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On the Cover: Fabric woven at Montgomery's Pergamena



Pergamena is a family-owned business with roots in the 16th Century.

TOWN OF CRAWFORD

History: Crawford was first settled by the Thomas Bull family, who founded the hamlet of Bullville circa 1760. The hamlet of Pine Bush first came into being circa 1765 when Robert Milliken settled there. The Searsville area was first settled by Johannes Snider circa 1768. Crawford did not become an official township until March 4, 1823, when it was formed from the Town of Montgomery.

There has been a recent resurgence in the hamlet with work proceeding to upgrade and restore the Main Street area as well as attracting tax rateables to the township. Most of the growth in the outlying areas has been residential, with horse farms, hobby farms and agri-business representing growing land use in recent years.

Town Directory

Town Office: 121 Route 302, Pine Bush, 845-744-2020

Supervisor: Charles Carnes

Council: Jason Muehr, Michael Menendez, Angelina Jadrossich, John Barth

Town Board Meetings: Regular meetings the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. and work sessions the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. as needed.

Town Clerk: Jessica Kempter, 845-744-2020

Town Justice: Bryan Kulak and Mark Schuh

Planning Board Chairman: Linda Zwart

Planning Board Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month

ZBA Chairman: Bruce Schwope

ZBA Meetings: 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Police Chief: Dominick Blasko, Informational: 845-744-3300
Emergency: 845-744-5000

Building Inspector: Michael Grass, 845-744-3912

Pine Bush Fire Chief: Wyatt Clegg, 845-744-2681

Bullville Fire Chief: Bill Bacon, 845-361-3939

Highway Superintendent: John Yarosz, 845-744-8069

Assessor: Winnie Gros, 845-744-3721

Tax Collector: Constance Latimer, 845-744-3953

Community Services Director: Joan Miller, 845-744-8230

TOWN OF GARDINER

History: The first settlers were descendants of the New Paltz Patentees and Dutch from the towns of Shawangunk and Rochester. In the later half of the 19th century, Irish families came to settle in Gardiner.

The town was formed April 2, 1854 from the nearby townships of Shawangunk, Rochester and New Paltz. It was named for Addison Gardiner, a Rochester resident who was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1844.

Ireland Corners was settled in 1763 by Daniel Deyo. Two Irishmen, John and Charles Geirigan, settled there in the 1830s and built a small corner store. The Ireland Corners Hotel was built in the late 1800s.

The town's earliest business was the Tuthilltown Grist Mill,

which was built in 1788 by Sela Tuthill. In addition to the grist mill, the Walkkill River also provided water power for wood and woolen mills.

The first apple orchards began in operation around 1810. Today, the orchards remain a vital part of the Gardiner community.

Town Directory

Town Hall: 2340 Route 44/55, Gardiner, 845-255-9675

Supervisor: Marybeth Majestic 845-255-9675 Extension 101

Council Members: Franco Carucci, Michael Hartner, Carol Richman, Warren Wiegand

Town Clerk: Nicole Bendell, 845-255-9675 ext. 100

Town Board Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m.

Highway Superintendent: Brian Stiscia, 845-255-1381

Planning Board Chairman: Paul Colucci, chairgardinerplanning@gmail.com

Building Inspector: Trevor Hults, 845-255-9416 ext. 111

Town Library: 33 Farmer's Turnpike, 845-255-1255

Town Justices: Robert Rich and Laura Wong-Pan, 845-256-0017 ext. 106

Assessor: Susan Gentile, 845-255-9388 ext. 104, gardinertownassessor@gmail.com

ZBA Chairman: Rich Cerruto, gardinerZBAChairman@gmail.com

Historian: A.J. Schenkman, 845-399-5884 historian.tog@gmail.com.

TOWN OF MONTGOMERY

History: During its earliest settling in the 17th century, it was known as the Precinct of Shawangunk and was originally part of Ulster County. In 1743 it became known as the Precinct of Walkkill and in 1772 the Precinct of Hanover. It received its current name in 1788 in honor of the well-known patriot and soldier, General Richard Montgomery. Montgomery was a Brigadier General in the revolutionary army and died at the storming of Quebec in 1775.

The Town of Montgomery includes 3 waterways, the Tinbrook, Muddykill and the Walkkill River. The latter is celebrated as one of the few rivers to flow north in the Eastern United States. These waterways were ideal sites for Native American settlements, and remnants of their inhabitants are still found today.

In the early 18th century, Cadwallader Colden settled in the area. Colden was named the first surveyor general in 1720, and soon after was named to Governor Burnett's provincial council. In 1761 he became lieutenant governor of New York. He was one of the most learned men of the colonies and was a frequent correspondent of Benjamin Franklin. Colden, also a physician, contributed substantially to a variety of intellectual and scientific fields. He studied botany, physics and philosophy and was published several times on his findings. The area he settled in was called Coldenham, which is the present Coldenham, located off Route 17K.

Town Directory

Town Hall: 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery, 845-457-2660

Supervisor: Steve Brescia, 845-457-7558

Town Council: Mark Hoyt, Sheryl Melick, Michael Setteducato,

Cindy Voss.

Town Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m.

Town Clerk: Tara Stickle, 845-457-2660 Option 3

Town Justices: Fred Gorss and Raynard Ozman, 845-457-2620 Option 4

Assessor: Dennis Ketcham, 845-457-2650 Option 7

Building Inspector: James Farr, 914-474-1980

Police Chief: John Hank, 845-457-9211

Highway Superintendent: Shaun Meres, 845-457-2610 Option 5, 1
Planning Board Chairman: Fred Reichle, 845-457-2643 Extension 1260

Planning Board Meetings: 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m.; work sessions held the first Wednesday of every month at 9 a.m.

ZBA Chairman: John Fallon, 845-457-2643 Extension 1260

Historian: Mary Ellen Matisse 845-457-9098 Extension 1249

VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK

History: The Village of Maybrook was incorporated in 1925. A village literally built by the railroad, the roots of Maybrook actually date back to 1735 when land was deeded for a highway to be extended from the Town of Shawangunk to Goshen, passing in front of the Goodwill Church.

