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Honoring sacrifice

Starting around 10 a.m., the community of Millerton gathered together for its annual tradition of commemorating Memorial Day, starting with a parade on Main Street. For full story and more photos, turn to Page A2.

American Legion Post #178 Historian Sean Klay reminded residents that Memorial Day is meant to honor those who perished serving their country.

PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

North East has commercial cannabis on its June agenda

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**
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NORTH EAST — The Town Board agreed last year that it would essentially put a pin in deciding if it would allow recreational adult use marijuana to be sold commercially within the town at what are being called “dispensaries.” In doing so, it gave itself the time to revisit the issue at a later date.

Come its June Town Board meeting on Thursday, June 9, town Supervisor Chris Kennan said he expects that very issue will be on the evening’s agenda.

“Cannabis is legal in New York State, so the question now is where will the dispensaries be located? And that’s something the towns

do have some control over,” said Kennan.

The supervisor explained that last August the Town Board voted to opt out of permitting a dispensary in the town, with the ability to opt in at a later date.

“One of reasons we did so was because the regulatory structure had not even been established at that point, so there was no rush,” he said, “and we wanted to know more about how that would be set out; we indicated at that time by

opting out it provided the opportunity to permit dispensaries in town the following year.”

Kennan said the first reason the town is now taking up the issue again is because the board told the public it would “take another look at it this year.”

The second, he said, “is because under New York State regulations, if the village permits a dispensary, in the village, which they are per-

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New local law drafted to abolish Millerton police

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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MILLERTON — Forging ahead with its discourse on the future of police services in Millerton, the Village Board introduced a new local law, entitled “Local Law ‘B,’” on the abolishment of the Millerton Police Department (MPD) with a mandatory referendum at the board’s special workshop meeting on Tuesday, May 24.

With the exception of Village Trustee Laurie Kerr, the majority of the board attended the meeting at 6 p.m., as did a dozen local residents. After introducing the public to Attorney Victoria Polidoro, Mayor Jenn Najdek turned the board’s attention to the new local law.

Polidoro explained the new local law is very similar to the board’s prior local law (“Local Law ‘A’”) on abolishing the MPD and contracting with the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO). However, Local Law B is subject to a mandatory referendum and contains language that states the local law shall be submitted at a special election.

At this point of the year, Polidoro told the Village Board it would have to be a special election because it’s “too close to your general election” in June and too far from the annual election in

November.

Though there were only four out of five board members in attendance, Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer said the board could still make a motion on setting a public hearing.

That being said, she said if the board voted to schedule a public hearing on the local law and it ended in a tie, it would be a non-action.

Village Trustee Dave Sherman asked what the time frame is between Local Law B’s adoption and when the mandatory referendum has to occur. Polidoro said the timeline is set by state law and she believed it to be between 10 and 60 days.

Sherman brought his concerns to the board about having a completed document in place with information about Millerton’s police services that would be available to

See **MPD, A8**

Stanford holds first Gay Pride event June 4

By **JUDITH O’HARA BALFE**
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STANFORD — When the notice came around proclaiming a celebration in Stanford in honor of Gay Pride, it was a first. It promises to be an exciting day.

The celebration of Pride Month each June began slowly, but it’s catching on quickly. In larger cities, it has been feted for many years, but in smaller towns and villages, the movement has progressed more slowly.

However, in this area alone, Millbrook Pride is already celebrating its sixth Pride event this year.

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New York State Police say ‘no foul play’ suspected in Dover man’s death

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DOVER PLAINS — The 32-year-old Dover resident who was discovered dead on a walking path behind the CVS Plaza at 3081 Route 22 in Dover Plains last week died of natural causes, according to New York State Police (NYSP) Troop K Public Information Officer A.J. Hicks.

Across the street from the CVS Plaza is a McDonald’s fast food restaurant as well as another plaza with a Dunkin’ Donuts located in it. Hicks described the small path

behind the CVS, not well known, except perhaps to local residents.

“It’s a little walking trail that people cut out, a little short cutout, not a state park or town park,” he said. “I don’t believe it was any kind of slip or fall or something else going on that caused this person to fall and die. It appears to be all natural.”

The man, who has been identified as Andrew Cherry of Dover Plains, had left his home in the town of Dover on Thursday, May 26, at around 6:30 p.m., according to Hicks.

According to Troop K, the family called the NYSP when Cherry failed

to return home two hours later, asking for troopers to do a welfare check.

According to Hicks, the deceased was accustomed to walking the path behind the CVS to go to the store and then return to his residence, which seems to be where he was heading at the time of his death. The call to dispatch came in at 8:30 p.m. and the body was discovered prior to midnight.

