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On Sunday, Dec. 20, Friends of the Irondale Schoolhouse President and Founder Ralph Fedele mimicked how he rang the schoolhouse bell for the seventh anniversary of the schoolhouse’s move to the head of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail on Main Street during a minutes-long ceremony held the day before, which no one attended due to the intense cold and nor’easter that had struck days earlier.

Irondale Schoolhouse celebrates seventh year

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MILLERTON — Seven years ago, on Dec. 19, 2013, The Friends of The Irondale Schoolhouse (TFIS) accomplished what many believed was an impossible feat: It oversaw the move of the 1858 Irondale Schoolhouse in two separate pieces from the Irondale section of the town of North East on Route 22 two miles south to the entrance of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail off of Millerton’s Main Street.

“We had to take the roof off, we had to go under all the wires on Route 22, we had to move carefully with the braces and structure when we moved the building on two flat bed trailers,” explained TFIS President and Founder Ralph Fedele in an interview with The Millerton News about the seventh anniversary of that treacherous move. “It was a team effort... First we had to box the building, without a rod, and second we carried the schoolhouse roof,

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Dutchess County releases report on police reform

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DUTCHESS COUNTY — The Dutchess County Police Reform and Modernization Collaborative released a report last week on police reform after a year of social unrest and Black Lives Matter protests, which followed in the wake of the death of George Floyd, the Minneapolis Black man who was killed on May 25 by a former white cop.

The comprehensive report was released on Monday, Dec. 14, as a guide for Dutchess County municipalities required to create their own police reform plans, as per Governor

Andrew Cuomo’s Executive Order that must be met by April 1, 2021 — or risk losing state funding.

Cuomo’s “New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative” was issued this past June, after which Dutchess County assembled a group of community stakeholders to create a unified, county-wide law enforcement plan. The Collaborative was created for the two-fold purpose of developing a plan to help guide local municipalities that have their own police agencies to modernize and to create a framework for the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Of-

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Talk of the Towne Deli deals with vandalism, mask flak

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MILLERTON — Three days after an article was published in The Millerton News about the Talk of the Towne Deli flatly stating that it does not support Governor Andrew Cuomo’s mask mandate despite the coronavirus pandemic — and that it was fined three months ago by the Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH) after a customer anonymously called in a tip of a deli worker violating that mandate (which prompted the deli to now enforce the mandate) — the deli’s business sign has been vandalized.

The blame game

Initially, deli co-owner Mary Ho-

sier blamed The Millerton News for its Dec. 10 front page article and editorial on its anti-mask stance, a hostile verbal exchange that occurred between a customer who was wearing a mask and a customer who was not and concerns from a recovering COVID patient and former deli customer concerned the deli wasn’t endorsing basic science.

“So I have always promised myself that I would never air out my issues and dirty laundry on social media,” posted Hosier on Facebook on Dec. 14. “But here I am with a heavy heart. As per The Millerton News this has happened...”

The response to the newspaper’s coverage was massive. Facebook “blew up,” according to North East town Su-

pervisor Chris Kennan during a casual conversation about the issue. Kennan said the topic had been a popular one around town for some time.

Facebook feedback

As of Wednesday, Dec. 16, Hosier’s personal Facebook page had more than 130 shares and more than 97 emojis regarding her post about the deli’s sign and the mask issue, and many customers and friends supported after comments posted on social media accounts around the Tri-state region criticizing the deli co-owner for her beliefs and actions.

The gist of comments on Hosier’s page were positive. Since then, numer-

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There is still time to help Adopt-a-Family for Christmas

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — ‘Twas the week before Christmas, and Stacey Moore could barely contain her enthusiasm as she described the fantastic support the Adopt-a-Family program has received in a year when it looked as though there might be many an empty stocking come Christmas morning.

Traditionally many donations came in the form of hundreds of toys that donors would purchase as part of

their own holiday traditions, but in an effort to keep everyone safe from the COVID-19 virus, Moore and her group of volunteers had made the difficult decision to close down the distribution center at the North Pole at Century Boulevard’s Library Annex, the site of hundreds of donated toys and warm clothes for children in local school districts.

Instead, families are being given gift cards to allow them to purchase toys and other essential items on their own. Moore was worried the response

might not be quite the same, but she need not have worried as donors — from Millerton to across the Connecticut border to New York City — all came through, just as they have for the past quarter of a century.

Equestrian Louise Meryman’s Merry Band of Adopters donated in cash what they would normally have spent supporting 60 families; school children from the Salisbury Central School in neighboring Connecticut

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Fire departments join The Santa Express

Members of the Lakeville Hose Company and the Millerton Fire Department treated residents of Noble Horizons in Salisbury, Conn., to a holiday parade of lights featuring Santa and Mrs. Claus on Friday, Dec. 18. Santa Claus also visited children in that town last week.



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Millbrook, Washington, fare well following nor'easter

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The village of Millbrook received 15 inches of snow during the nor'easter on Wednesday, Dec. 16, and Thursday, Dec. 17, with few glitches and its snow removal went well, according to all reports.

In talking to Millbrook Highway Superintendent Bob Collocola, he said the Highway Department was able to clean up village streets with few issues.

One hiccup that did occur involved the sidewalk snow plow. Thursday morning a message was emailed to the Village Board and posted on its website announcing that village sidewalks could not be cleared due to the sidewalk plow breaking down. However, by early afternoon another announcement appeared.

"Thanks to Reardon Briggs Lawn and Garden Equipment for the quick turn around," it read, posted by Collocola. "The sidewalk plow is back in service! The sidewalks are being cleared. We want to thank our residents for being patient and understanding. Crisis averted!"

Sidewalks were quickly cleared for holiday shoppers along Franklin Avenue and other village streets.

"It was a heavy snow, but all sidewalks were cleared and the

streets were open fairly quickly," said Collocola.

Village snow ordinances do not allow parking on village streets; obstruction of snow removal and street cleaning is prohibited from Dec. 1 through March 31 between the hours of 1 and 6 a.m.

Town of Washington Highway Department Supervisor Joseph Spagnola also said the town's snow removal efforts went well.

"Fine," he said, "no real problems. It was slightly blinding. We lost a few hoses and windshields."

The town's highway crew went out three separate times to clear the snow in an effort to keep the roads clear.

Spagnola added the town's salt shed is on the small side, and that crews used a good portion of the de-icing materials that were being stored there. Crews salted and sanded town roads, but the highway supervisor pointed out that the town currently uses less salt and more sand than it previously did, which is better for the roads as it is less corrosive.

Spagnola also pointed out that the town has been fortunate that it hasn't had any cases of COVID-19 within the Highway Department, so that in weather emergencies like last week's



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Millbrook Police Officer Kelly Aliusio and other officers from the force worked with the Millbrook fire department to clear snow from fire hydrants throughout the village.

nor'easter it can have all hands on deck.

The Millbrook Highway Department handles the village streets while the Town of Washington Highway Department takes care of the rest of the roads, except for Franklin Avenue, routes 44 and 344, which are state roads and therefore

maintained by New York State.

The Millbrook police and fire departments cleared snow away from fire hydrants, which property owners are supposed to do but often forget to. The two entities worked together for several hours clearing hydrants in the village.

Birds of a feather are rescued together, by former local student

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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PLEASANT VALLEY — At the age of 19, Tiffany Bellissimo is now attending SUNY Cobleskill. She was formerly a student in the Millbrook Central School District, although she was homeschooled. Now, at Cobleskill, she is on the Dean's list and still finds the time and energy to run Dreaming of a Chance, a 501(C)3 nonprofit animal rescue that gives permanent home to animals, nowadays mostly to the feathered variety. It currently houses chickens, ducks, a turkey, and five pigeons.

The sanctuary is located on the Lilymoore Alpaca Farm, at 21 Moore Road in Pleasant Valley, about six miles outside of Millbrook. Lilymoore is a restored 1840s farm where Bellissimo's family has 25 alpacas, as well as geese, a llama, another turkey, horses, cats, a dog and even a pet pig. Many of the animals are rescues. However, Lilymoore Farm and Dreaming of a Chance are separate entities. An earlier article was printed on the animal res-



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Dressed for the holidays, Tiffany Bellissimo, founder of the Dreaming of a Chance Animal Sanctuary, posed with three roosters at her sanctuary: Uncle Al, Henry and A.J.

cue in The Millerton News in October of this year; this is a follow-up to that article.

"We love all of our rescues," Bellissimo said, "and make sure they all receive love and proper care. Each and every one of them has a unique and distinct personality, which makes spending time with them all the more fun."

Once at the sanctuary, the animals stay forever.

"My family and I have been rescuing animals for years," she said, adding her family helps run the sanctuary while she's away at school.

The goal, she said, is to "save unwanted, abandoned and neglected farm animals... [provide] a permanent home, good food, veterinary care and lots of love [and] the opportunity to educate people about the proper care of animals [and how to] stop cruelty and neglect."

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

When steel meets blade, and master craftsman Greg Cimms, a world-class knife results

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Greg Cimms admits that he has always been passionate about, well, many things: cooking, art, fishing and music. Two of those things, his cooking and his art, helped to create his interest and talent in forging, and making knives that not only work, but are works of art.

Cimms wanted to make better tools to be used in his chosen profession: the culinary arts. Cimms is a professional chef, and also a knife maker. Good tools enable a chef to enjoy good food preparation that much more.

Cimms was a chef at Charlotte's in Millbrook for 10 years, and he still chefs there once in

a while, just for the pure enjoyment of cooking. So he knows the importance of having really good knives when preparing food. That knowledge got him interested in forging, and in 2013, just seven years ago, he learned how to forge — he basically taught himself.

He started out in his dad's garage, and in 2015 he moved to a space at Arrowsmith Forge on Route 44 in the town of Washington, where his reputation as a talented blade smith grew.

Cimms now belongs to The American Bladesmith Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education and the revival of the art and craft of the forged blade. He is a journeyman smith going for his master's. He is already garnering much praise for his craft, and

in 2019 he won the category of Best Chef's Knife at the Damascus Steel Invitational in Atlanta, Ga., with an Odin Heim™ Star Wars inspired knife.

While cooking and learning to forge, Cimms remained devoted to his family: his wife, Kelly, and his children, Avriana, 12, and Evelyn, 4. Having been raised in Millbrook, he is happy to see his girls attending the same schools he attended. Evelyn is a student at the Grace Church pre-school, where Cimms also went as a child.

He loves to talk about what he does.

"Any knife I make is art," he said.

And looking at the array of knives he has created, one would have to agree. Beautiful, but also highly functional. Both the blade and the handle start out with raw materials and are worked until they meet Cimms' high standards. His finest work, he said, is his custom knife forged from Damascus steel, also known as patterned mosaic steel.

Cimms said he finds the most exciting part of his creations is when he gets to the point when

he can start the etching.

"It shows me," he said, "where each knife's personality will come to the surface."

Every blade is different, one of a kind. The show room at Arrowsmith Forge is at 3788 Route 44, but Cimms' work can be seen online. His custom-made knives

are not cheap and they take four to six months to arrive, but once done, it's a chef's dream.

Cimms sells his knives Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on weekends by appointment only. For more, go to www.gcknives.com or call 845-475-7220.



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Greg Cimms, blade smith, is a custom knife maker and chef. Here he is hard at work at his forge in Millbrook.

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First blast of winter weather hits the region

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The village of Millerton got its one minute of fame, thanks to the nor'easter that blew through town on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec 16 and 17. Meteorologist Janice Huff of NBC's Channel 4 out of New York City reported on Thursday that the beast dumped 23 inches of snow on the village, second to Hopewell Junction, with the top number of 25-plus inches.

The amount, verified by a weather map of the National Weather Service for the State of New York, prompted Governor Andrew Cuomo to declare a State of Emergency for 18 counties, including Dutchess.

Speed limits were lowered throughout the Empire State and speed and various travel restrictions were imposed, including on tractor trailers.

Locally, the storm led to long, late and cold hours with miles of clearing provided by heroic crews under the direction of North East Highway Superintendent Robert Stevens and Millerton Highway Supervisor Coleman Lawrence.

While area residents slept, the experts battled a steady snowfall of approximately 2 inches per hour, with occasional heavy winds complicating the process.

Others pros dealt with the depths off road. Arthur Tanner III, who first began clearing properties with his now-retired father, Art Tanner Jr., has been at it "for way too long," he said.

"I'm not one of those guys who goes out with a tape measure, but I know it was a heap of snow," he said. "That's all I think of."

Tanner added that considering the enormous amount of snowfall, things could have been worse.

"But it was nice plowing light snow," he said. "It came off really easily, and the ground was frozen so

didn't rip it up too much."

