of its committees, including the Ethics Committee, the Wastewater Committee and the Enhancement Committee.

Somogyi has served on the Emergency Committee, Recreation Committee and the committee for installing the kitchen at Town Hall, among others.

Rebillard owns Dutchess County Realty in Millerton, is currently a member of the Amenia Lions Club and is on the Amenia Wastewater Committee and an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He has also worked with the NorthEast-Millerton Library.

Vitiello is a longtime resident of Dutchess County. He currently serves as deputy civil defense coordinator for Dutchess County; was co-founder and executive vice president of the technology provider company Vitech Systems Group; and has served on various committees and boards within the county, including Astor Services for Children & Families.

For more information on the primary, go to www.elections. dutchessny.gov or call the BOE



From left, the Smithfield Chamber Orchestra's recent concert on Saturday, May 29, featured the talents of Judith Muir and Norman Baker on clarinet; Michessle Demko on flute; Matt Finley on flugelhorn and as concert director; Jean Vilkelis on cello; Rob Murphy on violin; Piotr Kargul on viola; and Lou Pappas on double bass.

The Smithfield Church holds live, and lively, concert

AMENIA — Having waited patiently for the chance to offer area residents an afternoon of music in a beautiful setting, The Smithfield Church, located at 656 Smithfield Valley Road in Amenia, rejoiced at the great turnout it drew for the Smithfield Chamber Orchestra Open Air Pops Concert on Saturday, May 29.

Presented by the Bang Family Concert Series, the event was described as "18 months in the making" and was organized to benefit the church.

Though originally planned to be held in front of the church, the rainy afternoon sent concertgoers into the church for the performance at 4 p.m.

With around 70 attentive attendees listening in awe, the orchestra delivered a magnificent performance of popular classical music under the direction of Matt Finley. From Debussy's "The Girl with the Flaxen Hair"

to a world premiere adaptation of the organ arrangement of the late Hampson Sisler's composition "Greensleeves," the in-person concert left no one disappointed.

Kaitlin Lyle

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Two-car accident

Wednesday, May 26, Deputies responded to Leedsville

co-founded the school as well

as how the renewed sense of

hope and optimism connected

to Maplebrook has remained

unchanged, not to mention the

values and concepts that have

guided the school from its be-

you students have persevered

to fulfill your requirements and

receive your diplomas today,"

Whitridge said in congratulat-

students to receive their awards

and graduation diplomas, and

it was indeed worth the wait to

see the joy on their faces as they

approached the podium to hear

the applause from their teachers,

mentors and family members

resonate throughout the tent.

At last, it was time for the

ing the graduates.

"In the most of unusual times,

ginning.

Road and Route 343 in the town of Amenia for a two-car motor vehicle accident, with a female with an arm injury.

The patient was transported by EMS to Sharon Hospital.

Shoplifting arrest Wednesday, May 26, Deputies responded to the Hannaford Supermarket at 162 Route 22 in the town of Pawling for a shoplifting report.

Joseph Grande Jr., age 49, was subsequently charged with Petit Larceny. He is to appear in the Town of Pawling Court at a later date.

Report criminal activity

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

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

For town supervisor, new-Vitiello and Brad Rebillard are at 845-486-2473. Maplebrook School Class of '21 celebrates graduation

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

AMENIA - Even as the weekend forecast predicted days of rain and COVID-19 guidelines restricted the number of ceremony attendees, this year's graduating class at Maplebrook School persevered in celebrating not only their own scholastic achievements but also the school's 75th anniversary on Saturday, May 29.

Totaling 19 graduates, the Class of 2021 featured 14 graduates from the Academy (Maplebrook's high school) and nine graduates from the Institute of Collegiate and Career Studies (ICCS), the school's post-secondary program. This year's graduates also represented nine different states and three different countries.

Though the rain fell as predicted, Maplebrook School Executive Director Lori Hale said it didn't slow them down. In fact, she said they had planned to hold the graduation ceremony outside anyway due to COVID-19 guidelines, and while it was the coldest graduation she could remember in her 39 years at Maplebrook School, Hale said the graduates, staff and family members were well protected against the ele-

"Like COVID-19 and everything, we persevered and got it done, and it was the 75th anniversary, so the fact that we were able to be together was special,"



PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Class of 2021 savored their final moments as Maplebrook School scholars as they watched the graduation ceremony unfold underneath the main tent.

Hale said.

With graduation scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, family members watched with joy as their graduates filed into the tent set up on campus, the music of bagpipes playing in their ears. The Academy graduates entered the tent dressed in green and white gowns while the ICCS students dressed in grey

Equating the school's three co-founders, Majorie Finger, Serena Merck and Sunny Barlow, to "educational trailblazers," Maplebrook School Head of School Jennifer Scully spoke with pride about what the school had done over the years to carry out the founders' hopes and dreams since it was first established 75 years ago.

"All of us who are connected to Maplebrook have been given a great gift," Scully said. "We were born at the right time and in the right place, and thank goodness fate provided this school built in 1945 in the little town of Amenia, New York.

"When we have departed campus today, I hope that you'll look back on 2021 with a sense of pride and recognize it as a point in our history when the spirit of our community burned with

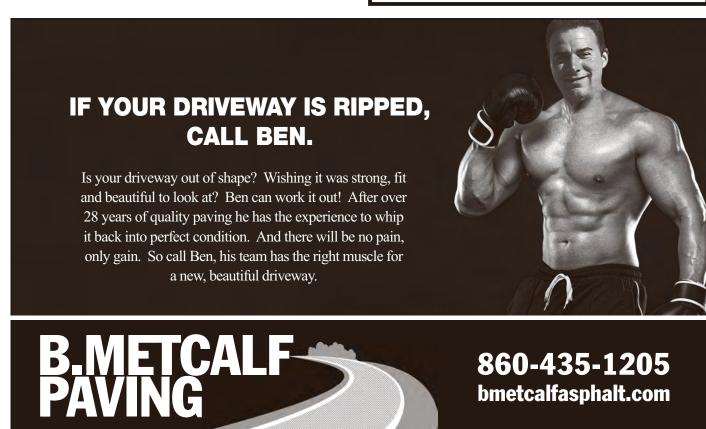
a radiant brightness that transcended adversity and carried out the mission that was born 75 years ago," she said.