For many years, the road which is now Route 208 was called the Walden Road, but in 1950, the portion passing through the village was renamed Homestead Avenue in honor of the early owners of homesteads along this road.

In the early 1880s, this valley was first considered ideal for a railroad line and in 1883, the first surveys were made for a rail line through the Wallkill Valley from Hamptonburgh to Montgomery to connect existing Erie and Lehigh and Hudson Lines. In 1887, plans were unveiled for the construction of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge, enabling goods from all western portions of the country to be delivered to New England and, in return, expedite the flow of industrial products from the New England states to the western portion of the country.

The steel rails were laid in April of 1889 through the settlement of Orange Junction. The name was later changed to Maybrook Junction and, eventually, to Maybrook.

In 1908, the Orange County Railroad began to enlarge the existing railroad yards, buying farmland on the east side of the tracks. The enlargement made Maybrook one of the largest freight terminals in the east.

In 1968, the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad was consolidated with the Penn Central, signaling the beginning of the end of Maybrook as an active railroad town. Lines were diverted and the business began to decline, grinding to a full stop in 1973, when a fire destroyed the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge.



Village of Maybrook 2024 Event Calendar

Check our website www.villageofmaybrook.com and Village of Maybrook Facebook Page for updates and reminders!

Village of Maybrook Easter Egg "Drive Thru"
 Sun., March 24th -noon to 1 pm at the Maybrook Senior Center

Maybrook's SPRING "Community Shred Day"
 Friday, May 10th 8 am to noon

Maybrook Memorial Day Parade and Service
 Mon., May 27th at the Veterans Memorial Park 9 am

Maybrook Wind Symphonic Wind Ensemble "Spring Concert"
 TBA in the Maybrook Senior Center

Maybrook Co-ed Adult Beach Volleyball Program
 TBA

Maybrook "Family Movie Night# 1"
 Fri., June 14th in the Veterans Memorial Park at dusk

Maybrook's Annual "Spring Community Wide Yard Sale"
 Sat., June 15th 8 am to 3 pm

Maybrook's Annual "Kick-off the 4th of July Celebration"
 Fri., June 28th Live music and FIREWORKS in the park!

Maybrook's Women's (over 25) Recreation Softball
 Tuesday's beginning June 18th thru to Sept. 10th

Maybrook's FALL "Community Shred Day"
 Friday, September 6th 8 am to noon at the Maybrook Government Center

Family Movie Night # 2
 Friday, September 6th in the Veterans Memorial Park at dusk

Maybrook Police "Bike Rodeo and Petting Zoo"
 Saturday, September 28th 1 pm to 3 pm

Celebrate Maybrook Day 2023
 Saturday, September 28th Live Music, Food and Fireworks!

Maybrook's Annual "Autumn Community Wide Yard Sale"
 Sat., October 5th 8 am to 3 pm

Maybrook Halloween "Drive Thru"
 Thurs., October 31st at the Maybrook Senior Center 5 to 6 pm

Orange County Farm Toy Show
 Saturday November 2nd Time to TBA

Maybrook's Annual "Christmas Tree Lighting"
 Sun., December 1st at Maybrook Senior Center begins at 6 pm

Maybrook Symphonic Wind Ensemble "Holiday Concert"
 TBA at the Maybrook Senior Center

Village Directory

Village Office: 111 Schipps Lane, 845-427-2717
Mayor: Dennis Leahy, 845-457-2717 Extension 214, dennisk.leahy@villageof-maybrook.com
Deputy Mayor: Charles Wozniack, charles.wozniack@villageofmaybrook.com
Trustees: Daryl Capozzoli, William Giannico, William Treco
Village Board Meetings: 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7 p.m., with the exception of one meeting in June, which will be held Monday, June 24, 2024, one meeting in July, which will be held on Monday, July 22, 2024, one meeting in August which will be held on Monday, August 26, 2024 and one meeting in December which will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024.
Village Clerk and Treasurer: David Griffith, 845-427-2717 ext. 201, dgriffith@villageofmaybrook.com
Village Justice: Tina Fassnacht tfassnacht@nycourts.gov
Building Inspector: Tim Ippolito, tipolito@villageofmaybrook.com
Planning Board Chairman: Michael D'Angelo
Planning Board Meetings: 3rd Monday of the month at 6 p.m. as needed.
Police Officer in charge: Arnold Amthor, chiefaamthor@villageofmaybrook.com
Fire Chief: Patrick Romanik, 845-427-9995
Director of Public Works Superintendent: Matt Thorp, 845-656-3122

VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

History: When James Ward bought a mill on the east side of the Wallkill River in 1740, he built the first bridge across the river and opened up the land for development that would one day become the Village of Montgomery.

The village's history is closely tied in with that of the town when the families of Jacob Bookstaver, Frederick Sinsabaugh and Johannes Youngblood bought an 800-acre tract here in 1735. Before even that date, however, they had journeyed to this area to help found the Brick Reformed Church.

What is now the village was called Ward's Bridge. It was included with the Precinct of Shawangunk in Ulster County until 1743, when it became the Precinct of Wallkill. In 1772, the precinct was divided and that portion containing the village became the Precinct of Hanover.

After the Revolutionary War, Hanover became the Township of Montgomery, named in honor of the general who fell at the Battle of Quebec.

But it wasn't until February 17, 1810 that Ward's Bridge was formally incorporated as the Village of Montgomery. There followed the boom years of the village, with the famous Montgomery Academy growing and many general stores, drug stores, tobacco shops, blacksmiths, carriage shops, newspaper offices and law offices springing up all over. The financial depression that socked the nation in 1830 hit Montgomery as well, and it didn't really recover until ground was broken for the Montgomery Branch Railroad in 1866. Other rail lines followed, and the village boomed again.

