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State Sen. Serino calls for independent investigation

Cuomo faces fallout from COVID nursing home error

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NEW YORK STATE — Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo's March 25th executive decision last year to send New York seniors infected with the coronavirus to nursing homes throughout the state has had repercussions that continue to shake Albany — with State Senator Sue

Serino (R-41) and others announcing on Friday, Feb. 19, they want "a top down, independent investigation in the state's handling of this crisis and an immediate revocation of the governor's emergency powers."

Serino lays it on the line

Serino's demand followed a court order and a report from State Attorney General Letitia James that nursing home resident deaths nearly

doubled from roughly 8,500 to more than 15,000. Originally, those additional nursing home deaths were reported as having happened in hospitals.

The state senator issued a statement to the press, along with State Sen. Jim Tedisco (R-49), referring to a report by the nonpartisan Empire

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NECC Teen Team talks 'Black love' during Black History Month

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MILLERTON — Having a safe space to engage in meaningful dialogue with their peers, the North East Community Center's (NECC) Teen Team utilized its Restorative Circles program to honor Black History Month through conversations that focused on embracing love, allyship [sic.] and empowering others.

Reflecting on the collaboration between the NECC and The Mediation Center of Dutchess County in Poughkeepsie over the last five years, NECC Teen Program Director Jackie Osnato explained that restorative practices are a way to bring people together and "create equality of voice and a safe container where people can express themselves and be heard and seen."

Viewed as a nonviolent form of

communication that's both proactive and restorative, she said the Teen Team tends to focus more on the proactive aspects of the Restorative Circles, though both she and NECC Teen Program Assistant Meredith Hamilton are trained in restorative practices through The Mediation Center.

Hamilton said a circle typically

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'Good Trouble' speech given in honor of a good man

In honor of what would have been the late U.S. Rep. and civil rights leader John Lewis' 81st birthday on Sunday, Feb. 21, The Stissing Center hosted a special Saturday edition of its Video of the Week series, featuring Shona Taylor reading an excerpt from Lewis' "Good Trouble" speech. Lewis passed away this past July. "Good Trouble" was originally delivered on Aug. 28, 1963 during The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Taylor's performance was first broadcast in The Stissing Center's Stissing Summer Variety Show last August. The recent performance was posted to "The Stissing Center" YouTube channel on Saturday, Feb. 20, where it can now be viewed.

Community concerns about changes to Sharon Hospital board

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SHARON, Conn. — Connecticut's Office of Health Strategies held a public hearing online on Tuesday, Feb. 16, about a request from Nuvance, owner of the hospital network that includes Sharon Hospital, to change the condition regarding the hospital's board of

directors.

Condition 2 of the Certificate of Need (CON) that applies to the hospital (dated April 1, 2019) currently requires Nuvance to "allow for twelve (12) community representatives to serve as voting members on the Sharon Hospital Board of Directors." This agreement is in force for five years following the closing of the

agreement.

Nuvance is asking that Condition 2 be modified to this: "For five (5) years following the Closing Date, NewCo shall allow for one (1) community representative to serve as a voting member on the Sharon Hospital Board of Directors.

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Flocking together

Motorists driving along Sharon Station Road in Amenia may want to keep their eyes open for geese this winter. A large flock of geese was spotted mingling in the pond at the end of the road earlier this February, perhaps making a pit stop on their flight south. Whether they were trailing one another along the as-of-then unfrozen parts of the pond or huddling together in groups to stay warm, the noise created by their unmistakable calls to one another echoed throughout the area.

First step to update zoning code

Pine Plains Town Board creates Zoning Review Committee

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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PINE PLAINS — Forging ahead with the next step toward revitalizing the town, the Pine Plains Town Board devoted its recent workshop meeting on Monday, Feb. 15, to creating a Zoning Review Committee (ZRC), with help from BFJ Planning.

After 10 years of "living with our zoning law here," town Supervisor Darrah Cloud told residents in her "Dear Pine Plains" e-newsletter it's now time to "smooth the process for economic development in Pine Plains and make it easier to live here as long as we would like."

The meeting was held via Zoom due

to the pandemic. Since BFJ Planning had previously worked with the town to update its Comprehensive Plan, Taylor Young, a planner with BFJ Planning, said they were excited to continue their work. Fellow BFJ planner Frank Fish said he'd act as principal for the ZRC while Taylor would act as project manager.

An overview of the town zoning code update schedule as divided by phases and tasks was presented to the Town Board, with Phase One focused on zoning review and draft updates. Fish explained the board's Request for Proposals (RFP) hinted

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Police Committee reviews mission statement, considers reform plan

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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MILLERTON — Members of the Joint Village of Millerton and Town of North East Police Committee continued to make headway on the police reform plan at their meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Starting around 6 p.m. on Wednesday, the meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic and live streamed to the “Village of Millerton VOM” Facebook page. Village Trustee Matthew Hartzog thanked North East Town Board members Lana Morrison and Ralph Fedele for putting together the beginnings of a mission statement for the Village of Millerton Police Department Police Reform and Modernization Plan.

The mission defined

Reading aloud the first draft of the statement, Hartzog said the mission of the Millerton Police Department (MPD) is “to provide a professional, proactive, community-oriented policing that focuses on integrity and service.”

He said the MPD will work hand-in-hand with the community to enhance trust, promote safety, preserve peace, reduce fear of crime and maintain order while protecting individuals. With the town and village including approximately 2,000 residents, Hartzog said the MPD is a small department with part-time officers only, which relies on the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office and the New York State Police for 24/7

coverage.

Hartzog said the preliminary method of recruitment and hiring officers is currently done through the Dutchess County Civil Service Commission’s continuous recruitment testing program. A background investigation is completed on each individual as well as periodic performance evaluations in order to ensure high-quality service. Addressing transparency and accountability, Hartzog said a Police Services Committee has been formed with two Village Board members and two North East Town Board members to review police practices and performance.

In short, Hartzog read that the goal of local police is “to provide for public safety, law and order with fairness and transparency to all citizens and visitors to the community.”

As far as what still needs to be considered, Hartzog said the committee should think about training, how often it occurs and what types of training are offered; how the police will handle hate crimes; whether it will do employee evaluations and how often; how often police policies and procedures are reviewed; the diversity of the community’s citizens; how the police can be more involved with the community; whether officers will carry business cards; and the possibility of arranging a community-police gathering once a year.

Morrison explained that when she and Fedele drafted the mission statement, they went by the current police policies as

well as recommendations they received from the community and other ideas they brainstormed. Hartzog affirmed that the draft is a working document that will “doubtlessly change.”

“I think this is a wonderful start,” Millerton Trustee Joshua Schultz said. “I love what the two of you have done. It’s really a great foundation for us to compound and expand upon with all the other stuff we’re going to have to add.”

Developing a plan

In addition to the MPD’s mission statement, Hartzog said the village and town could put forth their own mission statements regarding local policing.

“Essentially, it’s about our goals,” he said. “By the end of this whole process, we’ll have similar goals, but I think it’s important for the town and the village to also have a mission statement about this.”

As far as the town is concerned, Fedele said the mission statement as it stands applies to both the village and the town. However, he stressed the town is looking for value of service for the amount of taxpayer money that’s expended for police coverage. Fedele explained that they’d like to see for the roughly \$25,000 the town contracts with the village annually for police services that “we’re

getting the best possible service, which means a combination of village police, state troopers and sheriff’s department combined to give our citizens the best possible coverage.”

Hartzog asked if the committee thought the amount of service the police currently offers could be improved. Considering daytime coverage, Fedele said if they feel they’re getting the right amount of state police and sheriff’s deputies during the daylight hours and the Millerton police in the evenings and on the weekends, “then really that’s what we’re looking for.”

“We’re not trying to reduce costs,” he said. “We’re trying to allocate the services to the best possible service.”

In their ensuing discussion, committee members talked with Millerton Police Officer in Charge Mike Veeder about the different components mentioned in the draft mission statement, such as service costs, recruitment and training. They also asked for his input on the eight questions that need to be considered for the plan as well as some of the questions and concerns that were raised at the virtual Dutchess County Police Reform public hearing held on Monday, Feb. 8 (for more on that, go to www.tricornernews.com).



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A resident of Noble Horizons in Salisbury, Conn., Lorraine Sullivan embraced the Valentine’s Day spirit between her cozy red sweater, her heart-shaped headband and the handmade Valentine wreath hanging from her door, courtesy of the members of the NECC Teen Team in Millerton.

NECC’s Teen Team sends heartfelt wreaths to seniors over the border

MILLERTON — Seizing the opportunity to make a connection that had just as much heart as it did art, members of the North East Community Center’s (NECC) Teen Team in Millerton gathered via Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 4, to make Valentine wreaths for the residents at Noble Horizons in nearby Salisbury, Conn.

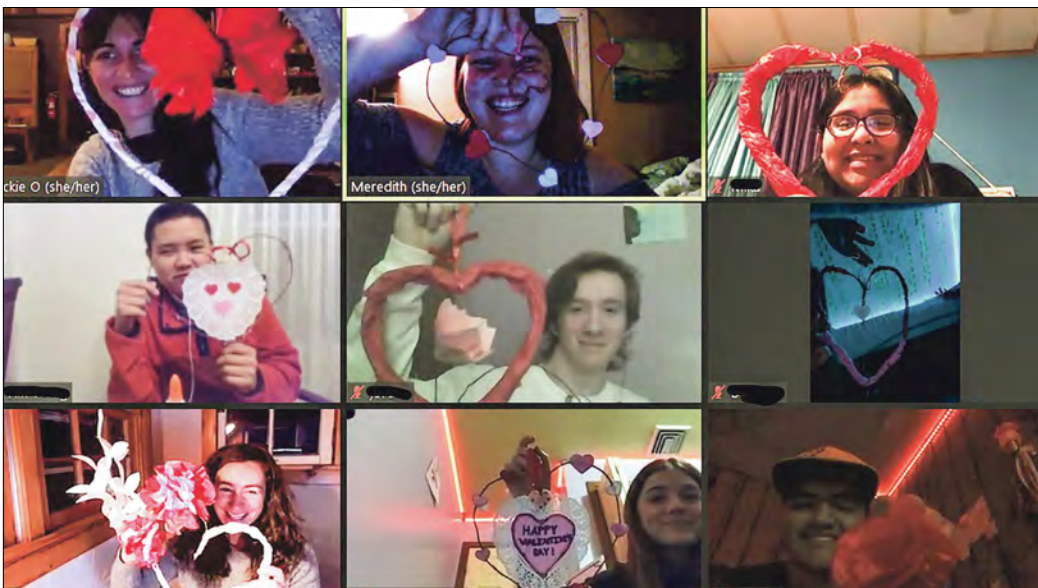
After receiving the art packets from the NECC, the Teen Team students set to work in creating the beautiful handmade

wreaths.

Thanking Noble Horizons Director of Community Relations Caroline Kenny-Burchfield for her help in coordinating the activity, the Teen Team staff organized a contactless pick-up of the finished wreaths from each student and made sure to deliver the wreaths to Noble Horizons before Valentine’s Day on Saturday, Feb. 14, brightening residents’ spirits with happy homemade hearts.