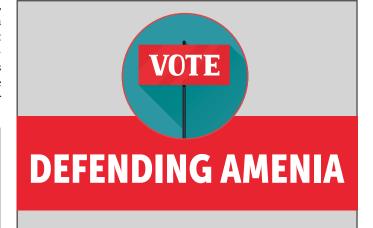
Scully then introduced sisters Trina Whitridge and Olivia Farr, the granddaughters of Serena Merck, as the commencement speakers — both of whom marveled at the significant changes that have taken place in the world since their grandmother

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Vote for the **DEFENDING AMENIA TEAM** standing up for local residents on Tuesday June 22nd from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm.

PAID FOR BY VICTORIA PEROTTI

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for real estate agency Douglas Elliman, the property is 466

Kaplan said she sold the farm as two separate parcels, to two separate buyers in two separate transactions: 148 acres on McGhee Hill Road sold in April and the larger more visible property, on Route 22, sold in November.

Both buyers were from New York City, Kaplan said. "I never got to meet them. In these days of COVID-19, the closings were done by the attorneys, and the papers were signed ahead of time by both parties."

While she didn't want to disclose the selling price, Kaplan did say she got what she asked for on one of the sales, and close to what she asked for on the other.

The real estate website Trulia says the property, which dates

to 1888, sold in November 2020 for \$2,375,000.

When asked if she was satisfied with the way things turned out, she said absolutely.

"Yes, I was surprised, to so quickly have one offer after another. I had hoped for that, because so much was selling around here," she said, adding she thinks the COVID-19 pandemic was a motivating factor in hastening the pace of the sales.

Fears of development

Not everyone is as happy as Linda Kaplan about the sale, which has led to concerns that a large-scale residential development is being planned for the property.

North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan said he had heard rumors surrounding the farm's sale and future but could

only confirm the sale itself as he "didn't want to traffic in rumors."

He did verify an LLC purchased the Kaplan Farm, which he said troubles him.

"The problem with an LLC, is that people's identities are not known," explained Kennan. "I have a real problem with this. I have no problem with people having an LLC; it's not having the LLC, it's just that I hate that people should be anonymous."

Linda Kaplan appeared before the North East Planning Board in October 2020 after submitting a minor subdivision application that July.

That application was described as "no big deal" at the time by Planning Board Chairman Dale Culver, who said at the time that "the land is cleaved by two different roads already ... there isn't even a line to draw really, in some sense, because the road is the line delineation."

As for what the new owners' plans may be for the properties, Kaplan again said she doesn't have any first-hand information from the buyers. She has heard that one buyer may pursue "organic farming on the tillable land on the main farm and 49 acres" and another may build

PHOTO COURTESY OF DOUGLAS ELLIMAN

This red barn sits on land just sold by Millerton resident Linda Kaplan, whose late husband, Sam, had been trying to sell the property for more than a decade. The farm was known as Joseph Kaplan and Sons, Inc., Dairy Farm, and is located at 5681-5705 Route 22, across from the Harney Tea factory and near Silamar Farm, in the town of North East.

some homes on the McGhee Hill Road parcel.

When asked how many homes, Kaplan said she heard from neighbors around three or four.

"I think it would make Sam very happy to see the land remain in farming, and me, too," she said. Yet there is talk in the community that one of the buyers may develop one of the parcels into a housing development, with as many as 43 homes. When Kaplan was asked if she heard any talk of such plans, she scoffed at the idea.

"Oh, no, absolutely not," she said.

Kennan, meanwhile, confirmed there are currently "no applications in front of the Planning Board; that I can tell you. I think it would be long time" before any type of large housing development could be planned or executed, he added.

The land is zoned for agricultural and residential use.

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PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Located at 4958 Route 22 in Amenia, the Amenia branch of M&T Bank will officially be closing its doors after 27 years in business on Thursday, June 10.

come to the building to help the taxpayers."

While M&T Bank began operating its Amenia branch in 1994, the story behind the building can be traced all the way back to 1800s, when Thomas Harris, Gail Borden and DeSault Guernsey joined together to found the First National Bank of Amenia in 1864, according to Betsy Strauss of the Amenia Historical Society.

Going further back in time, Strauss said the first bank in Amenia was actually in Leedsville, when it was owned and operated by storekeeper Joseph D. Hunt between 1820 and 1850.

In 1850, Strauss said Hiram Vail, steward of the Amenia Seminary, "opened a banking business with the Dutchess County Bank, Amenia." That bank continued operations until 1863, a year before Harris, Borden and DeSaul collaborated on the First National Bank of Amenia.

Adding on to the bank's history, Strauss mentioned that a branch bank of First National Bank Amenia was built at the Ames Plaza (now the Freshtown Plaza) in 1977, and the Amenia bank merged with the First National Bank of Downesville, N.Y., in 1985.

By 2000, M&T Bank moved into the historic building it continued to operate at five days a week up until recently.

Branch customers were notified of the impending closure on Feb. 23, allowing them ample time to plan ahead. M&T Bank is based out of Buffalo.

"Since I've been here, we've been using M&T," said Susan Whalen, manager of the clothing store Label Shopper, located in the Freshtown Plaza, "and I've been here for 13 years. They were very good to me."

Up until Monday, June 7, Whalen said Label Shopper would continue doing business at M&T Bank. That's the day it switched its business over to Bank of Millbrook.

"Customer banking preferences are changing," M&T Bank Vice President and Public Relations Manager Julia Berchou said, adding that while many customers still want a personal banking interaction, "routine financial transactions are moving more and more online.

"We continually optimize our branch network to meet evolving customer needs, identifying locations where we need to locate a new branch or ATM, where we should invest in expanding or remodeling a branch location and where we have branches that are no longer positioned to effectively and efficiently serve our customers. In those situations, we often look to consolidate offices — not only to improve our efficiency, but also to ensure we're best positioned to continue to serve customers for the long-term."

Customers who banked the Amenia M&T branch can now bank at the nearby Dover branch at 3085 Route 22 or at any other M&T branch or ATM through M&T's Telephone Banking Center, which can be reached at 1-800-724-2440, www.mtb. com or through M&T's Apple and Android mobile apps.

Additionally, Berchou said team members at area M&T branches will also be available to meet virtually with customers.

