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Millerton Elections lead to runoff on July 6
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Amenia's GOP Primary results TBA

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AMENIA — Republican voters in the town of Amenia headed to the polls on Tuesday, June 22, to determine who will be on the Republican Party Line in the November General Elections in what has been a somewhat unusual and increasingly contentious primary centered around the luxury housing development Silo Ridge, contested property assessments, a pair of lawsuits filed by said housing development and one of the candidates, and complaints of canceled recreation programs and a lack of communica-

tion in Town Hall. Running to stake a claim on the GOP ticket were incumbent town Supervisor Victoria Perotti, who was seeking her fifth two-year term, against political newcomer Julie Doran. (It is Doran who is a part of a lawsuit against the town, with two other litigants, regarding property values.) Perotti ran on both the Republican and the Conservative tickets while Doran ran on both the Republican and the new independent Amenia Strong party lines.

Also seeking support from voters

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Starting at 6:30 p.m., Pine Plains parents joined together in front of Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School on Wednesday, June 16, to rally for their children's masking rights. They then brought their concerns to the Pine Plains Board of Education meeting held later that evening.

With one week of school left, Pine Plains parents demand the masks go

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — With COVID restrictions lifting, businesses re-opening and communities gradually returning to pre-pandemic life, Dutchess County families have recently been asking their schools when their children can go maskless. Worried about the effects of the mask mandate on young ones,

parents in the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) are among those who have rallied in the past few weeks for their children's masking rights — even with the school year about to end next week.

As of Tuesday, June 15, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced publicly and on www.governor.ny.gov, that New York State is lifting COVID-19 restrictions, "except for the mask requirement for unvaccinated

individuals and in certain settings," including pre-k to grade 12 schools.

However, between the summer weather and the decrease in COVID-19 positivity rates, a number of officials and civilians in both New York State and Dutchess County believe it no longer makes sense to force children to wear masks in schools.

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PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Webutuck senior Ana Galicia stopped to admire one of the Juneteenth posters created by her classmates that hangs in the high school lobby.

Webutuck High School celebrates Juneteenth

WEBUTUCK — Graduating students at Webutuck High School in Amenia showed their respect for Juneteenth — the newest national holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States on June 19, 1865.

Last week, on Thursday, June 17, President Joe Biden held a bill-signing

ceremony making Juneteenth a federal holiday. Also last week, Webutuck seniors created a visual display for the high school lobby all about the holiday that harkens back to when Union soldiers brought word of the slaves'

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NECC Grocery Survey gathers food for thought

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — As a way to assess the broader community's grocery needs, Millerton's North East Community Center (NECC) launched a Community Grocery Survey in May, focusing on grocery access and improving local grocery options. It's a

key issue in the town of North East, which has been without a supermarket ever since the Millerton Fresh Market closed its doors at the former Grand Union space in Millerton Square Plaza in 2019.

NECC Food Program Director Jordan Schmidt said the community cen-

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Vandalism at Millerton's Irondale Cemetery

D-Day damage repeat of two years ago, as is volunteers' kindly clean up

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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MILLERTON — The families of a number of veterans and other local residents with gravesites at Irondale Cemetery, located just off of the intersection of Route 22 and Main Street in Millerton, awoke on D-Day, Sunday, June 6, to learn that those sacred sites had been vandalized.

Similar to an incident that occurred two years ago on the same day to a single headstone, this time about a half-dozen granite gravestones were doused with an orangish-red paint at the cemetery.

"It really, really bothers me. It's the worst form of vandalism," said Bruce Valentine of Valentine Monument Works & Sandblast in Millerton, who

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PHOTO BY BRUCE VALENTINE

About a half-dozen gravestones at the Irondale Cemetery in Millerton were defaced on D-Day, Sunday, June 6, with orangish-red paint.



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Villagers elect Najdek and Kerr, Sherman and Brooks to a runoff

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MILLERTON — While Jenn Najdek was a shoo-in for mayor as she ran unchallenged in the Village Election on Tuesday, June 15, and newcomer Laurie Kerr easily won one of the trustee positions with 102 votes, the race for the second trustee seat has led to a runoff election. That's because candidates Dave Sherman and DeLora Brooks were at a dead heat with 83 votes each

after the ballots were recalculated on Monday, June 21, due to a New York State provisional law that requires a recount if the margin of victory is 20 votes or less.

This year, sitting Mayor Debbie Middlebrook opted not to run for re-election; Deputy Mayor Najdek ran unopposed while former Trustee and former long-time North East town Supervisor Sherman, a Republican, ran in a three-way race against political newcomer but frequent meet-

ing attendee Brooks, a Democrat, and political newcomer and recent resident Kerr, also a Democrat.

Najdek was cross-endorsed by both the Republicans and the Democrats, as was Kerr, while Sherman ran on the Independent and Republican lines.

Both positions are two-year terms, which begin Tuesday, July 6, and run through June 1, 2023.

Elections were held from noon until 9 p.m. at the Village Offices at 5933 North Elm Ave.

(Route 22), since Village Hall is currently closed due to structural concerns and the Nutrition Center not available for voting.

The unofficial results were posted online, at www.villageofmillerton.net, on Wednesday, June 16. When first posted, Kerr and Sherman were in the lead for the two trustee seats. However, as of Tuesday, June 22, the day this paper heads to press, Kerr had the lead and Brooks and Sherman were tied for the second trustee position.

"I'm delighted to be on the board and looking forward to working with the other members of the board and the people of Millerton," Kerr said.

Najdek said she is "looking forward to finding out" who has been elected. Once the second trustee is determined, she said she is excited to coming up with "a plan of action for the village and moving forward."

A runoff election for the remaining village trustee position will be held on Tuesday, July 6, from noon to 9 p.m. at the Village Offices at 5933 North Elm Ave. (Route 22) between Sherman and Brooks. All of the same criteria must be met for this election, with voters registered in the village of Millerton being eligible to cast their ballots.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Ayanna Davis, a phlebotomist with the American Red Cross, oversaw Millerton resident Edward Watson's donation at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex on Thursday, June 17.

Give a pint, get a pint

MILLERTON — The NorthEast-Millerton Library offered area residents the chance to donate one pint of blood in exchange for a coupon to redeem a pint of Stewart's Shop's locally famous ice cream at one of their area stores — perfect to beat the summer heat, at a blood drive hosted in the library annex at 28 Century Blvd. in Millerton on Thursday, June 17.

Organized by the American Red Cross, the recent blood drive ran from 3 to 7 p.m. in The Annex, drawing registered donors and walkers alike.

After checking in for their appointment, donors extended their arms to Red Cross workers, ready to part with a pint of their blood to help someone in need.

— Kaitlin Lyle



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

As a way to further illustrate the Terni family's story through images and objects, a third element of the Terni family exhibition at the NorthEast-Millerton Library entails a collection of artifacts from the multi-generation family that moved from Italy to Millerton.

North East Historical Society showcases Terni family's legacy with library exhibition

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MILLERTON — Paying tribute to a family that's had a lasting impression on the village during the past century, the North East Historical Society partnered with several local entities to arrange an exhibition of the Terni family's legacy at the NorthEast-Millerton Library.

"It's an interesting story on many levels," said North East Historical Society President Ed Downey in regard to the Terni history. "First of all, it's unusual to have a family in the same business throughout three generations in the community. It's a story of immigrants who came here — first lived in other parts of New York south of us — but came to this community in 1919 and created a business, and the business itself is unique and this has survived through three generations."

Downey touched on how each member of the Terni clan, in their own way, made important contributions to the community.

Bringing this exhibition to life, Downey said, was a partnership among several different entities, including the NorthEast-Millerton Library whom Downey said was gracious enough to offer space for the exhibit.

"It couldn't happen to a nicer family," said Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson. "I've known Ellen [Terni] fairly well over the last couple of years and they're just lovely people and it's so interesting."

Though she didn't grow up in the village, Leo-Jameson has heard stories of the Terni family and was touched when looking through photos of the three generations now on display.

"It's also wonderful for the library to work with the Historical Society because it's important to recognize our local families, especially one that has such an impact on the community," she said.

Other partners for the exhibition include Main Street Magazine — which assisted the Historical Society with accessing information about the family — and Thorunn Kristjansdottir of Thorunn Designs and Main Street, whom the Historical Society retained to create poster boards for the exhibit. The Terni

family was especially vital in the collaboration by providing an abundance of information and background for the exhibition.

As they make their way around the library, visitors will find the exhibition divided into three main sections. The first element entails a series of about a dozen poster boards featuring different components of the family's legacy. Told as a "chronological, biographical narrative to give people a sense of each generation," Downey explained the boards are based on research that was done in collaboration with the Terni family with members of the Historical Society, accompanied by images collected from the Historical Society's own collection and the Terni family.

As a digital element to the display, the second part of the exhibition includes a video-recorded interview told in three parts featuring the recollections of Don Hastings, an actor, writer and close personal friend of the late Phil Terni. Recorded on Thursday, May 6, Downey said Hastings' family was kind enough to

let the Historical Society do the interview, adding that Hastings also delivered the eulogy at the memorial service for Phil, who passed away this March.

The last element features a collection of artifacts from the Terni family that shares their story through images, objects and elements of the family's history, including (among other tokens) candies and photos taken inside the now closed Terni's Store on 42 Main St. in Millerton; Phil Terni's hats; a photograph taken in 1953 to commemorate Assunta Terni's return visit to Italy with her granddaughter, Stephanie; and photographs of the family.

The Terni exhibit will be available for viewing until Saturday, June 29.

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The Northern Dutchess Community Coalition (NDCC) has extended an invitation to middle and high school students to take an active role in local addiction prevention by joining its youth leadership committee. Pictured here are two high school seniors who participated in the Vaping is Exploding event held at the Red Hook Community Center in northeastern Dutchess County in March 2019, during which time the students kept Red Hook residents informed about the dangers of vaping.

Coalition wants students to make healthy choices, live healthy lives

By KAITLIN LYLE
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HARLEM VALLEY — Local youth aspiring to make a worthwhile impact in their communities are being sought after by the Northern Dutchess Community Coalition (NDCC), which is currently looking for students to take an active role in local addiction prevention by joining the coalition's youth leadership committee.

Founded in 2009, the NDCC operates on a completely volunteer basis with a goal of creating healthy communities and providing youth with healthy coping and behavioral strategies, according to Crissy Groenewegen, a coalition coordinator at NDCC and a community prevention educator at the Council on Addiction Prevention and Education (CAPE) of Dutchess County.

As published in an April NDCC press release, the coalition launched its work by raising awareness around issues like substance abuse and underage drinking. Today, it's expanded its mission to "address the changing landscape," which includes promoting

positive mental health choices and educating local youth about things like vaping and marijuana use.

Working under the guidance of CAPE, the NDCC was awarded a five-year Federal Drug Free Communities grant in 2019, which made it possible for the coalition to expand its outreach in northern Dutchess County. For the Harlem Valley region, this includes the North East (Webutuck), Pine Plains and Millbrook Central School Districts.

Beyond generating community involvement across its 12 sectors, Groenewegen emphasized how important youth participation is. To date, she said the coalition is "about six months into year two" of its outreach in the northern Dutchess area and doing what it can to engage youth through those initiatives, among which she organized a slogan contest last summer for students to promote the importance of wearing face masks at the height of the pandemic.

Groenewegen said a great part of the coalition's work is learning from its members what their issues are, what they'd like to see in their own communities and how the NDCC can help them achieve their goals for living healthy lifestyles.

As far as their engaging the youth leadership committee, she said it's supposed to represent their communities, attend meetings and report back to their peers about the work that NDCC does.

The youth leadership committee is open to middle school and high school students ages 12 to 17. Currently the group is meeting remotely via Zoom on a monthly basis and hopes to return to in-person by September.

Youth sector representatives are required to attend 80% of the meetings and use their strengths to support the

coalition.

When asked how a typical meeting is structured, Groenewegen said a prevention calendar is used to motivate members to raise awareness around a specific issue. During Alcohol Awareness Month, she said the group planned events and advertising around raising awareness about the risks of alcohol abuse. Seeing the coalition's familiarity with social media as an advantage, she said the youth representatives aim to spread NDCC campaigns over such platforms.