— Kaitlin Lyle

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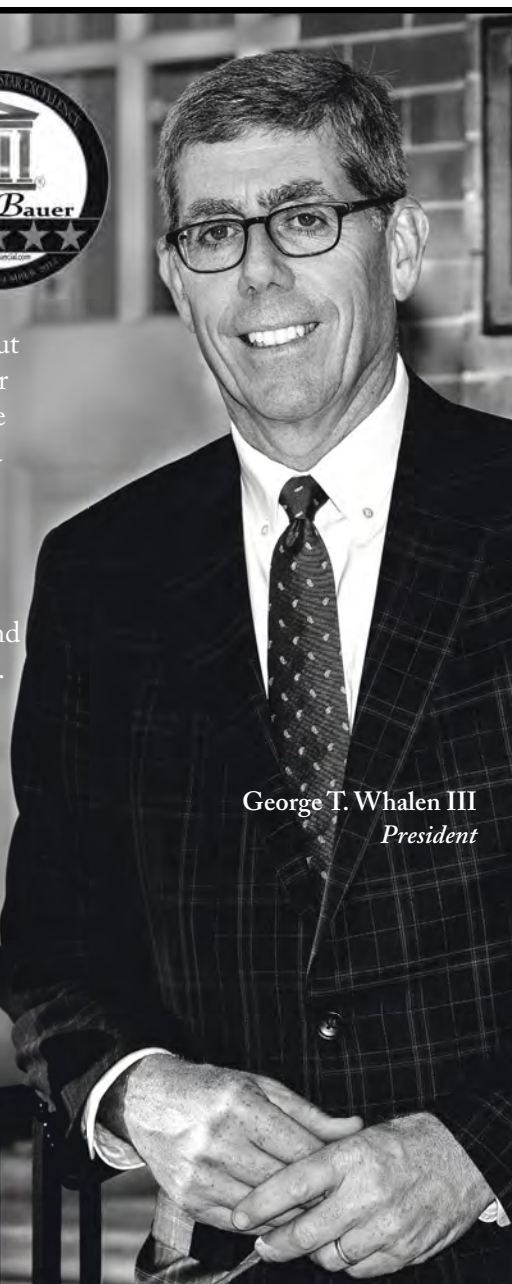
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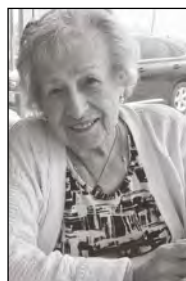


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OBITUARIES

Shirley Rebecca (Abrahamson) Shoifet

MILLERTON — Shirley Rebecca (Abrahamson) Shoifet died peacefully on Feb. 13, 2021, at the age of 94 in Houston, Texas, where she lived for the last decade of her life.



She is survived by her son, Jay Shofet and his wife, Adeena Sussman; her daughter, Laura Yaffee and her husband, Wayne; her grandchildren, Shani and husband Or, Nadav, Shosh and husband Yaron and Gabi and husband Albert. She is also survived by her great-granddaughters Yuval, Tzofia and Noga.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jacob; her parents, Fanny and Julius Abrahamson; her sisters, Bea and Pauline; and her brother Sam. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mother, and Bubby (grandmother).

Shirley was born on Oct. 5, 1926, and raised in New Britain, Conn., the daughter of a baker and homemaker. She graduated from Grace New Haven School of Nursing in 1947 as a Registered Nurse and worked in that capacity for over 60 years.

Early in her career, she worked at Veterans Administration hospitals in Florida and Connecticut; then for a series of country doctors in private practice and at the Sharon Clinic; as a camp nurse at Isabella Freedman for decades and as a school nurse. Shirley read RN magazine voraciously and always dispensed top-notch medical care and advice with a smile.

Shirley met her soulmate on a blind date as a favor to a dying patient at a Connecticut VA hospital. In Jake Shoifet, she met a Jewish mensch who could cook, and thus began an epic love story. They enjoyed a life together for almost 57 years, full of love, acts of kindness (chesed) and charity (tzedakah). Shirley the nurse and Jake the soldier turned restaurateur/school lunch manager/caterer were leaders of their community in and around Millerton for over 50 years. They shared an interest in Democratic politics and progressive ideas, and worked to better the lives of young people most in need.

She lobbied to get Head Start in Millerton so that children from low-income families could have the benefits of preschool programs. Shirley was the helpmate in Jake's mayoral campaigns and duties, and stopped by Jake's Gateway Drive-in restaurant on the way home from a busy day nursing to help with the dinner rush.

Shirley loved words and had a way with them, writing poems or songs for every special occasion. She was an avid reader and an ardent Scrabble player. Shirly adored singing in English, Hebrew and Yiddish — songs from the '40s, patriotic American songs, cantorial and synagogue songs, songs from musicals and especially Yiddish

songs. Oh, did she love Yiddish songs, the Yiddish language and Yiddish culture.

Shirley was passionate about her Judaism, its customs and traditions. At the kitchen table Shirley instilled in her children, and later in her grandchildren, the Jewish values that she held so dear. She was proud that her family was in Israel — including her aunts, uncles and cousins and later, her son and family and all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Shirley had a knack of connecting with children at their level. She was a great mother to her own children, and at the Millerton Library, read story hour for young children over many years. With her grandchildren, "Bubby" was hands-on and full of fun and wisdom. Bubby taught them songs and poems, proverbs and life lessons. She told them stories and sayings that the children will be telling their children, from generation to generation (l'dor v'dor). Her grandchildren fondly remember their week-long summer to trips to Millerton as a highlight of their childhoods.

Shirley loved the language, song and theater of the "old country," Yiddish. And yet she was a very forward thinker. She breastfed her children at a time when breastfeeding was believed to be old fashioned for those that could afford formula. She believed in a woman's right to make her own decision about her body and helped her to get a safe abortion if that is what the woman wanted. She warned of the health consequences of diet soda long before others did.

Although Shirley struggled with dementia in her later years, she never lost her ability to connect with people and make others laugh. Her caring ways and her endearing personality — and her melodic Yiddish — made her everyone's Bubby.

If you met Shirley, you met someone engaging, witty, creative and passionate. Whether she told you a joke, sang you a song, made up a rhyme or voiced an opinion, it was done in a uniquely Shirley way. Shirley will surely be missed but the spirit of this Yiddish mama lives on in those who were touched by her.

If you would like to honor Shirley, please consider making a donation in her memory to National Yiddish Theater Folksbiene (www.nytf.org), Bnei Akiva of the U.S. & Canada (www.bneiakiva.org), or Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (www.natureisrael.org).

Arrangements were under the care of Houston Jewish Funerals, www.jewishfuneralsusa.com/obituaries.

Sunrise, sunset, swiftly flow the years ... laden with happiness and tears.

Berkshire Taconic grant and scholarship deadlines

HARLEM VALLEY — Nonprofits and students in northeast Dutchess County are invited to apply for competitive grants and scholarships during Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's (BTCF) winter grants cycle. Apply online at www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Grants and www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Scholarships.

For nonprofits
The Green Pastures Fund supports nonprofit organizations or public entities that encourage or preserve small, community-based agricultural ventures. Applications are due Monday, March 1.

The Northeast Dutchess Fund will provide unrestricted general operating support to help established nonprofits continue to achieve their mission and impact and allow for planning and recovery. Applications are due Thursday, April 15.

For students: Scholarships
Applications for the following scholarships are due Monday, March 15.

The Andrea Wagner Women in Science Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to female residents of the Berkshire Taconic region who are currently enrolled at a four-year college and majoring in math, chemistry, engineering or physical sciences.

The Ferris Burtis Scholarship Fund sponsors graduating high school seniors who have been accepted at a conservatory or school of music to pursue a career in classical music.

The Karen Kisslinger Schol-

arship Fund supports students of Webutuck High School who have a demonstrated interest and passion for holistic, health and wellness practices.

The Matthew D. Reagon Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to graduates or graduating seniors of Webutuck High School who attained reasonable academic achievement despite facing adversity.

The Northeast Dutchess Scholarship Fund provides grants to college-bound grad-

uating seniors of Dover High School, Millbrook High School, Stissing Mountain High School and Webutuck High School.

The Rhoda Lubalin Art Scholarship Fund supports graduating seniors of Webutuck High School who intend to study visual arts at a college or other educational institution.

The Thomas J. Berlinghoff Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to graduating seniors of Webutuck High School who are attending a college, university

or vocational school.

For students: Summer projects

The Violet H. Simmons Summer Enrichment Scholarship Fund supports summer projects for Webutuck High School graduates who are enrolled in their second or third year at a four-year accredited college or their second year at an accredited two-year college. Completed applications will be accepted on a rolling basis as long as funding is available.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

Driving While Ability Impaired charges

On Saturday, Jan. 30, at approximately 10:28 p.m., Daniel Cronin, 27, of Hillsdale, was arrested for Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI), a class U misdemeanor, by Deputy Philipp Gomm.

Cronin was found to be impaired after he had been involved in a one-car motor vehicle accident. He was cited for DWAI by Drugs and moving from a lane unsafely.

Cronin was issued appearance tickets and released to return to Claverack Town Court on Feb. 9 to answer his charges.

Criminal Possession of Firearms charges

On Monday, Feb. 1, at approximately 2:50 p.m., Michael

Grimaldi, 49, of Hillsdale, was arrested for Criminal Possession of Firearms, by Deputies Joseph Favorito and Zachary Torchia.

The arrest was based on a previous incident where Grimaldi was found to be in possession of two modified firearms. After research it was determined that the altered firearms were not compliant with

New York State law. Grimaldi was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd degree — Silencer, a class D felony and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 3rd degree — three or more illegal weapons, a class D felony.

Grimaldi was arraigned in Hillsdale Town Court by Justice Immarigeon and released to return at a date later to be determined.

Dover vaccination site moves from high school to CVS Plaza

DOVER — The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health announced on Tuesday, Feb. 23, that it has been allocated 1,200 first doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine by New York State Department of Health.

Vaccinations have been ongoing at Dutchess County points of distribution (POD) locations; the POD at Dover Middle/High School has just

been moved to the CVS at 3081 Route 22 in Dover Plains.

Appointments will be scheduled for 1,200 eligible individuals randomly chosen from a list of more than 53,000 people who have completed the Dutchess County Vaccination Information Request Form or in coordination with essential worker employers. For details, go to www.DutchessNY.gov/COVIDvaccine or call 845-486-3555.

Edith Jane 'Edie' Thomen

NORTH CANAAN — Edith Jane "Edie" Thomen, age 92, passed away on Feb. 1, 2021, at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center after a brief illness.

Edie was born on Aug. 15, 1928, in North Canaan, a daughter of the late Louis and Margaret Curtiss. She married the late Arnold Thomen Sr. on Jan. 1, 1948, also in North Canaan.

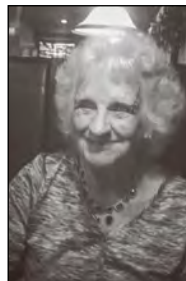
She worked for a short time at Becton Dickinson but was primarily a homemaker. Edie enjoyed shopping, being with her family and traveling. She was a very active octogenarian who enjoyed living and partaking in all life had to offer. Edie was a vibrant, warm and giving soul and she touched the hearts of so many.