Though M&T's employees were unable to comment on the Amenia branch's closure, a final count had three workers at the branch at the time of its closing.

Village Offices are easy to access, have plenty of parking and the building is handicap accessible. As outgoing Mayor Debbie

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As outgoing Mayor Debbie Middlebrook said, "I hope everyone will turn out to support those that serve."

The Millerton News reached out to Middlebrook to talk about the Village Board holding elections in June, and if she thinks voters will turn out next week. In New York, villages have the option of letting voters cast their ballots during the November general elections, in March or in June.

Republican Dave Sherman, a former village trustee who is again seeking a seat on the Village Board this year, was on the board when he suggested changing the election cycle to June, though not on the board when it voted to do so.

"When you're there trying to campaign in February, it's winter, it can be pretty bad," he said. "People don't want to open their doors... March also can be a wintry month and people have difficulty getting to the election, rain and weather wise... It just seemed like this would be more encouraging for people to come out to vote. It's a weather-climate thing."

The other motivating factor to get folks out to vote, of course, is if the election is contested. This year, it is. Of course, extenuating factors, like a global pandemic, sometimes affect elections, added the mayor.

"I think this year may be the test to see if more people come out to vote," said Middlebrook. "We did hold the election last year, in June at the new location, but with COVID and the restrictions I don't think we can use the turn-out as a true measure. It was also an uncontested trustee race, which typically lends itself to a smaller turnout of voters."

This year the ballot will look a lot different, though not for the mayoral race. Middlebrook announced early on that she did not plan on running for another term. She began her civic service in the village as a volunteer for the community betterment group, Townscape, before serving on the Millerton Planning Board in 2005; she was elected to the Village Board as a trustee in 2007 and served in that capacity until being elected mayor in 2017. All the while she served on the board of the North East Historical Society.

"I still have a deep interest in the future of Millerton and will

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stay active in the community," she said. "I am very pleased with the many projects that I have been able to participate in, all with the hope of making Millerton an even better place to live and work.

"Among those is the continuing repair and replacement of our sidewalks, painting of the water tower and repair to our fire hydrants, the future installation of solar crosswalk signs for pedestrians on our busy Main Street," the mayor added, "completing a feasibility study that will one day hopefully lead to Millerton having its own waste water facility, and the wonderful work being done by the Millerton Community Park Committee to not only reimagine but actually bring forth the redesign of Eddie Collins Park."

Middlebrook praised those she has worked with and especially those who worked on redoing the park for doing a "remarkable" job. But she said it's time to step aside.

"I thought it was a good time to allow someone new to take the helm and lead Millerton," she said.

That someone will be Deputy Mayor Jenn Najdek (NOP), who is running uncontested and has been cross-endorsed by both the local Democratic and Republican committees for mayor; she's following in the footsteps of her late mother, former Mayor Mariley Najdek.

For the board itself, three candidates are running for trustee: Republican Sherman, Democrat DeLora Brooks and Democrat Laurie Kerr, who has been crossendorsed by both parties.

For profiles on the candidates, turn to Page A2; for our thoughts on the village's June elections and Middlebrook's tenure as mayor, read this week's editorial on Page B4.

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again promoted, to captain, Zone 2. In May of 2018 she transferred to Troop K, as the Zone 1 commander.

Originally from Long Island, Rohde has lived in the Catskills with her two children for the past 25 years. She received her undergraduate and Master's Degrees in Criminal Justice from SUNY Albany.

Other women have served as commanders, including Patricia Groeber, Troop G; Robin Benziger, Troop K, from 2013 to 2016; and Evelyn Mallard, Troop T; all or whom are retired. Former Troop T Commander Jennifer Gottstine is still with the New York State Police and Carla Dirienzo is the current commander of Troop T, Rohde said being a woman leading Troop K is something she's proud of.

The Memorial Day ceremony included many police officers from other state barracks and forces, pipers, families of fallen troopers, all in a show of solidarity, honoring those who have fallen in the line of duty. Sadly, there are many.

NYSP history

The idea for the New York State Troopers goes all the way back to 1913, when construction worker Sam Howell died during a payroll robbery in Bedford, Westchester County. There were no local police to handle the event, as Westchester was very rural at that time.

According to the history books, Howell knew who his attackers were, yet they still managed to escape. Moyca Newell, his employer, and Katherine Mayo, a friend of his, were determined to find protection for those in the area, and sought to form state-wide police security for all New Yorkers.

Through their efforts, the New York State Police came into being through the State Legislature, on April 11, 1917. It began with 237 men — and just men — on horseback, patrolling outlying areas. From that day forward, there have been New York State Police Troopers enforcing the law in rural, and now not so rural, areas throughout the state.

Those who wear the NYSP uniform are known for their integrity, their professionalism and their fair mindedness. Since the first 237 men rode out of their training camp on horseback to begin policing, troopers have been there to keep the people of New York State safe. Today there are many more troopers, including many women, and the areas they patrol are far-reaching.

Zone 1 has stations in the Columbia County towns of

Livingston, Kinderhook and New Lebanon, with Dutchess County barracks in Rhinebeck and Pine Plains. Zone 2 has barracks in Brewster, Wappinger, Dover, Stormville, LaGrange and East Fishkill. Zone 3 includes Hawthorne, Cortland, Lewsiboro, Mohegan Lake and Somers. Each zone is led by a captain.

Troop K is comprised of Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Columbia Counties. As commander of Troop K, Rohde is leader of all three zones.

Today troopers fulfill many roles besides law enforcement. One of the highlights of the Memorial Day service was to present college scholarships to children of troopers.

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in the NW corner of Connecticut, it is only a matter of time until some landowners encounter another long established inhabitant... the beaver. The State reintroduced them in the early 1900's and they have successfully repopulated Connecticut. They are protected animals and CT DEEP has written an excellent pamphlet on their history, benefits and how to live in harmony with them. This can be found on the State website at: portal.ct.gov/-/ media/DEEP/wildlife/pdf_files/ habitat/beaverctpdf.pdf. Also, I am happy to email a copy to you!

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New Work by Terre Lefferts Embraces Life and Beauty

Paintings by Terre Lefferts are on display at the Douglas Library in North Canaan, Conn., until the end of June. A painter and dancer, Lefferts also does therapeutic massage and physical therapy.