“We did respond and are investigating; there are no signs of foul

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Thorne Building update

Turn to Page A8 to read about how the Millbrook Community Partnership’s Open House of the Thorne Building Community Center went on Saturday, May 28. More than 350 community members attended.



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Millerton remembers its fallen

MILLERTON — The village was aglow with the red, white and blue as the local community came together to celebrate Memorial Day at Millerton's annual parade and ceremony on Monday, May 30.

The Memorial Day commemorations began at 6 a.m. with the Millerton American Legion Post #178's traditional morning Cemetery Repass, during which time Legion members visited all of the cemeteries in the town.

Parade participants began lining up on Century Boulevard at 9:30 a.m.; community members flocked to Veterans Park with hopes of getting a clear view. By 10 a.m., the parade — featuring local heroes, village and town officials and others — made its way down Main Street, stopping at the

Webutuck Creek Bridge to remember those lost in the nation's naval services and Merchant Marine and then at the Irondale Cemetery for a brief service.

Retracing their route up Main Street, parade participants then gathered at Veterans Park for the American Legion's traditional Memorial Day program.

— Kaitlin Lyle



Clutching a freshly picked bouquet of flowers, Zora Antonelli Morris, 5, parked her bike on the sidewalk in front of Veterans Park in anticipation of Millerton's annual Memorial Day parade.



On Monday morning, May 30, community members gathered at Veterans Park in Millerton to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country at this year's Memorial Day ceremony.

PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Speed a factor in life-threatening crash near state line

By KAITLIN LYLE
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NORTH EAST — Assisted by the Millerton Police Department, the Millerton Fire Company and the Town of Amenia Emergency Medical Services, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) was called to the scene of a one-car crash on Route 44 in the town of North East on Monday, May 23.

As reported in the DCSO's police report, the crash occurred at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Monday night. A preliminary investigation into the crash revealed that Ancram resident Edward Ferrato, 69, was driving a 1964 Oldsmobile sedan westbound on Route 44 near the state line when he lost control of his vehicle.

After doing so, the Ferrato's car left the roadway

and struck a tree. The driver was reported as being the sole occupant of the car.

Ferrato was initially transported to Sharon Hospital in neighboring Connecticut and was later airlifted from Sharon Hospital to Hartford, Conn., with life-threatening injuries.

The DCSO's report stated that at this time of the accident it found "the primary factor appears to be unsafe speed."

The crash remains under investigation by members of the Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau and Crash Investigation Unit.

Asked whether there have been any updates on Ferrato or from the investigation, DCSO Capt. John Watterson from the DCSO said there's no new information as of press time.

Prelude to Summer Concert at Millerton Methodist Church

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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MILLERTON — When a good time and a good cause promise to intertwine, it's next to impossible to come up with an excuse not to find time — or the \$15 that will benefit the Millerton Methodist Church — to attend the concert planned for Friday, June 3, at 7 p.m., at the church located at 6 Dutchess Ave.

The Prelude to Summer Concert will feature the musical duo of Gary Higgins & Dave VandeBogart, with all proceeds going to benefit the upkeep and maintenance of the oldest church in the town of North East.

The recognizable crisp white Methodist Church with its brilliant red doors, situated in the middle of the village at the corner of Dutchess Avenue and Main Street is across the street from The Moviehouse in the midst of Veterans Park. It's struggled for a number of

years financially, especially as maintenance costs have risen and it had to pay for a major repair project that dealt with a structurally compromised building in which one of the walls had actually become separated from the rest of the church.

VandeBogart said much of that repair project was covered by insurance and through fundraising, but it did get very costly. The walls needed to be braced and a major overhaul of the building was necessary when the walls started to collapse.

"The cost for the renovations was \$350,000, thankfully mostly covered by insurance," he said, adding the church dates back to 1858. "We've had issues with the building since I believe 2015; there was a false ceiling and a beautiful tin ceiling... and work needed to be done on all of that... and the roofs and gutters... and the front door had rotted away..."

VandeBogart mentioned a

church member from Millerton who now lives in Maine named Will Brown who, like him, is a musician. Brown often performs in concerts to likewise help raise funds; he also has done some of the repair work at the church himself to help save money and make improvements.

All of those types of contributions, though, have been stifled due to the coronavirus pandemic these past two-plus years, said VandeBogart.

"We tried to have a concert, maybe two a year, but COVID took care of that. We had one set for 2020 that we had to bag," he said. "It's great to be able to offer that again."