She is survived by her children, Arnold Thomen Jr. and his wife, Althea, Kathleen Vernali and her husband, Paul, and Mark S. Thomen; her grandchildren, Kimberley Roy, Melissa Pronovost, Jody Huften, Shannon Ruane, Aimee La Mere and Corey Thomen. She also leaves her great-grandchildren, Hunter and Hayden Pronovost, Erik Bassett, Kaitynn, James and Connor Huften, Gabe and Ian Thomen, Kylie

and Leah Ruane, and Brionna La Mere; her siblings, William G. Curtis Sr., Mary Logerwell, James D. Curtiss and Margaret "Peggy" Canevari; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to her husband, Edie was predeceased by four siblings, Shirley Smith, Johnny Curtiss Sr., Joseph Curtiss and Louis G. Curtiss.

A memorial service will take place in North Canaan on Saturday, April 17, 11 a.m. at the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan. Burial will follow at East Canaan Hillside Cemetery.



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OBITUARIES

James Robert Boltrom

ASHLEY FALLS — James Robert Boltrom, 75, died Jan. 13, 2021, with his wife, Dorene (Crocco) Boltrom, in a fire at their home in Ashley Falls, Mass.

Mr. Boltrom was born Jan. 1, 1946, in New Milford, Conn., and was a graduate of New Milford High School, Class of 1963.

He married his wife on Christmas Eve 1996.

Mr. Boltrom operated Commonwealth Automotive Restoration in Ashley Falls and was a highly respected restoration expert whose focus was on military vehicles, especially World War II era Willys Jeeps. His work garnered top awards in military vehicle shows across the country.

He learned the mechanic, auto body and restoration trades from his late father, John M. Boltrom, proprietor of Candlewood Valley Auto Body on Route 7, New Milford, with whom he worked early in his career.

Mr. Boltrom participated in

the Baja 500, an off-road desert race through Mexico, and was a dealer/builder of Meyers Manx Dune Buggies.

He was a fine artist, builder of dry stone walls and model airplanes — a genuinely funny guy, always ready with a long story to tell.

He is survived by his sister, Jeannie (Boltrom) McMacken of Port Townsend, Wash.; a nephew, Bryan Boltrom of New Milford; an uncle, Francis Boltrom of Thorndyke, Maine; two aunts, Alice Pollard of San Rafael, Calif., and Maryanne Haywood of Pittsford, N.Y.; and several cousins.

He was predeceased by his father; his mother, Irene (Hudimatch) Boltrom; and his brother, Robert M. Boltrom.

A memorial service is planned for later this year. Donations in his name may be made to the Sheffield Volunteer Fire Department.

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



Timothy D. Brown

KENT — Timothy D. Brown is at peace after a day of resting in the sun on Feb. 10, 2021. He was 58 years old. A full obituary will appear in the March 4 issue of The Millerton News.

Barbara (Elliott) Niles

SALISBURY — Barbara (Elliott) Niles, 82, died peacefully at home on Feb. 11, 2021, with her family at her side. She grew up in Needham and Osterville, Mass., and lived in Berkeley, Calif., and Washington, D.C., before settling in New York City with her lawyer husband. They found their weekend place in Salisbury in 1971.

Bar raised her own children while affectionately gathering others into her maternal embrace, creating a devoted extended family. She bristled at authority figures but reigned supreme in her own home! Bar was a voracious reader, Turner Classic Movies devotee and dog lover. Friends loved her for her irreverent sense of humor, strong opinions and generosity.

A fervent liberal concerned with social justice and environmental welfare, she worked at two nonprofits whose missions were to educate consumers and examine business practices that affected environmental conditions and public health.

In midlife, Bar got her M.S.W., trained further as a psychoanalyst and enjoyed a fulfilling practice in Manhattan before moving to Salisbury full-time.

She loved both the gentle, green contours of New England and the dramatic landscape of the Tetons where she spent 30 years regularly visiting and working on a friend's ranch.

In retirement, Bar served on the boards of SVNA, The Salisbury Housing Trust, The Salisbury Land Trust and The Salisbury Association.

Bar is survived by her younger brother, Kent; her daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Pato; her son, Andy; her honorary daughters, Marina and Meg, and their respective spouses, Marc and Christopher, and de facto grandchildren Olivia, Isobel and Ian.

There will be no public memorial but donations may be made in her name to a local organization of your choice. She supported most of them!



In Appreciation:

John Pruitt Jr.

AMENIA — John H. Pruitt Jr. of Amenia passed away at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie on Feb. 10, 2020, at the age of 60.

He was born in Mount Vernon, N.Y., and later moved to Florida, where he ran a successful graphic arts business, but after taking over an equine "rescue" site he discovered his true calling: caring for horses.

A decade ago, he moved to Amenia, to work for me and manage The Oaks Farm.

John was much more than just a farm manager. He was veterinarian, stable manager and friend.

When it appeared that a horse was going to lose an eye, John bathed and medicated it every day until it recovered — "bet-

ter than any professional could have," according to the farm's veterinarian.

John also ran a successful roadside farm stand that he called "La Ferme," on Route 44, and he sold plants off the back of his pickup at the Amenia Friday night farmers' market.

Every farm has a farm dog; this farm is no exception: Sadie a Blue Heeler. When she first came, John called her a worthless mutt but he let her sleep in his apartment with him, and when the weather turned cold, he bought her a Barbour jacket from his modest resources. She misses him more than does anybody else.

Don Rosendale
The Oaks Farm
Amenia



Kathryn H. Koch

STANFORDVILLE — Kathryn H. Koch, 81, passed away Feb. 17, 2021, at her home, surrounded by her loving family and friends.

She was born Dec. 18, 1939, in Millbrook, the daughter of Emma (Ostrander) and William Hults.

On July 16, 1960 at the United Church of Christ in Stanfordville, she married Robert E. Koch. Together they enjoyed 45 years of marriage until his passing in 2005.

Kay is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Tim Knapp of Stanfordville; two sons and daughter-in-laws, Robert and Sandy Koch and Gary and Patty Koch of Pine Plains. She was a Nana to seven grandchildren, Vanessa, Nicholas and Isaac Knapp, Zachary, Rebekah, Derek and Miranda Koch; and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her three sisters, Nettie Sommerville, Marie Brown and Sarah Agnelli; her brothers-in-law, PJ Agnelli, Paul Rockefeller and Aunt Jeanette Ostrander; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Kay was predeceased by her sister, Betty Rockefeller; and her brother, Bill Hults.

Kay was a graduate of Pine Plains Central School. Although her career began as a local business owner and varied over the years, she could most recently be seen delivering prescriptions in the McCarthy's Pharmacy flowered VW Bug and working at the Stanford Transfer Station (she was affectionately known as the "Dump Police").

Kay had tremendous love for her family, friends, church

and community. She was a Sunday School Teacher at the United Church of Christ, served on the leadership committee and thrift store and headed up church dinners. She cherished her family dinners and holiday gatherings. She could often be found assisting at Fire Company functions and serving on the Ladies Auxiliary / Support Squad.

In 2019 Kay was recognized as Citizen of the Year for the Town of Stanford.

Kay, Mom, Nana and "Aunt Kay" was a loyal wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend to many. There is a large hole left in the lives that she has touched. She is now united with God and the husband she loved. Heaven is a sweeter place.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Feb. 26, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Peck & Peck Funeral Home in Pine Plains. Funeral services will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, from the United Church of Christ in Stanfordville. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Due to COVID-19/NYS Guidelines, masks, social distancing and capacity limitations will be adhered to during all services. During your visit, please be respectful to those who may be waiting to visit by keeping your stay brief. Your cooperation is appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Kathryn's name may be made to the United Church of Christ, Stanfordville, or the Stanford Fire Company.

To leave a message of condolence for the family, go to www.peckandpeck.net.



David A. Brammer

LAKEVILLE — David A. Brammer, 65, passed away peacefully on Feb. 13, 2021, in Albuquerque, N.M.

Born May 3, 1955, he was the son of Edward and Lola Brammer of Lakeville. David lived life to the fullest. He spent the past 10 years in Mountainair, N.M.

In addition to his parents, David is survived by his brothers, Edward Brammer of Lakeville and his wife, Debbie, and Andy Brammer of North Canaan; his sister, Stephanie Durbal of Bel-

leville, Mich., and her husband, Ken; his son, Adam Brammer of Sharon; and his wife, Courtney; his grandchildren, Evan Brammer, Jackson Brammer and Jamison Brammer; his nephew, Eddie Brammer III of Sheffield and his wife, Amy; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

David was predeceased by his son, Rene Brammer of Sharon; and his wife, Barbara (Ackerman) Brammer of Mountainair.

A celebration of life will be held in Connecticut this spring.



William L. Dickinson

NORTH CANAAN — William L. Dickinson, husband of Marie L. Dickinson, died Tuesday night Feb. 16, 2021.

William is survived by his children, Vickie Dickinson Thompson and her husband, Roger and Edward Dickinson and his wife, Susan; and a grand-

daughter, Elisa Rotella. Services are private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kara Zinke Fund in care of Brenda Fife, P.O. Box 1029, North Canaan, CT 06018.

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For more obituaries, see Page A3

Worship Services

Week of February 28, 2021

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10am www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE 30 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHES & LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</p>	<p>Greenwoods Community Church 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:50 AM Kidz Connection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 www.greenwoodschurch.com</p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour & Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org</p>
<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual service on Sunday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m. "An Accidental Immigrant" For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 85, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thesmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>
<p>Sharon Congregational Church 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online sermons. Bible Study Guides also available by request: info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org Or contact us at 860-364-5002</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 am, Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003 The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & First Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Face masks required</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>	<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanumc-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</p>

In appreciation:

Ron Jones

Having succeeded Ron Jones on one NGO board, nominated him for a second, and served with him on a third for more than a decade, I can say that when the other trustees of these organizations got to know Ron as a new board member, they understood that their organization's troubles were over, because Ron would handle them. He was the best fireman those boards ever had.

I was dazzled by his ability to use his ready smile, keen intellect, and persistent courtesy for trouble-shooting, particularly in the years that he and Ed Kirby and I and a few others

were trying to put together the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area. Let me state unequivocally what we all knew, that the UHVNHA would not have happened without Ron. It took more than a decade to win full approval from the National Parks Service as a heritage area, and the designation was only obtained because whenever Ron learned of a possible local detractor or a governmental roadblock, he would zero in on the problem and not let go until it had been solved.

Tom Shachtman
Salisbury

In appreciation, with respect and affection:

Ed Kirby

Ed Kirby was my friend. We go way back. I remember being intimidated as a freshman at HVRHS when I saw Ed with his love and commitment to baseball. Our relationship never stopped growing since then. Part of that growing involved a five-pound, 200-page baseball handbook that was required reading if you wanted to play baseball at Housatonic.

Coach Kirby worked the hell out of me when he saw I might have some pro baseball possibilities.

It wasn't until much later when I realized why he was so tough on me. He knew if I got signed to go pro how hard it would be and how much work and discipline it would take. I thank him to this day for how he prepared me for all that. It

was a big factor in my making it to the major leagues.

But there was so much more to Ed than baseball. So many aspects of his talent. So aware of the world around him. His accomplishments have been duly acknowledged, properly so.

