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For many Americans, Jan. 20 was a day of celebration and high spirits. This young pair embraced in Washington, D.C., on Inauguration Day.

America celebrates Biden while Dutchess County seeks support

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DUTCHESS COUNTY — The winds of change swept across the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 20, as Joseph R. Biden Jr. was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States shortly before noon — marking a change from a Republican to a Democratic administration. Moments earlier his running mate, Kamala D. Harris, became the first woman, the first African American and the first Asian American to ever take the oath of office as this nation's vice president. It was, to be sure, an historic day.

"At this hour, my friends, democracy has prevailed," said Biden after being sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts.

It was a turbulent road to the White House, which took four days for major news outlets including the New York Times and the Associated Press to announce the results, which continued to be questioned up until and even after Biden's inauguration.

On Jan. 6, 15 days before the transfer of power, thousands of extremists left a pro-Trump rally and stormed

the U.S. Capitol Building to protest the certification of the Electoral College results. The violent rampage caused major property damage in the halls of Congress and left five people dead, including a Capitol Police officer.

Investigations into many hundreds of agitators around the country are ongoing and hundreds of arrests have reportedly been made — many on federal charges. The riot led to the installation of 25,000 National Guard troops in Washington, D.C., on Inauguration Day along with other law enforcement agencies to protect Biden, Harris and their families during the scaled down ceremony, which went off without a hitch.

Now that America has a new president and vice president at the helm, lawmakers in Dutchess County are looking toward Washington to help right the ship for 2021 and the next four years — just for a start. The COVID-19 pandemic and the stalled economy are the two looming issues, then there are others including police reform, social justice, political extremism, gun control and climate

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Cold Spring shifts to remote learning after fears of COVID

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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PINE PLAINS — Taking proactive action to protect students, staff and community members against the spread of the coronavirus, the Pine Plains Central School District transitioned Cold Spring Early Learning Center students from the hybrid learning to full remote learning following a report of a presumed posi-

tive COVID-19 case on Monday, Jan. 18.

Though their identification can't be disclosed due to federal health privacy laws, Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler announced in his letter to Pine Plains staff, parents and community members last Monday that it was a staff member at Cold Spring who was presumed positive for COVID-19 and that they were last present in the district on Friday,

Jan. 15.

Meanwhile, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brian Timm said Cold Spring Principal Gian Starr brought the case to the district's attention on the morning of Jan. 18.

In addition to reviewing the case with the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health, Timm said the district

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\$1 million-plus raised to redo Millerton's Eddie Collins Park

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MILLERTON — Prepared to forge ahead in 2021 with the first phase of the Millerton Community Park's (aka Eddie Collins Memorial Park) long-awaited revitalization, the Eddie Collins Memorial Park Revitalization Committee (ECMPRC) updated the community on the project's status and Phase One of the revitalization plans during the Village Board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

In addition to the entire Village Board, the meeting was attended by Jeanne Vanecko, vice chair of the ECMPRC and project coordinator, and Kevin Hasselwander, a landscape architect from The Chazen Companies, in attendance to talk about the plans for Phase One.

Projecting an aerial sketch of Phase One improvements, Hasselwander

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RENDERING SUBMITTED

The Village Board and the public were presented with renderings of new developments made to Phase One of the Eddie Collins Memorial Park revitalization project by Kevin Hasselwander, a landscape architect from The Chazen Companies, at the board meeting held on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Above is a rendering of one section of the park.

Amenia board urged to install wastewater treatment system

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AMENIA — Understanding that the town's ability to achieve meaningful growth will continue to be obstructed without a wastewater treatment system, the Amenia Wastewater Committee (AWC), with help from the engineering firm Tighe & Bond, outlined its research and reasoning for moving wanting a wastewater treatment system during the Amenia Town Board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 21.

The meeting was held via Zoom

due to the coronavirus pandemic, welcoming AWC Chairman Jim Wright, Tighe & Bond Senior Project Manager Erin Moore and the entire Town Board in attendance.

"Leaders and citizens in Amenia have recognized for decades that the town will not thrive without a wastewater treatment system," Wright said. "The 2007 Comprehensive Plan and the 2008 Hamlet Development Study both stated that without a wastewater treatment system that business and housing development would be very difficult to achieve."

Wright said committee members have been educating themselves for months about wastewater treatment systems, speaking with neighboring towns and engineers as well as the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority, and James A. Upright, a senior public health engineer from the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DCDBCH).

Upright said "essential sewer systems in the hamlet... protect public

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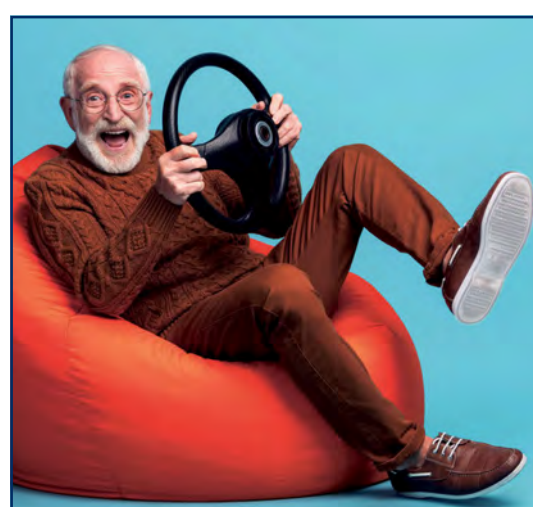
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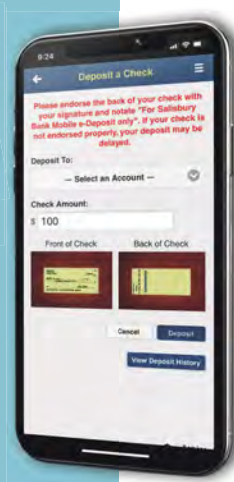
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Dr. Carolyn Cannon, DVM, of the Millerton Veterinary Practice, with her patient, pup Sadie (whose owners are Candie and Eric Fredritz of nearby Sharon, Conn.), strongly encourages all pet owners to invest in the low-cost and safe microchipping process that tracks a pet's identification and location if the pet gets lost. It can be the one thing that quickly and reliably reunites animal and owner with the least amount of headache and heartbreak.

Vet says tech can be a pet's best friend

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Lost pets have been a heartbreaking problem since the days when a young caveman appeared at the entrance to his home, a sabre tooth tiger trailing behind him as he begged to keep the creature who eventually, sadly, wandered off, never to be seen again.

Through the ages, owners of stray critters have tried everything to find them — from word of mouth to posters to newspaper ads to email appeals such as those sent out regularly by Ancram town Supervisor Art Bassin to online pet lost and found sites. One of the last recently allowed an appreciative owner to retrieve the now locally famous Austrian German shepherd named Andy, who was nearly lost to an icy pond in Ancramdale. Andy was featured in the Jan. 21 issue of The Millerton News for the heroic rescue that saved her life by a Columbia County Sheriff's sergeant. Unfortunately, such methods are often hit or miss, and depend on a great deal of luck.

But according to Dr. Carolyn Cannon, DVM, of the Millerton Veterinary Practice, these days technology provides a reliable means of retrieving a lost pet — through implanting a microchip.

"If your dog [or cat] is microchipped, we can find out who owns that dog [or cat] within minutes," said the veterinarian.

Rather than acting as a tracking device, the scannable chip stores an identification number used nationally to identify the pet. Because there are no power sources nor moving parts, it generally lasts the lifetime of the animal.

Dr. Cannon said many places, including veterinary hospitals, the Humane Society and most animal shelters have scanners to read the devices, so the chances of getting a missing dog or cat back are very high, as long as the device's registration is current.

The procedure embeds a tiny microchip about the size of a

grain of rice in the loose skin at the animal's shoulder using a simple syringe that contains the chip. It takes just a few minutes with the patient returning home that day. The simple procedure is frequently done when a pet is being spayed or neutered.

The initial cost is approximately \$70, which includes the device, its insertion and the first year of registration with the tracking organization.

Cannon added that with some companies, including the one used at her hospital, "you get not only all of this help finding your dog [or cat], you also get a little bit of health insurance if something happens to your dog while it's away. You also get free access to the animal poison control hot line, which costs \$75 every time you call. That's a big plus and I try encourage people to do it for that reason alone."

That service can be critical, she said.

"If [a pet] eats a little piece of chocolate or more commonly now it's that xylitol gum, you have to call animal poison control because they have very specific formulas depending on what type of dog you have or how much they weigh," said Cannon. "It's really wise for people to understand the benefits."

She added that many animals adopted from shelters already have the microchips implanted because the chip companies often donate them, but unfortunately some owners do not pay the annual \$20 fee that keeps the registration current, so often they are not activated. Some pet owners also neglect to provide updated contact information to the microchip companies when they get a new phone or if they move, which can result in owners and chipped animals who get separated from each other from ever reuniting. And that, said the doctor, is not only a tragedy, but a preventable one.

For more information on how to microchip one's pet, call 518-789-3440.

Village Board talks chickens and trees, sets hearing for police reform plan

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MILLERTON — From requests about owning chickens within the village limits to the much-anticipated police reform plan, the Village Board made good use of its first workshop meeting of 2021 on Monday evening, Jan. 4. The meeting was live streamed at 6 p.m. to the "Village of Millerton VOM" Facebook page due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Chickens

Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer shared an email she received from residents requesting permission from the Village Board to house chickens on their property at 15 Linden St. As the residents had read the village code and realized they needed the board's permission, Kilmer said they were looking to either get board approval or learn what steps to take to get approval.

Mayor Debbie Middlebrook raised past difficulties the village has had with chickens running around the village and how the board has had to address such problems. That said, she conceded, "It'll be up to the board to decide, but I'm not inclined to approve them only because we just had so many difficulties in the past."

Agreeing that chickens have been a problem in the past, Trustee Matthew Hartzog called attention to issues concerning roosters and instances when residents didn't know they had a rooster when they purchased the bird as a chick.

Trustee Alicia Sartori said she'd be fine if the animal was caged while Trustee Joshua Schultz noted there are currently chickens residing within the village that are lawfully permitted; he said he would personally like to see the property and go from there.

Middlebrook asked Kilmer if the residents mentioned in their email whether the chickens were going to be free range or caged. Kilmer replied there was no direct information on how many chickens there would be or how they would be cared for, just that they were searching for guidance for getting approval.

The mayor suggested Kilmer reach out and say the board wants more information, adding that before it can take this under advisement, it needs to know how many chickens there would be, how they'd be cared for and if any neighbors have any issues with it. In addition to the board's approval, Kilmer said the residents would have to get approval from their neigh-

bors and get their responses to how they would feel about having chickens in the neighborhood. Once they receive the neighbors' feedback, Middlebrook said Schultz can get the address for the residence and check out the property.

Police reform

With the board scheduled to adopt the village's police reform plan by Thursday, April 1, as per Governor Andrew Cuomo's mandate that all police agencies throughout the state at every level adopt reform policies by April 1 or face the loss of state funding, the trustees set a public hearing for the plan for its workshop meeting on Monday, March 1, at 6:05 p.m.

Tree removal

Middlebrook reported that village resident and business owner Bruce Valentine had visited her house to ask if he could remove some decaying trees in front of the funeral home formerly owned by his late father. He currently owns Valentine Monument Works & Sandblast on Park Avenue. Along with mentioning that his grandfather had planted the trees that are now deteriorating around the property, Valentine expressed his interest in taking down the overgrown trees at his own expense.

After reaching out to Village

Attorney Ian MacDonald to ask what the board might have to do, Middlebrook was told that the board has to make sure neighbors have no issues with Valentine removing the trees before they are taken down. Additionally, if Valentine decides to hire a company to take down the trees, Middlebrook said the board has to have coverage in place that holds the village harmless in case of any damages. She added Village Highway Supervisor Coleman Lawrence could go and look at the trees and offer his opinion if they should be removed.

Hartzog said perhaps the village should consider planting trees that are "smaller, that would not be moving and hanging around and causing additional problems, perhaps something that would grow to only 45 feet high" in the future, so the village won't have to deal with removing them down the road.

Middlebrook added that the village could also consider getting trees that are native to the area, which could fare better in the long run. With Hartzog looking into native plants, Middlebrook said she'd reach out to the attorney to see what paperwork the board must obtain and then Lawrence can go and check out the trees.

Town Board deals with Broadband, speed study and fire district's fueling request

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NORTH EAST — The Town Board held its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, Jan. 14, on Zoom due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic; it was brief and addressed only a few simple matters.

Broadband Committee

For one, the board is forming a Broadband Committee, to be able to investigate "where the gaps are in Broadband service in our town and to work with Pine Plains and Ancram, which have been doing that work already and which have some good models for us to pursue as we look into it," explained town Supervisor Chris Kennan a few days later.

Loosely defined, the term Broadband refers to high-speed internet access that is on around the clock and runs much, much faster than traditional dial-up internet service.

"The lack of Broadband in rural areas is something that is very well known and something which can present a real challenge for people," said Kennan, "and we want to see what we can find out about it and see if there is something can do about it."

The reason why, he explained, is because without high-speed internet access in the modern world, people are at a disadvantage.

"If you have children who are trying to attend school virtually it's a huge obstacle," said the supervisor. "And it's very unfair because some children will have

greater access to one [type of] learning than others will, and this past year already has been such a huge challenge for kids, and such a huge interruption in their education, so that lack of Broadband makes it worse."

Kennan said that Broadband service in the Millerton business district and throughout most of the village is fine, and that he's never received any complaints from either residents or business owners about it. However, in other, more rural parts of town, Broadband service often breaks down and residents frequently have trouble accessing the internet, said Kennan.

