

MILLERTON

Village Board approves upgrades to Little League field at park

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MILLERTON — With construction moving forward at Millerton Community Park (MCP), formerly known as Eddie Collins Memorial Field (ECMF), the Village Board was asked to approve, in concept, suggested improvements to the park’s Little League field at its special workshop in May.

Save Village Trustee Laurie Kerr who was absent, the majority of village trustees attended the May 24 meeting at Village Hall at 6 p.m.

Along with discussing a change order for Phase One of the project that had just been proposed, MCP Project Coordinator Jeanne Vanecko said she wanted the board to add to the scope of Phase 1.

The nearly \$8 million redo of the park is being funded completely by grants and community-raised funds.

As explained in a prior email to the board, Vanecko said the committee thought it made sense to add a few improvements to the Little League field in the first phase of construction. Those included the installation of an accessible walkway from a new parking lot to the baseball field; modifying the fence on the east side of the field to improve access to a new set of ADA bleachers for south of the existing bleachers on the east side; and installing a conduit to prepare the field for the installation of lights for evening games.

Vanecko explained all the board needed to do was approve the concept to get a

price for the improvements that evening. She said the work was moving quickly at the park, to the point where there was an opportunity to do the improvements during June and July.

Providing trustees with information related to the change order and suggested improvements, Vanecko explained where the committee stood in terms of finances, in relation to what has been spent for the project thus far.

Looking at the project’s change orders as of April, adjusted Phase 1 costs totaled \$1,922,191. The funds available for Phase 2 amount to \$116,981. Of that amount, Vanecko said the committee had set aside \$65,000 for Chazen Companies, the engineers in charge of the park redesign; the balance of

available funds in May came to \$51,981.

While responding to trustees’ questions, Vanecko said the two numbers that mattered most were what the committee anticipated the final price of the project to cost in light of the approved change orders and the amount of money the committee had in hand to fund the project.

“Even though we’re hoping desperately that we’d be able to continue with the next phase, which is the pool and the bathhouse, what we want to try to accomplish now is have a complete park,” Vanecko said.

After some discussion on the 24th, the board unanimously approved the proposed improvements to the Little League Field in concept, and to the change order.



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Driving toward the village of Millerton, passing motorists will notice construction is moving forward at Millerton Community Park (formerly known as Eddie Collins Memorial Field). It’s the village’s hope that the park will be open for a celebratory party in September.



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A spark of schoolhouse magic

The Irondale Schoolhouse, located at the head of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail on Main Street in Millerton, opened its doors for two performances by magician David Reed-Brown on Saturday, July 2. Families were invited to enjoy a little bit of magic inside the schoolhouse just in time for July 4th.



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Getting wild at NEML

The NorthEast-Millerton Library hosted Robinson’s Wildlife Lectures at Rudd Pond on Friday, July 1, to kick off its Summer Reading Program. Children approached a milk snake in Brian Robinson’s hands with caution as Robinson taught them about the reptiles and how to distinguish them from poisonous coral snakes.

SHERIFF’S REPORT

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

Property damage accident
Monday, June 13, Deputies arrested Juan Pablo Pureco (age 31) for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 2nd degree subsequent to a property damage automobile accident that occurred in the area of 145 Mill Road in the Town of North East.

Pureco issued tickets returnable to the Town of North East court for a later date.

Traffic arrest in Pawling
Monday, June 13, Deputies arrested Michael Masters (age 56) for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Mo-

tor Vehicle in the 3rd degree subsequent to a traffic stop at 1244 Route 22 in the Town of Pawling.

Masters was issued a Uniform Traffic Ticket to return to the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

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

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

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Prelude to Summer Concert July 8

Music lovers are invited to the Prelude to Summer Concert fundraiser for the Millerton Methodist Church on Friday, July 8, featuring Gary Higgins and Dave VandeBogart.

The original concert was canceled when VandeBogart contracted COV-

ID-19 earlier this summer.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. inside the church at 6 Dutchess Ave. Look for the white church with the red doors.

Admission is \$15 at the door. All proceeds will be the benefit the church maintenance fund.

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North East Dems to caucus on July 9

MILLERTON — The public is invited to meet and talk with Democratic candidates for the New York Assembly and New York Senate races on Saturday, July 9, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. On hand will be incumbent Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) and incumbent State Sen. Michelle Hinchey (D-46), at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, at 28 Century Blvd.

Those who attend are encouraged to bring their burning questions about North East and Millerton

relations with Albany with them.

Beforehand, at 10 a.m., will be the North East Millerton Democratic caucus to nominate a candidate for town clerk for a one-year unexpired term. The caucus is for North East Democrats only.

Anyone with questions should call Debbie Middlebrook at 518-915-0596.

Coffee and snacks will be provided.

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Webutuck honors dual language learners with Seal of Biliteracy

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WEBUTUCK — Recognizing the importance of honoring the North East (Webutuck) Central School District’s (WCSD) dual language learners, its Board of Education (BOE) opened its meeting on Monday, June 13, to a Seal of Biliteracy presentation.

Starting at 7 p.m., the board met inside the Webutuck High School (WHS) library.

Pleased to present the Seal of Biliteracy to three WHS students, Monica Baker, an English as a Second Language teacher, explained the Seal of Biliteracy was approved by the New York State Legislature in 2012 and signed by the governor to recognize graduating seniors who are proficient in English and a language other than English. In order to earn the seal, she said students have to meet rigorous criteria, such as taking tests, giving presentations in English and their

second language and meeting the coursework criteria.

Because Webutuck didn’t offer the seal beforehand, Baker reached out to the state’s education department to learn how to institute the program. She credited the language department and other individuals for making it come to fruition.

“It’s a simple accomplishment,” Baker said. “Biliteracy is something that is important. It’s an asset and with the school population of 20% English language learners, it’s time we really elevate our students and recognize that they are an asset to our school community, and language is something we really need to celebrate and praise.”

Presenting students Elizabeth Juarez, Karen Zempoalteca and Cristal Dominguez with the Seal of Biliteracy, Baker shared all three students started with her in kindergarten. She said it was a personal honor to recognize them.

“This is just the start of us being able to do this in the



From left, Webutuck students Elizabeth Juarez, Karen Zempoalteca and Cristal Dominguez were presented with the Seal of Biliteracy at the Webutuck Board of Education meeting on Monday evening, June 13, in the Webutuck High School library.

foreseeable future and being able to honor an increasing number of dual language speakers in our school dis-

trict,” said a proud Baker, “so thank you for being our pioneers and doing it with us this year.”



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Fire Co., food, fireworks and fun for The Fourth

Local residents celebrated the Fourth of July at the Amenia Fire Company’s Carnival Food Night on Sunday, July 3, at the Amenia firehouse. A steady stream of revelers arrived between 4 and 9 p.m., ready to sink their teeth into steak sandwiches, sausage and pepper grinders, hamburgers, hot dogs, fried dough and more. When night fell, all eyes turned to the skies for a fireworks display. Fire Company Rescue Squad Capt. Marie Klingner said, “On behalf of the Amenia Fire Company, we thank all who attended... it’s always great to see everyone and we appreciate the community support.”

Sports Banquet honors Warriors on the courts and fields

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WEBUTUCK — After a rigorous season on the courts and playing fields, the Webutuck Athletic Department honored the North East (Webutuck) Central School District’s (WCSD) student athletes for their dedication and performances during the 2021-22 sports season at its annual Sports Banquet on Thursday, June 16.

Honoring all of Webu-

tuck’s varsity and junior varsity sports, the banquet was held in the Webutuck High School gymnasium at 6 p.m.

Reflecting on the triumphs of the past season, Webutuck Athletic Director Joe Lasaponara acknowledged the WCSD’s small size, which poses a challenge for participation and recruiting students to compete on the various teams.

“When COVID hit, we took a hit for participant numbers, but we were able to rally the groups and continue

through COVID,” Lasaponara said. “This year was the first year where regulations weren’t a part of it and we saw an increase in participation. It goes to tell how tight-knit the Webutuck community is that we were able to rally the kids and rally the coaches and increase participation.”

For the banquet, Lasaponara said Webutuck honored all sports — including fall, winter and spring sports — at the same time. One by one, the coaches of each

team called their players up to present them with certificates that honored them for their participation.

