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Remembering those who sacrificed

After spending last Memorial Day in quarantine, Millerton residents proudly honored the nation's fallen heroes in-person at the Millerton American Legion Post 178's annual parade and ceremony at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 31. With flags in hand, 4-year-old Madeline Klay, left, and her 2-year-old sister, Rachael, awaited the arrival of their father, Post 178's Historian Sean Klay, along with the rest of the parade, led by the Millerton Fire Company, above. Afterward, everyone gathered at Veterans Park for the Legion's traditional ceremony and to remember all those who served this country but never returned from war. For more on Memorial Day, see inside pages.



Area veteran recalls Operation Broken Arrow and The Incident of '66

By **LEILA HAWKEN**
Special to The Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — As the nation paused last weekend to honor the bravery of those who served and sacrificed, one event that came to be known as "The Incident" remains fresh in the memories of those who lived it and met the challenge. This year marks the 55th anniversary of The Incident as it unfolded in the waters of the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Spain.

As with so many stories of service, The Incident was life-altering.

"I was a little cog in a vast system of gears; the operation was so huge," recalled Sharon, Conn., resident Bob Loucks in a conversation on Thursday, May 6. Loucks, a Navy veteran, serves as vice commander of American Legion Post 126 in Sharon.

Loucks was speaking of Operation Broken Arrow, when he was serving as an electrician's mate aboard The Cascade, with clearance in nuclear weapons. He was one of 826 crew members. "Broken Arrow" is a military term for a lost H-bomb.

"We were the workshop," Loucks said about the role of The Cascade, a "destroyer tender" service vessel



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Bob Loucks (at Memorial Day in Sharon in this photo) recalls a near nuclear disaster from 1966.

supporting destroyers and cruisers in time of conflict. A tender is a repair ship that carries all needed supplies, with workshops to accomplish maintenance tasks, Loucks said.

The Cascade had been built as a passenger freighter but was outfitted as a tender and sent to Pearl Harbor

in 1942. From there it was assigned to service in the waters off Japan. It was decommissioned after the war and stationed in Philadelphia and then recommissioned in 1951 as a tender during the Cold War.

See **BOB LOUCKS, A6**

Out-of-state crime ring targets vehicles in Dover

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**
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DOVER — The wave of vehicle break-ins as well as actual car thefts that has hit eastern Dutchess County in addition to neighboring Connecticut has continued, as several more crimes were reported in Dover and the surrounding area in the overnight and early morning hours of last week.

According to Capt. John Watterson of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO), "the latest thefts are thought to be a part of the same out-of-state ring" as the same sorts of crimes that began around mid-April in Miller-

ton and Amenia, and then followed on Monday, April 26, in Falls Village, Conn., when four cars were stolen in a period of 24 hours. "I don't have all of the details on the Falls Village cases, but it wouldn't surprise me if the same group was responsible since it seems to fit the M.O."

At the end of April, this paper reported on a late-night attempted robbery at Elizabeth's Jewelry Store on Route 44 in Millerton just east of CVS, on Wednesday, April 21, which was believed to be unrelated. In addition there was a string of car thefts that had

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U.S. Rep. Delgado at the Cary Institute

Fighting to STAMP Out Lyme Disease

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**
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MILLBROOK — Despite the fact that few things coming out of Washington, D.C., are bipartisan these days, U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (NY-D-19) has been working with fellow Congressmen Lee Zeldin (R-NY), Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Collin Peterson (D-MN) to introduce the STAMP Out Lyme Disease Act, which was just introduced on Tuesday, May 25, at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem

Postal Service to issue a Lyme Disease Research Semipostal Stamp, with all proceeds being transferred to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases [NIAID] to study Lyme Disease," according to Delgado's Communications Director Matilda Bress.

It would fund research and the development of treatment for Lyme and tick-borne diseases at places like the Cary Institute, which is a lead research agency in fighting such illnesses — which run rampant in places like

The legislation "directs the U.S.

See **LYME DISEASE, A6**

Molinaro decides against governorship

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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NEW YORK STATE — When the Dutchess County Executive's office announced that Marc Molinaro would be making a major announcement regarding the 2022 gubernatorial race on Tuesday, May 24, New Yorkers wondered if the popular Republican politician was going to make a second run for governor. The county exec unsuccessfully challenged Governor Andrew Cuomo in 2018.

But as Molinaro took to the podium at the Rogers Point Boating Association in Hyde Park, he put the

question to rest when he announced he would not be running for the top seat in the state next year but instead endorsing Republican U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin, a freshman congressman from Long Island.

A video from News12 of Molinaro's endorsement was posted shortly afterward on Zeldin's Facebook page. Many Hudson Valley residents had believed Molinaro was going to take another shot at the governor's mansion after garnering 2.2 million votes in 2018. Instead, News12 reported Molinaro decided "to pass the torch" to another member of the GOP.

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Thanking all veterans

At the Millerton American Legion Post 178's annual Memorial Day ceremony in the village on Monday, May 31, right, 10-year-old Bryce Salmon hoisted his 2-year-old brother, Declan, up to get a better view of the events at Veterans Park. The Legion kicked off the morning with a parade that ended at the park, where the remainder of the event was held. Below, members of Post 178, local fire companies, and local and state officials, plus the Webutuck High School band and many others joined in this year's Memorial Day parade. Parade participants were welcomed into the village with joyous applause from those watching along Millerton's Main Street.



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1858 Schoolhouse opens for 2021

MILLERTON — The village of Millerton opened a familiar door to the past on Saturday, May 29, as the Irondale Schoolhouse, located at the head of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail on Main Street, opened up for the 2021 season.

Local residents and area visitors alike dropped by the historic 1858 one-room schoolhouse for a visit after a year of closed doors. As a

special addition to the season opening, the Friends of the Irondale Schoolhouse debuted a brand-new 8-minute video that detailed its rich history, detailing its restoration and relocation to the center of Millerton.

The schoolhouse is now open on weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, go to www.irondaleschoolhouse.org.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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From left, Anram resident Maria Fazio and Long Island resident Cary Castillo helped ring in the 2021 season for the Irondale Schoolhouse as they gave the rope to the school-bell a hearty pull together on Saturday, May 29.

Small businesses can benefit from micro-marketing program

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Teaming up with a trio of county entities to offer additional relief to small businesses, Dutchess County government recently announced that applications for the Dutchess County Small Business Micro-Marketing Program are now available for small business that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting restrictions.

This recovery program has been made possible through county government's partnership with Think Dutchess, Dutchess Tourism and the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. In a webinar held in early May, Dutchess County Assistant County Executive Ron Hicks said the county remains frustrated by the losses that many businesses have taken over the last year. He acknowledged that,

even though some restrictions have been lifted and COVID-19 vaccines are now widely available, businesses must still deal with their losses.

"We decided to launch this micro-marketing campaign... to help you get more foot traffic into your facilities, to get more exposure, to let your existing customers as well as new customers know you are open for business and when and how to promote your business," he said.

At the same time, Hicks said the county wanted to offer businesses best practices as they relate to marketing "because we know today the only way you can really get out to your existing and new customers is through digital channels."

Moving ahead with the micro-marketing program, Hicks said the county will be conducting a program where it will customize, add or post placement on digital platforms using geofencing technologies where businesses will be able

to identify the demographic they're trying to target.

Aimed at boosting business, he said the county will be using geofencing as well as the businesses' posts, videos and platforms to get their messages out. He also said social media could be helpful when looking to hire.

Hicks added the county will also be offering a one-year membership to the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce with full benefits.

As featured on the Think Dutchess website, www.thinkdutchess.com, the goal behind the micro-marketing program is to help businesses recover from their losses, rehire workers, increase sales and "put the business back on a path to growth and sustainability."

This program is open to businesses operating exclusively in Dutchess County with 20 or less employees that were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible businesses either had to limit their operations due to the state's restric-

tions or have been forced to close at the pandemic's onset.

As the head of the Millerton Business Alliance (MBA) and a Millerton business owner, Thorunn Kristjansdottir of Main Street Magazine took note of how closely Dutchess County has worked with the local business community in the last year. She also commented on how the county has been working with local officials such as Millerton Mayor Debbie Middlebrook, who Kristjansdottir said has been working closely with the MBA and informing the alliance and its merchants about important programs, like this one.

"We feel there is a great air of collaboration just to get everyone through, to support services and fund opportunities," Kristjansdottir said.

The application for the micro-marketing program can be found online at www.thinkdutchess.com/dutchess-county-micromarketing-covid-recovery-application.



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A member of the NECC Teen Team tied a Mental Health Awareness informational tag on the northern section of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail as part of the Teen Team's mental health event on Saturday afternoon, May 22.

Teen Team focuses on mental health

MILLERTON — As a way to honor Mental Health Awareness Month this May, the North East Community Center's (NECC) Teen Team gathered for a meaningful conversation about mental health and some outdoor activities along the Harlem Valley Rail Trail on Saturday, May 22.

The teens kicked off the event at 4 p.m. with a Restorative Circle in collaboration with the Meditation Center of Dutchess County, during which time the teens talked about why taking care of their mental health is important and how they can support their friends

and neighbors in doing so.

In partnership with Dutchess County Parks and Recreation, the teens tied tags along the northern section of the Rail Trail in Millerton, selecting motivational quotes to feature on the tags along with contact information to the Dutchess County Helpline, which is available 24/7/365 at 845-485-9700 or toll-free at 877-485-9700.

To finish off the day, the teens embarked on a nature walk on the trail, simultaneously taking care of their physical and mental health.