Speed studies OK'd

The Town Board also authorized a couple of speed studies that were conducted last year for both Winchell Mountain Road and Route 22 North, where the speed drops from 55 mph down to 35 mph "just like that," according to Kennan.

Residents had complained that the roads were unsafe and frequent accidents occurred at both locations.

Winchell Mountain Road was cited as an especially dangerous spot during the winter, when snow and ice could lead

to accidents with cars driving down the steep hill too fast, yet still according to the state speed limit. Another problem, said residents on that road, is the amount of commercial truck traffic due to GPS. The devices route traffic along Winchell Mountain Road as a short cut, despite its steep slope, making it difficult for homeowners to pull out of hidden driveways into fast-driving traffic, again creating dangerous conditions. A number of those living in the area requested the speed studies last year.

Fueling request

Lastly, Kennan said the

North East Fire District asked if it could fuel its vehicles at the town and village's new joint highway garage, which has a fueling facility, adding "the board would like to make that happen."

"We're moving forward with that and figuring out how to get that done," said Kennan. "For them, the benefit is this is a facility they could access anytime day or night, and we buy our fuel under state contract, which is a wholesale contract, so there's a financial benefit to them. And if the town could be helpful to our fire company, we would like to."

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Fire Company wants new, centralized fire station, with plenty of storage

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AMENIA — Between the services it provides to the community and the local gatherings it's hosted to benefit residents over the years, the Amenia Fire Company has been operating out of the firehouse at 36 Mechanic St. since its inception in 1895.

However, in recent years, the firehouse has encountered a number of issues that have prompted members to realize they've outgrown the structure. Knowing that, the company did buy additional property in town to store the equipment that doesn't fit at the firehouse, but members are now looking to develop a master plan to bring everything back to Mechanic Street, wanting a centralized fire station.

A brief history

Amenia Fire Company Chief Aaron Howard Jr. said the original structure on Mechanic Street burned down in 1941. A new structure was built in its place and in 1947 the Fire Company moved in. That same year, the firehouse built an engine bay; a second engine bay was built in 1962. By 1975, a new side section was added on to the building, completing the structure.

Yet through all of the changes that the firehouse has undergone, Howard said it was always associated with the town of Amenia, which had its Town Hall located inside the building for a number of years.

Many residents may also associate the firehouse as the location for popular community events, such as the starting point for the annual holiday parade, the loca-



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

The Amenia Fire Company wants to build a brand new, centralized fire station at 36 Mechanic St., to replace the current firehouse at that site, which is unable to store all of the company's equipment and prompted it to buy a storage building in town on Cascade Road.

tion for the fire company's annual chicken barbecues and the site of its popular summer carnival.

Needs, looking ahead

Yet there are issues with the structure's age, few modern efficiencies and lack of space — especially when new equipment can't fit in the building. For example, the firehouse's doors aren't high or wide enough to fit the new firetrucks that were just purchased.

"Right now, we're outgrowing this building," Amenia Fire Company President Rich Howard said.

Seeking a temporary space to house their equipment, Howard said the company purchased property at 15-17 Cascade Road in 2007, from Maplebrook School, which had previously used the

property for the its greenhouse operations. In addition to housing a firetruck there, a washer and dryer system is stored at the site as well as an air pump to fill self-contained breathing apparatuses or scott packs.

"Currently we're operating out of the two properties efficiently and we're able to provide services to the community," Howard said, adding it's now the company's hope to create one centralized space back on Mechanic Street.

Goals, a vision

In support of the Fire Company's vision of being "a progressive organization that leads the community in public safety," the Amenia Fire Company Building Committee announced its goal on Sunday, Jan. 24, to plan, fund-

raise for and construct a brand new fire station at 36 Mechanic St.

Goals include providing a healthy and safe work environment for all volunteers and guests; to create sufficient space for equipment and administration; to be able to conduct on-site first responder training events and classes; to consider and plan for future needs; and to secure funding for the project as the Amenia Fire Company No. 1.

Howard emphasized that this is a fire company project that will be funded by the company at no cost to the taxpayers. He said the company has sent out fundraising information and is just now starting to scratch the surface in raising the funds necessary to move the project forward.

As the fire company looks into developing a master plan, Howard said the next step would ideally be to form a Building Committee, though he pointed out that the project is still in its infancy.

AREA IN BRIEF

Bond at Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre

AMENIA — Come Saturday, Jan. 30, the Boondocks Film Society will be showing the 1969 James Bond film, "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" at the Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre, at 4957 Route 22, a great socially distant pandemic activity.

Opening at 6 p.m., the screening will feature themed food, craft cocktails and more and the film will

start at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$14, and viewers should purchase tickets in advance either at www.boondocksfilmsociety.org or at www.playeatdrink.com.

For more information, go to www.boondocksfilmsociety.org or go to social media, to the "Boondocks Film Society" Facebook page or its Instagram page at [@boondocksfilmsociety](https://www.instagram.com/boondocksfilmsociety).

2021 Webutuck STEAM Fair goes virtual

WEBUTUCK — The Webutuck Teachers' Association wants students in the North East (Webutuck) Central School District to brainstorm ideas to feature in this year's Virtual STEAM Fair. Whether students decide to do projects as team or individually, registration forms for the Virtual STEAM Fair are due Friday, Jan. 29, while the last day to submit a pre-

sentation is Friday, Feb. 12. Projects will go "live" for public view and judging from Monday, Feb. 22, through Sunday, Feb. 28, with the winners announced on Friday, March 5.

All information regarding the 2021 Virtual STEAM Fair can be found online at <https://sites.google.com/webutuck.org/2021-webutuck-steam-fair/home>.

Amenia Free Library guidelines for 2021

AMENIA — As of the start of the new year, the Amenia Free Library has posted new guidelines for patrons as they continue to use of the library during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Face masks are required, and patrons must continue to maintain proper social distancing while at the library. A maximum of three patrons may use the library at one time.

Printing, faxing, copying and scanning services are all available, as is curbside pickup. Patrons may call 845-373-8273 when they arrive at the library or knock on the door.

Due to ongoing construction, the library is not accepting book donations at this time.

For more information, go to www.amenialibrary.org or call for more information.

NYSERDA offers help for energy upgrades

HARLEM VALLEY — Residents throughout Dutchess and Columbia Counties who struggle to pay energy bills may be eligible for relief programs offered through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

(NYSERDA). Free incentives of up to \$10,000 in energy efficiency upgrades are available to qualified residents.

For more information or help in applying, call 845-677-8223, ext. 113 or email cda37@cornell.edu.

Millerton's Avocado Cafe opens second location in Amenia

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AMENIA — Almost six years since it first opened in Millerton to offer the community a taste of authentic Mexican cuisine, Avocado Cafe recently expanded its business in northeastern Dutchess County by opening up a second location in Amenia.

As owner and operator of the Avocado Cafe, Ivan Carrera said he was originally drawn to the idea of opening up a cafe in Millerton when he saw that there were few Mexican eateries around, and he wanted to try to open a place that would cook authentic Mexican food.

"We wanted to open with good food and fast service," Carrera said. "We wanted to try to make good food and fast food at the same time."

This coming May will mark the sixth anniversary of the Avocado Cafe's opening in Thompson Plaza, located at 208 Route 44 in Millerton. From the tasty range of burritos to the more traditional Mexican dishes, customers have been delighted by all of the menu's offerings — particularly the beef and pork dishes — and when the COVID-19 pandemic reached the village, customers offered the cafe their support by ordering take out.

"We always try our best to please our customers," Carrera said. "They keep us open."

Though the cafe was initially affected by the pandemic by a drop in revenue and orders, he said customers have now seen that the cafe is following all COVID-19 safety protocols (requiring face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, social distancing, etc.), and they are now more comfortable coming into the cafe. That said, the cafe is still only offering take-out only at this time.

Given the positive feedback he received from customers in Millerton, Carrera said he started to think about expanding before the pandemic struck. Believing the pandemic wouldn't last forever, Carrera said he and



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Following almost six years in the village of Millerton, Avocado Cafe recently expanded its business by opening a new location at 4789 Route 22 in Amenia this past December.

his employees felt encouraged to move to south to Amenia, which is in the same plaza as the popular and long-time seasonal ice cream stand, Fudgy's, on Route 22. He emphasized that he hasn't closed his Millerton location, which continues to operate in Thompson Plaza seven days a week from noon to 8 p.m.

After two months of renovations that started this past fall, Avocado Cafe opened at 4789 Route 22 in Amenia on Saturday, Dec. 26.

Though the new cafe features the same menu as the Millerton Avocado Cafe, Carrera said the Amenia restaurant will add new dishes like rotisserie chicken and offer margaritas, Sangria, beer and wine once it gets its liquor license. Planning to take advantage of the patio area, he said he will offer outside dining for customers during warmer

weather. Avocado Cafe is currently operating in Amenia on Mondays through Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 9 p.m.

By this spring, Carrera hopes to change the hours to keep the cafe open seven days a week from noon to 9 p.m. He also hopes to have more customers come in once the pandemic is over, though he said he has to see first how customers respond to his food.

"We are hoping that the Amenia location will have a lot of people because every town has their own taste," Carrera said. "We're just hoping we're going to be able to give them what they like."

For more information on the Avocado Cafe in Amenia, call 845-233-8389 or go online, to www.avocadocafe.net.

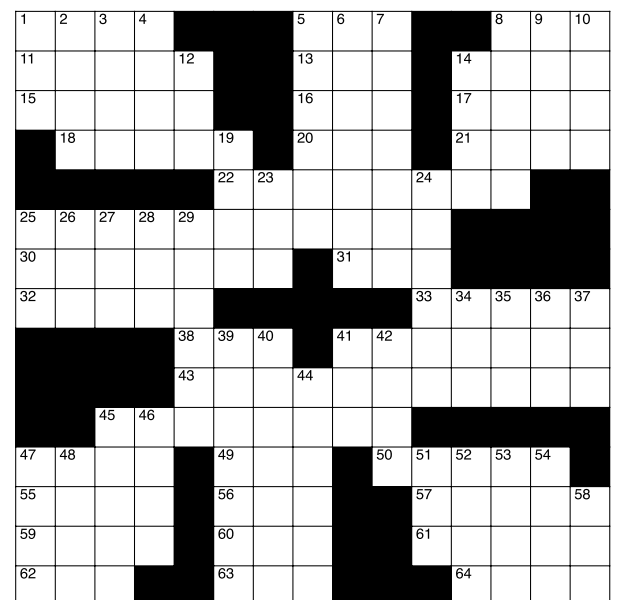
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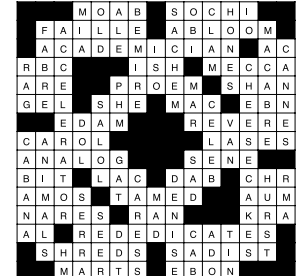
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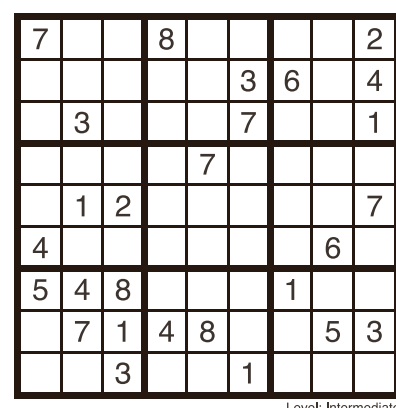
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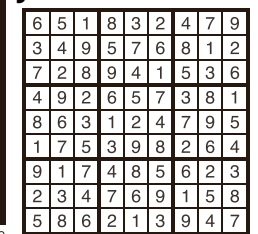
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Arrests made in brutal 2020 Hillsdale assault caught on camera

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HILLSDALE — It may have taken nearly a year to arrest the four people believed responsible for the brutal assault and robbery of an unnamed victim that was initially reported on Feb. 23, 2020, “that... had taken place at an unknown location based off of a video that had surfaced,” according to a press release issued by the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO) on Wednesday, Jan. 20, but now those suspects have been charged with robbery in the first degree, a class B felony; assault in the second degree, a class D felony; and conspiracy in the fourth degree, a class E felony.

According to CCSO Lt. John Rivero, the investigation led Sheriff’s Office investigators along with uniformed deputies to a residence in the town of Hillsdale on Taconic Creek Road, where they executed a search warrant to collect evidence associated with the crime.

Rivero said learning about the attack on social media was key to bringing the case the to justice in an interview on Thursday, Jan. 21.

It was a tough case to investigate, he noted, due to the fact that it took more than a week to even locate the victim, who he said “was seriously injured.”

When the Sheriff’s Office did find the victim, it was based off of information discovered at the crime scene, and not because he himself came forward, according to the lieutenant.

“This was not a case where we went to a live, active scene; we had to work backwards, and based on that we had to put the evidence together in a different fashion; we had to work back to the crime,” explained Rivero, who added the victim “was familiar” with his assailants, though he couldn’t say to what extent. “It wasn’t something where we showed up and the victim was bloody on the floor, and the person who punched him had a bloody fist. This was something that required a lot more detail.”

Once the victim was identified and investigators learned of his physical condition, they began to identify and pursue the four suspects. According to the police report, the victim had been “lured to the residence to meet one of the suspects, and was assaulted and robbed upon his arrival,” sustaining multiple injuries; he said he was robbed of both money and property during the incident.