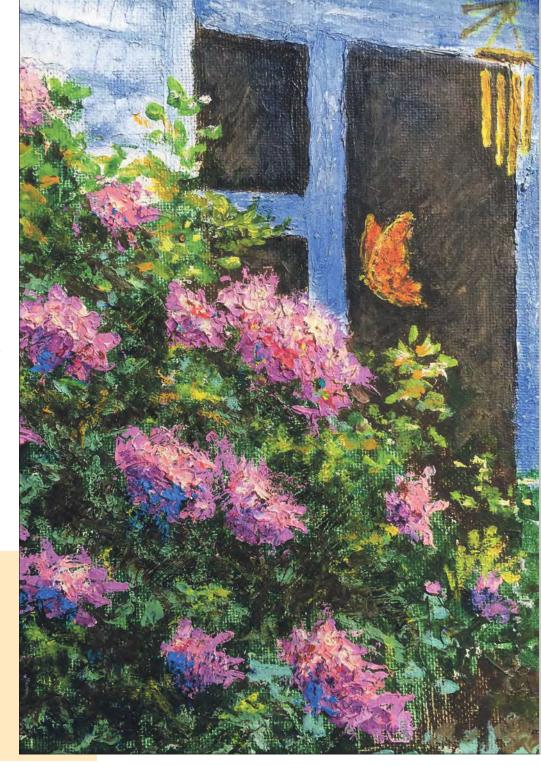
Having worked on the front lines with COVID-19 patients for more than a year, helping them to breathe, stand and walk again has given her a deep appreciation for beauty in all life.

She continually shows her artwork, takes commissions and strives to paint beauty as much as possible.

A Lakeville, Conn., resident, Lefferts has exhibited all over New England. There will be an opening reception at the library on June 18 from 4 to 6 p.m.

For information on library hours, go to www. douglaslibrarycanaan.org.

> **Paintings by Terre** Lefferts of Lakeville, Conn., inspired by her therapeutic work with COVID-19 patients, are on display this month at the Douglas Library in North Canaan. Conn.



THE BARD: **CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in an Outdoor Setting

That more setting for a performance of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" than a bucolic property tucked into the woods in Sharon, Conn.?

In one of the Bard's most popular and universally appealing comedies, the woods become a place where, magically, anything can happen — and many things certainly do happen, with fairies and fools and love potions and, in the end, a trio of weddings.

It was for these multiple nuptials that Felix Mendelssohn wrote the triumphant (and now traditional) "Wedding March" that follows the vows and kiss of bliss in most Western-nation weddings.

This summer, in the spirit of "I've got a backyard, let's put on a show!" a troupe of theater folk has formed Shakespeare in Sharon. Their first production is "A Midsummer Night's Dream," directed by Jane Farnol and starring a cast of actors from the region and from New York City.

Farnol is one of the founding members of Shakespeare in Sharon, along with Katherine and David Almquist and John Taylor.

The Almquists (veterans of many local theater productions) are hosting the show on their property, with woods, a pond and a willow tree.

Taylor shares his talents and training as an actor, with a career that began in England with classic repertoire.

Part of the inspiration for Shakespeare in Sharon, Taylor said, is that, "I wanted to get back to theater's roots: Actors tumbling out of wagons onto village greens, performing, passing the hat and then passing on to the next town."

There won't be any hat passing; tickets are \$25 per car (cash or check). The audience is asked to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets. The property will be open an hour before showtime and picnics are encouraged.

The play has been edited lightly to a length of 90 minutes.

The show opens June 11 and will be performed Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until June 26. Shows on Fridays are at 5:30 p.m.; on Saturdays they are at 2 and 5:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. The venue is 71 Keeler Road in Sharon. To learn more, go to www.shakespeareinsha-

SEEING RED, IN SHOW OF WORK AT JAMES BARRON ART

Philip Guston's "Garden - Roma" (in the photo at right) is on display at James Barron Art in Kent, Conn., on loan from the Estate of Philip Guston, until mid July in a show called "Red."

Guston's work is included in a show of diverse pieces in a variety of media that explore the

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impact and use of the color red in art.

One of the most difficult colors to create, the use of red has historically signaled that a piece has special importance. The show at James Barron Art also includes works by Sol Lewitt, Robert Motherwell, Julian Lethbridge, Milton Avery and many

others.

It will remain on display until July 17 at the gallery. Visits are by

appointment only, Monday through Saturday. For information, go to www. jamesbarronart.com.

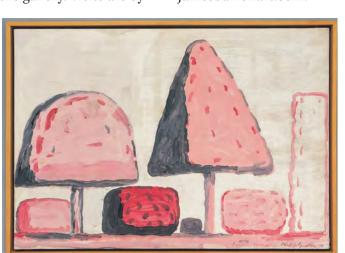


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Philip Guston's "Garden - Roma," from 1971 (an oil on paper mounted on panel, 193/4 by 271/4 inches) is on display until mid July at James Barron Art.

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MAKE MUSIC DAY IN **NW CORNER IS JUNE 21**

It can be a musical scavenger hunt, or an opportunity to see beloved bands in familiar settings. The Northwest Connecticut Arts Council hosts the fourth annual Make Music Northwest Connecticut on Monday, June 21, with performances in 10 locations by a dozen musical acts.

Catch five shows at four locations in Torrington, Conn., between 3:30 and 7 p.m.

At Sunset Meadows Vineyard in Goshen, Conn., there will be two different performances, between 1 and 4:45 p.m.

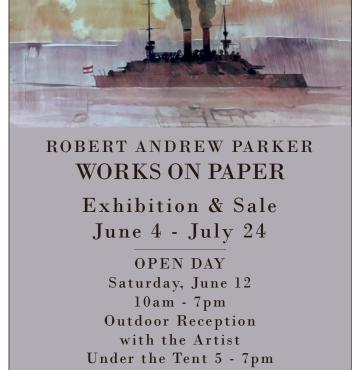
In Kent, Conn., a high-

light of the day will be the 7:15 p.m. show by locally beloved The Joint Chiefs at the gazebo on the town Green. Earlier in the day at the gazebo, come see Country Jam at 4:15 p.m., madlnw at 5 p.m. and the Open Borders Trio at 5:30

Also in Kent will be shows at the Covered Wagon Country Store at 3:30 p.m. and at the Kent Land Trust field on Main Street at 4 p.m.