Prelude to Summer will feature all original songs, many from Higgins' "Red Hash" album, and some from his follow-up album, "Seconds." It will also feature songs from VandeBogart's albums, "Call it What you Want" and "Drink Like a Chimney, Smoke Like a Fish."

Higgins is a resident of Falls Village, Conn. He plays the guitar, bass, drums, "has a great voice and is a super songwriter," said his partner.

VandeBogart is a native of Millerton and plays guitar

mostly, he said.

The pair have toured in the U.S., after VandeBogart said Higgins' 1972 acoustic "Red Hash" album was rediscovered in 2005.

"It was great fun," VandeBogart said. "My favorite part was the performance and the reaction from crowd. He has pockets of fans in all these places... Philadelphia, San Francisco, Chicago, Austin..."

VandeBogart might also be recognizable to local residents as a 36-year member of the Millerton Fire Company. His wife, Patti Lynch, is likewise a 31-year-member of the Millerton Rescue Squad and a safety officer with the fire company.

The Millerton Methodist Church has a capacity of roughly 100, and tickets are only being sold the night of the concert at the door on a first come, first served basis. The church is air conditioned, so it will be nice and comfortable for those in the audience.

Irondale Schoolhouse

Season gets rainy start but promises to shine

MILLERTON — Even as the rain came tumbling down, the bells of the Irondale Schoolhouse tolled in celebration of a new season as it opened for the 2022 year on Saturday, May 28.

Located at 16 Main St. at the head of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, visitors were invited to tour the 1858 one-room schoolhouse. Along with learning about its restoration and relocation to Millerton, folks were welcome to ring the bell on Opening Day.

The schoolhouse will be open on weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. from now through mid-October.

During the next few months, the Irondale Schoolhouse will host free events to educate and entertain the community.

On Friday, June 3, at 5:30 p.m., learn about early American education with Traveling Schoolmarm Susan Webb.

On Friday, June 24, at 7 p.m., Sarah K. Hermans will discuss



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Friends of the Irondale Schoolhouse Board member and docent John Hicks rang the schoolhouse bell on Saturday, May 28.

local history in her book, "The 1903 Jackson Corners Signature Quilt."

On Saturday, July 2, the schoolhouse will host two magicians at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information about upcoming events at the Irondale Schoolhouse, go to www.irondaleschoolhouse.org.

— Kaitlin Lyle

AREA IN BRIEF

Ukrainian Chorus Concert June 4

SALISBURY, Conn., — On Saturday, June 4, Dumka and Young Dumka Ukrainian Chorus of New York will perform for the local community at the Salisbury School's Chapel at 251 Canaan Road in Salisbury, Conn., from 6 to 8 p.m.

The concert will be able to accommodate approxi-

mately 300 people. Tickets are \$95 a person. To purchase tickets, visit www.eventcombo.com.

The fundraiser will help the Ukrainian people in the war-torn nation. Proceeds will go towards Dumka Choir directed efforts to help Ukraine via Ukrainian Central Bank.

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Bombers Unified Basketball team honors senior players

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Between the players' enthusiasm and all of the support and infectious spirit, the Stissing Mountain High School Unified Basketball Team had an electrifying night to honor its graduating players at its Senior Recognition Game on Wednesday, May 18.

Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School Principal Tara Grieb said the Bombers' Unified Basketball Program has been going strong for several years. It allows students who likely wouldn't otherwise play a varsity sport to have that opportunity. In addition to the athletes, she said there

are varsity athlete helpers and other student helpers who "play" on the team with them.

"It is a wonderful experience for players, coaches and spectators," Grieb said of the program.

Led by Coaches Christa Brenner and Sue Lydon, this year's unified team consists of six players (three of whom are seniors) and four partners.

Senior Recognition Night was held at 4:30 p.m. on May 18 prior to a game against the Rondout Valley Unified Team.

Stissing senior players Chris Hurley, Ryan Curry and Jake Lyman were recognized for their contributions to the team and congratulated by the school community, as were senior partners John To-

"We make sure to have senior games as we would for any other varsity sport for all students involved."

Tara Grieb, Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School Principal

masetti and Lilyanna Brenner.

"We make sure to have senior games as we would for any other varsity sport for all students involved and call their name [and] recognize them the same way we do on all other teams," Grieb said.

Almost an hour into the game, Rondout Valley was ahead of Stissing Mountain, with a score of 35-28, though Stissing Mountain maintained its dynamic energy in pursuit of the ball.