Copake resident Shane Bradway, 20, was arrested on Friday, Jan. 8, after turning himself in with his attorney, Michael Howard, present. Bradway was arraigned before Judge Michael Brandon in Claverack Town Court; bail was set at \$2,000 cash or \$4,000 secured bond. Bradway posted bail at his arraignment and was released, with no return court date set.

Another Copake resident, who was 17 at the time of the crime, was arrested on Jan. 8, after turning himself in at the CCSO. He was issued an appearance ticket to the Columbia County Court-Youth part, where he returned on Jan. 11.

Also 17 at the time of the crime was a female resident of Palenville, who was arrested on Friday, Jan. 14. She turned herself in at the CCSO with her attorney, Jonathan Cohn, present. She was issued an appearance ticket to the Columbia County Court-Youth part, where she returned on Jan. 15.

The oldest among the four charged with this crime is just

23. Zachary Willis of Craryville was arrested after turning himself in with his attorney, Justin Dearmas, at the CCSO on Friday, Jan. 15. Willis was arraigned in the Town of Claverack Court before Judge Michael Brandon. Bail was set at \$15,000 cash and \$30,000 secured bond, which Willis posted at his arraignment. He was released with a return date to be determined at a later time.

Rivero said while no two cases are the same, this one stood out to him.

“It was a violent attack. It was a very difficult crime to watch. I was able to see the video, and it was a violent attack,” he said. “That video made the case; we wouldn’t have known about it if didn’t come on the social media platform. That brought it to our attention because it was circulating online. Obviously we were able to view it because the video was open. That’s what definitely made the case. We wouldn’t have known there even was a victim — the video was crucial. It speaks for itself.”

Sheriff David P. Bartlett agreed the viciousness of the assault was disturbing, adding the fact it was caught on camera was critical to the investigation.

“A great deal of time and energy went into this case. Members of the Sheriff’s Office worked hard to bring this case to court. I’m proud of the great job they did to apprehend this group; this was a disturbing crime to watch,” he said, adding the Columbia County District Attorney’s Office assisted with the case.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this case is asked to call 518-828-4316 and speak with Investigator Patrick Logue.



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Starting this past December, the Pine Plains Pharmacy, located at 2965 Church St., has been offering COVID-19 testing to local residents wanting to learn if they have the coronavirus.

Pine Plains Pharmacy is testing for COVID-19, hopes to offer vaccines

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — As COVID-19 vaccines slowly make their way to priority groups across New York State, Pine Plains residents can make an appointment at the Pine Plains Pharmacy, located at 2965 Church St., to get tested for the deadly coronavirus.

Pharmacy owner and operator Nasir Mahmood said he started offering COVID-19 testing on Dec. 22. He gave his updated hours as of Tuesday, Jan. 26, saying appointments are available six days a week from noon to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays; from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays; and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

In addition to acquiring the COVID-19 tests from New York State and the Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH), Mahmood said there are other companies that his pharmacy has contracted with — such as MDAmerica and Prescriptive

— that also provide COVID-19 tests as well as scheduling and other like services.

To schedule an appointment, residents can go online to the Town of Pine Plains website at www.pineplains-ny.gov and click on the link for the intake form that must be filled out. Additionally, customers may call the pharmacy, which will send them a link to the form.

Then, residents will need to download the Navica app onto their phones in order to receive their test results. Another benefit of the app is that residents will get a travel pass.

On the day of their appointment, Mahmood said patients should drive into the pharmacy’s parking lot, which is off North Main Street behind the pharmacy building; then they should call the pharmacy at 518-398-5588 to notify staff of their arrival. Along with staying inside their vehicle for the test, he said patients should sit on the passenger side of their vehicle and wear both gloves and a face mask. Meanwhile, the

pharmacy staff will wear gloves and face masks as well as gowns and face shields, doubling up on the masks for protection every time they do a test and changing gloves every time they test a new person.

For the actual test, Mahmood said he goes out to meet the patient with an iPad to scan the QR code for the Navica app that tells him who the patient is. He said the staff will give the patient the swab and instruct them to open it, lower their masks and swab both nostrils, going about 1 to 1.5 inches deep and spinning the swab clockwise in each nostril. The patient will then hand the swab over to the pharmacy staff, who will take it back to the pharmacy, scan the test to match the patient with the test card. After adding six drops of the reagent into the top hole of the test card, Mahmood said they put the name and time on the card and wait 15 minutes.

Once the 15 minutes are up, pharmacy staff scans the test again and puts in negative or positive, sending the results off to the patient who will receive the results via the Navica app. The pharmacy also reports every test on the state registry, regardless of the results. For those who test positive, Mahmood said the pharmacy calls the patient and counsels them

on what to do next.

On average, Mahmood said the pharmacy is doing about 15 to 20 tests a day at \$95 a test, which takes registration, screening and reporting into account.

“When we are there, nothing else gets done,” he said, “just the test for those three, four hours.”

As far as how the testing has been going, Mahmood said they haven’t had any major glitches so far, although there have been times where the app doesn’t scan. When asked about the ratio of tests that have come back negative versus positive, he said there’s no set answer, and that it depends on the population, where the patient is coming from and if they’re symptomatic. On one day, he said he did 21 tests and only one came back positive; on another day, he conducted 18 tests and reported seven positive tests. In terms of accuracy, he said the tests are 94 to 95% accurate.

“This is really the clinical work with pharmacies working on top of their license, which is what we’re always trying to do, and it’s really helping the communities a lot,” Mahmood said. “It’s very satisfying for us to be providing this service to the community, and we’re in line for vaccines, so hopefully we can get the vaccine soon and start vaccinating people.”

AREA IN BRIEF

Chinese calligraphy workshop Feb. 6

PINE PLAINS — On Saturday, Feb. 6, the Pine Plains Free Library will host artist Jojo Liu teach a beginner’s Chinese calligraphy class at 11 a.m.

Liu will teach traditional Chinese calligraphy basics, including how to hold a brush, write basic strokes and write stokes while standing. No prior knowledge is required to participate, except a passion for calligraphy and/or history.

COVID-19 Cookbook at Roe Jan Library

COPAKE — A lot of time was spent indoors in 2020, much of it baking bread, preparing meals and learning new recipes. The Roe Jan Library’s next community project will be compiling a cookbook online for patrons to enjoy something everyone

This class is ideal for beginners and is a great indoor activity idea for individuals, couples, groups of friends and children. Participants will require several art supplies for the class, including a calligraphy brush, ink and paper.

To register, go online to www.forms.gle/ILTjZ8nYeRVTRQWV6, email the library at info@pineplainslibrary.org or call 518-398-1927.

enjoys — food.

Those with a recipe to share can send it by email to youth@roejanlibrary.org. The possibilities are endless: whatever strikes one’s fancy.

For details, go to www.roejanlibrary.org or call 518-325-4101.

Storytime with Tia

COPAKE — Enjoy Storytime with Children’s Librarian Tia on Zoom, Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. from the Roe Jan Library, with an easy art project. Pick up the activity kit at the library during the week.

Go to www.roejanlibrary.org for details or call 518-325-4101.

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With the large number of buyers becoming members of our small towns this year, it is good if everyone understands how our towns actually operate. For example, each town has a planning and zoning commission, made up of citizens who are either elected or appointed. Their mandate is to be landscape stewards for their town with multiple responsibilities.

One is to regulate the division of land into multiple parcels. Another is to develop and enforce the various zoning regulations for the town. There is also a Zoning Board of appeals to deal with issues that would cause hardship if the strict zoning regulations were to be followed. To read more on this, please visit the CT DEEP website or I am happy to email a copy to you!



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Maynard Cleveland Bartram Jr.

SHARON — Maynard Cleveland Bartram Jr., 94, of Seabury in Bloomfield, Conn., passed away peacefully on Jan. 15, 2021.

He was born Aug. 9, 1926, in Sharon, the son of Nina (Juckett) and Maynard Bartram.

He attended Indian Mountain School (Class of 1941) and was a member of the Class of 1945 at Hotchkiss, graduating early, in 1944, to enlist in the Navy during World War II.

He served in the Pacific Theater as Seaman 1st Class QM on LCI 343. He was in Leyte Gulf readying for the invasion of Japan when the war ended.

He attended Yale University on the GI Bill, graduating in 1950 with a B.S. in Economics. Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program, 1978-79. After Yale, he joined Connecticut General (now CIGNA) in national real estate investment. He was President, Connecticut General Mortgage and Realty Investments, and President, CONGEN Realty Advisory Company.

After selling the REIT to Prudential, he was principal at Bartram & Company real estate investment advisors, later Bartram & Cochran. He was President, National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT), 1972-73.

He served as Chairman, Yale's Real Estate Investment Committee from 1979-1983, and on Yale's Development Committee from 1978-1982. For more than 50 years, he served as President, Chairman, Director and Co-Founder of nonprofit Church Homes, Inc., a pioneer

in senior life care communities in Connecticut, including Avery Heights and Noble Horizons.

He was a founder, director and president of Interfaith Homes in Bloomfield.

He was a member of the Bloomfield Congregational Church for over 60 years, where he served as President, Board of Trustees; Treasurer; and on the Finance Committee; and enjoyed singing in the choir.

He was elected to the Bloomfield Board of Education, and served as Vice Chairman from 1967-71, helping to further integration in the schools.

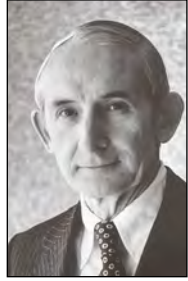
He was married to Jeannette Gardner Norton ("Jay") for 60 happy years until her death in 2013.

An avid sportsman and outdoorsman, he and Jay traveled the world, and especially enjoyed hiking in the Alps and White Mountains and summers on Seneca Lake.

He is survived by his sister, Barbara Bartram; his children Carey Meltzer and her husband, Harold, Peter Bartram, Sarah Noyes and her husband, Jon, and Amy Bartram; his grandchildren, Amory and her husband, Jarra, and Nathaniel Meltzer and Jacob and Abigail Noyes; his great-grandson Jesse Meltzer; and extended family.

Private burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Sharon.

Memorial gifts may be made to the First Congregational Church, 10 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, CT, 06002; and the Appalachian Mountain Club, 10 City Square, Suite 2, Boston, MA 02129.

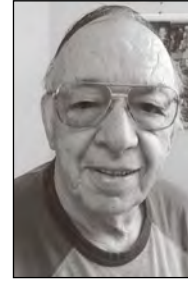


Henry G. Carley Jr.

Coast as a signalman in the United States Army.

On June 30, 1956, Henry married the love of his life, Marion Sutherland, and together they raised one son.

After the Army, Henry worked as a tree surgeon with Zetterstrom Expert Tree Service in North Canaan before transitioning to his long career as a lineman with the Hartford Electric Light Company (aka Eversource).



Henry and Marion built their home in North Canaan and resided there all their lives. On summer weekends they often could be found at their small cabin in Woodford, Vt. As retirement approached, they traveled the country together in an RV, visiting friends they had not seen in a while or lost touch with over the years. Henry valued friendships and was proud of the many lifelong friends he was blessed with growing up and living his life in the same community for so many years.

Along with the family and friendships he cherished, Henry also believed in being an active member of the community and over the years was involved as a member of the East Canaan Congregational Church and in the town's Little League program. Henry also served terms as a town constable, on the Wetlands Committee and Board of Finance followed by several

terms on the Board of Selectman. Even after leaving office he was often asked and found assisting with many projects around the town.

Henry was predeceased by his loving wife, Marion Carley on June 3, 2019; and his four brothers, Leroy, Clifford, Carl and Robert.

He is survived by his son, Edward Carley; three grandchildren, Alexander Carley, Sarah Carley and Coreen Carley of Brentwood, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held through the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan, and burial will be held in the Hillside Cemetery in East Canaan at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Co., P.O. Box 178, North Canaan, CT 06018.

Brewitt Funeral Home in Epping, N.H., is handling New Hampshire arrangements. For more information, go to www.brewittfuneralhome.com.

Christine M. Deneen

MILLERTON — Christine M. Deneen, 86, a 64-year resident of Millerton, died Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021, at Danbury Hospital following a brief illness.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Deneen worked as a sales associate for Peter Allen Jewelers in Millerton for more than 20 years. She also was a volunteer at the NorthEast-Millerton Library for many years.

Born March 23, 1934, in Germany, she was the daughter of the late Martha (Muschiol) and Herbert Piechula.

Her first husband, Henry Murphy, passed away Nov. 3, 1966.

On Aug. 5, 1972, at St. Patrick's Church in Millerton, she married Richard M. Deneen. Mr. Deneen died March 4, 2013.

Mrs. Deneen had a quiet, warm spirit and enjoyed spending time with her loving family. She will be dearly missed by all.

Mrs. Deneen is survived by five children, Valerie DeCelle and her husband, Richard, of Springfield, Mass., Patrick Deneen of Millerton, Ann Grabowski and her husband,



Richard, of Manchester, Conn., Ann Deneen of Millerton and Debra Mordecai and her husband, Daniel, of Winsted; her sister, Elizabeth Emberlin of Phenix City, Ala.; a half-brother and sister, George Piechula and Bridgette Petzenhammer; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, and husbands, she was also predeceased by a daughter, Sandra Murphy Wheeler, in 1982; and three siblings, Bernard and Joseph Piechula and Johanna Gordon.

Graveside services and burial will take place on Friday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m. at Irondale Cemetery in Millerton. The Rev. M. David Dawson will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton American Legion Post #178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546.

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

To send flowers, or an online condolence to the family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

William J. Schrenk Jr.

FALLS VILLAGE — William J. Schrenk Jr., a former resident of Falls Village, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021, at his home in Washington, D.C. He was 97.