Village Directory

Village Office: 133 Clinton Street, 845-457-9661
Mayor:TBA
Trustees: Darlene Andolsek, Kevin Conero, Michael Hembury, Randi Picarello
Village Board Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Each Month 7:30 PM July & August only the 1st Tuesday
Village Clerk: Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, 845-457-9661, Extension 202
Village Justice: Tina M. Fassnacht
Village Treasurer: Fran Palmieri
Building Inspector: Bruce J. Yancewicz, Sr.
DPW Superintendent: Buddy Nelson, 845-457-5321
Planning Board Chairman: Amy Frisbie
Planning Board Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Police Chief: William Herlihy,, 845-457-3666
Fire Chief: Bob Quinn
Historian: Brian Fitzpatrick, 457-7576. fitzdriver@gmail.com
ZBA Chair: Randy Wilbur

VILLAGE OF WALDEN

History: The first settlements of the lands surrounding the high falls of the Wallkill occurred in the middle of the 18th century, decades before a wealthy merchant named Jacob Walden found it to his liking.



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In the mid-1700s, the land was part of the Wallkill Precinct and was the home of a grist mill believed to have been built by James Kidd and his family in a place they called Kiddtown.

In 1812, a New York City businessman, who had made his fortune as a mercantile trader, visited the area. Jacob Walden and his wife were so impressed, they decided to settle here and bought many of the farmlands along the river, including the old grist mill. The family resided in a stone house at what is now the corner of Wait and North Montgomery Streets and the property of the Historical Society of Walden and the Wallkill Valley. The stone house remained in the Walden family until 1856, when it was sold to Edward Wait. Walden set out to encourage manufacturers to locate in the area. The Franklin Company, founded in 1822 by Jesse Scofield and Dr. S.C. Capron, was erected at the site of the original grist mill. The company manufactured cotton and woolen goods and by 1934 had become the largest manufacturer of flannel in the U.S.

In 1831, E.W. Bridges was commissioned by Walden to plot and map all of his lands and the adjoining area. It was the first map of what was to become, in 1855, the Village of Walden. Through the years, Walden gained a reputation for its knife manufacturing industries, with the Alden and the New York Knife Works becoming the major industries of the area around the turn-of-the-century. After the first World War, the knife industry declined and disappeared from the village altogether when Schrade Cutlery moved to Ellenville.

Village Directory

- Village Office:** 1 Municipal Square, 845-778-2177
- Mayor:** John Ramos
- Village Manager:** John Revella 845-788-2177 Extension 1500
- Village Trustees:** Chris Batson, Willie Carley, Ralph Garrison Jr., Kristie Hall, Patricia Maher, Becky Pearson.
- Village Clerk:** Marisa Kraus, 845-778-2177 Extension 1503
- Department of Public Works Superintendent:** Fred Perna, 845-778-2177 Extension 1521
- Village Treasurer:** TBA
- Village Justice:** Raynard Ozman, 845-778-2177 Extension 1507
- Court Clerk:** Gayle Smith, gsmith3@nycourts.gov
- Police Chief:** William Herlihy, 845-778-5595,
- Fire Chief:** Larry Sager, Isager@waldenfd.org
- Librarian:** Ginny Neidermier, 845-778-7621, ext. 1509, neidg@rcfs.org
- Building Inspector:** T Robert J. Wallner, 8450778-2177 ext. 1515
- Planning Board Chairman:** Zac Pearson
- Planning Board Meetings:** Third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Community Room at Village Hall
- ZBA Chairman:** Becky Pearson
- ZBA Meetings:** Fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall Recreation Coordinator: Michael Bliss, 845-778-2177 Extension 1523

TOWN OF SHAWANGUNK

History: According to local historian Marc B. Fried, the first settler in what was to become Shawangunk was Gertrude

Brown, whose deed from the Esopus Indians for the “land named Sawankonck” is dated January 24, 1682. From an ancient map, a copy of which is displayed in Shawangunk Town Hall, it is apparent that Gertrude (a widow) and her three young children actually settled on their land within the next five years. A tract of more than 1,200 acres lying south of the Bruyn Parcel was obtained by members of the van Camp, Decker, Terwilliger and Shut families, whose October 1694 patent indicates that by that date, the proprietors had already “made considerable improvements by settling, cultivating and manueing the same and whereof they are now Actually Possest.” The Bruyn and van Camp/Decker tracts were along the Shawangunk Kill. Shawangunk officially becoming a township on March 7, 1788.

With an area of about 57 square miles and a population of about 12,022, Shawangunk has seen the hamlet of Wallkill become the business center of the town. Just outside of the hamlet, the Wallkill and Shawangunk Correctional Facilities are big employers there.

Town Directory

- Town Office:** 14 Central Avenue, Wallkill, 845-895-2611
- Supervisor:** Ken Ronk Jr., 845-895-2900
- Council:** Ken Ronk Jr.
- Town Board:** 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Town Clerk:** Jane P. Rascoe, 845-895-2611
- Town Justice:** Michael Voss, 845-895-2111 Extension 1
- Building Inspector:** John Calaca & Matthew Watkins, 845-895-2904

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Walker Valley Fire Chief: Jim Greer, 845-744-3119
Wallkill Fire Chief: Robert Malatesta, 845-895-9708
Assessor: Curt Schoeberl, 845-895-2143
Highway Superintendent: Rich Blazeski, 845-895-3620
Planning Board Chair: Mark Watkins, 845-895-3336 Extension 1

TOWN OF WALLKILL

History: William and Thomas Bull were the first settlers of the town, having settled along the Wallkill River in about 1767.

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Town Directory

Town Hall: 99 Tower Drive, Bldg. A, Middletown, 8692-7800
Supervisor: George Serrano, 845-692-7832
Council Members: Mark Coyne, Eric Johnson, Eric Valentin, Steven Vinella
Town Board meetings: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Town Clerk: Louisa Ingrassia, 845-629-7826
Assessor: Lisa Chutka, 845-692-7811
Planning Board Chairman: Gary Lake, 845-692-7814
Planning Board Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7:30 p.m.
Commissioner of Public Works: Lou Ingrassia Jr., 845-326-1435
Building Inspector: Al Vance, 845-692-7806
Water and Sewer Department: Rob Waligroski, 845-342-1668
Police Chief: Robert Hertman, 845-692-6757
Highway Superintendent: Billy Fedun, 845-631-1106
Historian: Tom Nosworthy, (845) 283-3721
Town Justices: Joseph Owen, Patrick Owen and Peter Green. 845-692-7822
ZBA Chairman: Roger de Roziere, 845-692-7800
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A photograph of three men standing in a workshop. The man on the left is wearing a red and white plaid shirt and glasses. The man in the middle is wearing a blue and white plaid shirt and has a beard. The man on the right is wearing a maroon sweater and glasses. They are standing in front of a large, dark, industrial-looking structure, possibly a tannery.