Tanner knew people were prepared for the worst with snow shovels and generators, but he was pleased the area was spared the heavy sort of snow that can develop in the spring and cause havoc with trees, downed wires and power outages.

Although the snow, which Tanner estimated to be more than he has dealt with over the past two years, cleared throughout Thursday, much of the storm's aftermath continued for days more.

"I was working for three days on roofs and making paths around houses in case someone needed to get in there for an emergency," he said.

North East resident John Brunese said he had been out cleaning up for nearly half a day following the Nor'easter, and had about 14 inches of snow at his home, despite the numbers calculated by meteorologist Huff.

"[I had] heard about 23 inches in Millerton," he said, noting Winchell Mountain reportedly got hit with high totals. "The ski resorts must be very happy."

"It was very big, very early into winter and it will certainly take considerable rain or warm temps or both to see it all go away," he continued, adding the highway workers who help clear the roadways for the town and village provide an essential service for local residents and businesses — especially important as everyone is dealing with the pandemic. "As for the town crew, under all that's going on, I think they have done a great job keeping up; it's a lot of man hours for them to get it all done."

Brunese concluded with a thought that many residents who were out there with their shovels and snowblowers likely had on their minds, as it's only the end of December and there are many long months of the season left to contend with.

"It's going to be long winter," he said.

Millerton mourns the loss of one of its matriarchs, Marian Smith

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MILLERTON — A person with a willingness to help those in need is indeed a treasure, but to find someone who has a genuine investment in their community and goes the extra mile to connect with friends, loved ones and strangers alike is a rarity. Marian (Shea) Smith, a longtime Millerton resident and owner of the former Thriftique, was known in the community for doing all of the above, and residents were saddened to learn of her passing on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Smith was in her 90s when she died.

Born in Brooklyn, Smith took up residence in Dumont, N.J., Sidney Center and Rockville Centre, N.Y., among other places, before she landed in Millerton. A 1944 graduate of South Side High School in Rockville Centre, she married Stanley Smith in June of 1945, and the couple's first years of marriage took them to Millerton, Long Beach and Levittown, N.Y., before they returned to Millerton in the 1960s and set up a home for their family on Mill Road.

In the 65 years that Smith resided in the area, she was heavily involved, whether she was writing the weekly "Cracker Barrel Chatter" column for The Millerton News, attending church at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia or participating in the Foreign Student Exchange Program at Webutuck High School.

Having been among those involved in the 1972 founding of the North East Historical Society, Smith previously served as both president and on its Board of Directors.

Smith was a recipient of the Millerton Lions Club's Citizen of the Year award in 2007 and was presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award from the North East Historical Society in 2014 for her role as a "champion of local history."

"Like many before her who became important members of our community, Marian Shea Smith was not born here," said Ed Downey, president of the North East Historical Society. "She came here as a young bride who over time made lasting friendships, helped raise a family and made important contributions to our community. She believed one should be involved in one's community and her sense of civic engagement has made Millerton a better place. She has left us all an invaluable legacy: The gift of good example."

Indeed, Smith's generosity, kindness and interest in the community was a source of inspiration to local residents as well as to her family, many of whom have since become involved in civic life. Her late husband once served as president of the North East Historical Society and had worked as the village building inspector. Smith's late daughter, Mariley (Smith) Najdek, once served as a village trustee and later as mayor of Millerton; she helped establish the North East Fire District and was a founding member of both the North East Community Center (NECC) and the Adopt-a-Family program. Smith's granddaughter, Jennifer Najdek, served for years as Millerton's recreation director and is now a village trustee. Donald Najdek, Jennifer's brother and another of Smith's grandchildren, served on the village's Recreation Commission for five



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A 65-year village resident and the owner of the former consignment store, Thriftique, Marian Smith passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 15, while in her 90s.

years. Public service runs in their blood, it seems.

Smith also gave back to the community by opening the consignment store, Thriftique. Donald explained that Thriftique began when Smith went to visit his mother, Mariley, who was then center director at the Astor Head Start-Millerton Day Care. As people used to donate clothes to the center, Najdek said his mother was often overwhelmed by the number of donations.

His grandmother suggested a consignment shop could streamline the process and then donate the proceeds. Thus Thriftique was born, operating first on South Center Street (where the NECC playground is now) and then at 22 Main St., where the

T-Shirt Farm now stands.

Admiring the tremendous work his grandmother did, Donald noted that Smith ran Thriftique on top of working as a full-time healthcare aide at Noble Horizons at Salisbury, Conn.

"I have always admired my mom's strength and independence," said Smith's son, Michael Smith, of Millerton. "She surrounded herself with friends and family and even considered those who didn't have family nearby as part of hers."

His son, Dustin Smith, of Seattle, Wash., agreed.

"She did a lot for all of us and the community," he said "She always treated new people as if they could be potential family and I think she got a lot of that

through Thriftique. She talked to anyone who came in there and built really strong relationships."

After talking with Smith's loved ones, many of her family members spoke with deep appreciation about her wit, her passion for art, her love of cooking and hosting parties and her social calendar teeming with tea and lunch dates with friends and family members. As a grandmother, Smith idolized her grandchildren, said daughter-in-law Cindy Dietter-Smith, adding she was known on their college campuses as the "Cookie Grandma" for the batches of cookies she baked and sent their way.

Donald Najdek recalled a story about fishing up and down the stream of the Ten Mile River before he eventually ended up on Mill Road, where Smith would make him lunch. Dustin Smith talked about the shoeboxes he kept over the years containing letters from his grandmother.

"It's one of the best memories I have of her, is how much effort she put into connecting with all of us," he said, "and it's really nice when someone tries to put that effort in and get to know who you are."

"I've been fortunate to have two strong female role models in my life — my mother and my grandmother," Jennifer Najdek said.

Considering the lessons her grandmother passed on to her, Najdek said she was taught to always listen without judgment.

"She never really gave advice and I think that's the best lesson I could take away from her," she said. "It really wasn't so much [giving] advice as to always be there to listen."



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Cookingham graduates

Basic Training

Troi Hunter Cookingham, a lifelong resident of Millerton and 2019 graduate of Webutuck High School, was studying criminal justice at Columbia Greene Community College and on the baseball team until he enlisted and went to Basic Combat Training on Sept. 15. He graduated from Basic Training with the United States Army on Friday, Dec. 4, from Fort Sill, Okla.



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Susan Gyasi-Twum Flinn

MILLERTON — Susan Gyasi-Twum Flinn, of Norwalk, Conn., passed away Dec. 9, 2020, at Stamford Hospital following a courageous fight with breast cancer. She was born in Sharon, on June 21, 1961, and was one of three children born to Russell Flinn Sr. and Shirley (Meissner) Flinn.

Susan grew up in Millerton, where she attended elementary school and ultimately graduated from Webutuck Central School in Amenia in 1979. Susan pursued further educational studies and graduated with a BBA degree in accounting from Western Connecticut in Danbury, Conn., in 1983. She began her professional career in 1984 as a cash administrator at ABB in White Plains, N.Y. She worked at ABB for three years before accepting a position at Fortune Brands (formerly American Brands) in Old Greenwich in 1987. Susan worked at Fortune Brands for over nine years, taking on key roles in Cash Management, Corporate Finance and Corporate Development during her tenure. She left Fortune Brands in 1997 as a Senior Financial Analyst to join Blyth Inc, in Greenwich, where she managed the company's strategic planning process and investor relations. Susan spent nearly 20 years at Blyth and left in 2016, as the company relocated to Massachusetts. At that point, she was a Senior Manager.

She moved away from Corporate America to accept a Financial Analyst role at a non-profit organization (Inspirica) in Stamford, Conn., in 2016. Susan really enjoyed her work at Inspirica as she was actively involved in managing the finances for the company's homeless shelters. She worked at Inspirica until earlier this year, when her cancer made her unable to work.

Susan's true passion was her love of animals, particularly dogs. In this regard, she volunteered at PAWS (Pet Animal Welfare Society) in Norwalk, starting in 1995. She rose to be the president of the organization and a member of the Board of Directors shortly after 2000. More recently, she adopted a rescue dog (Lucky), whom she loved dearly.

Susan also had a passion for family. She was particularly close with her parents, her two siblings and her nephews and nieces. They would all meet,

particularly at Thanksgiving and Christmas, to celebrate as a family. She met her husband-to-be, Kwab Gyasi-Twum in 1988, when she worked at Fortune Brands and Kwab worked at a subsidiary company (American Tobacco). The couple traveled very frequently, going to such getaways as Saint Croix, Jamaica, Aruba, Puerto Rico, Saint Maarten and the Bahamas. They finally decided to "settle down" with marriage in June 2001 but added a travel component with a private wedding ceremony on the "Big Island" in Hawaii. The couple was blessed with a son, Nicholas, in February 2005. Susan was totally devoted to her son and put in a great deal of effort to get him to basketball and football practices and games through the years.

Susan is survived by her devoted husband of 19 years, Kwab Gyasi-Twum; her beloved son, Nicholas Gyasi-Twum; her father, Russell Flinn Sr., and her mother, Shirley Flinn; her sister, Denise Lamont and husband, Kenneth Sr.; her brother, Russell Flinn Jr. and wife Donna; her uncle Keith Flinn and wife Ci; her niece, Kelly Roger and husband Keith; her nephew, Kenneth Lamont Jr. and wife Christina; her nieces, Alicia Bishop and husband Jason and Allison Flinn; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. Kwaku and Mrs. Nancy Gyasi-Twum (both predeceased), her sister-in-law, Gladys Asare and husband Kwabena (predeceased); her sister-in-law, Eileen Gyasi-Twum; her sister-in-law, Betty Demby and husband, Joe; and her brother-in-law, Kofi Gyasi-Twum and wife, Essie. And, we can't forget Lucky, who really misses her Mommy.

A celebration of Susan's life was held Dec. 19 at the Nicholas F. Cognetta Funeral Home & Crematory in Stamford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either PAWS (Pet Animal Welfare Society), 504 Main Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851; or Inspirica, Inc., 141 Franklin St., Stamford, CT 06901; or the Bennett Cancer Center, Stamford Hospital, One Hospital Plaza, Stamford, CT 06904.

To leave messages of sympathy and condolence for Susan's family go to her obituary posted on www.cognetta.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NicholasFCognettaFuneralHomeCrematory.

Timothy Granville Shaffer

MILLERTON — Timothy "Timmy" Granville Shaffer, 49, died unexpectedly on Dec. 8, 2020, at his residence in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

He was born Jan. 22, 1971, in Rhinebeck, N.Y., the son of Timothy George Shaffer and Lida Lee (Shook) Shaffer of Millerton.

Timothy grew up in Millerton and graduated from Webutuck High School, class of 1989. Following graduation, he was employed at Kimberly Clark and as an exterior painter.

He enjoyed baseball, especially the Yankees, and Ford Mustangs.

His greatest enjoyment and love was his dog "Blu." They were inseparable.

He was predeceased by his mother, Lida.

Surviving is his father, Timothy George Shaffer; his brothers, Jeremy Shaffer and spouse Nikita and Jason Shaffer and spouse Deidre; his daughters, Britney, Brooke and Nicole Shaffer; three grandchildren; three nieces; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Private arrangements for the immediate family will be held at a later date.

Marian (Shea) Smith

MILLERTON — Marian (Shea) Smith, 94, a 65-year resident of Millerton, died peacefully on Dec. 15, 2020, at Sharon Hospital, with family at her bedside.

Mrs. Smith worked as a health care aide at Noble Horizons for more than 20 years prior to her retirement.

Born Oct. 30, 1926, in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Marian (Scheurer) and Joseph Shea.

Following her graduation from high school she married Stanley G. Smith in Pennsylvania in 1945 and briefly resided in Long Island, N.Y., before moving to Millerton with their young family. They shared 50 years together before Mr. Smith's passing on July 30, 1995.

Over the course of six-plus decades in Millerton, Marian worked for Keuffel & Esser in Millerton and wrote a weekly column for The Millerton News. Her "Cracker Barrel" column focused on weekly events and happenings in and around Millerton and was enjoyed by many.

She was a Realtor for Scaderpane Realty in Millerton.

One of her proudest accomplishments was founding and operating Thriftique, a thrift shop in Millerton. She donated all the proceeds to the Astor Head Start-Millerton Day Care.

She was a longtime parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, and in her spare time volunteered with the Millerton Historical Society.

She will be dearly missed by

her loving family and her many friends throughout the village.