“Everyone was honored for being a consistent member of the team,” Lasaponara said.

On top of these certificates, Lasaponara said each coach gave out a Coaches Award and a Most Improved Award.

For this year’s boys soccer team, the Coaches Award went to Ashtyn Whitehead

and the Most Improved Award went to Alex Caldiero; for girls soccer, Olivia Farnham received the Coaches Award and Riley Thirlwall received the Most Improved Award; for volleyball, the Coaches Award went to Chloe Larrabee and the Most Improved Award went to Henrietta Gaeta.

For girls basketball, Morgan Sprague received the Coaches Award while Olivia was awarded the Coaches Award; Tyler Howard re-

ceived the Coaches Award for boys basketball while Teyvon Thrasher received Most Improved.

For track and field, Amanda Intrieri received the Coaches Award and Kimberly Lalvay received Most Improved; for baseball, Eric Golden received the Coaches Award while Jordan Dyer received Most Improved; for softball, Chloe received the Coaches Award while Christine Carrasco received Most Improved.



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James T. Collingwood, Jr.

SHEFFIELD — James T. Collingwood, Jr., 63, passed away unexpectedly at home with his wife Theresa by his side on Monday, June 27, 2022.

He was born on December 9, 1958, in Sharon, the son of the late James Collingwood Sr. and Betty Markham Collingwood.



Jim was a graduate of Mount Everett Regional High School class of 1976. He also attended Alfred State University. After continuing his education, he returned to work with his parents in the family trucking business, Collingwood Transport in Sheffield. Jim married the love of his life Theresa Scapin on August 25, 1979, at St Mary's Church in Lee, Massachusetts, permanently settling in Ashley Falls in 1986.

After more than 20 years working for the family business, Jim started his own trucking company, JTC & Sons, a successful Rolloff and Refuse business for 15 years before merging with Daley & Sons in Lee. In April of 2021 Jim was appointed Highway Superintendent for the Town of Sheffield, a job that he took great pride in.

Jim was an active member of the Sheffield Kiwanis for over 25 years, serving as president for several terms. He was also named the 2002 Kiwanian of the year. Jim played a significant role in developing the Kiwanis Scholarship Fund through their annual truck raffle, and was the number one ticket seller for 22 years.

He enjoyed his weekend trips to camp in Arlington, Vermont, up until his death. His hobbies included golfing, bowling and hunting. He was a devoted family man, a trusted friend, and a beloved member of his community. Jim was a kind and gentle soul loved by all.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Theresa, his son James III (Hilary) and his son Matthew (Joelle), his three grandchildren; Madeline, Isaac and Adalie who were the joys of his life, his best friend Dave Smith, his cousin "Charlie" Julie Han-num, his two brothers Jeffrey and Bruce and too many friends, family, and extended family to list. He also leaves his loving dog Morgan, and adopted dog Cookie.

A service celebrating Jim's life will be held on Wednesday, July 6 at 11:00 a.m. at Finnerly & Stevens Funeral Home, 426 Main Street, Great Barrington, conducted by Rev. Jill Graham. Burial will follow at Sheffield Center Cemetery in Sheffield.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home in Great Barrington.

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to the James T. Collingwood, Jr. Memorial Family Fund c/o Finnerly & Stevens Funeral Home, 426 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts 01230. To send remembrances to his family please go to www.finnerlyandstevens.com.

Charan Peeples

LEE — Charan Peeples, 73, passed away peacefully in her Lenox home on June 22, 2022, surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer. Charan was happy to be home in the Berkshires after living in Gallatin, New York, for many years where she worked as the office manager of the Coach Farm and played the unexpected role of farmer's wife with all the grace and glamor one could imagine.



Born to Gordon and Mae Leeman, she completed her public schooling in Lee after moving from Franklin. She was an exceptional athlete, swimmer, and lifeguard and could be seen flying down the road in her yellow Firebird with CHARAN plates, which caught the eye of her future husband.

In 1971 she married Philip Peeples to whom she was married for 51 loving years. Their love served as an example to all who met them. Immediately after their wedding they moved to Germany with the Army where she worked in a bank and had many adventures pushing a VW around the country. Upon their return to the states they lived in Maryland and then upstate New York where they started a family.

Charan was the ultimate host. An avid cook and entertainer, she was always happiest among friends and family, feeding everyone and sharing her infectious laugh. She cared deeply about people and was exceptionally empathetic, always asking about people and all of their loved ones. If you stopped by it would not be unusual for her to be pulling a tray of cookies out of the oven and insisting you stay and visit.

She particularly loved baking with, and spoiling her twin grandchildren. Of all things Charan was happiest being a wife, mother, and grandmother.

Besides her parents, Charan was predeceased by her son, Scott Philip Peeples.

She is survived by her adoring husband Philip, her daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Noah Lee, and her beloved grandchildren Oliver and Evelyn Lee of Hinesburg, Vermont.

She is also survived by her sister, Cheryl Leeman Saunders; brother, Kevin Leeman and his husband Jerry Myers, and her brothers and sisters-in-law who she loved like her own siblings, and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-great niece, all of whom she adored.

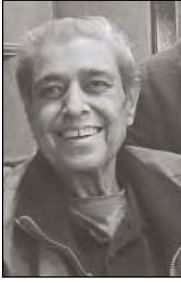
Funeral services for Charan Peeples were held on Thursday, June 30, 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Lee. Burial will be held at a later date. A Celebration of Life will be held on July 17 th at Crissy Farm, 426 Stockbridge Rd., Great Barrington, from 2 to 5 p.m. All are invited to attend.

The family would like to extend their profound thanks to the Massachusetts General team and Hospice Care in the Berkshires, both of which provided exceptional care and compassion. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in care of the Kelly Funeral Home, 3 Main Street, Lee, Massachusetts 01238.

If you would like to leave a message of condolence or share pictures with the family, please visit our web site at www.kellyfuneralhome.net

Robert Lawrence Dennis

LAKEVILLE — Robert Lawrence Dennis, 76, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at Sharon Hospital with his loving wife and beloved daughter at his bedside. Mr. Dennis was a retired self-employed plumber. He owned and operated Robert L. Dennis Plumbing for over 30 years and retired in 2016 following a total of over 50 years in the trade.



Born August 16, 1945, in Sharon, he was the son of the late Edward and Cora (Klein) Dennis. He attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School and served his country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 during the Vietnam War.

He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in a combat zone, the Good Conduct Medal and the Expert Marksmanship Ribbon in addition to his Honorable Discharge. On May 18, 1968, he married the love of his life, Nora Meehan at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. Mrs. Dennis survives at home in Lakeville.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed deer hunting and traveling in his spare time. Bob and Nora especially liked traveling to Lido Beach in Florida and to Bermuda.

Bob loved a good bonfire and was an avid antique clock collector for many years. He was a life member of the Millerton and Lakeville American Legions and will forever be remembered as a husband and

father who always put others' needs before his own. He was a selfless and giving man who cherished his family and they will forever be grateful for the blessings that were bestowed upon them. Bob will be dearly missed by his adoring family and his many dear friends.

In addition to his wife, Bob is survived by his daughter, Tammy VanDeusen and her life companion David Ambrozaitis of Winsted; his granddaughter, Colleen VanDeusen Langs of Lakeville, two great grandsons, Travis Beyus and Jordan Langs of Lakeville; a brother, Peter Dennis of Canaan and several nieces and nephews and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by several siblings.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, (where 54 years prior Bob and Nora were married, a true love story), 4 Lavelle Road, Amenia. Rev. Godfrey officiated. Burial with U.S. Army Honors followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, Cobble Road, Salisbury. Memorial contribution may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.StJude.org. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, send flowers or plant a tree in Bob's memory please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

John Bolelaus Scieपुरa

SHARON — John Bolelaus Scieपुरa, 59, of Hospital Hill Road, passed away on Saturday June 25, 2022. His loving wife and siblings were at his side. How ironic that John only recently learned that his middle name means "Warrior," and that is exactly how he fought his battle with cancer.



John was born in Yonkers, New York, at St. John's Hospital on April 17, 1963, the youngest son of Michael and Joyce (Franchek) Scieपुरa. He grew up in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, and at age 10, his family settled in Sharon. John graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School, attended Boulder College, studied business administration and graduated from The Fashion Institute of Technology with a degree in jewelry design. He worked for a time in the fashion industry, taught jewelry design and was employed as a skilled carpenter.