As far as an incentive for students to join the NDCC, Groenewegen remarked that, especially for high school juniors and seniors, it looks good on resumes. For middle schoolers, she said, "It's to be a leader among your peers and to be invested in drug-free initiatives."

Joslan Carter, a seventh-grader at Bulkeley Middle School in Rhinebeck, is the only student who has participated thus far. Joslan said the opportunity to make an impact on her community was what compelled her to join.

"I've always been into activism, spreading awareness and teaching other people," Joslan stated. "Drug prevention and awareness are some of the most important things we can do to prevent early, and even adult, use, so I am excited that I can be a part of this ongoing process of education and interventions."

"Actual data and facts show more youth are not using [drugs] than are," Groenewegen added, "so if you can get five of those youth to be involved, to be interested in spreading the message, that can really start at any age."

To learn more, go to www.ndutchesscc.org or the "Northern Dutchess Community Coalition" Facebook page. Students may also email cgroenewegen@capedc.org.

Amenia Housing Board reviews housing survey

Housing group considers funds raised for wastewater

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Tuning into Zoom at 5:30 p.m., members of the Amenia Housing Board (AHB) continued to fine tune plans for a future community listening session and other goals at its meeting held on Tuesday, June 8.

Survey response

Leo Blackman reported the affordable housing survey was presented to the Town Board on Thursday, May 20. After survey duplicates were removed and the paper copies were added, he remarked only 12 people chose to fill in the paper surveys while the rest were done online. In total, about 180 surveys were done; out of the town's total population of 2,400 people, this makes up 10% of the population.

As the AHB wants to ensure the survey information is recorded up to a certain standard, Blackman said town Councilman Damian Gutierrez said he has a friend who's a statistician who offered to help.

Leo said there were significantly fewer negative responses than he expected, and while there were some people who said government should stay out of housing, "most people seemed to understand the need that was out there and I thought that was encouraging."

Survey distribution

In terms of distributing survey results, Blackman suggested the AHB present the results to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) as well as post the results on the town's website, www.ameniany.gov and share them with The Millerton News and the Tri-Town Coalition.

Once the AHB has finished, polished document with all the identifying information removed, Blackman said it can share it and go forward. Gutierrez agreed because the survey was posted on the town website, it would be appropriate to post the results there, too.

Listening session

Regarding the AHB's future listening session, Blackman said it was agreed by the board members that once the survey is finished, it should be presented to the town and a public forum then be held to discuss the results and the needs for affordable housing.

"[It will] basically [be] an introduction and education for the town [to] get a sense of what concerns people have," said Blackman.

Before doing so, he said they should do certain things, such as get a facilitator, put together a

kind of visual presentation and outreach to potential attendees. Blackman asked board members for thoughts on the best day of the week and time of day to hold the session in the upcoming months.

Since school is almost out and people are getting into "summer vacation mode," members suggested delaying the listening session to after Labor Day weekend and to do outreach before people leave town for the summer. Blackman asked if they were comfortable holding the session in the fall; the AHB said it was.

Wastewater Committee and Silo Ridge funds

After outlining some of its future goals, Blackman reported the Amenia Wastewater Committee would like to use the first part of the \$50,000 in total funds donated from Silo Ridge Field Club, or a part of those funds, to hire wastewater engineers. That would

amount to \$17,600. Blackman shared his belief that wastewater is the most important component for affordable housing to succeed, as the town can't do anything more than renovation work if it doesn't have a wastewater system in place.

Since the money from Silo Ridge was specifically set aside for affordable housing the development never build, Blackman said the AHB has "first dibs."

However, he added, "Since I don't think we're in a place where we have specific funds that we need, we should express to the Town Board that the wastewater system is something they [the Town Board] should be funding."

Blackman proposed the AHB move to make a recommendation to the Town Board to direct the funding to the Wastewater Committee to hire its wastewater engineers. The AHB approved the recommendation.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

Disturbance settled

Tuesday, June 8, Deputies responded to a disturbance at 133 South Nellie Hill Road in the Town of Dover.

The matter was resolved without incident.

Motorcycle accident

Wednesday, June 9, Deputies responded to 5 Cedar Berry Lane in the Town of Dover for a motorcycle accident.

A male with a possible broken arm was transported by a private vehicle to an area hospital.

Criminal mischief report

Friday, June 11, Deputies responded to 81 Lakeside Drive in the Village of Pawling for a criminal mischief complaint.

The matter is under investi-

gation.

Disturbance settled

Sunday, June 13, Deputies responded to the Crestview Trailer Park in the Town of Dover, in the hamlet of Wingdale, to investigate a reported disturbance at a residence there.

The matter was resolved without incident.

Report crime tips

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

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AMENIA IN BRIEF

Learn all about ham radio

The Southern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual Field Day emergency drill on Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27, and will be contacting other ham operators across the U.S. and Canada. Visitors are welcome and can see ham radios in action and actually operate on the air under Club supervision.

It will be held at the home of a club member in Amenia at 80 Depot Hill Road. Operations begin Saturday at 2 p.m. and continue through the night, shutting down Sunday noon. Follow the AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY signs.

For further information contact Lee at 860-435-0051.

'Paris, Texas' at Amenia Drive-In

On Thursday, July 15, the Amenia Drive-In Theatre at 4957 Route 22, will host the Boondocks Film Society's presentation of the 1984 road movie, "Paris, Texas."

With gates opening at 7:30 p.m., the screening will feature a pre-film performance by William Lawrence; the film will begin at dusk.

Tickets are \$16 per person and can be purchased online at www.playeatdrink.com.

For more information, go to www.playeatdrink.com or www.boondocks-filmsociety.org.

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Feast of Corpus Christi comes to Millbrook

Father Hartley Bancroft, parish administrator of St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church in Millbrook, wore a white garment as he held the Eucharistic monstrance under the canopy while leading the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 6. Father Bancroft displayed the monstrance to those who gathered at the church, as the procession traveled from St. Joseph's up Franklin Avenue and then returned to the church along the residential side streets of the village. The Knights of Columbus Council 381 carried the canopy during the 500-year old ceremony in which Christians confirm their belief in the sacramental bread worshippers receive at Mass. Sixty men, women and children attended the June 6 procession.

Brier Hill Cemetery: No longer forgotten

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — In today's world, the concept of a poor house, a place where indigent people were once housed when they had no place else to go, seems foreign. Yet this practice remained a part of everyday life well into the 20th century.

There was just such a poorhouse located in the town of Washington. The county poor house had been located in Poughkeepsie until 1863, but during the Civil War there was an argument about who should take care of the poor. The argument was settled by moving it to a more central location, so in May of that year, 74 acres were purchased by the Dutchess County Board of Supervisors and a building was erected, opening in the spring of 1864.

The building, the Dutchess County Poor House, was built of brick, consisted of two stories, and by October of 1864 it had its first occupants.

Poor houses were built so that the homeless could trade their labor for shelter. There were rules, one of which for-

bade children between 2 and 16 from living there; those children were put in separate institutions. While this ripped children from their parents, it was hoped that their circumstances would be better than their parents.

In no time at all, it was found that the Washington building, which had cost \$45,000 to build, was deteriorating. There were narrow stairways, a lack of proper ventilation and no fire escapes, adding to the misery of the inmates. And there was no place to put those who became ill. People who died there were generally buried on site, at Brier Hill Cemetery at Oak Summit, about one-quarter of a mile from the building.

When poor houses declined in popularity during the 1930s and '40s, a new building was constructed in the town of Washington, in 1938. It was then added to in 1961, when it became the Millbrook Infirmary, or County Home. It later became a mental health facility.

Since that time, the cemetery was largely neglected and forgotten — until 2003. Vassar College students enrolled in a

digital underground class led by Professor Brian G. McAdoo before discovered evidence that more than 800 graves were in Brier Hill Cemetery. Using old documents and long-forgotten records, the students found 246 names, along with some other information, but they could actually put names to only about 50 graves. The last burial was in 1955, a William Patterson, 65, a resident of the poor house.

In 2014, students from Vassar College and Ithaca College tried to clean up the cemetery, but had little success. Fast forward to 2019, before the pandemic, when then-Dutchess County Commissioner of Public Works Robert Balkind got involved, along with several other people including Dutchess County Legislator (R-25) Deirdre Houston.

County landscaping crews worked diligently and finally the land was cleared enough to allow for the identification of some graves; most were marked by cylindrical numbered stone markers. Archaeologists and historians went to work, not only to identify the graves, but to be able to relate

Meet school board write-in winner Chris LaBelle

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MILLBROOK — Chris LaBelle will be joining David Lavarnway on the Millbrook Central School District (MCS D) Board of Education (BOE) as one of its two newest members. Lavarnway was profiled in The Millerton News before the election; LaBelle was not, because she won as a write-in candidate, with 101 voters penning her name on their ballots.

Asked why she decided to run so late in the game, LaBelle stated that she had been attending more and more BOE meetings via Zoom during the coronavirus pandemic, and up until May 4, she thought there was only one vacancy. When she realized that both John Rudy and Claudia Heunis were leaving the BOE, she decided to throw her hat into the race, but by that time it was too late to file a formal petition. Using mostly word of mouth



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Chris LaBelle will join the Millbrook Central School District Board of Education on July 1.

and making an enormous amount of phone calls and follow-up calls, she launched a write-in campaign. As the board was seeking two new members and only had one candidate running, it's a good thing she did. The result is that LaBelle is now one of two new members on the school board.

"I have devoted my life to positively impacting the lives of children and their families in my local community," she said. "Serving on the Millbrook School District BOE seemed natural given the board's needs, paired with my depth and breadth of experience in child development and special education. I look forward to serving as an advocate for families who are not able to advocate for themselves."

A native of Florida, LaBelle majored in psychology in college, moving to Claremont, Calif., to earn her graduate degree. She worked in academia for several years, and admits there are times when she misses the academic life, although she also likes clini-

cal work. She has stayed busy doing consulting work both privately and with schools in teacher training for youth, in grades pre-k up through young adulthood.

"In my field of expertise, decisions regarding treatment are required to be based on objectivity, be data driven and based on empirical research," she said. "I believe I can aid the BOE in setting objective and measurable goals, as well as making educational decisions that are based on empirical research within the fields of psychology, child development, education and special education."

LaBelle said that public service and volunteering run in her blood.

"I may be new to public office, but not to public service," she said. "I am passionate about community service, especially involving children. I served as a PTO vice president from 2017 thru 2020. I currently serve as a trustee on the Millbrook Educational Foundation. I am a local Girl Scout Troop leader and a Faith Formation teacher at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church."

Her husband, Jason Rowland, began working at the Fishkill IBM plant in 2011, when they moved to this area. They have two children in the MCS D, Daphne, 9, and Luke, who is 7.

Over the past year and a half, LaBelle has curtailed her consulting business, helping her children with their remote learning during the pandemic, adding to her knowledge of the school system in Millbrook.

On July 1, LaBelle begins her duties on the BOE; she's anxious to get started and lend her expertise to the Millbrook district, joining a group that is passionate about always doing what's best for local students. Her term runs through June 20, 2024.

STATE POLICE REPORT

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

Forged checks arrest

On Monday, June 14, the New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation in Dover Plains in conjunction with the Special Investigation Unit Financial Crimes Unit arrested Shawna M. Lowe, age 37, of Dover, for 26 counts of Possession of a Forged Instrument, and one count of Grand Larceny in the 3rd degree, all class D felonies, in the town of Amenia.

An investigation began in December of 2020 that determined Lowe stole more than \$3,000 us-

ing forged checks belonging to the victim she was employed to care for.

Lowe was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Amenia Court on June 29, at 4 p.m.