Bill, as he was known, and his wife, Kay, owned a farm on Cobble Road for over 50 years.

Bill was born in Sandusky, Ohio, on Oct. 23, 1923, the son of Amanda (Biebricher) and William Schrenk.

He earned a BS from the Case School of Applied Engineering (now known as Case Western University) in 1943 and joined the Navy as an ensign, Lieutenant J.G. He served in the Philippines and at the Battle of Okinawa in 1945.

Following the war, Bill earned a J.D. from Michigan Law School, where he served as editor of the Law Review and graduated first in his class.

He was hired for a clerkship with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy, but on his first day of work, Justice Murphy died.

Bill was then recruited to work as a lawyer on the staff of the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, administering the Marshall Plan and drafting the treaty between the U.S. and its allies and the Federal Republic of Germany, then under its Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

Returning to the States, Bill joined the law firm of Cravath, Swaine and Moore in New York City. In 1961 he was offered a partnership, and was the first in the history of Cravath to re-

spond to the offer with, "I need to discuss it with my wife before I say yes." She agreed, and Bill stayed with Cravath until his retirement in 1987. During that time he served as the resident partner in Paris and in London.

Bill was married in 1961 to Katherine Logan ("Kay") of Savannah, Ga. They had two children: Will, married to Martha, with children William ("Teddy"), Pamela and Emily; and Marguerite ("Meta"), married to Michael Carr, with children Logan and Seamus.

Although Bill and Kay established their home in New York City, they bought an abandoned dairy farm on Cobble Road in 1965, where the family spent weekends, vacations and eventually lived full-time. The Eden they created there was the great love of their lives; they poured heart and soul into making it a beautiful tapestry of gardens, fields, animals, forest and vibrant wetlands. They adored the community as well, and had many friends throughout the Northwest Corner. The Schrenks placed much of their Cobble Road property under conservation easement, but the farm itself, known as "Beaver-tides Farm," is now run by family members Dan Carr and Marleen Van Gulick.

Condolences may be sent to Meta and Will at 1718 15th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. Donations may be made to the Connecticut chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

Leah (Martyn) Euvrard

AMENIA UNION — Leah (Martyn) Euvrard, 92, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully in the comfort of her home in Amenia on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Euvrard worked as a waitress and cook at the Waldorf Restaurant in Sharon for nearly 15 years and was also a caretaker, housekeeper and cook for Ruth and Teddy Ryan in Sharon for many years. The Euvrards also operated a farm in the Amenia Union area from 1951 until 1963.

Born Feb. 11, 1928, in Springfield, N.J., she was the daughter of the late Ida (Duser) and Montague Martyn.

Following her graduation from high school she attended art school in New York City for a short period of time.

On June 29, 1946, at the Sharon United Methodist Church, she married Walter Ernest Euvrard. The Euvrards happily shared 50 years of marriage. Mr. Euvrard died in 1995.

Mrs. Euvrard was a longtime member of the Sharon United Methodist Church and was very active in the parish for many years.

She was a member of the Taconic-Ellsworth Grange, served as a Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader and enjoyed bowling in Great Barrington and Torrington for many years. She was an excellent cook and baker and an avid painter in her spare time. She will be dearly missed by her loving family and many

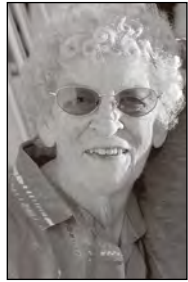
friends.

Mrs. Euvrard is survived by five children, Wayne Euvrard and his wife, Cami, of Amenia, Valerie Euvrard of Amenia, Jeffrey Euvrard of West Haven, Conn., Dara Simmons and her husband, Bob, of Amenia and David Euvrard and his wife, Nora, of Sharon; three grandchildren, Sean Russell of Millerton, Renee Wright of Hellertown, Pa., and Ashley Speed of Torrington; two great-grandchildren, Parker and Dawkins Wright of Hellertown, Pa.; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved dog, Ali.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Euvrard was predeceased by a son, Glen Euvrard of Amenia; her brother, John "Jack" Martyn, United States Marine, who was killed in action in World War II; and two sisters, Madelyn Euvrard of Florida and Anna Gaul of New Jersey.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. Graveside services and burial will take place in the spring of 2021 at Hillside Cemetery in Sharon and will be announced on the funeral home web page. The Rev. Carl Franson will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wassaic Fire Company, P.O. Box 287, Wassaic, NY 12592. To send an online condolence, plant a tree or send flowers to the Euvrard family, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



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SPORTS

Cheering for the underdog

There are few things in life as gratifying as picking an impossibly long shot and then rooting him home. Oh, the sweetness of looking around to all your scoffing friends and loudly asserting, "I told you so" and have the betting ticket to prove it.

The football version of that scenario happened during the playoff game between The Washington Football Team and The Tampa Bay Buccaneers in a game that was not to be missed on Saturday, Jan. 9.

To say Tampa Bay was favored was putting it mildly. They have gobs of talent and the Greatest of All Time quarterback by the name of Tom Brady, also known as "The Ageless Wonder" and as the owner of six championship rings.

The QB for the hapless Washington team (known at the WFT, with tongue firmly in cheek) was the underdog of all time, right up there with Rudy, he of Notre Dame legend and movie fame. Only this no-chance prospect didn't have to walk on; he was dragged out of a college math class and told to suit up.

Now Alex Smith, the comeback kid featured in a recent Bleacher Views, was supposed to be the WFT quarterback, but he had pulled a leg muscle and couldn't go. The prior starter had been released for doing stupid stuff off the field, so guess what? The team was down to the taxi squad QB by

BLEACHER VIEWS

Theodore Kneeland

the name of Taylor Heinicke (pronounced High-Nee-Kee, I think).

He had bummed around the league for several years as a back-up, but he was widely considered to be too small to make it in the big time. Small QB's have had a rough go of it regardless of the Doug Flutie's and Russell Wilson's of the world, but it is always a good idea to remember the old adage about the fight in the dog before telling the smaller man he cannot compete.

Now if this were a Hollywood production, the little underdog would step up and win the game, making the GOAT look like a goat in the process. Well, he did come pretty close, and I guess that is pretty good considering what kind of year this has been. We will have to take our gratification where we can find it these days, and having our underdog put in an overdog kind of performance will have to do.

But about next year? Well, let's just see what happens. It might be worth keeping an eye on the WFT.

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

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Local anglers encouraged to take up ice fishing this winter

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MILLERTON — Millerton resident and ice fisherman Don Tuncy typically uses a cordless drill to drill a hole in the thick, solid and relentless ice of his hometown's Indian Lake, starting off close to shore and working his way out. At that point, he said, he takes the end of his scoop tool to clean out the holes in the ice and uses the ruler attached at the end to measure the ice thickness. Then, after showing the patience few sportsmen know other than those who have so often brushed flakes of ice off their drill bits, he waits for hours for the fish to bite. It's another typical, frigid January morning. And Tuncy waits. Fisherman often test the ice with tools like augers (which bore holes in the ground) or spud bars (a long piece of steel with a ruler at the end).

Tuncy has been ice fishing since he was about 9 years old. He recounted the days when he and his father used to walk down to Twin Lakes in Salisbury, Conn., where they would cut holes in the ice with an ax and then use an ice chisel. These days he ice fishes with his grandson, Hunter Horton.

When asked what sort of fish he usually catches in the chill of winter, he named a great variety, from sunfish and calico bass to perch, large mouth bass and pickerel, adding that the large mouth bass are very good eating this time of year.

"I think it's a good sport if you start the kids out young," Tuncy said. "You see a lot of women into ice fishing now, which is nice to see, and you can take your grandkids out, and it's nice just to get out, to meet people and to have a good time."

Nowadays, Tuncy said he goes ice fishing in a regular group of three to four people who go fishing together about two to three times a week,



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Having taken up ice fishing during his childhood days, Millerton resident Donald Tuncy took great pleasure in passing on the joys of ice fishing to his grandson, Hunter Horton.

sometimes more. In between their fishing, he said they usually take a grill with them along with some hamburgers and hot dogs so they can have a nice toasty lunch on the ice.

It's a socially distant sport that's great for winter, according to the New York State Department of Environmental Services (DEC), which is encouraging local fisherman, both new and experienced, to try ice fishing while keeping safety in mind.

"From small local ponds to large lakes and reservoirs, New York has a tremendous array of ice fishing opportunities for anglers to experience close to home," NYSDEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said in a recent press release. "Many fish species are active throughout the winter months and the fishing

can be just as good as during the open water season. As always, before venturing onto the ice, DEC asks all anglers to make sure the ice is thick enough to fish safely."

For those unfamiliar with the art of ice fishing, the DEC recommends that fisherman have 4 inches of solid clear ice for them

to safely walk on, though the ice thickness can vary on water bodies and within the same water body, according to the DEC.

As a precautionary measure, fisherman should be aware of areas of moving water as well around boat docks and houses where dock bubblers (or de-icers) may be installed.

Other recommendations for safe ice fishing include fishing with a family member or friend, making sure to have a valid fishing license before heading out on the ice and even checking with the local bait and tackle shops to find out where the ice is safe and what kind of fish are swimming in the area. Fishing licenses are valid for one year from the date of purchase, and residents can find out more about how to procure a license by visiting the DEC website at www.dec.ny.gov.

With COVID-19 still a threat, the DEC has advised fisherman to stay 6 feet apart, wear their face masks when they can't maintain social distancing, avoid sharing gear when possible, take out what they bring or place their trash in receptacles and respect one another and the resource where they're fishing by providing space and practicing ethical angling. Additionally, fisherman are advised to exercise caution while on the ice and to make sure their licenses are current.

For more information on ice fishing, check out the DEC website at www.dec.ny.gov.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Washington Recreation Winter activities

WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington Recreation Department is offering a number of programs for adults and children this winter.

Kids' Yoga will be held Thursday evenings from Feb. 4 through Feb. 25. Honey Whalen will teach Yoga for children ages 5 through 10 from 5:15 to 6 p.m. in the Guertin Gym at Village Hall. Children should bring their own mat, hand sanitizer and water bottles. Social distancing and masks are required. Masks may be removed for the entire session once their spots have been determined and participants are on their mats. Registration can be for the entire session or per individual class. No parents or guardians will be allowed

in the gym during the yoga sessions. Residents will be charged \$40 for the entire program or \$12 per day; non-residents will be charged \$50 for the entire program or \$15 for per day.

Pickleball for Adults, the fee is \$20 per hour for a court or \$65 per month for residents; \$75 for nonresidents. Reserve a court with lines, a net, paddles and balls included.

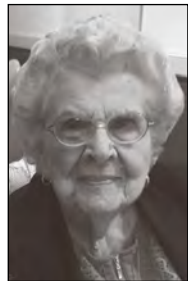
The town's lacrosse program will begin in April, so remember to register early.

For more information on activities or to register for a program, call 845-677-3491, ext. 6; email recdirector@washingtonny.org; or go to www.washingtonny.org/recreationdepartment or www.washingtonny.myrec.com.

OBITUARIES

Anna M. Calabrese

NORTH CANAAN — Anna M. Calabrese, 101, was born in Orange, N.J., on Jan. 7, 1920. She grew up in West Orange, N.J., with her parents, Ermelinda and Andrea Fea, and five older siblings.



Anna worked for the Prudential Insurance Company as a claims adjuster before marrying Gerard "Jerry" R. Calabrese in 1946.

She and her husband lived in Haledon, N.J., for 31 years, where they owned and operated Haledon Distributing Co. In 1988, Anna and Jerry moved to Manchester, N.J., where they lived together for more than 20 years. After the death of her husband in 2010, Anna lived at the Seabrook Seniors Community in Tinton Falls, N.J., before moving to Geer Village in North Canaan in 2019.

Born the year women received the right to vote, and almost a decade before commercial air travel, Anna and her husband enjoyed a long and happy retirement, traveling extensively, abroad and in the U.S. They especially enjoyed cross-country camping trips in

their RV, and visits with family in California, Maryland and Italy.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Anna died last Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, and is survived by her three children, Gerard S. and his wife, Jean, of Cornwall Bridge, Grace and her husband, William Dom-

browski, of Monkton, Md., and Joseph and his wife, Margot, of Los Angeles. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Anna Lucille, Andrew Joseph and Justin Rogers Calabrese, as well as two grandchildren by marriage and two great-grandchildren.

Out of respect for current COVID-19 conditions, burial services will be private, with a memorial for family and friends to be announced later this year.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Gerard R. and Anna M. Calabrese Scholarship Fund at Cornell Law School, G28 Hughes Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Arrangements are under the care of the Oliverie Funeral Home in Manchester Township, N.J.

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Franklin Feldman

LAKEVILLE — Franklin Feldman, 93, of New York and Lakeville died peacefully at home on Jan. 15, 2021.

Franklin was born in 1927 in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. He attended the High School of Music and Art, where he developed a passion for drawing and painting.

In his spare time he provided cover illustrations for basketball games at Madison Square Garden.

He went to college at New York University's uptown campus in the Bronx, and then Columbia Law School, where he was editor of the Law Review.

After law school, he joined the Air Force as a Pentagon lawyer, eventually rising to the rank of 1st Lieutenant. After leaving the Air Force he worked as a lawyer in the office of New York Gov. Thomas Dewey.

In 1955 he joined the law firm Stroock, Stroock and Lavan, where he practiced corporate law until his retirement in 1989.