Karen and I are so lucky to have crossed paths with Ed and Mary and the entire Kirby clan.

One last thought: You had to be pretty darn good to pitch for Ed Kirby. I am so proud I was good enough.

There is nothing better than being cared about and loved. Ed, you were and you are.

Rest easy, you've earned it. P.S. So proud to be a member of your Wildcat Gorge Boozing and Wilderness Society.

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PINE PLAINS/AMENIA

Pine Plains superintendent reports to BOE on bringing students back into the classrooms

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler gave the Pine Plains Board of Education (BOE) the status of the district's reopening and discussed increasing in-person instruction and other related matters during the virtual BOE meeting held on Wednesday, Feb. 17, via Zoom.

"We recognize the fact that we need to get these kids back in school for as much in-person as we can, for as much in-person as we're allowed," Handler said.

In grades K through five, Handler said the district added some of the students with disabilities for its inclusion classes (not just the self-contained classes) for four days of in-person instruction a week. The district has also added English Language Learners (ELLs) for in-person instruction four days a week. Additionally, Handler said students who might otherwise be responsive to academic intervention but aren't considered special education students are being evaluated on a case-by-case basis for the four-days-a-week schedule.

As of Monday, Feb. 8, Handler said there were 22 students at the

junior high school level — including student with disabilities and ELLs — who had been added to the four-day schedule. The district is now in the process of looking at high school students in those same categories to get them back to in-person instruction.

As could be expected, Handler said parents have reached out to ask why the district can't have everybody back to school four days a week and why certain districts have been able to do so. Handler said it works for some districts because they have the facilities and staffing to socially distance their students and bring them back for in-person instruction.

Pine Plains, he said, doesn't have the facilities to make that happen. Handler explained schools are under a mandate that requires 6 feet of distance between students in all directions and social distancing in the classrooms, which he considers the main barrier for the district to bring all of its students into its buildings.

Handler added the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released guidance for school districts. In addition to advising the use of face masks and other similar precautions, he

said the CDC has asked school districts to complete other mitigating actions, such as looking at their ventilation systems. Stressing how much of this depends on the community infection rate, Handler said the CDC stated that if schools are in an area where the community infection rate is low or moderate, the CDC will grant them some flexibility as long as masks are worn and other similar precautions are taken.

Equipped with this new guidance, Handler said the district met with the Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH) to ask about the status of the county's infection rate. He reported the DOH told him it couldn't give him an answer and said it would have to look into metrics, the percentage of new cases per 100,000 people and what the county's infection percentage is.

Looking up the information online himself, Handler said the county's infection rate is right around 5%, indicating that it's low to moderate. By the following week, he said the DOH will get back to the district with the necessary information.

Handler said the CDC specifically recommended schools start by bringing back elementary

students first, as they have a much lower rate of transmission compared to older students. As students are already wearing masks, Handler said they may be asked to wear two masks. He reported the district's unit ventilation system works in every classroom in every school building, bringing in 25% of the fresh air minimum and exceeding the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) standard. He said he wants to increase the ventilation by cracking open at least one window in each classroom and propping the doors open. He explained NYSED passed a temporary amendment to the fire code during the pandemic to allow schools to do so.

Though the CDC hasn't mandated schools test people for COVID-19, Handler said the district has tests kits available. He emphasized students' participation in academics or athletics is

not conditional on their getting tested.

Regarding vaccinations, he said Dutchess County announced on Saturday, Feb. 13, that it would give each school district 10 vaccination appointments. Each district must decide who gets the appointments; the county sends a link to guarantee those appointments. That Saturday, Handler said 10 staff members got vaccinated in Dover Plains and then another 15 appointments were given for Saturday, Feb. 20.

Concerning who received the appointments, the superintendent said the district sent out an email to its staff and the first 10 people who responded received the appointments for the first week, while the second group was given the next round of appointments and so on. As the district's current waiting list has 30 names on it, Handler said after this Saturday's

round of appointments, it should be able to burn through the list in a few weeks.

Regarding maintaining social distancing on school buses, Handler said the CDC's guidance states every student must wear a mask and social distance where possible; if a student won't or can't wear a mask, there must be 6 feet of distance around that student. If the district adds more in-person students, it will likely appeal to parents to drive their child to school every day to create additional space for students who depend on buses as their only mode of transportation.

"We're really anxious," Handler told the school board at the meeting. "We know these kids have got to get back to school in person. The president now has it as a priority, the politicians have said it's a priority. OK, let us be able to do it."

Amenia Housing Board plans for future listening session

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Going hand-in-hand with its goals for community outreach, the Amenia Housing Board's plans to host a future listening session for the community on affordable housing were discussed at length at its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9. The board met at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Member Leo Blackman gave an update on its housing survey and postcard and said the group is getting pretty close to distributing the postcard. He believes that can happen in fairly short order once the postcard's redesign is done.

Blackman reported later in the meeting the board would like to enlarge the postcard into a flyer to distribute at local businesses, as well as the Amenia Post Office, the FFW Post 5444 on Route 22 and elsewhere. Blackman encouraged Housing Board members to suggest locations to drop off flyers and volunteers to help deliver them.

Moving forward, Blackman said he believes the board's next move should focus on a public meeting or a town listening session. After the Housing Board tabulates the survey results, he said it should share the information with the community. As the board didn't put a due date on the survey postcard, member Jeff Barnett-Winsby recommended it tabulate the results in one month, but leave the survey open so results can trickle in and people continue to be heard.

"It may allow us to sort of continue to catch [the results] and then we can go in every three months and add that data," Barnett-Winsby said.

Blackman agreed, adding the public meeting should offer the information gathered and share what the Housing Board has determined. With the listening session, he suggested the board first present what it learns from the survey and then ask residents questions about their feelings on affordable housing in Amenia.

Drawing from his experience taking a class on housing at Pace Law School, Blackman said the facilitator of that class and a number of listening sessions, Tiffany Zezula, could probably be convinced to facilitate the Housing Board's listening session.

Blackman said a listening session would require Housing Board members to think about what they would like to get out of the session, the best way to communicate with Amenia residents and also those who work in town but can't afford to live in town.

Barnett-Winsby suggested the board try and revisit some of the data the Tri-Town Coalition composed to put the housing survey responses in a broader context.

"I think we all know there's a problem," he said, "but I think sort of trying to help people understand what the problem is before we start to overlap the problem with the suggested solutions or what people are looking for, if we do a bit of that... for them, then we as a group, we as the listening session [can] all sort of come to conclusions together. It feels more organic. I think making more of a story of it may be helpful."

Blackman shared his belief that one of the big problems in Amenia is that the people who live in affordable housing live in grim, substandard, housing. Part of the mission, he said, is to get people into homes that they feel

comfortable in.

He agreed with Barnett-Winsby that it would be useful to make an introductory PowerPoint presentation for community members, something that's both visual and narrative to introduce residents to affordable housing. Blackman said it would also be a good way to introduce the survey results.

Recently appointed community program director of the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton, Nathan Briggs commented that the survey would be a good way to get qualitative data. When put together, he said the data will ensure the Housing Board gets the real perspective from everyone who is represented in the community. Briggs added he could touch base with NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent to see if NECC has any contacts to help Amenia pursue affordable housing.

Clarification

The Feb. 11 edition of The Millerton News published an article on the Pine Plains Board of Education's (BOE) plans to fund the Bard Early College program in the 2021-22 school district budget. BOE member Anne Arsent, also the program's assistant director, wanted to clarify that students take credit-bearing courses throughout the program. In addition to the customized college experience courses students take in both their junior and senior years, students must take six college credits in both the fall and the spring. We apologize for any confusion.



PHOTO BY RICHARD SOBIELO

Last stop...

The Wassaic Metro-North Train Station located alongside Route 22 in Amenia was the last stop for riders to disembark on a recent snowy winter's day, as seen in the scenic image above that was captured by local resident Richard Sobielo, who enjoys photographing locomotives and fortunately has plenty of trains to choose among along the Harlem Valley line.

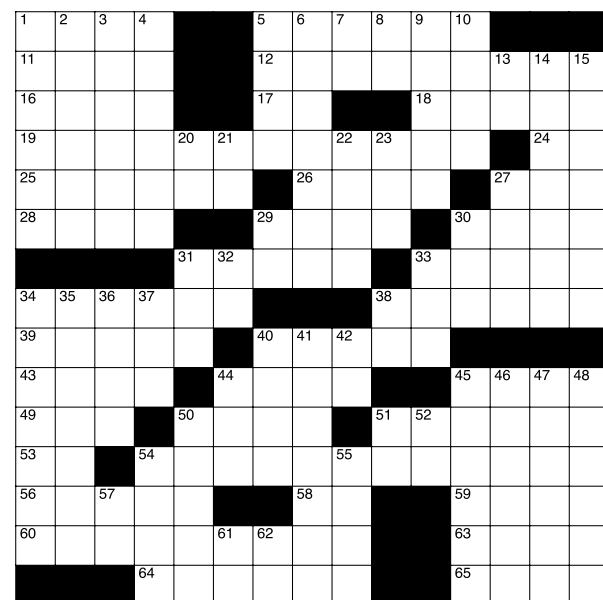
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30. Male college organization
31. National capital
33. Raccoonlike animal
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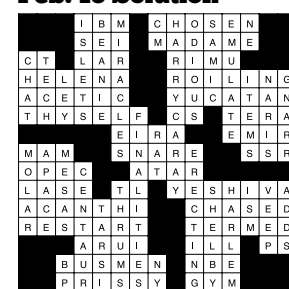
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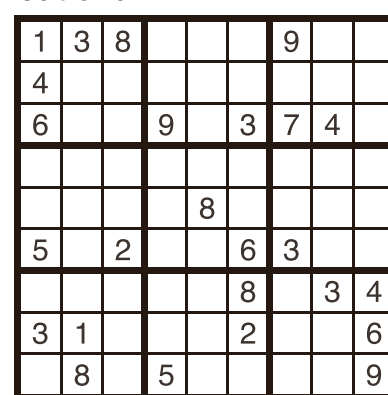
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41. Not great or bad
42. Eastern part of NY state
44. Gov't lawyers
45. Constructions
46. Former British gold coin
47. Unkeyed
48. Rechristen
50. Threaten persistently
51. Southeast

52. Cools your home
54. Removes the leaves
55. Regretted
57. Thus
61. Relief organization (abbr.)
62. Exclamation of surprise

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Center for Public Policy that found the release of COVID-positive patients into vulnerable nursing home facilities, especially those upstate, was devastating. The senators quoted from the Empire Center study, which stated upstate “facilities that admitted at least one positive patient during this period accounted for 82% of coronavirus deaths among nursing home residents, even though they had only 32% of the residents.”

Serino is also faulting New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker for his role in the controversy.

“Numbers don’t lie, and this report unfortunately cements our worst fears, that the March 25th order is associated with a statistically significant increase in resident deaths,” said Serino, ranking member of the State Senate’s Aging Committee.

Yet Zucker, who has repeatedly said older, more vulnerable patients risked secondary infections if they remained in hospital settings, claimed that 98% of those senior facilities already had COVID cases on site, according to a Feb. 19 report published on www.bloomberg.com.

According to Bloomberg, the health commissioner said “there were COVID deaths in 132 nursing homes that never took a COVID victim from a hospital.”