Marian is survived by her loving son, Michael C. Smith and his wife, Cindy Dietter-Smith of Millerton; her dear brother, Jim McElroy and his wife, Bonnie, of Hoschton, Ga.; her devoted grandchildren, Christopher S. Najdek, Jennifer M. Najdek, Donald P. Najdek and Dustin C. Smith and his girlfriend, Erin Gannon; her great-grandchildren, Lindsey, Emiley and Lily Najdek and their mother Renee, Spencer and Hannah Parks and their father Jamie Parks and Allegra and Nikka Najdek and their mother Kamilla, and Wilma Vigano, a foreign exchange student who became her "second daughter."

In addition to her parents and husband she was predeceased by her beloved daughter, Mariley Smith Najdek in 2014.

Graveside services and burial will take place at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton in 2021 and will be announced in The Millerton News and on the funeral home website. The Rev. Robert K. Wilson will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Historical Society, P.O. Box 727, Millerton, NY 12546; or Astor Head Start-Millerton Day Care, 11 Park St., Millerton, NY 12546.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence, send flowers or plant a tree in Marian's memory, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



OBITUARIES

Jean Krulis

LAKEVILLE — Jean Krulis, 83, died peacefully in her home on Dec. 16, 2020.

She was born May 1, 1937, in Queens, N.Y.

She is survived by her brothers, John Krulis of Hampton, Va., and Chuck Krulis and his partner, Peter Franceschetti, of Kingston, N.Y.; and by her beloved friend, Rosilyn Days. Her life partner, Demetra Silides, predeceased her.

She graduated from The Cooper Union's School of Art. She worked in New York City, in publishing, as a designer of children's books — most recently at Marshall Cavendish.

She was very active in the life of her churches: The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Manhattan (where she served as the treasurer for many years) and St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia Union (where she served on the

Vestry and volunteered in the Giving Garden for the Food of Life food pantry).

Jean was a weekend resident of Litchfield County for many years before retiring and moving to Connecticut full-time. She loved gardening and cooking — and spoiling the many cats she adopted over the years.

A memorial service will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church at a future date and will be announced on the funeral home website.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association — Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489.

To send an online condolence, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

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A holiday jigsaw puzzle for our readers



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

The Lakeville Journal Company has created a jigsaw puzzle featuring a 1958 holiday poster by Marianna Van Rossen Hoogendyke. It can be purchased as a fundraiser for our newspaper company.

The Lakeville Journal Co. published a holiday poster in 1958 created by Sharon, Conn., resident and artist Marianna Van Rossen Hoogendyke. The poster has always been a prized piece of decor in the offices of our newspaper, and this year we decided to make it into a jigsaw puzzle.

To help us in our quest to raise funds for the continuing publication of our community newspapers, The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, we are now selling the puzzle online at www.createjigsawpuzzles.com/sell/lakevillejournal.

We added a color wash to the original image, which was black and white and red (like the old children's riddle: What's black and white and read all over? A newspaper!).

The colors are intended to

make the puzzle a little easier to complete.

We have three different puzzle options: 500 pieces and 1,000 pieces in cardboard; and 500 pieces in wood.

The prices vary for each of the three styles; The Lakeville Journal Company earns a small percentage of each sale.

If enough people order the puzzle, we will continue to create new puzzles periodically, including some that will feature the advertisements from old issues, which are both charming and an interesting snapshot of what life was like in our towns in past eras.

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Willow Roots food pantry pairs with the Stissing House to feed the hungry for the holidays

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — With this Christmas set in the center of a global pandemic, celebrations have changed, traditions have been altered and residents may find themselves isolated and in need of a miracle. In a joint effort to feed local families and bring some holiday cheer into their homes, Willow Roots and The Stissing House worked in tandem to arrange and deliver meals to local families during the Willow Roots food pantry's annual Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 20, proving that a little love goes a long way and that there are no limits to what can be done to help others.

"Everything we do — everything — is love," Willow Roots co-founder Lisa Zayas said simply. "People love to do something that they can give back. It gives somebody a purpose."

Running from noon to 2 p.m. behind The Stissing Center building at 2950 Church St., the food pantry's party drew community support in various capacities. On the night before the party, Zayas said Willow Roots, with help from members of the community, was able to get tickets to send 32 family members to

see a production of "The Nutcracker" at the Wethersfield Estate in Amenia. The food pantry was also able to deliver 199 meals that day, feeding 65 households and distributing 70 turkeys.

Since 8 a.m. on Sunday morning, Stissing House owners Patricia and Michel Jean were at their restaurant preparing all the meals for families to pick up that afternoon, offering a choice of a roast beef, turkey or vegetable lasagna dinner with all the fixings. Throughout the afternoon, volunteers worked together to bring the meals the Jeans had lovingly packed to the cars of incoming families, welcoming them to the party with a smile and sending them on their way with a hot, nourishing meal.

From the moment they pulled into the parking lot, families were greeted warmly by volunteers who offered them their choice of a free Santa hat, elf hat or reindeer antlers. Afterward, families were invited to park their cars and explore the party's different stations or otherwise continue driving through the lot. Fire pits were set up around the parking lot to keep both visitors and volunteers nice and toasty, and Ronnybrook Dairy set up a hot cocoa station to offer everyone something warm to drink.



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Victoria, Laila and Juliana Baluk volunteered their time at the Willow Roots' annual Christmas party where they handed Christmas dinners out to families in need.

The Pine Plains Platter prepared Santa boxes for the occasion with Ronnybrook milk and homemade cookies from the Platter, as children's faces lit up when they spotted Santa nearby. Inviting the children to share their Christmas wishes, Santa handed out bags of candy, cookies and little presents to the boys and girls who came over with their families to visit him.

At another station, FORM + LIGHT founder Sarah Rigano handed out unique branches of gathered greens for families to

take home with them.

"I think anything that brings a little bit of beauty is welcome — it's been a curious year," Rigano said. "I think [2020] was a moment for people to slow down and think about what's important. At the end of the day, it's about community and coming together."

Willow Roots volunteers Ray Christiansen and Victoria Baluk also pitched in, collecting toys to provide to 22 children and eight families.

"I think everybody, more than



From left, Bodhi Steimke, 3, had a special Christmas visit with Santa Claus alongside with Ethan Wendover, 5, at Willow Roots' annual Christmas party.

ever, is anxious to help in any way they can," Baluk said.

Given the countless people who donated what they could to help Willow Roots tend to the community this holiday season, Zayas said, "As you can see, Willow Roots is an umbrella for everybody. We belong to the community... without those roots, we can never be that big tree. Our volunteers are the most conscientious, devoted, loving — they've gotten to know the family."

"It really is a joint effort," Patricia Jean added. "Everybody pitched in — there's a long list of donors and volunteers and it's very much a community event. It's been a terrible year for everybody, so it's very meaningful to be able to do this. Willow Roots is a real godsend to the community."

"We all take different things away from things like this," said Stissing Center President Jack Banning, "but what matters is how it's received."

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SCHOOLHOUSE *Continued from Page A1*

and then we put the two together when it was en route. It was quite an effort. It was amazing. There were problems all along the way. But nothing worthwhile comes easy."

Throughout the process approvals had to be obtained from the state (Route 22 is a state road and it also owns the Rail Trail) and from Dutchess County, which leases the Rail Trail from the state.

Financing the schoolhouse

Fedele added that in addition to the logistical, engineering and physical challenges, the Friends had to fundraise to both purchase the historic one-room schoolhouse and then to transport it. Then there was the cost of restoring it — and doing so in an historically accurate manner.

Local craftsmen and professionals like John Crawford, David Shapiro and Jeanne Vanecko contributed to the project — much of it pro bono work that Fedele said was invaluable.

The entire project cost \$160,000 to complete, according to Fedele, who said "we started out with zero — absolutely nothing — but a lot of people donated."

"A lot of people helped," he said with gratitude. "This is a project for the people and of the people. I never went to the Town Board to ask for funding. I did not feel it was appropriate to use public money to fund the efforts; I felt it should be a private effort. We are a not-for-profit organization, a 501(C)3."

To this day, Fedele said the Friends' main expenses are to pay for insurance, which costs approximately \$2,000 annually; in addition to lighting the schoolhouse and other utility costs; contributing to the community

betterment group, Townscape; and helping to maintain the composting toilets on the Rail Trail for community use.

It operates, primarily, thanks to annual donations, and even manages to sponsor two annual scholarships in the North East (Webutuck) Central School District worth \$1,000 each.

The schoolhouse's yearly expenses amount to roughly \$5,000, according to Fedele's calculations. Although that cost can be difficult to cover some years, this year, when the schoolhouse didn't open at all due to the coronavirus pandemic, has been especially challenging.

Personal connection

TFIS Board member John Brunese has a long history with the Irondale Schoolhouse. His grandfather, Emmanuel John Brunese, known as E. John Brunese, bought the schoolhouse in the 1940s, and owned it when John, technically John Alan (or John A.), was born. Emmanuel John and his family lived across the road from the schoolhouse; he owned a junkyard and used the schoolhouse to store newspapers and rags, which were non-recyclable in those days.

"Maybe you're not aware of it, but there used to be a market for rags, old clothing and such," said John A. Brunese. "My grandfather never wanted to change anything [at the schoolhouse]; he always wanted to take care of it, and it stayed that way until he passed and then and when the deterioration started, my grandmother took care of it."

John Alan is now 69 years old and continues to live in North East. He still remembers playing in old schoolhouse with his sister, Lynn, when he was but a

young child.

"When I was 10 and my sister was 6, that was a great place to play," he reminisced.

After his grandfather passed away, his grandmother, Marjorie, lived in the schoolhouse. When it became too difficult for her to climb the stairs, sometime around the late 80s or early 90s, she sold it to Floyd Rosini, who opened his furniture refinishing business in the former schoolhouse.

It was Rosini who sold the schoolhouse, but not the property it was on, to Fedele for \$30,000 — it took two years to raise the money to buy the schoolhouse, which taught roughly 2,500 local children between 1858 and 1930.

"It's a treasure," said Fedele. "Dec. 19, 2013 — that was an historic day when we moved the building. Every road into Millerton was closed at the height of the Christmas season. Merchants were a little upset but we had no choice."

Two years later, in 2015, the schoolhouse opened as an educational site and offered tours of its tiny building, as well as activities for local families.

"Now, as I drive by, I always stop and take a look and say, 'Oh what a treasure.' It is historic and it really is in the center of the historic district of Millerton," Fedele added.

What donations mean, the schoolhouse's future

It was Brunese who spearheaded the Webutuck scholarship campaign roughly four years ago; initially just one student received the award. Last year, the board increased it to two recipients.

"We rely on donations," said Brunese frankly. "We don't sell

products. We simply rely on annual donors to contribute and keep us going, and it's been working out fine... The key is to it is keep it maintained and keep it open... This year is a little more challenging and I don't know how people are thinking. It will be kind of interesting how people will react to this [pandemic]; it's a costly event we'll be paying for years."

"Yesterday I heard [Governor] Cuomo say for the first time that we're going to start raising taxes," he added. "This [pandemic] comes with costs, that's for sure. It's going to be a really challenging 2021."

But Brunese said it's important that the community continue to support its history, and educating future generations — especially about local lore.

"I know when go I by and people are still looking in the schoolhouse's windows, that's rewarding in itself," he said, "they come in and feel the experience and find out a little bit about history. I hope it continues forever... The most challenging part is seeing it kept up and utilized. This has been a horrible year for that but it's still there, well maintained, and hopefully it will be a focal point in Millerton for a long, long time."

A brief celebration to commemorate the Irondale Schoolhouse's seventh anniversary on the Rail Trail was held on Saturday, Dec. 19, at noon, with Fedele ringing the schoolhouse bell. Because of the nor'easter two days earlier that dumped 23 inches of snow in Millerton and the intense cold, no one attended; Fedele said the ceremony lasted mere minutes. The FOIS Board met the next day for photos.

TALK OF THE TOWNE *Continued from Page A1*

PHOTO BY MARY HOSIER

The Talk of the Towne Deli's business sign was vandalized on Sunday, Dec. 13. Deli co-owner Mary Hosier said she does not believe the vandalism was connected to her well-publicized anti-mask views.

ous readers of this newspaper wrote letters to the editor that were published on Dec. 17.

The vandalism trend

But since the 13th, new information has come to light, according to Hosier, reversing her opinion. Namely, other businesses in the village of Millerton have had their signs vandalized, including the NorthEast-Millerton Library, the Salisbury Bank & Trust, and reportedly, Duxbury & Hermans Insurance, all on Main Street. The bank reported its sign damaged on Dec. 7, according to Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Capt. John Watterson, who gave an update on Monday, Dec. 21.

"I spoke to the Deputy handling the bank case, and at this point there haven't been any leads or arrests made, however the investigation is continuing," reported Capt. Watterson. "Also, there isn't a known connection between the cases at this point, however since they all seemed to occur around the same time it's certainly possible that there is a connection."