For specific information on performers, times and locations, go to www. makemusicday.org/nwct.

— Cynthia Hochswender



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THEATER: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

New Play by Mamet in Summer Season at GBPT

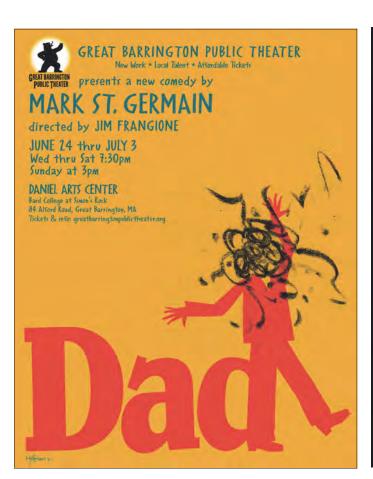
ust a few scant days after Father's Day, Great Barrington Public Theater reopens with a fully staged production of "Dad," a comedy by award-winning Berkshire County-based playwright Mark St. Germain.

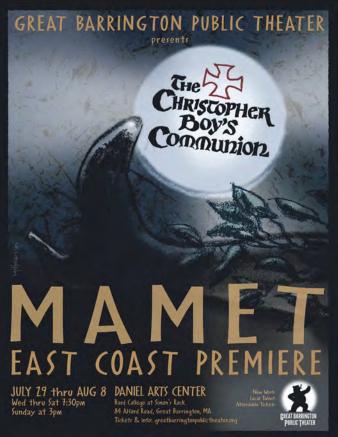
St. Germain is best known for his plays that explore the lives and impact of famous figures ("Freud's Last Session," for example, and "Becoming Dr. Ruth" about Dr. Ruth Westheimer).

This is his first autobiographical play, about the joys and the complexities of living with parents and siblings. The cast includes Mark H. Dold and Peggy Pharr Wilson, Broadway veteran Larry Bryggman and David Smilow. "Dad" opens on Thursday, June 24, and closes Saturday, July 3.

At the other end of the theater's six-week summer schedule, from July 29 to Aug. 8, is the East Coast premiere of David Mamet's new play, "The Christopher Boy's Communion."

Mamet (who lives in Los Angeles) is a longtime friend of Great Barrington Public Theater Artistic





DESIGN BY BEN HILLMAN

Berkshire County-based graphic designer Ben Hillman designed posters for this season's productions of "Dad" and "The Christopher Boy's Communion" at Great Barrington Public Theater. Hillman also designed the theater company's logo.

Director Jim Frangione. In April, the theater was the exclusive venue for a "virtual" play written by Mamet and shot at his California home, starring his wife, the actress Rebecca Pidgeon, and exploring the life of journalist Doro-

thy Kilgallen.

"The Christopher Boy's Communion," set in present day New York City, is described as a "tense thriller," about a (Catholic) mother's efforts to free her son from prison after he murders and possibly rapes and mutilates a young (Jewish) woman who lives in their neighborhood. At its heart is the question of how far a parent will go to save a child.

The cast includes Kiera Naughton, David Adkins, Will LeBow, Diane Prusha and Kevin O'Rourke.

Both plays will be fully staged at the McConnell Theater mainstage in the Daniel Arts Center at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, Mass.

Between the two parentally themed shows is "Mr.

Fullerton," a new play by Berkshire County-based actor/playwright Anne Undeland. The show is directed by Judy Braha and is a flirty, even steamy, reimagining of a love affair between Berkshire County's own Edith Wharton and a young dandy named Morton Fullerton.

"Mr. Fullerton" will be performed between July 21 and Aug. 1 in the Liebowitz Black Box Theater at the Daniel Arts Center.

Tickets for all three shows are priced at \$20 to \$40.

"We welcome everyone in the Berkshires and beyond to come out, come back, be safe, comfortable, and join us for an exhilarating and lively summer," said Deann Simmons Halper, executive director of Great Barrington Public Theater. "We're presenting top-tier new plays and excellent artists to all audiences and looking forward to a rejuvenating season of fantastic theater on two stages."

For more information and to order tickets, go to www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org.

ARTS AND CULTURE: KAITLIN LYLE

Music, Theater and Shared Experiences For an Undaunted Stissing Center

ideo presentations of live performances were "a godsend" for the Stissing Center during the COVID-19 quarantine, according to Executive Director Brian Keeler.

The pandemic hit at a crucial moment in the years-long evolution of the large stone building in the center of the village from a town-owned building in search of a good use, to what it has become: a beautifully renovated center for the arts, music and culture in the center of Pine Plains, N.Y.

After years of fundraising, meetings with town residents, and then renovations to add stages and classrooms, the center was just beginning to blossom—and then had to, largely, shut down.

The challenge for the center was to keep the momentum going, and to maintain people's interest in arts and music during quarantine.

Turning to technology as an ally in the "new normal," the nonprofit found a way to connect with the community by launching The Chair Series, a weekly program in which The Stissing Center invites an artist to come into the building on Church Street, sit in a chair and perform. From music and monologues to dance and poetry, the series was a success with its weekly releases and accumulated quite the viewership, according to Keeler.

Also popular was the Video of the Week series with videos of performances at, for or about The Stissing Center.

The video innovations were a silver lining from the pandemic. Stissing Center had to learn "how to capitalize on video and sound," Keeler said. "Our plan is to continue videotaping and releasing all the concerts that we have in the building so people can enjoy them live and for years after on our YouTube channel."

The future of live gatherings is still somewhat uncertain, so Keeler said the Stissing Center will take it slow, and take advantage of lessons learned about video programming and "incorporating that into our programming, so we can slowly open our doors safely and people can get together and enjoy music and a sense of shared experience.

"That's our challenge and that's the one we hope to meet" Keeler said.

For now, the plan is for the center to host its first chamber music concert on about the third week of June, with a limited audience and all COVID-19 standards.

After that, the plan is to have a chamber music concert once each month, in July, August and September.

If all goes well, there is likely to be a community-wide celebration at the center, in late summer or early fall.

Meanwhile, renovation work continues that will eventually allow the center to open its doors year-round. Now that the building's been equipped with heat and air conditioning, Keeler said they'll be working on other plans, including creation of a second performance space called The Cellar. This more intimate performance space will have seating for 60 to 80 people and will have a cabaret feel.