Serino, Tedisco and some of their Republican colleagues have accused the Cuomo administration of “dragging their feet” on conducting an independent investigation, which they’ve been requesting for months, and for refusing to issue subpoenas.

Meanwhile, “The FBI and U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York have opened inquiries” into the actions of Cuomo’s administration, according to the Bloomberg report, while U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a Democrat representing The Bronx, and Republican Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa have also called for federal investigations.

County executive also demands answers

Republican Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, who ran unsuccessfully against Cuomo for the governorship in 2018 and lost his father to COVID-19 early during the pandemic, has also come out swinging. He issued a statement on Thursday, Feb. 18.

“It is more important than ever for us to have trust in government and our leaders,” stated Molinaro. “COVID has caused a public health crisis, the governor’s nursing home policy led to excruciating pain and lives lost while his lies have created

a crisis in confidence. Day after day, month after month, Andrew Cuomo took to the airwaves, looked New Yorkers in the eye and lied. It is clear his administration, at the highest levels, conspired to keep the truth from New Yorkers.”

Molinaro also made comments that alluded to statements made by Democratic Assemblyman Ron Kim of Queens, who told CNN the governor tried to intimidate him, during an interview on CNN on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Kim said Cuomo asked him to cover up for what an aide reportedly said in private about delaying telling the legislature about details of the COVID-related death toll among nursing home residents in the state due to concerns of a possible Trump Department of Justice investigation.

“When he feared it was no longer possible to conceal the facts, the governor personally used threats and authority of his office to continue to hide the truth and obstruct justice,” stated Molinaro. “I join with those calling to form an Impeachment Commission to gather the facts surrounding Governor Cuomo’s deadly nursing home policy and the ongoing cover-up. I urge my colleagues in Albany and Washington, regardless of party, to support this

sad but necessary action. Andrew Cuomo has betrayed New Yorkers and his oath of office.”

The governor responds

Cuomo, for his part, acknowledged that he made an error in how he handled the situation on Monday, Feb. 15, while speaking in the State Capitol.

“We made a mistake in creating the void,” he said. “When we didn’t provide information, it allowed press, people, cynics, politicians to fill the void. When you don’t correct disinformation, you allow it to continue. I take responsibility for that. We did create the void and that created pain and I feel very badly about that.”

Meanwhile, last week the State Senate, led by Cuomo’s own party, was in the final stages of drawing up a bill to strip the governor of the emergency powers that were granted to him during the pandemic. If approved, it could pass this week. It would also create a 10-person commission to evaluate any pandemic-related directives the governor hopes to pass in the future.

New legislation

On Friday, Feb. 19, Cuomo proposed sweeping new legislation to increase transparency, hold nursing home operators accountable for misconduct and ensure facilities prioritize patient care over profits. The proposed law seeks to increase penalties for health violations, create a nursing home profit cap and require nursing homes spend 70% of their revenue on direct patient care and 40% of their revenue on staffing.

According to the governor’s website, www.governor.ny.gov, violators will face “civil monetary penalties up to \$25,000 for violations of the Public Health Law,” after being given a “30-day period to rectify violations.”

“[This legislation] is the only way families will have peace of mind and I won’t sign a budget that doesn’t include these common-sense reforms,” stated Cuomo online.

ZRC *Continued from Page A1*

that there are some items in the zoning code that might focus on cleanup issues. Other items focused on issues coming out of the Comprehensive Plan and substantive issues that may require some analysis. After examining these issues, Fish said they’d try to come up with the initial draft zoning recommendations.

Virtual meetings would be held between BFJ Planning and the ZRC every month for the first three months. The meetings would focus on cleanup issues, zoning issues and approaches and then draft zoning recommendations. After the third meeting with the ZRC, Fish said they’d try to review a proposed zoning text for the Town Board.

Phase Two would focus on finalizing the zoning text with the Town Board and completing the mandated State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process. Around the fourth month, Fish said BFJ Planning would meet with the Town Board to go over the draft document from the ZRC and make needed revisions. They’d continue meeting with the Town Board up until a public hearing and then again before assembling the final text.

As the text is developed, Fish recommended the board share it with its town attorney, and then with the Planning Board before the public hearing. Councilwoman Sarah Jones later asked whether the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) should be consulted; Fish agreed it was a good idea.

Overall, creating the ZRC should be a six- to seven-month process; Fish and Taylor guided the board through the various tasks involved in each phase. Fish explained they wouldn’t be creating a new zoning code as the town already has a code in place.

“We all thought when we read it in the Comp Plan update that it’s in pretty good shape, but there are things you want changed, so we see this as a select zoning code update,” he said. Responding to Jones’ ques-

tion about items not included in the project scope — such as subdivision ordinance review — Fish said they’re trying to complete the work on a reasonable budget for the town, quickly. Throughout this process, he said some things may come up while updating the zoning that will shed a light on subdivision ordinances, or other issues, but for now, it’s a budget issue.

Based on their preliminary knowledge of the town’s zoning, Fish said they’re hoping for a negative SEQRA declaration (which indicates there are no perceived negative impacts on the environment resulting from the project), since it would be covered in their budget. He added they are also hoping an environmental impact statement (EIS) won’t be necessary as it’s not covered in their budget and can’t be done in less than six months.

From accessory dwelling units and zoning for crucial properties to new neighborhood developments, Taylor reviewed the priority zoning issues that BFJ Planning collected through the RFP. Together, the planners and the board discussed at great length which aspects need to be addressed and what must be done moving forward.

Fish then asked Cloud to inform him once the ZRC is formed so the planners can meet with them in early March. He recommended seven to nine members be appointed and advised the board to include members from the Town Board, Planning Board and the ZBA.

The Town Board made those ZRC appointments after coming out of an executive session on Monday evening, Feb. 15. They include: Councilman Rory Chase, Councilwoman Sarah Jones, Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer Drew Weaver, Planning Board Chairman Michael Stabile, ZBA Chairman Scott Chase, former Planning Board Chairman John Forelle and Comprehensive Plan Committee member Wesley Chase.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH *Continued from Page A1*

begins with an opening to ground the group before moving through a check-in to see how everyone is doing. She said the group builds shared values and agreements, which, for her, is where the proactive aspect comes in. Through the continuity of circles and building shared values and agreements together, the teens build a community. Relationship-building, Hamilton said, is at the program’s core.

Among the values discussed in the circles, Osnato said they’ve talked about respect, confidentiality and trust and what those values look like to different people. When asked how the teens decide on a topic for their discussions, she said the Teen Team usually sends out a survey to its members once a month to get a sense of the topics they’re interested in. It was about a year ago, Osnato remarked, that a youth reached out to ask that it focus on Black History Month.

The teens’ first Restorative

Circle on Black History Month was held via Zoom at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11. Hamilton said the discussions were inspired by Instagram influencer Monique Melton’s (@moemotivate) words about embracing Black love during Black History Month and understanding that Black History Month isn’t just about Black trauma. Reflecting on Melton’s words, the teens talked about what it means to embrace radical love, what it looks like to honor that during Black History Month and how they can embrace that in their own lives. This conversation led the teens to their next circle on Thursday, Feb. 25, this time focusing on “allyship,” said Hamilton, and what it means to be an active ally for others.

Considering what this year’s celebration of Black History Month means to the NECC and its teen members — particularly after a year of social unrest and the rise in the Black Lives Matter movement — Hamilton said, “One thing for me that feels

good is that Restorative Circles offer the opportunity to create a safe space to reach across differences and that we can all come together and have difficult conversations and really empower our young people to build those spaces in their own minds so they can have conversations.”

“I would also add honoring our students and what calls to them,” Osnato said. “I’m constantly amazed by it always. They’re extremely insightful and deep thinkers and those strengths get to shine in circles.”

The Teen Team currently has 18 active students involved in the Restorative Circles group, though the size of the circle varies from week to week and from activity to activity.

Teen Team membership is available to high school students living in the North East (Webutuck) Central School District, Osnato said the program has open enrollment and any student interested in joining can reach out via email at teenprograms@neccmillerton.org.

SHARON HOSPITAL *Continued from Page A1*

The request notes that Condition 2 has not been previously modified, and states, “Sharon Hospital has a community board and will continue to have one going forward. The Sharon Board has a nominating committee that considers recommendations for new members from time to time based on identified needs and geographic representation. The Nominating Committee is a standard group that almost all nonprofit boards have to ensure appropriate vetting and consideration of proposed members.”

Lisa Boyle, an attorney representing NuVance, said the request is to apply the same conditions existing for other NuVance hospitals to the Sharon Hospital board.

She said the Sharon board would continue as a “community board.”

Rick Cantele, chair of the Sharon Hospital board, said if the request is granted, nothing would change in the composition of the board, which has 12 members.

They are: Cantele, Dr. John Chard, Dr. Margaret Coughlan, Dr. Randall Dwenger, Pari Forood, Hugh Hill, Joel Jones, Mehrdad Noorani, Kathryn Palmer-House, James Quella, Kenneth Schechter and Miriam Tannen.

Condition 2 currently states board members be nominated by the Foundation for Community Health, which is no longer in that role. Cantele said the board has a nominating committee.

Boyle pointed out that with the Foundation for Community Health no longer involved, the circumstances under which Condition 2 was written have changed.

The hearing then went off the record for about 15 minutes.

Cantele said that board members are nominated for their “skill sets,” areas of expertise, and to some extent by where they live. He noted that three of the most recently appointed members are doctors.

Members of the public had questions and comments. Vic-

tor Germack said the changes would result in a board that is “self-selecting.”

He urged that the Save Sharon Hospital group be involved in the nomination process.

Lydia Moore said if the changes were approved, the community at large would have less representation on the board.

Several other people expressed reservations about the board’s request.

Pari Forood, the vice chair of the board, pushed back, saying the current board members do represent a broad cross-section of the community.

To view a recording of the Feb. 16 hearing, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLsBKav8ii4

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BOOKS: FRED BAUMGARTEN

Media vs. the ‘Monsterverse’ (It’s Not about Godzilla)

In his new book, “The New Enlightenment and the Fight to Free Knowledge,” Peter Kaufman (an author who lives in Lakeville, Conn.) takes us deep into history to locate the moments when information was made accessible to the people — and the moments when making it accessible was a crime punishable by death.

Part history, part polemic, “The New Enlightenment” is a call to action to Make Knowledge Great Again (MKGA?). Kaufman draws inspiration from the 18th-century French Encyclopédie — the first comprehensive encyclopedia available to the masses, which sparked the original Enlightenment — and its modern equivalent, Wikipedia. He also looks longingly to the brief, but abortive, golden age of public television, when leading American thinkers envisioned a medium for, well, enlightenment.

Aligned against such progressive dreams is what Kaufman calls the “Monsterverse,” a complicated brew of both too much deregulation and too much private control of media, not to mention the rampant anti-intellectualism and counterfactual QAnon-ism of our present moment.

We interviewed Kaufman recently about his book, which was published Feb. 25.

Compass: You finished “The New Enlightenment” last year and wrote about the threat of literal violence from the unregulated circulation of ideas. Having seen the events of Jan. 6 and the storming of the Capitol, how do you feel about what you wrote now?