— Kaitlin Lyle

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Hamlet Committee rocks out, cleans up

By **BART ZIEGLER**
Special to The Millerton News

HILLSDALE — The Hillsdale Hamlet Committee (HHC) does a lot for its community. It's organized a series of free concerts this summer, entitled Jams in the Hamlet, for all to enjoy. It also held a park cleanup earlier this spring as part of the New York State "I Love My Park" day.

Jams in the Hamlet

Concerts run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with the park opening for concert guests at 4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations toward the cost of the concert series are encouraged. While some seating will be available, attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Refreshments available for purchase will be provided by Roe Jan Brewing Co., Little Apple Cider, Momma Lo's BBQ and Bacon's Pizza. Local nonprofit,



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Volunteers removed trash from Hillsdale's Hamlet Park on Saturday, May 1.

community-driven organizations will be on site providing information on their activities.

The HHC decided to bring music to the park this year to allow the community to come together safely under the state's COVID-19 requirements.

The committee has embarked on a program to revamp the park based on a professional master plan recently approved by the Hillsdale Town Board.

Funds for the event are also being raised through the sale of

"Jams in the Hamlet" merchandise, available at www.jams-in-the-hamlet.creator-spring.com.

Concert schedule

June 19: Classical with Hudson Festival Players

July 17: Jazz with the Hudson Valley Jazz Quartet

Aug. 21: Singer/songwriters Kerri Powers and Lisa and Lori Brigantino

Sept. 18: Children's performer and Grammy nominee Brady Rymer and Claudia Mussen

Oct. 9: Community Tal-

ent Night at Hillsdale's annual Pumpkin Festival

For more information, go to www.facebook.com/jamsinthe-hamlet.

Park cleanup

Volunteers organized by the HHC turned out on Saturday, May 1, to spruce up the Hamlet Park. The group removed trash, pulled out weeds and improved the appearance of the park, located southwest of the intersection of state routes 22 and 23.

"Most people enjoy and treat our park with respect, but a group of us joined to eradicate whatever litter we could find," said Toby Butterfield, who recently took over as chair of the HHC from Shannon May.

New trash containers are part of the major park redesign and renovation being launched by the Town Board and HHC.

Bart Ziegler is a member of the Hillsdale Hamlet Committee.



PHOTOS BY RUTH KEELER

Pine Plains remembers its veterans

The town of Pine Plains encouraged residents to follow CDC guidelines at its annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony, which stopped at the clocktower before progressing to the Evergreen Cemetery on Monday, May 31. The Memorial Day events were organized by both the Pine Plains VFW Post 5519 and its American Legion Post #426, both of which have been doing so for years with great support from the broader community.

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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PINE PLAINS — Area residents were reminded just how important it is to make sure their children are safe while in the car at the Child Safety Seat Check event held at the Pine Plains firehouse at 7 Lake Road on Saturday, May 22.

Hosted by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) with assistance from the New York State Police and the Millerton Police Department, the event ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Officials answered questions and demonstrated how

to properly install the safety seats to all who attended.

The Dutchess County Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association also donated money so that the police entities could purchase food for the event.

Combined with the Pine Plains Wrestling Team's car wash fundraiser, which was also held at the Pine Plains firehouse on that Saturday, the DCSO created a festive community day where residents could get out, enjoy a hot dog or hamburger hot off the grill and stay informed about vital safety practices.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Members of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, the New York State Police and the Millerton Police Department helped teach drivers how to correctly install their children's car safety seats at the Child Safety Seat Check event held on Saturday, May 22, at the Pine Plains firehouse.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Village of Millerton 2021 Elections

The polling place for the 2021 General Village Election to be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, will be at the Village of Millerton located at 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546

Polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. Masks will be required.

Names and addresses of candidates, offices, and term nominated for are listed below:

Name of Candidate, Address of Candidate, Title of Office
Jennifer Najdek, 35 S.

Center Street, Millerton, NY 12546, Mayor, two-year term

Laurie Kerr, 53 Barton Street, Millerton, NY 12546, Trustee, two-year term

Delora Brooks, 42 Dutchess Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546, Trustee, two-year term

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TOWN OF PINE PLAINS DUTCHESS COUNTY

NEW YORK NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Town of Pine Plains Planning Board on the 9th day of June, 2021, at 7:30PM, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the special use permit for an accessory dwelling, submitted by Joyce Capuano and Chris Belardi for a property located at 3032 Church Street, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, State of New York, Tax Map No. 6872-18-479155.

This meeting will not take place in person in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.101. Until further notice, meetings will be held via videoconferencing. The town of Pine Plains has organized an interactive Public Hearing for 7:30 pm on June 9th 2021. You will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live and provide your comments in the comments section of Zoom. Comments for the public hearing session can also be sent in advance of the meeting to planningboard@pineplains-ny.gov or written and sent in to town hall. A dial-in number is also available if you do not have access to a computer. This meeting will be recorded and a transcript will be available at a later date.

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SPORTS



PHOTO BY ROBERT WHITTEMORE

From left, Hotchkiss School students Kayla Robertson, Spencer Roh, Logan Peloquin, Mohammed Nuhu, Anish Reid, Nell Dwyer, Quillan Oberito, Jacquo Pierre, Nate Harrison and Harrison Hoffman showed their support for their school's partnership with the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton by participating in a soccer tournament that benefitted NECC on Sunday, April 25.

Everyone's a champ at NECC soccer benefit

By KAITLIN LYLE
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SALISBURY, Conn. — As a way to show the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton just how meaningful its connection is to their school, students at the nearby Hotchkiss School in Salisbury, Conn., participated in a school-wide soccer tournament on Sunday, April 25, to raise funds to benefit the community center.

Caroline Burchfield, a volunteer coordinator for The Hotchkiss School, said the private school has done a lot of work with NECC over the last several years. Having partnered with it through its After-School, Teen Team and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs, she said Hotchkiss students have built some very close relationships with those at NECC, and feel privileged to have done so.

The idea for the soccer tournament came into play, Burchfield said, because Hotchkiss holds a soccer tournament every year to benefit a local organization.

Considering how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the school's ability to collaborate with NECC during the last 15 months, she said, "We wanted to let them know that even though we aren't together that we're thinking of them... and the reasons we're directing the proceeds from the tournament [to them] is we want them to know that we aren't just here one day and gone the next. Every year, we want them to know that they can count on us for a number of things."

Kicking off at 2 p.m., the soccer tournament was held on Sprole Field at The Hotchkiss School campus, with 13 teams consisting of five students each.

As they signed up to play in the tournament, students made small donations to participate, with the students deciding how much they wanted to donate.

Beyond the 65 students who competed on the field, the tournament drew a great many students who volunteered to DJ the event and watched the competition from the sidelines.

Though the weather was bleak, the students' spirit was robust as they took to the field. Some even tried dressing up as mascots and gave their teams names. In fact, Burchfield said the tournament went on longer than expected because the students were having such a great time and didn't want to leave.

Because of COVID-19 safety protocols, Hotchkiss was unable to sell food or beverages at the tournament as it would have in previous years to raise additional funds. Without those sales, Burchfield said they were worried that they weren't going to make as much money, but as it turned out, the benefit raised twice as much as last year's tournament did.

"People really do value our work and the opportunity to partner with the North East Community Center," Burchfield marveled. "The proceeds really exceeded our expectations."

Calling it a heartwarming effort all around, she went on to share how gratifying it was to have people come to the tournament and ask what they could donate. By event's end, Burchfield reported that the tournament raised just shy of \$1,000, which Hotchkiss will have already sent in a check to NECC.

"I just would stress that Hotchkiss School — the entire students, staff and faculty — really value the opportunity to partner with the North East Community Center," Burchfield said, "and any opportunity we have to demonstrate that is one we want to take advantage of or create. We can't wait to be back in person — we hope next fall — doing all sorts of fun projects again."

OBITUARIES

Jack Erwin Dean

MILLERTON — Jack Erwin Dean, 78, a lifelong resident of Millerton, died peacefully on May 26, 2021, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Mr. Dean was currently working for 44 years as a Heavy Equipment Operator at Harlem Valley Sand and Gravel in South Amenia.

Born Oct. 19, 1942, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Mary (Liner) and Chester W. Dean. He was educated locally and shared the last 28 years of his life with his loving companion, Monika Barlow.

Jack served as the supervisor of the Village of Millerton Water Department for nine years and as a Village of Millerton Trustee from 1978 to 1984.

Jack loved life and people; he had a knack for brightening everyone's day. He loved to say that "Everyday was a good day!" He enjoyed socializing with everyone at the bank, post office and CVS and many other local stores. Jack also loved working outside and maintaining his beautiful gardens.

He very much looked forward to his annual trip to Westerly, R.I., and enjoyed reminiscing about his three special trips to Germany to visit Monika's family. Jack will be dearly missed by his beloved family and his many dear friends.

In addition to his longtime companion, Monika Barlow of Millerton, Jack is also survived by his devoted son, Scot Dean and his wife, Heidi, of Millerton and his beloved daughter, Robin Myers, and her husband,

Rhett, of Poughkeepsie; his dear grandchildren, Jen Wyckoff and her husband, Andrew, Aly Dean,

Madison Myers, Brittanie Cavanaugh and her husband, Matt, and Katie and Sarah Eckler; Monika's caring daughters, Linda Eckler and her husband, Larry, and Stephanie Barlow; his dear brothers, Jerry Dean and his wife,

Carol, of Millerton and Gary Dean of Washington state; his nephews, Chad Dean and his wife, Rebecca, and Brian Dean; his cousins, Tom Dean of Millerton and Buddy Dean and his wife, Janie, of Virginia; as well as several nieces and nephews and many dear friends; and his cat, Stretchy.

In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Maralyn Marshall.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the Vassar Hospital Staff for the care and compassion provided to Jack.

An extra special thank you to Dr. Craig Shannon, Jack's neurosurgeon.