In fact, the players' enthu-

siasm proved so contagious that the cheers reverberated throughout the bleachers as the players sought control of the ball.

While the final scores of the Stissing Mountain game against Rondout Valley have not been released, Grieb spoke highly of the Bombers Unified Team's endeavors during this season.

"The season was amazing as it always is, and we look forward to future years of the program," she said.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

The court inside the Stissing Mountain High School gymnasium reverberated with the sounds of bouncing basketballs as the Pine Plains Central School District hosted a unified basketball team fundraiser in May.

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Irene Gloria (Humes) Whitman

NORTH CANAAN — Irene Gloria (Humes) Whitman, 89, of 41 Reed Street, passed on at the Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in North Canaan. Irene was the wife of the late James Whitman. She was born August 26, 1932, in Hudson, New York, daughter of the late Andrew and Mabel (Eglin) Humes Jr.

Irene worked for over 30 years as a private duty caregiver around the Northwest Corner of the state. She had graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village. Irene then attended St. Margaret Hospital in Albany, New York to become a nanny. Irene loved to do anything outdoors. In earlier years she enjoyed biking, hiking, and nature walks. As her family grew she was always so pleased to spend time with them. It was that time together that was so special to her. She also enjoyed music, especially Polish Polka music. In later years Irene enjoyed the simple pleasure of sitting on her back porch.

She is survived by her children: Kenneth Whitman

and his wife Terry of An-cram, New York; Lawrence Whitman of Sharon; Norma Jean Winslow and her husband James of Punta Gorda, Florida; Leslie Whitman of Canaan, and Emily Whitman of Westfield, Massachusetts. Irene is also survived by her granddaughter Sarah Whitman and great-granddaughter Emma Hill. She also leaves her nieces Lynne Stanton and her husband William; Nor-reen Fahey; and Eileen Coons; her sister-in-law Jackie Eglin. Irene was predeceased by her grandson Kenneth Whitman II; sister Grace Killmer; and two brothers Andrew and Charles Humes.

Graveside services will be held on June 4, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in Mountain View Cemetery, Sand Road, North Canaan. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 99 South Canaan Rd., Canaan, CT 06018. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St., Canaan, CT 06018.

James 'Jim' R. Samartini

KENT — James "Jim" R. Samartini, 87, of Kent, Connecticut, passed away peacefully at his home on May 15, 2022.

He was married to Julia (Schoenberg) Rubin Samartini for 26 years.

Jim was born April 13, 1935, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Leonard and Grace (Tully) Samartini.

He was last employed as chief financial officer for Whirlpool Corporation and previously served as CFO for the Mead Corporation. Jim was as a graduate of Dartmouth College (1957) and obtained his MBA at Harvard University (1961). He was a member of the Harvard Club in New York City.

While at Mead Corporation in Dayton, Ohio, he was treasurer and subsequently, CFO. While at Whirlpool his positions included CFO, Chairman for the Whirlpool Financial Corporation and Chairman for the Whirlpool Foundation. Jim served on many corporate boards over the years including the Whirlpool Corporation, Pinnacle Financial Services and the Mead Foundation.

In earlier years he was very active in the Dayton, Ohio Chapter for Financial Executives Institute as well as president and Board member for the Dayton Opera Association. In Michigan, he served on the board for the South-west Michigan Symphony Association.

Jim always found a way to

contribute to the communities in which he lived. He served as the former chairman of the board and treasurer at Marvelwood School in Kent, Connecticut. He was the treasurer of the Kent Memorial Library as well as serving on the Kent Zoning Board of Appeals, Kent Lions Club and the Kent Center School Scholarship Fund. Jim also was a Eucharistic Minister and Financial Council member of Sacred Heart Church in Kent.

James is survived by his wife Julia, sons David L. Samartini, James F. Samartini, and Patrick R. Samartini (Jennifer) all of Dayton, Ohio, stepson Alexander S. Rubin (Karolann) of New York City, stepdaughter Laura L. Rubin of Los Angeles, California, grandchildren Michael Samartini and Kristen Kreuv, and great grandson Sawyer Kreuv. He is also survived by his step-grandson James A. Rubin and step-granddaughters Logan J. Rubin and Isabella J. Rubin.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, directly at Sacred Heart Church in Kent, CT at 11 a.m. Burial will be private at the Calvary Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio. Lillis Funeral Home, 58 Bridge Street, New Milford, Connecticut has been entrusted to care for James and his family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Kent Community Fund, P.O. Box 262, Kent, CT 06757.

Johan Winsser

Johan Winsser, 74, of West Cornwall passed quietly at home after a brief illness. He was a loving and devoted, husband, father, brother, and friend.