Crime Watch

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

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

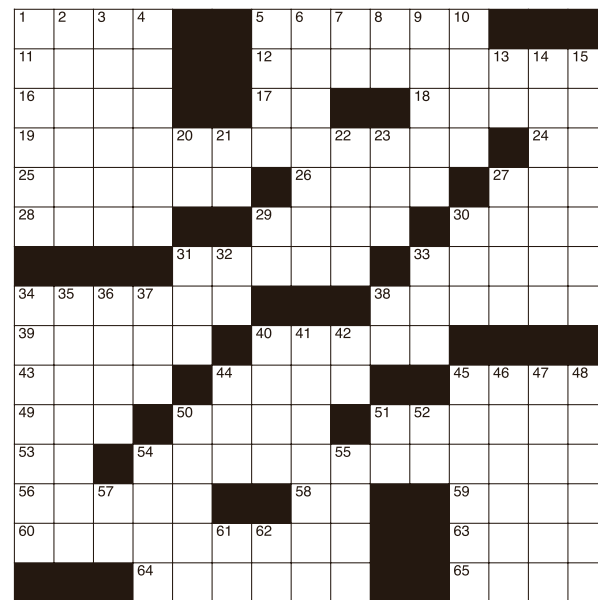
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- Small morsels of food
- Actress Dunham
- Puts a limit on
- Used for baking or drying
- Commercial
- Zookeeper Bindi
- Walk in one's sleep
- The Great Lakes State
- Winter sport
- A thin layer on something
- Peacock network
- Give birth to a lamb or kid
- "Too Scared to Cry" author
- Nose
- Friend
- Country music legend Haggard
- Curved
- More deformed
- Bleated
- Set on its end
- An aspect of Ra
- Releasing hormone (abbr.)
- Harsh, grating noise
- Francisco
- Common Japanese surname
- Punish with an arbitrary penalty
- Football position (abbr.)
- Not in the know
- African antelope
- Popular tech (abbr.)
- Baseball teams get three of them
- Make up one's mind
- Spumante (Italian wine)
- Martens
- Susan and Tom are two

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- Excessively showy
- Put an end to
- Blood disorder
- Ingredient in wine
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- Made smaller
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- The Treasure State
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- Male parent
- One hundredth of a watt (abbr.)
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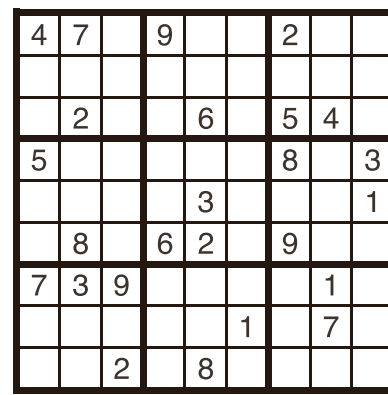
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- Able to be estimated
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- Adult female chicken
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- That which is not sacred
- Sound made in speech
- Handgun (slang)
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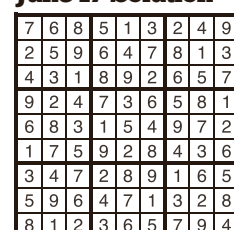
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EDITORIAL

Onward and upward for the Class of '21

Congratulations to our graduates! They made it through another tough year, learning through pandemic conditions that called for remote instruction, hybrid learning, limited physical contact, restricted activities, canceled programs, mask mandates and one-of-a-kind ceremonies including graduations and proms and all the other traditions they had probably been looking forward to for years that had to be tailored to COVID-19 versus their teenage fantasies. It couldn't have been easy.

However, successful adulthood isn't built on easy. It's built on resilience, hard work, determination, stick-to-it-iveness, creativity, thinking outside of the box — all lessons our graduates were forced to learn in 2021 — year two of the coronavirus pandemic.

Like it or not, COVID-19 toughened up the Class of '21. Would any of us have chosen for our seniors to have gone through a year like 2021? Of course not. Who would want their child to suffer through quarantine conditions; be educated in remote and less-than-ideal conditions; be denied access to athletic programs, extra-curricular activities and other school clubs; be unable to meet in-person with fellow students, teachers or counselors; be unable to access on-campus meal programs or after-school programs? No one, of course.

Somehow, though, they made it through. It is now the end of the scholastic year. Next week will be graduation. For all three of our school districts: Webutuck, Pine Plains and Millbrook, that day falls on Friday, June 25, barring bad weather causing possible postponements.

We wish all of our graduates the very best. You have done a superlative job making your way through what has undeniably been an incredibly tough year-and-a-half. Your growth as students and as human beings has been tremendous.

Not only have you seen the world struggle through a global health crisis and slowly come out on the other side — although we must never forget that 3,890,946 people across world lost their lives so far as of Tuesday, June 22 — you have seen the world rebound from an economy that dropped like a lead balloon.

When COVID-19 hit, the business sector suffered just as mightily as any other — and millions upon millions of workers became unemployed while millions of others had to figure out creative ways of how to restructure their jobs in order to stay on the payroll.

Now, as our graduates of today prepare to enter the working world — whether immediately after high school or after first entering college, trade school or the military — we encourage them to do so with an eye toward retaining the kind of flexibility that so many developed during the pandemic. It's hard to predict just what awaits you in the "real world" once you step off that graduation stage, but rest assured it will lack the kind of warmth and support, the nurturing and kindness you found in your local Harlem Valley school districts. We would certainly hope that all of our graduates might find that kind of support system in the outside world, but we wouldn't want you to count on it. After all, it can be a hard, heartless world. That's just the truth of it.

That said, it can also be a wonderful, exciting and magnanimous world, one which our graduates should look forward to joining — but always, please, with caution and eyes wide open. As you prepare to do so, we wish you the very best on the next leg of your journey. Whatever that may be, whether you decide to enter the military, college, a trade school, go straight into the workforce or to take a gap year — may you do so with a clear mind, in good health and with the best of intentions.

Those not-so-little acts of kindness

They can make such a big difference in our everyday lives. Little acts of kindness take little effort and have big results.

Every day can be a new day if we lend a little kindness. In today's troubled world, anxiety and uncertainty are ever increasing. Individuals need a bright ray of sunshine knowing someone cares. It doesn't need to cost anything other than a few minutes of time. In the military, our code of honor was to protect and look out for one another (having each other's six).

The timely delivery of the COVID vaccine to states last December was initially bobbled by many unprepared and disorganized state leaders. Distribution clearly vastly improved with supplies to local pharmacies, clinics, retail outlets and various venues this year.

At first everyone was wondering which injection they should take? Pfizer, Moderna or J&J? Answer? The first one available. They're all highly effective preventing hospitalization and death (though J&J had its troubles with its vaccine, as reported in the news), and although the president's goal of

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

immunizing 70% of America by July 1 might not succeed, New York State hit that mark on Tuesday, June 15.

The sooner we, the citizen army of this nation, get the juice in our arms, the sooner we defeat this invader and protect one another. Those who are not vaccinated should keep their masks on in public.

Caring individuals, meanwhile, keep assisting others with registering for vaccines and offering rides to injection sites.

Many caring neighbors are also offering medical visit rides, looking in and conversing with one another to ensure their mutual welfare. Individuals are also preparing, buying or offering meal ingredients to make life easier for others.



Pine Plains BOE stands by its decisions

As our school year comes to a close, I would like to acknowledge my fellow board members and the dedication they put into their roles throughout the pandemic. The past 18 months have been incredibly difficult. We had to make countless decisions on behalf of the district, keeping in mind staff and student safety while also abiding by the ever-changing state regulations. We had no historical evidence to which we could refer. There is nothing written by either NYSED or NYSSBA about managing a school district during a pandemic.

The seven of us volunteered hours to research the latest information available, ensuring we were abiding by the latest state mandates. I would like to stress we are volunteers — volunteers who have stepped up because we believe in giv-

ing back to our community and want to see our students reach their full potential.

While not everyone agrees with the decisions we've made this year, the PPCSD Board of Education stands by those decisions as well as those of our superintendent, Dr. Martin Handler. By law, we must follow the mandates set forth by the state. If we do not, the Board of Regents will remove us as a board, as well as Dr. Handler from the superintendency. Additionally, the district will be fined thousands of dollars — money that belongs to the taxpayers, and to whom we have a fiduciary responsibility. When we were elected, we each took an oath to abide by both state and federal laws. We will uphold that oath.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my fellow board members for their many years of service. Some of

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'This Is A Cemetery'

In light of the vandalism that took place recently at the Irondale Cemetery, I thought I would share this poem that has long graced the desk of my office, at Valentine Monument Works. It was shared with me by my father, Richard Valentine, who was the longtime funeral director and owner of the Valentine Funeral Home in Millerton before retiring a number of years ago.

I don't know who wrote the poem, but that does not make its words any less significant.

"Lives are commemorated — deaths are recorded — families are reunited — memories are made tangible — and love is undisguised. This is a cemetery.

"Communities accord respect,

families bestow reverence, historians seek information and our heritage is thereby enriched.

"Testimonies of devotion, pride and remembrance are carved in stone to pay warm tribute to accomplishments and to the life — not death — of a loved one. The cemetery is homeland for family memorials that are a sustaining source of comfort to the living.

"A cemetery is a history of people — a perpetual record of yesterday and a sanctuary of peace and quiet today. A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering — always."

— By anonymous
Bruce Valentine

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our teachers and staff for being flexible in their classrooms so our students could learn as much as possible. Additionally, we appreciate the level of care they took in checking on students' mental health. Their dedication was commendable.

Thank you to our students for holding your heads high and making the best of this challenging year — especially our seniors who lost so much. Finally, thank you to the community for respecting our decisions, recognizing the challenges we faced, and for understanding that we were doing the best we could.

I'm proud to be a member of the Pine Plains Board of Education.

Anne K. Arent
Vice-President, Board of Education, Pine Plains Central School District

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As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, there's a sense of relief and optimism that things will return to normal. Long-awaited family gatherings, birthday parties and graduation ceremonies are finally happening in person. Sporting events have fans in the stands, airports are busy and we all are in the process of reclaiming those elements of life we've missed the past year.

However, with that optimism is the reality of the impact the pandemic had on local communities. Local businesses that struggled through the past year, if they were able to stay in business at all, are still trying to recover and regain lost

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revenues. These locally owned restaurants, shops and services are vital to our economy and provide valuable jobs and important resources. Whenever you can, please Shop Local and Eat Local.

You can add your local newspapers to the businesses that need your support. During the pandemic, newspapers provided the critical information needed to protect the health and safety of their readers. And, that level of commitment has continued with the most relevant information about vaccines and plans for schools to return to normal in the fall.

The importance of local newspapers reaches well beyond the pandemic. Local newspapers cover the issues most important to their communities. From crime to local schools to local government, readers can rely on their newspaper to provide the latest news that will impact them directly. Without vibrant newspapers, cities and towns across the country would surely suffer.

Newspapers were hit hard during the pandemic, just like other businesses. Advertising revenue, which was already in decline, dropped significantly. While more readers turned to newspapers and their websites for information than ever before, that didn't generate enough additional revenue to bridge the gap. The result is that newspapers need your support now, more than ever.

Fortunately, the importance of newspapers is being recognized in Washington. Legislation has been introduced to help protect newspapers from the business tactics of Big Tech companies that often use newspapers' content without compensation. On June 16,

the Local Journalism Sustainability Act was introduced as a bipartisan effort to recognize and protect local newspapers and the journalists who deliver valuable content.

The LJSA is unlike other bills in that it delivers benefits to readers and advertisers for supporting newspapers. Subscribers will be able to get a tax credit for their subscription, local businesses can get tax credits for advertising in newspapers and other local media, and newspapers would receive tax credits for their newsroom employees.

These legislative efforts deserve your support and the support of your government representatives. Contact your congressional representative and asked them to co-sponsor and support the Local Journalism Sustainability Act that ensures newspapers continue to serve their readers and advertisers.

And, while you Shop Local and Eat Local, we encourage you to continue to Read Local and subscribe to your local newspaper. Supporting your newspaper is one of the best things that you can do to directly strengthen your community.

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OBITUARIES

Claudette (Chaber) Douglas

Claudette (Chaber) Douglas, 84, of New Milford, passed away June 10, 2021, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. She was a loving wife of the late Harry T. Douglas, formerly of Sharon.