In the 1970s he merged his interest in art with his expertise in the law, and in 1974 (with Stephen Weil) published the landmark volume "Art Law," which became a standard reference in the field; a revised edition was awarded the Scribes award for best law book of 1987.

For many years he taught courses at Columbia Law School on the law and visual arts.

After his retirement, he took up art full-time and produced numerous works in an endless variety of media, including paintings, etchings, lithographs, woodcuts and sculpture.

For several decades he ran the Indian Mountain Press out of his summer home in Lake-

ville.

Several of his artworks are housed in the collections of major museums and libraries, including the Beinecke Library at Yale, the Victoria & Albert Museum and the British Museum.

He and his wife, Naomi (née Goldstein), were married for 64 years, and shared a lifelong devotion to each other, their family and their passion for art and creativity.

He will be remembered for his warmth, wisdom and lively sense of humor, which left a deep impression on everyone he knew.

He is survived by his wife, Naomi; his children, Sarah, Eve, and Jacob Feldman; his son-in-law, David Scharfstein; his daughter-in-law, Karin Stromswold; and his grandchildren, Rebecca, Ben and Eliza Scharfstein and Hannah and Sophie Feldman.

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change, to name a few.

Local lawmakers comment

"I think that if they stay true to their word of working both sides together we'll do just fine," said Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature A. Gregg Pulver (R-19). "If they continue this partisan divide we've had for the last four years, nothing will get done and we will all suffer for it. But honestly, I have hope. The key is reaching across the aisle and working together. The first 100 days will set the tone of how this goes."

Pulver, a Republican who has spent decades in public service, added that now that both the Senate and the House of Representatives are under Democratic control, as is the Executive Branch, things will be different in Washington.

"Honestly, I believe Congress will do the right thing and work with the president," he said, add-

ing there are many "sub-parties and caucuses in federal government" for the president to work with, which means he'll have to be willing to compromise as well as the Republicans. "I'm willing to give him the benefit of the doubt. I wish for his success, because if he doesn't succeed, then we all suffer."

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, also a Republican, released a statement commenting on Biden's inauguration, welcoming him and Harris to their new roles.

"This inauguration, this transfer of power, is a celebration of what makes America so extraordinary," stated Molinaro. "There is much to be done as we respond to this pandemic, rebuild our economy, restore our communities and seek to heal our country."

North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan, a Democrat,

said he is looking forward to the new administration's leadership, and hopes it will trickle down to benefit northeastern Dutchess County, Millerton and surrounding communities.

"I think we are happy to see such a positive message coming from Washington, D.C. Certainly the focus on the coronavirus is really welcome," he said, "and I hope they can come up with a stimulus package that provides help to some people who have been severely impacted by COVID, who have lost income, whose children have had to go school remotely. The disease itself has disrupted and damaged lives in so many ways, I think the focus right off the bat is very welcome."

"It's also very encouraging hearing about the possibility about some help with infrastructure," added Kennan. "We have a great need for repairing our water systems and getting a

wastewater system in our community. If that is something that is now more attainable that would be great."

Pulver agreed that with Biden and Harris in office, not to mention that New York State Senator Chuck Schumer is now the new Democratic Senate majority leader, that could mean more money for New York State and potentially more power to fight both the pandemic and the failing economy.

"We certainly need money, said Pulver flatly. "We have New York City, and because of our close proximity and all our business, we need some direct federal aid. I do think our number one thing is we need federal aid in dealing with the shortfall of state sales tax and everything else we're trying to make up, which is a significant amount of money. That and more vaccines. You see what happened,

[the county] got 600 vaccines that were gone in 3 seconds. We're not getting what we need. Nobody in New York State is and we need to figure that out."

President Biden, for his part, told those watching and listening to his Inaugural Address that he would work for "all Americans." His theme was one of unity. His

goal, to end what he called "this uncivil war," and move forward with hope and optimism.

"And we must meet this moment as the United States of America," said the president. "If we do that, I guarantee you we will not fail. We have never, ever, ever failed in America when we've acted together."

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consulted the Dutchess County Department of Health (DOH), which said the district should presume the staff member to be positive and provided it with guidance for going through the process of contact tracing.

"We're still in the process of doing that, but there's a decent number of students and staff," Timm said last week, "so right now, we're continuing to do all the contact tracing that is necessary and obviously we will be doing a thorough cleaning of those rooms that the individual had been in."

As included in his letter, Handler said all students and staff at the Cold Spring building, which is located in the adjacent hamlet of Stanfordville in the town of Stanford, who were in contact with the staff member will be notified, adding that if they're not contacted by the school to quarantine, it won't be necessary for them to do so.

However, due to staffing issues as a result of the need to quarantine, he said Cold Spring will move to a full-remote learning model as of Tuesday, Jan. 19, through Friday, Jan. 29, with a tentative return to in-person learning scheduled for Monday, Feb. 1.

This tentative return to the in-person learning model also applies to the students and staff at Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center and Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, both of which are located in the town of Pine Plains.

"Hopefully there will not be any additional staffing issues that

will prevent us from going into hybrid," Timm said.

When asked if he thought the district was well prepared to take those steps toward shifting to full remote, Timm remarked, "I do think so."

Handler was unable to comment beyond the information that was already issued in the public letter to Pine Plains families and staff. In the meantime, he reminded the district via his letter that any staff members and students who show any symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home and notify the school district if anyone in their household tests positive for the coronavirus.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID can present a "wide range of symptoms... ranging from mild to severe illness that can appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus."

- COVID-19 symptoms**
- Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

For more information on the coronavirus, go to www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

For more information on the possible outbreak in the Pine Plains Central School District, go to www.ppcsd.org or call 518-398-7181.

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highlighted recent developments made to the plans, such the parking lot that was narrowed from a full two-way circulation loop to a one-way loop to help reduce the overall footprint of the site. With accessibility identified as a key feature in the design, Hasselwander said they've incorporated two drop-off spaces, and the entry road has been adjusted to make it feel "more pedestrian" in nature.

Hasselwander called attention to the new soccer field as one of the big features for Phase One as well as the playground improvement area. In addition to incorporating more Poured-in-Place rubber than they originally anticipated, he said little rain gardens have been added to the play area to help with the challenges of stormwater management and add more shade. On a later date, Vanecko pointed out that while the rain gardens will cut down on the infrastructure, they'll help establish biore-

mediation.

Projecting an aerial sketch of the project's conceptual master plan, Hasselwander underlined the new swimming pool and the reoriented Little League field. Two new features included pickleball courts and tennis courts, which he said would help frame the soccer field and create a central activity zone.

Additionally, he mentioned there have been conversations about potentially reincorporating a skate park or potentially doing a pump track, which refers to "a looped sequence of rollers and berms [swoop, banked turns] for bike riders," according to www.bicycling.com.

Looking at the new pickleball and tennis courts, Vanecko said the committee has had a number of people approach it to do "some very serious underwriting of those elements," adding that potential donors would like to see the courts constructed so

they can have a winter cover put on them so they could be used through the winter season. She said they've also talked to a couple of private schools that are interested in renting court time on a regular basis.

In addition to giving a whole new functionality to the park, she said the village would gain a stream of revenue through the wintertime by adding the new courts. That being said, Vanecko explained that it was important for Hasselwander to do a feasibility analysis of whether there is room for the courts.

"We have a lot of exploration to do financially," Vanecko said. "At least we know we can accommodate it physically in the park if we want to do that."

Above all, Vanecko emphasized the fact that everything in the park is going to be handicapped accessible.

In moving forward, Hasselwander said they're looking to get everybody on board with

the Phase One vision, seeing as "that's the one that's going to be hitting the books this year," and that they're looking to seek bids for Phase One by the end of February or the beginning of March.

Major money raised, more to go

Another major update reported by the committee was its success in raising more than \$1 million. With Phase One calculated at \$1,250,000 based on a preliminary study, Vanecko said it had raised \$1,115,000 and has \$85,000 left to raise.

Praising the public's response to the project, she attributed the fundraising feat to a combination of public agencies (both state and county) and private individuals who have made substantial grants to launch the project.

For more information on the Millerton Community Park project, go to www.millerton-park.org.

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health and enhance economic opportunities in the hamlet."

Upright added most of the town's septic systems are old and substandard and can't meet current standards. Additionally, commercial property is often limited from expanding because of the land it's on. Constraints include: lots can be too small to accommodate septic systems; whole or partial lots located along Route 343 or Mechanic Street may be on New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) wetlands; groundwater may be too close to the surface and require a fill pad to obtain separation distance; and lots along or adjacent to Route 343 may be located in a 100-year flood plain, which would limit the placement of new septic systems.

From the former Monte's Local Kitchen & Tap Room to Cumberland Farms, Wright cited examples of businesses that have been limited in their ability to operate and expand due to such constraints. According to Upright, said Wright, the DCDBCH firmly believes that "a municipal

sewer system for the hamlet is and has been needed for some time and will support efforts to establish a system."

Wright said he spoke to Darren Henault, owner of the new shop, Tent. Henault told Wright Amenia should take advantage of its superior location and exposure to thru traffic. Henault had urged friends looking to open a business in Millbrook to check out Amenia, but they reported that the septic systems at a number of available properties were too compromised to justify investing in renovating the spaces.

As an ideal example of how a community can be transformed by installing a septic system, Wright spoke of Hillsdale. He said that community built a system 10 years ago due to failures of individual septic tanks in town, and it's been booming ever since with new businesses and heavy construction of single and multi-family housing units.

Focusing on Amenia, Wright said the last attempt to do a septic feasibility was in 2012; one of the engineers who worked on the study was Moore, which is why

he is urging the board to hire her now. He said she's familiar with the geography, topography and the unique challenges facing the town. He added Tighe & Bond has already submitted a proposal for updating the feasibility study.

Moore spoke of available grant funding to update the wastewater evaluation, which could then qualify the town for more grants. With a grant deadline coming up on Friday, Feb. 12, Wright told the board to hire her ASAP and consider funding the feasibility study submitted, even before knowing if it will get the grant. If the town accelerates the process, Wright said there could be significant infrastructure funding with the new federal administration and it would benefit the town tremendously to have a shovel-ready project.

Later that night, the board adopted authorized the application to the DEC/Environmental Facilities Corporation Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant and hired Tighe & Bond to assist the town with the application.

Shine the spotlight on Stissing

PINE PLAINS — The Stissing Center (TSC), a performing arts center that, once fully open will provide entertainment of all genres for the entire Tri-state region, turned the spotlight on musicians James Felice and Al Olender from nearby Kingston during the holidays as they performed Felice's original song, "Blow Him Apart," in its most recent episode of its Video of the Week series.



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Musicians James Felice and Al Olender performed in The Stissing Center's Video of the Week series from its historic Pine Plains building in December 2020.

There To Love." A video of the duo's recent performance was posted online on Tuesday, Jan. 19, and

can now be viewed on "The Stissing Center" YouTube channel.

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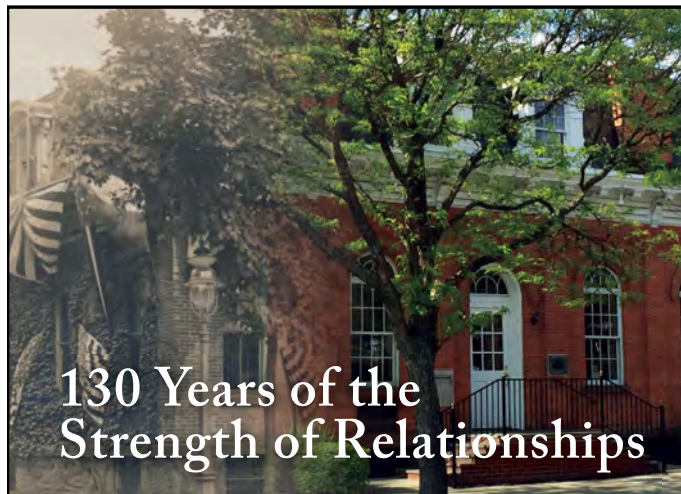
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Milestones in Business

January is traditionally the month during which business owners reflect on the year that is past, and the year that is to come, trying to get a good handle on the economic future. This year, extraordinary in so many ways, has been one of unique challenges for all businesses, but especially small businesses, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic downturn. Yet, small businesses are an extremely important part of what makes the economy in the Tri-state region work. So, we are focusing this month, as we have for years at this time, on the businesses in our area

that would like our readers to know when they were founded, or some other milestone they feel is significant. They are mainly what the U.S. Small Business Administration defines as "small" – but together they have real and very meaningful influence on the region's fiscal health. We salute all those who have maintained their businesses and organizations through the pandemic, and only hope for their continued success beyond. Please support these businesses, which employ many of us and improve the quality of life for all in the region.

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SPORTS

Faces old and new of SWSA's Jumpfest



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Millbrook High School senior David Sager has been teaching students in kindergarten through second grade indoor soccer at the Guertin Gym at Millbrook Village Hall during the coronavirus pandemic.

Still having fun and exercising during COVID-19

WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington (TOW) Recreation Department's basketball and soccer programs have been full, but other programs are highly anticipated, including an upcoming Kids' Yoga that will start on Thursday, Feb. 4. And while that program is sure to be a popular one, others, like the indoor soccer and basketball sessions led by Millbrook High School senior David Sager at Guertin Gym in recent weeks for

young students in kindergarten through second grade, have also been regularly attended. Sager likes to mentor the young athletes, who don't have a lot of recreation options during the COVID pandemic, especially now that it's winter. For more information on TOW activities, email RecDirector@washingtonny.org, go online to www.washingtonny.org or call 845-677-3419, ext. 6. — Judith O'Hara Balfe

By CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER
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SALISBURY, Conn. — This year marks the 95th anniversary of the ski jumping in Salisbury, Conn., on Satre Hill hosted by the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA).