The fabric of time

Montgomery family business is rooted in the 16th Century

Jesse, Karl, and Stephen Meyer of Pergamena.

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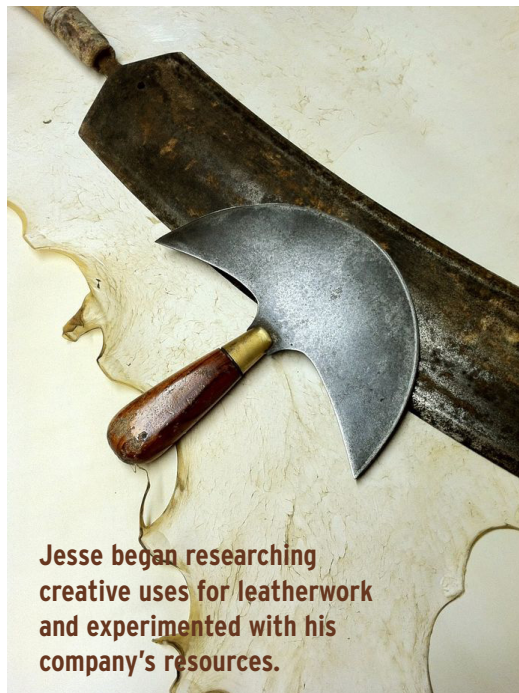
Pergamena, a tannery tucked away along 11 Factory Street, has existed in the village for more than 40 years, but its full history extends for centuries, weaving a tale as rich as the company's leather and parchment.

The Meyer family, originally from Eisenberg, Germany, began producing leathers from various animal skins as far back as 1550. In 1830, Wilhelm Meyer moved the family and business to Philadelphia, United States, and again to North Bergen, New Jersey in 1865, where they would operate for over 130 years. During this time, Wilhelm's grandson, Richard, would rebrand the business to "Richard E. Meyer & Sons."

"We have a Meyer family tree, and the earliest date on that is 1722, so we have names that go back that far. Prior to that, it's just the Meyer family that we know that runs it," said Jesse Meyer, current CEO of Pergamena, who estimated that the business spans roughly 20 to 25 generations.

Karl Meyer, Jesse's father, became head of the business in 1972 following his service in the Marines during the Vietnam War. Karl, who studied chemical engineering in college, experimented with formulas and concocted new colors and finishes for the company's leather. In 1981, after feeling dissatisfied in North Bergen, he moved the business to Montgomery and spent the next two years building a facility from scratch.

"North Bergen just became not the most fun place to try to run a business. It became dirty, a lot more chaotic, a dangerous place to do business. And the state of the building that he was in was not great," Jesse said. "My parents had moved up here, they had bought a house outside of Montgomery in Campbell Hall. They wanted to get out of the tri-state area and metro."



Jesse began researching creative uses for leatherwork and experimented with his company's resources.

For decades, Richard E. Meyer & Sons created leather mainly for piano action, bowling shoes, and similar products. During the 1990s, the company faced competition from other leather and tanning manufacturers, and the demand for products like piano action and bowling shoes dwindled. How would the Meyers move forward and overcome these challenges?

Enter Jesse, who has worked at his family's facility since high school. He graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a Bachelor of Fine Arts and would balance his time between the company and his art career. After being inspired by Martin Puryear and other hands-on sculptors, Jesse began researching creative uses for leatherwork and experimented with his company's resources.

"I always gravitated towards stuff that involves using your hands, and a lot of that handcraft process was evident in the work," Jesse said. "There were a few artists that I found used woodwork or stone or metal. I also came across a few that actually used animal hides in their processes and products."

"Up to that point, I had only ever really looked at this as a commodity and not for whatever inherent beauty it might have. So that helped open the door to well, 'What can I do with this material? How can I expand its

"I always gravitated towards stuff that involves using your hands."



uses?" he continued. "We have all this raw material here at our disposal, and it's a perfect opportunity for me to mess around with this stuff and see what it's capable of."

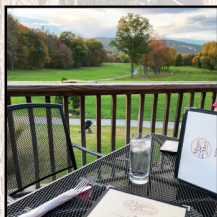
Jesse's efforts would culminate in 1999 when he initiated Pergamena, a new branch of family business that specialized in parchment, a writing material made from animal hides. Parchment was traditionally used for documents, books, and other records, but eventually fell out of practice due to the rise of paper production. Presently, parchment is very sought after for book preservation and home design, both new avenues for the company to explore.

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Pergamena mainly uses chestnut tannins since they create durable leather.

“I came to find out that they used it in interior design, furniture, book restoration and conservation, manuscripts, drum heads, lampshades, and lighting designs,” Jesse listed. “So following that long, narrow path for a while ended up opening into a whole bunch more application of what we can produce.”

Pergamena produces parchment through a technique called veg-tanning, (or vegetable tanning) an older form of tanning that Jesse refined and re-engineered during his experiments. In this process, the tanner strips

the animal skins of all flesh and hair, dries and stretches the skins under tension, and applies tannins to the skins. veg-tannins are chemical compounds extracted from trees, such as oak and sumac, that give the skin color and texture. Pergamena mainly uses chestnut tannins since they create durable leather.

In the leatherwork industry, the more popular process is chrome-tanning, which uses chromium as the tannin. Chrome tanneries can produce leather quicker and cheaper with more vibrant colors, but the procedure can lead to chromium pollution on land and in water through dumping. Between both techniques, chrome tanneries comprise most of the industry across the world, while veg tanneries are a rare sight.

“I find it interesting just running a business that does this now and then looking out into the wider world, seeing just how rare and unusual the thing it is that we do, at least now. It used to be a huge industry in this country,” Jess said. “There’s maybe two or three dozen left in the country, of any type, and probably not even that many. So we’re probably on the very small end of tanneries.”