Claudette was born Nov. 1, 1936, in Bridgeport, Conn., the daughter of the late Abraham and Mary Chaber. Claudette graduated from Danbury High School.

She is survived by her niece, Elizabeth; her godson, Mark; her stepson, Brian; two broth-

ers; two sisters; two nephews; and several cousins.

A private service was held at All Saints of America in Salisbury.

Memorial donations may be made to New Milford Animal Welfare, 8 Dodd Road, New Milford, CT 06776; or American Red Cross of Connecticut, 209 Farmington Ave., Farmington, CT 06032.

Local arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

Herman Turnfelt Erickson

SALISBURY — Herman Turnfelt Erickson, 95, of Salisbury died at home peacefully in his sleep on June 13, 2021.

He was born July 22, 1925, on the family farm in Salisbury, son of Gerda (Turnfelt) and John Erickson.

Herman was a lifelong member of the Salisbury Congregational Church. He served in the United States Army as a military police officer in Germany from 1953-1955.

He spent many years working on the family dairy farm and later in the Erickson brothers' construction business before serving as the sextant of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lakeville for many years.

If he wasn't fishing in the nearby brooks and lakes, he could be found in his wood shop building doll houses, small furnishings and Christmas crafts.

Herman was an avid jigsaw puzzler and spent hours

completing puzzles with as many as 2,000 pieces. He was well known in the community, loved by many and a friend to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Maureen (Solan) Erickson; his son, Peter Erickson and his wife, Debra, of New Hartford and daughter, Embury Sbragia and husband, Joseph, of Plymouth, Mass. He leaves behind five grandchildren, Samuel, Oliver, Grace, Luke, and Annabelle; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers, John Harold, Walter and Frank Erickson.

A special thank you to Theresa Veronesi, Sharon Van Noord and Meghan Racliffe of the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.



Mary Elizabeth Fitzpatrick

LAKEVILLE — Mary Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, 67, born Sept. 1, 1953, died on June 11, 2021, of natural causes at her home in Lakeville.

She had recently been working for Lakeville Taxi as a chauffeur. Previously she had been employed for many years as a bartender at The Woodland restaurant and The Interlaken Inn.

Known for her generous spirit and quick wit, Mary was always forthcoming with a genuine compliment, a playful tease and a kindhearted word for all she encountered.

A voracious reader, her brilliant mind and mastery of the English language were prominent in any conversation.

Mary, a native-born New Yorker, had much of the history and architecture of the city in her repertoire, reciting fascinating facts while driving clients to and from the area.

She attended Sacred Heart Elementary in Queens, The Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica Estates, and completed her secondary education at Manhasset High School when her family relocated to Long Island.

She continued her education and graduated *magna cum laude* from The Katharine Gibbs School in New York City and received her Associate's Degree

from the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

After extensive years living on Staten Island and working in all aspects of restaurants in Manhattan, including those owned by family (Suspenders and T-Bags in New York City) she refocused her secretarial skills and began employment with the law firm of Gladstein & Partners.

Devoted to her family, Mary moved to Lakeville to be closer to her parents. After the death of her father, Mary moved back into her parents' home and lovingly cared for her mother until she passed.

Mary is now reunited with her parents, Lawrence and Anna Fitzpatrick; and her two brothers, Lawrence and John Fitzpatrick.

She is survived by her sisters, Ann Boltz and Margaret Fitzpatrick; and her brothers, Andrew, Joseph, Thomas and Michael Fitzpatrick and her sisters-in-law, Susan, Eileen, Josephine, Valerie and Laura Fitzpatrick.

A Mass and celebration of life will be held at St. Mary's Church in Lakeville on July 6 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Corner Food Pantry in Salisbury.



Janos 'John' Terdik

AMENIA — Janos "John" Terdik, 90, died peacefully on June 16, 2021, at Vassar Hospital.

Janos was born Oct. 11, 1930, in Hungary.

He married his soul mate, Terez Terdik, on Dec. 20, 1954.

He worked at the old Wassatic State School on the Grounds Department and retired in 1992.

He is survived by his wife, Terez; his daughter, Veronica Stark and her husband, Kevin;

two grandsons, John and Peter Stark; two great-grandsons, Avery and Maverick Stark; a brother-in-law, Bela Pinczes and his wife, Rosie; a sister-in-law, Theresa Pinczes; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

Services were held June 22 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

LAKEVILLE — David Livingston Orrell, 86, died June 14, 2021, at Marshall Manor in Machias, Maine, of kidney failure.

David was born Oct. 17, 1934, in Whitinsville, Mass., to Kathleen MacNichol and James Edward Orrell. From 1942 to 1949 his family lived in Eastport, Maine, where his father worked at the MacNichol Packing Company.

David attended school in Whitinsville and Eastport and graduated from Northbridge (Mass.) High School in 1953. He received a certificate from the Worcester Art Museum School (1956) and a BS from Clark University (1961).

David served in the Massachusetts National Guard from 1957 to 1963.

After graduation David worked as an art teacher in North Brookfield, Mass., where

he met his wife, Marie Benvenuti. They were married in North Brookfield in 1962.

He taught in Glastonbury, Conn., and in 1964 settled with his family in Cornwall and later Lakeville, where he taught at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Cornwall Consolidated School and Sharon Center School.

In 1993 David and Marie retired to Eastport. After retirement, David remained in contact with many of his former students to track their careers and artistic accomplishments.

David was a prolific artist. He was fluent and taught in many media including watercolor, block print and ceramic, but mostly worked in oil. He specialized in portraits, Maine and Connecticut landscapes, and allegorical and abstract subjects.

He was a longtime member

and volunteer with the Eastport Gallery.

In July 2019 he presented a retrospective of his work at the Eastport Arts Center. For that show David remembered, "A small box of artist's oil paint given to me on my 10th birthday catapulted me into the art world. I set myself up on Wadsworth's dock and painted the red gasoline pump."

"Encouraged by this, I followed with another from the South End Bridge looking toward Shackford Cove, known then by artists as 'Motif #1'. My Grandmother was so enraptured by my effort that she hung my tiny landscape over her couch."

David was an avid actor, director and stage designer in local theater. He appeared with the Goshen Players and the Oblong Valley Players in Connecticut, Stage East in Eastport, the film "Summerdog" (1977) and had a small role in a TV adaptation of "Maugret." His stage roles included Emile de Becque in "South Pacific," Herr Schulz in "Cabaret," Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof" and Hamm in Samuel Becket's

"Endgame." His directing credits included "Blithe Spirit," "A Delicate Balance" and "The Female Odd Couple."

David was a parishioner of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church (Eastport), St. Bridget's (Cornwall) and St. Mary's (Lakeville). He held many lay positions including cantor and reader. However, it was David's baritone voice that often led the parish in song.

David was predeceased by his brother, James Alexander "Sandy" (1950); father (1964); and mother (1981).

He is survived by his wife, Marie; his son, James, of Arlington, Va.; his son, Thomas, wife Jody Puller and grandson James of Arlington, Va.; his daughter, Emo Orrell, wife Laurie Rapson and granddaughter Lea Victoria Rapson of Arlington, Mass.; and his brothers, Patrick of Princeton, Mass., and Stephen of Storrs, Conn.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's IN Eastport later in the summer. Donations may be made in David's name to The Eastport Arts Center.

Richard Gottlieb

SHARON — Richard Gottlieb, 82, passed away at his home on the Green on June 14, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Richard was born April 21, 1939, in New York City, the son of the late Jack and Ruth Gottlieb. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1960.

After answering an ad in the Village Voice looking for extra passengers, he traveled across the country to San Francisco, where he launched his publishing career with Wadsworth Publishing. His love for that city started then and continued to the end of his life.

In the early 1970s, Richard moved back to New York City, where he led divisions of Raytheon Technologies and Macmillan Publishing. In his free time, he took up skydiving as a hobby, performing jumps throughout the Tri-State area at special events.

In 1979 he married his beloved wife, Leslie Mackenzie, and in 1981 they moved to Upper Main Street in Sharon and never left. In 1980 they founded Grey House Publishing, which

has grown over 40 years from their kitchen table to a publishing house with offices in New York, New Jersey and Toronto.

Richard was a proud member of the Sharon Volunteer Ambulance squad for three decades. He was a regular at area coffeehouses with his New York Times and black coffee, always happy to strike up conversation and brag about his children.

In addition to his wife, Leslie, Richard is survived by his three children, Peter and his wife, Andrea, of Sudbury, Mass., Nicholas and his wife, Jaime, of Washington, D.C., and Caroline and her husband, David Virenus, of New York, N.Y.

He is also survived by his brothers, Michael Gottlieb of Lakeville and Leonard Gottlieb of Somerville, Mass. He was a proud grandfather to Owen, Darcy, Jacob, Maisie and Benjamin Gottlieb.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sharon Volunteer Ambulance, P.O. Box 357, Sharon, CT 06069.

The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.



Robert 'Bob' Skibsted

SHARON — Robert "Bob" Skibsted was a Renaissance Man. According to his partner of 48 years, Jim Flaherty, "Bob was the ideal partner — whatever I couldn't do, wouldn't do and didn't want to learn to do, Bob did perfectly."

His parents, both natives of Denmark, met and married in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Bob was born Sept. 17, 1936, and raised in Argentina. He migrated to the U.S. (speaking only Spanish and Danish) to enter college at the University of Montana in Missoula, Mont., where his brother, Eric, lived with his wife and children.

After receiving his bachelor's degree, Bob went to Thunderbird, now called The International School of Business, in Arizona, and earned a Master's Degree and was Valedictorian of his class.

He then went to work for Reynold's Aluminum, selling tons of aluminum around the world. He lived in the Bahamas, Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Belgium, Hong Kong and Argentina. In his 30s he spoke five languages. By 1975, partnered with Jim, they bought a barn in Sharon, which they converted to a home, as a weekend getaway since both were working in Manhattan.

Then, although it was completely unplanned, they bought the abandoned English estate, Troutbeck, in Amenia, in 1978, restored it, and opened it as Troutbeck, The Executive Retreat in Dutchess County.

When they first opened, Bob was the Chef. "When he wasn't cooking, he was planning and planting the gardens at Troutbeck and everywhere."

When Jim took over the management of the inn, Bob started building beautiful homes in and around the Troutbeck community. They had another converted barn/home in Sharon, on Mudge Pond; and lived in two homes in their residential community, and for six years, had a magnificent contemporary home right on the Hudson River, in Saugerties, N.Y. In recent years, they've occupied their third converted barn/home in Amenia.

Over the years, Bob and Jim have lived in New York City, St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Acapulco, Mexico, and have traveled a great deal to Southeast Asia and all of Europe and South America.

Although they sold Troutbeck in 2016, they have great respect and admiration for the New Troutbeck.


Bob died June 15, 2021, in Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington of complications brought on by kidney failure. He was a few months shy of 85.

Other than Jim, Bob is survived by a sister, Lili Packer; and various nephews and nieces.

Sometime in the near future, a memorial celebration will be announced. The Kenny Funeral Home has taken care of arrangements.



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Worship Services

Week of June 27, 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>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>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>Greenwoods Community Church 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Connection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 www.greenwoodschurch.com</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>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>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>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:50 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>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>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our next service on Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. Venue to be announced For information, contact Jo Loi at joiauloi@gmail.com All are Welcome</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>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>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</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>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 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</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>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>	

OBITUARIES

John Sharpley

NORTH CANAAN — John Sharpley, 60, of Lisbon, Maine, passed peacefully at home on June 15, 2021, following a brief battle with cancer.

He was born on Jan. 06, 1961, to parents John and Rosalia "Sandy" Sharpley.

John loved to watch television. His favorite show was The Price is Right. He loved the sunshine and just being outdoors. Fishing and riding his bike were also interests. John liked to tinker, fixing his car or just small things around the house. He worked at Food City in Lisbon and B-D in North Canaan.



brothers, Glen Sharpley in 1988, and Tim Sharpley in 1998.

