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Millerton says goodbye to former fire chief, Legionnaire

The passing of Al Andrews

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MILLERTON — Al Andrews will forever be associated with the village of Millerton, whether with the Millerton Fire Company, the Millerton American Legion Post 178 or with the Millerton Gun Club, Andrews is tied to all of those groups and more.

"We are saddened by the news,"

said Millerton Mayor Jenn Nadjek, who along with the rest of her family has known Andrews for much of her life, and has helped out alongside him at village events for many of her years in Millerton. "His commitment and dedication to our community will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family."

The 71-year-old lifelong resident was known to almost all who

lived in the village and recognizable to the few who didn't know him, with his trademark white hair and mustache. He passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 14, at Sharon Hospital, just over the border in Connecticut. He had his family by his side.

Andrews was born in 1950 in Albion, N.Y., roughly 30 miles west/

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Pine Plains starts new tradition with first Pride Celebration

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Celebrating Pride Month and the LGBTQ+ community is now officially part of the Pine Plains tradition, as the town just finished the month of June by inviting residents and visitors to its inaugural Pride Celebration on Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26.

Its first-ever Pride Celebration commenced with a Pride Kickoff Dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday evening at Lia's Mountain View Restaurant. Honored to be part of the event, Lia's encouraged diners to make reservations and ask for the Pride Patio.

The celebration continued on Sunday morning with a Pride ser-

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Pine Plains Councilman Matthew Zick strolled along the streets of his hometown during its first-ever Pride Celebration with his daughters, Sarah, left, and Elizabeth by his side.



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From left, NECC Early Learning Program Director Raina Cashdollar and NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent marked a new beginning for the community center at its ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Early Learning Program at the former Astor Head Start site on Park Street on Thursday, June 23.

Former Astor site has new life

NECC opens Early Learning Program

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — The North East Community Center (NECC) fulfilled its long-awaited dream and opened its Early Learning Program at the former Astor Head Start at 11 Park St. in Millerton on Thursday, June 23, at 3:30 p.m.

Supporters of the nonprofit community center attended the ribbon cutting, some of them hoping to enroll their children in the preschool program once it opens.

Years before joining NECC as executive director, Christine Sergent said her predecessor, Jenny

See **NECC, A8**

Harlem Valley concerns about queer book banning

By KAITLIN LYLE
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HARLEM VALLEY — Today, people in this country, and around the world, take comfort in knowing there are people willing to fight for free speech and to raise awareness of those who look to limit it — in all its forms. That includes book banning.

While book banning may not always make the headlines on a daily basis, it is still a real and present dan-

ger. The Millerton News spent a few weeks in June — LGBTQ Pride Month — interviewing those fighting to raise awareness of book banning, particularly queer book banning.

In May, Oblong Books Co-Owner Suzanna Hermans, which has its main location in Millerton, sent out a message in the store's weekly e-newsletter. She referred to the book banning "crisis" taking place across the country,

See **BOOK BANNING, A8**



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Roe Jan Library holds annual gala

The Roeliff Jansen Community Library held its 11th Annual Gala on Saturday, June 25, at the at the Lodge at Catamount Mountain Ski Resort. As the library's largest fundraiser of the year, staff, board members and volunteers gathered for a group photo and to thank patrons for continuing to support the library and its many community programs. For more information about the library, go to www.roejanlibrary.org or call 528-325-4101.



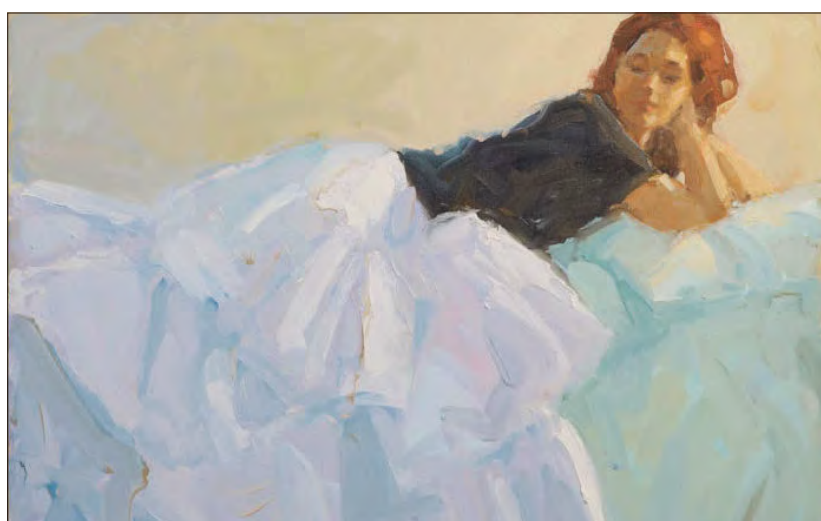
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From left, former Mayor Debbie Middlebrook, Village Trustee Dave Sherman, Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori and Mayor Jenn Najdek extended their gratitude to State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) for helping obtain a grant to fund the new multi modal crosswalks in the village, alongside Trustee Matthew Hartzog and Millerton Highway Supervisor Coleman Lawrence.

Barrett thanked for funding

New multi modal signs make it safer

MILLERTON — As a way to thank her office for helping to obtain funding, Millerton officials met with State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) for a photo opp on Friday afternoon, June 24, next to one of its new multi modal solar crosswalk signs. The village was able to purchase the safety device with a grant secured by Barrett.

The grant funding amounted to \$55,000, and allowed the village to purchase a total of four multi modal solar crosswalk signs.

One of those signs was installed at the head of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail on Main Street. As posted by Village

Clerk Kelly Kilmer online at www.villageofmillerton.net, the other three sets of crosswalk signs will be installed and functional in the upcoming weeks.

According to Kilmer, those will include signs to be installed at the crosswalk near the Oakhurst Diner at the intersection near Main Street and the South Center Street; one at the crosswalk near The Moviehouse on Main Street and Dutchess Avenue; and one at the newly created crosswalk at the intersection of the NorthEast-Millerton Library on Main Street and Central Avenue.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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Volunteers at 11 Park

Eager to help the North East Community Center (NECC) prepare for the opening of its brand-new Child Care Center (see story front page), local volunteers pitched in to clear the outdoor play space behind the former Astor Head Start building at 11 Park St. on Monday, June 20, between 1 and 5 p.m. Together volunteers helped weed, paint and generally clean up to create a beautiful play space for young children who will attend NECC's new Early Learning Program. For more information, call 518-789-4259, ext. 110 or email raina@neccmillerton.org.

Despite last-minute write-in campaign, incumbents win election

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — The village of Millerton drew 135 voters at its annual election on Tuesday, June 21. The polls were open at the Village Offices at 5933 North Elm Ave. from noon to 9 p.m.

This year, voters could cast their ballots for two candidates, with two open seats to fill on the Village Board. The positions hold two-year terms starting Tuesday, July 5, through June 30, 2024.

Incumbents Alicia Sartori (who served as deputy mayor this year) and Matthew Hartzog, both ran for their third terms on the board.

Both Democrats, Sartori also ran on the Republican party line.

In addition to the two returning candidates, this year there was a last-minute campaign for two write-in candi-

dates: Brian Wahl and Carolee Andrews. The pair's campaign for office surfaced over social media after being posted on their "Save the Millerton Police Department" (MPD) Facebook page.

A flyer advertising their interest in running for office surfaced after the move to support the local police force gained traction. Wahl and Andrews have distributed more than 200 lawn signs to support the MPD.

In addition to saving the Millerton Police Department from being disbanded, the flyers outlined their platform, to attract a local grocery store and to push for affordable housing and short-term rental regulation in the village.

Wahl called it a "three-day grass-roots effort" in which no money was spent.

"We lost because the Republicans made an all-out effort to support Alicia Sartori, who

they know is against the MPD," he said. "Nineteen of her votes were from Republicans. If they were cast for us, I would have tied Matt and Carolee would have bested Alicia — a clear indicator of how village residents feel about MPD."

Results

Sartori led Tuesday's vote count with a total of 82, followed by Hartzog with 78 votes; Wahl received 59 votes and Andrews received 49 votes.

Asked about her re-election, Sartori said, "I am thankful that people still support me and trust that I am doing good work for the village... I just like to continue working on the projects we're working on and hopefully [can bring them to] completion ... while I'm in office."

While the village has a lot on its plate, Hartzog said the board is currently looking to get the second phase of the Millerton Community Park

(formerly known as the Eddie Collins Memorial Field project) up and running; continue improving its sidewalks; and obtain additional funding for the development of the engineering plans for the proposed sewer district.

He added the village also wants to create a five-year plan for its highway department so it can retire vehicles and create a purchase plan for new vehicles "so we can get in front of things."

"I'm really excited that the first couple of terms that I was on the board, we have been shaking out the rags and finding things that could be improved and made better," Hartzog said, "and I look forward to continuing that process."

Sartori and Hartzog were to be sworn in at the village's reorg meeting at 6 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, July 5, the same day this paper went to press.



Starting at 6:30 p.m., musician Caroline Doctorow delivered a revival of the Great American Folk Song at a concert inside the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex on Saturday, June 18.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Among this year's summer concerts, the NorthEast-Millerton Library welcomed the Carol & Nick Duo featuring Dan Furman at the Twilight at the Pond Concerts at Rudd Pond on Saturday evening, June 11.

Library offers multiple musical offerings

MILLERTON — Along with access to its wide collection of books and other materials, the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) has been offering local patrons a little night music through its recent summer concert series.

Among the lineup of musical guests scheduled to stop by Millerton this summer to share their musical talents, the library presented its outdoor concert series, "Twilight at the Pond" at Rudd Pond in Millerton.

On Saturday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m., the Carol & Nick Duo was there, featuring Dan Furman.

Then on the evening of Saturday, June 18, in another concert venue, the library opened its Annex doors for "The Great American Folk Song Revival" with musician Caroline Doctorow.

For more information on upcoming performances sponsored by the library and for news on other events and activities at the NEML, go to www.nemillertonlibrary.org or call 518-789-3340.

— Kaitlin Lyle

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Twilight at the Pond concerts 2022

The NorthEast-Millerton Library's 2022 Twilight at the Pond concert series at Rudd Pond continues throughout the month of August.