John had a passion for learning and had many interests. In his youth, John studied the flute and piano, and enjoyed acting. He enjoyed poetry and writing. He loved cooking, foraging for wild edible plants, coin collecting and exploring solar energy. An avid outdoorsman, he could often be found working in his yard and garden, always generously sharing his vegetables.

John enjoyed vacationing and fishing in Point Judith, Rhode Island, with his wife and dogs, and was an avid bicyclist. He loved spending time with his family.

John is survived by his loving wife, Margaret (Ayres), and his dogs, Molly and Chase; his sisters Victoria Morse, Christina Riley and her husband, Bill, and brother Michael A. Scieपुरa, Jr.; His nephew, Flynn Nixon and family of Dandridge, Tennessee, his nieces Grace Morse and Hope Morse of Sharon, and a large extended family.

John had a commanding presence at 6'5" and was very friendly with an amazing sense of humor. He loved engaging with people and having conversations about a wide variety of topics. John was a devoted, loving and loyal husband, and adored the many dogs he and his wife rescued over the years. He was kind, thoughtful, intelligent, interesting, hard-working and creative. John was loved by everyone and will be sorely missed.

Calling hours are at The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon, on Friday, July 8, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a mass at St. Bernard's Church in Sharon on July 9 at 11:00 a.m. Donations in memory of John may be made to The Little Guild of St. Francis, West Cornwall, Connecticut.

Memorial service:

Katharine Hochswender

LAKEVILLE — A memorial service in honor of Kate Hochswender, who died on June 27, 2022, will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2 p.m. at her home, 14 Lakeview Ave. in Lakeville. All are invited to come and to share a photo, a memory.

Kate had let her natural brown hair color grow back in recent months, and when she appeared to us after her death in the yard it was as a half-albino deer, joyful and leaping. We will celebrate her life outdoors where her spirit came to us as that albino deer.

Kate would do her best to be dazzling for every party. Please feel free to wear clothes that are not only comfortable but also "cool," in every sense of the word.

Out of respect for our

neighbors, please park in the lots for Salisbury Bank and Trust and Visionary Computer on Bissell Street (but please do not park on the grassy field). Additional parking is available on Lincoln City Road at Salisbury Central School.

Consider bringing a folding chair or blanket and sunbrella in case we run out of space in the tent.

If you have questions, text Cynthia Hochswender at 860-672-5117 or email cindyinsharon@gmail.com.

Please share memories and photos at Kate's memorial website, which has a Halloween and pumpkin theme in honor of her favorite season and holiday: <https://www.forevermissed.com/kate-hochswender/about>.

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BOE closes year with new hires, updates and honors

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PINE PLAINS — Ready to close out the 2021-22 school year, the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) Board of Education (BOE) met on Wednesday, June 1, to appoint staff members for the 2022-23 school year, catch up on its capital improvement plan, honor retirees and award tenure. It did more of the same at its meeting on May 18.

Both meetings began at 7 p.m. at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School.

June 15
On June 15, BOE President Anne Arent read aloud a resolution to approve Kristen Fischetti's resignation as a teacher from Cold Spring Early Learning Center and to her appointment to a four-year probationary term as principal of Cold Spring. The BOE passed the resolution with a unanimous vote and celebrated with Fischetti and her family during a five-minute recess. Fischetti's resignation went into effect on Thursday, June 30; her appointment as principal began the following day, Friday, July 1.

Next, the BOE turned its attention to the annual retiree book dedication for its retiring employees.



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The Pine Plains Board of Education had the honor of awarding tenure to seven educators in the Pine Plains Central School District at the start of its meeting on Wednesday, May 18.

Expressing its appreciation for their work and dedication, this year's dedication list included "Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future" by Elizabeth Kolbert for Superintendent Martin Handler; "The God Equation: The Quest for a Theory of Everything" by Michio Kaku for retiring secondary science teacher Andrew Brooks; "Little Yellow Bus" by Erin Guendelsberger for retiring bus driver Jo Anne Harrison; and "The Recipe-A-Day Kids Cookbook: 365 Fun, Easy Treats" by Food Network Magazine for retiring Cook Manager Audrey Kemp.

In his update on the capital improvement project, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brian Timm said construction

will take place at all three school buildings during the summer. Some work has already begun or will start in the near future.

Touching base on some things already in progress, Timm said construction has begun in the middle school gym and deconstruction of the boiler room has started at Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center. The district will be doing roof work at Seymour Smith and Cold Spring. There's asbestos at both schools that must be removed. Timm emphasized none of the asbestos removal work will be done while students are present.

The BOE scheduled its annual reorganization meeting for Wednesday, July 6, at 7 p.m. in the Stissing Mountain library.



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From left, Pine Plains FFA members Ethan Terstenyak, Alekz Duncan, Sam Duncan, Alyssa Bathrick, Amanda Dillinger, Evan McCord, Autumn Prezzano and James Fergus King were congratulated as recipients of the Greenhand Degree at this year's Pine Plains FFA Banquet.

Pine Plains FFA honors members at annual banquet

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PINE PLAINS — Closing the 2021-22 school year with a summertime tradition, the Pine Plains FFA invited those in the Pine Plains Central School District community to come out to the annual FFA Banquet on Friday, June 10.

The event was held in the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School gymnasium at 6:45 p.m. In addition to presenting committee reports on annual activities, the FFA handed out a number of awards, scholarships and recognitions to members and officers.

The FFA's First Year Member Recognition was presented to students Addison Stapf, Kayla French, Mikayla Duncan, Riley Koch, Evan Curtis, Matthew Price, Nathan Klum, Lauryn Menz and Tatum Osofsky. Addison was later presented with the Discovery Degree, the Star Discovery Award, the Middle School Scholarship Award and the Middle School Leadership Award.

The Greenhand Degree was awarded to James Fergus King, Evan McCord, Amanda Dillinger, Autumn Prezzano, Alyssa Bathrick, Sam Duncan, Alekz Duncan, Ethan Terstenyak and Dominique Burdick. The Chapter Degree was awarded to Maggie Reilly, Abigail Marino, Connor Cavey and Cailin Halladay. Cailin was later honored with the Star Chapter Award and with the Brud Pulver Scholarship, which totaled \$1,000.

Annette Prezzano was honored as the recipient of the Empire Degree. King was awarded the Star Greenhand Award, while Connor Cavey and Annette were awarded the High School Scholarship Award and Maggie Reilly was presented with the High School Leadership Award.

For the FFA's Career Development Events, first place for the Senior Quiz Bowl at the FFA's State Convention was awarded to the team of Cailin Halladay, Maggie Reilly, Chase Quinn, Autumn Prezzano and Cam Decker.

First place for Extempo-

aneous Speaking at District Contests was awarded to Maggie. Second place for Ag Issues Team at District Contests was presented to the team of Cailin Halladay, Maggie Reilly, Chase Quinn, Autumn Prezzano, Haley McCord and Abigail Marino.

Campbell Halladay was recognized as a Middle School Exceptional Member while Cam Decker was recognized as a High School Exceptional Member.

Totaling \$1,000 each, Annette Prezzano and Haley McCord were awarded the Millerton Scholarship. The FFA also presented retiring Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler with this year's Appreciation Award.

Congratulating the new FFA officers for the 2022-23 school year, Autumn Prezzano was named president; James King vice president; Alyssa Bathrick secretary; Cam Decker treasurer; Amanda Dillinger reporter; Lia Zampko sentinel; Dominique Burdick student advisor; Kaylee Cassinelli historian; Addison Stapf webmaster; and Hope Miller parliamentarian.

OBITUARY

Albert Gottesman

SALISBURY — Albert Gottesman, age 89, died on June 29, 2022. Al was born on April 17, 1933, and raised in The Bronx, playing stickball, pencilball, curb ball, softball, and touch football, and rooting for the Yankees. He graduated from CCNY and NYU Law School. He was married to Linda Gottesman, from whom he was divorced, and was the love partner of Anne Baker for over 31 years. Al was the father of Laura and Joanne Gottesman and the father-in-law of David Kuehn and Larry Milliken. He was the loving, devoted, and admiring grandfather of Elena and Lila Gottesman Milliken, and Solomon Kuehn Gottesman.

