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The first issue was August 14, 1897; William McKinley was President. Spanning three centuries, The Lakeville Journal has been an enduring witness to events in northwest Connecticut and adjoining New York towns. That's historic, especially since over 2200 newspapers in the US have shut down since 2005.

As one of the oldest weeklies in the country, we have survived. Times change, and we've changed with the times. The Lakeville Journal is now a non-profit institution, one of the first weekly newspapers in the country to make the transition.

As we look forward to our 126th year of publication and beyond, we will need to:

- Preserve the tradition of grass-roots reporting on the people and events involved in local organizations vital to town life.
- Hire more reporters. With new support the Journal can bring in reporters to cover important regional issues like Covid, drug abuse, Sharon Hospital, affordable housing and our environment and climate.
- Dig deeper into local issues, good news or bad. Take a closer look at the local controversies and the colorful characters involved in them in town and in government.
- Expand digital presentation of local news reporting.
- Advocate for full broadband access, to achieve optimal access to news and information for all.

How can you help? For \$125 become a **Friend of the Lakeville Journal** and commemorate the Lakeville Journal's role in our communities since its founding 125 years ago.

2022. The year to celebrate The Lakeville Journal's history and plan its future. Together. Thank you for your continued support.

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Dear reader,

When this newspaper made a plea to our readers for support in 2019, The Lakeville Journal Company, publishers of The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News and [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com), was at a crossroads. Then, we were looking at drastically cutting costs in order to survive.

Two years later, after two highly successful appeals to our readership for contributions that saved your local community newspapers, this small media company is in a very different place. Your generosity kept us alive, even during a worldwide pandemic, and we were able to apply for and receive tax-exempt status from the IRS as a public charity. Your contributions to The Lakeville Journal Foundation are now tax deductible to the extent permitted under the law. Now it is time to regroup again and make a new plan to take this media company into a successful future.

During COVID-19 shutdowns and restrictions, this company was able to obtain two PPP grants from the U.S. government, which, combined with our readers' generous support, helped us remain in place to report the news of your communities. Your wish for local news is what drives our mission, which publishes in the newspapers every week:

*Our goal is to report the news of our communities accurately and fairly, and to foster the free flow of information and opinion.*

We sincerely ask you to be a Community Contributor, donating whatever you can to support local news, to The Lakeville Journal Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. Unlike the last two years, your donations are now tax deductible within the limits of the law.

Thank you for keeping track of your local news in our publications, and profound gratitude for your support that kept The Lakeville Journal, The Millerton News and [www.tricornernews.com](http://www.tricornernews.com) here for your communities.

Noreen Doyle, Chair

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## UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR MODEL

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**Contributors from January 12 - October 4, 2021**  
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**The Lakeville Journal Co. is proud to announce**  
**that the IRS has granted us nonprofit status**

See story on page A1 and the editorial  
on page B4 for more information.



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Dear Reader,

Late in 2019, we shared with you our story of need within the world of vanishing local journalism. You generously supported us, to date, in the amount of \$263,008.98 over two years, for our "Community Membership" model and then "Community Contributor" model. And now we are taking more steps toward sustainability.

- Your generosity made up a deeply appreciated gap in annual General Expenses since September of 2019.
- We are happy to have qualified for two PPP loans (which we converted to grants, having met the necessary criteria), in the amount of \$146,643 in 2020, then again in 2021 for \$134,577.50. contributing 35% of general expenses during this period.

- As they experienced their own COVID-19 cash needs, our steadfast advertisers needed to scale back their commitments to us. Our advertising revenue dropped over 30%. Now, advertising is better as more events are happening again, needing promotion, and businesses are mainly open.
- Effective Oct. 15, 2020, we raised the cost of the newspaper to two dollars, the first increase since

2003. This has helped.

COVID-19 awakened an awareness of the significance of our papers. Thanks to our Community's generosity and the unwavering dedication of our fine Team, we were able to remain fully functional through the pandemic. Our goal is to continue to improve our publications as we move forward.

We love our Community partnership and will continue it as a nonprofit 501(c)3 as of October, 2021.

— The Lakeville Journal Company, LLC

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