Other minor property damage was also done to some Main Street merchants the weekend of Dec. 5, according to Oblong Books & Music co-owner Dick Hermans, who said because no major property damage has been done thus far, it's unlikely the Millerton Business Alliance will get involved.

On Thursday, Dec. 17, Hosier said she's reversed her position blaming The Millerton News for the vandalism.

Nothing personal

"We think it's nothing against us personally," she said in an interview, adding she heard additional businesses were hit on the 13th, but was inclined not to name them. "But I also got a lot of grief from the article. It said we were non-mask wearers; we do wear masks. And then I got attacked for saying we don't believe in COVID, and I do."

It was then pointed out that the article specifically quotes Hosier on the record saying she does believe in the coronavirus, which she acknowledged.

"Whoever read it, read it wrong," she said in frustration.

She was asked if she thought the article and editorial were fair. "I think so. I appreciate it," she said. "Actually, some of those

people [attacking us] were our customers for years. Apparently they only heard one side of the story. We got attacked, yes, but we do have a lot of support, too."

Hosier worried that the article "made it sound like one of the sources caught COVID at the deli," although she acknowledged that's not what the article reported. The trouble, she said, is "people only read what they want to read."

The trouble with masks

As far as masks, Hosier, who wears them when going out, said her issue is that they get dirty — very dirty — and quickly.

"I wear masks, it [doesn't] mean I totally believe in them," she said. "Apparently I'm not entitled to believing these masks don't totally work when they're filthy and dirty and people keep re-wearing them over and over. How is that healthy?"

Of course, face coverings can be washed. For guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on how to do so, go to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wash-clothing-coverings.

Surprise BOH inspection

Speaking of healthy, Hosier insisted her deli is safe. She said that Talk of the Towne just passed a surprise inspection from the BOH on Thursday, Dec. 10.

"Everything is fine. They didn't find anything, and they checked everything," she said. "Everybody was wearing masks. They checked up on us because of that lady complaining. They came out and gave us a clean bill of health."

As for the controversy, Hosier said it's been tough seeing so much negativity directed her way.

"You can't imagine them saying such negative things," she said.

But a drop in business? "No, not at all," she said.

The sign will eventually be replaced. The deli co-owner decided not to file a police report, although she will be installing a security camera.

Her final thoughts on the whole matter?

"Why can't we all just get along?" asked Hosier. "I'm over this. But we're here for [our critics], no matter what, even with their negative comments. If they need something, we're here for them."

ADOPT-A-FAMILY *Continued from Page A1*

made a cash donation as did patrons of the Salisbury Bank (with branches throughout the Tri-state region), who also left toys that will be used for next year's program.

"Every day I'm shocked when the money comes in," said Moore. "I know we all get it, but because of this terrible pandemic year it doesn't quite feel like Christmas when you're not dealing with toys. But it really went well, and we feel really good. People are still coming in with money — you know — in lieu of their own birthday [they say] 'Here's a check' or 'We don't need anything so hopefully this helps you.'"

With one week still to go before Christmas, Moore said the group had provided Christmas for 99 families and more than 200 children 13 years of age and below.

"We're comfortable to ride out the next week for people who will continue to sign up and that we'll be able to take care of," she said.

As a result of Saperstein's closing several years ago, which had helped supply warm clothing for the holiday drive, the group had been distributing gift cards valued at \$100 per child to other local stores so families could still purchase new clothing they normally purchased at Saperstein's at a discounted cost. Moore made the decision to up the value by \$50 this year so families could then purchase toys or "whatever was necessary to let Christmas be Christmas," something she felt especially important while the coronavirus is still raging.

"We are blessed we still have local stores that can provide warm clothing or toys or food," said Moore. "A family with four children, that's \$600 of gift cards to figure out how to do Christmas... Whatever they were going through, it was a real shot in the arm to figure out Christmas."

As always, Moore credits others for the program's success. She sent a "Big thank you to Billy Anstett of the Sunday in the Country Food Drive, because

he ran every week to different stores buying the gift cards for us. He truly was Santa out there running around."

She added, "We have worked hand-in-hand with the local schools — Webutuck and Pine Plains — to make sure we had the kids covered that needed it. We have a good connection there."

Families received their gift cards at her Moore and More Printing, where she credits the company's Deb Phillips with the program running "100% smoothly," for so long.

"She has managed the entire program — organizing it and putting it into Excel and making sure we double checked everything — literally checked it twice."

That's in addition to her regular work.

Moore noted this year she is dedicating the program to Marian Smith, who passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 15, and was a "true contributor to the community," including Adopt-a-Family, which was inspired by Smith's daugh-

ter, the late Mariley Najdek, who was Moore's good friend, a former mayor of Millerton and the founder of the local Astor Day Care program.

"We live in one of the greatest places of America around here," concluded Moore. "I think we'll close out the year on a healthy, hopefully happy note with those who needed Christmas having it. We do what we do only because of all those who didn't think of themselves, but of someone else, and gave. It all happens because of that. There, but for the grace of God, it could be any one of us."

There's still time to make a tax deductible contribution through the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

To contribute to the Christmas clothing and toy drive for local children in need, send a check made out to Adopt-a-Family to P.O. Box 880, Millerton, NY 12546 or call 518-789-4508 for more information.

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POLICE REFORM *Continued from Page A1*

force to complete its own reform plan, according to a statement from Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro's office.

Molinaro's office further explained that two workgroups — a Community Stakeholder Workgroup and a Municipal Leaders & Police Chiefs Workgroup — were formed as part of the Collaborative, both of which have been meeting during the last several months. Additionally, the Collaborative has held seven public forums and a forum online to solicit input from county residents on how local police agencies need to reform their own departments.

Among other county initiatives geared toward police reform, the 2021 Dutchess County Budget included funding for procedural justice, implicit bias and crisis intervention training and critical reform initiatives, such as mandatory body cameras for sheriff's deputies and changes to the police exam qualifications in order to develop a more diverse candidate pool for police agency hiring. Formally called "A Plan to

Reform, Modernize and Reinvent Law Enforcement and Policing in Dutchess County," the Collaborative's report includes a summary of public and community stakeholder input and a collection of best practices and guidance.

In the plan's introductory letter, Molinaro and Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian "Butch" Anderson accredited input from both the public and community stakeholders as its most important part.

They agreed it expresses "the will of the public" and sets priorities "that will guide not only the Sheriff's Office's reform plan but [will] also help guide the members of Municipal Leaders and Police Chief Workgroup... in seeking their own public input and creating their own reform plans."

Along with determining the role of the police and how to staff, budget and equip a municipality's police department, the best practices and guidance section outlines guidance on procedural justice and community policing, community engagement, law enforcement

strategies to reduce racial disparities and build trust; and other critical topics.

"This process brought together officials and citizens from diverse backgrounds who worked collaboratively to find common ground," Molinaro stated in a press release last week. "While Dutchess County has already implemented a number of these 'best practices,' this document provides an array of appropriate options that will help municipalities and police agencies enact additional reforms and fully comply with the state guidelines."

The county executive added that Dutchess County is "fortunate to have so many dedicated police officers throughout our community who sacrifice and serve us, every day. Their commitment... to this process is to be commended, and we look forward to helping build even stronger relationships between the community and law enforcement."

The report can now be found online for review, at www.dutchessny.gov/policereform.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Caviar as a Way To Usher in Good Fortune for the Coming Year

New Year's Eve is coming up, a time when even those of us who think we're pretty sensible are inclined to indulge in some superstition and wishful thinking. We will make resolutions and we will make toasts and we will eat "good luck" foods such as hoppin' john or noodles shaped like coins — or caviar.

Caviar is a lavishly luxurious food that Russians traditionally ate at New Year's as a talisman, meant to usher in a year of abundance and good fortune.

And you'll need a fortune if you want to get some caviar — which is not inexpensive. But caviar, like sushi, is an indulgence where it pays to get the good stuff. If you mostly eat the day-old \$5 sushi special from the grocery store, you haven't really experienced the wonders of Japanese raw fish. If you've only ever bought your caviar in little glass jars at the grocery store, it might be a salty but enjoyable treat but it's not really caviar — certainly not the kind that will signal to the angels that you're hoping for a New Year of Great Benefits.

There ain't nothing like the real thing

Shopping for caviar is tricky, if you're not an expert. The world is full of ersatz olive oil and truffles and even vanilla beans and peppercorns. Needless to say, the world of caviar is full of charlatans as well.

"Caviar is like diamonds or cocaine," said Michael Kline, who lives in Salisbury, Conn., with his wife, Alexandra Du Cane; together they are the owners of Pointy Snout Caviar.

The love story behind Michael and Alexandra's meeting and marriage is a really good one; if you ever meet them, you should ask them to share it. But long story short, after notable careers in finance and fashion/photography/publicity, they are now semi-re-

Until Jan. 2, 25% of gross sales of caviar by Pointy Snout, based in Salisbury, Conn. (and packaged in Millerton, N.Y.), will be donated to an area food pantry. Annie Wayte of The White Hart in Salisbury serves the caviar on brioche toast rounds, with Hudson Valley creme fraiche from Ronnybrook Farm Dairy.



PHOTO BY ELIZA HOYLAND

tired here — semi retired, but running a company that sells fine caviar that has been sustainably raised and cared for with the love and tenderness one might lavish on a precious baby.

Not everyone bestows that kind of care on their caviar, Kline notes, referring to the dark side of the luxury industry that he and Du Cane discovered after they started Pointy Snout in the mid 1990s.

"Many heads of caviar companies have ended up in jail," he said. "There is a slight menace to this business."

For those of us on the consumer side of the equation, that menace translates to, "You can spend a lot of money for caviar that isn't remotely what the label promises."

Du Cane and Kline are the opposite of what seems to be the norm in their new professional world: They seem completely transparent and dedicated to their customers' easy access to and enjoyment of their product.

"We love many of the traditions of caviar, the legacy," Kline said. "But we wanted to take the intimidation factor out of it. We wanted people to have fun with it, not be afraid of it."

The trigger that got them into this business in the first place was the realization that the caviar-producing sturgeon were being overfished and were in danger of extinction. So their other mission, in addition to providing delight, was to support farms that were sustainably produc-

ing caviar — and not only protecting the wild fish (by not capturing them) but also by releasing sturgeon that had been raised in captivity out into the wild.

Stepping gently into a new world

Kline and Du Cane are the best tour guides you could wish for on a maiden voyage into the world of caviar. Their attitude is not, "If you have to ask the price, you can't afford it." It's more along the lines of, "No, no, don't get that one, it's too expensive for what you're trying to do. Get this one instead."

Which is not to say that they aren't willing to sell you a kilo of their finest eggs. That is completely an option.

But for those of us who are just looking to step up a rung from grocery store roe, they strongly encourage a small container of their less expensive Siberian caviar. Without going into exhaustive detail (feel free to ask them to explain), the fish that produce these eggs are raised on a farm in Uruguay that takes exquisite care of the fish; the eggs are sold without borax on them (which is technically illegal but somehow borax-treated eggs still manage to cross the border); and the caviar costs \$150 for 50 grams.

"Fifty grams is plenty for two people," Kline promises.

"Or even three," Du Cane adds.

They recommend that you eat your caviar right away once you've opened the tin. In other words, don't buy a big container and plan to nibble away at it over the course of a few months.

"It's not that the eggs will go bad," Du Cane clarifies. But the quality

will degrade. Like high-end wine merchants looking to develop loyalty in their clientele, Kline and Du Cane don't want you to have a bad experience with their product.

They want you to love it and realize that, if you're going to splurge for a big occasion, then you should do it with Pointy Snout Caviar (which is named, in case you didn't figure it out yourself, for the needle-tip proboscis of the caviar-producing sturgeon fish).

A benefit for an area food pantry

This all of course sounds terribly 1%, which is really the exact opposite impression of the one Kline and Du Cane would like to present.

They are now running a special holiday season promotion which is less of a marketing scheme and more of a heartfelt thank you to the community they have come to love and appreciate.

"We want to do what we can to share during this season when so many people can't afford to buy food, much less caviar," Du Cane said.

Anyone who purchases caviar from the Pointy Snout website (or by calling or emailing directly) between now and Jan.

2 can enter a special code (the code is 2020). Kline and Du Cane will then donate 25% of the gross sale to the Corner Food Pantry.

For normal shopping, you can purchase Pointy Snout at Guido's in Great Barrington, Mass., and at Westerlind Pantry in Millerton, N.Y. But don't do that for your holiday direct purchase; buy direct from Pointy Snout

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PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE RARE

Ballet Collective's performance of "The Nutcracker" inside and on the grounds of the historic Wethersfield estate in Amenia, N.Y., can be seen "virtually" until Dec. 26.