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Vision of Wallkill's

Upcoming Events

Town of Shawangunk

April 27	<i>Town - Wide Yard Sale</i>
May 11	<i>Duck Derby</i>
July - Aug 11-22	<i>Rhythm on the River Summer Concert Series</i>
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Maybrook

George C. Bullis Memorial Community Center. 101 Main Street and Route 208, Maybrook. 427-2914. gcblibrary@hvc.rr.com. Hours: Monday Through Thursday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday And Sunday Closed. 845-427-2914. gcblibrary@hvc.rr.com. villageofmaybrook.com/george-c-bullis-community-center/



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Montgomery Free Library. In Village Hall, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery. 457-5616. Hours: Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. - Noon.

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Pine Bush Area Library. 223-227 Maple Ave., Pine Bush, 744-3375. Director: Doris Callen. Pbl@rcfs.org. Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Closed Sundays. pinebusharelibrary.org.

Walden

Josephine-Louise Public Library. 5 Scofield St., Walden. 778-7621. Director: Ginny Neidermier. Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Closed Sunday. waldenlibrary.org.

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Maybrook Railroad Museum

Maybrook Government Center, 111 Schipps Lane, Maybrook. villageofmaybrook.com/railroad-museum/

Montgomery Village Museum

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Orange County Farmers Museum

850 Rt. 17K, Montgomery. 457-2959. Blacksmith shop, sawmill and poultry exhibit, historic barn, old farm equipment on exhibit. During the summer hosts tractor and garden tractor pulls. ocfarmersmuseum.org.

Orange County Firefighters' Museum and Fire Safety Education Center

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Transformation Church. 160 Blumel Road, off Route 211, Scotchtown. 692-2848. Joseph and Ruth Nieves, Lead Pastors. Sunday worship service at 9:30 and 11 a.m., in person and online. Communion first Sunday. Website: tc.live

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Harmony Ministries. 1790 Route 211 E, Middletown. 692-6113. Sunday Services Worship Service at 10:15 a.m. in person or on Facebook @harmonyministriesny. Senior Pastor Dennis Ashley.

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Walden Baptist Church. 38 Bank Street, Walden. 778-5611. Pastor: James VanHouten. Sunday worship at 10 a.m. facebook.com/WaldenBaptistChurch.

Bible

Freedom Road Bible Church. 850 Route 52, Walden, 778-4290. Pastor Rick Bruschi II. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for Adults & Children at 9:00 a.m. Sermons are available online. Bible Study Wednesdays, 7 p.m.; Youth group Fridays, 6:30 p.m. (Sept.-May). Website: frbcny.org.

Leptondale Bible Church. 1771 Rte. 300, Town of Newburgh. 566-1113. Pastor Mike O'Dowd. Sunday worship at 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Face Masks voluntary for all in house activities. Men's Bible Study every Wednesday 7:30-9 pm. Women in the Word Bible Study every Wed 9:15am - 11:30am.

Catholic

Holy Name of Mary-Assumption. 89 Union Street, Montgomery. (845) 457-5276. Reverend Matthew Reiman . Saturday Mass, 4 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.; Daily Mass M-Th 9:30 a.m. Website: holynamenameofmary-assumption.org.

Church of the Infant Saviour. 22 Holland Avenue, Pine Bush. Includes Our Lady of the Valley, Rt. 52, Walker Valley. 744-2391. Administrator: Pastor: Fr. S. Niranjan Rodrigo. Mass: Saturday Evening: 5 p.m. - Pine Bush; Sunday: 8 a.m. (Walker Valley -now resuming), 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. - Pine Bush; Daily Masses: 8 a.m. Monday through Sat. - Pine Bush. Confessions: Saturday

4 - 4:30 p.m. in the Church Hall and by appointment. Website: infantsaviour.org.

Most Precious Blood Church. 42 Walnut Street, Walden. 778-5719. Pastor: Fr. Tom Colucci. Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., Daily Mass: 9 a.m. except Thursday, Confessions: 9:30-10 a.m. or 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. Saturdays. Affiliate: **St. Benedict's Chapel**, 70 Wallkill Ave., Wallkill. Saturday vigil mass at 6:30pm. Website: mpbparish.com.

Our Lady of the Assumption Church. 17 High Street, Bloomingburg. 733-1477. Saturday Mass at 5:30 p.m., Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. Daily Mass Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9 a.m. served by the Carmelite Friars as a mission church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown. Website: ourladyoftheassumptionchurch.org.

St. Charles Borromeo Church. 2212 Route 44-55, Gardiner. 255-1374. Pastor: Rev. Matthew A. Yatkuskas. Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m. Sunday Masses at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Weekday Masses: Mon., Thurs. & Fri. at 8 a.m., Wednesdays: 7 pm (April - November), 8 am (December - March), Saturday: 8:30 am. Website: scbgardiner.org.

St. Paul's Church. 2800 Route 17K, Bullville. 361-3107. Father Sean Harlow, O. Carm. Parochial Vicar. Saturday Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. Website: stpaulsbullville.org.

Episcopal

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church. 74 Wallkill Avenue, Montgomery. 457-7545. The Rev. Nicole Hanley, Priest-in-Charge. 718-710-0225.stfrancismontgomery.org.

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Evangelical Lutheran

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Route 208, just south of Walden. 778-7119. Pastor Steven Ware. Sunday worship 10 a.m. Communion served the first and third Sundays. tlcinwalden.com.

Evangelical Presbyterian

Circleville Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Route 302 and Goshen Turnpike, Circleville. 361-2381. Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m., Youth Group second Friday at 7 p.m. for grades 6-12. Also has hospital equipment for loan on Weds and Sats from 9-11 a.m. CirclevilleChurch.org. CirclevilleChurch890@gmail.com.

Goodwill Evangelical Presbyterian Church. 2117 Rt. 208, Montgomery. 457-5959. Pastor: John Torres. Saturdays 7 p.m. Sunday worship at 9 and 11 a.m. Worship available online. goodwillchurch.org

Friends (Quakers)

Clintondale Friends Christian Church. 302 Crescent Ave., PO Box 105, Clintondale. 883-6456. Pastor: Steve Sherwood. Services: Sundays at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at noon on Facebook live devotion, examining the Bible and how it applies to daily life. facebook.com/ClintondaleChurch.