Calling hours were held May 29 at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. Funeral services followed at the funeral home, the Rev. William Mayhew officiating. Burial will be private, in the family plot at Iroindale Cemetery in Millerton, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sunday In The Country Food Drive, P.O. Box 789, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send a floral arrangement, plant a tree or send an online condolence to the family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Craig S. White

NORTH CANAAN — Craig S. White, a loving husband, father and grandfather passed away March 19, 2021, at Berkshire Medical Center after a very brief battle with lung cancer.

He was the son of Austin and Betty Lovett.

Born in Great Barrington, Mass., he was raised in Salisbury and attended local schools.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his daughters, Kimberly and spouse Nate Cecchinato, Melissa and spouse Jeffrey Perotti and the greatest joys of

his life, his four grandchildren, Cohen Cecchinato, Annabelle, Lucy and Winnie Perotti. He is survived by his brothers, Tony White, William White, Timothy White and Lee Lovett; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Donald White and Donna Alamillo.

A private burial was held in May. A celebration of Craig's life will occur in July. Arrangements are under the care of The Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Bombers baseball torpedoes the Warriors

PINE PLAINS — The Stissing Mountain High School varsity baseball team added another momentous game to its season record when it beat Webutuck High School on Monday, May 24.

Starting at 4:15 p.m., the Pine Plains Bombers and the Webutuck Warriors faced off at Beekman Park in Amenia.

Among the highlights, Bombers' Head Coach Steve Huber reported Gavyn Queen, a junior at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, threw a no hitter and hit four

for four with a triple, a double, two singles and two runs batted in (RBIs).

Also a junior at Stissing Mountain, Peyton Dunlop had two hits out of three times up at bat with four RBIs while sophomore Jake Wolfman had three hits out of five times at bat with three RBIs and Aidan Damon hit two for two with three RBIs.

By game's end, the Warriors found themselves at the mercy of the Bombers with a final score of 0-18 in favor of Pine Plains.

— Kaitlin Lyle

The Reverend Richard H. Taber

SALISBURY — The Reverend Richard H. Taber, 80, a beloved community leader, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 24, 2021, surrounded by family.

His accomplishments were vast, but even more important was the way he touched each individual person's heart in every single interaction of the day, whether it was baptizing a child, doing a puzzle with a grandchild, or just buying milk.

He was the loving husband of Joanne (Townsend) Taber for 58 years.

Born Jan. 21, 1941, in Philadelphia, Pa., he was the son of the late Lois (Randall) and Robert Taber.

Reverend Richard was ordained at Yale Divinity School in 1976. He started his ministry at Wilton Congregational Church and was called to the Salisbury Congregational Church in 1981.

He retired in 2011 and later became Minister Emeritus of the church.

He enjoyed sailing, hiking and playing games with his family.

He was an organizer, a hu-

manitarian and a spiritual guide. He was instrumental in bringing many organizations to our community including: The CROP Walk, The Housatonick Youth Service Bureau, EXTRAS, Habitat for Humanity, The Salisbury Housing Committee and the Foundation for Community Health. His contributions to this community are unending and will continue to help people for many future generations.


His love for his wife, children and grandchildren was unconditional. He treasured time with his family.

In addition to his wife, he leaves his children, Chris, Matt, Laura, Maria, Joslin and Desean; and grandchildren, Katie, Ben, Rachel, Andrew, Ash, Jojo, Nicky and Elijah.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 29, at the Salisbury Congregational Church and can be viewed on the church's website.

Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan has care of arrangements.

Gifts made in Dick's memory will support the church's Christian Action ministries.



Worship Services

Week of June 6, 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 justice, Wholeness, harmony, just, 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) <i>In-Person and on You-Tube</i> www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>Greenwoods Community Church 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Konnection 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 <i>joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people</i> 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 <i>Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2</i> 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 <i>A Community of Radical Hospitality</i></p>
<p>The Sharon United Methodist Church 112 Upper Main Street, North End of Sharon Green <i>Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits</i> 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 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour & Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT <i>Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow!</i> 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 New CT Join our next service on Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. <i>Venue to be announced</i> For information, contact Jo Loi at jokialoi@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: mrgates125@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. <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> 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.thesmithfieldchurch.org <i>21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</i></p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH <i>Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville</i> 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>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>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am <i>Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall</i> Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister <i>Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</i></p>
<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-5003 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>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service <i>"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors"</i> Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanctumc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com</p>
<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>	

Baseball: Now this is fun!

BLEACHER VIEWS

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of well wishers on the dock waving at loved ones as they ventured off on a cruise. "Bon Voyage: have a wonderful trip around the bases!" You know, FUN!

The latest innovation, one I have seen several teams practice, is the laundry cart ride. Hit a home run, trot back to the dugout, and your loving teammates ceremonially pick you up, dump you in the wheeled laundry cart, and run you up and down the dugout, dumping you out with the dirty towels at ride's end. Smelly fun, maybe, but FUN nonetheless. Smiles and giggles all 'round.

If anyone needed an argument for vaccination, the return of FUN should do the trick. We all play better together when we are having some. I don't recommend taking a co-worker who has just closed a deal and dumping them in the office paper cart for a trip to the water cooler, but human ingenuity is never ending. Put your mind to it, remember the old days, hit a homer, and have some old fashioned, back thumping, mood elevating FUN for once in our lives.

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

ROBERT F. WRIGHT

June 1, 2009

Though you're no longer with us, you have left a lasting mark.

No one can eliminate the light you left us in the dark.

The memories of all the jokes and pranks you used to play, still brings a smile to our faces each and every day.

It doesn't matter how much time goes by, it still remains, you are in our hearts,

and in our thoughts and prayers each day.

We love you Robert
We love you Dad

Your wife Ruth
Your daughter Bobbie-Jo



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Annette Culligan, her mother, Joyce Rebillard and Nancy Nowak were happy to see Amenia resident Qorii Dickinson purchase some pumpkin pie along with some other homemade goodies that were being sold to support the Indian Rock Schoolhouse.

A sweet way to support Indian Rock Schoolhouse

AMENIA — Area residents brought their love of community (and their love of all things sweet) to the bake sale held at Freshtown Plaza in support of the Indian Rock Schoolhouse on Saturday, May 22.

Running from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the outdoor space between Freshtown and Amenia Pharmacy, a trio of Indian Rock Schoolhouse volunteers sat contentedly in the shade with a table piled

high with homemade cakes, cookies, muffins, pies, garlic knots and other sweet and savory treats available for purchase.

The fundraiser was organized for the continued support of the historic one-room Indian Rock Schoolhouse, located at 25 Mygatt Road in Amenia. The schoolhouse association did confirm it is planning its annual picnic this fall.

— Kaitlin Lyle



Amenia honors those who sacrificed

The town of Amenia commemorated Memorial Day at Fountain Square with VFW Post 5444. Afterward, some of the VFW members were still lined up at the square. VFW Post Commander Madison Fletcher, far right, who led the ceremony, posed for a photo with her mother and her daughter. Fletcher is the first female commander in the Post's history.

PHOTO BY MARK DOYLE

Affordable housing, water district, sidewalks discussed by Town Board

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Along with addressing its anticipated sidewalk replacement project, the Town Board gave three separate presentations on affordable housing and the town's Water District at its meeting on Thursday, May 20, via Zoom, due to the pandemic.

The meeting began with two presentations on affordable housing: one by the Amenia Housing Board's Leo Blackman on its affordable housing survey and one by Jeff Barnett-Winsby and Wooley Pardoe on how to approach affordable housing.

Following a three-week extension of the survey's deadline and the work he and town Councilwoman Vicki Doyle did to remove all survey duplicates and add to the paper surveys, Blackman said 183 people responded to the survey along with about 2,200 households.

He outlined the demographics of the respondents and shared what the most important factor seemed to be for choosing a place to live, reasons people had for moving and the Hous-

ing Board's plans for the data it collected.

Barnett-Winsby said he and Pardoe are trying to develop an approach for local affordable housing; he said they're thinking about using some market rate funds — perhaps collaborating with other nonprofits.

They're hoping to continue communicating with the town to ensure "whatever plans we feel are the best way forward are plans the Town Board and Housing Board really feel they want to get behind and cheerlead and support."

As Pardoe explained his "net zero passive building" approach for construction, Barnett-Winsby shared their plans to meet with the Planning Board to get its feedback on the properties they're looking at and the challenges linked to said properties.

Next, the Town Board turned to a presentation on the Water District's infrastructure needs by Amenia Town Engineer John Andrews and Amenia Water Operator Marco D'Antonio. Based on data from a 2016 presentation, Andrews said there's unfortunately been no progress, and the order of priorities may have changed given the aging of the various district components.

Whether the board is planning for infrastructure or system improvements, Andrews emphasized it's essential that the water rate structure be properly established and "that you have a means and method for billing and collecting properly, that you have a true cost of services

rate structure and that you have some type of reserve for capital improvements and or large-scale rehabilitation programs."

Understanding the water rates, he explained, relates back to the town's ability to properly meter and track water consumption and loss of water.

After presenting the board with a list of short-term, medium-term and long-term goals for the Water District, Andrews advised that the board prioritize looking at the district's rates and taxing structure, addressing the wells around Lavelle Road and analyzing and prioritizing improvements to the water distribution system.

Aided by Andrews and D'Antonio, the board engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding which items should be immediately addressed as well as the costs and challenges entailed before agreeing that Lavelle Road is where the town should direct its focus, particularly in regard to the wells' relocation and the pump house's rehabilitation.

Andrews later concluded

the discussion by advising the board to decide what it wants to do with the Lavelle Road project and to provide him and D'Antonio some direction.