Among the featured concerts, the library will present:

- Northwest Passage on Saturday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m.
- Roger & Lenny Ten Mile on Saturday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m.
- The Mia Brazilian Jazz Ensemble on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 6 p.m.

For more information, go to www.nemillertonlibrary.org or call 518-789-4259.

Apply to new Early Learning Program

The North East Community Center (NECC) is accepting applications for its new Early Learning Program, to be held at the site of the former Astor Head Start program in Millerton.

This program aims to serve children between 18 and 36 months of age. Families may now send their applications to ELP@neccmillerton.org or contact Raina at 518-789-4259, ext. 110 with questions.

For more information on the NECC's Early Learning Program, see this week's front page of The Millerton News.

Summer Farmers Market now open

The North East Community Center's (NECC) Millerton Farmers Market is now open for the 2022 summer season.

The Millerton Farmers Market is located on the lawn of the Millerton Methodist Church, at the corner of Dutchess Avenue and Main Street.

For more information, contact Market Manager John Nowak at john@neccmillerton.org.

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Amenia Recreation Commission meets

Wassaic Park plans move forward, new chair named

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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AMENIA — After initiating a conversation with the public about Wassaic Park at its June 9 meeting, the Amenia Recreation Commission (ARC) continued exploring ideas to improve the park among other business items at its 7 p.m. meeting on Thursday, June 23.

In addition to all five ARC members, Amenia Town Board liaisons Vicki Doyle and Leo Blackman attended along with five members of the public in the Amenia Town Hall auditorium.

Better bylaws

Among the first items of business, ARC Vice Chairman Paul Winters suggested the commission ask the Town Board to create better bylaws for the ARC to address the responsibilities it share with the Town Board. The ARC unanimously approved doing so; Winters said it will likely take a month or two to work on it with the Town Board.

According to New York State rules regulating commissions, Winters explained a commission can create a petition asking the town if it would allow the ARC to set up its own tax district.

If the ARC were to do so, the money raised would go into a commission fund from which the ARC would operate its budget. As long as the ARC doesn't overstep that budget, Winters said the money would be "pretty much ours to do as we see fit," adding it could hire a full-time recreation director and take on the role of town maintenance.

With about 220 properties in Amenia, Winters said if each property owner contributed \$100, that would

create a budget of \$220,000 — doubling the ARC's current funding.

While he assured ARC members they didn't need to vote on the issue that night, he did ask them to think about it, especially as the town needs a full-time recreation director. The current recreation director is only part-time.

Wassaic Park

Winters brought the ARC and the public up-to-date on what's being proposed for Wassaic Park. There's been some discussion about creating parking at the park (sometimes referred to as Borden Park). Currently there is no parking to access the park, located behind the old Borden Condensed Milk Factory near the current town Highway Department Garage. He's looking for various parking solutions.

As well as raising concerns about the park being used as "a love nest" for teenagers and as a site for illegal drug use, Winters said the idea is to reimagine the park as a "multi-use area." He wants to ask the Town Board to hire a landscape architect for help.

"We can come up with all these ideas... but if we don't hire a landscape architect, we don't know what it's going to cost," he said.

Since he'd like park plans completed within a year, Winters hopes to ask the Town Board to set a limit on the time line for having plans in hand.

Between the ARC and the public, various ideas for Wassaic Park have been generated, including creating a dog park; opening the land for fishing; installing a full basketball court with bleachers; redoing the baseball field for soccer and volleyball; and installing

security cameras.

There's also been talk about moving the park's playground to property owned by the Wassaic Arts Foundation near Gridley Chapel in the hamlet of Wassaic, on Furnace Bank Road.

Beekman Park

Winters said DJ Reilly offered him a list of items that need to be addressed at Beekman Park in Amenia, such as repairing fencing, adding lights to the southeast parking area, etc. Winters asked the commission if it wanted to include the Beekman Park improvements in the Wassaic Park plans to address two parks at once. ARC members leaned toward keeping the two projects separate.

The ARC later approved a motion to ask the Town Board to use the Amenia Recreation Capital Fund to hire a landscape architect and complete the aforementioned items at Wassaic Park.

New ARC chair, increase membership?

Moving forward, the ARC accepted Chris Milano's resignation as ARC chair due to time restraints and elected Winters to serve as chair; Milano will continue his time on the ARC as a member.

Notifying the public about the ARC's discussion via the "Wassaic Amenia Community Forum" Facebook page, Winters said he plans to ask the Town Board to also expand its membership from five to seven members, as the ARC often has a hard time reaching a quorum, needed to vote.

The group also wants the Town Board to redirect money currently budgeted for baseball to a maintenance fund to address any issues with local parks in the coming years.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Members of the Webutuck Class of 2022 applauded salutatorian Justin Carman's speech as read aloud by fellow graduate Kennedy Doran.

Webutuck Class of '22

Graduates inspired to show strength and give thanks

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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WEBUTUCK — Before embarking on the next stage of their journey, the Webutuck Class of 2022 was inspired to think about how to effectively bring change into the world and thank those who made their achievements possible at their graduation ceremony on Friday, June 24.

Wearing their green and white gowns, the graduates came marching onto the soccer field behind Webutuck High School (WHS) for the ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a performance of "The Stars-Spangled Banner" by graduate Kaitlyn Rowe, Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani welcomed everyone to the ceremony.

Offering tips for how they can be effective "change-makers," Castellani said this year's class was not only graduating from high school but was also graduating to become "ambassadors of change to make this world a better place."

As they embarked into a world that's grown more complex, challenging and demanding, he encouraged the graduates to ask themselves if they are ready for the daunting task, adding he had no doubts they'd find the answer.

Delivering her final graduation speech as principal of WHS,

Katy McEnroe marveled at the graduates' strength. She encouraged them to "go and show the world your strengths and tenacity to conquer."

Webutuck Class of 2022 President and valedictorian Carrissa Whitehead announced her the gift her class was giving that year was to help the Webutuck Class of 2023 by donating the remainder of its account into the succeeding class's account.

Delivering the ceremony's commencement address, WHS teacher Thomas Monteverde said, "Today is the commemoration of your efforts and the efforts of those who love you."

After introducing this year's salutatorian Justin Carman, McEnroe announced that Carman had asked for his speech to be read by fellow graduate Kennedy Doran.

Through Doran, Carman spoke of gratitude to staff, students, administrators and com-

munity for their support and encouragement, and praised his class for being proactive, resilient and academically gifted.

Returning to the podium for her valedictorian speech, Whitehead gave her heartfelt thanks to all at Webutuck for their encouragement.

"No matter how long they've known us, they have been there for us since the beginning," she said of its staff.

As well as thanking her family and her classmates' families for their love and support, Whitehead said her fellow graduates should thank themselves and remember that no matter what they endure, one thing remains: "We are and will always be the Webutuck Class of 2022."

Once everyone had received their diploma, Whitehead invited the graduates to rise and shift their tassels to the left side of their caps, signifying their status as Webutuck graduates.

Eighth-grade students move up

WEBUTUCK — The Webutuck Class of 2026 had a cool summer morning to celebrate the final chapter of its academic career at Eugene Brooks Intermediate School at the Eighth-Grade Recognition Ceremony held on Thursday, June 23. The ceremony was held at 8:30 a.m. under an enormous tent on the soccer field behind Webutuck High School.

As well as receiving sage words of advice for the next four years of study at the high school, the students were presented with moving up certificates and awards during the ceremony.

"If you can give your best effort, it will always be good enough," Eugene Brooks Intermediate School Principal Matthew Pascale said in his speech to the excited and proud young students.

— Kaitlin Lyle



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, soon to be Webutuck High School students Samantha Skurtowitz and Emma Bailey celebrated all they've accomplished thus far as they take the next step in their academic careers in the Webutuck school district alongside their classmate, Jocelyn Ferguson.



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PINE PLAINS/AREA

Bombers soar toward futures with graduation

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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PINE PLAINS — After reminiscing about their time in the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) and thanking everyone who helped them reach their goals, the Stissing Mountain Class of 2022 was ready to step into its future on Graduation Day, on Saturday, June 25.

The ceremony was held at 10 a.m. in the newly-renovated Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School auditorium. Dressed in their Bomber blue graduation caps and gowns, the graduating class sat atop the auditorium stage, gazing out at their families and futures.

In her opening remarks, Pine Plains Board of Education President Anne Arent remarked, "I'm in awe of everything you've accomplished because we all know it hasn't been easy."

Beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, Arent recalled the hurdles the Class of '22 over-

came and commended the graduates for their resilience. She urged them to hold onto their strengths and remember all they had endured and achieved.

Delivering his final graduation speech as superintendent before retiring from the PPCSD, Handler reflected on the Class of '22's excellence in academics, athletics, arts and musical performances and at the Career & Technical Institute at Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). He remarked that character was where the class excelled.

"Just the way in which they treat each other, the civility they showed each other on a daily basis. Thank you for being you," Handler said. "It was a pleasure and I will always remember this class fondly for the barriers you overcame."

On a personal note, Handler said it was the students, staff, parents and district community that made Pine Plains his favorite in his 33-year-long career.

All three graduation essayists had their classmates and the crowd laughing from the get go. Essayist Alex Bass thanked his family, fellow graduates and the district staff for making a difference in his life; following in Arent's and Handler's footsteps by ending on a quote, he pulled a quote out of his cap.

Though he started his career in the PPCSD late in the game, essayist Joshua Aronovitz shared how welcoming everyone had always been to him while studying in the district.

Essayist Joshua Hieter focused on gratitude and closed his speech with one of his grandmother's favorite hymns.

Sharing memories of the her friends, salutatorian Lourdes Belanger encouraged her class to appreciate the community that worked so hard to get them where they are today.

While admitting she was uncertain about the future as her classmates, valedictorian

Skylee Eiffert advised everyone to surround themselves with people who are supportive, and to create a community of their own.

It was then time for the diplomas; Arent and Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior Principal Tara Grieb stepped forward.

The graduates were applauded as they accepted their degrees and at the end of the ceremony they marched out with pop star Taylor Swift's song "22" playing over the speakers.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE
The Stissing Mountain Class of 2022 celebrated its commencement from the Pine Plains Central School District at a ceremony held inside the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School auditorium at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 25.