BALLET: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

'The Nutcracker,' Performed Live In and Around Wethersfield

For many of us, the holiday season isn't complete without watching or listening to Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker."

While it's comforting to watch a favorite older version (such as the New York City Ballet production featuring a young Macaulay Culkin, from 1993), it's of course wonderful to watch a new version of this old favorite.

There's an innovative new version now available for streaming that was filmed earlier in December on the grounds of Chauncey Stillman's grand Wethersfield estate in Dutchess County, N.Y.

The ballet, which begins in the living room of a manor house, is performed in and around the grounds of the estate. Costumes for the party scene were designed by the late and very elegant Oscar de la Renta (who was for many years a part-time resident of Kent, Conn.), and Todd Snyder, who does kind of campy, fun modernizations of American classic clothing.

The performers are all with New York City's Ballet Collective. As they entertain young Clara with holiday delights in the form of delicious short dances dedicat-

ed to "Tea" and "Sugar Plums" and exotic worlds, they also lead a tour of Wethersfield's rooms and gardens.

Ballet Collective's Troy Schumacher directed and was the choreographer. For the original live performance, small groups of socially distanced guests were invited to walk through the rooms and grounds to experience the ballet. It was an invitation-only performance that is now available "virtually."

To find out how to stream the performances, go to the website at www.nutcrackeratwethersfield.com/about; you can also link from there to the Wethersfield website, which has more details on the neo-Georgian manor house, formal garden and carriage house museum. The property was once the home of Chauncey Stillman, grandson of James Stillman, chairman of the National Bank, which later became CitiBank. The estate is now managed by the nonprofit Wethersfield Foundation.

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BOOKS: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

An Attorney Takes on Attorneys — Who ‘Take Themselves too Seriously’

Tom Morrison, of Salisbury, Conn., lampoons the legal world in his first novel, “Torts ‘R’ Us,” published this fall and available at Oblong Books in Millerton, N.Y., and Salisbury Pharmacy.

Morrison will discuss the book with Bill Litaauer, a retired network newsman who also lives in Salisbury, at an online event sponsored by Noble Horizons (also in Salisbury, Conn.) on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. (go to www.noblehorizons.org for details.)

The story revolves around the Peters brothers,

Patrick A. (known as “Pap”) and Prescott U. (aka “Pup”) as they leave their comfortable perches in established New York law firms and start their own firm, specializing in class-action lawsuits.

This in turn takes them to New York City strip clubs and to the murky world of Midwestern college basketball.

Along the way there’s a woman who does battle with environmentalists over geese removal, a website that publishes mugshots, and a pulchritudinous paralegal.

If it all sounds some-

what familiar, that’s because the various subplots are “inspired by real cases,” Morrison said in a phone interview.

Asked why an experienced, respectable attorney nearing his well-earned retirement would write a broadly farcical novel making fun of his profession, Morrison was clear: “Lawyers take themselves too seriously.”

Although in his half-century of practice he didn’t do much class-action work, Morrison said he believed that many such lawsuits are frivolous “and should not be

brought.”

Referring to the phenomenon of a person receiving a letter inviting the recipient to participate in a class-action suit, Morrison said most of the money from a victory will go to the lawyers involved.

“You’ll get \$1.78 and some coupons.”

(Such as the Victoria’s Secret gift certificate which is part of the settlement for the book’s strippers.)

Morrison has a lot of fun with names — the incontestably preppy Pap and Pup, the well-known pharmaceutical company

Jumpsum and Gypsum, busybody Nina Nosenyourbus and the Friends of Geese, Groundhogs and Yaks (FROGGY).

Asked if he was worried that his satire might strike someone as actionable, Morrison was sanguine.

“I wish they would,” he laughed. “It would increase sales.”

And for those who don’t agree with the words, “It’s only funny until someone files a lawsuit,” there are now virtual online tours of Ralph Nader’s American Museum of Tort Law in his hometown of Winsted, Conn. Famous tort law cases are explained in snappy short text boxes illustrated with cartoons. Go to www.tortmuseum.org.

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‘GRUMPY CAT’ AND THE MADNESS OF INTERNET MEMES EXPLORED IN A NEW PLAY: ‘PUT ON A GRUMPY FACE’

You don’t have to be a super sophisticated user of the internet to know about the “Grumpy Cat” meme. It started in 2012, when photos of a cat named Tardar Sauce got posted online. Because of what her owners think is feline dwarfism, Tardar Sauce has what might be referred to as a “resting grumpy face.” People started using photos and videos of the cat as a blank canvas for making jokes; and the Grumpy Cat meme was born (go to www.grumpycats.com to learn more).

Reed Halvorson’s new play, “Put on a Grumpy Face,” imagines what would have happened if Tardar Sauce’s owners had become dependent on the income from their cat’s popularity — and if the cat had suddenly stopped looking grumpy. The play explores the fast-changing world of internet celebrity, and will be screened between Jan. 1 and 13 as part of the ninth annual International Playwrights Festival at the Nancy Marine Studio at the Warner Theatre in Torrington, Conn. To stream this and other plays in the festival, go to <https://youtu.be/sZxOUI47rRw>. The performances are free but donations are welcome.

— Cynthia Hochswender



PHOTO BY SHARON W. HOUK

“Put on a Grumpy Face,” a new play by Reed Halvorson, will be featured in the first two weeks of January, online, as part of the ninth annual International Playwrights Festival at the Nancy Marine Studio at the Warner Theatre in Torrington, Conn.

SIMMONS, STREEP AND DUNHAM AND A JAN. 9 FILM & FUNDRAISER

The Northwest Corner of Connecticut has more than a normal number of well-known artists. Some know each other, some don’t; some work together on feature films or television programs, others never cross professional paths with their peers.

A fundraising Zoom event for the Cornwall, Conn., public library on Jan. 9 will bring together three disparate artists in one combination film screening and live interview.

Laurie Simmons is a respected artist whose work often includes dolls and ventriloquist dummies. In 2006, the Cornwall resident made a short film featuring the dolls and dummies; The Alvin Ailey II Dancers, an arm of the famed modern dance company that features newer dancers; and the actress Meryl Streep, who is, well, Meryl Streep and, among other things, an area resident.

Streep sings and performs in “The Music of Regret,” a film made by Simmons (who also wrote all the song lyrics) that explores “love, interpersonal dynamics, problems with neighbors, and of course, regret,” according to the



STILL PHOTO FROM ‘THE MUSIC OF REGRET’

Meryl Streep brings to life the 2006 short film “The Music of Regret” by photographer/artist/filmmaker Laurie Simmons. The film will be screened Saturday, Jan. 9, and followed by an interview with Simmons and her daughter, Lena Dunham.

press release sent out by the Cornwall Library.

That’s a lot of information to digest about a 40-minute film and a 90-minute fundraiser. To help viewers unpack it all, the screening of the film will be followed by a conversation between Simmons and her daughter, Lena Dunham, an actor/director/writer who is known for her HBO television series, “Girls.”

Dunham’s father and Simmons’ husband (just to add another layer of complexity) is the painter Carroll Dunham. He will

not take part in this particular fundraiser; neither will Cyrus Grace Dunham, Lena’s sibling, who was also in “Girls.”

The screening and interview will be on Zoom on Saturday, Jan. 9, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Viewers can send questions in during the post-film conversation. The cost is \$20 per household/computer screen. This is a benefit for the Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., but residents of all towns are welcome to participate.

To register, go to the “events/programs” page at www.CornwallLibrary.org.

NEW YEAR 2021: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Greeting 2021 With Calligraphy and Wishes

In contrast to the boisterousness of New Year’s celebrations in the West, the Japanese traditionally greet the new year with quiet reflection.

There is even a Japanese buddhist admonition to “stay at home and drink sake with your wife” on New Year’s Eve.

One annual ritual is the practice of “kaki-zome,” or first writing: Japanese will take out their calligraphy brushes and practice writing out the labor-intensive but beautiful pictographs (or ideographic logograms, if you want to be precise) of Japanese “kanji.”

The Mid-Hudson Japanese Community Association has teamed up with the Folk Arts Program at Arts Mid-Hudson to

present a workshop on kakizome and a selection of other traditional Japanese art forms including origami and the making of sweet rice flour mochi cakes, which are eaten on New Year’s day along with small oranges.

According to the news release announcing the video, “Kakizome is ... based on the belief that practicing one kanji over and over helps the writer focus on the hoped-for theme. If there is ever a time that stating such intentions is vital, 2021 is surely the year.”

Because of the pandemic, the workshop will be online only and can be watched on Facebook at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9 (search the Arts Mid Hudson page) and on YouTube after the live stream.

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Town Board discusses block grant extension and cell service

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AMENIA — The Town Board discussed its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and other actions relevant to the community at its recent meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3.

Town Board members met via videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic and live streamed the meeting to the "AmeniaTV" YouTube channel.

After hearing from the Amenia Housing Board (for more, go to www.tri-cornernews.com), town Supervisor Victoria Perotti brought up the town's 2020 CDBG application.

Perotti explained that the town has a \$150,000 grant to finish the sidewalk on Route 44 to Beekman Park and that the board needs to decide whether it wants to hold on to the grant award. If it does keep the grant, she said the board must send out a Request for a Proposal (RFP) to hire an engineer; it must also apply for an extension for the project and complete the project by the end of next year.

Perotti said the town must spend the \$150,000 before it can get reimbursed by the grant and that it already had an extension granted for the sidewalk work in front of the post office until next year, adding that Dutchess County has been very good about extending the grant periods until the town completes the work.

The only concern, Attorney to the Town Ian Lindars pointed out, is that the \$150,000 grant is a reimbursement grant, which means the board needs to complete the project and pay for the work first, before the county will reimburse it for the money it laid out.

As board members considered the town's tight budget, Councilwoman Vicki

Doyle suggested that it take the amount awarded by the block grant out of the budget's contingency line and put it in the Planning Board's engineer's line to make it all work out. This idea was well-received by the Town Board and Perotti said that she would discuss it further with Lindars.

The discussion then moved on to discuss cell service. Regarding the board's resolution to authorize the migration of the Verizon Wireless contract and proposed cellular voice and data plan changes, Perotti said the town will be getting "some very favorable rates" that will likely save the town \$69 a month in charges as a result of the migration.

Prior to this migration, the town received cellular voice and data services from Verizon Wireless that were purchased via the New York State Comprehensive Telecommunications Service (CTS) contract. Now that the CTS contract has expired, Verizon Wireless has entered into a new agreement with New York State called the Telecommunication Connectivity Services (TCS) and is migrating all entities that received services under the CTS contract to the TCS contract.

In order to keep receiving cellular voice and data services through Verizon Wireless and be eligible for additional new lines of service, equipment upgrades and access or usage discounts under the CTS contract, the town needs to approve the migration to the TCS contract.

The board unanimously approved the resolution. Additionally, the board unanimously accepted Gutierrez's donation of a 43-inch Samsung television that will be used by the town to televise and broadcast its meetings and public hearings during the COVID-19 pandemic and for other municipal purposes.

After 20 years, Cousin's Mini Market no longer a Wassaic staple Chestnut Market now on Route 22

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WASSAIC — For 20 years, the former Cousin's Mini Market operated as a family affair out of 3997 Route 22 in Wassaic under the loving care of owners Tony "Pepparoni" Robustelli and his wife, Vicky.

Though Cousin's Mini Market has not been owned or operated by the pair for a number of years (its well-known name has remained on the business sign under new ownership during the past few business operations that have opened up in that location), the Robustellis have remained involved as the property owners. They've been leasing the building to people trying to make a go of the gas station and mini market, and are pleased to now see that it is once again family-oriented business, with the nearing of the one-year mark of the Jamal family's Chestnut Market operating out of the space.

The Robustelli's history

Since his first store opened in Amenia in 1977, Tony Robustelli's business has gone by many names and moved through many locations in northeastern Dutchess County. Before Four Brothers came to town, Cousin's Pizzeria, Robustelli's first business, was the town's first pizzeria. It was after that opened that Robustelli said he took a real interest in the community — he's been active ever since, serving on the Amenia Planning Board and on the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development Wastewater Committee as well as on the town's Wastewater Committee and Master Plan Committee.

Robustelli later moved his business to Dover Plains, known as Cousin's Pizza, then to Millerton, where he opened a restaurant version of his business before setting up Cousin's Mini Market in Wassaic, in 1988. He also opened Cousin's Cafe in Wingdale; the cafe is still up and running to this day.