Turning back to affordable housing, the board unanimously approved a resolution to authorize its planner, AKRF Inc., to assist the Amenia Housing Board in reviewing its zoning code regarding workforce housing — specifically in terms of "what incentives exist for the development of Workforce Housing and what locations are most appropriate for high density residential housing pursuant to the Town's Comprehensive Plan," according to the resolution.

For the sidewalk replacement project involving the replacement of 120 linear feet of deteriorated sidewalk along Route 343, the board awarded the \$30,000 construction services contract to Con-Tech Construction Technology Inc. A contract for the construction of an additional 50 linear feet of sidewalk was also awarded to Con-Tech.

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.

Criminal contempt arrest

Monday, May 17, Deputies investigated a report of an order of protection violation that had occurred in the Town of North East.

A subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of Jaime Wagoner, age 23, who was charged with criminal contempt in the first degree. Wagoner was arraigned and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 cash bail or \$40,000 bond.

Auto accident

Saturday, May 22, Deputies

investigated a car versus tree property damage automobile accident in the area of 37 Gristmill Lane in the Village of Pawling.

DCSO tipline

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

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

DEC ACTIVITY REPORT

The following information was provided by the DEC. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Police Officers (ECOs) and Investigators enforce the 71 Chapters of NY Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York. In 2020, the 298 ECOs and Investigators across the state responded to 29,673 calls and worked on cases that resulted in 11,952 tickets or arrests for crimes ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade and excessive emissions violations.

Operation Early Bird

On Saturday, May 1, ECO Wamsley received a tip about possible turkey baiting in the town of Dover. In response, the ECO planned to conduct surveillance in the area for Operation



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DEC

ECO Wamsley with the confiscated turkey and the shotgun used to take it.

Early Bird the following morning.

Under the cover of darkness, ECO Wamsley made his way to a good vantage point and concealed himself. As the sun rose, numerous turkeys came to the area, pecking and scratching in

the alleged baiting area.

When a large tom entered, ECO Wamsley heard the unmistakable boom of a shotgun ring out and quickly ran toward the sound.

The ECO found two individuals standing over the dead bird. One subject was holding a shotgun while the other held a camera.

During his investigation, ECO Wamsley discovered a large amount of corn spread throughout the woods. He issued two tickets to the individual who shot the turkey for hunting turkeys with the aid of bait and the illegal take of protected wildlife.

The turkey was seized and donated to a local family.

Summonses are returnable to the town of Dover Court.

If you witness an environmental crime or believe a violation of environmental law occurred, call the DEC Division of Law Enforcement hotline at 1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267).

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taken place in the region, as well as larcenies from vehicles and an attempted burglary.

The DCSO believed that a large, organized out-of-state crime ring was working in the area at that time. Those earlier thefts took place largely throughout Millerton and Amenia; the crime ring seems to have moved slightly south on Route 22. The most recent thefts took place primarily in Dover, with two stolen vehicles and approximately 10 vehicle break-ins last week alone.

The criminals appear to make the most of easy opportunities, when residents leave their keys or key fobs in their vehicles or their car doors unlocked — something police have warned against time and again.

“Every indication is... this ring appears to operate on convenience and select those vehicles that are easier and quicker targets, such as ones that are unlocked,” stated Watterson. “Everyone is strongly urged to always lock their vehicles and don’t leave anything of value inside, including key fobs. Having your vehicles locked with nothing of significant value inside should go a long way towards preventing you from being victimized by these perpetrators.”

Authorities continue to warn the community to be on guard. Watterson added “never confront

the perpetrator(s) yourself as they should be considered armed and dangerous. If you observe a suspicious person or someone attempting to commit one of these thefts, please call 911 immediately and let law enforcement handle the matter.”

The DCSO does not have any descriptions of the suspects at this time. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Wilber at 845-486-3826 or at bwilber@dutchessny.gov. Information may also be called into the DCSO tipline at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or emailed to dcso_tips@gmail.com; all information will be kept confidential.

The DCSO is also interested in any home security camera footage that may have been captured during a theft or attempted theft.

Meanwhile, the Connecticut State Police found an abandoned 2005 Honda Element early Tuesday morning, May 25, on Millerton Road in Salisbury, with extensive damage and no driver, believed from Columbia County.

Lt. John Rivero of the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office confirmed the car was from “an isolated incident unrelated to anything anywhere else. Somebody lent their car to a neighbor, who crashed it up, then left it. We know who the owner is. No charges are pending on our end. I don’t know about in Connecticut.”

LYME DISEASE *Continued from Page A1*

the Hudson Valley.

Rick Ostfeld has been a senior scientist at the Cary since 2004 and has devoted many of those years to researching Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. Ostfeld was on hand, along with Cary President Joshua Ginsberg, on the 25th when Delgado introduced the new legislation. The event was on the heels of May’s National Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

“Lyme disease is an urgent and persistent threat in our upstate New York communities,” said Delgado. “Ticks and the diseases they carry threaten our health and well-being. This bipartisan legislation will raise awareness about the disease and directly support medical research to treat and cure tick-borne diseases.”

Delgado discussed the bill with Ostfeld and Ginsberg and many others who were present and answered several questions regarding its terms, conditions and the distribution of funds collected through the semipostal stamp. Money from the sale of those stamps shall be transferred to the NIAID at least twice per year.

“As a scientist, I’m enormously encouraged that Representative Delgado and his colleagues are finding ways to increase funding for research



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left, President of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies Joshua Ginsberg, U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (NY-D-19) and Senior Cary Scientist Rick Ostfeld met on Tuesday, May 25, at the Cary Institute, where Delgado announced the STAMP Out Lyme Disease Act, in the hopes of creating additional funding for Lyme disease awareness and research.

into Lyme disease and tick biology,” said Ostfeld. “The scientific community has plenty of pressing questions about how to prevent people who live here, in the epicenter, from getting exposed, and for people who do get sick, how to properly diagnose and treat them. But this work has been underfunded for decades, so answering those questions has been very challenging.”

The prevention and treatment of Lyme disease is per-

sonal to at least two of the congressmen who worked on the STAMP Act: Zeldin has Lyme disease and Delgado has a had Lyme scare hit close to home — more than once.

“I was out of town,” Delgado said, “in D.C., when my mother called one night, telling me that my father had been bitten on his shoulder by a tick — and that was not the only time he was bitten by a tick.”

Delgado has been instrumental in making his constituents aware of the dangers of ticks for some time: in March 2019 he reminded residents that from 2007 to 2017, Lyme disease rose by 78% in his district, which stretches between Dutchess and Columbia Counties. His con-

stituents are also keenly aware that approximately half of the adult deer ticks in the state carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

Two years ago he was also a co-sponsor of the National Lyme and Tick-borne Diseases Control and Accountability Act of 2019, creating a new Office of Oversight and Coordination for Tick-Borne Diseases, requiring the creation of a national plan to address Lyme disease.

As tick-borne illnesses are on the rise, research and funding are critical, stressed the congressman. Lyme disease, for one, can be managed, but not cured.

According to the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Health, it costs the U.S. more than \$1,300,000,000 each year to treat sufferers of Lyme disease, which can be difficult to diagnose due to diverse symptoms and a lack of reliable testing. Between 10 to 20% of those with Lyme disease suffer chronic and disabling symptoms.

Ostfeld has produced papers, videos and podcasts on the subject, and predicts 2021 could be a particularly bad year for ticks in the Northeast. He reminds those living the region to be vigilant when outdoors: check one’s body thoroughly and often for ticks; dress appropriately, in light colors with long sleeves and long pants when outdoors; and if bitten, get tested and treated as soon as possible.

For more information, go to www.caryinstitute.org, call Delgado’s office at 518-267-4123 or go to his website at www.delgado.house.gov.

BOB LOUCKS *Continued from Page A1***Refueling a loaded bomber while in the air**

“The whole Cold War mentality was something in those days,” Loucks said. As a deterrent to Russian aggression, Loucks recalled that there were 600 B-52 bombers in the squadron with 12 bombers in the air at all times, each loaded with four armed 1.5 ton H-bombs. Their flight route took them from North Carolina to the Mediterranean, where they would circle over Turkey and return, routinely refueling in the airspace over Spain.

The Incident occurred in the late morning of Jan. 17, 1966 — 55 years ago.

A B-52 bomber carrying four H-bombs collided with a fuel tanker during mid-air refueling at 31,000 feet.

The tanker’s 30,000 gallons of aviation fuel exploded, killing its crew of four instantly.

The B-52 broke apart, killing three of its crew of seven. The four H-bombs had been outfitted with parachutes for safety, although two of the four parachutes had burned in the blast. Three of the four bombs broke apart on impact with the ground.

The activation levers had not been positioned to explode as H-bombs upon impact, but the bombs themselves sustained damage. Their TNT detonated and radioactive plutonium scattered through the tomato vineyard where they landed, in the ancient fishing village of Palomares.

No protective gear for the crews

Air Force personnel were summoned from bases in Spain to pick up the debris from the village, but no protective clothing or gear was provided, resulting in servicemen using their bare hands to collect the debris,

Loucks recalled.

The fourth bomb plummeted into the sea with its parachute attached, five miles off the coast of Spain near Palomares.

It would take until April of 1966 for that bomb to be recovered from its precarious perch 2,850 feet below the surface. Its still-attached parachute complicated the process as it billowed with the sea currents, endangering divers and their equipment.

The USS Cascade of the 6th Fleet, with Loucks aboard, arrived in February to assist with the recovery, one of many responding vessels.

Loucks recalled how Russian trawlers regularly attempted to slip through the perimeter to recover the prize and take it away.

Mapping the gully

The recovery work went on with the help of The Alvin, a research submarine furnished to the project from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts.