Pine Plains Democrats hold caucus

Nominations voted on for town clerk and town justice

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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PINE PLAINS — While the 2022 General Election is still four months away, on Tuesday, Nov. 8, the Pine Plains Democratic Committee is getting prepared. It nominated candidates for Election Day for the town clerk and town justice positions at the Democratic Caucus on Friday, June 24.

The caucus was held in the Community Room above the Pine Plains Free Library at 7 p.m.

The town justice will serve a four-year term while the

town clerk will serve a one-year term to serve an unexpired term. The town clerk's normal term is for four years.

At the caucus, incumbent Madelin Dafoe was nominated for town clerk and Stella Isaza for town justice. Petrie mentioned Dafoe was appointed to the clerk position after former longtime Town Clerk Judy Harpp resigned from office last summer. With one year left to fill on Harpp's term, Dafoe is running to fill the remainder of that term.

Pine Plains Democratic Committee Chair Jim Petrie said Isaza "decisively won"

the bid for town justice at the caucus.

Petrie said because Highway Superintendent Heather Emerich had submitted her resignation recently, which went into effect on Friday, June 24, the committee did not have enough time to solicit names for those interested in running for the position. As it was too late to find a candidate, no one was nominated to lead the Highway Department at last week's caucus.

The Pine Plains Republican Caucus will be Tuesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. at the Pine Plains Lions Club Pavilion, located on Beach Road.

OBITUARY

William George Franks

William George Franks, 90, of Amenia passed away on June 20, 2022, at home following a six-month illness.



He was born in Sayre, Pennsylvania, on December 6, 1931, to the late Florence Van Horn and Paul M. Frank, Sr. On June 27, 1959, he married Barbara Ann Draper at the Athens Methodist Church in Athens, Pennsylvania. They would have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on June 27 this year. Their honeymoon was a trip to Canada, the first of many.

Bill was a graduate of what was then Sayre High School, Class of '51. He was an All Star, All Valley Athlete in all sports, keeping in touch with coaches Weiss, Ksionzak, and Thoren until their deaths. He especially enjoyed remembering and retelling of the All-American East/West game in Tennessee as well as his prized photo with Miss Tennessee presenting him with a watch. He earned a full football scholarship to St. Bonaventure and graduated in 1955. Speaking of football, he also played for some time with the Pennsylvania Green Shamrocks semi-pro football team. Unable to find local work, he went to work at Wassaic State School, Wassaic, New York (now Taconic DDSO) starting as a physical education teacher and ending as a supervisor. While working at Wassaic, he furthered his education in Albany, and at SUNY New Paltz. He had some special students who participated in Special Olympics in California, Chicago and Boston (twice) proudly bringing back medals each time. Bill loved all sports and followed his teams – PSU football, Giants and Yankees. His children learned early not to plan anything during times of PSU football or U Conn girls' basketball. "Quiet" was of the essence! For many years, he and his nephew Paul were able to have reserved seats for PSU football and introduced many family and friends to a group from southern Pennsylvania and tailgated with them for years.

Bill enjoyed travel. He had great memories of going with different friends to Europe, Iceland, Australia, Fiji, Ire-

land and New Zealand along with many trips throughout the states. He enjoyed every trip but especially Alaska (3) and Hawaii (2). He grew to like bus trips with Wayne and Nan Lowery as well as groups from Marilyn's Lakeview Travel of Pulteney, New York, having many adventures while meeting lots of interesting people.

Bill was an avid hunter and fisherman going out for the last time in November before turning 90. Bill was meticulous about his lawn, hedge and garden. He took care of Barb's flower beds after her knee surgeries, moaning every time more bulbs arrived.

Bill was a loving husband and involved parent with all the children's activities and school. He always wanted to be involved in "back in PA."

Bill was an active member of the Episcopal Church in Dover Plains, and then Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon, joining the Altar Guild with his friend Rick since they were always assisting their wives. Bill remained a faithful member until this year.

Bill's friends and family will miss his smiling face, sense of humor and loving support. We are grateful to have such an abundance of memories of a great guy.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Draper), daughters, Nancy A. Franks of North-

ville, NY, Mary Beth Franks-Begor and husband Scott of Dover Plains, NY and daughter-in-law, Evelyn A. Franks of Poughkeepsie, NY; sisters, Florence (Joyce) Millage of Waverly, NY, and Mary Jeanne Chacona of Sayre, PA, sister-in-law Marguerite Franks of Waverly, NY and many nieces and nephews.

He will be missed by grandchildren, Preston T. Vincent, and fiancée, Jessica, Cayleigh A. Vincent and fiancé, Ryan Potter, Andrew N. Franks, Ethan T. Franks, Tara A. Begor, Justin Begor and children. Dearly loved are great grandsons, Colton and Braxton Potter who have just been joined by brother, Weston.

Bill was predeceased by brothers, Paul M. Franks Jr. and Robert E. Franks; a daughter Mary Jean Franks, and son, Brian W. Franks.

Visitation will be held on Monday June 27th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. A Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday, June 28th at 11 a.m. at Christ Church Episcopal, 9 South Main Street, Sharon, CT.

Memorials may be made to Christ Church Episcopal, 9 South Main Street, Sharon, Ct. 06069 or ALSAC/St.

Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

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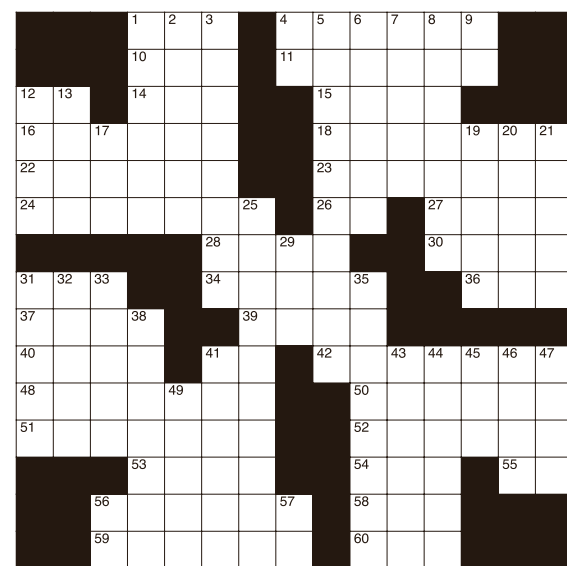
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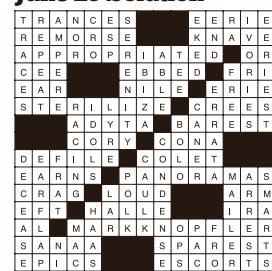
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25. What drives you
29. N. Vietnamese ethnic group
31. Gold coin used in British India
32. Have deep affection for
33. Ponds
35. Breaks between words
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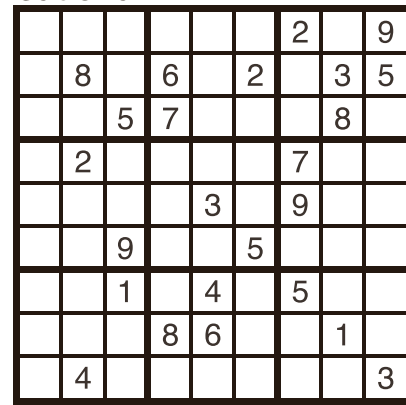
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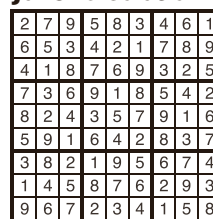
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OBITUARIES

Katharine Hochswender

LAKEVILLE — Katharine Lynn Miyajima Hochswender, 28, took her own life after many years of suffering and pain, on the day before her 29th birthday. She died June 27, 2022.



Kate was born June 28, 1993, in New York City and lived in Manhattan for the first few years of her life. Shortly after she was born, the family purchased a house on the Sharon Green, where she spent weekends and vacations until she was old enough to attend school.

Kate was born with a magnificent brain, an enormously loving and kind heart and great beauty and yet, somehow, from the day she was born she suffered from endless physical ailments as well as severe panic, anxiety and depression. It was as though the many gifts that had been bestowed on her had to be balanced out by a body that wouldn't allow her to find peace and happiness; or as she would sometimes say, she wasn't quite built for this planet, like Superman on "Smallville," a television series she loved.

For those who were fortunate enough to know her, Kate was the most wildly glittering jewel, the funniest, smartest, most beautiful little creature. Even during the worst of her suffering she was kind and generous, and was able to see the humor in almost every situation. I know that for her, the hardest part of leaving this world was knowing how hard it would be for me to lose her and to live on without her.

Those who knew her will also know that our lives had become an endless series of doctor visits and cluster headaches and fear of what the future would hold. She felt that her illnesses would never abate for long enough to let her live a normal independent life, with a job and friends and travel. With joy and freedom. After kindergarten in Manhattan, we moved to Sharon full-time and Kate attended Sharon Center School, the Marvelwood School in Kent and then Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson. So many wonderful teachers and administrators helped her through the difficulty of her anxiety-laden school years, and we thank you all.

We thank Theresa Terry from Region One Pupil Services for sending her to the Archbridge School in Bethlehem, Conn., which helped her find peace for several years. Thanks also to Dan Gates,

Marietta Whittlesey, Bruce Janelli and David Ott, who helped coax her along and comfort her through some of her most difficult periods.

For every job that Kate took on after college, she gave 100% — always to the point where it

made her physically ill and she would have to quit. We especially thank Anne Day, Carol Sadlon, David and Shelley Maffucci and Amy Reiss for trying so hard to make it possible for her to keep going. Kate's hobbies and interests were legion, too many to list. For someone who suffered from agoraphobia and rarely left the house, she knew about wonderful things and taught me about the world and other people in ways that no one else will ever be able to equal.

For the last weeks of her life, we began every day by playing The New York Times puzzles and then Bananagram, wonderful hours together that I'm glad I could spend with her.

She is survived by me, her mother, Cynthia Hochswender; and her uncle, aunt and cousin, Jerome, Makiko and Daniel Lehrman of Irvine, Calif.