The center also plans to get a liquor license that will allow for serving beer and wine.

"Everything we do has a caveat," Keeler mused, "which makes it very difficult to write anything in stone; we could wake up tomorrow and the world could change."

To keep up to date on what's happening, and to get a link to the video series, go to www.thestissingcenter.org.

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The handsome Stissing Center in Pine Plains has made amazing progress toward becoming a regional center for the arts. Work continues. Plans remain unsure at this moment whether this summer will bring live shows.



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MILLBROOK



Pam Freeman, center, loving her free time with, standing from left: son Scott, husband Denis and son Alex; kneeling at left is Scott's girlfriend, Sammi. Also in the photo is their family dog and the puppy they are training to become a seeing eye dog.

Pam Freeman actually retire? That seemed to be the plan

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — People usually think of retirement as a time to relax and enjoy some leisure time — time to relax and take it easy. That may be true for some, but that is not the case for Pam Freeman. After all, she spent the last 20 years working at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, first with its education projects and then moving to its communications department. One would think she might have been ready to find a quiet spot to relax and perhaps settle down with a good book after retiring, but that really isn't her nature, as her family and friends can attest

Hers is a life that revolves around altruism, and it's a family tradition. She and her husband, Denis, adopted their two sons. Alex is from Russia and Scott is from Kazakhstan.

According to the Freemans, the process for both adoptions were quite an adventure; things did not go easily. After the initial process of adopting Alex lagged, they started the process for Scott. They were overjoyed when they ended up with both children.

Born and raised in Pleasant Valley, Pam still lives there with her family. She only left to attend Endicott College in Massachu-

However, the Freemans have been closely aligned with the Millbrook community through their affiliations with Grace Church, and of course, the Cary Institute. Both Pam and Denis have been very active with the church during the past 25 years, tirelessly fundraising for events like the annual golf outing before the COVID pandemic. She also worked tirelessly for the concert Grace presented online last winter. She's also taught at the church and served on its advisory board.

Her husband is the food pantry coordinator at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia Union, which is affiliated with Grace Church and distributes food to roughly 500 families per month.

Now that she is retired, Pam said she's more busy than ever. She has gotten involved in raising seeing eye dogs for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. That means she is responsible for the care of the dogs when they are only puppies, and raises them to be guide dogs for the blind. To qualify as a trainer Pam and her family had to meet the criteria as caring, giving and responsible people.

She said she gets attached to each puppy, but knowing they are going to loving homes where they will make a difference makes it all worthwhile. It's hard work, as the family must attend classes and go on outings to socialize the pups and prepare them for their life's work, which includes being out in public with their humans.

The Freemans' dogs in training have been to the Red Rooster drive-thru for lunch and to Kirby Hill Farm as well as to Joey's Ice Cream — Pam said they all had a great time. They are now training their third dog and anticipating training their fourth.

The family usually gets the puppies at about 8 weeks of age, but during the pandemic they are started getting them at about 4 weeks old. They usually keep them until they are 16 to 18 months old.

Not every dog becomes a guide dog, said Pam, as sometimes it becomes obvious during training that the dogs should be placed in other programs, such as Exceptional Sidekicks, which provides therapy and service dogs to disabled teens in need.

ment with training the seeing eye dogs has brought them new friends and introduced them to a new community.

"It gets harder as you get old-

er," she said. Scott is a firefighter in nearby

Poughkeepsie. Pam, ever occupied, is already working on the Grace Church's

Pam said her family's involve-

Her sons are now grown. Alex works at Grace Church and is teaching his mother to play the

piano, a life-long desire.

next golf outing, which this year

oversight of police procedures By JUDITH O'HARA **BALFE**

MILLBROOK — A special meeting was called by the mayor and trustees on Wednesday, May 16, for the purpose of reviewing the policies and procedures of the newly created Civilian Review Board (CRB). It was a result of the police

reform mandated by the gov-

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ernor earlier this year. The May meeting defined the village's procedures to file a complaint with the Millbrook Police Department (MPD) and the appropriate actions to resolve such complaints. Attending were Mayor Tim Collopy, Deputy Mayor Mike Herzog and Trustees Buffy Arborgast, Vickie Contino and Leslie Anson, who was recently appointed.

There were three sections to the agenda: the appointment of a village resident to the CRB; a review of the Civilian Complaint Procedure and Form; and a resolution to pass the Civilian Complaint Procedure (CCP).

According to the CCP, complaints must be filed with the mayor at Village Hall in writing; all pertinent information must be submitted along with the information on the person making the complaint, along

with the date, time and location of the incident and the name of the officer, official or employee involved; all witnesses shall be listed with their contact information and must sign the complaint form; any complaint made verbally must later be written and submitted; if a complaint is made to an officer, official or employee, it must be forwarded to the mayor; if the mayor is a witness, or the subject of a complaint, it should be referred to the deputy mayor.

Civilian Review Board to have

The mayor or a designee shall determine the course of action to resolve a complaint. If the mayor or designee sees fit, the complaint shall be filed with Community Review Board (CoRB). The CoRB shall be comprised of the deputy mayor, an appointed nontrustee resident of the VOM and the officer in charge of the MPD, currently Sgt. Jared Witt.

If the officer in charge is the subject of the complaint, the deputy mayor will appoint another MPD officer to replace him or her.

Reappointment of the resident member of the CoRB will be considered at the annual Village Board reorganization meeting.

The CRB shall, if possible, maintain the confidentiality of the complainant, the officer, employee or official against whom the complaint is being filed and any witnesses throughout its investigation. The CRB will meet to review the complaint and decide how to conduct its investigation.

The CRB will then present its findings and recommendations in a written report to the Village Board, which will then decide what action(s) to take. The officer, employee or official will be notified of the results of the investigation and the board's recommendations. The complainant will be informed of the outcome of the investigation by the mayor.

One change agreed upon by the board was that nothing will abridge the rights of any employee under the law. Village Attorney Ian MacDonald was not present at the May 16 meeting, but through telephone contact was made aware of the change and confirmed he was in agreement.

Mike Murphy was appointed as the non-trustee resident to the CRB; Murphy serves as a councilman on the Washington Town Board.

The Village Board then passed a resolution approving the Civilian Complaint Procedure and form, as amended.