It was a small vessel, weighing 13 tons, measuring 22 feet in length and 8 feet in width. With its crew of three, including the pilot, it had a dive range to 7,500 feet.

Jon Lindbergh (son of famed aviator Charles Lindbergh) of Seattle, Wash., came as a private contractor, a submergence expert representing Ocean Systems, and he brought along his Cubmarine, the same length as The Alvin, but narrower.

Lindbergh worked aboard The Cascade using its workshops to good advantage. He built a true model of the bomb using identical materials to test sonar effectiveness and whether sonar would function accurately or distort according to the bomb’s depth and position.

“Our pattern makers created

a massive model of the undersea floor,” Loucks recalled. The bomb was found to be resting in a gully created by its impact on a steep 70-degree slope pointed downward toward a deep valley, still attached to its billowing giant parachute. The situation was unstable and dangerous.

Lindbergh made many dives in the submersible vehicles and also in scuba gear. There were several reported episodes of serious entanglements in the parachute lines.

Lindbergh invents ‘The Poodle’

Loucks recalled long conversations with Lindbergh during breaks, remembering him as personable, affable and accessible.

In mid-March, a device called The Poodle was being fashioned aboard the Cascade and outfitted with a winch device to grab the parachute ropes and haul the bomb to the surface. The Poodle was invented and built by Lindbergh and his associate, Ray Pitts, also from Ocean Systems. The Cascade crew assisted in the construction.

Fish fascinated by the lights

“Anything electrical, we had the shop to make it, particularly lighting. With lighting the problems were extensive,” Loucks explained, “especially at the depths at which it was needed. The apparatus would get crushed by the undersea pressure.

“Also, if you lit something, the fish would gather in such numbers, they would block the light,” Loucks said.

In March, the bomb was clearly drifting away due to heavily storm-tossed seas. The bomb had slid more than 20 feet farther down the incline — and it was taking the recovery lines

with it.

The bomb was finally recovered — still entangled in its parachute — and brought safely on board the receiving vessel, The Petrel, Loucks said.

The bomb then went on public display in Palomares on Good Friday, April 8, before being transferred to The Cascade for the long voyage home to the U.S.

The aftermath of radiation exposure

Back at the scene in Palomares, a massive soil and debris clean-up effort began. Loucks said that the radioactive soil scooped from the scene filled 5,300 55-gallon drums that were transported to North Carolina. Work has continued ever since with earth being removed from the site and sealed in containers for transport and storage in the U.S.

Measurable contamination continues to be detected within the snail population in Palomares.

The nature of catastrophic events is that there is an inevitable aftermath and a long trail of effects.

The Incident continues to affect the dwindling number of military and civilian people who persist in asking for recognition of the dangerous health effects of radiation exposure, not well understood in 1966. An aging group of veterans and Spanish villagers, some bolstered by their descendants, are continuing to seek accountability, but those voices are dimming.

Because the long-term effects of radiation exposure were unknown at the time, there were no provisions for protective clothing or gear, Loucks noted. Hundreds of service members doing the clean-up work even ate the tomatoes collected from the contaminated tomato fields, and so did the local villagers.

Remembering lives lost during The Incident in 1966 as well as the decades of aftermath lived and remembered by Loucks remains an enduring story for Memorial Day.

Pounding the pavement in Pine Plains

PINE PLAINS — Stepping into the spring sunshine, Alice Hanback-Nuccio, assistant to Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud, couldn’t have asked for a more delightful morning to lead the town’s first Walkaround for Seniors on Tuesday, May 11.

Starting from the Municipal Parking Lot behind the Bank of Millbrook, Hanback-Nuccio welcomed a trio of seniors ready to get out and enjoy the sunshine.

Together, they walked around town, savoring the chance to reconnect with friends after being socially distant and essentially quarantined for more than a year.

“It’s a great way to get people out, socialize and get exercise,” Hanback-Nuccio said about the walk, more of which will follow.

— Kaitlin Lyle



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, local seniors Laura Dennis, Ellen White and Ruth Keeler enjoyed the spring sunshine by taking part in the first Walkaround for Seniors on Tuesday, May 11, with Pine Plains Assistant to the Supervisor Alice Hanback-Nuccio leading the way.

MOLINARO *Continued from Page A1*

“We need good people who will stand up and fight for ordinary New Yorkers,” Molinaro said, “and Lee Zeldin not only understands that but has done it as a congressman and has done it in the United States Armed Services.”

Zeldin was in Dutchess County meeting with residents with Molinaro and other elected officials by his side after the county exec made his announcement.

Not everyone was pleased with Molinaro’s decision, as evidenced by his public Facebook page “Marc Molinaro.” A handful of public comments reflected disappointment with his decision.

“You let me down when you endorsed Lee Zeldin,” read one comment; “Was hoping you would run. You no longer have

my support. The Republicans need a centrist. Not a trumpet,” read another.

Still, there was another commentator who, while unhappy with the news, continued to support Molinaro’s future endeavors.

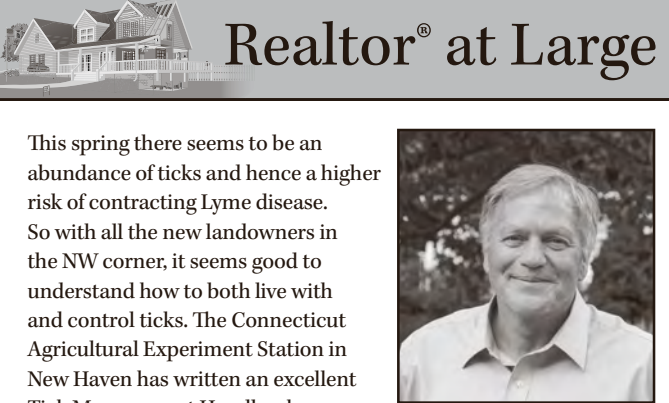
“Good luck sir on your next adventure, sad you won’t be running for governor, but you will have my vote always,” stated one post.

That vote may come in the next race for U.S. Congressional District 19, now held by U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (NY-D-19). Delgado’s term expires in 2023.

On Tuesday, May 25, The Poughkeepsie Journal reported online, at www.poughkeepsiejournal.com, that Molinaro has been named as a possible challenger in the race for the 19th district.

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This spring there seems to be an abundance of ticks and hence a higher risk of contracting Lyme disease. So with all the new landowners in the NW corner, it seems good to understand how to both live with and control ticks. The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven has written an excellent Tick Management Handbook that can be found on the Ct State website at: portal.ct.gov/-/media/CAES/DOCUMENTS/Publications/Bulletins/b1010pdf.pdf or happy to email you a copy. It goes over everything, from personal protection to creating safe landscapes around your homes. This handbook will help keep both you and your family safe!

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ART: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Visiting Galleries, Chatting with An Artist on a Sunday Afternoon

Kathleen Kucka was sitting quietly, listening to jazz and minding her own business at Furnace/Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn., on Sunday afternoon, May 16, when a reporter barged in asking impertinent questions, such as, "How's it going? Sell anything?"

The reply was in the affirmative. Kucka said a couple of pieces from the current show by Stephen Maine had sold.

Then three women from New York City showed up. They had driven up from Brooklyn, had a bit of lunch at the Mountainside Cafe on Route 7, and then came over to see Kucka and the new gallery at 107 Main St.

"We're having what my mother would call 'a ladies' toot,'" said one of them.

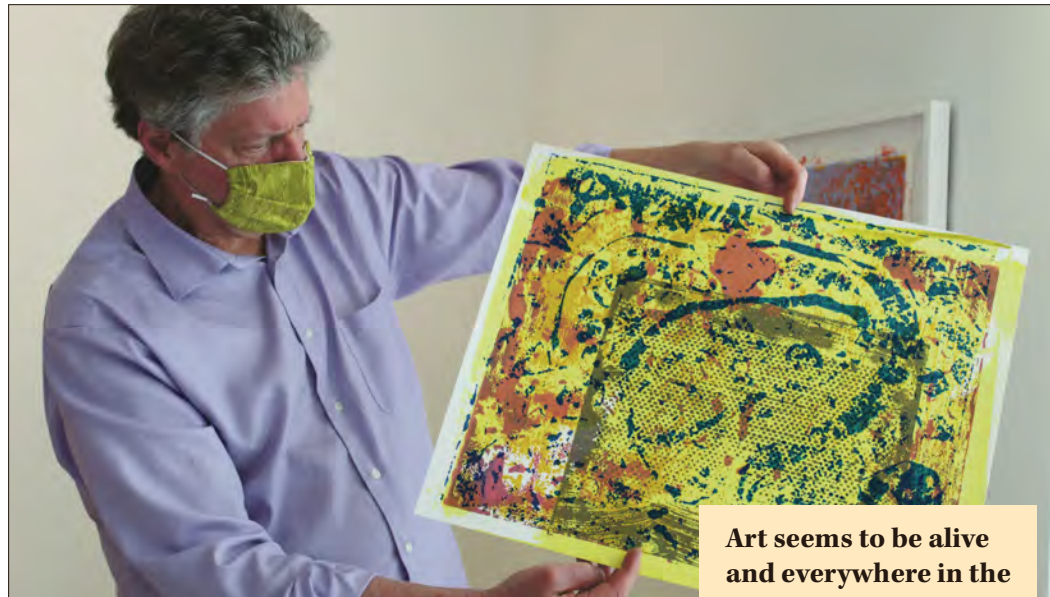


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Art seems to be alive and everywhere in the Tristate region now. A group of women visiting the area for lunch stopped at Furnace in Falls Village — and had the chance to meet artist Stephen Maine, who showed them some of the works he has now at the gallery.

And to put the butter on the spinach, Stephen Maine the artist arrived a few minutes after the tooters.