He is survived by parents John and Rosalia "Sandy" Sharpley; a brother, Peter, and his wife, Michelle Sharpley; a daughter, Monica, and her husband, Dillon Sullivan; a son, Justin Sharpley; a daughter, Nicole Sharpley; his grandsons, Quinn and Boone Sullivan; a nephew, Steven Sharpley and his fiancée, Amy Thibodeau; and a niece, Sabrina Sharpley, and her fiancé, Kadin Michaud.

Condolences may be expressed at www.funeralalternatives.net or www.facebook.com/FAlewisston.

MILLERTON — John David Gilmore, 71, a 21-year resident of Millerton and formerly of Pine Plains, died Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Vassar Bros. Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Gilmore owned and operated Gilmore Glass Works in Pine Plains prior to moving his studio and elegant showroom to Main Street in Millerton in 2000. He retired in 2019.

Born June 6, 1950, in Alliance, Ohio, he was the son of the late Florence (Weir) and Paul Gilmore.

Following high school, John received an undergraduate degree from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, and a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

On Dec. 31, 1977, at the First United Presbyterian Church in Pine Plains, he married Jan Niederlitz. Mrs. Gilmore survives at home in Millerton.

John was a past member of the Village of Millerton Planning Board and a founding member

and supporter of TownScape, a revitalization initiative established many years ago by a group of caring business owners and citizens of the Village of Millerton and the Town of North East.

In his spare time he enjoyed reading and caring for his dogs. He was especially fond of mysteries. Over the course of many years John and Jan raised 10 litters of Labrador retrievers. John also had a deep love for orchids.

In addition to his loving wife, Jan, John is survived by two sisters, Mary Gilmore of New Windsor, N.Y., and Susan Gilmore of Winston-Salem, N.C.; a nephew, Christopher Ward; a niece, Jennifer Ward; his brother-in-law, Stephen J. Musso of Manhattan; and many dear friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister-in-law, Kay Niederlitz.

A memorial service will take place at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

Memorial donations may be made to TownScape, P.O. Box 835, Millerton, NY 12546; or North East Community Center, P.O. Box 35, Millerton, NY

12546. To send an online condolence to the family or plant a tree in John's memory, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Robert E. Kipp

AMENIA — Robert E. Kipp, 75, passed away on June 18, 2021, at his residence.

He was born in Rhinebeck on Jan. 7, 1946, to the late Alma (Funk) and Robert C. Kipp.

On Dec. 23, 1968, he married Faith Hendricks; together they shared 52 years of marriage.

Robert worked in the maintenance department at the Taconic DDSO in Wassaic for 38 years before retiring to spend more time with his family.

He enjoyed working on his cars, and was always fixing something. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping.

Fox Hill campground was his second home during the summer months.

Robert was a former member of the Amenia Police Department, and was also a longtime member of the Millerton Rod and Gun Club.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Faith; his son, Robert E. Kipp III; his grandson, Robert Kipp IV; and his brother, Rodney A. Kipp.

Funeral services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. To leave a message of condolence for the family, go to www.peckandpeck.net.

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PINE PLAINS

Roosters Route 82 Home & Hardware Center nails it on the head

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Ever since the former longtime Deuel's Home Center closed in 2016, Pine Plains residents have been waiting for a store to open close to home to fulfill all their hardware and home improvement needs. With the opening of Roosters Route 82 Home & Hardware Center this past March, their wish has been granted. Now all they need to do to stock up on supplies is stop by East Church Street in the center of the hamlet.

Before bringing their business to Pine Plains, Amy and Jeff Como built a reputation in the hardware and homeware game in neighboring Stanfordville, where they established their first Roosters Route 82 Home & Hardware Center almost four years ago at 6047 Route 82.

Set in the middle of Stanfordville, Jeff described their store as "a further amalgamation between an Agway, agricultural and lawn and garden [store] with a hardware and paint store," whereas the new Pine Plains store is more focused on hardware and paint.

Jeff said they knew Pine Plains was in need of a hardware and home improvement store for many years, and by bringing their store to town, they felt they could target the area's very distinct need. When asked what sets their business apart from other big box stores such as Home Depot and Lowe's, Amy immediately said personalized customer service.

"The minute [customers] come in through the door, we try to solve their problem if they have any," she said.

"I think we do it with a wide array of hardware selections and paint selections," Jeff added, "and I think we do it for the convenience of the community so they don't have travel to those big box stores, especially during a pandemic — and we're doing it at competitive prices."

As far as how their business was impacted by the arrival of COVID-19, Amy said they stayed open in Stanfordville the entire time, but faced challenges in getting and keeping products in the door.

While there was a huge strain on their ability to deliver services and a huge demand on the industry in general, Jeff said it was well worth the effort as they built a loyal following.

For the new store in Pine Plains, Jeff said they worked with local resident and proprietor Jack Banning to open their business in his building at 2978 East Church St. Along the way, the couple learned that their new retail space had once housed livestock, a pizza parlor, a boutique gift shop and a grocer. When reflecting on its past incarnations, Jeff said, "It has great bones and great history, and we love it here. It's a very convenient spot on the main strip."

Before officially opening for business on March 1, the Comos completed an extensive renovation to expand the square footage inside, almost doubling the size of the retail space. As a result, customers frequently comment on all of the merchandise that can fit into the enlarged interior space.

Offering in-person shopping along with delivery and curbside service, Roosters Route 82 Home & Hardware Center is open Mondays through Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As they continue to split their time between their two stores, the couple has already begun to see an increase in business since the start of June — especially in paint and painting supplies sales — they've also gained a lot of new customers.

Preparing for the summer months, Jeff said their store is completely stocked with not only hardware but also general merchandise, housework supplies and things customers might not expect to find in a



Located at 2978 East Church St., Roosters Route 82 Home & Hardware Center officially opened for business in Pine Plains on March 1, and has since been open seven days a week to provide Harlem Valley residents their home and hardware needs.

hardware store. Adding to that, he said they've been able to keep their business well stocked for the summer, thanks to the great relationship they have with their distributors.

"We're just so happy to be in the town of Pine Plains," Jeff said, "and thankful to the whole town for embracing us and supporting our business as we grow and learn what they need and bring in the goods for them to be successful in their projects."

To call Roosters Route 82 Home & Hardware Center, dial 518-398-3326.



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AREA IN BRIEF

Plant a Three Sisters Garden at Roe Jan Library June 26

COPAKE — Learn how to plant a Three Sisters Garden on Saturday, June 26, at 2 p.m., at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library.

Families are invited to come help the library plant the special garden. Greenagers Education Coordinator Aretha Whitehead will show children how to start their own Three Sisters Garden and teach them about the Native Americans who lived here long before us.

The "Three Sisters" include corn, squash and beans, and are an ancient and a contemporary Native agricultural tradition. The Three Sisters provided — and continue to provide — more than the gift of food for Native American communities. They are the basis for an "agriculture," a way of living richly with gardening technology, stories, ceremonies and other traditions. Indeed, the Iroquois name for the Three Sisters means "life support."

Children will also do a fun craft based on the library's upcoming harvest.

The Roe Jan Library serves Ancram, Copake and Hillsdale, and is located at 9091 Route 22, about one mile south of the traffic light at the intersection of routes 22 and 23. For more information, call 518-325-4101 or go to www.roejanlibrary.org, www.facebook.com/roejanlibrary or www.instagram.com/roejanlibrary.

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in the primary were four candidates running for the Amenia Town Board: incumbent Councilmembers James Morris and Michele Somogyi, both of whom were hoping to return for a second four-year term and only ran on the Republican line, versus political newcomers Jamie Vitello and Brad Rebillard, both of whom ran on the Republican and the Amenia Strong lines.

There were also two seats up for grabs on the Dutchess County Republican Committee with three candidates campaigning for the positions, including Mark Doyle, who held the position for many years and was hoping to return to the office. Along with Doyle, Jeanne Rebillard (wife of Town Board candidate Brad Rebillard) and Apostolis Stefanopoulos ran for the committee.

According to Democratic Dutchess County Board of Elections Commissioner Hannah Black, her best estimate was that the BOE would post early Primary Election Night results around 9 p.m. with regular results posting around 9:45 p.m. on Election Night, well after this paper's press time. Although not available in time for this week's print edition, Amenia's Primary Election results will be on our website, www.tricornnews.com, by Wednesday, June 23, and in next week's newspaper.

There are 2,442 registered voters in the town of Amenia, 723 of whom are Republican and were qualified to vote in the primary held at the Wassaic firehouse on June 22.

For more on Primary results throughout Dutchess County, go to www.elections.dutchessny.gov.

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freedom to those who were still enslaved in Galveston, Texas — nearly two-and-a-half years after President Abraham Lincoln freed the South with his famous Emancipation Proclamation.

Taking inspirational quotes from influential African American leaders and advocates, the seniors hung posters in the lobby

and on windows, and set up a video slideshow in the senior lounge.

With Juneteenth falling on Saturday, June 19, this year, the North East (Webutuck) Central School District closed on Friday, June 18, in observance of the holiday.

— Kaitlin Lyle

GROCERY SURVEY *Continued from Page A1*

ter wants to refresh the conversation and support community dialogue around how to improve grocery access in the region. Over the years, she said there's been a number of attempts and efforts undertaken in the community to do so.

Additionally, she said the NECC has held community conversations in the past around grocery access. The most recent took place at the NECC's first virtual update on Wednesday, May 26, when NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent commented on the nonprofit's awareness and continued efforts to look into the community's struggle of "living in a food desert."

When asked about the term "food desert," Schmidt said one definition in a rural area is when the nearest full-service grocery store is 10 or more miles away. Adding to that particular challenge is the lack of transportation, which Schmidt said creates larger barriers to food access in rural regions.

Acknowledging the strengths, barriers and challenges that come with living in such environments, she commented on the number of people who have been working to address these issues and said she's pleased they're now collaborating on finding solutions.

Schmidt said the Community Grocery Survey was designed as "a preliminary way to get an understanding of what some of the patterns are in terms of the needs and responses, so we can form a

way to move forward from there and reach out to as wide an audience as we can."

NECC is hoping to develop a local food planning association to gather more information and learn what local residents need, as well as what their resources and barriers are to help improve grocery access in Millerton and its surrounding towns.

Designing the survey herself, Schmidt compiled around 15 questions, a mix of multiple choice and short answer questions that asks residents about their town of residence, primary language, their household's annual income level and the number of people living in their household, before moving on to more multiple choice queries such as where they typically get groceries and what they value most in a store's location. There are also open-ended questions, such as what they find frustrating about getting groceries. Toward the end of the survey, residents are asked whether they'd be interested in being part of a community food planning coalition to work on the project with NECC.

The survey was launched around May 25 and had received about 210 responses as of June 8. Schmidt said the NECC plans to keep the survey up for another month or so while it compiles the data.

The Community Grocery Survey can be completed online at www.docs.google.com/forms/d/.

PARENTS RALLY *Continued from Page A1*

In a joint statement issued on Friday, June 11, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and New York State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) said, "As New York experiences some of the hottest weather of the year, mandating that every child in school wear a mask is downright dangerous. It is imperative that local control be restored and school districts and parents be given the opportunity to make their own decisions about the health and well being of their students."

With school ending on Friday, June 25, Pine Plains parents wasted no time complaining to their Board of Education (BOE) and on the "Pine Plains Moms and Dads Community" Facebook page, which has since stopped approving mask posts given the influx of such posts in the last month.

At a BOE public hearing on Wednesday, June 2, on the district's code of conduct and safety plan, the issue of masks was raised. Concerns ranged from children not being able to breathe properly and wearing masks during nap time to the number of mask breaks throughout the day. Parents

also shared stories of children who once loved going to school who now dread it, all because of having to wear masks.

"With masks and social distancing, these children are becoming antisocial," said Jennifer Lamping, a mother of four children in the PPCSD. "They're afraid to be near their friends and share toys and do all the things that children should be doing. We need to focus more on the mental and emotional well-being of our children as much as we're concerned about their physical health."

As their masking anxieties continued to spike, district parents continued to express concerns at a BOE meeting on Wednesday, June 16.

Urging the BOE to think outside the box, father Zach Beckingham asked if the board could answer "with 100% certainty, without a doubt that our children will be in school next year without a mask."

Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler said the best response he could give is the district will release guidance from the governor to the public before school opens in the fall.

A few distressed parents argued the district wasn't advocating strongly enough for their children.

One parent asserted, "All of these parents here are here because of government overreach and also because the school board is not speaking up for the parents' rights and the children's rights... Yes, you didn't make the laws, but this is not going to stop... Let the parents make medical choices for their children and decide if the mask is right."

Other parents charged there is poor communication and poor planning in the district — both of which need to improve.

BOE Vice President Anne Arent reminded parents the BOE is a volunteer board, and that it must follow the rules and guidelines set forth by New York State. If not, she said board members would be removed as a board by the Board of Regents; Handler would be removed from superintendency; and the district would be fined tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars.

In his letter to Pine Plains families sent out on Thursday, June 17, Handler shared that he

thought the face mask requirement should have been lifted weeks ago. Nevertheless, he said the state threatened other school districts that have tried to relax the indoor requirement with fines and other sanctions.

"I was not willing to take that risk with taxpayer dollars," Handler said. "That money needs to go to services for our students, not fines from the State."

Handler said the PPCSD will concentrate on getting the mask mandate lifted first for summer school, and then for its opening in September.

Some parents supported the mask mandate, including Sara Love, who was pleased the district enforced the state's guidance.

"I think the school did an incredible job of policing, making sure kids were adhering to the required guidance," Love said. "If children weren't going to wear masks, they have the option to stay home to be in remote learning, but I still don't understand and it still baffles me quite a bit why people had a problem with it whatsoever when it's a state mandate."

VANDALISM *Continued from Page A1*

learned of the damage and took it upon himself to grab his supplies and head to the cemetery to clean up the headstones himself, although others had the same idea and also helped out. "The dead can't defend themselves. It's one thing slashing someone's tires, but cemeteries, that's just cruel, really heartless."

Valentine, who two years ago cleaned the similarly hued paint from veteran Stanley Smith's headstone, said this time, the culprit tagged Smith's grave along with the headstones of the late Sam Kaplan and his still living widow, Linda; the late Clarence and Constance Decker; the still with us Al and Beth Andrews; the late Grenville and Lois Shaffer; and the late Theodore Miles.

"The daughters of Granny Shaffer came and they were literally crying," said Valentine. "They said they were the best mom and dad. They were so hurt."

Outgoing Mayor Debbie Middlebrook agreed the crime was cruel and looks forward to the authorities catching whoever is responsible.

"I am very disappointed to think that someone would deface stones marking the resting place for those in our community who have passed," she said.

"In my opinion, it is the height of disrespect. I cannot comprehend the motive behind such a despicable act. The investigation is ongoing and I hope the perpetrators are apprehended."

Valentine added the Millerton Fire Company was instrumental in the clean up, as were a number of local volunteers.

"If we didn't have the fire de-



PHOTO BY BRUCE VALENTINE

Millerton resident Bruce Valentine volunteered to clean the gravestones along with help from a number of other volunteers and the Millerton Fire Company.

partment's water, we wouldn't have been able to do it," he said. "They came with their tanker truck and it was a huge help. We were there four or five hours and then I came back to finish Stanley Smith's bronze plaque, because I had to do it all over with a pressure washer and water soluble paint remover. I think Jimmy Schultz, Al Andrews and some younger guys were there. They were a big help, and Herrington's donated the paint stripper for us, which was really nice."

Valentine said the local theory is that whoever is responsible for the vandalism is likely an adult, with a personal grudge against veterans, rather than it being a random act of mischief.

Around June 17, a boulder on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail designated for a plaque dedication was also vandalized with spray paint, and just as before, Valentine cleaned up the damage.

"I said geeze, I have everything here, why don't I go down and do it, it's just a couple blocks away. I can walk down and do it. So I cleaned the stone on the Rail Trail a couple of days ago; it had bad language. I think a kid probably did it," he said, "It was a little bit north of Country Gardeners Florist; I don't think it was related to the cemetery; the

paint was blue and gold."

Middlebrook said "thank you does not seem enough to express the gratitude" that she, the Village Board and village residents feel for the time and effort Valentine and the other volunteers expended cleaning up the cemetery and Rail Trail.

"Upon hearing about the damage done, he immediately volunteered to clean all of the stones," she said. "I think his actions express his deep love and commitment to our community. This type of community spirit is what makes Millerton such a wonderful place. Thank you, Bruce. You are one in a million!" Valentine said, "If we don't hear anything from the police, we're going to put together a cash reward. I'm going to chip in and the families [at the cemetery] are going to chip in, because we don't want to have this happen again."

Valentine noted the reward could be "substantial," but hopes anyone with information would offer it as it's just the right thing to do.

Millbrook schools hold Flag Day tribute

MILLBROOK — Students from the Millbrook Central School District's Alden Place Elementary School and Elm Drive Elementary School joined together to honor Flag Day on Friday, June 18. New York recognizes the second Sunday of June as Flag Day, which this year was Sunday, June 12.

On the 18th, Elm Drive Principal Michael Setero introduced Army Reserve veteran Doris Zerafa, who served for more than 20 years and now works in the cafeteria at Elm Drive.

Zerafa, with the help of two volunteer Scouts from Millbrook High School, explained how to properly take care of the American flag to the students. She also spoke about the history of the flag and what it means to our country.

The veteran also explained that when a flag is taken out of service it is folded 13 times, with each fold representing an American ideal or tribute. The students were surprised to learn that the flag is then burned and the ashes are buried.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe



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Students from both Elm Drive and Alden Place Elementary Schools sang the National Anthem.

Doris Zerafa served in the United States Army Reserves for more than 20 years and now works in the Elm Drive Elementary School cafeteria in Millbrook. Pictured left is Zerafa with Boy Scout Billy Tompkins and Girl Scout Madeleine Marchant, both students at Millbrook High School, as they prepared to retire the American Flag in honor of Flag Day.

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Racing Back To 'Normal' At Lime Rock Park

Lime Rock Park race track in Salisbury, Conn., has three premier events on the calendar for its 65th year with all promising a full weekend of racing entertainment.

As reported in The Lakeville Journal's April 8 edition, the track is under a new ownership group. Skip Barber, whose name is synonymous with Lime Rock, will remain a stockholder and will continue to be a significant part of Lime Rock's planning and future. But majority ownership is now in the hands of Dicky Riegel, Charles Mallory and Bill Rueckert.

Motor racing fans and Lime Rock devotees can rejoice, as the familiar hillsides will be fully open after a yearlong COVID-19 hiatus. Blankets and chairs are all that will be needed to see top professional racing cars and drivers doing their utmost to conquer this challenging 1 1/2 mile circuit.

Riegel, who is Lime Rock's new CEO, has been a fan of the track for years, and he feels the same way that everyone else feels after a year of quarantine: It'll be great to get out of the house again.

"Lime Rock Park," he said, "is the perfect venue for spectators to finally get outside after too many months of confinement."

Back to the races! The first event of the year was the Trans-Am races on Memorial Day weekend. Trans-Am has always been one of Lime Rock's favorite events, and has a great history of great drivers and great competition. Mark Donohue, Peter Revson and, of course, Sam Posey of Sharon, Conn., thrilled fans for many of these classic races. Posey is a Northwest Corner, Conn., native and in addition to being a respected racer and then commentator on television's Speedvision, he also designed many of the buildings that surround the track.

The Trans-Am is the big battle of "muscle cars"



PHOTO BY LANS CHRISTENSEN

Cars vintage and new are once again competing fiercely on the race track at Lime Rock Park.

— Ford and Chevy are the two defining gladiators every year and 2021 was no exception. In addition there were Porsches, Aston Martins, BMWs and more.

Still to come is the summer's second premier event: the IMSA Northeast Group, on July 16 and 17. These are the closed-wheel, closed cockpit, prototype pure race cars, that compete in the classic 24-hour races such as Daytona and, of course, Le Mans.

Acuras, Ferraris, McLarens and Porsches will race in their respective groups while the top of the competition will be the GTLM and GTDaytona classes in a 2-hour 40-minute race.

The third event, and always a highlight at Lime Rock, will be the 39th Historic Festival on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3 to 6.

The weekend traditionally kicks off with the parade of the exquisite historic treasures around the local roads, from Lime Rock (which is one of the five villages of Salisbury, Conn.) to nearby Falls Village, Conn., giving everyone along the 17-mile route a chance to see these cars roll through the neighborhood.

Vintage marques from the 1930s through the 1950s, with many even older than that, participate in the weekend's "races."

Fierce, fender-bending competition may not be quite as evident between these drivers, many in historically significant, irreplaceable examples.

"Sunday in the Park" is one of the best parts of the weekend: Literally a thousand cars of every marque line the track and can be examined and enjoyed "up close" and with informative owners ready with history and anecdotes about their cars. The judging of the cars entered in the Concours d'Elegance takes place that day, with prizes awarded in many categories — with, of course, a "Best In Show" that is always an important and historically significant automobile.

Rest assured that all health and safety protocols are in place to ensure your enjoyment. If you're a "sports car" or motor racing enthusiast, there just is no better way to enjoy yourself than a comfortable spot on the hillside enjoying the best that Lime Rock has to offer.

For information on tickets and dates, go to www.limerock.com.

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'King Lear': One For the Ages

As we go through the different phases of our lives, we identify with different Shakespeare plays. In our youth, as we try to find our way into the future, Hamlet is who we turn to. When we fall in love, but perhaps feel thwarted, we might turn to "A Midsummer Night's Dream," if all is going relatively well; or "Othello" if the undertones are more tragic.

But as we age, we turn more and more to King Lear, who will be brought to life at Shakespeare & Company's outdoor Spruce Theatre in Lenox, Mass., between July 2 and

Aug. 28 by Christopher Lloyd, the film actor known from his roles in "Back to the Future," "The Addams Family" and many others.

There will be a special performance on Friday, July 9, with drinks, food and music at 4 p.m. and the performance at 5:30 p.m. Prices range from \$250 to \$400 for individual tickets (RSVP to kmoriarty@shakespeare.org or call 413-637-1199 ext.105).

To get ticket information for regular performances, and to see the other events scheduled for this season, go to www.shakespeare.org.

ART: ANABELLE BAUM

Duncan Hannah at Troutbeck in Amenia, N.Y.

A new solo exhibition of paintings by Cornwall, Conn., painter Duncan Hannah, is on display at Troutbeck, a 250-acre hotel in Amenia, N.Y., through the end of the summer.

A native of Minneapolis, Minn., educated at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., and New York's Parsons School of Design, Hannah has had an impressive career as an artist since his debut in 1981. His work is included in the collections of the Whitney Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He has also had more than 100 solo shows in the U.S. and abroad.

Just over the Connecticut border is the more than 250-year-old Troutbeck, which has an intimate ambience that complements the private moments in Hannah's art. The art is spread throughout the main building, creating an immersive experience.

The show displays 27 of Hannah's oil-on-canvas paintings, spanning a period from 1995-2020 — though most of the



PHOTO BY ANABELLE BAUM

works in the show were composed between 2013 and 2015. The prices range from \$2,500 to \$8,500.

While the pieces vary in size and subject matter, a common thread is the 20-by-16-inch painted "collage." Hannah is known for his collages, which include layers of tickets, magazine clippings, silhouettes and other ephemera. These oil-on-canvas "collages" are two-dimensional and flat, rather than layered with multiple media. Hannah feels that light moves more consistently across their surface than they do on

the layered originals.

In an interview last week, Hannah said he was looking for a new challenge and asked himself, "How do I make it more contemporary?" The concept he chose was to "recreate something that already exists" — thus, the concept behind his painted collages.

As an admirer of abstract elements, the painter intended to showcase the nonfigurative components of his artwork in his painted collages. Hannah's 18 x 18 painted collage from 2014 titled "Sexual Freedom in Denmark" displays his interest in abstraction through the array of different colored squares.

This gallery show at Troutbeck also features other works from his career, such as serene landscapes, Penguin book covers and mysterious women.