Al practiced entertain-

ment law in New York City and for many years was General Counsel and Executive Vice President of the Jim Henson Company (The Muppets). After Jim Henson's death in 1990, Al was the Executor of Jim's estate and, for a time, the President of the Board of the Jim Henson Legacy.

Al and his family have been coming to Northwest Connecticut since 1967. In

the early 1970's they bought their home on Weatogue Road. Al's first contact with The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News was representing a client in 1970, who briefly owned both papers. In 1995, Al was one of the founding partners of a team of investors who acquired and owned the papers for over 25 years. Al always felt fortunate to have found and spent time in Northwest Connecticut and was grateful for how much it added to his and his family's lives.



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The Town of Salisbury is considering an ordinance against feeding bears and perhaps it is best to educate the public on how to live with the bears. A good place to start is with the CTDEEP website at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-Living-with-Black-Bears>. Lots of good basic information on bears. A better place is the ecologist Harry White's website and read his article on The way of the Bear, <http://harrywhite.org/2018/11/18/the-way-of-the-bear/>. Harry has an incredible insight in the life cycle of bears and how best to both respect them and live with them in harmony.

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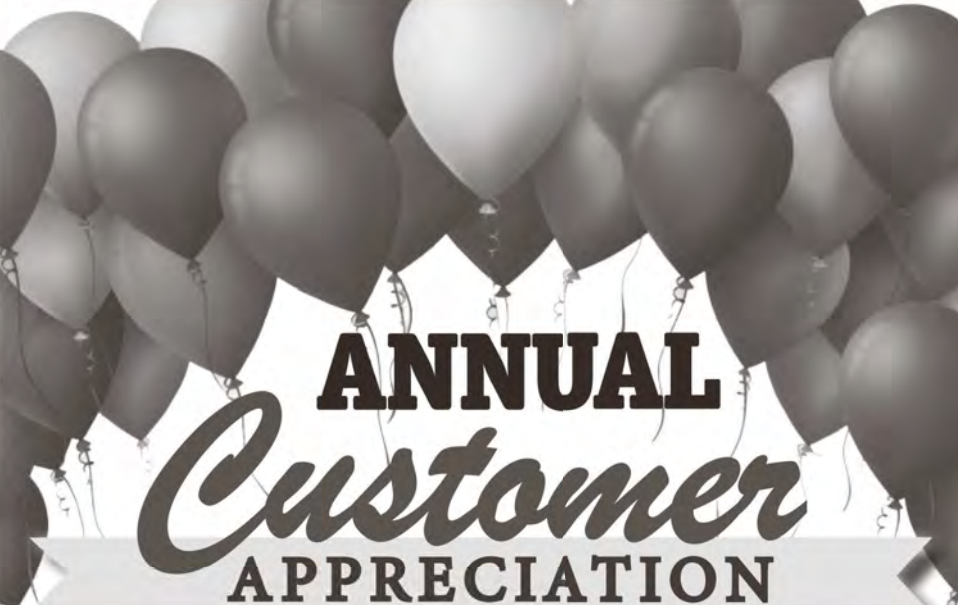
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In the lieutenant governor Primary, in addition to Delgado, registered Democratic voters could cast their ballots for Anna Maria Archula, a grassroots progressive leader, or for Diane Rennyra, a former New York City councilmember and former deputy Brooklyn Borough president.

However, the majority backed the Hochul/Delgado ticket, as the Associated Press called the pair’s victory a mere 25 minutes after the polls closed last week.

It was a stamp of approval from the Democratic party on Hochul’s performance, with less than one year under her belt as governor — and barely more than a month on the job for her running mate.

Local ties

Delgado was the U.S. representative for residents right here in the Harlem Valley, part of New York’s 19th Congressional District. He had announced plans to seek his third, two-year term in office come November. Delgado was set to face off against Republican Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro, who remains in the race for both the old 19th District and the newly redrawn 19th District.

But then Delgado was appointed to the number two seat in the state on May 25 after his predecessor, former Lt. Gov. Brian Benjamin, resigned amid another Albany controversy. Delgado is the now the third lieutenant governor to hold the position in less than a year.

Benjamin stepped down in April after being arrested for and indicted on bribery and fraud charges.

Delgado’s seat in the House of Representatives will be filled after a special election is held on Aug. 23 (the special election and the Congressio-

nal Primary election are both scheduled for the 23rd), between Republicans Molinaro and Brandon Buccola.

Democrats have selected Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan to run against whoever wins that race and then battle it out in the special election to finish Delgado’s term. Afterward, Ryan will then run for a full term in the newly-redrawn 18th Congressional District.

Once the 19th District is redrawn, three Dems will take a stab at grabbing the Congressional seat formerly held by Delgado. They include North East cattle farm owner, small businesswoman and former financier Jamie Cheney; Endicott born-attorney and former staff assistant to the late Congressman Maurice Hinchey Josh Riley; and Osun Zotique of Hudson, who would be the first openly trans, nonbinary person elected to a federal office if successful in following in Delgado’s footsteps.

The new 19th District will cover the Finger Lakes to the Southern Tier, parts of the lower Hudson Valley to Greene and Columbia Counties.

Assembly District 103

Meanwhile, elsewhere in the Hudson Valley, Dean Michael lost the Republican primary on June 28. He was hoping to make his second run against New York State Assemblymember Didi Barrett, who has held the office for the past decade. The town of Clinton councilman had unsuccessfully run against the long-time assemblymember previously on the GOP ticket.

Assembly District 106 includes parts of both Dutchess and Columbia Counties. In Dutchess, that includes Clinton, Hyde Park, Milan, North East, Pine Plains, Pleasant Val-

ley, Town of Poughkeepsie, Stanford and Washington.

This March, rather than support Michael, the Dutchess County Republican Committee nominated Brandon Gaylord from Columbia County to challenge Barrett. Without the county GOP’s endorsement, Michael had to amass enough Republican signatures via petition to force a primary against Gaylord.

He was successful in doing so, and last Tuesday, 890 Columbia County Republicans voted for Gaylord, while only 358 voted for Michael. He fared better on his home turf; Michael earned 1,182 votes in Dutchess County, besting Gaylord, who received

902 votes, by 280 votes in Dutchess.

Still, it was Gaylord who won the most votes overall on Primary Day, with 1,792 Republican votes to Michael’s 1,540. Gaylord will therefore be on the November ballot against Barrett come Election Day.

There were early voting sites around the county for those who couldn’t make it to the polls on for the Primary. Early voting sites opened a week before the Primary Election, starting from Saturday, June 18, and running through the week until Sunday, June 26, with a local site at the Cornell Cooperative Center on Route 44 in Millbrook.

LYLE MOVES ON *Continued from Page A1*

The News-Times in Danbury, Conn., a daily newspaper that serves the Greater Danbury, area.

“I am going to be taking on a lot more responsibilities at The News-Times, because it operates as a daily,” said Lyle, who has been with The Millerton News for the past five years, since Jan. 13, 2017. “I will be working to get stories together as quickly as possible and to get them published online; some will appear in the company’s weekly publications.”

Those publications include the Ridgefield Spectrum, a weekly newspaper, and the New Milford Times, a daily newspaper.

According to Hearst Connecticut Managing Editor Dan Brechlin, the company has eight daily newspapers and 14 weeklies in the state with a team that writes for all of its publications. Lyle will be a part of that team, with her articles also going online.

The company’s website is www.hearst.com, with The News-Times specific address being www.hearst.com/newspapers/the-news-times.

“I guess I’m looking forward to using my skills in a broader coverage area and seeing what I can do there,” said Lyle. “I think I’m going to have fun in the general sense and see what the needs are in the community, and then maybe develop my own beat. I love doing business profiles and community profiles, as well as updates on how schools are doing, but that didn’t happen overnight.”

In fact, Lyle’s journey to becoming the very recogniz-

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Kaitlin Lyle

able roving reporter for The Millerton News took time — and grit and determination. She took her first steps back when still a student at Central Connecticut State University.

While studying a full course load with a focus on creative writing, Lyle joined the school newspaper, The Recorder. She gravitated toward writing for the arts and entertainment section, noting it was “not really, nearly like The Millerton News,” which she described as “the whole ride.”

That early training though, whet her appetite for what a life as a journalist could be like. After her junior year of college she decided to sign up for an internship at The Lakeville Journal.