Introductions were made, pleasantries exchanged, and then the visitors began asking questions about the art.

The artist was happy to oblige, taking out pieces from the flat file to illustrate his points.

It was a very pleasant scene.

To find out the gallery hours, go to www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com.



PHOTO BY TATIANA DAUBEK

Sylvia Berry will perform on the fortepiano during the Aston Magna Music Festival, on Sunday, June 13.

ASTON MAGNA WILL REMAIN 'VIRTUAL' THIS SUMMER

Aston Magna continues its work of offering a deeper understanding of classical music through education about the world and times in which music was composed; and by using period instruments.

This is the 48th summer season for the Aston Magna Foundation, based in Great Barrington, Mass.

Concerts this year will be performed and filmed on stage at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center and Saint James Place, and then presented online at no charge on weekends in June and July.

The virtual concerts will feature music from the Renaissance, Baroque and early Classical periods, with the music of Monteverdi, Marais, Leclair, Mozart, Beethoven and others.

The season begins on Sunday, June 13, at 7 p.m. with "Early Duos for Fortepiano and Violin" and the music of Mozart, CPE Bach, Joseph Boulogne and Beethoven, performed by Sylvia Berry, fortepiano and Aston Magna Musical Director Dan-

iel Stepner, on violin.

"Mozart: The String Trios" is Sunday, June 27, at 7 p.m. Information on other concerts during this summer's season can be found online at www.astonmagna.org.

A highlight of the season will be the celebration of Beethoven's 250th birthday, one year late because of COVID-19.

"Celebrating Beethoven's 251st Birthday" will be on Saturday, July 24, at 7 p.m. Musicians are Daniel Stepner and Julie Leven, violins; Jason Fisher, viola, and Jacques Lee Wood, cello.

The quartet will offer Beethoven's "Eye-glass Duo," a string trio in C Minor, and selected quartet movements, including the Grosse Fuge.

To see the concerts, go to www.Mahaiwe.org on June 13 and 27, and www.astonmagna.org for the July dates, shortly before "curtain time" for each event.

Although the events are free, donations to help underwrite the recordings are welcome for this virtual season.

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SEX, SENIORS AND STONEWALL IN JUNE 5 TALK

Sex educator Jane Fleishman will discuss her book "The Stonewall Generation: LGBTQ Elders on Sex, Activism & Aging" in an in-person talk at the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., on Saturday, June 5, at 4 p.m.

An unapologetic depiction of queer identity and culture, and the fight for civil and human rights from the 1960s to today, the candid interviews in the book include the voices of those frequently marginalized in the mainstream narrative of LGBTQ history: people of color, transgender people,

bisexual people, drag queens and sex workers.

Fleishman is a certified sexuality educator, researcher and writer with more than 40 years of experience. In her recent TEDx talk, "Is it OK for Grandma to have sex?," she articulates her mission to promote the sexual well-being of older adults.

This event will take place outdoors in the library's tent. For more information, or to RSVP, call the library at 860-824-7424 or go to www.HuntLibrary.org. The library is at 63 Main St. in Falls Village.

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As Sale Season Begins, an Explanation of 'Tag Sales'

Tag sale season in the Tristate region officially began on Memorial Day weekend. For longtime area residents, this is an absurdly obvious statement but newcomers to New England might wonder why exactly they are called "tag sales"?

Historically, at a tag sale each item has its own tag, with a top and a bottom portion. If you are 100% certain you are going to buy a piece, then you rip off the bottom portion of the tag. This signals to all other potential buyers that a piece has been spoken for; and it makes it easier for the sellers to tally up your purchases: You present them with your tags, they do the math, you write your check and then you can go and retrieve your purchased items.

A very famous tag sale team in the Tristate region was the Fitch Howard Estate Sale company of Salisbury, Conn., which no longer exists. Woe to the shopper who tore off a tag, carried it around for a while and then decided not to buy the item in



question. Either Elizabeth Fitch or Jerry Howard Ter Achter, who ran the company, would sternly or politely chastise the shopper who ignored proper tag sale etiquette.

The careful reader will notice that the company was called Fitch Howard "Estate Sale." An estate sale just denotes a larger property, as opposed to a yard sale or a garage sale.

Nowadays, many in-home sales are referred to as "tag sales," even if no tags are involved.



PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The glorious season of outdoor "tag sales" has begun. In New England, they're called tag sales even if the traditional "tag" protocol is not observed.

HOPING FOR SUNNY SKIES FOR CT TRAILS WEEKEND

The annual celebration of Connecticut's many history and nature trails will be this weekend, on June 5 and 6.

In all, there are 180 outings planned for the weekend (you can find the full list at www.ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend).

Two events are scheduled for Kent, Conn.

"Muffins and Martins at the Marvelwood School" on Skiff Mountain is on Sunday, June 6, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Extraordinary bird expert and science teacher Laurie Doss will talk about efforts to restore purple martin populations in the region.

That same day, Steve

Pener and Dave Paton will lead an educational mushroom walk at Pond Mountain Preserve, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Sharon Land Trust will introduce some new trails in Sharon, Conn., over the weekend: on Saturday, June 5, at the D'Alton Preserve at 101 West Woods Road #2; and at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 6, at the Hamlin Preserve, 19 Stonehouse Road, just off Gay Street/Route 41.

The new Goodbody Preserve at 140 Millerton Road will be opened in a short ceremony on Saturday, June 5, at noon.

Check the CT Trails website for rain plans.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Look for a new calendar of events at our website, www.tricornernews.com/events-calendar. We will also include the calendar in our print edition as space allows.

JAZZ AND MORE AS HUDSON HALL OPENS

The gorgeously renovated Hudson Hall in downtown Hudson, N.Y., opens to the public again with concerts and art shows that began Memorial Day weekend with Camille Thurman and the Darrell Green Trio.

Jazz continues on the weekend of Saturday, June 5, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 6, at 5 p.m. with Grammy-nominated saxophonist and music producer Marcus Strickland and his eponymous quartet.

Tickets start at \$35. More information is at www.hudsonhall.org.



PHOTO BY PETRA RICHTEROVA

The Marcus Strickland Quartet performs at Hudson Hall on June 5 and 6.

IN TIME FOR SUMMER AND THE HOLIDAYS, A NEW PUZZLE

The Lakeville Journal has a new jigsaw puzzle, featuring a watercolor done for us by Sharon artist Tom Goldenberg.

Goldenberg was featured in an October 2020 issue of the Compass arts and entertainment section of this newspaper, on the

occasion of a show of his work opening in Amsterdam.

Of the inspiration for the image, Goldenberg said, "The work on paper 'Map Reading' was made after studying early maps showing the configurations of ancient Italian Hill towns.

The topography of these places inspired the composition of this image."

We have made two versions of this puzzle. Both are 500 pieces but one is on cardboard and one is on wood. The Lakeville Journal Co. will receive 10% from each sale (the rest goes to the puzzle company; Goldenberg has generously donated his work).

The puzzles are made and shipped by Create Jigsaw. They take care of 100% of the order. To find our online puzzle shop, go to www.createjigsawpuzzles.com/sell/lakevillejournal. We will not have any puzzles for sale at our office; each puzzle is made "on demand."

— Cynthia Hochswender



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Artist Tom Goldenberg of Sharon, Conn., has donated one of his watercolors to The Lakeville Journal Co. for use as a jigsaw puzzle — which is now available for sale.

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MILLBROOK

Washington Town Board meets Zoning administrator resigns, replacement swiftly appointed

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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WASHINGTON — The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Washington (TOW) Town Board opened at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, with town Supervisor Gary Ciferri accepting the resignation of Zoning Administrator Nancy Patrick. James Finley was swiftly appointed as the full-time provisional building and zoning administrator to replace her.

A second request was made and approved, based on the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Joseph Spagnola, to appoint Kathleen Velletri as his secretary.

The Town Board is scheduling interviews with potential candidates for the Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC).

CP Update Committee

The Comprehensive Plan Update Committee was appointed. Members will include: Millbrook Village Trustee Buffy Arborgast; Timothy Bontecou; Claudia Heunis; Fernanda Kellogg; Timothy Mayhew; and Margaret Schneible. TOW Councilmen Robert Audia and Joseph Rochfort will serve as liaisons to the committee.

Assessor's report

Assessor Lisa Evangelista is still looking for a part-time data collector. She reported that a tentative roll was filed and published on time; Grievance Day held on Tuesday, May 25.

The town assessors are working on updating Washington's Real Property Search (RPS), including addresses, inventory, sales and new permits, which got behind while focusing on exemptions and finalizing the tentative roll during the last few months.

Most of the permits on the building permit report dating back to 2016 that needed to be addressed and valued have been, according to Evangelista. The remainder will be entered and addressed over the summer.

The town is in the process of making a list of suggestions for revised building permits, to assist in properly changing its inventory and valuing its permits, which will result in a more accurate assessment roll and inventory on the RPS/parcel access, said Evangelista.

The assessors are working on updates to the department's policies and procedures and there will be a review of its acreage section to confirm parcels are correctly coded as are reconciles to the total acreage, according to Evangelista's report.

Road work, recreation

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was made for qualified professional engineering firms and/or individuals to provide professional services required for the development of the Killlearn Road Improvement Project.

The project will be done entirely within the boundaries of the TOW and will consist of a 28-mile long gravel road from Hoxie Road to Chestnut Ridge Road (Dutchess County Route 23). Portions of the road are subject to surface failure during the winter and spring months.

The town is looking to resurface Killlearn Road after residents raised complaints about the road conditions.

Councilman Steve Turletes, in conjunction with Recreation Department Director Chelsea Edson, reported that the mandate for filling only 50% of the registration slots for summer camp had not been lifted by May, when there was still a waiting list in the case of the state mandate changed.