Peter Kaufman: The



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Peter Kaufman’s new book addresses the challenges of “truthiness.”

book ends with a vision of the nation beginning to tear itself in two, and violently, because of our information disorder. In fact, the health, economic and political crises we face are all due in large measure to this disorder. It surprises me we don’t talk about it more.

C: Explain what you call the “information disorder.”

PK: Mark Twain once said, “A lie will travel around the whole world while the truth is getting its boots on.” That’s especially true when the lie comes from literally the most powerful person on the planet. On one hand, you have this system of politicians echoing media networks and vice versa; Trump brought that into a new adulthood. On the other, the richest and deepest knowledge institutions — a Field Museum in Chicago, or a MOMA [Museum of Modern Art] in New York — deal in fact and what’s true. But they’re not empowered to counter the disinformation.

C: Isn’t the web the great equalizer and de-

mocratizer? Someone can find almost any information they want, or take a free online course. Isn’t that what the creators of the Encyclopédie were after? Why regulate that?

PK: These are great freedoms, just as I can walk to the Scoville Library and look at anything on the shelf, or to the Salisbury Pharmacy for a newspaper or magazine. What’s missing are good books, magazines and newspapers. The progressive forces in this country need to publish more. Or think about the original impetus for television and the screen as an educational apparatus. Things unfolded differently. The forces on the other side managed to hack away at regulations and restrictions on what can and can’t be seen. We should regulate for the same reason it’s not a good idea to allow drugs to be sold on a playground.

C: But what about Trump being banished from social media? If he could be banned, couldn’t you or I? A lot of people on the left are equally concerned. Who decides

what’s allowable or not?

PK: You’re forgetting that Twitter and Facebook are private platforms. They’re not obliged by statute to follow public mandates. That’s why Wikipedia and other publicly owned assets, such as public radio and TV, are so important. Unfortunately, their market share today is a shadow and sliver of an afterthought compared to everything else. We need to revisit the original intentions of some of our media visionaries like [former FCC Chair] Newton Minow and Edward R. Murrow.

C: You talk a lot about universities, libraries and archives having a critical role in producing public knowledge.

PK: Listen, when 60% of Americans believe in angels, 40-50% don’t believe in evolution, and a large group of people believe Democrats are making Jewish space laser pizza babies, you have your work cut out for you. I work at MIT in an office that produces open courseware and runs the most popular dot-edu YouTube channel. We have over 3 million subscribers. But compared to what it could be? We need to put out a lot more [educational content]. I’m writing another book specifically to answer this question.

I will say that what’s needed is courage from educational leaders to counter so much misinformation. If we don’t speak out now, then when?

GARDENING: LEILA HAWKEN

Green Thumbs Stand Out Against A Snowy Landscape

Maintaining your gardening chops during the chill winter season can be a challenge for many — but not for serious gardening notables Bosco Schell and Page Dickey, who now live in Falls Village, Conn. They engaged a Zoom audience with gardening advice and success stories on a snowy Sunday, Feb. 7.

Their conversation, titled “Gardening in Winter,” drew an audience of 187 to hear stories of things that grow willingly in their well-appointed greenhouse in Falls Village all winter long. The program was sponsored by the Cornwall Library in Connecticut and hosted by author Roxana Robinson.

The format was lively, with Dickey, a well-known writer about gardening, asking just the right questions to elicit anecdotes from Schell, a former magazine editor with years of gardening experience.

Between the two of them, they have four well-exercised green thumbs. Married in the year 2000, it was a love for gardening that brought them together. For those wondering what Schell is growing in the greenhouse that is kept at 52-55 degrees in the winter months, there are many types of geraniums and begonias, but that’s not all. There is a section for succulents. Many of the plants are from cuttings and many are welcome gifts from gardening friends who spread the wealth of plants around, particularly where the plants can find a good home to thrive in.

Three cold frames

are located nearby, giving spring flowering bulbs a wintering over. At the right moment, the bulbs can be moved into the greenhouse, where they will bloom and add their cheery colors, Schell explained.

“I am a grower,” Schell said, proudly pointing out his “babies,” plants getting a good start in life. “I am not a professional,” he added. “I do it by trial and error.”

Geraniums, he said, earn their keep. With minimal care, they keep on providing beautiful foliage and steady blooms and offer a bounteous variety. The Fantasia Apple Blossom is a favorite of his, a gift from the garden of interior and garden designer Bunny Williams, also a Falls Village resident. There are ivy-leaved begonias and a Martha Washington begonia.

“Every time I come home, I find that he has a new succulent,” Dickey said.

“I find them so architectural,” Schell explained, adding that they flower in the winter, a real plus.

To create space for more plants, Dickey pointed out various levels in use in the greenhouse, from hanging plants above, to shelves and tables below. Pots can also be elevated by setting them on other, overturned pots.

Three fans keep the air circulating. For humidity control, they add water to the floor; when the sun comes out, the humidity rises.

“It’s work to have a greenhouse,” Schell cautioned but added that, “It’s my happy place, to smell the flowers and the earth.”

KAUFMAN TALK ON FREE SPEECH, TRUTH

Author Peter Kaufman of Lakeville, Conn., will talk about his new book, “The New Enlightenment and the Fight to Free Knowledge,” in a free Zoom event hosted by the Scoville Memorial Library

of Salisbury, Conn., on Saturday, March 13, at 4 p.m.

To learn more about the book, see the interview this week, above. To sign up for the talk, go to www.scovillelibrary.org/events/list.

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New councilman appointed to replace the late Al De Bonis, spa application reviewed

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASHINGTON — Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri opened the Thursday, Feb. 11, Town Board virtual meeting at 6 p.m., the first order of business was to appoint Joe Rochfort to finish the term left vacant by the death of Councilman Al De Bonis, who passed away suddenly last October. Rochfort is a former trustee from the Millbrook Village Board; he ran unsuccessfully for re-election this past November for his second full term. The motion passed

unanimously. Rochfort will have to run for election this November to serve a full term on the board.

Two new members were appointed to the Board of Assessment Review: Peter Doro's term will run through Sept. 30, 2023 and Douglas Giles will serve through Sept. 30, 2025.

A request from Barbara Mar-rine, principal of Upton Lakes Christian School, was granted for the school to be removed from the Millbrook Fire Department Protection Zone. It will be added to the East Clinton Fire District.

A request was made by Neil

Wilson, representing Janet's Farm, LLC (Migdale), for a special meeting on Thursday, Feb. 25, to share the overall concept for the development of the Migdale property and to commence the mandated State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process. The farm was bought by Will Guidara, a restaurateur from Manhattan, according to Ciferri.

The property is located in the rural residential (RR-10) zoning district; the petitioner is seeking to develop the property for uses not currently permitted in the RR-10 District, namely a high-end

luxury resort and spa, according to the town supervisor. The meeting details and link to attend the meeting will be posted on the town's website, www.washingtonny.org.

A petition was sent on Feb. 18 for a zoning amendment on behalf of Janet's Farm, along with documents for review prior to the Feb. 25 meeting, and on behalf of Guidara.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, at 6 p.m. Check the town's website, www.washingtonny.org, for details and a link to the meeting.

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Request for Proposals can be obtained on the Northeast Central School District Website, www.webutuck.org under Our District Tab-RFP/BID Notices or by emailing Robert Farrier, Purchasing Agent, at Robert.Farrier@webutuck.org.

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All such sealed proposals must be received by the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 3284 NY-199, Pine Plains, NY 12567 on or before 1:00 p.m. March 21, 2021, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of the proposed contract documents, including plans and specifications, and the forms of proposals for the contract, are available for public inspection at the Town Hall office during business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and becoming available February 19, 2021. Pursuant to the provisions of GML 102, persons desiring to take a copy may obtain them, subject to a deposit in the amount of \$50.00 for each set, payable by check or money order, to guarantee their safe return, such deposits to be refunded or partially refunded under the provisions of GML 102. Such documents are also available for examination at the offices of CPL.

All proposals shall be made and received upon the following conditions, which are more fully set forth in the bid documents:

1. Only such proposals as are made and filed upon the forms available in the office of the Town Clerk will be accepted.

2. Proposals are to be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

3. Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount bid, payable to the order of the Town of Pine Plains, or a bond with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Supervisor, as Chief Financial Officer, in such amount, conditioned that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will enter into a contract for the same and will provide acceptable security, in the form of cash, certified check or performance bonds, or letters of credit, as set forth in the contract documents, for the faithful performance of the contract, within 15 days from the acceptance of the proposal.

4. Pursuant to the provisions of GML 105, no bids may be withdrawn unless no contract

is awarded for more than 45 days after the opening thereof. Upon such proper withdrawal of bid, the deposit shall be forthwith returned. After award of the contract, all bid deposits or other bid bonds except that of the successful bidder will be returned.

5. Upon acceptance of the bid, if the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract pursuant to the requirements of said Town Board or fails to give the further security prescribed in this notice within the time noted herein, then the check deposited as aforesaid, and the moneys standing to the credit of the same shall be forfeited to the Town as liquidated damages and not as a penalty and the Supervisor shall collect the same or enforce the payment of the bond for the benefit of the Town.

6. All bids shall contain the non-collusion certificate in a form meeting the requirements of GML 103-d.

The Town Board reserves the right, in its discretion, to waive technical noncompliance or irregularities that are not material or substantial, and to reject all bids and to rebid the project.

By order of the
Town Board
Judy Harpp
Town Clerk
Town Hall 3284 NY-199
Pine Plains, NY 12567
518/398-8600
02-25-21

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Board of Education of the Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District, Amenia, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed Bids from reputable and qualified school bus transportation companies for furnishing student transportation services in the Northeast Central School District for a five-year (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 to July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026) period.

The District is requesting proposals for three separate bids:

- Large Bus routes
- Small Bus routes
- Complete Transportation Operation

Request for Proposals can be obtained on the Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District Website, www.webutuckschools.org under Our District Tab-RFP/BID Notices or by emailing Robert Farrier, Purchasing Agent, at robert.farrier@webutuck.org

Proposals must be submitted by 10:30 am on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Transportation Services Proposal". The Board of Education of the Northeast Central School District will evaluate all proposals submitted.

Northeast Central School District
Robert Farrier
Purchasing Agent
02-25-21

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of Wildly Beautiful, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secretary of State (SSNY) on 12/22/2020. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 79 Wakeman Road, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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ABSTRACT

By resolution dated the 16th day of February, 2021, the Amenia Fire District has approved a resolution subject to permissive referendum to withdraw up to \$440,000 from its Major Capital Equipment Reserve Fund to be put towards the purchase of a new fire apparatus. Petitions for a referendum must be submitted to the secretary of the Amenia Fire District no later than thirty days after the date of the above resolution. February 16, 2021.

Dawn Marie Klingner
District Secretary
02-25-21

Legal Notice Board of Education Nominating Petitions are Available March 1

Anyone interested in becoming a candidate for the Board of Education of the Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District may pick up a packet of information including nominating petitions from the District Clerk at the District Office located in the High School

The election is for three seats on the Northeast (Webutuck) Board of Education: The three seats are for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2024. The Board member election will be on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, the same time as the Annual Budget Vote on the 2021-2022 school budget.