Operating off of Route 22 for 20 years, Robustelli said his business had a lot of help from the Wassaic Developmental Disabilities Services Offices (DDSO) center and the local hospital before both organizations closed their doors. From



PHOTO SUBMITTED

A photo of the newest Chestnut Market, located in Marlboro, Ulster County, on the other side of the Hudson River. A Chestnut Market opened at the former Cousin's Mini Market on Route 22 in Wassaic at the end 2019.

there, he said they tried to develop more of a transit trade and to become a destination; it was around that point that the Harlem Valley Rail Trail came to town.

As business took off in Wassaic, Cousin's Mini Market began serving bakery items as well as pizza and ice cream; at one point, the business even had mini golf and batting cages.

Soon, Robustelli established a customer base, mentored many "first-time jobbers" and had a thriving business with help from various family member, including Vicky and their children, his brother, Gino, his cousin, Frankie, and his nieces and nephews. Robustelli said his children learned a lot on the job.

"They really got educated with work ethic, savings, being on time, talking to different kinds of people, talking to different kinds of employees, workers," Robustelli said. "You learn a lot from that kind of retail. You know, retail is details so you really have to be on it."

The story behind Chestnut Market

Meanwhile, the Jamal family started their family-owned and operated company, Chestnut Market, in 1989. Based out of New Paltz, the company is owned by Jamal brothers: Sal, Mickey, Sam and Cal, and is now one of the largest convenience store chains in the Hudson Valley. The second generation of Jamal family members began working in the company 15 years ago, including Sal's sons Faheem, Farris and Naseem Jamal and their cousins AJ and Sharif Jamal.

Among the company's priorities, Faheem Jamal said Chestnut Market values customer service over everything. Additionally, he said they are known for their cleanliness and their ability to get the products their communities want. Now operating convenience stores in Patterson and Hyde Park and six locations in Poughkeepsie,

as well as Danbury and Bethel, Conn., Chestnut Market is currently in the process of rebranding its stores from regular Mobil and Shell markets to a unified brand as Chestnut Market.

It officially began operating out of the former Cousin's Mini Market space at the end of 2019.

"We are very excited to be working with the Robustelli family and expand our footprint not only in Wassaic but also in the Hudson Valley," Jamal said. "We're thrilled to take over somewhat of a legacy store from Tony and his family and we're hoping to continue the food service operation that he's built up over the years."

Jamal said his father personally became good friends with Tony, who he said trusts their family with the name and location.

"These guys are good stewards," Robustelli said. "They have almost 400 Mobils and they're family-oriented too. That's nice... even though they're a big corporation, they're a small family."

Priding themselves on customer service, Jamal said Chestnut Market cares about its customers and staff. Whenever they go into a community to operate a store, he said they hire staff locally as they want to be known as a local, family-owned business and have people to interact with the locals. Chestnut Market also takes pride in its community outreach and its work in organizing community educational support programs.

Each year, the company organizes fundraisers for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, including a Pumpkin Pin-Up in October and an annual fishing tournament in June. Jamal remarked that this year's Pumpkin Pin-Up raised nearly \$100,000.

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Berkshire Taconic deploys emergency COVID funding

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DUTCHESS COUNTY — Since this past spring, the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation (BTCF) has been deploying emergency services to families and individuals in need in northeastern Dutchess County through its Northeast Dutchess Fund (NDF). As part of BTCF's efforts to provide critical support to those struggling during the pandemic, the NDF recently partnered with Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

As written on its website, www.berkshiretaconic.org, BTCF has been dedicated to "strengthening communities through philanthropy and leadership" so all residents have opportunity for economic stability and a high quality of life since it was first founded in 1987. Though located in Sheffield, Mass., northeastern Dutchess County falls within its coverage area, said BTCF Director Maeve O'Dea. Additionally, O'Dea noted the strong partnerships it's built with northeastern Dutchess County as well as the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton and Community Action Partnership (CAP) for Dutchess County in Poughkeepsie, which has given BTCF insight into the many regional organizations.

This past spring, BTCF began deploying resources primary

through its Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund, which was established in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis to assist residents in crisis with emergency grants for food, health services, utilities, short-term housing costs and other critical needs.

O'Dea said BTCF works with social service agencies across the state to administer funding. The emergency resources deployed through the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund have been made available for individuals and families experiencing sudden economic distress due to the pandemic.

"What we've been hearing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic is that there's a greatly heightened need," O'Dea told The Millerton News at the pandemic's start, "and we anticipate it will continue for quite a while. The powerful thing about Neighbor-to-Neighbor is it's completely flexible and it's at the discretion of the social service agencies to best determine the best way to use the funding."

At one point, donors contributed nearly \$40,000 in just one week to provide grants to residents in crisis living in Amenia, Dover, North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, Washington and Clinton Corners. Donations to the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund also rose to more than \$81,000 by November — \$55,000 of which was distributed to social workers at Grace Immigrant Outreach at Grace Church in

Millbrook, NECC and CAP.

"It's people in our community that want to help," O'Dea said. "It's great to be able to provide this assistance at a time it's really needed. There are always needs and always people who are struggling, but it's particularly helpful now."

The generosity of both the community and its donors was also key to the Foundations' recent grants announcement. Totaling \$258,600, the Pivoting to Respond grants were created with the intent of providing "general operating support to organizations and communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and its economic consequences," stated the Community Foundations in a press release, which noted grants from the NDF collaborative will provide an additional \$40,000 to organizations in northeast parts of the county.

Included in those receiving funding are Legal Services of the Hudson Valley and the Worker Justice Center of New York. Among the local services receiving funding are Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County in Millbrook; NECC; RDC Loaves and Fishes in Dover Plains; and St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Amenia.

"We are grateful for the community-wide support which has resulted in a historic year of grant making," stated Community Foundations President and CEO Sally J. Cross.

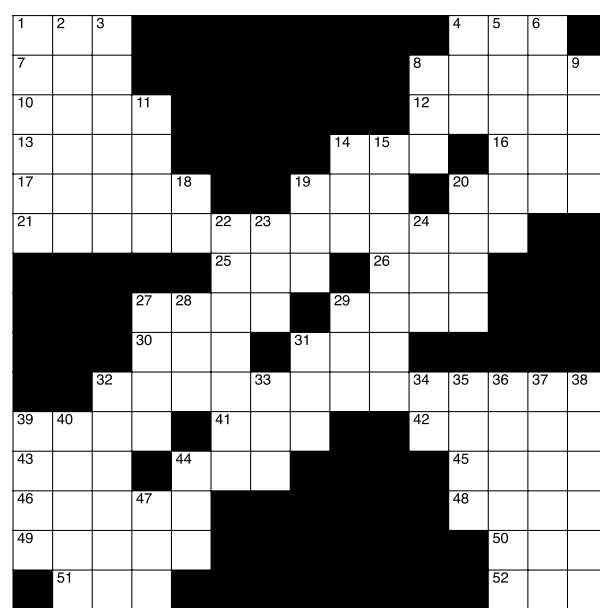
Brain Teasers

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1. Crow species
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7. Male offspring
8. Sedate
10. Orange beverage
12. Pair of small hand drums
13. 12th month of Jewish civil year
14. Former Pirates star Jason
16. Computer company
17. Made angry
19. Beverage container
20. Charlize Theron film "Flux"
21. Localities
25. Consume
26. Don't know when yet
27. Bed style
29. Make a low, continuous sound
30. Wrath
31. Pollinates flowers
32. Association
39. Prejudice
41. Unhealthy
42. Hasidic religious leader
43. Distinctive philosopher
44. Short-term memory
45. In a good way
46. Emperors of Ethiopia
48. Imaginary line
49. Of barium
50. One's sense of self-esteem
51. Man who behaves dishonorably
52. Monetary unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Rear of (nautical)
2. He minds the net
3. Ring-shaped objects
4. When you hope to get there
5. Young children
6. Beloved hobbit
8. Pigeon
9. Wish harm upon
11. Quick-eyed (Scottish)
14. Scrooge's phrase "Humbug"
15. One more
18. A ballplayer who only hits
19. Once vital TV part
20. Sixth month of Jewish civil year
22. Advantage
23. Type of tree
24. Luke's mentor —Wan



27. Life stories
28. Vase
29. Tiny
31. Package (abbr.)
32. A photog's tool
33. Wood
34. One of the six noble gases (abbr.)
35. Pueblo people of New Mexico
36. Wild goats
37. A way to comply
38. Horatio __, British admiral
39. Actress Leslie
40. Sir __ Newton
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Look for the solution in next week's issue.

Dec. 17 Solution

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PINE PLAINS/AREA

Evergreen Cemetery honors heroes on Wreaths Across America Day

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PINE PLAINS — With the holiday season having arrived, local residents decided to pay tribute to the heroes in their lives and in their communities by participating in the national Wreaths Across America Day ceremony that was held at Evergreen Cemetery at noon on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Driven by a mission to remember and honor veterans throughout the year and teach the next generation to do the same, Wreaths Across America coordinates wreath-laying ceremonies every December to commemorate the men and women who have sacrificed their time and safety in service to their country and to remember that “in many homes across the U.S., every day there is an empty seat for one who is serving or one who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country,” as written on the Wreaths Across America website, www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Held every year on a Saturday in December, the program has expanded to include more than 2,100 participating locations and 2.2 million wreaths, even traveling overseas to place wreaths at the Normandy-American Cemetery in France.

The story of how Evergreen Cemetery in Pine Plains became involved in this national celebration began with Pine Plains resident Carol Hart, who lost her son, David Cookingham Jr.,



On Saturday, Dec. 19, Wreaths Across America Day was commemorated during a ceremony at the Pine Plains Evergreen Cemetery. Here are organizers Carol and John Hart with their grandson, Troi Hunter Cookingham.

about five years ago at the age of 43. Cookingham Jr. served his country as a member of the United States Military and Hart said she'd been thinking about buying a wreath for his grave.

Last year, Hart said Wreaths Across America had a Patriot

Pair program where, for the price of two wreaths, individuals could get one wreath for their home and one to go out to the cemetery. When she called the program, Hart said she asked that the second wreath be brought to Evergreen Cem-

etry but was unable to have it sent there as the cemetery didn't participate in the program. Instead, the wreath was sent out to Kingston, in Ulster County, which did participate.

Though she was able to get a local wreath in memory of her son last year, Hart said, “I thought there's got to be other people that want to do the same thing as I do and [Evergreen Cemetery] really needs to be a participating location.”

After calling Wreaths Across America, Hart was able to get what she needed to coordinate Evergreen Cemetery as a participating location. She was also able to get the American Legion Post 426 and the Pine Plains VFW 5519 to sponsor the ceremony and starting Wednesday, Nov. 11, they began working together to get wreath sponsorships.

“I think the most important thing to let everybody know is we did a fantastic job in almost 10 days,” Hart said.

With the money for Wreaths Across America due on Friday, Nov. 20, Hart said they had 16 local families donate 62 wreaths. Additionally, they received one free wreath for every two wreaths they purchased. Though they anticipated 93 wreaths, she said they ended up with a little more than 100 wreaths.

“We wanted to make sure we covered the 45 veterans' stones in the Veterans Park,” Hart said, “and we, as it turns out, more than doubled that.”

Between the members of the American Legion and VFW

and the dozen community members in attendance, the Wreaths Across America ceremony had between 30 to 35 people gathered at Evergreen Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. As part of the ceremony, Hart said they received seven free ceremonial wreaths for each branch of the military.

With the wreaths in hand, representatives from the U.S. Army, Navy and other military branches came forward to place the wreaths at the cemetery's ceremonial section and to help place the other wreaths as well. As for the actual ceremony, she said they followed one of the ceremonies that Wreaths Across America offered as a guide, at www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

“For me, it was a dream come true,” Hart said later that afternoon. “It was something that since I couldn't put the wreath on my son's grave last year in Pine Plains, it was decided that it was something I was going to work at and it just made my day.”

Hart said her grandson, Troi Hunter Cookingham, who will begin serving in the Army next September, was able to place a wreath on his uncle's grave while home on leave. Hart also extended her gratitude by saying there are many people she'd like to thank for standing behind her and helping her to bring the program to Pine Plains.

As of this point, next year's Wreaths Across America ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery has been scheduled for Dec. 18, 2021.



Santa waved to children from behind Plexiglass at the Ancram firehouse.

Santa, drive-thru style

ANCRAM — Local children with dreams of Santa dancing through their heads had a chance to pass their hearts' desires on to The Big Guy himself thanks to members of the Ancram Fire Department.

Chief David Boice and his wife, Training Officer Jen Boice, arranged for the special visit on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the fire station on Route 7.

According to Assistant Chief Devon Reger, when he and the chief were decorating the firehouse in November, they tried to come up with a little something that would “let people know that even with this tough year, they can still enjoy what's going on.” The result was Santa tucked safely behind a Plexiglas shield while wide-eyed children spoke to him from the safety of their family's passing car.