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As part of Innisfree's summer exploration of Japanese arts and culture, the Millbrook, N.Y., garden museum will host a saké tasting and sushi dinner on Saturday, July 17, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Brian Polen, president of Brooklyn Kura, will lead a tasting of his sakes.

There is also a menu of Japanese foods that can be ordered ahead of time, with a variety of sushi and salads made by Kazuhiro Hidaka of Salisbury, Conn., the former sushi chef at the popular Woodland restaurant.

Hidaka attended a top culinary school in Osaka, Japan, and trained under master chefs on three continents.

He is also the creator of the Krazy for Kazu's sauces, dressings and marinades.

The gardens at Innisfree are influenced and inspired by Japanese garden design, with an aesthetic that embraces simplicity and the beauty of imperfection and change in nature.

Innisfree draws inspiration from five distinct cultures, periods and ideas: China, Japan, the Romantic Era, Modernism and nature/ecology.

Giving voice to this rich diversity, Innisfree is launching a recurring five-year cycle of special programs — Roots of Inspiration — that will focus on one key theme each year. This year that theme is Japan.

The Sunset Tasting at Innisfree Garden is \$35 for Innisfree members and \$45 for the general public.

Tasting tickets will include two glasses of sake as well as non-alcoholic beverages.

The last day to place food orders is Saturday, July 10.

Bring a picnic blanket; only limited outdoor seating is available.

If it rains, the tasting will be held in a tent overlooking Tyrrel Lake.

Unvaccinated guests are asked to wear masks until they are seated on their picnic blanket.

BOOKS: LEILA HAWKEN

Money May Talk, But Dark Money Hides Its Secrets

Two of the nation's top investigative journalists teamed up for a book talk that effectively untangled some of the mystery surrounding opposition research and the role of dark money in undermining democratic principles.

In a talk sponsored by the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn., award-winning investigative journalist Brian Ross engaged with Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Barry Meier, both well-suited for this conversation. The program was offered on Zoom because of inclement weather on Thursday, June 3.

Ross moderated the program, speaking with Meier about his new book, "Spooked: The Trump Dossier, Black Cube and the Rise of Private Spies." The book shines light on a dark industry set on influencing the minds of the unsuspecting, shaping opinions, garnering votes.

"Private spying" means that operatives can be hired. And hired they are by large corporations, political parties and powerful individuals to "dig up dirt" on their adversaries or competitors. The aim is to influence and dominate and win. The source of the money is deep in the shadows and not traceable.

According to Meier, there has been an explosion of private intelligence agencies whose operatives gather all sorts of intelligence data, including using the services of hackers to gain telephone or computer data. Often these agencies provide intelligence in cases of litigation to smear opposition witnesses or principals.

Ross asked about the Trump dossier from the 2016 election, the idea of planting plausible, shocking stories in the print and broadcast media.

"Political opposition research is as old as the hills," Meier explained. Candidates for office would sling mud as a matter of course.

But during the lead-up to the 2016 campaign, the concept took a giant leap

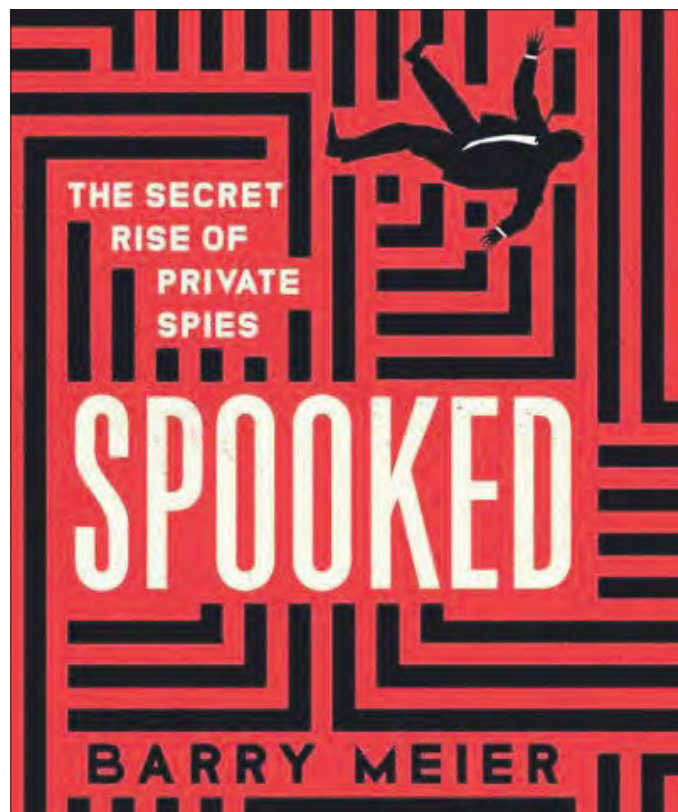


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In his new book, "Spooked," journalist Barry Meier talks about the new depths that politicians have resorted to in digging for "dirt."

forward with Fusion GPS and the Republicans who contracted with them to oppose the early candidacy of Donald Trump.

Fusion founder Glenn Simpson, whose career is detailed in Meier's book, offered research on the one hand and, because of his experience as a journalist, touted his ability to flow the opposition research directly into the media.

Ross asked why people are swayed by it, why they bite. Meier replied that there had been evidence of Russian intent to interfere. Simpson invited reporters to meet operative Christopher Steele, a reputable-appearing former MI6 agent, a member of the British Intelligence Service. The press was clearly misled.

It was BuzzFeed who

rushed to be the first to post Steele's dossier on Trump. "It was now out there," Meier said. The major news outlets were in a "footrace" to promote the dossier.

The media's defense to the largely unsubstantiated material was, "Well, it hasn't yet been disproven."

"This is anathema to how we operate and should operate as journalists," Meier said. In an era of extreme media polarization, Meier added, "many

media fall prey."

To Ross' question about how good Steele's information was, Meier said, "Very little was true. The more salacious items were proven to be untrue." But it was the salacious things that gave the dossier life, Meier said.

"My motivation is not to elevate Donald Trump," Meier explained to Ross. "My concern is for my/our profession."

Meier said that Trump used the dossier as a cudgel against journalists, as he is capable of using anything as a politically purposeful weapon.

"The real firepower of the media was diverted by the Trump dossier side-show," Meier said.

Feeling that cable news is too politically charged to be a good source, Meier said that he reads three major newspapers daily: the New York Times, Washington Post and Wall Street Journal.

"We have to choose where our information is coming from," he advised.

Meier sees no basis for Fusion GPS to be protected by whistleblower status, a matter currently being pursued.

"There is a lot of stuff that goes on behind the curtains that no one ever knows about," he added.

'FALSTAFF' AND MORE AT BERKSHIRE OPERA FEST

Berkshire Opera Festival has announced it will offer three indoor events this summer, at three locations.

There will be a fully staged production of Verdi's "Falstaff" (with Verdi specialists Sebastian Catana as Falstaff and Tamara Wilson in the soprano role of Alice Ford) on Aug. 21, 24 and 27 at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass.

The "Falstaff" cast will also perform in a free outdoor concert called "Much Ado About

Shakespeare" at The Mount in Lenox, Mass., on Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. The show explores Shakespeare's influence on opera.

Tom Cipullo's "Glory Denied" will be performed at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington on July 22 and 24.

For information on tickets and times, go to www.berkshireoperafestival.org. All staff and performers have been vaccinated; audience members must wear masks while in the theater.

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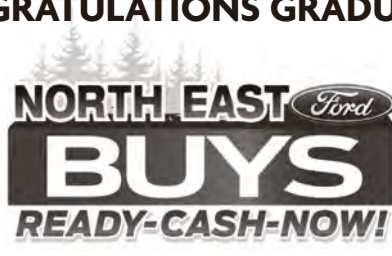
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Brandi Andrighetti reflects on 2021 as Webutuck's salutatorian

By KAITLIN LYLE
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WEBUTUCK — It's almost Graduation Day, the moment every high school senior anticipates from the moment they enter the school building for the first day of their last year. For Webutuck High School senior Brandi Andrighetti, saying goodbye to the Webutuck Central School District will carry a little extra "pomp and circumstance" as she will be leading this year's graduating class into the future as its salutatorian.

For the last nine years, Brandi has been a proud member of the Webutuck community. Before moving into the district in the third grade, she previously attended elementary school in Torrington, Conn.

Throughout her time as a Webutuck Warrior, Brandi has done her part to be an active student, from serving on the Student Council since seventh grade to her involvement with both the Junior National Honor Society and the National Honor Society. On top of her academic activities, she has played varsity softball throughout her entire high school career.

Looking even further into her extracurriculars, Brandi has also done a lot with the school to benefit both her classmates and her school district, such as helping to plan school field trips (like the annual eighth-grade trip to Boston) as well as pep rallies, Spirit Weeks and a lot of the Community Day fundraisers. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, she said she was helping to plan for the Class of 2021's prom.

When asked about her favorite aspect of the Webutuck Central School District, Brandi accredited the district's teachers and the support system surrounding them. This is



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Brandi Andrighetti

also what she said she'll miss the most about Webutuck when it comes time for her to graduate.

Thinking back on her accomplishments at Webutuck, Brandi said, "Definitely being salutatorian is probably the biggest thing. Throughout high school, I had a lot of downfalls and hard things that I had to push past, so getting to that point was probably one of the best things."

After graduating from Webutuck on Friday, June 25, Brandi said she'll be moving to Florida to attend the University of Tampa, where she'll major in allied health to be on track to becoming a physician's assistant. She also plans to minor in either Spanish or psychology.

To the future generations of students who will soon walk the halls of the Webutuck High School just as she did, Brandi advised, "No matter how hard it gets, always try your hardest because you can always get through."

And to her fellow graduates, her message is simple and sincere: "Congrats — we made it!"

Daisy Matus prepares for the future as Webutuck's valedictorian for 2021

By KAITLIN LYLE
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WEBUTUCK — With the traditional graduation theme of "Pomp and Circumstance" resonating in her classmates' ears and a promising future shining brightly ahead of them, Daisy Matus will soon be leading the North East (Webutuck) Central School District's graduating Class of 2021 into the future as its valedictorian.

From her kindergarten days to her final year of high school, Daisy has been a Webutuck Warrior throughout the entirety of her academic career. During that time, she has strived to participate as much as she could in the district's available activities and extracurriculars. Along with serving as vice president of her class for the last four years, she has been involved with Mock Trial, National Honor Society, Junior National Honor Society, Yearbook Club and Student Council.



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Daisy Matus

Reflecting on what she likes best about Webutuck, Daisy was quick to compliment the school's small size, counting between 50 to 53 students enrolled in her class alone.

"Having a small class allows students to be able to connect with each other more person-

ally," she said. "The relationships, I think, are a little bit stronger as well as the relationships with the teachers."

In terms of what could be improved at Webutuck, Daisy brought up the number of opportunities currently available for students apart from sports and the district's existing clubs.

For future classes, she recommended the district have more activities to allow students to venture out and experiment with what they like and don't like and to help them gain more skills.

When asked about the skills she has gained during her time at Webutuck, Daisy said she believes she's learned leadership skills from being involved in the different clubs and activities as well as responsibility and the ability to work with a team.

When asked about her accomplishments, she became immediately humble.

"I don't think of myself as being very accomplished yet

— I took AP classes and honors classes and I'm currently taking classes with Dutchess Community College and doing these activities," she said. "I guess that's one accomplishment — being able to balance schoolwork, activities and my personal life."

Following her graduation from Webutuck on Friday, June 25, Daisy will continue her studies at Rochester Institute of Technology, where she plans to major in biomedical engineering. Looking to the future, she said she'd like to become an expert in her field, assume a position of leadership and be a part of a team that creates new and improved technologies and medical equipment.

To the future generations of Webutuck students, Daisy has advised that they make connections with and talk to the teachers.

"They can help a lot and it doesn't have to be schoolwork — it can be other things as well," she said.