Also mentioned during the meeting were upcoming recreation programs, such as youth tennis (at the village courts); youth yoga, teen yoga with vision boards, LMC adult basketball 3V3 competitions and soccer.

It was noted that the fence project at Town Park was expected to be finished and that the mini-golf course was being rejuvenated. The pool valve was to be opened in May and the water filled at the pool so it could open by the first weekend in June.

Miscellaneous

Councilman Audia reported that no bids had been received for the new generators at Town Hall and the Town Garage at that time.

Bookkeeper to the Supervisor Lois Petrone reported all of the work in her department was in order and that all monthly administrative and departmental reports were received and filed.

Petrone's report was followed by Town Clerk and Tax Collector Mary Alex, who reported the TOW website was still being updated. The town was also replying to Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests. She added Transfer Station permits for 2021-22 are also available.

The next Town Board meeting is set for Thursday, June 10, at 6 p.m. on Zoom. For more information or to access the link, go to www.washingtonny.org or call 845-677-3419.

Millbrook commemorates Memorial Day



A Marine veteran, New York City Retired Fire Chief Daniel Daly has twice been awarded the Medal of Honor. He also spent several months at Ground Zero after the tragedy of 9/11. Daly spoke of the 1.3 million Americans who have given their lives to serving this country.



Millbrook Troop 31 Scout Leader Mike Herzog, left, and Boy Scout Council 31 Leader Ed Olson, far right, participated in this year's Memorial Day ceremony. The Scouts play an important part in the annual event in Millbrook. Here is Troop 31 at the Tribute Garden on Monday, May 31.

PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Rotary Club holds dinner at Town Park

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WASHINGTON — With perfect weather and a sense of returning to normal after 14 months of suffering through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Millbrook Rotary Club held a dinner meeting on Wednesday, May 19, at the Washington Town Park. About 45 people attended, sharing fellowship, a little business and some excellent food from the Millbrook Café.

One highlight of the evening occurred when outgoing Millbrook Rotary President Mona Staaf-Gunther was presented with a handsome gavel in appreciation for her outstanding service to the Rotary, having served in office since July of 2018. New president, longtime Rotarian Jan Miller, will take office on June 30.

For just about 50 years, the Millbrook Rotary Club has been an active force for good works. It began as an all-male organization, but eventually women were invited to join. While many think the organization is mostly devoted to international world causes, Rotarian groups do much good in the United States and in their own communities.

Rotary District 7210, the local group, meets weekly and has some outstanding speakers who discuss any number of relevant topics.

The Rotarians have worked on many community projects, such as providing school supplies over the last six years to both elementary and secondary schools in Millbrook and Amenia, donating paper, notebooks, writing utensils and other educational necessities to at least 75 students in Millbrook, and to even more students in the Webutuck school district. Those children in need are identified by school personnel, but all donations are kept confidential.

The Rotary Club also bestows scholarships to local students each year. Scholarships are based on merit, character, leadership and commitment, and are given to Millbrook High School seniors. One scholarship is given specifically to a student who best exemplifies service to the community.

The William and Mary Hasbrouck Scholarship is awarded to a student who is entering a career in environmental or agricultural studies or the teaching profession, honoring the Hasbroucks, who were Rotarians devoted to conservation of the environment and to education.

The Vol Mason Scholarship is given to a BOCES student who has excelled in the program, in honor of Vol Mason, a former superintendent of the Millbrook school district, who encouraged students to attend BOCES, believing that there are many ways to learn and

earn an education. The Rotary is aided by counselors and a shop teacher in choosing a recipient.

Other good works done by the Rotary include it helping a 4-H Club member travel from Millbrook to Austria in 2018 to study farming there. This past year it also gave out thousands of masks to local food pantries and other groups, and helped sponsor the Interact Program at Millbrook High School.

The crowning glory of the 34 member Rotary Club is the Millbrook Business Directory it produces, which includes listings for all of Dutchess County and the northwest corner of Litchfield, Conn. The directory provides a means for local businesses to advertise, providing many entities year-long opportunities for attracting customers. The directory is free and widely distributed. Advertising in the directory also connects advertisers to the Rotary, and in turn, to all of their good works, local and abroad.

The Millbrook Rotary is also engaged in the effort to eradicate



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

From left, Treasurer of the Pleasant Valley Rotary Kathy Kruger; Past District Governor Cindie Kish; Assistant District Governor Maureen Gates; President of the Pleasant Valley Rotary David Kruger; outgoing Millbrook Rotary President Mona Staaf-Gunther; and Rotary District Governor Elect Mike Polasek at the Rotary dinner on May 19.

polio, to provide shelter and supplies in times of disasters, and in the recovery efforts following disasters. Advertising through the

Rotary Club enables it to continue to do its good works.

To learn more, go to www.millbrookrotary.org.

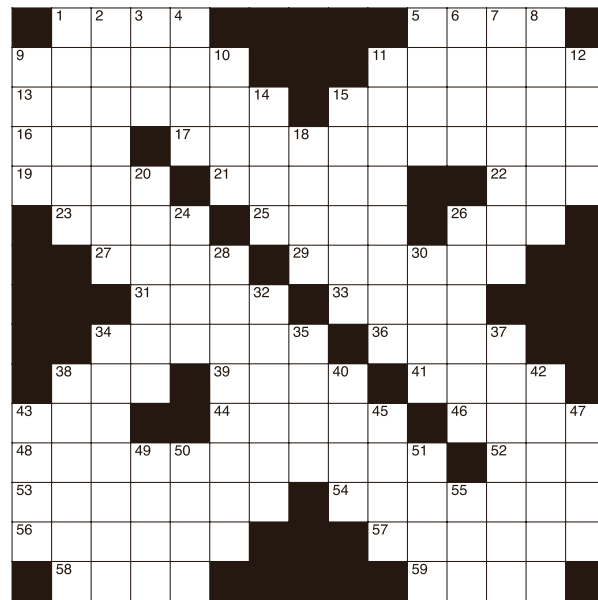
Brain Teasers

CLUES ACROSS

- Partner to "flows"
- French industrial city
- Diagrams
- Diplomat
- Hires
- Hawaiian island
- Set aflame
- Very happy
- Blue dye
- Small terrier with short legs
- One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- Northern pike genus
- Expression of annoyance
- Female deer
- Casella and Kellerman are two
- Actor's lines to audience
- Days (Spanish)
- Close a person's eyes
- Cloaked
- Comedic actor Rogan
- It's all around us
- Neutralizes alkalies
- Native people of New Mexico
- No seats available
- Famed "Air Music" composer
- Fit of irritation
- Psychic phenomena
- Knicks' first-rounder Toppin
- Seed used in cooking
- "WandaVision" actress Hahn
- Samples food
- In a lucid way
- Stair part
- Adieux

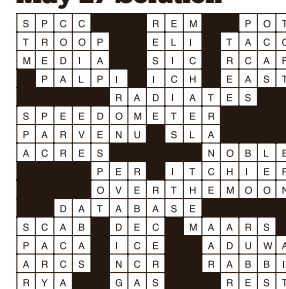
CLUES DOWN

- Type of moth
- A Christian sacrament
- It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
- Turn away
- Impersonal
- Shortly
- Indigenous Alaskans
- Subtle difference of meaning
- Sicilian city
- Put in harmony
- Administrative divisions
- As happily
- Horse mackerel
- Muddy or boggy ground
- Monetary unit of Italy
- Construction site machine
- 22
- Tracts at the mouths of rivers
- Earnings

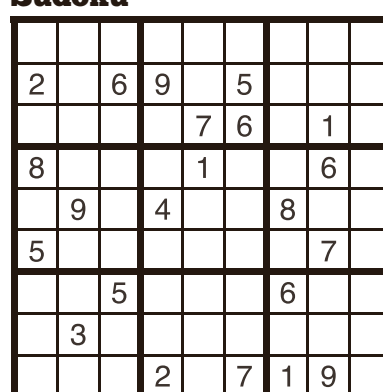


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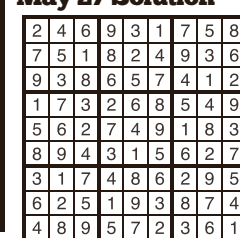
May 27 Solution



Sudoku



May 27 Solution



Level: Intermediate

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Library's Community Conversations

The Millbrook Library will be holding a series of 90-minute Community Conversations with groups of residents. The first session was at the library on June 1.

The second talk will be on

Millbrook Library offers art in June

On Saturday, June 5, at 10 a.m. on the library lawn, join local artist June Glasson and poet Abbey Gallagher to create your own personal domestic banner using antique embroidered fabrics, as a part of the library's Summer Art Series. This is an in-person art class, but patrons who would like to participate remotely may. Participants, both in-person and remote, will be provided with materials.

Gallagher will also lead a short writing session for folks needing help with text for their banner.

For more information, go to www.millbrooklibrary.org.

Thursday, June 3, from 6 to 8 p.m., on Zoom.

The third talk will be on Tuesday, June 8, from 3 to 5 p.m., at Grace Church, 3328 Franklin Ave.

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

The fifth talk will be on Saturday, June 12, from noon to 2 p.m., at The Fountains at Millbrook, 79 Flint Road.

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EDITORIAL

Memorial Day 2021

Commemorating Memorial Day during the era of the COVID-19 pandemic hasn't been easy for the Harlem Valley. Last year, 2020, during the height of the health crisis, not all of our towns and villages even held their annual traditional ceremonies for fear of spreading the highly contagious and potentially fatal respiratory virus among its residents. Those communities that did hold events held extremely abbreviated ones, requiring face masks and social distancing and limiting the number of people who could attend. Memorial Day is a solemn holiday to begin with; commemorating it in the midst of a global pandemic is even more so.