Back in the early 20th century, there was more snow and there were more ski jumps in the area. But the one that has stayed and grown is the ski jump festival in Salisbury, which routinely attracts Olympic and Junior Olympic contenders.

This year's Jumpfest will bow to COVID-19 safety regulations, with special protocols including a limit of 400 spectators at any one time.

Information on this year's plans is below. But first a word about the photographs on this page, which have been made available thanks to the volunteer work of Kathy Phillips and Perry Gardner. Both have been doing a spectacular job of scanning the thousands of photo negatives shot for The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News between 1975 and 2005.

Only a couple of photos could fit on this page (more are on our website, www.tri-cornernews.com) that will eventually be digitized by Phillips and Gardner and perhaps, eventually, by a professional scanning company. When we are able to find the right organization to take on what could be as many as 55,000 negatives, we will announce a fundraising campaign to help us pay for the work.

In the meantime, enjoy these history photos, reminding us of what the old jump tower looked



These digitized photos of the ski jumps from 1971 and 1985 are just a few of the images we will eventually have.

like before it was replaced several years ago by one that meets modern competition standards. Photos for the jumps usually come to us from a variety of photographers, many of whom were not typically employed by the newspaper. Some of these photos were published in The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News, some were not. But you can find the coverage of the jumps in these years if you go to The Lakeville Journal archive at the Scoville Memorial Library in Salisbury, at http://scoville.advantage-preservation.com.

2021 Jumpfest
This year, Jumpfest will be from Feb. 12 to 14 with a roster of top-level ski jumpers expected to attend from Lake Placid.

Attendance each day will be limited to the first 400 tickets sold. Additional people will be admitted as spectators leave. Friday night will again fea-

ture target jumping under the lights. Because of the pandemic, the Human Dog Sled Race has been canceled. For this reason, for Friday night only, there will be no admission fee.

Saturday's Salisbury Invitational

Starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, junior jumpers from both the Salisbury Winter Sports Association training program and Lake Placid will show what they have learned as they compete on the 20 and 30 meter hills. Medals will be awarded on the hill.

Starting with practice at 11 a.m., the Development Team, an elite group of jumpers from around the country that has been training in Lake Placid, will compete for trophies at the Salisbury Invitational on the 70 meter jump. Competition begins at 1 p.m.

The Snow Ball has been canceled for this year.

Sunday's Eastern championship

On Sunday the same talented jumpers compete at the Eastern U.S. Ski Jumping Championships and vie for a spot on the Junior National team. Again, practice jumping runs from 11 a.m. to noon and competition begins at 1 p.m.

Admission for the Saturday and Sunday events is \$15 per person for adults; children 12 and under enter for free.

Alcoholic beverages will not be sold at Jumpfest this year. Food trucks will offer various culinary choices on Friday night and throughout the three days of Jumpfest.

Masks are mandatory as is 6-foot social distancing.

Proceeds from Jumpfest help fund SWSA's junior ski programs and improve its facilities, including the three.

Go to www.jumpfest.org regularly for updates.

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BOOKS: PETER B. KAUFMAN

Lessons from a Master — About Fiction, Writers and Life

This is a masterclass in a book. In "A Swim in a Pond in the Rain: In Which Four Russian Writers Give a Master Class on Writing, Reading, and Life," George Saunders, fiction author extraordinaire and professor of creative writing at Syracuse, takes us through a close reading of seven short-story masterpieces, all by Russian writers. Those of us who remember diagramming sentences in grade school will be knocked over by Saunders' diagramming plots and narrative turns and syntax and word order, and damn if 420 pages later we don't emerge as better writers. It's a must-have, must-read book.

If you've ever taken a good online course, this is better. Saunders talks to you in direct address, like a lecturer; and it's as interactive, believe it or not, as a seminar. There are exercises, quizzes, brain teasers, diagrams, and charts. If more professors turned in books like this, education would be revolutionized. Get this book. It's going to snow soon. Get this book.

First of all, it's about big questions. As Saunders lists them, and discusses them: How are we supposed to be living? What were we put here to accomplish? What should we value? What is truth? How can we be at peace when some people have everything and others

In his newest book, George Saunders turns to nonfiction and makes the study of Russian literature and the short story form accessible and entertaining.

have nothing? "You know," he writes, "those cheerful Russian kinds of big questions."

The stories, provided in their entirety, annotated, dissected, are from 1836, 1852, 1895, 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1905. Three by Anton Chekhov. Two by Leo Tolstoy. One each by Nikolai Gogol and Mikhail Lermontov. "Resistance literature," as Saunders calls it, written by progressives in a repressive culture. They are timeless, and, for us who are weathering insurrections, pandemics and revolution-worthy financial crises, fairly timely.

Get this book.

Has anyone had the experience of going to an action movie — when we went to movies — and leaving the theater ready to take on giant monsters in the dark, on the way to the car? You close each chapter ready to roll here, too. OK, to maybe ride in a horse-drawn carriage, sing in a tavern, receive a deadening telegram or flirt with a chambermaid. And these stories are made timely by the way

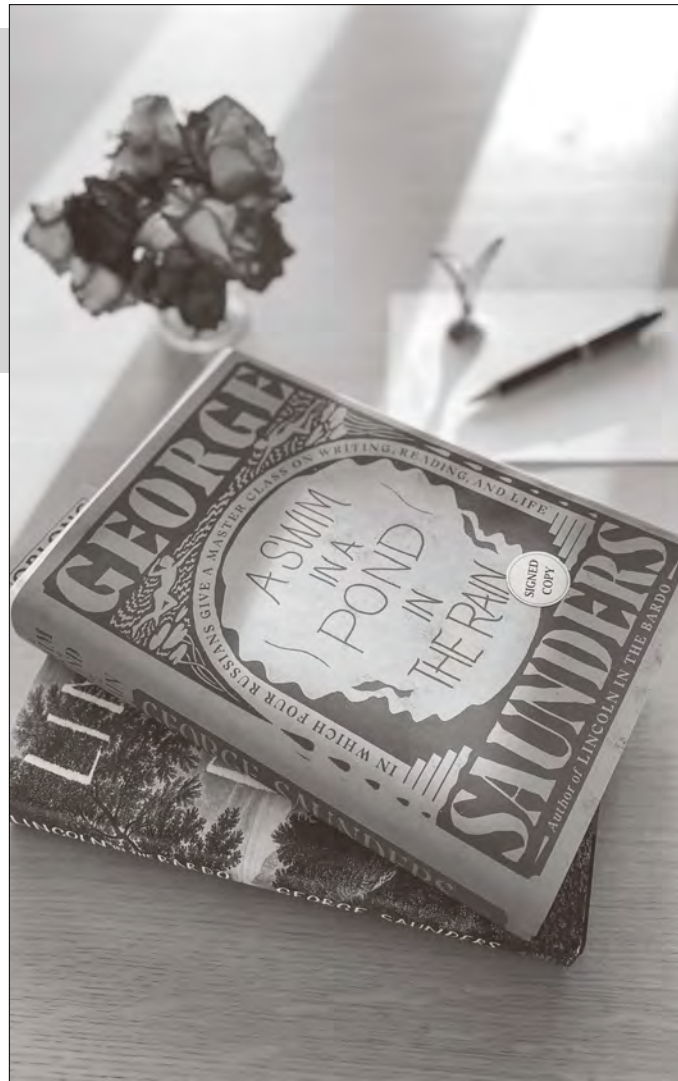


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Saunders engages. He's funny. He enlists our experiences watching films and television. He yells at the characters in the stories ("Kukin, you pig!"). And for all his talents, he's modest, so he doesn't scare you. "A writer," he quotes Donald Barthelme, "is one who, embarking upon a task, does not know what to do."

How do stories — fiction, after all, pure invention — change us? Saunders talks about how they change him. "I am reminded," he says, "that my mind is not the only mind." "I feel an increased confidence in my ability to imagine the experiences of other people and accept these as valid." "I feel luckier to be here and more aware that someday I won't be." (Hmm. Is he ...

Russian?) "My capacity for language is reenergized." Useful effects, after the assaults we've suffered in 2020, and maybe those we have suffered longer. Helpful, too, as we rebuild, revisit empathy, atomized these days, unable to worship, even to congregate, even to meet as freely as we want in society.

The greatest story in this book is — I won't tell you. But it's about a snowstorm. It's a story that achieves, as Saunders puts it, "cinematic propulsion." Together the forces of these stories remind you how forceful storytelling is. Saunders takes us to that place with a lamp or a candle, the desk, maybe, where, as another Russian master, Isaac Babel, put it, "no iron spike can pierce a human heart as icily as ... a period in the right place." So, go.

Check it out.

Peter B. Kaufman works at MIT Open Learning and runs Read Russia, a nonprofit that promotes Russian literature in translation. His new book, "The New Enlightenment and the Fight to Free Knowledge," publishes in February.

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Knitting, And Pearls of Literary Wisdom

Here's a perfect indoor winter challenge to set for yourself: See who can come up with the most examples of famous books in which characters knit.

Rule one: Yes, we know that all writers are "knitting a story together" so no, you can't claim every tale every written and thus win the prize.

Rule two: Spoiler alert here, but there are two examples of literary knitters that are so famous, you'll need to decide if you want to eliminate them. One of course is the murderous Mme. Defarge in Dickens "A Tale of Two Cities" and the other is that most famous resident of St. Mary Mead, Agatha Christie's Miss Marple.

The literary knitting challenge is my own invention, but it isn't original; it was inspired by a competition announced this week by the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn. Knitters are invited to share images of literature-inspired knitwear for a competition that will end on March 31.

"Maybe you made a Harry Potter Scarf, a Jane Austen shawl, a Daisy Buchanan hat, a pair of Anna Karenina gloves, a knitted

Edward Tulane or Velveteen Rabbit, or designed something original based on a favorite book, poem, or character," the library invites. "It could be something you wear or something purely decorative. Let your literary imagination run free."

Although since we've already brought up Mme. Defarge I'll say it might be best not to knit the names of your enemies into a scarf.

If you decide to participate, post a photo of your handmade knit on Facebook and/or Instagram, and use the hashtag #librarylitknits.

"Please include your name, what inspired your creation, and the name of your local library," the library requests.

Anyone who still isn't sure how to use a hashtag and anyone who doesn't have social media accounts can email programs@hotchkisslibrary.org for support.

Prizes will be awarded for the best entry submitted by an adult and by a child (14 and under). The submission deadline is Wednesday, March 31.

— Cynthia Hochswender

PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF CONNECTICUT'S BLACK CHURCHES

Preservation Connecticut will host a Zoom talk about preserving Black churches in Connecticut, on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at noon.

The talk is presented by Jathan Martin, curator of the exhibit "I'm Buildin' Me a Home" that was featured at Yale's Divinity School from September to December 2020.

The exhibition uses photos, text, artifacts and a variety of seminal books to tell the story of church traditions that have been an essential source of community, resilience and dignity for African Americans.

Martin is a 2017 graduate of Florida A&M University hailing from the seaport town of Apalachicola, Fla. While at FAMU, Martin garnered a passion

for educating Black and Brown youth. Upon graduation, he became a fifth- and sixth-grade reading teacher at Brownsville Collegiate, in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Martin believes education and spirituality are the most effective spaces for social change. The combination of these deeply held beliefs was the catalyst for his matriculation to the Master of Divinity program at Yale University. Martin's studies lie at the intersection of African American Religious History and Public Humanities with interests covering the Great Migration, social movements in Black interfaith communities and Black Pentecostalism.

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Scent To Refresh Your Rooms (Now That You're Home All The Time)

It's been a year since the quarantine began and perhaps your children are distance learning at home and it's winter and the windows are closed and there are no fresh fragrant flowers from the garden, no pine-scented holiday decorations.

Perhaps your home is beginning to smell a little too much like teen spirit for your tastes. Perhaps it's time to bring some new fragrances into your home.

Scent is tricky, though. It's hard to find products that smell as nice as they look. And you don't want a scent that overwhelms you and gives you a headache, cautions Carolyn Piccirelli, owner of Honeychurch Home. She understands.

The design shop is in downtown Salisbury, Conn., in a space on Academy Street just off Main that was for many years a variety of small café and bistro restaurants.

"People still come in and tell me about their favorite meals here when it was a restaurant," Piccirelli says. "They show me where they used to sit."

The tables and counter and kitchen are gone now, and it requires a little effort to recall that this was once an eatery. The scent of Honeychurch Home, of course, is also very different from the scent of the Country Bistro restaurant. The air no longer smells of



Honeychurch Home, named for Lucy Honeychurch from E.M. Forster's "A Room With a View," has settled comfortably into a space in Salisbury, Conn., that was for many, many years a café or bistro.

bacon and coffee; the Honeychurch ambience leans more toward the floral.

That's in part because Piccirelli is also a floral designer and not only designs voluptuous arrangements for the shop, she also does custom "bouquets" for clients, most of whom, she said, come in every week.

But it's really the scented products that capture your attention as you walk in. This store smells the way you'd like your home to smell. Subtle. Delicate. Not like gym clothes.

Honeychurch is a home

design store, but has more than just things to put on tables.

"I try to carry products for all five senses," Piccirelli says. The eyes are important. Touch is important. The nose is very important.

The scented products at Honeychurch Home are in a perfect Three Bears quantity: There are just enough so you have a wide array of choices, in a reasonable range of price points; but there aren't so many to choose from that you throw up your hands in despair.



PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

In the dead of winter, houses can become musty and stale — especially when parents and children are all at home doing distance learning and remote work. Give your nose a gift of scented products from Honeychurch Home, such as these affordable Japanese incense sticks.

Piccirelli is happy to help sort things out for you, but she feels confident that most people can figure out which scents will work best for them.

It's not like art, where you can't trust your instincts. If you like the way it smells in the shop, you'll probably like the way it smells at home.

And, she promises, unlike a department-style store, the products here have already been curated. She only sells things she likes.

She will also patiently explain how diffusers (which became ubiquitous about five years ago) actually work. There are

reeds and there is oil, and Piccirelli will have to explain the rest to you, but she has them in prices that range from mid \$40 to high \$70. Some are from France; the most popular ones are from California; one comes in an attractive blue-patterned ceramic diffuser that you can use as a bud vase when the scented oil gives out.

She has lots of candles, and warns/promises that

candles can scent a room even when they're not lit.

If you don't mind burning a scented product, she also has small incense sticks from Japan that smell wonderful, not like the acrid incenses used in religious ceremonies. Made by a company in Japan called Hibi, they burn for about 10 minutes and have straightforward tags such as lavender, lemongrass and geranium (as opposed to some of the diffusers and candles, which are more conceptual and have names such as "Cashmere" and "The Roofs of Paris").

The Hibi incense sticks are \$12 for a box of eight or \$36 for a box of 30. They are so popular that they are right at the entrance to the store.

But don't stop there; take a look around. Breathe deep. Relax. Enjoy.

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Sonnet 65
William Shakespeare

*Since brass, nor stone,
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*But sad mortality o'er-
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*How with this rage shall
beauty hold a plea,*

*Whose action is no
stronger than a flower?*

*O! how shall summer's
honey breath hold out,*

*Against the wrackful
siege of battering days,*

*When rocks impregna-
ble are not so stout,*

*Nor gates of steel so
strong but Time decays?*

*O fearful meditation!
where, alack,*

*Shall Time's best jewel
from Time's chest lie hid?*

*Or what strong hand
can hold his swift foot
back?*

*Or who his spoil of
beauty can forbid?*

*O! none, unless this
miracle have might,*

*That in black ink my
love may still shine bright.*

Whether the sonnet to the left seems impenetrable and confusing or crystal clear and soothing, Parker Reed's online class explaining the sonnets of William Shakespeare could be just the class for you.

Shakespeare is recognized as one of the world's most celebrated playwrights, but he also wrote 154 sonnets — one stanza poems of 14 lines — exploring love, infidelity, lust, mortality, desire, beauty and other themes that reflect the human condition.

Hotchkiss School Shakespeare instructor Parker Reed will lead an exploration of the sonnets and reveal some of the techniques he used to develop his facility with language. The three free classes will be held on Tuesdays Feb. 2, 9 and 16 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Sonnets likely to be

covered include, "Why didst thou promise such a beauteous day ..." (Sonnet 34), "Since brass, nor stone, nor earth, nor boundless sea ..." (Sonnet 65) and "The little Love-god, lying once asleep ..." (Sonnet 154).

The COVID-19 quarantine has encouraged many readers to return to the Shakespeare plays and read them again, finding new lessons in them at a later stage of life. The plays can be daunting enough on their own, but the sonnets add in the challenges inherent in reading poetry. What is, after all, a sonnet or a stanza or iambic pentameter?

Reed said he'll adapt the class to suit the level of knowledge of the participants. If everyone knows what a quatrain is, the class will proceed to other matters.

"I'd like to shape the

experience to meet interest," Reed said. "Because we'll meet three times, perhaps I'll offer a brief historical context for the sonnets, followed by an exploration of one or two. Then we can discuss or address questions or pursue whatever course feels fertile."

Even though the plays are written in verse, they are different from sonnets. Reed feels that the shorter-form poems help readers to understand and appreciate the plays.

"I think they provide an excellent introduction to Shakespeare's use of language."

Introduction is the key word. Reed wants to entice readers to approach the Bard with more joy and less trepidation.

"His reputation as a literary genius has intimidated some and bored others," Reed said, "but he wrote words to be said and savored. I've committed to giving Will back to the people. Anyone with any level of curiosity or appreciation for Shakespeare is welcome."

To register and get the Zoom link, go to www.noblehorizons.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Despite concerns about COVID-19, some cultural venues are opening again and some events are being scheduled — but then some events are being canceled as infections rise again. It's a good idea to check websites before you go to an event.

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A RARE ASTON MAGNA WINTER CONCERT

The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center and Aston Magna Music Festival in Great Barrington, Mass., will present "Musical Offerings: Chamber Music of J.S. Bach," a free virtual concert on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m.

Recorded on the Mahaiwe stage, the performance will premiere on www.mahaive.org and the theater's YouTube channel.

The program will be performed by four musicians, Daniel Stepner, baroque violin; Laura Jeppesen, viola de gamba; Andrea LeBlanc, baroque flute; and Peter Sykes, harpsichord. The program features a so-

nata for violin and continuo, a duo sonata for flute and harpsichord, and excerpts from one of Bach's late contrapuntal masterpieces.

Now in its 49th year, the Aston Magna Music Festival is the longest-running annual summer festival in America devoted to music performed on period instruments. Aston Magna aims to interpret the music of the past as the composer imagined it. Founded in 1972 by Lee Elman and the late Albert Fuller, it has forged a unique place in American cultural life.

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EDITORIAL

Hopes for a prosperous future

Shortly before noon on Wednesday, Jan. 20, Joseph R. Biden Jr. took the oath of office as the 46th president of the United States, becoming the oldest man to do so at the age of 78. Moments earlier, Kamala D. Harris also made history, as the first female, the first African American and the first Asian American to be sworn in as vice president.

But this year's inauguration went down in history for more reasons than just the Democratic duo who entered the White House. It was also unique because of this particular moment in time, as the world nears the one-year mark of the coronavirus being declared a pandemic — a once in a century global health crisis that's taken more than 2,156,109 lives worldwide as of Tuesday morning, Jan. 26.

On Jan. 20 Biden and Harris were sworn in and got straight to work, with the president adopting 15 new executive orders plus two other directives and the vice president swearing in three newly elected senators — neither wasting any time before the celebrations continued later that evening.

In a gesture of goodwill, outgoing President Donald J. Trump continued a ritual begun by 40th President Ronald Reagan and left a parting note for the incoming president.

"Because it was private, I won't talk about it until I talk to him," said Biden on televised coverage of him in the Oval Office. "But it was generous."

The note left by Trump perhaps signals an olive branch, an offer of goodwill to the Biden/Harris administration for what will undoubtedly be a tough road ahead. After all, the pair has a massive health crisis at hand and an economy hit hard by that same crisis, not to mention broader issues to address like climate change and nuclear proliferation, among a host of others.

In his Inaugural Address, Biden said, "Some days... you need a hand. There are other days when we're called to lend a hand. That's how it has to be. That's what we do for one another. And if we are this way, our country will be stronger, more prosperous, more ready for the future. And we can still disagree."

And that is a major tenet of democracy, of America: We must be able to agree to disagree.

With the Democrats in control of the Senate, the House and the Executive Branch, Biden will now have a chance to build on whatever were the good policies of the Trump administration and incorporate his own positive ideas and effort to make them even better.

Now that the election is over, whether one supported Trump or Biden may no longer be the only point. As importantly, once that oath of office is taken, whoever the president is, we should all want him or her to succeed. In the final analysis, we are all Americans, hoping for the prosperity of our country.



Democracy threatened?

I believe most of us have been stunned by recent events in our country. Between Trump haters advocating impeachment for the second time and a new president anxious to drive up our debt load, what does the future hold? Let's examine the track record so far.

At a time of high unemployment, businesses hanging on by a thread, not to mention COVID issues, where is the focus? Is this really the time to bog Congress down with an impeachment trial? I can only speak for myself in this matter, although I suspect many others may feel the same. The man has willingly left office, what is to be accomplished? Then again a lot of things don't make sense today.

Why is there a need for a 5,000 page stimulus bill? Obviously to cover the hidden agenda, half of which is fat to satisfy special interests. Driving our nation further in debt does little to help, perhaps leading to hyperinflation. When will it dawn on people, our government continues to make more of us dependent on them? This, of course, leads to greater control.

My how our elected officials love to pat themselves on their back. Governor Cuomo — nice job with your efforts at distribution of the vaccine. I could fly to

Florida and get a shot with far less difficulty. I have a friend who did just that. Others I know (Connecticut residents) have scheduled vaccine visits at the Sharon Hospital. Not available to us folks in New York, where it's extremely difficult to make any headway establishing a place in line. What line?

The National Guard remains in D.C., possibly into March. Riots continue in Portland unabated, so much for unity. On his first day in office, our new president put thousands out of work by shutting down wall construction and the Keystone Pipeline.

Thanks to our less than stellar media, millions have been frightened into not taking the vaccine. We have corporations dictating items or people we should or shouldn't support based on their liberal political agenda. For example, Kohl's is no longer going to carry MyPillow.

I have tried though this media to encourage others to educate themselves regarding their all-important right to vote. Even that has become controversial and contested. Is there any wonder why I feel our democracy is threatened?

John Walters

Millerton

MEMS: Microscopic machines — future tools

The Air Force Research Labs — mainly at Kirkland Air Force Base and Sandia Labs in New Mexico — have been working for 20-plus years on Mini-Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS). The work has not been all that secret. I first wrote about this 19 years ago and if I could know about it then, imagine where their research has taken them since.

First let's have a look at what these MEMS are. And they are far more ground-breaking than the mapping project of the human genome, atomic bombs, laser anti-missiles and what we think of as cutting edge computer technology. Miniature machines, some are so small they can fit on the point of the sharpest needle and some are smaller still. Already the scientists there have built steam engines, cameras, molecular gears, optical vario-refracting surfaces, roto-rotoer type tunneling machines and a host of inventions so secret we will only hear about them decades from now. Some, more than 25 years old, long since found their way into triggers in commercial use like the airbag sensors in your car or the g-force data collectors in racing cars and fighter jets.

Commercial applications are endless. Take that steam engine for example. It's a self-priming steam engine with the capability of replenishing its "boiler" on the go. Inject it into your bloodstream with the roto-rotoer attached and it will cruise around your body cleaning out your arteries. All day, every day, your cholesterol is chewed up and eventually is cleaned out by your liver. Want to see inside the brain, at a hidden tumor or blood clot? Inject the camera and it will take and transmit pictures with its rotating shutter. Think that's impossible? Remember that the camera is less than 6 hundredths of an inch wide and 2 hundredths

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

of an inch deep. And the steam engine? You can fit about 30 of them inside the needle of a small hypodermic syringe.

The industrial applications, now openly marketed by a commercial exclusive contract with Ardesta of Ann Arbor, Mich., (partnered with National Microsystems Accelerator consortium along with The Next Generation Economy Inc., the U. of New Mexico, Technology Ventures Corp. and Sandia) are even more amazing. Like the Lilliputians in Gulliver's travels and the nanomachine Waldos of Heinlein's science fiction books, these miniature machines create new industry and maintenance possibilities that should wipe out the need to wait for something to break.

Built in your car, survivable in the heat of the engine, these little robots can flow with the oil in your engine, repairing cracks, scraping gunk from the cylinders. In short, your engine could always run like new. So will your refrigerator, sewing machine (heck, why sew? Miniature machines will keep cleaning and repairing that favorite silk shirt of yours), computer, fan, printer, phone, etc., etc.

Then there are the brave new world applications. When you are born, tiny MEMS will be injected into your bloodstream. Some will have monitoring functions, to tell doctors when you are getting sick or need care. Some will start out in your stomach to help digest food better (meaning you need to eat less), later morphing themselves into lower gut cleaners to keep you from getting colon cancer. Some will be designed to attack and eat

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Climate Smart Task Force awarded, seeks shutterbugs

On Thursday, Jan. 14, at the North East Town Board meeting, the Millerton North East Climate Smart Community (CSC) Task Force received an award for successfully attaining the points needed to attain its bronze certification.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) awarded the Task Force 44 points for actions that it has taken to improve the environmental sustainability of North East and Millerton. Notably, the town has adopted a Complete Streets Policy that will contribute to better access for pedestrians and bikes. The Climate Smart Task Force also launched its Social Media Instagram and Facebook sites (www.instagram.com/climatesmart-millerton and www.facebook.com/ClimateSmartMillerton).

Once we earn 120 points, Millerton and North East will be certified as New York State Bronze Level Municipalities and thereby become eligible for more funding and support from various state agencies.

Also, Climate Smart Task Force Coordinator Kathy Chow has been accepted to the Local Champions Program managed by Lifeboats Hudson Valley, an initiative of The New World Foundation that supports meaningful resilience and climate change work in the region.

The program has selected six Climate Smart Community coordinators from Columbia, Dutchess, Ulster and Greene Counties to participate in an intensive six-month training program that will ready our community for Bronze Certification by August. In addition, we have been awarded \$8,000 to support our work to achieve more Climate Smart actions.

Back in 2018, the Village of Millerton and the Town of North East Boards voted to join

hundreds of other communities in New York State and become a Climate Smart Community to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate. The Comprehensive Plan update passed in 2019 emphasized the importance of having a "strong commitment to preserve the environment and ecosystems" and "prioritize economic and environmental resiliency."

The Climate Smart Task Force was appointed in 2019 under Kathy's leadership as its coordinator. The Task Force began its work to take actions to mitigate the impact of climate change on the community.