Nominating petitions are due in the District Office no later than Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:00 pm with at least twenty-five (25) signatures of qualified voters of the district. Potential candidates are strongly encouraged to obtain more than the 25 signatures to ensure that petitions include at least 25 valid signatures.

Board of Education member qualifications are as follows:

Must be able to read and write.

Must be a qualified voter of the Webutuck Central School District.

Must be and have been a resident (but need not be a taxpayer) of the district for a continuous and uninterrupted period of at least one year immediately preceding the election.

Must not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding year.

May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.

May not be a current

employee of the school district. May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

If you have any questions, about the vote please contact Therese Trotter, District Clerk at (845) 398-7181 Ext 5506.

02-25-21

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TOWN Board of the Town of Pine Plains invites sealed proposals for the furnishing of labor necessary for the demolition and disposal of several wood frame residential building structures located at 8 and 12 North Main Street, Town of Pine Plains, NY. This Contract includes specifications prepared by CPL, 9 Elks Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

All such sealed proposals must be received by the Town at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, NY 12567 on or before March 12, 2021 at 1:00PM, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for prompt consideration by the Town Board.

Copies of the proposed contract documents and the forms of proposals for the contract, are available for pick up and for public inspection at the Town Hall, Secretary to the Supervisor office, during business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and become available February 19, 2021. An electronic document is available upon request and receipt of payment.

Work shall consist mainly of:

- Removal and disposal of wood frame building structures and contents located at 8 and 12 North Main Street, including two story residential structures, foundations, outbuildings, fuel tanks and all existing contents.

- The existing building has been identified to contain asbestos containing materials, and all work associated with the selective abatement, hauling and disposal of asbestos containing materials shall be performed in accordance with NYS DOL standards.

- Site demolition shall include the removal and disposal of concrete sidewalks, restoration including grading, backfilling of foundation, and seeding of disturbed area.

- Maintenance and Protection of Traffic

The work shall be substantially completed within 60 calendar days of the date of the Notice to Proceed.

All proposals shall be made and received upon the following conditions, which are more fully set forth in the bid documents:

1. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2021 at the project site of 8 and 12 North Main Street.

2. Only such proposals as are made and filed upon the forms available in the Bid Documents will be accepted.

3. Proposals are to be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

4. Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount bid, payable to the order of the Town of Pine Plains, or a bond

with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Supervisor, in such amount, conditioned that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will enter into a contract for the same and will provide acceptable security, in the form of cash, certified check or performance bonds, or letters of credit, as set forth in the contract documents.

5. Pursuant to the provisions of GML 105, no bids may be withdrawn unless no contract is awarded for more than 45 days after the opening thereof.

6. Upon acceptance of the bid, if the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract pursuant to the requirements of said Town Board or fails to give the further security prescribed in this notice within the time noted herein, then the bid security deposited as aforesaid, and the moneys standing to the credit of the same shall be forfeited to the Town as liquidated damages and not as a penalty and the Supervisor shall collect the same or enforce the payment of the bond for the benefit of the Town.

6. All bids shall contain the non-collusion certificate in a form meeting the requirements of GML 103-d.

The Town Board reserves the right, in its discretion, to waive technical noncompliance or irregularities that are not material or substantial, and to reject all bids and to rebid the project.

Judy Harpp
Town Clerk
Town Hall
3284 Route 199
Pine Plains, NY 12567
02-25-21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AREA VARIANCES RELATED TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4723 NYS ROUTE 22

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 121-59(G) of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Amenia, New York, on March 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The public hearing will be conducted remotely via Zoom in accordance with Executive Order 202.1 and subsequent Executive Orders of Governor Andrew Cuomo. To participate in this public hearing, please send an email to jwestfall@ameniany.gov instructions will be provided. The following matter is scheduled for a public hearing:

Applicant New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") seeks area variances in furtherance of proposed modifications to its existing electrical substation known as the Amenia Substation. The requested area variances include: (i) a two hundred eighty five (285) foot variance to allow a setback of 335 feet where the maximum front yard setback in the HR District is fifty (50) feet and the current setback is one hundred forty (140) feet; (ii) a twenty-four (24) foot variance to allow a setback of seventy-four (74) feet for a

replacement fence, where the maximum front yard setback in the HR District is fifty (50) feet and the current fence setback is seventy-four and feet (74.5) feet; (iii) a variance to allow 38% impervious surface coverage where the maximum impervious surface coverage in the HR District is 30% and the current impervious surface coverage is 32%; (iv) a two hundred forty eight (248) foot variance to allow a one thousand two hundred forty eight (1,248) square foot footprint where the maximum footprint for nonresidential structures in the HR District is one thousand (1,000) square feet; (v) a five (5) foot variance to allow a twenty-five (25) foot work light mounting height where the maximum allowable exterior lighting fixture height is twenty (20) feet and (vi) a twenty (20) foot variance to allow a sixty (60) foot lightning mast height where the maximum allowable height in the HR District is forty (40) feet.

The property is located at 4723 NYS Route 22, Tax Parcel # 132000-7067-20-935134-0000.

A copy of the application is on file in the Amenia Town Clerk's Office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours. The Application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at www.ameniany.gov.

At the public hearing noticed herein, the ZBA will hear all persons interested in the application. Persons may appear at the hearing remotely via Zoom on their own behalf or by agent and may also submit written comments to the ZBA prior to or at such hearing. Dated: February 17, 2021.

Terry Metcalfe, Chairman
Town of Amenia Zoning Board Appeals
02-25-21

Notice of Receipt of Tax Roll and Warrant

Notice is Hereby Given That Eileen Ciaburri the Tax Collector for the Town of Pine Plains, has received the Tax Roll for 2021 and will be collecting taxes during the month of February 2021 at the Town Hall, 3284 Route 199 East, Pine Plains N.Y. 12567, on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00pm and during the months of March, April & May on Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Taxes collected through the month of February 2021 are without penalty through March 1st, 2021. Penalties are levied as follows: March 2%, April 3% and May is 4%.

Take Further Notice, that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Pine Plains will be returned to the County Treasurer of the County of Dutchess on the first day of June, 2021.

Eileen Ciaburri
Tax Collector
Town of Pine Plains
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The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.
Notices can be emailed to legals@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039
Go to www.tricornernews.com/legalnotices to view current and past legal notices.

EDITORIAL

Black History Month makes its mark

As we wrap up February, it's worth taking a look at the 28 days that made up Black History Month in 2021, for which the theme was "Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity," which explored "the African diaspora and the spread of Black families across the United States," according to www.history.com. It's not only people of color who should contemplate such topics, but those of all races, for it is only by understanding each other that we will come to accept and embrace people everywhere, the world over.

We realize it might have been challenging for our school districts in the Harlem Valley to teach about Black History Month this year, especially during the coronavirus pandemic. It had to be difficult to talk about such important yet sensitive issues while dealing with students bouncing back and forth between their living rooms and their classrooms.

We do hope, however, that teachers were able to touch upon such an important part of American history, including how its early settlers treated those first 19 Africans brought to the colonies as slaves in 1619, to its Jim Crow South, to segregation and the fight for Civil Rights led by Martin Luther King Jr., all the way to the brutal beating of Rodney King in L.A. in March of 1991 and the riots that ensued, to where we find ourselves today with the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement that has echoed around the world.

It's been difficult for the Black community in the U.S., this land of opportunity, truly the most wonderful, democratic and free country in the world. Without exception, there is no greater nation across the globe, with one of our key strengths being our ability to flex and grow, to improve and better ourselves through time.

This country, though, is not perfect. Throughout our history, Black Americans have faced brutality, discrimination and bigotry. The Black community has long been economically and socially disadvantaged; it has faced educational gaps and been provided with far fewer opportunities in life than others. It isn't fair — we agree.

Yet the Black community has a rich cultural life, history and familial bond that few may realize, unless exposed to concepts like Black History Month. That's why we are so pleased organizations like Millerton's North East Community Center (NECC) and the NorthEast-Millerton Library have supported programs tied to Black History Month throughout February (for more, go to this week's front page and read reporter Kaitlin Lyle's article on NECC's Teen Team honoring Black History Month through restorative circles). The two even joined together and began the Stamped Book Club, which according to the library's website "shared [the] reading of 'Stamped: Racism, Anti-racism and You' by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi [in] an effort to generate a brave space for open and honest discussion about where we have been as a society, [where] we are today and where we want to go..." throughout October 2020. (For more on the Stamped Book Club, go to www.tricornernews.com.)

It's been heartening to see such community groups reach out, especially to our youth, and engage with them — encourage them — to learn more about themselves and those living among them.

We should be trying to understand each other. We should be working to learn about our differences — and our likenesses — we may be surprised by what we discover. The end result could be a more peaceful, more unified society. Now that would really be something for the history books.

Social Justice Education for a White Community

One thing I hope the pandemic leaves in its wake is time and space for critical thinking. About all things, but as it relates to this letter: How we would like to care for our neighbors (both the literal and metaphorical ones) moving forward.

If the pandemic has initiated a sort of cocoon state, then our imminent re-emergence as a community presents an opportunity to recalibrate.

Following New York City's Great Coronavirus Exodus — Hello, to all new neighbors, this letter is also for you — the population in northwestern Connecticut remains about as diverse as a white-powdered donut.

Redlining in New England, where African-American families were only sold homes in certain areas of town, is a part of my own town's history — and the critical thinker must wonder: To what extent is the racism behind this historical practice still with us today?

If social justice is deemed irrelevant here because we are a mostly white community, then the work of speaking up against racism is left, once again, to our neighbors of color — Black, indigenous, Asian, Mexican and South American residents that do live here.

I do not personally experience racist intimidation at the transfer station or walking on Main Street, for example, but

others do, and I believe my silence as a white community member works to condone it. I no longer wish to be the kind of neighbor that buries her face in the warm sand of white privilege and asks an already disproportionate minority to put itself in danger of further trauma in order to do the work that is inherently mine.

Resources for reeducating ourselves abound — podcasts, books, documentaries — and they are beginning to emerge locally as community members connect around this common goal. It is time to hold space for dialogue about racism and social inequity, and to learn to

recognize racism in ourselves and others. I would like to invite all community members to join us in taking a foundational step toward nurturing a community of acceptance, mutual respect, nonviolent communication and love for all of its members.

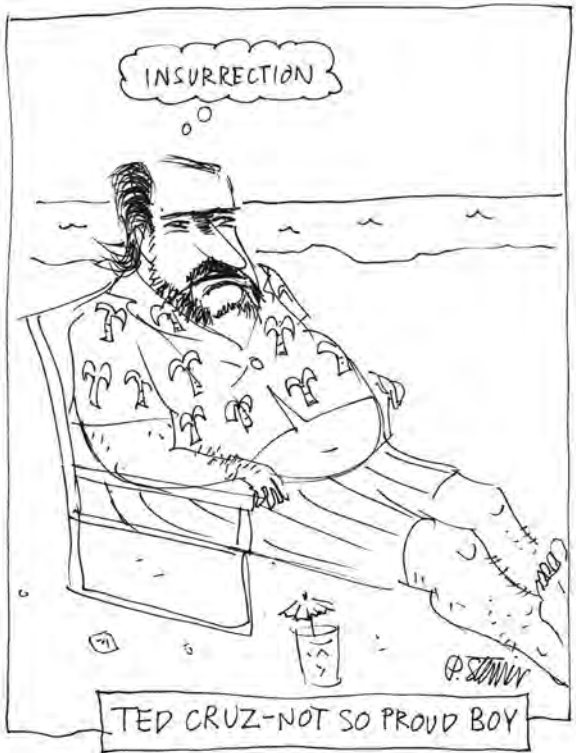
"Race: The Power of an Illusion," is a free workshop with Carol Taylor taking place on Zoom from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, in partnership with D.M. Hunt Memorial Library and the Falls Village Community Development Corporation. Participants are required to view the PBS documentary of the same name, available on DVD at the library, or on

VIMEO for \$4.99, prior to the workshop. We will share reflections and learn tips on how to facilitate dialogue. Call 860-824-7424 to register. Space is limited; a wait list will be organized.