She was predeceased by her father, William "Woody" Hochswender; her paternal grandparents, Lyn and William Hochswender; and her maternal grandparents, Nat and Kaz Lehrman.

Kate asked that we hold a funeral for her. It will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, at our home, 14 Lakeview Ave., Lakeville. If you choose to join us, please think of a story to share about Kate, something funny she said or a wild outfit she wore. You can email me at cindyinsharon@gmail.com with questions, or if you would like to send something for me to read.

The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon will handle arrangements.

Thank you to the State Police and the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance for their kindness.

Memorial donations may be sent to Friends of Firefighters at www.friendsoffirefighters.org, a charity supported by her favorite actor, Steve Buscemi; or to Rabbit Island in Japan, which she dreamed of visiting, www.rabbit-island.info/en.

She loved rabbits and she was and will always be my little bunny. I loved her so very, very much.

HARTFORD — Roger Dean Chapell, 71, of 36 Oakland Terrace, Hartford, passed away May 13, 2022, after being stricken at his home. He was born February 24, 1951 in Hartford, son of the late Richard Chapell and Elaine Coulthard.

Roger graduated from the Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village in 1970 and then went on to the University of Connecticut and earned a bachelor's degree in music. He spent many years providing private lessons in classical, flamenco and modern guitar. He also performed on the lute with

the Amherst Musical Festival Early Opera Series and guitar with the Connecticut Society Guitar Ensemble. Roger had written works for orchestra and was the former president of the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale and performed in many concerts with this organization. He was also a graduate of Wesleyan University and earned a master's degree in history/culture of social policy. Roger was also a former employee of the Windham Regional Community Counsel Social Service Organization.

In his early life, Roger en-

joyed reading classic books, fishing and traveling. One of his greatest thrills was to have been able to meet Andrés Segovia, one of the greatest classical guitarists of all time. He attended one of Segovia's concerts and, after the performance, the two chatted and Segovia asked Roger to play for him. Segovia was impressed with Roger's technique, style and flair.

Roger is survived by his two brothers, Randy R. Chapell of Salisbury, and Glen Chapell of Lakeville; his sister Sherri Murphy of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Roger was predeceased by his sister Darlene Chapell. He is also survived by his stepmother Ruth Gilhooly

of North Canaan, and seven stepbrothers and stepsisters: Katherine Wingard of Valatie, New York; Steven Wingard of Cottekill, New York; Rebecca Stucke of Swanton, Vermont; Jerri Wingard of Raymond, Maine; Terri Bunce of North Canaan; Jayne Ridgway of Cornwall and Russell Wingard of Falls Village.

Funeral services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT 06018.

Donations in Roger's memory, honoring his and our father, can be made to The ALS Association (www.donate.ALS.org).

Juliet Lydia Johnson

NEW MILFORD — Juliet Johnson, age 94, of Old Farms Lane, New Milford, died May 28, 2022 at Candlewood Nursing Home after a long illness with Dementia, Alzheimers.



Juliet was born February 11, 1928 in Sharon, the daughter of the late Michael and Anna Johnson. She graduated from Sharon Center School, Housatonic Valley Regional High School, and Hartford School of Nursing. She went on to be the head nurse at Hartford Hospital for 20 years. She worked for Dr. Dwight Wood for 40 years and Hartford General Insurance for 10 years. She retired with over 60 years in the nursing industry as a Registered Nurse.

Juliet was an avid traveler with her best friend Hyacinth whom she worked with for over 20 years in nursing. They were both inseparable in everything they did.

Juliet was an avid photographer and one of her life long dreams was to become a professional figure skater. She loved people and doing things for them. She donated a lot of her spare time to her favorite charities. She loved flowers, cooking and sewing, which she learned in 4-H and Home Economics at Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

In her leisure time she enjoyed her favorite music, which was classical, country western and big band. She also enjoyed going to the Opry and live concerts with her family and friends, espe-

cially her niece and nephew to Radio City Music Hall in New York City to see The Nutcracker. She also enjoyed going to Lebanon Valley Speedway to watch her brother Ron race his stock car.

She is survived by her brother Ronald Johnson, Greg and Jeannie Johnson of Southington, their children Donovan and Eva Marie; Michael and Thelma Johnson, their daughter Dorothy of New Milford; William and Diane Palmer of Falls Village, their daughter Nicky; Robert and Cheryl Johnson of North Carolina and their children Heather and Jenna; Matthew and Jenna Bodnar, Edward and Melisa Tyburski of Newington, Todd Tyburski of North Carolina, Lynn Tyburski of Newington, Chris and Heather Johnson of Amentia, their children Dereck and Chris. Her close friends Harry Buda of Bloomfield, Mary Ann Murphy of Bloomfield, Katherine Carlson of Newington, Ralph Dunbar of Sharon, John Boadle of Pine Plains, George Popp of Wappingers, New York, Pete Pederson of Sharon, Barbara Bartrum of Sharon.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. All other services are private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Volunteer Ambulance or Sharon Fire Department, P.O. Box 357, Sharon, CT. 06069. The Kenny Funeral Home has care of arrangements.

Stanley M. Singer

Stanley M. Singer, 92, of Estero, Florida and Schwenksville, Pennsylvania, died peacefully on June 7, 2022, at his home in Pennsylvania, after a year-long battle of old age illnesses. He was born on Nov. 11, 1929, in Brooklyn, New York, to Hyman and Esther Singer. He was graduated from the Boys High School and received his Bachelor of Science degree from New York University Stern School of Business. He served in the United States Army for two years during the Korean War. While he was training in Missouri, the war ended in 1954, so he did not have to go to Korea. Nevertheless, 25 years later, he met a Korean woman while running in Central Park, New York City. They were married soon afterward and were happily together until his death. He lived in Manhattan until age 60, then resided in Sharon, Connecticut, until age 89, and then moved to Pennsylvania. He enjoyed living at his winter residence in Bella Terra, Estero, Florida, every fall and winter since 2011.



Stanley was a salesman. He worked for the Gilman Paper Company for 24 years, and various other compa-

nies in New York City and Lakeville, Connecticut. One of those companies was Runner's World Magazine. He started its New York City office in 1981, and was promoted to advertising sales manager soon after. He was pivotal to

Runner's World Magazine's success at that time and eventual acquisition by Rodale, a major publishing company.

Stanley was a unique, witty person with a great sense of humor. He would light up any room he walked into. He loved running, was passionate about the fitness movement, enjoyed singing at parties, piano bars, and Irish pubs in New York City in earlier years, and wrote poems and lyrics in later years, some with Ken Lauber, a now retired composer. He ran the New York City marathon seven times and the Boston marathon twice. He was a member of the 92nd St. Y in New York City for many years, where he was an amateur coach for the adult runners.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Chooryang (AKA Choo), two nieces and four nephews. A memorial service was held June 13, 2022, at Hawthorne F. H., Hawthorne, New York.



Memorial Service Marian Schwaikert

A memorial service for Marian Schwaikert will be held at St. John's Church in Salisbury at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 2.

Those unable to attend may view the service online at St. John's Episcopal Church at www.youtube.com/watch?v=6c2DqkrQTAg

Worship Services

Week of July 3, 2022

Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

<p>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org</p>
<p>St. John's Episcopal Church 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290</p>	<p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30 IN-PERSON AND ONLINE Visit our website for links Rev. AJ Stack 845-373-9161 www.stthomasamenia.com A Community of Radical Hospitality</p>
<p>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am www.Facebook.com/northcanaancongregational 860-824-7232</p>	<p>Trinity Episcopal Church 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock In person services on Sundays 8:00 and 10:30 A.M. Livestream at 10:30 on www.trinitylimerock.org The Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627</p>
<p>FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY, A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH is at Pilgrim House, 30 Granite Ave., Canaan Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm www.fishesandloavesnorthcanaan.org</p>	<p>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT Join our virtual Zoom service on Sunday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jo Loi at joiauloi@gmail.com All are Welcome</p>
<p>The Lakeville United Methodist Church 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Pastor Joy Veronesi 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</p>	<p>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 a.m., Immaculate Conception Church DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday 6pm St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am Church of St. Mary ALL ARE WELCOME! For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p>Promised Land Baptist Church 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 VISITORS WELCOME! www.promisedlandbaptist.org</p>	<p>UCC in CORNWALL Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p>Falls Village Congregational Church 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194</p>	<p>Sharon Congregational 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online Bible studies and Sunday services In-person Bible study will resume in the fall. Contact us at 860-364-5002 or info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</p>
<p>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thsmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p>Canaan United Methodist Church 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com We hope you will join us!</p>
<p>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH 860-927-3003 Rev. Robert Landback The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge MASS SCHEDULE SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart WEEKDAY MASSES Monday, Tuesday & First Friday 9 AM - Sacred Heart Wednesday 9 AM - St. Bernard</p>	<p>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Email Rev. Mary Gates at: mngates125@gmail.com for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone.</p>
<p>Millerton United Methodist Church 6 Dutchess Avenue, P.O. Box 812 Millerton, NY 12546 Services on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:00 A.M. 518-789-3138</p>	<p>All Saints of America Orthodox Christian Church 313 Twin Lakes Rd., Salisbury, CT Vespers Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Rev. John Kreta 860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us</p>

Celebration of Life

Ardys Mae Walrath

A Celebration of Life for Ardys Mae Walrath, 100, of North Canaan, who died on January 4, 2022, will be held July 9, at 11:00 a.m. at the Canaan United Methodist Church, North Canaan. Reception following at the family home.

For another obituary, see Page A5

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Town of Washington pool now open

WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington (TOW) Park and Pool is now open; passes are available at www.washingtonny.myrec.com.

The TOW Park is located at 3744 Route 44 in Mabbettsville. Guertin Gym, where

many of the town's recreation programs are held, is located in the Village Hall at 35 Merritt Ave.

To register for any recreation programs go to the website above, www.washingtonny.org, email RecDirector@Washingtonny.org or call 845-677-3419, ext. 6.

Stissing Mountain's Tessa Blackburn competes at state championship

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) shared news that one of its student athletes, Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School sophomore Tessa Blackburn, competed in the New York State Track and Field Championship meet on Saturday, June 11.

"We are very proud of Tessa," said Stissing Mountain Athletic Director Rob Scott. "She worked very hard during the season and has a bright future in track."