This year Memorial Day fell on May 31, 2021. The United States is thankfully seeing its number of daily reported coronavirus cases, hospitalizations and deaths drop in most states, including here in New York.

As reported last week, Dutchess County is among those counties in the Empire State where active cases have lessened. As of Tuesday, June 1, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health reported it's monitoring 140 active cases in the county and confirmed there are four total individuals hospitalized in Dutchess County with a confirmed case of COVID-19, as reported by the three hospitals. That is indeed wonderful and encouraging news — for more reasons than we can even begin to lay out in a single editorial.

One reason, though, is that our collective improved health has allowed communities throughout the Harlem Valley to properly remember and thank the many hundreds of thousands of men and women who so valiantly served in the Armed Forces but tragically died in battle since the Revolutionary War ended; hundreds of thousands more have sadly died from non-combat related causes.

Troops who served — regardless of their branch of military — regardless of when and where they served — and truly regardless of whether they ever saw battle — stepped forward to serve their country — *our country* — to protect each and every one of us. Many of them did not make it back home. For that, we owe them our sincerest gratitude.

We are so pleased that our Harlem Valley towns and villages and all of those who live here lent their support to our American Legions and VFWs as they once again organized their traditional Memorial Day ceremonies this year. Sure, even this year some of the activities might have been curtailed somewhat due to the pandemic, as the virus remains a threat and everyone's priority continues to be to protect their communities. We certainly understand the concern and appreciate the actions organizers took to keep us all safe.

What really made us smile this Memorial Day, though, was seeing so many folks come out to thank those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice. We also want to thank the local families who lost brothers, fathers, husbands, wives, sisters and mothers, yet continue to hold on to their memories of those real-life heroes who never made it back. In serving, they ended up protecting what we have all come to know and love as our Harlem Valley home in the good 'ole US of A — the one country we can all count on to protect us at home and abroad while defending our fundamental American rights of liberty, free speech, freedom of religion, due process of law and freedom of assembly — rights not all other nations believe in or provide.

And to those veterans who blessedly did return from the many battlefields over the years, we have two simple but heartfelt words for you this Memorial Day and everyday: Thank you.

Should Trump be banned from Facebook, Twitter?

"Not freedom for the thought of those who agree with us, but freedom for the thought that we hate."

IF YOU ASK ME

Dick Ahles

This profound observation on free speech by the great American jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes has exceptions, which Holmes made clear in another First Amendment decision by noting that "speech that is false and dangerous is not protected" and no one is permitted the freedom of "shouting 'fire' in a crowded theater, causing panic."

The Holmes remarks came to mind when pondering the decision by Facebook and Twitter to ban former President Trump indefinitely after he inspired a crowd to storm the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

Holmes' words on the thoughts we hate are from a dissenting opinion in a 1929 Supreme Court decision that blocked the citizenship application of a Hungarian immigrant named Rosika Schwimmer.

Schwimmer, in applying for the application, revealed that as a pacifist, she would not be willing to take up arms in defense of the United States. Even though Americans then, as now, had the right to conscientiously object to military service, the majority ruled that Schwimmer did not enjoy a citizen's rights.

Over the years, Holmes' ideas about limits on free speech had evolved. In 1919, he was part of a unanimous Court finding that the distribution of anti-draft leaflets represented a clear and present danger to government recruitment in wartime. He even likened the leafletting to falsely shouting fire in a theater.

But when wartime fever subsided, Holmes had second thoughts; in another leaflets case aimed at Russian immigrants supporting the Bolshevik Revolution he wrote, "A silly leaflet by unknown men," he wrote, was not a clear and present danger to the nation and "should not be illegal."

So how does all of this judicial thinking apply to the facts surrounding Trump's loss of the use of Facebook and Twitter because of the role his words played in inciting the Jan. 6 insurrection?

This final act of Trump's tumultuous presidency resulted in death and destruction when his supporters attacked the Capitol while



Apocalypse now?

There is an ongoing discussion around the world — and I listen in to at least four language broadcasts outside of the USA — about whether mankind is about to terminate all life on this planet — sooner or later. Some of the arguments follow a well-beaten path, like the BBC's headline: "The seemingly insatiable human tendency to consume is changing our planet and the life on it, but can we change our behavior?" Others, like the German broadcaster Deutsche Welle, wonder if the poor science being extrapolated regarding feeding the world's hungry will lead to increased oil dependence on fertilizers over natural, organic, farming, which cannot currently feed enough of the planet.

The Russian radio services have carried reminders of their Russian Academy of Sciences report — which Ted Turner brought back to the U.S. in the early '80s — which predicted that within 50 years life as we know it will be changed irreversibly for the worse. That same report predicted a sea level rise of 2 meters over this century, irreversible change once we hit the mid 2030s at the current rate of pollution and CO2 emissions. Gone would be towns, cities, transportation and ports linked to coastal areas, affecting 65% of all the world's populations. Think COVID was bad? COVID is like a cold compared to that possible devastation.

Oh, and Ted gave that Russian report to our National Academy of Sciences. They studied it, ran the data through NCAR in Boulder and

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

predicted that the exponential growth of CO2 emissions proved the Russian 50-year prediction wrong. It could be as little as 35 years unless we did something to fix the problem. Was that finding ever publicly reported? At his deserved Sasakawa Award Ceremony in '97 Ted crudely assured me that the White House would always prevent that. "They can't stop sucking at the oil teat."

Meanwhile some African broadcasters are continually beating a warning drum: Pestilence (like this year's Kenya's locust invasion, which ate 40% of that nation's food in just weeks), famine returning to sub-Saharan nations and, always, new (small and as yet contained) Ebola outbreaks in West African countries.

In the end, all of these messages carry doom and gloom that our media here want to avoid. Gloom and doom don't sell pop soda, happy new cars or "new and improved" breakfast cereal. As I said to GM Chairman Mr. Smith in '88 when he had proudly pushed back on cars' emission standards with WH help, "Long term, if we're all dead, who will you be selling cars to?" He brushed me off as radical. Which I was trying to be, to be honest.

Here's an interesting simple fact: If the USA, currently responsible for 17% of the worldwide CO2 emissions, switched to sustainable ener-

Vaccines for homebound seniors

Tens of thousands of Dutchess County seniors have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, but a key task remains — getting the vaccine to seniors who, because of disability or frailty, cannot get to a traditional vaccine site, pop-up clinic or doctor's office.

Here's the challenge being met by the Office for the Aging (OFA) and our public health nurses who administer the vaccine to homebound seniors: All the vaccines being used come in multi-dose vials. Once a vial of vaccine is opened, there's only a short window before

GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

the entire vial is spoiled, about two hours in most cases. Accounting for the 15 minutes we wait with a senior after each shot is administered, plus travel time between seniors' homes, keeping spoiled vaccine to a minimum requires a mix of pinpoint planning, proximity... and good luck on the roads. We're happy to report we've been maximizing our opportunities to immunize Dutchess County seniors against this potentially deadly virus.

Vaccinating homebound seniors is necessarily more time-consuming than a trip to a vaccination site, so we continue to encourage seniors who are able to travel to a vaccine site to continue using that option when available. Ultimately, this is the way we'll get the vaccine fastest to all Dutchess County seniors for whom it's recommended.

If you're 60-plus and still need vaccination, or if you have questions about the vaccination process, we're here to listen and help you protect yourself and the people close to you. Please contact the Office for the Aging at 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov.

In-person senior events returning in 2021?

"We hope so" is the short answer to the question Dutchess County seniors have asked us about the Office for the Aging's many programs aimed at improving seniors' social engagement: the county's eight Senior Friendship Centers, events like the Senior Prom, and many more — including our annual Senior Picnic program.

The 2021 Senior Picnic season will remain in drive-thru format, but we're keeping our eyes on opportunities for more in-person contact. At any picnic venue where there's sufficient parking and outdoor seating, there will be an option available for seniors to remain on-site with their to-go meals. If you have questions for OFA staff, it's a lot easier to ask when you're seated at a picnic table instead of in a car.

The full picnic schedule is at www.dutchessny.gov/OFApicnics.

If you're a senior who hasn't saved your place at a Senior Picnic, call the Office for the Aging to arrange a pick-up time. We mail out save-the-date reminder cards a few weeks before each picnic, but you can make a reservation without having a card.

For seniors who like the physical safety of the drive-thru format, we're exploring the possibility of keeping a grab-n-go option for the 2022 season.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging Director Todd N. Tancredi. He can be reached by phone at 845-486-2555, by email at ofa@dutchessny.gov or via the website at www.dutchessny.gov/aging.

gy (solar, wind, tidal and, yes, nuclear) away from gas and oil, which would also mean all cars, trucks, trains and planes became carbon-neutral (electrification and swap-for-trees policies), then we'd drop our CO2 emissions by 85%. If we lead the way, much as China is doing with electric cars (65% of all new cars sold in China are now electric), then the world would have to follow. We could fix this problem, create new industries right here and now. Not \$12/hour jobs, either.

However, to get started, people have to listen to science, heed people across the planet doing real evaluation on the dangers we all face. Let's start with winning the hearts and minds of all the folks who live near a coastal region and show them animations of what's coming if we don't reform. Let's put doom and gloom images of starving families in Asia and Africa and South America and Central America back leading the news — not to depress us, but to make us wake up to start fixing the problem.

The strange thing about all this is that uniquely the USA is best placed, strong enough, resilient enough, smart enough, talented enough to solve this problem. Like our entry into WWII, all was lost until we came to the battle. Now is the time for a similar effort. Yes, it is in our own interest, but also because — here's the message — there is ONLY ONE EARTH. Where else you gonna go?

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time to speak out, even for Donald Trump.

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