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Amazing Grace Fellowship. 20 Warn Ave., Pine Bush. 361-4481. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 11 a.m. Women's Bible study, Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.; Youth Group Wednesday 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting; Men's Bible Study Thursday at 7 p.m.

Fox Hill Community. 151 Browne Drive, P.O. Box 398, Walden. 778-7561. Visitors should come to 80 Coleman Road. A Bruderhof community.

Mid-Hudson Christian Church. 2393 Route 300, Wallkill. 895-3006. Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays a 7 p.m. Youth Group for grades 9-12 on Fridays at 7 p.m., Second Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Women's Ministry. mhccwallkill.org/.

Tabernacle of Faith Christian Fellowship. 3 North St., Walden. Services: Sunday at 11 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. 713-4670. churchdirectory.tv/mcms/tabernacleoffaith/

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Faith Baptist Church. 34 East Searsville Road, Montgomery. 457-3866. Sunday worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Kids of Faith and Bible Study Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. faithnewyork.com

Jehovah's Witnesses

Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall. 2905 Albany Post Rd., Montgomery. 769-7216. Meetings at 10 a.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Judaism

Walden Jewish Community Center Congregation Beth Hillel. 20 Pine Street, Walden. 778-7374. Sabbath Services are bi-monthly, Fridays at 7:15 p.m. Hebrew classes for youth and adults. B'nai Mitzvah classes. congregationbethhillel.org

Methodist

Bullville United Methodist Church. 2857 Route 17K, Bullville. 361-3032. Sunday worship and Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Maybrook United Methodist Church. 313 Homestead Avenue, Maybrook. 427-4093. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook. Bible Study Wednesdays at 6 p.m. maybrookumc@yahoo.com.

Memorial United Methodist Church of Modena. 1928 Route 44-55, Modena. 883-7142 Sunday worship 11:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Mountain View United Methodist Church. 3641 Route 52, Walker Valley. Sunday Worship at 8 a.m., Sunday worship with Sunday school at 10 a.m. 625-8629. themountainviewumc.com.

Walden United Methodist Church. 1206 Route 52, Walden. Pastor: Rev. Kihun Chol. 778-7035. Sunday worship 8 a.m., 10 a.m. with 11 a.m. coffee hour.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church. Corner of Clinton St. and Wallkill Ave., Montgomery. . 457-5383. Sunday worship at 11 a.m. Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. in person and livestreamed fpcmontgomery.com.

Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Thompson Ridge. 361-1976. Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. in person and on Facebook. hopewell.50webs.org/

Scotchtown Presbyterian Church. 367 Blumel Road, Scotchtown. 692-4824. . Adult Study Sunday at 10 a.m., Sunday worship at 11 a.m., Sunday school at 11:15 a.m. in person and on Zoom. Bible study, Thursdays at 11 a.m. scotchtownpresby.wixsite.com/scotchtownpresby

Reformed Baptist

Grace Reformed Baptist Church. Meeting at Red Mills Rd. Pine Bush. 744-3904. Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship 11. Sunday evening service 6. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Live webcast <https://gracerbc.org/>.

Reformed-Presbyterian

Coldenham-Newburgh Reformed Presbyterian Church. 469 Coldenham Rd., Walden. 564-3924. Sabbath School 9:45 a.m., Sunday service: 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. coldenhamchurch.org/

Reformed

Brick Reformed Church. 1582 Route 17K, Montgomery. 457-5582. Sunday worship at 10 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m. Livestreamed on YouTube. facebook.com/BrickReformedChurch

First Reformed Church of Walden. 70 Scofield Street, Walden. 778-5405. The Rev. James O'Connell, Pastor. Sunday Worship at 10 a.m. livestreamed on Facebook.

Gardiner Reformed Church. 166 Main St., Gardiner. 255-0190. The Rev. Gary Sissel, Pastor . Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. .

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Reformed Church of Shawangunk. Hoagerburgh Rd., Wallkill. 895-2952. Pastor Cathy Bruce . Regular Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. Livestreamed. shawangunkreformed.weebly.com

Wallkill Reformed Church. 45 Bridge Street, Wallkill. 895-2181. The Rev. Dr. Stan Seagren, pastor. churchoffice@wallkillreformed.org. Worship service and children's ministry, Sundays at 10 a.m. wallkillreformed.org.

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Osiris Country Club. Lake Osiris Road, Walden. 778-5309.

Otterkill Golf & Country Club. 100 Otter Road, Campbell Hall. 427-2020.

Town of Walkkill Golf Club. 40 Sands Road, Fair Oaks 10940. 361-1022.

Winding Hills Golf Club. 1847 Route 17K, Montgomery. 457-3187.

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villageofwalden.org/departments/parks-and-recreation

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Montgomery Little League. For info email mlli12549@hotmail.com. montgomeryllny.com/home

Pine Bush Youth Soccer Club. For boys and girls, in grades K-7. Info: 744-3554. pinebushyouthsoccer.com.

Orange County Soccer Club. PO Box 683, Montgomery. Sept. - Nov. ocscny.com

Pine Bush Little League. Plays at Crawford Town Park. pinebushlittleleague.org.

Pine Bush Youth Football League. Info: 692-0225 pbyfc.com

Town of Walkkill Soccer Club. Info: 629-5129 or 313-9808. towssc.com

Valley Central Youth Football League. Mighty Might players ages 6-7 for non-contact, DI-D3 players 8-13 for tackle football, flag football for ages 4-5, and cheerleading, ages 8-13. vcyfl.org/Home

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Alzheimer's Association - Hudson Valley, NY Chapter 384. Crystal Run Road Suite 102, Middletown, NY 10941 845-378-1067. alz.org/hudsonvalley.

Community Garden Club of Pine Bush. Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at the Crawford Town Hall. President: Betty Jessup; Vice President: Karyn Schoeberl.

Country Quilters Guild. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month from September through June at the Crawford Town Hall, Route 302, Pine Bush. Also meets Mondays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Walker Valley Schoolhouse Community Center, Marl Rd & Rte 52 to sew. countryquilters.org.