Speaking as Tessa's jumping coach, Stissing Mountain Track Coach Samantha Mason added, "Tessa worked extremely hard this season to improve her high jump technique. She was consistently jumping 4'6" as her personal best. As her jumping coach, I worked with her on improving her approaches, such as her run and turn."

In addition to tweaking



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A sophomore at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School in Pine Plains, Tessa Blackburn, center, celebrated her participation in the New York State Track and Field Championship meet on Saturday, June 11, alongside Stissing Mountain Head Track Coach Michael Cooper and her jumping coach, Track Coach Samantha Mason.

Tessa's technique, Mason said the skilled sophomore worked in the weight room with the track team's Head Coach Mi-

chael Cooper. Together they trained on specific explosive techniques "to build a more substantial base to use that

power to clear higher heights," explained Mason.

Throughout the season, Tessa improved greatly. In fact, Mason said Tessa was able to jump as high as 4'10" — a new personal best that earned her the chance to compete in the high jump at the state championship meet with 42 other athletes from across New York.

The state competition was held at Cicero-North Syracuse High School in Cicero. Mason said Tessa competed on the second day of the competition, which fell on Saturday, June 11. Regarding how Tessa did at the meet, Mason said she jumped to 4'6" during the opening competition.

"As a sophomore competing at this level of competition, Tessa handled herself in a high-stress environment," Mason said. "As coaches, we are incredibly proud of her accomplishments and look forward to the future to watch as she grows in her upcoming years in track and field."



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Seating themselves in the shade, Fiona Robertson and her dog, Meg, watched the annual Sheep Dog Trials that took place at Caora Farm in Millerton.

Caora Farm dotted with dogs and sheep

MILLERTON — The scenic hills behind Caora Farm, located at 235 Sharon Road in Millerton, were awakened with the piercing sounds of whistles and sharp commands from dog handlers this past weekend.

That's when the farm once again hosted its annual Sheep Dog Trials in association with the Dutchess Land Conservancy. The event ran from Friday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26.

The popular trials were held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

Spectators from around the Tri-state region were invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on, along with something to nibble and drink, as they watched a menagerie of well-trained dogs manage herds of fluffy white sheep along the farm's lush rolling green hills.

— Kaitlin Lyle



Obedying their handlers' commands, the dogs set to work in herding sheep up and down the sprawling hills behind Caora Farm in Millerton.

The Litchfield Hills play as the Scottish Highlands

Lime Rock Park just over the border in Connecticut was busy last weekend. In addition to auto racing, the park hosted the Round Hill Highland Games on Sunday, June 25. There were bagpipes and people in tartans and Highland dancing, not to mention a whiskey tasting.



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northwest of the city of Rochester. He moved to the Harlem Valley while still young and graduated from Webutuck High School in 1970. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for two years during the Vietnam War, being honorably discharged in 1972.

Andrews married Beth Lynn Crawford on Nov. 24, 1973 at the Millerton Methodist Church; she survives at home. He was among the many in the area who worked at the Taconic DDSO Campus in Wassaic, where he spent 30 years as a locksmith; he retired from the state in 2006.

Throughout his life, Andrews made public service a priority. He was a life member of the Millerton Fire Company, serving as fire chief from 2000 through 2005. He served in many capacities while vol-

unteering within the North East Fire District and for the Millerton Fire Company, serving as fire company treasurer for a number of those years.

Andrews also was a life member at the Millerton American Legion Post 178, always staying active and helping out at the Post Home whenever possible. He also served as the American Legion Commander of Dutchess County at one point. He could often be found at Legion events lending a hand and support for whatever cause was on tap.

"Al Andrews was a Past Commander of both Post 178 and the Dutchess County American Legion, in 1988," said Post 178 Historian Sean Klay. "More recently he has served as the Post Scholarship Committee Chairman, Club Lounge Chairman, Member-

ship Chairman and Post Service Officer. He leaves very large shoes to fill and he will be missed."

Those who have publicly posted their condolences on his memorial page with the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, at www.conklinfuneralhome.com, mentioned remembering how Andrews would often be at the Legion's regular Pancake Breakfasts, stating how he "coordinated the coffee and OJ." One person said he was "adored" while calling Andrews "a true person [who] will be truly missed."

Andrews was also a past member of the Millerton Gun Club. His hobbies included hunting and fishing.

He also reveled in spending time with his grandchildren, doing such things as woodworking, finishing jigsaw puzzles together and reading.

Andrews was known to be an avid reader.

Calling hours were on Saturday, June 18, at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home on Park Avenue; The Millerton Legion Post No. 178 and the Millerton Fire Company conducted services during visiting hours; a funeral service was held at noon at the funeral home, with Pastor William Mayhew officiating. A burial with standard military honors followed at the Irondale Cemetery in Millerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546 or to the Millerton Legion Post No. 178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546.

To post a memorial, send flowers or plant a tree in Andrews' memory, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

NECC *Continued from Page A1*

Hansell, came up with the idea for an early childcare program with the NECC Board. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sergeant said the need for childcare reached a critical point in the area. Then came the closure of the Astor Head Start program in the last year or so, adding further pressure.

The new program will provide childcare for those between 18 months and 4 years old.

Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-104) helped NECC acquire much-needed grants; it also received funding from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the Foundation for Community Health.

NECC had focus and community groups convene throughout the 2021 to discuss plans for the preschool and day care. By December, Sergeant and her team created a comprehensive implementation plan to present to the NECC Board, which unanimously voted to go forward with the program.

The ribbon-cutting drew a small, but cheerful crowd of community members, NECC staff, local and state representatives and longtime NECC supporters. Passing underneath the golden ribbon tied tautly across the building's entrance, Sergeant said, "We are incredibly proud to be able to come to this moment while this site is opening to us in Millerton."

She also reminded those present that their dream came on the heels of Millerton losing the Astor program. She thanked Astor Director Athena Galarza for her years of work.

Given that Millerton has a reputation as a "desert" when it comes to five critical issues — affordable housing, public transportation, mental health services, food and childcare — Sergeant said, "Many of the people here are all partners as we all work together on those five issues to try to bring change for Millerton and the North East region."

NECC Co-Founder Wen-

dy Curtis offered words of encouragement and said the bedrock remains.

"Citizens want the community to be as vigorous and healthy as possible and we will do what it takes to make it possible," she said.

NECC Board member and Treasurer Diane Zimmerman remarked she's never seen so much energy, hard work or frustration go into a project. She added it reached a point where the program evolved from Hansell's dream to the NECC's dream.

Remembering her mother Mariley Najdek's advocacy for local children, and as the person who began and served as the longtime director for the Astor Head Start program in Millerton, Mayor Jenn Najdek also spoke at the ribbon cutting.

"I know she's looking down smiling, knowing the children are receiving the support they need," she said with pride.

Acknowledging the hardship of closing the Astor site, Galarza said the partnership between Astor and NECC was the best solution as it assured local families they would be taken care of. She thanked NECC for stepping up to the plate.

In addition to announcing 32 open slots with the preschool, Sergeant announced the entire building at 11 Park St. will be rented out.

Thirty-five NECC staff members and counting have been relocated from the South Center Street building to Park Street. Meanwhile, Astor will rent a portion of the first floor from NECC for its services and an outpatient mental health clinic.

Early Learning Program Direct Raina Cashdollar cut the ribbon and marked the program's official opening, while guests toured the new facilities.

Applications are being accepted for NECC's Early Learning Program through-out July. For more information, contact Cashdollar at 518-789-4259, ext. 110 or at raina@neccmillerton.org.

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vice and coffee hour at 10 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Regeneration, followed by a Pride Proclamation reading by town Supervisor Brian Walsh at noon in the town park in the center of town. Between noon and 3 p.m., folks could stroll through town and check out local businesses along Church Street with the Sidewalk Pride Celebration.

Embracing their town's celebration of Pride, local businesses and residents decorated their doors and storefronts for the occasion with rainbow flags, balloons and inflatables that danced in the summer breeze. The town park pavilion was similarly adorned with rainbow colors for the celebration.

Rainbow flags, beads and other goodies were available at the various locales, like TLCie, Roosters, A New Leaf Books and AR Massage, and Hugs & Kisses Florist.

"It's been a long time coming," said TLCie owner Thayer Durell as he handed out rainbow flags in front of his store. "I was around



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Tracie Herrmann and Helen Fuss toasted the town of Pine Plains' first-ever Pride Celebration in front of the restaurant Champetre.

Stonewall Riots and it's great that a town that was slightly remote from all that is now being brought into the community."

Many businesses contributed 10% of their sales during the Pride Celebration to the Trevor Project, the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention for

LGBTQ+ and questioning young people.

On top of the giveaways, shopping and special events, restaurants joined in the sidewalk celebration with offerings of food specials.

"I am very excited because I grew up here and to see Pine Plains take the step forward and take that initiative, to

me, shows a big step forward since I was in high school," said Tracie Herrmann from Champetre.

As the afternoon settled in, Church Street played host to a live music performance by Roger & Lenny at the steps of The Stissing Center; next door, hot popcorn and refreshing lemonade was served in front of Rosey's. Across the street, the Willow Roots food pantry parked a 70s-style black bus painted with white floral designs to draw attention. Its co-founders, Lisa and Nelson Zayas, offered cartons of fresh strawberries and sweets as well as information about the food pantry.

After a few hours in the summer sunshine, revelers were welcome inside The Stissing Center for the Local Produce play reading of David Simpatico's "Ex-Gay Bar (A Comedy of Horrors)" at 3 p.m. As night began to fall, the town invited all to the close of the first Community Pride Celebration at the Back Bar Beer Garden at 5 p.m. with music by DJ Pepe Romano.

BOOK BANNING *Continued from Page A1*

with schools pulling books from classrooms and libraries — especially those written by Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) and LGBTQ authors.

"It's something that's always been happening," Hermans said. "Every year, books are challenged in schools, but there's been a large wave of it happening over the last year or so. Frequently the books... are usually challenged by parents..."

"It's one thing if a parent says their child can't read a book, but when they say no child should read this book is where we have a problem."