More information on the CRB is available on www.villageofmillbrookny.com.

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF Tails and Tales

Library Community Conversations

will be held at the ice arena in

Poughkeepsie come September.

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better for — and just like when

she was working, now that she's

retired, that seems to continue to

open up a whole wide world of

possibilities.

Clearly, Pam Freeman is keep-

The Millbrook Library will be holding a series of Community Conversations with groups of residents.

The 90-minute conversations will provide the opportunity to talk with residents about what could make a difference in strengthening the Millbrook community. The discussions will include topics like what matters to residents to help to broaden their understanding of community and working to better get things done together.

The first session was at the library on June 1. The second talk was on June 3, on Zoom. The third talk was on June 8, at Grace Church.

The fourth talk will be on Friday, June 11, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane.

The fifth talk will be on Saturday, June 12, from noon to 2 p.m., at The Fountains at Millbrook, 79 Flint Road. For details, go to www. millbrooklibrary.org.

The Millbrook Library

at 3 Friendly Lane is kicking off its Summer Reading Program on Friday, June 18, with activities and prizes for all ages. Patrons may stop in anytime during the 18th to get started with the program.

The library will end the day with a special outdoor movie screening of "Finding

For more information, go to www.millbrooklibrary.

Innisfree Curator's

Innisfree Garden at 362 Tyrrel Road will offer a Curator's Tour on Saturday, June 19, at 10 a.m. with landscape curator Kate Kerin, who will lead a tour exploring the garden known as one of the world's 10 best gardens and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Go to www.innisfreeegarden.org for details and to register.

Correction

Chief Daniel Daly, mentioned in last week's coverage of Millbrook's Memorial Day service, is a veteran of the New York City Fire Department, not of the U.S. Armed Forces, nor is he a recipient of the Medal of Honor. We regret the errors.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

EDITORIAL

Sunny June, the perfect time to vote

ith the sun beating down and the thermostat rising, it may seem like we should be grabbing our towels and sunscreen and heading to the beach rather than our grabbing our IDs and heading to the ballot box, but for some folks living in these parts, not so fast...

That's because June is actually one of three times during the year when villages in the state of New York can hold elections (the other months are March and November). The village of Millerton decided to change its election cycle about a year ago, which means on Tuesday, June 15, registered voters need to make it a priority to head to the stillnew-to-some Village Offices at 5933 North Elm Ave. (Route 22) between noon to 9 p.m. and cast their ballots for mayor and two village trustees.

This year, current Deputy Mayor Jennifer Najdek (NOP) is running unchallenged for the mayor's seat as sitting Mayor Debbie Middlebrook decided after serving in that post since 2017 she would not seek re-election. As she had also served as a trustee since 2007, and on the village Planning Board before that, we fully understand her needing to step away and take a well-deserved break.

During her tenure, Middlebrook consistently served the village of Millerton with an even hand, an open mind, and perhaps most importantly, a ready and genuine smile. From what this newspaper witnessed during her many years at Village Hall, Mayor Debbie Middlebrook routinely treated her constituents — regardless of whether they voted for her — fairly and with great respect, offering a listening ear, an honest response and making an earnest effort to do her best to find the most satisfactory resolution to any problem for

She was an exemplary civil servant for the community and we are sorry to see her go, but we also know that the village will be in very capable hands, as it will now be turned over to Najdek's steady and similarly fair-minded leadership.

Meanwhile, newcomers DeLora Brooks and Laurie Kerr are running in a three-way race against former village Trustee and North East town Supervisor David Sherman for the two open seats on the Village Board.

Sherman, a Republican, is looking to regain his seat on the Village Board and focus on local projects close to him.

Brooks, a Democrat, is a constant presence at Village Board and many other municipal board meetings; she previously served on the North East Zoning Board of Appeals.

Kerr, also a Democrat, has been cross-endorsed by both parties. She's a newcomer, both to the village and local politics, but is already on the Climate Smart Task Force and has offered her services in public policy and as an architect on local projects.

It's a heated race, which offers hope that the 515 registered village voters will head to the polls this year — despite the world being at the tail end of the COVID-19 pandemic. Historically, municipal elections don't always draw huge crowds, but when they're contested elections the turnout tends to be larger.

It's so important that people do vote, despite there only being four candidates and three positions up for grabs. It may seem like a small election — but the results matter.

As the mayor said, "If you don't vote, you are giving up your say in how the community progresses."

To read up on the candidates, and where they stand on

the issues, turn to Page A2. To read more about the election itself, and more about Middlebrook's reflections on her tenure as mayor, turn to

Meanwhile, the town of Amenia is also preparing for an election, as the Republicans will be holding their Primary Election on Tuesday, June 22, at the Wassaic firehouse, at 27

Firehouse Road, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. The town hasn't held a primary for a number of years, so it's important Republican voters weigh in on who their candidates will be in the November General Election. Running in the primary will be incumbent town Supervi-

sor Victoria Perotti, against newcomer Julie Doran, of the Amenia Strong party.

For the Amenia Town Board, incumbents James Morris and Michele Somogyi are being challenged by newcomers James Vitiello and Brad Rebillard, both of the Amenia

Lastly, Republican voters will get to elect two candidates to the Dutchess County Republican Committee. Longtime committee member Mark Doyle is seeking re-election while Jeanne Rebillard and Apostolis Stefanopoulos are running against him.

More information on the elections may be found at www.elections.dutchessny.gov or by calling the Dutchess County Board of Elections at 845-486-2473.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An appreciative veteran following **Memorial Day**

to the Millerton American Legion, SAL's, firefighters, Lions Club and those patriotic Americans involved in presenting the community with a special tribute to those deceased veterans, firefighters and loved ones with an awesome display of appropriate flags on the village streets and at our local cemeteries.

I visited the meticulously trimmed Irondale location on Memorial Day and did a retake the following day. Thanks to all

A respectful thank you salute of you who were involved. It is truly appreciated by we vets, firefighters and patriots.

> And thank you for your heartfelt June 3rd news editorial about the Memorial Day holiday. It was spot on and very much appreciated.

> > **Larry Conklin**

Millerton

Amenia

Editor's Note: Larry Conklin writes the monthly Millerton News opinion column, Veteran's Corner.