Historic Montgomery Association. Meets four times a year. 457-3457. facebook.com/MontgomeryHistoricPreservationAssociation/

Historical Society of Shawangunk and Gardiner. Regular meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Community room, Shawangunk Town Hall in Wallkill. 895-3321. wallkillhistory.com

Historical Society of Walden and the Wallkill Valley. Monthly member meetings with guest speakers on the 3rd Wednesday evening of most months in April-December at 7:30 p.m. at the Jacob T. Walden House. thewaldenhouse.org. Info: 778-7772.

Humane Society of Walden. 2489 Albany Post Road, Walden Open every day, Noon-4 p.m. Our animal shelter serves the communities of Montgomery, Walden, Maybrook, Crawford, Wawarsing, Shawangunk, and Mamakating. Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday at 2489 Albany Post Road at 7 p.m. Info: 778-5115. waldenhumane.org.

Knights of Columbus Father Richard Joyce Council 2270. 457-5150, facebook.com/KOCFatherRichardJoyce2270/.

Knights of Columbus Monsignor James S. Conlan Council #5329. Pine Bush. Currently meets the second Thursday of the month at the Catholic Wars Veterans Hall at 7 p.m. kofc5329.org

Kiwanis Club of Maybrook. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the Maybrook Senior Center. maybrookkiwanis@gmail.com. facebook.com/KiwanisofMaybrook/

Most Precious Blood Knights of Columbus Council #9254. Meet on the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Friday of each month at 7:30 in Fr. Sullivan Hall (the lower church). mpbparish.com/knights-of-columbus

Pine Bush Fire Dept Ladies Auxiliary. Meets the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the firehouse located on Route 52.

Pine Bush Lions Club. Meets first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Walker Valley Schoolhouse Community Center, Marl Road and Route 52. <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/pinebushny/>

Vision of Wallkill. Meets second Thursday of every month, 6:30 p.m. at Shawangunk Town Hall Community Room. Facebook/Instagram: Vision of Wallkill.

Walden Community Council. Dedicated to improving the quality of life in Walden. Meets 2nd Wed. of the month, 7 p.m. at the Josephine Louise Public Library. Info: Jodi Lynn, 778-7442.

Walden Rotary. Meets Monday at 12:15 p.m. at The Table, 73 Clinton Street, Montgomery. 778-3698.

Walden Sunshine Society. A good neighbor organization whose members regularly visit shut-ins. Medical equipment is loaned for three months at no cost to those in need. Meets second Tuesday of each month from September-June, at the 2nd Floor Community Room of the Walden Municipal Building at 1 p.m.. Info: Anita Vandermark 778-7772.

Walden Woman's Club. Organized in 1909 to promote mental, cultural and community improvement, and encouraging a generous public spirit. Meets 3rd Mon. of the month. Info: Mary Ellen Matise, 778-1369.

Walker Valley Community Enhancement Committee. 744-5648. Volunteer area residents who work on projects that enhance the area they live in. facebook.com/Walker-Valley-Community-Enhancement-Committee-1498344263753599/

Walker Valley Fire Co. Auxiliary. Meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at the firehouse. facebook.com/WalkerValleyLadiesAuxiliary.

Wallkill Lions. facebook.com/WallkillLionsClub

Wallkill Lodge No. 627 F & AM. Meets at Masonic Temple, 61 Main St., Walden. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Info: 778-7148.

Wallkill Woman's Club. Affiliated with the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs Meets fourth Tuesday of every month at Shawangunk Town Hall Community Room or via Zoom. facebook.com/Wallkill-Womans-Club-113216820225863/

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Superintendent: Brian Dunnx4009

School Board President: Gretchen Meier, x4023.

Website: pinebushschools.org

School Board Meetings: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m.; location varies.

Schools:

Pine Bush High School. Route 302, Pine Bush. 744-2031, ext. 3600. Principal: Aaron Hopmayer, ext 3601

Crispell Middle School. Route 302, Pine Bush. 744-2031, ext. 4400. Principal: John Boyle, ext 4415

Circleville Middle School. Route 302, Circleville. 744-2031, ext. 5600. Principal: Lisa Hankinson, ext 5601

Edward J. Russell Elementary School. Holland Ave., Pine Bush. 744-2031, ext. 4212. Principal: Elizabeth Halsey Sproul

Pakanasink Elementary School. Route 302, Circleville. 744-2031, ext. 5700. Principal: Brian Breheny, 744-2031, ext. 5715

Pine Bush Elementary School. Ulsterville Road, Pine Bush. 744-2031, ext. 4300. Principal: Eric Winter, ext 4303

Circleville Elementary School. Route 302, Circleville. 744- 2031, ext. 5500. Principal: Kristin Slover, 744-2031, ext. 5523



Valley Central School District

District Offices: Route 17K, Montgomery. 457-2400

Superintendent: Evette Avila, 457- 2400 x18510

School Board President: Joseph Bond

School Board Meetings: 2nd and fourth Mondays of the month at 6:45 p.m. in the Central Office.

Website: vcsd.K12.ny.us

Schools:

Valley Central High School. Route 17K, Montgomery. Principal: Russell Burns, 457-2400 x17523.

Valley Central Middle School. Route 17K, Montgomery. Principal: Jayme Ginda-Baxter, 457-2400 x16510.

Berea Elementary School. Route 17K, Montgomery. Principal: John Solimando, 457-2400 x11501

East Coldenham Elementary School. Route 17K, Coldenham. Principal: Dan McDonald, 457-2400 x12500

Montgomery Elementary School. Union St., Montgomery. Principal: Matthew Canino, 457-2400 x14507.

Walden Elementary School. Orchard St., Walden. Principal: Gregory Heidemann, 457-2400 x15510.

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Wallkill Central School District

District Offices: Main St., Wallkill. 895-7100.

Superintendent: Kevin Castle

School Board President: Joseph LoCicero

School Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at alternating sites.

Website: wallkillcsd.k12.ny.us

Schools:

Wallkill Senior High School. Robinson Drive, Wallkill. 895- 7150. Principal: Brian Masopust.

John G. Borden Middle School. 109 Bona Ventura Ave. Wallkill. 895-7175. Principal: Michael Redmond.