One book that's made the list in the last few years is "Melissa," (previously published as "George"), by Alex Gino. It tells the story of a transgender girl who wants to play Charlotte in her school's production of "Charlotte's Web," but meets with resistance in her school community.

"It's such a wonderful and loving book and has such a positive message," Hermans said, "and the fact that it has been challenged in so many schools is disheartening."

The graphic memoir "Gender Queer: A Memoir," by Maia Kobabe is another banned book. The manager of Oblong's Rhinebeck location said the Wappingers School District pulled the book from its library, and Hermans wrote to its school board and superintendent to encouraging them to "educate themselves and reconsider."

In response, she was told they weren't necessarily in opposition of the book's ideas, but felt the images "were too graphic" for the library.

Rather than reading the books, Hermans said she's found people who challenge books "often cherry pick" a passage and have "an intense response" without reading it in its entirety or understanding the context.

"I can understand that there are things that people want to keep from their children," she said, "but if we take a moment to look around us, there's so much going on in the world that is infinitely more painful, more challenging, which our kids are experiencing in their lives every day. It's so important they have these stories available to understand not only what's going on in their own lives, but to build empathy and understanding for other people. These stories are safe ways for kids to experience new ideas."

Hermans added when queer children and children of color see these stories challenged, they internalize the idea that their stories are somehow bad, dirty or unworthy of being told or that their voices aren't important.

As a bookseller, she said she makes sure Oblong's shelves include such stories. She works with schools and libraries and regularly presents books by queer and BIPOC authors.

In the North East (Webutuck) Central School District,

its librarian, Beth Murphy, said the district has never banned a book.

"The district has always given professional courtesy that the library is the specialist aware of the needs of our students," Murphy said. "I know I have colleagues in other districts that are having problems and I know they're allowing parents in Texas to pull books from libraries, and it shocks me. It truly, truly shocks me because words in a book never harm a person."

Murphy admitted she was approached 20 years ago by a parent unhappy about a book; to this day, the book remains on the shelf.

The Millbrook Library on Friendly Lane is run by Library Director Courtney Tsahalos. She believes everyone should be trusted to make their own decision about what to read, as outlined in the American Library Association Freedom to Read Statement.

"Limiting people's access to books does not protect them from life's complex and challenging issues," Tsahalos said. "Books can be used as tools to explore other viewpoints, as well as mirrors to reflect personal experience. We believe that people should be trusted to make their own decisions about what to read and work to maintain a collection that reflects a diversity of viewpoints on a variety of subjects."

Ren Babcock is a rising sophomore at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School. She opted to write

about queer books for her submission to the Friends of the Pine Plains Free Library's 2022 Young Writers Contest.

Her piece, "Stop the Banning of Queer Books," ultimately won first place in the contest's academic non-fiction category.

Ren gave her insight on queer books and their being banned. She said she personally thinks queer books are an "amazing" resource.

"The recent surge of popularity of these books makes me feel very happy, especially that queer content is amiable to people of virtually any age," she said. "Every time I walk into a bookstore or library, I have found at least one queer book, which makes me feel accepted and represented."

Ren said she wanted to call attention to all of the positive aspects of queer books and how they educate people on information that's not available in school.

"The representation in queer books provides queer people with a place in libraries or bookstores that others are automatically given," she said. "If you let the books be in public places where people can access them if they choose to, it isn't forcing people who do not want to read them to read them. I would like those intent on banning queer books to consider that queer books help more than harm. They help... queer people feel safe and well represented and they can educate others on important topics."

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THE UNGARDENER: DEE SALOMON

At Last, Some Good News

At least where I am situated, in Litchfield County on the shores of the Housatonic River, it looks like there were two hatches of spongy moth caterpillars. The older hatch has slowed down and is starting to pupate. I have noticed fewer droppings as I walk the woods. And a few other observations that, for a change, have me smiling: There are dead caterpillars low down on some of the big trees.

Author and garden expert Page Dickey, who lives about 5 miles from me, noticed the same in her woods. In both cases, the trees were not sprayed with the anti-spongy moth BT, which has us thinking that the Entomophaga fungus that lives in the soil was actually released by the rain. Supposedly the infected caterpillars die on the tree trunks, all facing downward — a curious idea and one that I need to go back and

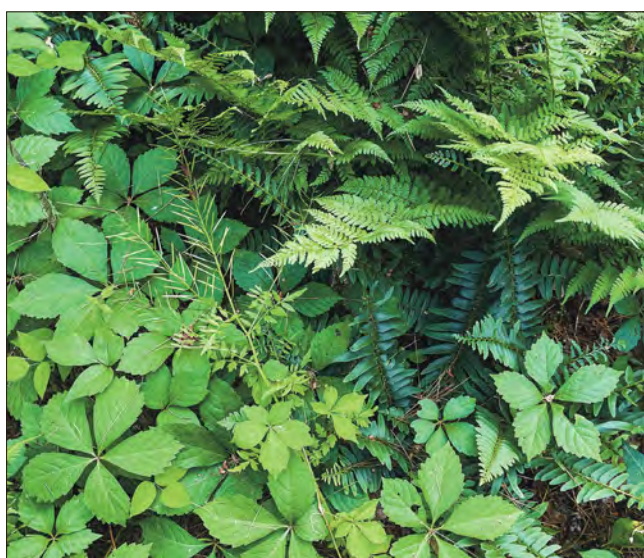


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Cardamine impatiens, the narrowleaf bittercress, hides among my ferns, which it can resemble when young. Its seeds pop open when the pods are touched, sending them flying.

verify.

The other observation, concurrent with the first, is the new leaf growth on trees that had suffered caterpillar defoliation. The fact that this is happening while the moths are dying or pupating is fascinating to me. It is as if the trees were sent the “all clear.”

I have posited this to a couple of friends and

received raised eyebrows.

But I am almost finished reading Merlin Sheldrake’s “Entangled Lives,” about the role that fungus plays in our world. There are a few scholars exploring the “wood wide web,” and they are finding that mycorrhizae — the filaments of fungus that live under the soil — play a role in helping trees communicate and “trade” minerals and needed resources.

It also has been proven that, above ground, plants send out scent signals to warn against danger. So maybe the trees are communicating.

Anyway, it is good news, when we have not had much in the caterpillar category.

Now that I don’t have

to spray BT on trees anymore I can turn my attention to other matters. The woods need another pass to pull up the garlic mustard and narrowleaf bittercress that have gone to seed — carefully, so as not to release the seed from its pod! I reach down low and make sure that I pull the garlic mustard out horizontally as the root tends to set at a 90 degree angle from the stem. It is a satisfying feeling to hear the release of the root from the soil and know that that is one more weed I won’t worry about again.

I am also determined to deal this year with the stilt grass that is now profuse in the wetland area. More about this to come and if you have suggestions please let me know.

For the past few years I have created a Maginot Line beyond which I pick out these invaders one by one. It is boring and back-compromising. Time for a new solution that I am quite sure will include both a weedwhacker and torch — given the wetland location, this is a safe bet. I have a weedwhacker and will borrow the torch before I buy and will let you know which is the way to go.

Dee Salomon “ungardens” in Litchfield County.



PHOTO COURTESY LIZZIE GILL

Lizzie Gill’s collage-like mixed media work can be seen at Standard Space in July.

NIGHT-INSPIRED IMAGES, VISITED ACROSS A CARPET OF STARS

Lizzie Gill is a Brooklyn, N.Y., artist who now lives and works in Sharon, Conn., creating images that explore the surreal moments between dusk and dawn that occur as we slip into a dream-like state.

A show of new work, called *Nocturnes*, opens at Standard Space in Sharon on Saturday, July 2, with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. The show will be up until Aug. 15.

Her compositions encompass ornate objects with dynamic loops that flicker across their fragile surfaces, creating an enchanting visual rhythm. Night blooms spring forth in a state of half-decay, in starkly lit domestic spaces.

Her delicate vessels are archaeological explorations, geographic and cultural, actual and mythical, that the artist has seen and reimagined, or imagined without having seen.

Gill’s large-scale mixed media paintings are layered investigations of found imagery. Sourcing references from museum archives, vintage magazines and geotags, she utilizes collage as a metaphor for material improvisation and escapism.

Inspired by mise en scene, objects are placed with careful purpose, a restricted color palette sets the tone, objects appearing like apparitions insist on being looked at anew.

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PENCIL DRAWINGS INSPIRED BY DUTCH BOTANICALS

New work by Gail Jacobson of Cornwall, Conn., will be on display at the D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., from July 9 through 29 with an opening reception: on Saturday, July 9, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Jacobson is known for turning odd findings into curious and engaging *objets d’art* but here turns her eye toward traditional drawing techniques to create vivid colored pencil drawings of flowers on black paper.

Inspired by Dutch botanical paintings from the 16th century, the dark backgrounds accentuate the lushness of the foliage, stroke by magical stroke, to the point of seeming three dimensional.

Colored pencil drawings are often finished with solvents to smooth out the lines, but Jacobson



PHOTOS COURTESY GAIL JACOBSON

A show of work by Gail Jacobson of Cornwall, Conn., will be on the ArtWall at the Hunt Library for the month of July.

son prefers “the charming pencil scratches. It just seems honest and surprising to me. You see

the hand of the artist, the inner workings, the process.

The library is at 63 Main St. in Falls Village; library hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 860-824-7424 or go to www.huntlibrary.org.

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ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

American Mural Project: Open and Ready for You To Come See It

Many of us drive through Winsted, Conn., and think about all the interesting things that could be done with the empty former industrial and mill spaces in the center of town.

Some have been converted over the years into apartments and artist studios. Ellen Griesedieck of Sharon, Conn., went one step further and turned a former mill into an art project in and of itself.

A massive space requires a big idea and a lot of time. Such was the case with Griesedieck's ambitious American Mural Project, which was first conceived in 1999 and has just been completed.

The setting is perfect for the American Mural Project, which is a tribute to American workers. The work began with the grooming of the site itself, including a cleanup of the property with a federal Brownfields grant. The state of Connecticut contributed as well, helping Griesedieck



PHOTO BY PETER BROWN

and her team pay for the cost of renovations that included raising the building's roof 30 feet, to make room for the mural, which extends up five stories.