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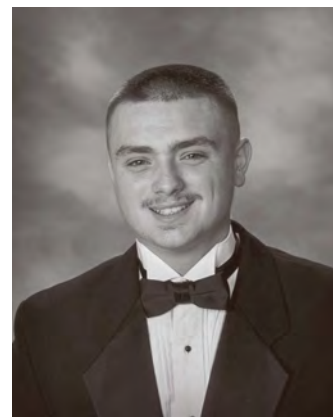
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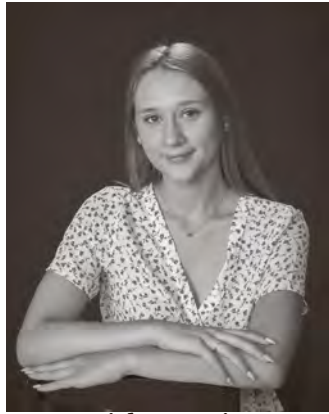
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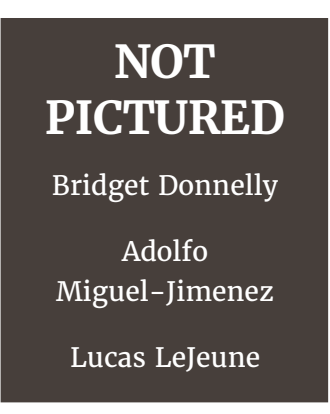
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Meredith Michetti head of Stissing Mountain Class of '21

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PINE PLAINS — With a promising future beyond the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) beckoning to her and her fellow graduates, Meredith Michetti is leading the Class of 2021 at Stissing Mountain High School as valedictorian on Graduation Day, Friday, June 25.

Glancing through her resume, Meredith's listed extracurriculars portray a student who made the most of her time in the district, not to mention the opportunities made available to her and her classmates.

From the eighth grade on, she competed on the varsity track team and was involved with varsity volleyball starting in her freshman year at Stissing Mountain High School. She was also on a travel volleyball team during her sophomore year.

Throughout the last four years, Meredith participated as a member of the Varsity Club and was on the Yearbook Club for one year. In addition to taking on the role of class treasurer this year, she said she's played the trumpet in the town's Memorial Day parades and was president of the Math Honor Society and the National Honor Society this past year, having



Meredith Michetti

been inducted into the societies in 10th and 11th grade, respectively.

Yet for all her accolades to date, Meredith said becoming valedictorian was her greatest accomplishment.

"COVID really took a toll on me and my academics," she explained, "and there came a time that I really was not confident in my ability to succeed anymore. I was able to stick it out and push through, and I feel like this title is my reward for doing that, so I feel really accomplished with this."

"All of my time here, especially in the past year, has led me to this point," Meredith added, "and I feel like having the strength to pull through on top after such an unusual year

has been my greatest accomplishment."

Meredith didn't hesitate to attribute the teachers she's had during her academic career as the best and her favorite part of her schooling. Commending them for going above and beyond for her, she said she always felt like she could reach out whenever she needed help.

"I feel like Pine Plains has come up with some amazing teachers over the years," she said, "and we have a group willing to be available to their students and be a friendly face for those who need it."

Come fall, Meredith will continue her studies at the Rochester Institute of Technology upstate, where she plans to study biomedical engineering and pre-med, with the hopes of making a difference in the medical field.

Though she knows she'll miss the "small-town feeling of family" and her friends, she shared her joy for the time she was able to spend in Pine Plains with such supportive and caring people in her life.

"I'm going to miss the feeling of community, where you know and are comfortable with almost everyone here," she said, "and I've always felt so welcome and felt as though I belonged here, which is something I will appreciate for the rest of my life."

Alice Pandaleon lauded as Millbrook's valedictorian

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — This year's Millbrook High School valedictorian, Alice Pandaleon, has been busy and productive throughout her academic career — and she's loved every moment of it. Her enthusiasm, studiousness and attention to detail will likely keep her just as busy when she attends the University of Virginia this fall as a Rodman Scholar in the School of Engineering.

Alice is rightfully proud of that accomplishment, as only about 5% of the incoming class qualifies for the engineering program. These scholars are leaders with superior academic success who have engaged and made an impact on the world around them. Pretty impressive for a senior in high school.

As a student at Millbrook High School, Alice has always had an impact on those around her, in the sports programs and music programs she participated in, including the Jazz Band, the Pit Orchestra and the Brass Ensemble where she played the trumpet.

She was also a member of



Alice Pandaleon

the National Honor Society, the Student Council and she participated in the Mock Trial Team.

Like most of this year's seniors, Alice had curtailed activities over the past year-and-a-half due to COVID-19, but ever an optimist, she stayed as active as possible.

She said she will remember her years in the Millbrook district with fondness and a sense of gratitude. She loved being in a smaller school system, taking many different courses and doing extra-curricula activities. It gave her self-confidence and an academic background that provided her the ability to compete, which she admits she

enjoys. It also provided the basis for studying aerospace and problem solving in biomedical engineering.

Alice said she's looking forward to seeing her college campus in person; she loved the virtual tour and what she heard about the university from others who went there. She's also looking forward to experiencing life on of a larger campus and meeting other students with like interests.

The idea of being away from home is exciting, but she knows she'll miss her parents, dad Alec, mom Leslie and older brother Nick. She is grateful for their support, and for the support of the community and the entire Millbrook school system.

After starting her senior year remotely, Alice was glad she could end it in person. She understands the heartbreak of students who graduated last year socially distanced, and is grateful her own graduation will be closer to normal.

Alice is anxious to see graduation caps fly in the air come June 25. In August she'll depart for college, ready to study aerospace, which, many will point out, is basically rocket science.

Stissing salutatorian Aaminah Syed prepares for the future

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Even as she looks forward to pursuing her passions beyond the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD), Aaminah Syed has been looking back on her years in school with appreciation as she prepares to say goodbye to Stissing Mountain High School on Friday, June 25. Come Graduation Day, Aaminah will help pave the way for her fellow graduates as the Class of 2021's salutatorian.

Aaminah's student career in the PPCSD officially started in the eighth grade when she moved to the area from Pakistan at age 13. Before Pine Plains, she was enrolled as a student of the Army Public School.

Throughout the next few years, Aaminah joined a variety of activities offered by the PPCSD, some academic and some extracurricular. Starting her freshman year, she engaged in the Photography Club where she learned advanced photography skills and mentored other students. By her sophomore year, she joined the Yearbook Club and was not only the club's photographer but also served as its treasurer in her senior year.

From her sophomore to her junior year of high school, Aaminah



Aaminah Syed

served as class treasurer and served as treasurer of the National Honor Society. Other activities include her involvement in the group, Diversify, her participation in the Dutchess County Model UN and her work as sound manager of the fall play held at The Stissing Center.

Reflecting on her accomplishments as a student, Aaminah reminisced about the moment she received Honorable Mentions for Photography in the 2020 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, a national competition. She also remembered her involvement in Diversify and the school equity meetings with Stissing Mountain history teacher Eric Sullivan and Pine

Plains Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Brian Timm, "because I got to share my experiences as a Muslim and Pakistani student and give suggestions about what the school should do to make our environment more equitable."

"It really felt that I made a difference," Aaminah said.

Looking toward the coming fall, she anticipates majoring in fashion design and minoring in fashion merchandising and journalism at New York University in New York City.

She also plans to start an online fashion business in college and hopes to expand it after graduation, as well as to continue to write and spread her message about reducing Islamophobia through journalism and photography.

For the future generations of Pine Plains students, Aaminah advises that they work hard and follow their passions.

"I was not scared to try new things and others should not be too," she said. "While others were involved in sports, I took a different route and became involved in photography and established my own identity in high school. So don't be scared to be different as you might never know where it could lead you."

Millbrook salutatorian Skyler Fountain looks to new challenges

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MILLBROOK — Skyler Fountain has had an illustrious career in the Millbrook Central School District. Her role as salutatorian of this year's Millbrook High School's Class of 2021 follows in that trend, including a stint in the Drama Club's production of "The Addams Family."

She gave up the drama club to pursue her other love, sports. While staying active in athletics, including a stint on the cross country team that attended the state championships in 2019, as well as a one-time member of the lacrosse team and the JV basketball team, Skyler simultaneously pursued another passion: the courtroom. Now the team captain, Skyler has also been involved with the Mock Trial Team since she was a freshman.

With all of those activities, she was also an active member of the school chorus, as well as a member of the National Honor Society. Skyler was also on the Yearbook Club and volunteered with Hope On A Mission in Poughkeepsie biweekly.

One can only imagine that her schedule at college in the



Skyler Fountain

fall, when she attends SUNY New Paltz, will be equally busy. She plans to pursue a degree in communication disorders with an eye toward speech pathology. She'd like to work in the school system as a speech pathologist, a career path that is becoming increasingly more popular. A long-time baby sitter, Skyler loves working with children.

Why New Paltz? Skyler said she knows others who have gone there and recommended it. She also got a very nice scholarship and likes that it is close enough for her to visit home on weekends, so she can continue to baby sit some of the children she has cared for over the past

few years. She may get a car in the winter and the 50 minute drive to Millbrook isn't too far.

Baby sitting is a part of her summer plans; she also hopes to spend time with her grandparents in Maine. That's where she hopes to find time to read, another passion of hers (especially historical fiction), and maybe do a little sewing. She's a young lady of many talents and interests.

When Skyler has the time, she also enjoys running and hiking; she's a big fan of the outdoors. She also loves spending time with friends — many are the same friends she's had since kindergarten — her pets and her family, which includes her parents and a younger brother.

Skyler, as with so many others, touts the advantages of a district like Millbrook that is relatively small, allowing for students to engage in a wide array of activities.

She said she will miss Millbrook, including her teachers. She will also miss the cross country team she has been a part of since her sophomore year. She will be taking much of what she has learned in Millbrook with her, and she knows she'll be back, because home is where her heart is.

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From left, Marcos, Gaston and Cata Lisioli posed beside Silvia, Max and Don Langlois and Mitch Adelstein on Field #6 of the Mashomack Polo Club, following the CRG/BV polo team's match against team Jujubrook in the Stissing Cup Final on Friday morning, June 18.

Polo power in Pine Plains

PINE PLAINS — With the 2021 polo season now in swing, the Mashomack Polo Club at 48 Briarcliff Lane in Pine Plains invited spectators and challengers alike to come enjoy a busy weekend on the fields from Friday, June 18, to Sunday, June 20.

With the early summer weather in everyone's favor, the weekend kicked off with the Stissing Cup Final at 9:30 a.m. on the 18th, featuring team Jujubrook versus CRG/BV.

The Officers Cup fol-

lowed on the 19th at 11 a.m., during which time team Savanna faced off against Gardenvale.

Finishing the weekend on an active note, Mashomack hosted two Officers Cup events on the 20th, when Shekomeko went up against Hawk Hill at 10 a.m., followed by Smithfield versus Windswept at noon.

For more information on upcoming events at Mashomack Polo Club, go to www.mashomackpolo-club.com.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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Sneaking glances at each other, a group of Webutuck Elementary School students made sure to keep their hands steady as they competed in a relay at the Field Day relay station.

Young Warriors celebrate end of year with Field Day

WEBUTUCK — No amount of heat or humidity could hamper the excitement among Webutuck Elementary School (WES) students and staff as they were finally able to enjoy the school's annual Field Day event on Monday, June 21.

Field Day was postponed twice this month due to inclement weather before the school was finally able to hold it this past Monday on the grassy fields behind the elementary school.

As a way to promote social distancing, each grade was given time to enjoy activities specially organized for its class before returning to its classroom to make way for the next grade's time outside under

the warm sun and blue skies.

This year, activities were broken down into four main stations. There was a relay station; a javelin and discus station where students used pool noodles and Frisbees in place of javelins and discuses; a sponge race station; and a water balloon station to keep the students cool while staying active.

Moving up, down and around the fields, the students relished their time in the sun with their friends and classmates as they celebrated one of their favorite school traditions during the last week of the 2020-21 school year.

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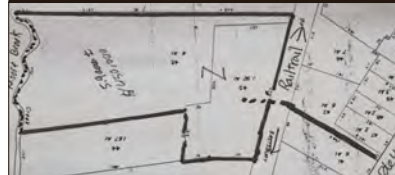
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