— Carol Kneeland

Board of Ed examines hybrid plan, stays proactive about COVID-19 testing

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PINE PLAINS — Delivering an update on the status of the district's hybrid instruction plan, Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler kept the Pine Plains Board of Education (BOE) up-to-date on how the district is faring and how it might prepare for the future during the BOE meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Meeting via Zoom due to the COVID pandemic on Monday, Dec. 14, Handler reported that the school district opened Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School with one cohort of students coming into school on Mondays and Tuesdays. The other cohort was supposed to start school on Thursday, Dec. 17, though due to the Nor'easter, they were rescheduled to start on Friday, Dec. 18.

At this time, Handler reported that the district has a little over a third of its high school students remaining in full remote instruction, and fewer than that amount remaining in full remote learning at Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center. Meanwhile, at Cold Spring Early Learning Center, he said just about all the students are in the hybrid instruction model.

In listening to students, Handler said he suspects that the district will have a few more students who will decide to go full remote learning, given that they're recognizing when they come to school in-person that “it's not the school that they left in March.”

He added students are following the rules, wearing masks and staying on the right side of hallways, though he suspects the district is going to have a few students who decide it isn't worth it.

Handler then said the district is going to press on, and unless it runs into staffing problems, it's the district's intention to stay in the hybrid plan until the winter break. Coming out of the winter break, he said it will re-evaluate. Though the Mid Hudson's infection rates are going up, he

“However, to prepare for [the eventuality of surveillance COVID testing] either on a voluntary basis or if we should get put in a yellow zone, we're looking at being proactive maybe as early as next week in getting written consent from the parents.”

Martin Handler, Superintendent of Schools

said that's not so in the school district and as long as those regional infections don't result in a staffing problem for the district, the district will be OK.

COVID testing

Handler said the district is looking at a number of other districts that have begun COVID testing students and staff on a voluntary basis. They are generally referred to as “surveillance tests,” since the districts aren't currently in the COVID-19 micro-cluster yellow zones. Yellow zones refer to when a geographic area has a 3% positivity rate in the past 10 days, is in the top 10% in the state for hospital admissions per capita in the past week and is experiencing week-over-week growth in daily admissions, according to www.forward.ny.gov.

Handler said the tests are free from New York State and that no student can get tested without written consent from a parent. As far as where the Pine Plains district stands, he said, “we're not there yet.”

“I'm not seeing yet the benefit of doing that,” Handler said. “However, to prepare for that eventuality either on a voluntary basis or if we should get put in a yellow zone, we're looking at being proactive maybe as early as next week in getting written consent from the parents. That way, we have it... on file if we're required or if we decide to do the testing, we would have that step ahead.”

At this time, Handler noted that there are now two districts — Pawling and Beacon — that are definitely proceeding with surveillance testing.

If Pine Plains were to do so, he said there would be a standard memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Dutchess County Department

of Health (DOH), which would put the district under a DOH license. Then the DOH would come in to provide training. Typically, Handler said, the school's healthcare staff would do rapid testing, which would provide results in 15 minutes.

Right now, Handler said that if the district has someone who needs a test, the district recommends they go to Pulse-MD Urgent Care in Poughkeepsie, which places staff, students or household members connected to school districts at the head of the line.

If the district's school nurse sets up the testing, Handler said the individual gets taken care of, during which time they have a virtual visit with a physician and is scheduled for a COVID-19 test. Out of their available test options, Handler said they have a molecular rapid test that's 87 to 88% accurate and a PCR test that's sent out to a lab.

“That's where we are,” Handler concluded. “We're still crossing our fingers that we're going to be able to operate. We've had some close calls on staffing — not that anybody has been infected in school; that hasn't happened. In fact, we haven't had anybody with an active infection be in school to where we've had to do the contact tracing, so we dodged a couple of bullets — close calls — and if we have to do it, we'll do it.”

As part of the ensuing discussion, BOE members turned to Handler with questions about the yellow zone, the criteria for going into a yellow zone and what would happen if the Pine Plains district was become a yellow zone.

BOE member Amie Fredericks said it was her understanding that if the district was to become a yellow zone, 20% of the

district would have to be tested. She asked Handler if he foresaw any issues with the district getting a hold of tests. Handler replied that getting the tests isn't a problem as the tests are in good supply from the state and that they would use rapid tests for that situation.


As far as testing 20% of the district goes, he said all of the junior/senior high school staff members' names would be placed in a hat and then 20% of those names would be drawn from the hat. According to the district's attorneys, Handler said the names that are drawn don't have a right of refusal and would have to be tested.

For the student tests, a pool of students who have parental consent to be tested would have their names drawn to be tested.

The new rules dictate that districts test 20% of students and 20% of staff, Handler said.

If the school's infection rate is lower than the community's infection rate, the district will not be required to retest students and staff; if it's higher, then it will have to test every two weeks.

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EDITORIAL

Community weighs in on mask debate, so does deli owner

There's been a lot of chatter on social media in the Tri-state region, and especially in Millerton, about face masks in the past couple of weeks. In fact, more than 130 comments were posted on one Facebook page, plus nearly 100 emojis — and that's just on a single page. Such has been the fallout after The Millerton News ran a front page article and editorial in our Dec. 10 edition on the Talk of the Towne Deli, located on Route 44 in Millerton, which is known locally to have taken an anti-mask stance during the coronavirus pandemic. There's a follow-up article on this week's front page; again, we hope you'll take the time to read it.

Its owners, Mary Hosier and her sister, Sandra Sherman, openly admit they don't believe masks do much to keep people healthy or prevent COVID-19 from spreading. In interviews with this newspaper, Hosier described masks as dirty and ineffective. She questions their usefulness — and the science that's proven people should wear them.

As reported on Dec. 10, Hosier's deli was fined by the Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH) roughly three months ago when someone anonymously called in a tip that workers were violating Governor Andrew Cuomo's mask mandate. Since that fine, workers at the deli now wear masks.

The day our story hit the stands, on Thursday, Dec. 10, Hosier's deli was actually given a clean bill of health by the DOH after it stopped by for a surprise inspection. It found workers wearing masks and the premises to be properly sanitized.

With that background, we'd like to reiterate what is both obvious and essential: Masks are key in the fight against the coronavirus. Even with vaccines now becoming available, masks will remain a requisite part of how we end this pandemic. For an excellent explanation of how masks work, please take a moment to read science reporter Tom Parrett's guest column on this page. Trust us, it will be time well spent.

OK, back to the deli — here's an update. Since our story and editorial broke, the deli's business sign on its front lawn was vandalized. Initially, Hosier blamed our newspaper, but she quickly reversed her stance when she realized other businesses had seen their signs damaged in the past couple of weeks as well. In a follow-up interview with The Millerton News, she said, "We think it's nothing against us personally."

We hope she's right. There was a tremendous response to the coverage of the mask/anti-mask issue, as people feel very strongly about it after nearly a year of suffering through life under extremely difficult pandemic conditions: living in quarantine; the economy faltering; businesses shutting down; jobs disappearing; schools closing; relationships ending; foreclosures and evictions skyrocketing; social isolation pressing down on us; everyone missing family and friends; and, worst of all, seeing loved ones suffer through illness and death.

Is it any wonder that people are on edge? When a hot-button issue like whether individuals are wearing face coverings during a global health crisis to help protect their fellow citizens is up for debate, concerned people are going to weigh in — and that's just what they did. They did so on social media, through letters to the editor, even at the local diner — wherever they could share an opinion — they shared.

We're glad they did so, and hope they did so respectfully and thoughtfully. The majority of comments on Facebook and on our Opinion Page in our Dec. 17 issue appeared appropriate; many supported the deli and others supported the customers who spoke out against the deli for its anti-mask beliefs. Our goal was to present all sides of the issue fairly, which we believe we accomplished. Even Hosier acknowledged as much, despite getting backlash from "those people [who] only read what they want to read," as she said herself.

Now the deli owner is hoping to move on, to focus on her business and to put the mask issue behind her.

"Why can't we all just get along?" she asked. "I'm over this." And as she so pragmatically advised those who can't "get over this" in the Dec. 10 article, if someone doesn't approve of her anti-mask philosophy, they don't have to support her deli.

In the meantime, Hosier said she'll continue to insist her workers wear masks, if for nothing else than just to avoid another costly fine. DOH fines for violating the mask mandate start at \$250 and can double on second violations, going as high as \$1,000.

As far as having customers abide the mask mandate, Hosier was less definite on that. She did say if she were to personally witness a hostile verbal exchange break out between customers, she would interfere.

One last thought, with The New York Times charting that deaths in the U.S. are predicted to rise in the coming weeks, as reported on Monday, Dec. 21, and that those deaths are likely to exceed 3,000 a day — a level so high it's not been seen since the pandemic began — we need to take every precaution we can to prevent further spread of COVID-19 — including wearing masks. And that goes for all of us living here among the gentle pastures and rolling hills of the Harlem Valley just as much as it does for those living among the cloud-kissing skyscrapers and gravity-defying bridges of the Big Apple.

On that note, we hope you and yours are able to enjoy a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season to the extent possible under the current reality of today's world.

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Masks work: anatomy of a cough

GUEST COLUMN

Tom Parrett

For the first time in this 10-month-old pandemic, our quiet corner of the world feels unsafe. As of Dec. 18, 13 cases of COVID-19 are active in North East, seven of them in the Village of Millerton.

This is terrible news and one wishes them every chance of recovery. It seems a lot in a community of 3,000 people, most of whom have been studiously practicing Dr. Fauci's virus avoidance protocols — mask wearing, hand washing, social distancing and infrequent public appearances. But not everyone has joined in.

It might help to know that big science has shed light on a process we all do 20 times a minute without a second thought. Using high-powered computer simulations, fluid

dynamics engineers at Stony Brook University have revealed what happens when we breathe, also when we cough.

Science knows that we exhale droplets of mucous, from the microscopic to the visible. The largest don't go very far in normal breathing and descend quickly to the nearest flat surface. In a cough, the largest droplets will travel nearly 6 feet in a "turbulent jet" before gravity pulls them down. Hence the 6-foot rule.

What about the smaller droplets? Called aerosols or fine

mist, this droplet class is overlooked in our protocols. That, it turns out, is a fatal oversight.

In still air, the smaller droplets from a cough expand outward in a plume that travels 9.3 feet and stays aloft for 27 minutes. That's a single cough. Repeated coughs keep adding plumes. Even the smallest droplets can carry molecules of coronavirus. In an unventilated room, a maskless infected person — not necessarily showing symptoms, not knowing they are infected — can quickly thicken the air with live virus just by breathing normally. Talking does so faster, singing or shouting or playing a wind instrument faster yet. The coughing fit of a sick person renders an unventilated room a disease trap. Outdoors, a

breeze concentrates an infectious jet and carries it farther, but dissipates it within seconds.

There is a simple thing you can do to drastically lower your chance of infection, learned the Stony Brook engineers: Wear a mask, just about any mask. The reason is not what you might think — the fabric blocks droplets — but that it disrupts the airflow of a breath or cough, arresting the forward momentum of the turbulent jet and sapping its energy. A mask limits dispersal of moist air to immediately around the face and to less than 2 feet from a spreader person, even after repeated hard hacks.

A handkerchief that descends like a House of David beard is just fine. So is a pulled-up neck gaiter. Better are medical masks, N-95s, that hug your lower eye sockets and bend snugly over the bridge of your nose. What's not OK is leaving the nose uncovered. A mask worn that way is, said Fortis Sortiropoulos, Stony Brook dean of engineering, "useless." The point is, all masks leak a little, especially under the top edge (as glasses wearers can attest). Even a sharply expelled cough leaks only low-energy droplets around the mask compared to an unmasked nose and mouth.

So, wear a mask. If you are stuck inside with anyone but immediate family, try to be sure the space is well-ventilated and you don't stay long. It's the cumulative viral load that matters. Outdoors, pay attention to whom you are downwind from. Move out of the plume of a cougher or sneezer. (This is good advice at any time.)

Stay far away from anyone who is mask-free. Stephen Colbert's recent in-person chat with Joe Biden positioned the gentlemen at either end of what looked like a hangar. Until health czar Tony Fauci gives the all clear, that seems about right.

Science writer Tom Parrett lives in Millerton.