“I didn’t know I wanted to be a journalist until I was 20, and just as I realized that I reached out to The Lakeville Journal to see if they had any openings for their internship program,” she said, adding she was eating dinner with her boyfriend, Tom, at the time when she told him that she wanted explore journalism as a possible career choice.

The Lakeville Journal has a reputation for intensive, three-week internships that are very hands on. Often times, interns will continue their sessions for the entire summer or winter, depending on when they are doing their training. The interns do not get paid, but what they learn at The Journal is priceless.

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Dutchess County
Primary vote totals

The unofficial Democratic Primary election results in Dutchess County, according to the Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE), for the governor’s race, were as follows: Suozzi received 1,041 votes; Hochul received 9,893 votes; Williams received 1,522 votes; and there were 33 write-in votes, for a total of 12,489 votes out of 12,590 cast.

For the Democratic Primary election, the Lt. Governor race results were as follows: Archila received 1,591 votes; Reyna received 681 votes; Delgado received 9,962 votes; and there were 14 write-in votes, for a total of 12,248 votes out

of 12,590 cast.

For the unofficial Republican Primary election results in Dutchess County, the governor’s race results were as follows: Astorino received 3,267 votes; Giuliani received 2,120 votes; Wilson received 685 votes; Zeldin received 2,911 votes; and there were zero write-in votes, for a total of 817 votes out of 892 cast.

For the State Assembly race District 106 race, Gaylord received 902 votes; Michael received 1,182, votes; there were six write-in votes, for a total of 2,090 votes out of 2,626 cast.

The General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 8; go to www.elections.dutchessny.gov or call 845-486-2473.

“I think I got a deeper dive into prioritizing and learning how to assert myself, to dig deeper if a story was not complete, to keep digging into other angles,” she said. “I went for four weeks interviewing the family, the fire chief and the community when I had to cover the Yang house fire last November.”

While Lyle said such assignments were certainly difficult, there have been many parts of the job she wouldn’t trade for the world.

“I love that I’ve been so close to these communities I’ve covered the last five years,” said Lyle. “I didn’t know much about them, which businesses are time-honored, how government worked, the school communities, what sets people apart from everyone else. I like doing a deeper dive into the communities I thought I knew to learn there was so much more to uncover.”

Now it’s time for Lyle to move on to the next leg of her journey, to uncover new details about other parts of the world.

While we will miss her greatly — her sunny smile, guileless charm, old-fashioned courtesy and endless optimism — we wish her the very best of luck and a future as bright as her disposition.

KNUSCHKE *Continued from Page A1*

and technical education.

After moving back to Dutchess County in 2014, Knuschke continued his career as a middle school administrator. He joined the Spackenkill Union Free School District as principal, and was later hired as the high school/middle school principal for the Walton Central School District.

Training an intern to become middle school principal allowed Knuschke to focus on leading the high school, an experience he said he loved. Knuschke said he likes the “energy” of high school. He also likes getting to know students and watching them partake in extracurriculars.

“I really do enjoy the culture of a small-town high school and the connections you can make with families and kids,” he said. “It’s difficult to develop truly, truly meaningful connections with your students, with your parents, when you’ve got huge numbers.”

Before applying for the principal’s position at Webutuck, Knuschke was working as assistant principal of CTE at the Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

Reflecting on his credentials, he said he’s well-rounded in education and anticipates using what that background to develop some signature programs at WHS.

After meeting Webutuck Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani and the Webutuck BOE, Knuschke said he was very impressed to learn how “student-focused” they are and about their desire to have someone “continue to develop a positive culture of opportunity, thinking out of the box and creating authentic learning outcomes for



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Robert Knuschke

students.”

Knuschke was appointed to a three-year probationary term by the BOE on Feb. 7.

Regarding his own vision, he hopes to create authentic learning opportunities that go beyond the classroom. The goal, he said, is for Webutuck to connect with local businesses and industries so students will see the relevance of what they’re learning.

Knuschke also plans to create a program where students work with people in a professional setting or industry, such as in the construction and engineering fields, in veterinary facilities and other fields.

He said setting up an advisory board with Webutuck teachers could progress, and potentially allow students to spend part of their school day on site at a facilities as part of a work-based learning program. Knuschke plans to start small so people recognize the value of such a program, and underlined the importance of having input from stakeholders of all different levels.

“I am honored to be chosen,” Knuschke said, adding he plans to work hard. “I need to go into the situation and honor the people that have been in the trenches there.”

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so it was a pleasure working for him.”

As he just begins his new role, Timm said he hopes to continue many of the initiatives currently has in place. He would also like to continue the academic goals of improving student achievement “and really all things to make the students feel welcome and inspired.”

He also stressed the importance of working as one unit.

“I think that, you know, having been in the school district where we experienced the pandemic together really brought us together as a school community,” Timm



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Brian Timm

said, “and we’re looking forward to moving forward and getting back together.”



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Fantastical Creatures Come Alive in an Ancient Apple Tree

This has been the summer of author Madeleine L’Engle, at least here in Litchfield County, Conn., where the author spent much of her later life (she and her husband even owned the general store in Goshen, Conn., for many years).

This summer, the Goshen Players are presenting a stage production of L’Engle’s most famous work, “A Wrinkle in Time” (most recently made into a Hollywood feature film released in 2018 and starring Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon and Chris Pine).

“Wrinkle” is part of a five-book series (known as the Time Quintet series) that follows the lives of the mathematically gifted Murray family. Much of what the series explores is the idea of travel through time and space using a wrinkle in time (time is the fourth dimension, time/space travel is the fifth dimension).

Although the books are about fairly sophisticated concepts of physics, their popularity is largely due to the complicated dynamics of siblings, families and loyalty.

It seems fitting then



PHOTO BY JOE BRIEN

Sculptor Joseph Jude Brien has created a sculptural homage to the work of author Madeleine L’Engle.

that L’Engle’s own family continues to honor the author’s memory (she died in 2007). Charlotte Jones Voiklis is L’Engle’s granddaughter; this year she commissioned a West Cornwall, Conn., sculptor and educator named Joseph Jude Brien to create a sculpture from an old apple tree on the family’s

property here that was blown down by a wind-storm in 2020.

Voiklis asked Brien to create a sculpture from the tree that was inspired by the Time Quintet. After giving it some thought, Brien came up with a work that evokes some of the non-human characters that populate L’Engle’s books.

“She describes many fantastical creatures including a majestic unicorn, a feathered beast with multiple eyes, helpful serpents, benevolent dragons and microscopic organisms dwelling within our DNA strands,” Brien said, challenging viewers to see how many creatures they can find

in the work.

For now, the sculpture can be seen at the Old Goshen Town Hall at the traffic rotary where Route 4 meets Route 63. The property is the home of the Goshen Players (their production of “A Wrinkle in Time” was staged between June 3 and 12).

This fall, Brien said, “we may transport the sculpture to Wisdom House in Litchfield, where there is going to be a Madeleine L’Engle retreat.

“I’m thrilled to have created this piece and look forward to its journeys in the future. It will eventually be on display, outdoors, at Charlotte Jones Voiklis’s home in Goshen, where her grandmother, Madeleine L’Engle, lived and wrote many of her books.”

OUTDOOR CONCERTS IN CORNWALL, CONN.

Two outdoor music festivals are offered this summer by the Park and Recreation Commission in Cornwall, Conn. The first was on Friday, July 1, and featured bluegrass music by the Zolla Boys. There was a food truck and an ice cream truck and activities for children.

Next up will be a concert Friday, Aug. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. featuring jazz music

by Wanda Houston and the HBH band.

This concert coincides with the Taste of Cornwall, featuring food from local growers and vendors. There will be ice cream and activities for children, too.

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Two New Stars in Hidden Gems

If you don’t know Jessie Buckley and Julia Garner, you should introduce yourself immediately to these amazing actors. You will get to know them best via two fine films that never found the audience they deserved.

“WILD ROSE”

You may have seen Jessie Buckley as the young mother in “The Lost Daughter,” which earned this 33-year-old Irish actress a 2022 Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actress. You will see all her thrilling talents displayed in “Wild Rose,” an acclaimed but little-known 2018 British film written by Nicole Taylor and directed by Tom Harper.