Be wary of Amenia Strong when voting in primary

The well-funded "Amenia Strong" Republican Primary slate pitches to the dissatisfaction over the rise in town budgets and taxes in recent years.

Until recently, the tax base has been flat. That all changed a few years ago when the town's total tax assessment ("tax base") started to increase dramatically with the development of all the new luxury homes at Silo Ridge.

And that's been good for the rest of us who, until Silo Ridge,

have had to carry the full measure of the tax burden. Now, it is being shared by Silo Ridge. But Silo Ridge homeowners, of whom all of the "Amenia Strong" slate of candidates are purportedly associated, don't like paying their fair share of taxes, based on what they paid for their new homes.

And, I've heard that they tried to get their hand-picked candidate for town assessor installed and that the current Town Board refused. It was an assessor who presumably would have lowered Silo Ridge assessments (and taxes) and, to compensate for the loss of tax base, raised yours! And that they brought a legal action against the town concerning their assessments. And that they are now masquerading with the slogan to make "Amenia Strong."

That's a Red Herring. Do you see a conflict of interest in their slate of candidates

now running to win a majority of

votes on the Town Board (three out of five)? Or do you see a Trojan Horse?

I see a professional political campaign to make Amenia a Company Town. And I see Amenia Republican voters turning out for the Primary on Tuesday, June 22, to vote against the so-called "Amenia Strong" candidates.

Dan Brown

Throwing support behind Amenia Strong

Shakespeare wrote, "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark." I say, "something is rotten in the Amenia Town Board Budget."

First of all, the taxable assessment for Amenia has risen from \$571 million in 2017 to \$863 million for 2021, almost \$300 million. Common sense would say our town tax should decrease, but the present Town Board, with town Supervisor Victoria Perotti as chief financial officer, has raised our taxes with unaccountable spending.

As I reviewed the budget and the 2020 operating statement I found glaring discrep-

ancy. The major problem I find alarming is the 2020 estimated revenue for the General Fund was \$706,000, but the actual revenue was \$1,578,000, an \$872,000 variance with no explanation.

Wow, where did that money go? The supervisor line went up over \$2,000 but they eliminated over \$37,000 from Summer Rec and Youth Programs. Senior Programs lost over \$5,000 but the Town Attorney is up to \$100,000. I have FOILed for the true costs of the Trail to Trains and they have conveniently not filled that request. I do know they spent \$13,200 on interest and borrowed \$1.5 million. They also borrowed \$1.1 million and paid \$27,000 on the Heater Bond and \$25,940 in interest. Yes, and interest rates are low.

As a lifelong resident and 16-year member of the Amenia Town Board as councilman and supervisor, I felt compelled to write this letter in support of the Amenia Strong Ticket for Town Board. Comprised of Julie Doran, Jamie Vitiello and Brad Rebillard, this slate of candidates is made up of the right people at the right time to put our town back on the right track.

Sadly, our town has faced rising taxes and lower services.

The current mismanagement of our tax dollars is a serious problem and we need real, honest oversight.

That is why I am throwing my support behind the Amenia Strong Team. Amenia is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. I am hopeful it will remain that way, but I worry that the current road we are on will prevent that. Please stand with me to put Amenia on a new, brighter path for a strong future.

Wavne Euvrard Former town supervisor Amenia

Sherman will be an asset to the Village Board

As a former member of the Millerton Village Board with over six years experience in serving our community, I would like to state my support and endorsement of Dave Sherman for village trustee. Dave will be on the Village Election ballot on Tuesday, June 15.

Dave is known in the village

for his record of service to our community. With his skills in municipal planning, budgeting and finance, Dave will be an asset to the Village Board as a trustee and a great help in organizing and overseeing major

Dave's aims are to attract a new supermarket to serve our residents; to build a sewer system to serve areas of need; to complete the renewal of Eddie Collins Park; to continue fixing village sidewalks and updating an aging water system. Our community deserves to have forward looking people like Dave serving in local govern-

I encourage Millerton voters to go out to the Village Offices on Tuesday, June 15th, and vote for Dave Sherman for village trustee. Voting will be at 5933 North Elm Ave. (Route 22) from noon to 9 p.m.

Rob Cooper

Dave Sherman has proven leadership skills

During my 14 years of service as a village trustee and then mayor of Millerton, I got to know Dave Sherman and appreciate his work for our community.

Dave was first a Planning Board chairman for the village and town, then a town councilman and for several years our town's supervisor. He

knows how governments can work together and will help us maintain a strong cooperative relationship between the town

Now, Dave is a candidate for village trustee. I feel he would be great addition to the Village Board. He is thoughtful, fairminded and works to build consensus.

As a life-long resident, Dave knows our village, understands our needs and has the drive to help solve our problems. He will work to help us to attract a new supermarket, to build a sewer system and to complete the Eddie Collins Park renovations.

On Tuesday, June 15th, I'll be voting for Dave Sherman for village trustee and I strongly recommend that voters of Millerton join me in voting for Dave.

John Scutieri

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Sherman brings experience, know-how and fairness

I am writing to express my support and endorsement of Dave Sherman for village trustee. Dave will be on the ballot in the Village Election on Tuesday, June 15th.

Dave is a life-long resident of Millerton. He is a friendly, approachable person with a strong sense of service to our community.

Dave Sherman is experienced, having served on village and town planning boards and governing boards. His understanding of local government equips him to be an excellent trustee and sustain the good working relationship between the town and village.

Dave has demonstrated in his service to our community that he understands our problems, has the ability to address them and is committed to seeing the needs of our residents are being met.

From a perspective of being a long-time Millerton resident and involved in municipal matters, I believe Dave offers a great combination of energy, know-how and fairness to foster agreement and resolve problems.

On June 15th, Dave Sherman deserves the consideration and vote of every village voter. Please join me in voting for Dave. Voting will be from 12 noon to 9 o'clock at the village offices at 5933 North Elm Ave. (Route 22).

> George Kaye North East town councilman

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serve upon plaintiff's attorneys an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Trial is desired in the County of DUTCHESS. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property, which is the subject matter of this action, is located in the County of DUTCHESS, New York. NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND

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The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall.

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Julie Schroeder Chair Zoning Board of Appeals 06-10-21

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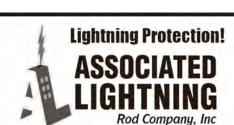


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