An AntiracismNWC book and discussion group is now forming. We will read "How to Be an Antiracist," by Ibram X. Kendi and meet outside in the spring/summer months to discuss what we are learning as we make our way through the book.

To join, please secure a copy of the book and email antiracismNWC@gmail.com.

Maria Grusauskas
Falls Village



Molinaro pens letter to Governor Cuomo seeking vaccination support

Dear Governor Cuomo, As counties around New York State adapt to the ever-evolving COVID-19 vaccination process, with thousands more residents added to the eligibility groups seemingly every week with only minimal increases to the number of doses we receive, I ask the State to join Dutchess County Government in opening a joint vaccination site at one the Points of Dispensing currently operated by our Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH). Such a collaboration would not only reaffirm your desire to partner with local health departments, it would ensure the widespread and equitable distribution of the vaccine, a goal for which you and I have both publicly advocated.

Though Dutchess County's current 185,000-square-foot site in Poughkeepsie, inside the former JCPenney store at the Poughkeepsie Galleria, currently vaccinates fewer than 1,000 essential workers and seniors each week, due to the limited number of doses we receive from New York State, our DBCH staff has the capability and space at the site to inoculate five times that number. Countless residents have commended the site, our DBCH personnel and our Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County volunteers who staff it for the efficiency in providing vaccinations. Still, due to the lack of adequate supply of vaccine doses, only one in 12 Dutchess County residents has received at least their first shot, according to information provided by your office last week. A representative from your office toured the site, has seen its capacity and its

potential to vaccinate thousands more residents.

I respectfully request New York State partner with Dutchess County Government to create a joint vaccination site at this current Poughkeepsie location. Due to the lack of supply given to our county, local residents must travel more than an hour to the nearest State-operated mass vaccination site, located at the Westchester County Center or SUNY Albany, and most cannot obtain an appointment in the next several months at either of those sites.

And they are the lucky ones — residents who have personal transportation and can travel at a moment's notice, should a much-coveted appointment open up for them. Residents in our underserved communities, who rely on public transportation to take them to appointments to receive this life-saving vaccination, cannot readily travel an hour or more to the State's sites; they can, however, travel to our Poughkeepsie site, which is easily accessible by Dutchess County Public Transit.

Dutchess County Government's full complement of resources will be made available to assist New York State in this partnership, and we eagerly await your response and the State's cooperation in assisting us in fulfilling our shared desire to equitably vaccinate every eligible resident in the most efficient and timely manner possible — through a joint vaccination site in Poughkeepsie. Stay safe, healthy and well,

Marcus J. Molinaro
Dutchess County
Executive
Red Hook

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you, Millerton News, for your support of Willow Roots

What an adventure. We always said that Willow Roots came about so organically. Even now, the Feb. 18 articles in The Millerton News could not have come at a better time. One came from a simple call to check in on us, an article that is reaching the entire community in ways we did not expect.

People are looking, actively, for a place for us. We receive texts daily inquiring if a certain property would work for our food pantry. We have even had an offer to use someone's home. All of which has come at a time when we were feeling a little beat up.

This grievance that the Carla Terrace residents have with us has been going on since September 2020. We were, quite frankly, feeling overwhelmed and hurt by their accusations. So, when reporter Carol Kneeland called to check on us, I am sure she never expected to hear our plight. That being said, she took up the sword to help us and here we are. We are so grateful

to you and to reporter Kaitlin Lyle for her news article on our application before the Pine Plains Planning Board and to The Millerton News family of supporters.

Just the other day I was thinking, how did we get here? Really, how did we find ourselves in this position? To be honest it feels like we were on a ship. The ship began taking on water, so we plugged up the hole, then another hole was discovered and before you know it, we were using buckets to save the ship. Crew members seeing our predicament decided to help and we started to see the ship for what it truly was: our lifeline, our community, our hope and our future. We now have a steady ship that has an entire Coast Guard helping. We are feeling so blessed, grateful and humble.

Thank you and regards,
Lisa and Nelson Zayas
Co-founders,
Willow Roots food pantry
Pine Plains

Trump was no hero

Mr. Conklin, I take exception to much of what you said in your opening paragraphs in your Feb. 18th Veteran's Corner column. You stated that our ex-president "is that modern-day hero."

You are saying this just a month after the majority of the U.S. senators voted to convict him of treason, less than two months since 60 courts throughout the United States

said he had no grounds for calling our presidential election corrupted and one month after trying to strong arm the governor and attorney general of Georgia to find 11,000 votes.

In all honesty and using your common sense, how do these three recent instances that I cite, show our ex-president to be a modern-day hero?

Roger Price
Millerton

We need the For the People Act passed, now

The American people now find themselves in a precarious position — Democrats, who have won a trifecta, remain powerless to enact much of their agenda. We are in this situation because our democracy was designed to give tremendous power to a small minority, and Republicans have spent decades exploiting that power to entrench their rule over the majority. Voter suppression. Gerrymandering (cheating). Buying elections (corruption). Even now, following historic voter turnout by Black and brown voters in states like Georgia, Texas and Arizona, Republican-led Legislatures are working to add additional barriers to accessing the ballot box.

I believe we have a responsibility to clean out the rot. The For the People Act addresses so many of the processes critical to our democracy: voting rights, election integrity, campaign finance transparency, honesty of information, ethics reform, strengthening oversight, banning conflicts of interest, limiting the power of lobbyists, etc. I believe it's time to

resurrect public service, to correct the gridlock of competing interest, ambition and greed.

That's why our first priority should be fixing our democracy and ensuring that structural reform rebalances power for the people. We urgently need Congress to pass H.R.I, the For the People Act, to get money out of politics, expand voting rights, combat corruption, secure our elections and much more — before it's too late. These reforms to our democracy are pivotal to preventing future tyrants. The Democratic House passed H.R.I last year, with every Democrat voting yes. It's time for them to do the same and for the new Democratic majority in the Senate to do so as well.

Americans took the first step to heal our nation by overwhelmingly voting Trump out of office. Now Congress must do its part to fix our badly broken democracy and pass H.R.I, the For the People Act.

Louise Pillai
Copake



"A woodpecker can tap twenty times on a thousand trees and get nowhere, but stay busy. Or he can tap twenty-thousand times on one tree and get dinner."

Seth Godin

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HELP WANTED

CDL/HAZMAT DRIVER: Industrial gas/welding supply distributor in Canaan, CT looking for a motivated person to run local deliveries and help with general operations. License must be clean. Contact Mr. B at 860-824-7392.

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT CNA-SIGN ON BONUS-SHARON HEALTH CARE CENTER: 27 Hospital Hill Rd. Sharon, CT. Full time 32 hour positions benefits eligible & per diem hours available. Please send your resume to administration@sharonhcc.com or call 860-364-1002.

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HELP WANTED: Busy perennial nursery seeking gardener to staff its expanding garden service. Candidates must have gardening experience, a valid driver's license and full-time availability for the 2021 season. Position may provide long-term career opportunity. Contact Tom at the Falls Village Flower Farm: 860-824-0077.

LAND MAINTENANCE & LANDSCAPING: Well established business seeks full-time & part-time employees. Driver's license, Ability to drive truck & trailer, Experience with Zero-Turn mowing equipment. References required. Quality work ethic a must. Competitive wages based on experience. 860-824-0053.

PAINTERS WANTED: Full time, experienced painters wanted with a minimum of 5 years experience. Must have transportation, must be reliable and have a neat and clean appearance. We offer a 401K Plan and pay with payroll company. Starting pay \$17 per hour. Please respond to illpaintit@yahoo.com with name, experience, desired salary and contact information. 4 positions available.

SKILLED CARPENTERS, HANDYMEN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS: needed for quality local construction company. Join our excellent team and work on exciting quality projects. Contact prutting@prutting.com.

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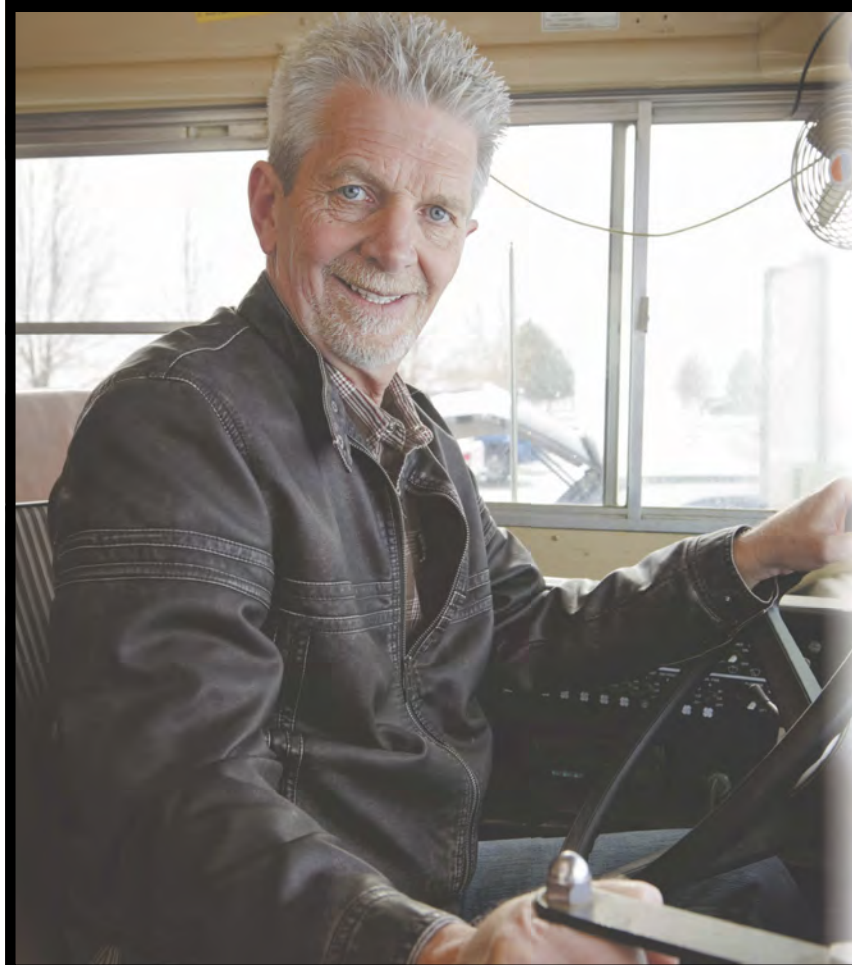
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