The mural was a true community effort, not just thanks to the government grants but also with art work contributed to school children from across the country, who were invited to visit and participate in the mural.

Griesedieck describes the mural as "a vivid compilation of three-dimensional sculptural vignettes portraying Americans at work—from heart surgeons to steel workers, firefighters to farmers, school teachers to fabricators of a 747 aircraft, and more. Constructed with unconventional materials including honeycomb aluminum panels, blown glass, clay, reclaimed wood, native indigo, and spackle, the mural offers an optical journey and sensory adventure through the past 100 years of work in America."

The completed American Mural Project can now be seen at 90 Whiting St. in Winsted every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and veterans, \$5 for students, and free for children 5 and younger. There is also a \$25 unlimited access pass, for use during open hours in 2022. Tickets and passes can be purchased at www.americanmural-project.org or in person.

BRINGING BACK 'AMÉLIE,' NOW ONSTAGE IN RHINEBECK

In 2001, a cult classic was born in the film "Amélie," written by Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Guillaume Laurant. The story follows a vibrant young Parisian woman who approaches the world around her at a distance, strangely hesitant about forging close human connections.

But on the night that Princess Diana of Wales is killed, Amélie discovers a box hidden in her apartment filled with a child's memories from long ago. She becomes determined to return the box to its original owner. This begins a long line of anonymous good deeds done for a host of eccentric characters, and these acts of kindness inadvertently lead Amélie to a possible love interest.

Nino Quincampoix collects photo strips left behind in photo booths. He is both the pursued and the pursuer when Amélie accidentally finds the album where he collects the strips, and

the two must decide the lengths they will go to meet each other, or keep their distance.

This romantic comedy becomes a musical adventure in the hands of composer Daniel Messé, lyricist Nathan Tysen and writer Craig Lucas. The show opened on Broadway in 2017 and was reworked for a 2019 West End production. It was nominated for Best New Musical, Best Original Score, and Best Actress in a Musical at the 2020 Laurence Olivier Awards.

Rhinebeck Theatre Society is staging a new production of the show on the intimate stage at The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck.

In a cast of 16 performers, Kacie Boice



PHOTO COURTESY RTS

The adorable Amélie has transitioned from the big screen (2001) to a small-stage theater production in the Hudson Valley.

stars in the title role and Frank McGinnis is Nino is Frank McGinnis.

"Amélie" opened June 17 and runs for three weekends (until July 3). Friday and Saturday per-

formances are at 8 p.m.; Sunday performances are at 3 p.m. All tickets are \$25. More information is available at www.centerforperformingarts.org, or call 845-876-3080.

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Argazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. www.argazziart.com

Sandrine Kern: Paintings, on view. Richard Segalman IN MEMORIAM: Paintings, July 2 through Aug. 14.

The Re Institute, 1395 Boston Corners Road, Millerton, N.Y. www.thereinstitute.com

"Up From the South": Second floor Christian Eckart, First floor Stacey Davidson, July 2 through Aug. 28.

BOOKS

D. M. Hunt Library, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. www.huntlibrary.org

Upstairs/Downstairs Monthly Book Sale, July 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kent Memorial Library, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org

A Special Evening with Gabby Bernstein, July 7, 5 p.m.

KIDS

American Mural Project, 90 Whiting St., Winsted, Conn. www.americanmuralproject.org

Create @AMP (new for teens!), June 27 to July 1, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Kent Memorial Library, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org

Reading with Wynton!, July 2, 11 a.m. LEGO Day!, July 2, 2 p.m.

MOVIES

Gilson Cafe & Cinema, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www.gilsoncafecinema.com

See website for current showtimes.

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net

Now playing: Top Gun: Maverick, Elvis, Lightyear, Minions: The Rise of Gru

MISC.

Lime Rock Park, 60 White Hollow Road, Lime Rock, Conn. www.limerock.com

Salisbury Rotary Fireworks Show, July 1.

Salisbury Association, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyassociation.org

4th of July Celebration, July 4, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MUSIC

Berkshire Bach Society, Great Barrington, Mass. www.berkshirebach.org

Orli Shaham In Recital, July 9, 3 p.m.

The Egremont Barn, 17 Main St., South Egremont, Mass. www.theegremontbarn.com

Billy Keane with opener Asher Putnam, June 30, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

THEATER

Great Barrington Public Theater, Great Barrington, Mass. www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org

Solo Fest: Leave Your Fears Here, June 30 to July 10.

Clarification

The talk on Felicia Bridges that was listed as happening July 17 at the Douglas Library in North Canaan, Conn., happened on June 17.



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Members of Millbrook High School's Graduating Class of 2022 celebrated earning their diplomas on Friday, June 24th, as the students marched onto the Athletic Compound for that evening's graduation ceremony.

Millbrook High School

High hopes shared as graduates toss their caps high into the air

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Perfect weather, big smiles and a chance to spend time with friends and family, the Millbrook High School (MHS) graduation ceremony was all anyone could hope for on Friday, June 24.

After the last two senior classes felt the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's graduates were overjoyed to be able to once again meet and greet in person and celebrate their accomplishments after spending senior year in relative normalcy.

The Class of '22 was able to partake in sports, band and extra-curricular activities, unlike the Classes of '20 and '21, both very much restricted by the health crisis and fears of the coronavirus spreading to not only the student body, staff and administrators but to the greater Millbrook community.

On the 24th, the expectant graduates, their friends and family all converged at the district's Athletic Complex at 7 p.m. The familiar strains of Pomp and Circumstance played in the background courtesy of the Millbrook High School Concert Band under the direction of Band Director Daniel Dunninger.

The procession was led by Board of Education (BOE) President Perry Hartswick and Superintendent of Schools Laura Mitchell. The National Anthem was performed by students Collin Fuller and Nora Geldhoff.

The day's program was led by Millbrook High School Principal Eric Seipp.

"This class is a special class, as I arrived at MHS during the beginning of your freshman year," said Seipp, who joined MHS four years earlier.

He said earlier, "It has been a long, grueling journey, but they made it and I'm very proud of each of them."



Hats tossed high, along with high hopes for the future, Millbrook High School graduates enjoyed throwing their caps into the air, thrilled with having a normal graduation after dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic for two years.

Seipp relayed three important pieces of advice to the 72 students: 1. "The hotter things become, the calmer you need to be"; 2. "Surround yourself with really good people"; and 3. "Look for joy, as joy surrounds us if we know where to look... It is all around."

He then wished the class much joy in its future.

Retiring English teacher Frank Fiorenzo, who was voted by the student body to give the graduates a final message, said in his 25 years of teaching, it was "never about today, but about tomorrow."

Salutatorian Molly McMorris said COVID had "set the world on fire" in her remarks.

"We are the phoenix of this world," she said, adding the value of being curious, urging her fellow graduates to let their curiosity guide them through life.

Valedictorian David Sager related that he saw the freshman class as a box of Legos, each separate, but unique, all

coming together at the end, creating something extraordinary. He also thanked family, friends, teachers, administrators and staff for their years of support.

The BOE's Hartswick also addressed the class of '22.

"On behalf of the Millbrook Board of Education, we would like you to know how wonderfully proud we are of you and all of your achievements during your years at Millbrook," he said. "There are few times in life when you'll put as much work into a single accomplishment as you did for this. Be proud of yourself; we certainly are. Good luck in all you do and remember, wherever you go, go with all your heart... Confucius."

A final message was given by the superintendent.

"Please leave knowing that we are all proud of you, impressed by you, care for you and believe in you," said Mitchell. "Now go, lead, and of course, have fun!"



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On Saturday, June 18, the Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) hosted the Hudson Valley Flamenco Festival for its first 2022 Summer Sunset Concert.

MAG Summer Sunset Concerts strike a chord

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) presented its first 2022 Summer Sunset Concert on Saturday, June 18, featuring the Hudson Valley Flamenco Festival. The performance took place at the Bandshell next to the Thorne Building Community Center building on Franklin Avenue that is currently undergoing renovations.

There was lively Latin music and some tantalizing and fast-tempo dancing, not only on stage but among those in the crowd during the concert. According to those present, a fun time was had by all; it was also a very pleasant way for those in attendance to learn a little

bit about the mysterious and romantic world of Flamenco.

The MAG has sponsored both a free Winter Concert Series inside the Millbrook Library as well as the free Summer Concert Series at the Bandshell annually for many years in the village of Millbrook for the community to enjoy.

This year the summer concerts run on Saturdays at 6 p.m., from June 18 through Aug. 27. Those who attend are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks so they can relax and thoroughly enjoy the experience. All are welcome to the free events.

The next MAG concert will be on Saturday, July 2, featuring

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- 06-09-22
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NOTICE OF BOND RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton, Dutchess County, New York on the 20th day of June, 2022, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Millerton is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding

contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice; or if such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

Kelly Kilmer, Village Clerk

Village of Millerton
 BOND RESOLUTION
 DATED JUNE 20, 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SIDEWALK PROJECT WITH AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$400,000, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLERTON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$275,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE PORTION OF SUCH COST, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TREASURER

Objects or purposes: The Bond Resolution authorizes the reconstruction and replacement of the sidewalks in the Village, at an estimated maximum cost of \$400,000. The aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which

has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

Period of Probable Usefulness: Ten (10) years pursuant to subdivision 24 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. The obligations authorized by the Bond Resolution will not be in excess of five years from the original date of issuance of such obligations.

Maximum Amount of Obligations to be issued: The Board of Trustees plans to finance a portion of the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the Village in an amount not to exceed \$275,000, authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. Such amount is expected to be paid or reimbursed from the proceeds of certain CDBG grants awarded to the Village. The remaining portion of the project cost is to be paid from other available funds.

Delegation: The power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution, determine the form and terms of said serial bonds, and take certain other actions is delegated to the Village Treasurer, as Chief Fiscal Officer.

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above is available for public

inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, located at the Village Hall, 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, New York. Dated: June 20, 2022, Millerton, New York.

06-30-22

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment roll for the TOWN OF AMENIA, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS for the year 2022 has been completed by the undersigned Assessor, and a certified copy is filed in the office of the Town Clerk at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY on the first day of July, 2022, where it will be open for public inspection. Dated this 1st day of July 2022.