Here she plays Rose-Lynn Harlan, just released from a Glasgow prison on a mistaken charge of drug smuggling and reunited with her two young children. She has lost her job with a band at Glasgow’s Grand Ole Opry but aspires to be a country singer in London or even Nashville. “Life is three chords and the truth,” is her mantra.

Some of these dreams are realized. She makes a recording that gets her to London and eventually travels to Nashville, where there is a stirring turning point on stage at the Ryman Auditorium. But it’s only a moment, and real life intrudes in the heart-breaking scenes that follow.

Buckley is a terrific singer who recently received the Laurence Olivier Award for her role as Sally Bowles in the West End revival of “Cabaret.” An important bonus here is the soundtrack, which includes several original songs plus covers of songs by country artists like Emmylou Harris, Wynonna Judd, and Hank Snow. My appreciation of country music



runs no deeper than a few classic numbers by Johnny Cash and Hank Williams (“Settin’ the Woods on Fire”), but I loved this movie, and so will you. Stream on Hulu, rent on Amazon, Apple, others

“THE ASSISTANT”

Julia Garner is best known for her role as Ruth Langmore in the Netflix drama “Ozark,” which won her an Emmy for Best Supporting actress. She has a starring role in “The Assistant,” a 2019 film directed by Kitty Green.

She plays Jane, a recent college graduate who has been hired as executive assistant to the demanding Boss of a film production company. The film opens before dawn as Jane enters its downtown New York office, turns on lights, tidies up and makes coffee. The day goes on; the office fills with production assistants, and Jane continues with many stressful and demanding menial tasks. The Boss is seen and heard only through several angry intercom calls and emails.

When she realizes that the Boss has been having sex with young female visitors, Jane reports it to the HR director, played to perfection by Matthew Macfadyen (Tom in “Succession”), who offers a defining moment in gaslighting as he manipulates her into not filing a report.

I won’t reveal what happens next except to

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The Keening of the Pipes, the Tapping Of the Drums and of Course the Haggis Toss

Things don't always go the way you'd like them to but you can still find joy in them. Such was the case with last Sunday's Round Hill Highland Games at Lime Rock Park in Lime Rock, Conn., which went from the early morning hours on June 26 until about 4 p.m., when the pipe band competition ended.

Some years there are numerous competitors in the piping and drumming department. Always there are magnificent tartan kilts and the hats that I'm certain have a special name, I just don't know what it is.

I think the kilts are the most fetching on the very large men who are

always there competing in different arenas; in the piping competition, you find the most impressive, what my late husband used to call Great Big Men. Apparently it takes a big man to hold and march with the massive pipe band drums.

It's a shame that it's never misty at Lime Rock when the pipe bands emerge from the wooded areas at the edge of the competition area.

The keening of the bagpipes and the steady rat-tat-tat of the drums is eerie and ghostly and gorgeous. Often the drummers do impressive twirls with their tasseled drum sticks.

At this point you are no doubt feeling regret that you didn't attend the games, but don't: This year there were odd supply chain interruptions of the sort that have made the COVID years so extra weird and challenging.

And thus it was that for the 2022 Round Hill Highland Games — a celebration of all things Scottish — there was a shortage of sheep stomachs and the classic dish haggis (made of oatmeal in sheep innards) could not be sampled by curious epicureans at the food truck.

Worse still, there was



no haggis available for the competition known as the Haggis Toss. Sometimes pantyhose can be used to hold the oatmeal, one of the organizers said.

"But someone forgot to pick up the pantyhose," he said, darting an accusing glance at one of his partner volunteers.

Not to worry, though; often the pantyhose haggis explode on landing, so maybe it was OK that this year competitors just tossed a heavy weight wrapped in duct tape.

There were also, to circle back around to the pipe and drum competition (have you figured out yet that this is my favorite part of the day?), only a couple of teams competing this year and none of the drummers was tassel tossing. Disap-



PHOTOS BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

pointing but we must always look to the future and the possibility of joy that is still to come.

There was also a shortage of big men tossing big telephone-sized wood poles into the air, because the top in the field were at a national strongman competition somewhere else in New England.

Often there is a lovely diversity of women of all cultures, backgrounds and ages trying their hand at throwing shot puts and lead weights on chains. There is often an impressive array of muscles and tattoos.

This year, there were fewer than a dozen.

But again, we look to next year, when the Round Hill Games will return to Lime Rock Park, with haggis and tassel twirling and perhaps a chance to remember the glories of the past and to imagine the beauty the future can still hold.

CANAAN ART GUILD SHOW IS OPEN

The Douglas Library is hosting The Canaan Art Guilds Annual Art Show for the months of June and July. Members include Mary Monnier, Ned Gow, Lynne Martin, Lois Van Cleef, Pat Medvecky, Hope Mongeau, Diane Cieslowski, Olga Schwede and Christine Luchini.

The art show is open during library hours, at 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn.: Mondays 1:30 to 8 pm, Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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say it's both surprising and inevitable. This is one of the most understated films I've seen, but it gains power from Garner's performance as the victim of abuse inherent in her job.

The events and workplace depicted are obviously based on Miramax producer Harvey Weinstein, whose 30 years of sexual abuse

finally ended with a conviction for sexual assault and rape in 2020. But there are many powerful men in Hollywood and TV who treated women in similar fashion. This critically acclaimed and important drama about the #MeToo movement did not receive one Oscar nomination. Stream on Hulu, rent on Amazon, Apple.

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ART

Furnace — Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com
Gary Stephan: This There, June 18 to July 24.

MASS MoCA, 1320 MASS MoCA Way, North Adams, Mass. www.massmoca.org
Summer Open Studios Season, July 14, Aug. 11, 5 to 7 p.m.

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. www.noblehorizons.org
Galluzzo Exhibit, open weekends through July 10, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MOVIES

Gilson Cafe & Cinema, 354 Main St., Winsted, Conn. www.gilsoncafeandcinema.com
See website for current showtimes.

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

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org
Parsons Dance, July 17, 1 p.m.

KIDS

Amenia Free Library, 3309 Route 343, Amenia, N.Y. www.amenialibrary.org
Lego Club, Thursdays 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Grumbling Gryphons Traveling Children's Theater, www.grumblinggryphons.org
Theater Camp, July 18 to 23.

BOOKS

Kent Memorial Library, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org
A Special Evening with Gabby Bernstein, July 7, 5 p.m.

MUSIC

Berkshire Bach Society, Great Barrington, Mass. www.berkshirebach.org
Orli Shaham In Recital, July 9, 3 p.m.

Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.berkshirebotanical.org
Music Mondays: Gina Coleman & Misty Blues (blues-infused jazz, funk and soul), July 11, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

THEATER

Great Barrington Public Theater, Great Barrington, Mass. www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org
Solo Fest: Leave Your Fears Here, June 30 to July 10.

Shakespeare & Company, 70 Kemble St., Lenox, Mass. www.shakespeare.org
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TOW meetings online; pool open

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — On Thursday, June 9, the Town of Washington (TOW) Town Board met at Town Hall; Town Supervisor Gary Ciferri led the meeting.

The first order of business was the swearing in of Heather Osterman to the Recreation Committee as recommended by Rec. Director Chelsea Edson. Liaison to the Board, Councilmember Mike Murphy, announced the committee now has full membership.

Town Clerk Mary Alex reported that tax collection is complete for 2022, and the final settlements are being prepared for the town supervisor and Dutchess County commissioner of finance.

Alex recommended the town accept a quote from Video Ventures, out of Beacon in southern Dutchess County, to back up and post all town meetings to the municipal website and to create a YouTube channel to be imbedded on the town website, www.townofwashington.org. The initial cost would be \$195 for the hard drive, \$200 for the YouTube page then \$60 per meeting. The board agreed.

Councilman Robert Audia said he met with Amenia town Supervisor Victoria Perotti concerning the Kent Hollow Mine, in Wassaic. The Amenia Town Board recently met; Kent Hollow Mine is suing to restart operations. Two petitions have been filed by neighbors against the move.

Audia noted no one from the neighboring TOW was

attended the Amenia meetings even though TOW roads would be used to haul lumber in the mining process.

Audia said Amenia should have notified the Town of Washington board. He noted a \$10,000 bond was posted, and said the issue will likely be revisited by the Amenia Town Board right around now.