The Millerton News will take a week off and publish again on Jan. 7, 2021

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SPORTS



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Getting into the act

Even with his busy schedule of chasing squirrels, stealing tennis balls and playing with the farm dog next door, constant canine companion JT Lyle kept himself protected against COVID-19 through 2020 with help from some personal protective equipment (PPE), a good reminder to all Tri-state region residents that wearing PPE is essential to stopping the spread of the coronavirus during the pandemic. Now that winter has arrived, JT is trying to figure out how he'll be able to frolic in the snow with a face mask on. Once he has that all worked out, his owner, Millerton News reporter Kaitlin Lyle, will be sure to capture it on camera and share the results.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Virtual performance broadcast Jan. 7

NEW YORK CITY — Come Thursday, Jan. 7, Mark DeGarmo Dance (MDD) will be broadcasting its transcultural transdisciplinary Virtual Salon Performance Series to an international audience via Zoom. Mark DeGarmo, a Pine Plains native, is an internationally recognized choreographer who resides in New York City and Anram.

The dance series will spotlight international and emerging performing artists Selim Cizdan from Turkey, Aigars Larionovs from Latvia and Adriane Erdos and Makayla Peterson from New York City. Each performance will include an audience feedback session curated and

facilitated by DeGarmo, who founded MDD and is its executive and artistic director. Tickets will be by donation. Attendees may purchase tickets online at www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-salon-performance-series-january-7th-2021-tickets-131489385291, via PayPal at www.paypal.me/markdegarmodance or via Venmo at Mark-DeGarmo-2.

The Zoom link will be sent to attendees at 4 p.m. the day of the performance. If a donation is made after that time, MDD staff will send the link via email as soon as possible.

For more information, visit www.markdegarmodance.org.

New easy registration with Recreation Department

WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington (TOW) Recreation Department has a software program to make it easier to sign up for activities once the coronavirus pandemic has ended.

Residents will be able to go to www.towrecreation.com and click on the Create New Account link to open an account and gain easier ac-

cess to program registration. Be sure to add all the members of the household into the account. Don't forget to enter a cell number with the carrier so the Recreation Department can text with any last-minute changes.

New household accounts will provide subscribers with registrations history, financial history and much more.

Town of Pine Plains to open temporary ice skating rink this winter season

PINE PLAINS — The town of Pine Plains has set up its temporary community ice rink for the winter season.

Located on the girls softball field at the recreation fields along Beach Road, the temporary ice rink will be open, weather permitting,

for ice skating throughout the winter season. Local residents are invited to skate on the rink when it's open, as long as it is lit and groomed.

Look for updates on the rink's status to be posted on the "Pine Plains Ice Rink" Facebook page.

Basketball, and more, in Millbrook

WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington Recreation Department has released its schedule for the winter basketball season.

Kindergarten Basketball will be held on Wednesdays, from Jan. 6 through Jan. 27, from 5 to 6 p.m.

LMC Saturday Basketball, for grades 1 through 6, will be held Jan. 9 through Feb. 13.

Indoor Soccer for grades K through two will be held Mondays, from Jan. 11 through Feb. 8, from 5 to 6 p.m.

Pickleball may be played by

those who would like to rent out the Guertin Gym, available weekday mornings. For more information on this and other programs, email RecDirector@Washingtonny.org or call 845-677-3419, ext. 6.

Due to New York State guidelines, the Recreation Department will be unable to host its traditional basketball league this season, instead it will be hosting LMC Clinics on Saturday mornings. If the guidelines change later in the winter the clinics will adjust accordingly.

Amenia Town Board examines proposal for a skatepark in Wassaic

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Considering the regional issue of attracting young people to settle down roots locally, the Amenia Town Board lent Christopher May its full attention as he proposed installing a skatepark in the hamlet of Wassaic during its meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3.

The board met via videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic and live streamed the meeting to the "AmeniaTV" YouTube channel, where it can now be watched in full.

"This is something I've been thinking about for a very long time and I think it could be a huge benefit to Wassaic," May said.

A little history

Introducing himself to the board, May said he's been skateboarding for 25 years and that, at the age of 13, he and his friends advocated for the first skatepark in their hometown of Riverton, Wyo. Defining a skatepark as "a purpose-built recreational environment made of skateboarding, BMX, scooter, wheelchair and inline skating," he said a skatepark creates "a safe space that's an alternative to team sports that encourages fulfilling physical activity out of doors."

Looking at the health benefits in terms of mental, physical and social health, May said of all the things that make skateboarding fun — such as focus, self-education, determination and self-discipline — "is the enormous challenge and tremendous reward that comes from skateboarding."

The benefits of a skatepark

Along with the physical benefits of aerobic exercise, strength-building and stamina-building, May said achieving a trick is one of the greatest intrinsic rewards. Meanwhile, the social benefits a skatepark include community involvement, a sense of belonging, inclusion, a social support network and building friendships.

May said a skatepark would keep young people in town and provide a social gathering place in the community. He explained that a professionally designed skatepark acts as an extension of that community's specific needs, adding that there's a sense of ownership in having skateboarders participate in the design conversation.

After talking with some local youth who showed an interest in having a skatepark, May told the board that he's planning to have a design meeting to discuss with local skaters what they want the park to look like.

From an economic perspective, May said having a skatepark creates a need for quality skateboard shops in town; he mentioned that he's already talked with some people who are interested in opening a business to sell and repair skateboards.

A well-designed skatepark would also attract visitors from other communities — even other states and countries, and would prove the town's investment in its youth.

How to make it possible

In addition to reaching out to the local youth and area residents, May shared that he's had several meetings with the Tony Hawk Foundation, a nonprofit

organization geared toward building skateparks in small communities.

Responding to Councilman Damien Gutierrez's question about funding through grants, May shared that, based on his conversations with the Tony Hawk Foundation, on average 85% of funding for successfully completed skateparks is through grant money while about 5% is done through grassroots funding and about 10% is funded through private donations.

Believing his proposal has a good chance of qualifying for grants, May said, "It's not much, but you get a lot of international attention for it, which then can help your chances of raising more."

He later suggested that having the town grant writer involved would help move the project along.

The liability issue

Since one of the most common questions people ask about skateparks focuses on skatepark liability, May explained that New York State recognizes skateparks as "ordinary recreational facilities just like any other" and that state insurance views these facilities in the same way it does basketball courts. If anything, he said, a skatepark would be a healthy gathering place for local youth.

Answering Councilwoman Michele Somogyi's questions about liability and supervision later that evening, May said the skatepark would be lit, open and visible to the public, and that if the town were to hire someone to watch the skatepark, then it would be liable for anything that goes on at the park, though it

is covered by New York State Recreation. The skatepark would also be free and open to the public, and May noted that typical hours of operation for skateparks would run from dawn to dusk.

To give the board a sense of how a skatepark would work in the hamlet of Wassaic, May projected a community comparison to demonstrate how skateparks have benefited communities similar to Wassaic, such as Riverton; Alberton, Mont.; and Middletown, N.Y.

Community feedback, participation

Having reached out to many community members, May's proposal has so far been received with excitement and encouragement from local residents, with people showing a willingness to donate their time and money just so their children will have a safe place to gather.

Regarding the skatepark's installation, May recommended a concrete skatepark as they require nearly zero maintenance; once the concrete is poured, he said the only maintenance would be the occasional mowing and weeding around the perimeter as well as collecting trash.

Outlining one of his future goals, May said he'd like to enlist a small group of volunteers for a Skatepark Advisory Committee to meet about fundraising, raising community awareness and other similar tasks pertaining to the skatepark.

"This is a wonderful new opportunity for recreation," said town Supervisor Victoria Perotti, who said she was impressed with May's proposal.

A feel good story of the holiday season

If you are feeling in need of an uplifting story for this holiday season, cast your attention toward our nation's capital. No, no — not the political arena of the city (Does anything uplifting ever come from there?) but to the suburban stadium wherein plays the recently renamed Washington Football Team.

Nor do we refer to the play of the team itself. In recent years, The Washington Football Team, formerly known as The Redskins, have played more like the old Washington Senators, of whom Charles Dryden in 1904 famously remarked, "Washington — first in war, first in peace, and last in the American League." On further thought, those Senators do sound like the ones on Capitol Hill.

What I'm thinking of, actually, is the play of Washington's quarterback, one Alex Smith.

Smith has had the kind of hard luck career that would send most of us looking for any other gig than our current line of work, but he didn't begin that way. He was the number one pick overall in the 2005 draft lottery by the San Francisco Giants who had been laboring in the cellar of the NFL for a while. That's how you get the first pick.

Anyway, Smith played well for them even though he was plagued by injuries all the way to 2012 when he was benched in favor of Colin Kaepernick, he of the famous bended knee. Then Smith was dealt to the Kansas

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Theodore Kneeland

City Chiefs. There, again, he played well but was again passed over in favor of the young, exciting, Patrick Mahomes. Sense a pattern here?

I don't know who labeled Smith with the tag of being a "game manager" quarterback, but whoever it was did him no favors. In every other area, being a manager is something to be desired, but in football, it means that the QB is just a vanilla guy who makes the safe play and who doesn't do anything very exciting, even when he is winning games.

Now it is true that Smith is the old fashioned quarterback who stands in the pocket and tries to find the open receiver, and it is true that both times he lost his job to a younger fellow who didn't mind using his legs to make yards. But a win, no matter how you get it, is a win, right? Evidently not!

Smith was still standing in the pocket when he suffered the worst broken leg anyone has seen since Joe Theismann had his career ended by one. Smith

was out two full years, had 17 surgeries to fight infection, was told he might have to have an amputation, had to wear an exterior bone brace drilled into his leg bones for a full year, and still fought his way back to being the back-up QB at the beginning of this season.

He was finally named the starting quarterback several weeks ago, and his team has been on a tear ever since, reminding us of his stints in San

Francisco and Kansas City.

So let's feel good about as heroic a stand against misfortune anyone has ever seen anywhere. And if Smith isn't named the Comeback Player of the Year, there will have been a dirty deal done that would have been at home only downtown in the Capital itself.

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

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Officers turned Angels
 Millbrook Police Sgt. Jared Witt and Millbrook Police Officer Kelly Aliusio helped collect donations for local charity Angels of Lights on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Millbrook Village Hall. Angels of Light helps provide a happy holiday to terminally ill children and their families in the local area so they can focus on their wellbeing and not stress about dealing with making holiday arrangements like buying gifts and planning meals, etc. The extra assistance is especially appreciated this year, with the added stress of the coronavirus to deal with. The local community has supported the nonprofit for years.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF AMENIA ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AREA VARIANCE RELATED TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 97 POWDER HOUSE ROAD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 121-59(G) of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code, a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Amenia, New York, on January 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The public hearing will be conducted remotely via Zoom in accordance with Executive Order 202.1 and subsequent Executive Orders of Governor Andrew Cuomo. To participate in this public hearing, please send an email to jwestfall@ameniany.gov and instructions will be provided. The following matter is scheduled for a public hearing:

Applicant Elizabeth Hammond seeks an area variance to allow an addition to an existing residential structure with a proposed front yard setback along Powder House Road of thirty-one (31) feet, six (6) inches where a fifty (50) foot setback is required in the Suburban Residential (SR) District. The proposed addition will be within the setback of the existing structure. The proposed addition will include expansion of an existing entry room and the addition of a living room, for a total expansion of approximately five hundred fifty-seven (557) square feet. The property is located at 97 Powder House Road, Tax Parcel # 132000-7167-14-327267.

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

Town's official website at www.ameniany.gov.

At the public hearing noticed herein, the ZBA will hear all persons interested in the application. Persons may appear at the hearing remotely via Zoom on their own behalf or by agent and may also submit written comments to the ZBA prior to or at such hearing. Dated: December 16, 2020.

Terry Metcalfe, Chairman
 Town of Amenia Zoning Board Appeals
 12-24-20

Legal Notice

Reorganizational Meeting of the Amenia Town Board is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm., at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia NY. Dated 12-17-2020.

Dawn Marie Klingner
 Town Clerk
 12-24-20

TOWN OF AMENIA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia is requesting sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform Engineering Services for the Town of Amenia Route 44 Sidewalk Extension to Beekman Park. For general information about the Town of Amenia, please visit the Town's Website at www.ameniany.gov.

Proposers must submit one (1) original, plus five (5) copies, plus one (1) digital copy on CD, DVD, or USB drive as single pdf document.

Proposals must be received no later than 1:00 P.M., January 14, 2021, and addressed to the attention of Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501.

To request a copy of the Request for Proposals document, call, write or email: DAWN MARIE KLINGNER
 TOWN CLERK
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Dawn Marie Klingner
 Amenia Fire District #1
 12-24-20

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 13th day of January, 2021, at 7:30PM, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the special use permit for a major home occupation, submitted by Willow Roots, Inc., for a property located at 23 North Main Street, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, State of New York, Tax Map No. 134200-6872-14-380254-0000.

This meeting will not take place in person in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.80. Until further notice, meetings will be held via video conferencing. The town of Pine Plains has organized an interactive Public Hearing for 7:30 pm on January 13th, 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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