Donna Dipippo
 Assessor for
 Town of Amenia
 06-30-22

NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL ENROLLED DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILLERTON AND THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST THAT A MEETING OF SAID ENROLLED VOTERS WILL BE HELD ON

Saturday, the 9th day of July, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Library Annex, 28 Century Boulevard, Millerton, New York for the purpose of selecting and nominating candidates for the following position to be voted on at the Town Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022: Town Clerk — 1 year (unexpired term) and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Democratic Committee,
 Town of North East
 Jennifer Dowley, Chair
 06-30-22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York on July 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., on the application of Bel-Aire Farm, Inc. for renewal of its General Airfield Permit in accordance with Town Code Section 121-46.1.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid application will be available for examination at the Town of Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York, during normal business hours on all business days between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing; TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons

interested, and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard and/or to submit evidence on said application at the time and place aforesaid.

DATED: Amenia, New York June 16, 2022.

DAWN MARIE
 KLINGNER
 TOWN CLERK
 06-30-22

Legal Notice Notice of Filing Completed Assessment Roll with Clerk

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Pine Plains in the County of Dutchess for the year 2022 has been completed by the undersigned assessors, and a certified copy is filed in the office of the town clerk on the 1st day of July, 2022, where the same will remain open for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours.

Assessors for the
 Town of Pine Plains
 Richard Diaz
 James Mara
 Lynda Wisdo
 06-30-22

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EDITORIAL

Roe v. Wade overturned; so what's next?

When the Supreme Court overturned the 50-year-old landmark decision *Roe v. Wade* on Friday, June 24, which had up until then protected a woman's right to a safe and legal abortion, it reversed vital precedent.

In doing so, the bombshell decision was only the third time the highest court in the land set a precedent that took away an individual's right rather than expanded it — and that's downright dangerous.

For if the court begins to establish that pattern, it could set the course for placing other constitutional rights most Americans take for granted at risk.

This tragic ruling could further crack the door and let courts potentially overturn rulings on same-sex marriage, contraception and other rights U.S. citizens hold near and dear in the immediate future. The justices have reportedly already been debating that point.

With conservative Justice Samuel Alito writing the majority opinion on Friday's abortion case, a woman's constitutional right to get an abortion is now no longer federally-protected. In the syllabus of the 6-3 written decision, *Roe* was described as "egregiously wrong and on a collision course with the Constitution from the day it was decided."

Roe v. Wade, decided in 1973, and its successor, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, decided in 1992, were both overturned last week.

Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett all voted to nullify *Roe* — all three nominated by former President Donald Trump. Those appointments were made after a Republican House and Senate refused to allow former President Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominee for associate justice, Merrick Garland, to go through the Congressional review process in 2016. If appointed, Garland would have succeeded the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

Those who dissented on Friday included the small liberal minority: Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. In their dissenting opinion they wrote, "After today, young women will come of age with fewer rights than their mothers and grandmothers had."

Wow. Think about that for a moment. This country is actually moving backwards. What if that were the case with how the U.S. progressed in terms of science, technology or any other modern-day innovations? Would our leaders — our mostly male leaders — support such laws then?

So who, exactly, are the justices who just denied so many millions of American woman, trans and/or non-binary individuals such a basic freedom? Who are the politicians, the religious leaders and the many other abortion opponents who have battled for five decades — and now succeeded — to make it so that an essential medical procedure cannot be accessed by patients who require it?

Are they medically trained, psychologically equipped and/or qualified to evaluate and then forbid anyone from making a decision regarding their own body?

Would you like a stranger to prevent you or a loved one from accessing essential medical care — or be ordered to carry a child to full term — even if you were a victim of incest, rape, if you have serious health issues or if you don't have the mental, emotional or financial ability to deal with a pregnancy? What if that pregnancy was life-threatening?

It's doubtful. Even if you were to agree

to such terms, there's no reason why others should have to do so — not in the year 2022, and certainly not in America. The U.S. has always been a beacon of democracy and personal freedoms, as it purportedly was the one country people could count on that guaranteed its citizens more human rights than any other around the world. Those rights should continue to grow into the future, not decline.

Interestingly, according to an excellent May 4 article in *The New Yorker* written by Jill Lepore entitled, "Of Course the Constitution Has Nothing to Say About Abortion," it states there is "little written about abortion in a 4,000-word document crafted by 55 men in 1787..."

"There is nothing in that document about women at all," wrote Lepore. "Most consequentially, there is nothing in that document — or in the circumstances under which it was written — that suggests its authors imagined women as part of the political community embraced by the phrase 'We the People.'"

Perhaps that isn't terribly surprising. What's sadly less surprising is that not much seems to have changed in the last 235 years.

Immediately after the court handed down its ruling, tens of millions of women lost access to safe and legal abortions, putting their health at risk. While the ruling itself didn't initiate a ban, it gave states almost limitless power to do so.

As of Friday, legislators in 13 states had already passed what are known as "trigger laws," meaning abortions were prohibited almost immediately with *Roe* no longer legal. In some states, those laws will require an official, like an attorney general (AG), to certify *Roe* has been nullified to take effect.

New York is one state determined to protect a woman's right to reproductive health care. Following the Supreme Court's devastating decision, New York AG Letitia James reminded residents of their rights under the Reproductive Health Act of 2019.

"The people of New York — and all those who may come here seeking care — have my word that New York state has been and will continue to be a safe haven for abortion access," said James. "I will never stop fighting to protect the freedom to make our own decisions about our lives and futures."

According to the AG's office, New York provides public funding for abortion. It also requires state-regulated private insurers to cover "medically necessary" abortion care. And beginning Jan. 1, 2023, every private insurance plan offering maternity care coverage must cover abortion.

"Today's ruling is a vicious, dangerous and deliberate attack on our most basic freedom as humans," James said. "But make no mistake: We will not go back to the inhumane and restrictive pre-*Roe* era. Regardless of the situation at the national level, New York will always be a safe haven for anyone seeking an abortion."

Thank goodness for that, because when learning of this ruling — handed down from the U.S. Supreme Court — all this editor could think was, "Never in my lifetime did I believe I would see the day when *Roe v. Wade* was overturned."

Sadly, that day has now come and gone.

The question one dreads to ask: Which basic right will we lose next?



Legislature needs to declare Juneteenth official county holiday

In 2021, Democratic legislators in Dutchess County proposed a resolution to make Juneteenth a county holiday. We believed Americans in every corner of the nation should share this opportunity to celebrate Emancipation, spend time with family and friends, and remember and reflect on the two-and-a-half-century struggle against slavery.

A quick search finds that many New York counties (among them Albany, Erie, Essex, Onondaga, Suffolk and Ulster) have declared Juneteenth a holiday. But the chair of the Dutchess Legislature, Gregg Pulver (R-19), rejected the bill (the 34th time he blocked consideration of a Democratic proposal). He informed us that the Legislature could not "recommend employee contractual benefits" and observance could only be decided by "those who control the county holiday calendar" — the county executive.

Last week, County Executive Marcus Molinaro said he supports Juneteenth (though there is no record of him ever calling for a county holiday) but can't act "without a decision by the county Legislature."

What a joke. Either these guys are too incompetent to understand their own official powers, or they don't want Juneteenth in Dutchess, but don't want to say so. (If past experience is a guide, both

Expand Supreme Court

To protect our reproductive freedoms, we need to expand the Supreme Court.

The Judiciary Act of 2021 would add four new seats to the Supreme Court, bringing the number of justices to 13. It would help restore balance to a Court that Mitch McConnell has packed with right-wing extremists who just dismantled abortion care in America.

Recent polling showed that not only do a majority of Americans believe that the Supreme Court should uphold the right to abortion care, they also agree that we need to restore balance to the court and support adding additional judges to the Supreme Court.

I'm urging Congress to pass the Judiciary Act so we can create an institution that moves away from partisan politics and represents the good of all Americans.

Leslee Chinelli
Elizaville

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Delivery man is worthy of an award

Recently a friend of mine who lives in Ancram experienced a medical emergency while home alone. It was late in the afternoon when she collapsed on her living room floor. As she lay there semi-conscious she heard someone calling out, so she managed a "Please help me," thinking it was a neighbor. In fact, it was a young man named Ryan from Culligan who was making a delivery for her water softener; he heard her dog's furious barking and just felt that something was amiss.

Ryan got inside, found my friend and called 911. When she said "orange juice" he realized it was a diabetic emergency, got the juice and added some honey, bringing her back to consciousness.

He helped her into a chair and at her request he phoned a relative and then me. Even though I told him I would be there quickly, he assured me that he had called 911 and he would stay with her until they arrived.

True to his word, when I arrived the ambulance and the Culligan truck were side by side.

As Ryan began to pull his truck away I was able to thank him in person, but I don't know his last name and I want people to know that Ryan the Culligan man may have saved a life that day, just doing his job, knowing his customers, on an ordinary day.

Thank you, Ryan.
Linda Dorrer
Pine Plains

will now hastily claim it was the unions' fault that employees did not get the holiday.)

Democratic legislators tried again last week, on the eve of Juneteenth, to urge Dutchess to join the nation, state and other counties in recognizing Juneteenth but they were rebuffed again.

Dutchess has one of the largest African-American communities in the Hudson Valley as well as thousands of allies who care about the legacies of injustice. At a time when citizens are struggling with economic hardship and lack of services, here is one more sign of contempt. We deserve better.

Rebecca Edwards
Former minority leader,
Dutchess County
Legislature (D-6)
Poughkeepsie

Regarding Roe v. Wade being overturned

As a physician, a mother and a woman who has benefited from access to safe legal abortion, I must speak on behalf of all the women who will be denied their dreams for a future because of this ruling.

Roe had just recently become the law of the land when I found myself pregnant at the age of 15.

Had I not had access to this procedure in a Planned Parenthood clinic, I can only imagine the poverty and depression that would have been my life.

Instead, I was able to finish high school, college and medical school and live the rich meaningful life that I am so grateful for.

We cannot allow women to be forced to carry children that they don't want and don't have the resources to care for.

We must vote for representatives that will support women's reproductive rights and push back right-wing authoritarianism that is threatening our country.

Kristie Schmidt, MD
Millerton

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