Councilman Murphy noted that the TOW Park and Pool are opened for the season. The summer camp is also geared up and said he expects this summer will be “a good one” for the Rec. Dept. It opened June 19 and will operate through Aug. 27. It will also be open on Sept. 4, 5 and 6 for Labor Day; the concession stand is also open.

Councilman Joe Rochfort updated the board on the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee’s (CPRC) findings, now on the TOW website, www.townofwashington.org.

Councilwoman Leslie Heaney gave an update on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and the Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC). She discussed a grant opportunity through the NYS Consolidated Funding Application, an Environmental Protection Fund Smart Growth Program, due on July 29. Heaney said it could help fund the CPRC and the work it’s doing with the Town and Village to plan for future development and whether hospitality uses should be integrated into the Comprehensive Plan.

With no public comments, the board went into executive session. The next meeting is July 14, 6 p.m. Check the website for details.



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The Hammerhead Horns, from left, includes Bob Buttons, Jeff Roberts, Bob As-sini and Mike Kelley. The band performed a medley of old-time blues, ragtime and honky-tonk music at the Millbrook Library on Wednesday, June 22. Go to www.millbrooklibrary.org or call 845-677-3611 for more information on upcoming concerts and other library programs.

Hammer Horns pound out great music at library concert

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Library hosted The Hammerhead Horns on June 22, a well known quartet that performs old-time blues, ragtime and honky-tonk music.

With piano, drums, trumpet and trombone players at the ready, the audience members seemed to enjoy the music on Wednesday, June 22. It was certainly lively, with the vocals being especially impressive.

Vocals were supplemented by plunger mutes, tuba and kitchen spoons, all served up in a cabaret-style presentation.

The Hammerhead Horns cover music legends like Ray Charles, Tom Waits, Willie

Dixon, Alan Toussaint and Chuck Berry, to name but a few. The band also encourages sing-a-longs.

Concert organizers at the library said all who attended had a great time, with a crowd of roughly 60 or more people there to listen to the high-energy performance.

“They did a really fantastic job. I hope to have them back some time,” said Millbrook

Library Adult Programs Coordinator Kristen Perkins.

On Wednesday, July 27, the library will welcome composer and performer of Brazilian music, musician Benji Kaplan. He will perform on the lawn of the Millbrook Library at 3 Friendly Lane at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 845-677-3611 or go to www.millbrooklibrary.org.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

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Town of North East Assessor's Office

Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, has completed the final assessment roll for the year 2022. A certified copy was filed with the Town Clerk at North East Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, N.Y., on the 1st day of July, 2022. It will also be available at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/AssmtRolls/northeast22.pdf>.

Katherine Johnson
Assessor
07-07-22

OBITUARY

Elizabeth Ann Swartz

STANFORDVILLE — Elizabeth Ann Swartz, 89, a lifelong area resident and former longtime resident of Millerton, died peacefully on Monday, June 27, 2022, at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, New York, with her family beside her. Mrs. Swartz operated a group home for adults at her home in Millerton for over 45 years prior to her retirement. She had a long affiliation with Taconic DDSO in Wassaic, and once worked as a nurse's aide at Sharon Hospital and provided in-home private nursing care to local residents.

Born January 13, 1933, in Pine Plains, she was the daughter of the late Howard J. and Marion (VandeBogart) Milton. She attended Millerton High School. Mrs. Swartz was married to William Parsons, who passed away in 2005 and Robert Swartz, who passed away in 1976.

She enjoyed Bingo, bowling, gambling at Fox Woods Casino and spending time with her family. She will be dearly missed by all.

Mrs. Swartz is survived by three sons, William Parsons and his wife Rosie of Pine Plains, Dennis Parsons of Ancram, and David Parsons of Ancramdale; three daughters, Pamela Miles and her husband Michael of Ancramdale, Lori Parsons of Pine Plains and Kathleen Sigler and her life companion, Don Bird of Stanfordville, with whom Mrs. Swartz resided with for the last six years; her grandchildren, Carrie Stenger of Broomfield, Colorado, Kyle Burdock, Stephanie Rothvoss of Ancramdale, Stacy Foley of Copake, Lisa Hoage of Salisbury, Jason Miles of Ancramdale, Jeremy Miles of Ancramdale, Sadie Miles, Joshua Parsons of Kentucky, Brandon Parsons of Indiana and Ashley Reum of Tennessee; nineteen

great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. In addition to hers parents and husband, she was also predeceased by her daughter, Donna DeWitt; three brothers, Howard “Windy” Milton, Dale Milton and Paul Milton and her grandson, David “Dee” Parsons.

There are no calling hours. All services are private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, New York 12546. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

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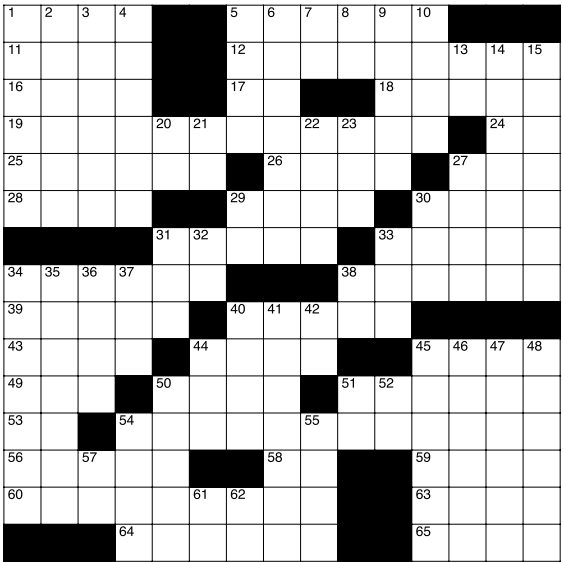
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24. Atomic #25 (abbr.)
25. Well-known bug
26. Body parts
27. Monetary unit of Albania
28. Kids' play things
29. Coastal city in Malaysia
30. Famed French physician
31. Flourishing
33. Excessively overweight
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38. Emerged
39. Order of tailed amphibians
40. Indian term of respect
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49. Health insurance
50. Monetary unit of Samoa
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53. Execute or perform
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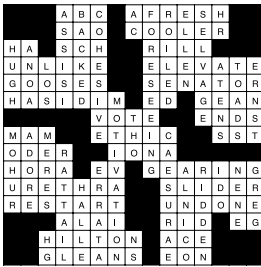
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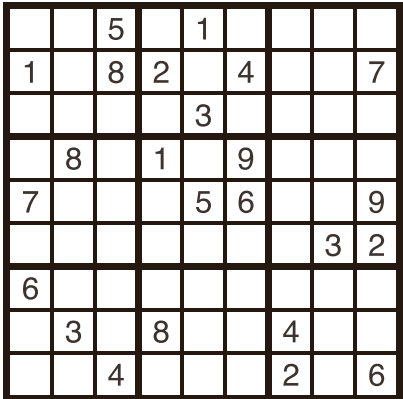
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32. University official
33. Spherical body
34. Iraq's capital
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37. Anger
38. Technological marvel
40. Peruvian district
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44. Israeli city ___ Aviv
45. Late Heisman winner
46. Reveal the presence of
47. Long upholstered seat

48. Most wily
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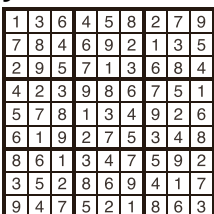
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EDITORIAL

Are papers obsolete?

The Associated Press (AP) published a frightening article — at least to this editor — on Thursday, June 30, about a recent study conducted by the Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism, Media and Integrated Marketing Communications.

The Journalism School, or “J School,” as many of us used to say back when studying at Journalism School in college, revealed on Wednesday, June 29, that newspapers are shutting down at a rate of two per week across the United States — and that’s with most citizens being fully aware of the problem.

At the end of this May, according to the study, there were 6,377 newspapers, down from 8,891 in 2005. That’s a loss of 2,514 in 17 years. That’s almost 150 papers gone per year during that time — a pretty scary statistic.

The AP article stated that “While the pandemic didn’t quite cause the reckoning that some in the industry feared, 360 newspapers have shut down since the end of 2019, all but 24 of them weeklies serving small communities.”

The Millerton News, the very newspaper you are reading at this very moment, is a local weekly non-profit newspaper “serving small communities” in the northeastern Dutchess County and southern Columbia County region of the Harlem Valley. We shudder to imagine that one day we, too, could face such a fate.