Leptondale Elementary School. 48 Mill St., Leptondale. 895- 7200. Principal: Scott Brown

Ostrander Elementary School. 137 Viola St., Wallkill. 895-7225. Principal: Alyssa Greany

Plattekill Elementary School. 1270 Route 32, Plattekill. 895-7250. Principal: Monica Hasbrouck

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Chapel Field Christian School. 211 Fleury Rd., Pine Bush. Bill Spanjer IV, Supt. of Schools., b.spanjer@chapelfield.org 778-1881. chapelfield.org

Harmony Christian School. 1790 Route 211 E, Middletown. 692-5353. Administrator: Kevin Barry

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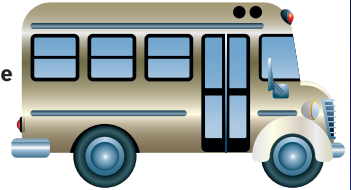
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Montgomery Montessori School. 136 Clinton St., Montgomery. PreK-8th grade. 845-401-9232. Director: Parinaz Mokhtari

Montgomery Nursery School. 22 Wallkill Ave., Montgomery. 457-7415.

Metropolis Child Care Center. 2280 Rte. 52, Pine Bush. 744-3699.

Munchkin Meadow Child Care. 290 Burnt Meadow Road, Gardiner. 802-3366

Noah's Ark Nursery School. Affiliated with Harmony Christian School. 1790 Route 211 E, Middletown. 692-5353.

The Playhouse. 2547 Route 44/55, Gardiner. 255-6155

Rocking Horse Nursery School. 149 Howell Street, Pine Bush. 692-2373.

School Time Children's Center. 469 Coldenham Road, Walden. 567-9548.

Trinity Preschool. Route 208, Walden. 778-7119.

Valley Nursery School. First Reformed Church of Walden, Scofield St. 778-1362.

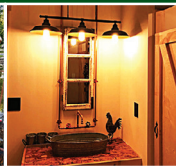
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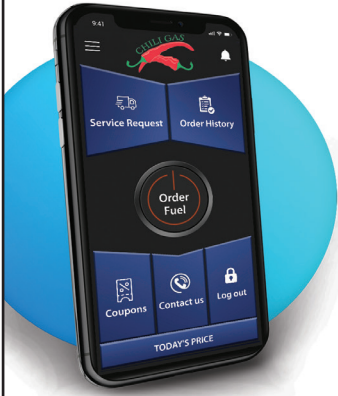
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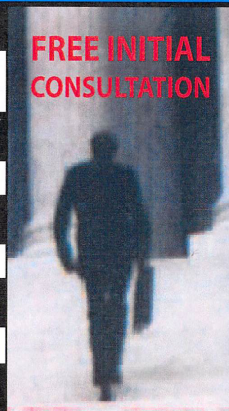
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Despite being one of the few veg tanneries left, Pergamena stands out from its competitors thanks to its parchment and sustainable tanning. The company may not be as big or produce leather as fast as others in the industry, but it can fill many niches for its markets, such as providing specialized finishes for individual products. The company experienced much-needed growth, and “Richard E. Meyer & Sons” was completely rebranded to “Pergamena,” an Italian word meaning “parchment.”

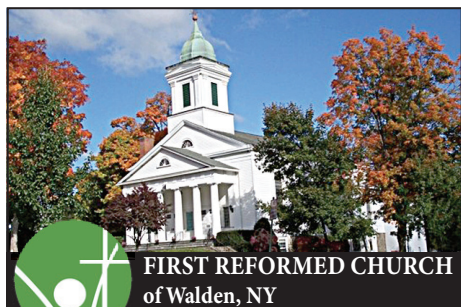
“We can’t do mass production of hides for a huge company that just wants the same exact thing over and over again. But if a company has a single couch that needs to be produced in a single specific way, we can meet that need,” said David Zirilli, a part-time employee who has worked with Pergamena for 12 years. “We can meet a niche that a lot of companies have no interest in meeting because we’re small



“We can meet a niche that a lot of companies have no interest in meeting because we’re small enough to do it.”

enough to do it.”

Jesse would also receive help from his brother, Stephen Meyer, who joined Pergamena’s team in 2008 and worked with the company for 15 years. Stephen used spreadsheets to determine production costs, implemented systems to enhance workflow, and acted as customer resource management for potential clients. He left in 2023 to pursue new opportunities.



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“I had asked if he wanted to come work here, and I think he was interested enough in it to want to work here himself. I think he found it a fun challenge,” Jesse said. “He definitely helped get a lot of procedures in place, best practices, things like that. Hopefully, that stuff will stay with us.”

While Pergamena fulfills a role within the industry, Jesse is uncertain about the company’s future. Currently, he does not have a successor to take over when he retires, so the family business may end with him as its final member. Despite this, Jesse enjoys his work and hopes that Pergamena continues, whether until its 500th anniversary or beyond.

“I am 51, I have a 14-year-old son and a nine-year-old daughter. I don’t see either of them wanting to come work here and certainly not working alongside me for several more years if they choose to,” he explained. “I don’t know if there’s a family member who’s going to come in. It’s a pretty sobering thought; I was thinking ‘Wow, we’ve almost made it 500 years. In 2050, we could celebrate our 500th birthday.’”

For more information on Pergamena, call at 845-457-3834 or visit pergamena.net.



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G. Paul Bettinger American Legion Post 1308. 4 Martin Street, Pine Bush. 744-3991.

Hudson Valley Honor Flight. P.O. Box 375, Walden, NY 12586. Nonprofit organization which Honors American Veterans for all their sacrifices. We transport these heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit their memorials at no cost to them. 391-0076. hvhonorflight.com.

Maybrook VFW Post 2064. 209 Main Street, Maybrook. 427-5881. Meets the first Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Osborne-Fitzsimmons Post 521, American Legion. 7:30 p.m. Meets the first Friday of every month at the Post Home, Route 208 (across from the Goodwill Church), Montgomery. 527-9195.

Rose Sheeley American Legion Post 1034. Monthly meetings every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Town of Shawangunk Town Hall Community Room, 14 Central Ave, Wallkill. Call 551-2699 for schedule.

Walden VFW Post 2946. Corner of Main and Oak Streets, Walden. Meets the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. 778-5622.

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