At last year's virtual celebration of Earth Day, both Millerton Mayor Debbie Middlebrook and North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan made a joint statement endorsing the Task Force's efforts on the Millerton Business Alliance's website.

"The Climate Smart Community initiative holds such promise for our community," they stated. "There are multiple grants available to help us find ways to avoid the flooding of our roads, decrease our energy expenses, increase economic opportunities and preserve the environment that we all hold dear."

A robust Climate Smart website is in the works and local volunteer photographers are being sought to help. To offer your services as a volunteer photographer, contact the CSC Task Force for more information at millertonclimatesmart@gmail.com.

Kathy Chow
Climate Smart
Community Coordinator
North East

Chris Kennan
Town Supervisor and
Task Force member
North East

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

No longer with TOW Recreation Department

As of January 2021, I have been employed by the Town of Washington for 19 years. Nineteen wonderful years that I would not trade for anything. During those years I have worked with the community in just about every way imaginable, from newborn babies through 100-year-old senior citizens, and everyone in between. Being able to give back to a community that has always been home to me and supported me personally, prior to my employment with the town, has been such a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

People often say that many people have a job they like and few have a job they love. I am fortunate enough to be one of the lucky ones who love their job. Enter COVID-19. During these times we have all been forced to make changes to what our "normal" is. The world we live in now is very different from the world we lived in last year at this time. Some changes are easy, while others take some getting used to.

COVID has negatively impacted recreation. State guidelines have made it very difficult to run programs as we have always done. New programming has been put to the side during these uncertain times. The few programs we can run are very small and not at all what we wish we could do for everyone. A combination of COVID and our new software system has led to a major change for me.

I no longer work in the Recreation Department. The town has reassigned me as the Build-

ing and Zoning Department clerk. I always thought I would serve my community through the Recreation Department until the day I chose to retire.

My heart is heavy leaving behind all of "my kids" and families I have grown to love over the years. I see the 2-year-olds I had in my first Preschool Camp, who are now 21 years old, and I smile. Those 19 years were truly a blink of an eye.

The most rewarding thing has been being able to watch them grow up within recreation and the community. It has been my absolute honor and privilege to work in the Recreation Department. There are too many people to thank for all the help they provided over the years.

Thank you to the children, the families, the coaches, the volunteers, the senior citizens, the committee members, my staff and my fellow employees: past and present. Thank you ALL for filling my heart with warmth and happiness when I look back over the last 19 years. I look forward to the day our programs are at full capacity. A day when we can all be out and about enjoying programming and each other.

Until that time, you can find me at the Town Hall. Stop by and say hello anytime. Rest assured, I will continue to be involved in recreation and continue to check in on "our kids" as I always have!

Kelly Cassinelli
Town of Washington
Building and Zoning
Department clerk
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cancer cells. Some will be the repair crew for the other machines. Some will stay dormant until a doctor activates them to repair bone tissue if you break your leg. If your retina degenerates, tiny mirrors slightly larger than the diameter of a human hair, activated electro statically over a polysilicon layer beneath a micromirror charged couple device array will renew your sight.

And the people at Sandia Labs aren't through yet. They have been working on micro machines with gears rotating at speeds in excess of 1 million rpm, almost frictionless. Already being built are micro 10 lb space satellites the size of a softball with the power and functionality of satellites that used to weigh 4 tons. Under development are a melding of MEMS

and computer chips, allowing analog thought processes; thinking chips much like the human brain — the AI builders of the near future.

The point is, these machines are not only smaller and more efficient, they operate in a way that permits new breakthroughs. Bordering on the perpetual machine concept, these machines allow the scientists and engineers of tomorrow a huge new field to explore to mankind's benefit. And here's the point: The next, and the next, and the next industrial and scientific revolution are coming faster than you can know — so think ahead and get ready.

Writer Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now resides in New Mexico.

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Board of Ed wraps up 2020

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MILLBROOK — The final meetings of the Millbrook Central School District (MCSD) Board of Education (BOE) were still dealing with many of the problems associated with the COVID-19 pandemic: the hybrid education models, hiring extra help and the additional hours needed to do so. A number of presentations were also made regarding surveys on the district's educational services and structural needs.

The board met on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, and dealt with the consent agenda and minutes from the previous meeting. A resignation was accepted from Richard Mirabella, custodial worker, effective immediately. Jennifer Walter was appointed school monitor. Lee Jack was appointed custodial worker for a probationary period of 26 weeks.

A motion was made and approved to remove surplus books and assorted office furniture from Alden Place Elementary School. A retention and disposition schedule was approved for New York Local Government Records and adopted for use by all officers to legally dispose of valueless records after they have met the minimum retention periods and only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal or historical value to merit retention beyond the established legal minimum periods.

A co-curricular appointment for Cathie Morton as Book Club advisor was rescinded.

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, the BOE met again; its first order of business was to approve the budget calendar. Also approved was the contract for Health Services for a total of \$1,266,985.05

Enrollment figures for the MCSD totalled 840; Dutchess Day School enrollment was reported at 148; Upton Lake Christian School reported 68 students.

An agreement with

Dutchess County was OK'd through the Department of Behavioral and Community Health for the use of the district's buildings, grounds and equipment for mass immunization and prophylaxis.

A motion was approved to enter into an agreement with Ethan Allen Staffing to provide a registered nurse for leave replacement coverage, effective Jan. 4 through Feb. 12, with it noted that the replacement will not be paid for days not in attendance or for days that school is closed for any reason.

Appointments were made for Elizabeth Delessio-Neubauer to act as a replacement for clerks on temporary leave. Joanne Hobson was appointed school monitor and Cynthia Rozensweig will advise mock trials. Sabrina Laurino was appointed as a science teacher for a probationary period of four years and Kerry Weller was made website manager.

Resignations were accepted for the purposes of retirement from Pamela Jones-Guida, effective Sept. 2, and Patricia Thomaseki, effective July 1, 2020.

The enrollment report was given as of Nov. 30, 2020: Elm Drive Elementary School had 170 students; Alden Place had 159 students; Millbrook Middle School had 210 students; and Millbrook High School had 297 students; for a total of 836 students. Also in the district were special education, BOCES, pre-k and parent-placed students, who amounted to 184, while there were 26 students at Cardinal Hayes along with three other students in the district.

Donations were accepted by the district from Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation for \$5,000 for the purchase of various items or to pay retroactively for devices already purchased to enable internet access. A second donation was from Cardinal Hayes School, for Vicra Zuma chairs estimated at a worth of \$600 was also accepted.

An executive session was held by the board; afterward the board approved its building safety plan and the meeting adjourned.

Local spirits the perfect remedy for a cold winter's night

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook community is known for its pastoral scenery, horse and dairy farms, fresh produce and local wines. But one well-kept secret is Shady Knoll Orchards & Distillery, LLC, which produces apple brandy, a brandy and cider mixture called Pommeau and a fine rye whiskey.

The distillery was a dream that was a long time coming. Rick Kneipper, a corporate lawyer, decided to buy a farm back in 1980, primarily as a vacation home for his family. But a fondness for Calvados, an apple brandy made in Normandy, planted the seed — literally. Between then and 2016 when he started the business, his family lived in New York, Florida, Wisconsin and then settled in Texas.

Kneipper had spent 15 years in technology and health services, but now he's the CEO and manager of Shady Knoll Orchards & Distillery. He decided at one point the time was right to follow the family tradition (his grandfather was a dairy farmer) and decided to grow apples at the farm, which was originally settled in the late 1700s.

Having dreamed about taking the leap for years, he had already visited orchards and distilleries in the U.S. and around the world, learning the basics of growing, distilling and production. His enthusiasm rubbed off on his son-in-law, Andrew Richards, so when the time came to get down to business, he had a willing and ready manager. They broke ground on June 5, 2015, the same day Richards made the farm his home.

"Shady Knoll Orchards & Distillery is a unique breed — a family farm distillery where Andrew Richards, my son-in-law, and I raise the apples and rye used to make our handcrafted spirits," Kneipper said.

Rightfully proud, he added, "We do 100% of all processing, fermenting, distilling, barrel-aging and bottling ourselves. We grow over 120 varieties of apples that we use to make our apple brandy and Pommeau."

The distillery boasts a charming tasting house, and pre-COVID it held tours and



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Shady Knoll Orchards & Distillery manager Andrew Richards, left, and owner Rick Kneipper toasted to their success in producing apple brandy, Pommeau and whiskey.

tastings, one of Kneipper's favorite things to do as he likes interacting with visitors and explaining the entire process. It may seem a charmed existence, but there is plenty of hard work attached to it.

August through November the apples are picked and packed; they sit until June, when they are pressed into hard cider. Although the work could be shouldered by many, each year it is done by only Kneipper, Richards and one other who is hired through Grace Church. The trees are small, Kneipper assured this reporter, just 6 to 7 feet tall.

The bottling process takes place in December; and the whiskey is made from winter to May. The still doesn't operate during the summer, which is a time for weeding, mowing and putting the 1964 vintage harvester to use.

One field is given over to a friend and neighbor, Clear View Farm, while two other fields are used as a pasture for black An-

gus cows belonging to another friend, Ed Kading. The leftover mash from the apples after they are pressed is given to the cows, who "come running" for it, said Richards.

The spirits are sold in Texas and New York by roughly 20 retailers in each state. Locally, Village Wine and Spirits in Millbrook carries all three items, and according to a worker in the shop, Brian Spaeth, all are delicious. The Pommeau, a mixture of apple cider and apple brandy, has only 17% alcohol and is slightly sweeter than the brandy. The apple brandy is 80% proof (40% alcohol) and is aromatic. Spaeth said it's a great drink to sip in front of a fire on a winter's night. The whiskey he described as "very smooth."

All are carefully prepared, perfectly aged, stored and made in small batches. The other grains used to make the whiskey, corn and barley, are locally grown and harvested from nearby farms.

Kneipper said he's been us-

ing extra down-time since the COVID pandemic to experiment, perfect and enhance their products.

"Shady Knoll is starting to show spirit drinkers that raising our own crops on our farm creates unique Hudson Valley terroir in our spirits, and local terroir is starting to be recognized as just as important in spirits as it is in wines," he said.

Shady Knoll Orchards & Distillery is currently open for tours and tastings, by appointment only, due to the pandemic.

The distillery is hoping that post COVID, it will become a favorite destination for both locals and visitors as there is so much to see: the distillery, the granary, a French alembic Charente's pot still, a silo and a variety of other distilling equipment, not to mention the tasting house to savor the fresh apples, and perhaps some smooth whiskey as well. Located at 27 Brush Hill Road, go to www.shadyknolldistillery.com for more information.

Budget, sewer, sidewalks discussed by Village Board

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Village Board met via Zoom due to the COVID pandemic for its first regular meeting of 2021 on Wednesday, Jan. 13. Mayor Tim Collopy, Trustees Mike Herzog, Kevin McGrane and Vickie Contino and Village Clerk Sarah Witt were there.

Dutchess County Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) gave a brief update on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in the county, saying demand is high, supply is low and distribution is slow. The original plan was to vaccinate specific groups including those 75 and older, but the age limit was lowered to 65.

Senior Account Clerk Karen McLaughlin reported on the village budget and how to manage it better. Millbrook's fiscal year started May 1, 2020 and ends April 30 of this year. Due to factors including the pandemic, she said local governments have a tough road ahead, as New York State Division of the Budget announced this past December it is projecting a decline of \$14.9 billion and a decline in tax receipts of 15.3% from its February 2020 projections.

According to her report, the New York State Employees Retirement System and its Police and Fire Retirement System will see a lower return on investment for the fund and higher

contributions from municipal employers for 2021. The New York State Comptroller's Office projects that the employer contribution will rise again in 2022.

McLaughlin suggested the village monitor the budgets more frequently and more carefully and analyze trends, make changes and anticipate issues. Last year's budget had some items that were over budget, such as part-time police salaries, highway paving and snow removal; the budget was \$107,200 over budget in the final analysis. So far this year the village is \$25,358 over budget.

McLaughlin suggested the village do a few things to avoid going over budget, including: pay employees flex time or offer comp time instead of pay overtime in cash; review its inventory more carefully; reduce services and supplies to essential items only; analyze past years' revenues and expenses to establish accurate budget trends; and negotiate in good faith with the town for a two-payment plan for fire protection services.

The fire department submitted its report, as did Police Sgt. Jared Witt, who said that December 2020 had a total of 123 incidents.

Public Works Director Bob Collocalo reported 2020's first snow incident required 26 hours from his department, with 18 inches of snow accumulation; the second snow fall required

six hours, with 5 inches of snow and ice accumulation. Additionally, village Christmas trees were removed along with residents' trees. The village's and the Millbrook Business Association's decorations were removed and stored for the year.

VRI Environmental Services Area Manager Scott Osborne, who is in charge of water services, reported that as on Tuesday, Jan. 12, the water upgrade was basically complete and the village's first drinking water came through its new system, a long-awaited event. Only loose ends need to be tied up, which should be done in 30 to 60 days.

The board is considering a sewer upgrade kickoff; it approved a motion to obtain an engineer's report regarding needs and cost. Discussion included grants that could be obtained for the work; the water filtration system received about 60% of its funding through grants.

The board also discussed sidewalk repair, as tree roots have damaged many sidewalks, especially on Franklin Avenue, which is dangerous for those with disabilities. Grants will be sought for the project.

Witt gave updates as the treasurer and village clerk.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting via Zoom will be on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. To attend the virtual meeting, e-mail clerk@villageofmillbrookny.com.



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