The study also found that roughly 75,000 journalists who worked at newspapers in 2006 no longer do so. Today, only 31,000 journalists are employed at such papers, according to Northwestern. That’s a loss of 44,000 jobs in 16 years. Pretty staggering numbers, especially when one takes into account that annual newspaper revenue dropped by more than half during that same time frame, from \$50 billion to \$21 billion.

Also discovered by the J School, to little surprise, is that parts of the country with no reliable local news sources are often poorer, older and less educated than sections of the country that are well covered.

The AP said yes, more philanthropists and politicians have been “paying attention to the issues,” but added that’s not making much of a dent in providing solutions, as the problems that led to the breakdown of the industry’s advertising model remain the same.

“Encouraging growth in the digital-only news sector in recent years hasn’t been enough to compensate for the overall trends,” said Penelope Muse Abernathy, visiting professor at Medill and the report’s principal author,” wrote AP reporter David Bauder.

In his piece, Bauder also wrote that “news deserts are growing.”

The report from Northwestern estimates roughly 70 million Americans live somewhere in the world that either have no local news available or only one news source available. Whether that one source is reliable, one can only wonder. That, as we all know, is sorely inadequate and can lead to a misinformed public.

Abernathy summed up the issue succinctly at the end of the AP article. What’s at stake, she said, is not only “our own democracy,” but “our social and societal cohesion.” A world without local, community news would not only be much darker and more frightening than we could all ever begin to imagine, it would also allow governments and all of those in power to be less transparent in how they operate.

Let’s hope it never comes to that.

Acronyms and emojis are not good enough

When we went to school, repetition and recitation were always effective learning methods. Repetition started young: Two plus two equals four... saying your times table... even learning the 1954 pledge of allegiance: “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

The point is, recitation, repetitive recitation, locks in not only the words, but their full literal meaning.

Over the years, in an effort to squeeze in more words before the next commercial break, television presenters have shortened phrases and titles, names and places, to acronyms, causing a loss of meaning, an absence of memory recognition of what the acronyms actually mean.

Here’s a list of acronyms heard during only one newscast: NASA, FBI, DOJ, 1-6 Committee, 9/11, AF, SOAS, OMG, UNICEF, AKA, DIY, GMO, PC, PR, POW, MD and SCUBA.

Go on, see if you can extend them to reveal their full and real meanings. Most people cannot. And that means most people

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

are only guessing what they are talking about when they use these and others in conversation.

Three thousand years ago and more there were hieroglyphics in Egypt. They used pictures as a means of capturing meaning, long before text, alphabets and clear intent to convey the exact meaning first appeared in 500 BC. Once mankind developed letters and words, hieroglyphics no longer conveyed actual meaning, precise intent.

Now, along comes the visual world we live in, born of the 1800s invention of photography and the 1900s pre-eminent art form cinema, and we rely more and more on personal interpretation of images. When the computer age came along, a blue thumb’s up on Facebook sort of, inaccurately, meant you agreed, or liked it, or went along with someone’s thought, or simply acknowledged their existence. Which is it? No one will ever really know, and you’ll probably not remember click-



In war and in peace, in conflict and in comfort

The Amenia and Dutchess County Historical Societies are pleased to present “In War and Peace, In Conflict and Comfort: The Remarkable Bockée Family.”

This program, scheduled for Saturday, July 16, at 2 p.m., at The Smithfield Presbyterian Church, will reveal the outstanding contributions of several generations of Bockées and will display many of the Bockée family treasures that have been given to both societies for this purpose.

Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) Executive Director Bill Jeffway and Archivist Melodye Moore will join me in presenting this chapter of local and county history. Several descendants of the Bockée family plan to attend the special event.

Nancy Link Greer, a Bockée descendant now living in Millbrook, recently contributed ancient documents from the 1700s, family photos from many generations and dozens of hand-written journals from the 1800s to the Amenia Historical Society. A beautiful quilt, made in 1883 as a tribute to the beloved headmistress of the Bockée School in Poughkeepsie, was given to the DCHS.

Another Bockée descendant, Jean Oakley Fisher, contributed to the DCHS two Bockée portraits from the early 1800s and a Civil War surgeon’s chest that had been preserved by the family over the years.

The Bockée men and women of northeastern Dutchess County deserve to be remembered for their involvement in local and state government and for their service in times of war and peace, through education, medicine and law.

One prominent member of the family, Jacob Bockée, served in the Revolutionary War and then later became a member of the New York State Assembly. While there in Albany, he proposed a bill for the abolition of slavery in the state, which became the model for the law enacted in 1799.

The event on July 16 is open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

Betsy Strauss
Vice president, genealogist and archivist of the Amenia Historical Society and Dutchess County Historical Society Board Member
Amenia

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Primary care is Nuvance’s priority

As the chair of Primary Care at Nuvance Health, I work closely with Sharon Hospital’s leaders and community physicians to expand access to primary care across Sharon Hospital’s service area. This work is essential to creating a healthier community, but it also poses many challenges, such as recruiting and retaining practitioners to our many types of medical settings, especially in rural health environments. Today’s critical workforce shortage has further increased the challenges we face.

In a rural market like ours, we must be creative to attract new talent to the area to build and maintain a strong primary care infrastructure for the future. Please know we are leaving no stone un-turned in our efforts.

In addition, we are partnering with our region’s public officials to pursue a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation to lower the barriers we currently experience in our recruitment efforts. Together with our current medical professionals and Sharon Hospital’s community board, we continue to identify strategies for attracting new clinicians to the area and create a supportive and welcoming environment upon their arrival.

In fact, our local recruitment committee — led by our board of directors — spearheaded the newly released Sharon Hospital recruitment video, which featured local

actors and trusted Sharon Hospital physicians discussing what they love about this community hospital and our region.

I am happy to share that through these myriad efforts, we have hired three new primary care professionals in the last year.

The new members of our team are Tamar Wilms and Karen Arel, nurse practitioners, and most recently, a Harvard Medical School-educated physician who will join the Sharon Hospital team in September as a primary care clinician.

These new clinicians join a team of professionals who have been providing top-notch primary care to residents across Sharon Hospital’s service area for many years.

As we welcome new primary care clinicians and continue recruitment, we appreciate the continued dedication of our long-time teammates. We are working hard to ensure they are supported in serving this community.

We will continue to get creative in attracting new clinicians so we can transform care to best support the needs of our community into the future. We look forward to continuing to partner with Sharon Hospital’s board, community physicians and entire community in this important work.

Cornelius Ferreira, MD
Chair, Primary Care at Nuvance Health
Brookfield, Conn.

Sartori says ‘thanks’ to Millerton voters

Over the last four years of being on the Village Board, I have learned that nothing in municipal government is simple. Instead, there is a steep learning curve with constant challenges. However, it is gratifying when the board’s goals are accomplished, and projects fall into place.

Also, there is never just one thing happening or one issue to resolve in our thriving Village. There are several projects in the works and daily decisions to consider. I am working to make the Village

as effective and efficient as possible so the taxpayers feel confident that their money is spent wisely to benefit of the whole community.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Village voters for reelecting me to the Board of Trustees for a third term. I care deeply about the community that we live in, and I’m doing my best to make it a better place to live and work.

Alicia Sartori
Deputy Mayor
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ing that thumb’s up. In short, no one really knows what you truly mean.

Let’s go back to that list of acronyms of an evening broadcast of the news and reveal their true meaning... and if you read the words carefully, you will perhaps come to rethink what you thought the acronyms meant. Their actual names are perfectly clear as to actual meaning, intent (and order of words) and purpose, not perhaps the slant put on them in the short-hand world we now live in.

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In school, would it be enough to stand, put your hand on heart and simply say “Pledge, yeah” or IPAT FOTUS ATRF WISO NUGI WLJFA — or do the words of the pledge of allegiance actually mean something more?

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

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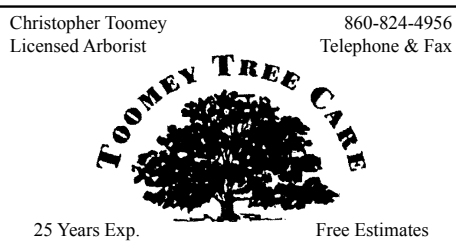
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