He was born in 1948 in the Netherlands, the youngest son of Johan Winsser and Marie Louise van Temmen. He earned a B.A. from Earlham College, an M.Div. from Andover Newton Theological School, and an M.Ed. and Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. After college he held positions in community counseling, before changing careers to teach high school, college and graduate school. For more than thirty years he worked in technology and telecommunications, for a while running his own business, and retired as a senior network planner

for Verizon.

He was a competitive runner, enjoyed gardening and stewardship of conservation lands, was self-reliant, and designed and helped build the house he and his family lived in. He was a scholar of early New England history, publishing several academic articles and then a biography of Mary Dyer, the Quaker martyr, who was hanged in 1660 for civil disobedience. He felt strongly about fairness and justice, had a sharp eye and ear for nonsense, and enjoyed challenging convention.

Johan is survived by his beloved wife, Ann, son Nicholas, daughter Katharine (Katya), and brother Fred of Ipswich, Massachusetts.

There will be no funeral. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.



Above, Jane Murphy, an 89-year-old resident at The Fountains in Millbrook, completed the group walk in honor of National Senior Health and Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 25. Murphy joined the walk after going to rehab for a fractured femur, but that didn't slow her down. Left, about 30 Fountains staff and residents gathered for the National Senior Health and Fitness Day walk.

SPORTS

Millbrook seniors get fit for Older Americans Month

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The month of May was when this country celebrated Older Americans Month, with the last Wednesday of the month reserved for National Senior Health and Fitness Day.

Residents at The Fountains in Millbrook, an independent living facility for seniors as well as those in assisted living, did their part to celebrate the month and the day and embrace their age and vitality on Wednesday, May 25. The plan to keep up with their fitness routines throughout June, the rest of the summer and the rest of the 2022.

Roughly 30 residents and staff gathered to take part in a group walk, called The Fountain's Hilltoppers' Walk. While a few residents were in wheelchairs pushed by their caregivers, a great many walked on their own. Some used canes or walkers, but all were determined, and every one of them finished the walk.

They all celebrated at race's end, enjoying protein bars and cups of juice as they crossed the finish line.

Some of the walkers were in their late 70s, but most were older, in their 80s, 90s. One will be celebrating her 103rd birthday this June.

The walk was not extensive, possibly a half-a-mile round trip, from the inn to the chapel and back. Yet it did feature a small hill and was held on asphalt.

Signs of encouragement were posted along the way. There was a finishing line

made up of colored flags. The weather was perfect — warm with a light wafting breeze — and to keep everyone upbeat, Fern, a favorite therapy dog at The Fountains, went along for the trek.

National Senior Health and Fitness Day is the largest health and wellness movement for seniors in the U.S. It is nationally celebrated by the Mature Market Resource Center, a clearinghouse organization for older adults that works with many nonprofit organizations and private NGOs.

The purpose is to make the public aware of the need to increase seniors' physical activity options and to highlight the importance of good nutrition for their physical and mental well-being. Regular exercise is also known to be helpful in alleviating falls and preventing fractures and breaks by keeping bone mass healthy. The day also acknowledges the importance of good nutrition and exercise to prevent ill health. Some diseases can be prevented by keeping a healthy weight, eating right and getting regular exercise.

Those celebrating National Senior Health and Fitness Day include senior centers, recreation centers, retirement communities and more.

Director of Fountains Community Life Lisa Rieckermann said the community was "proud" to participate this year. She walked with her dog in the event and she gave much of the credit for the walk's success to her assistant, Donna Hanson, and Sue Close, a community life associate.



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

OBITUARIES

Thomas 'Otis' J. Stratman

EAST CANAAN — The family of Thomas "Otis" J. Stratman, Sr., 64, announce his passing May 9, 2022. He was born March 17, 1958, in Great Barrington, son of the late Lee Stratman, Sr. and Joan (Liner) Stratman.

Thomas was an amazing plumber. He was employed by William Perotti and Sons, Fred Warner, and worked with his brother Chip (Lee Jr.). Thomas was raised in the Canaan Methodist Church. He was an avid Boston Red Sox fan. He always enjoyed a cup of black coffee, and a chocolate doughnut. Thomas also enjoyed fishing and camping, but his greatest attribute was his devotion to his grandchildren. He was a #1 Opa!

Thomas is survived by his daughter Melissa Ann Stratman of Falls Village, and his son Thomas Stratman, Jr. of Torrington. He is also sur-

vived by his three brothers: Chip & Barbara Stratman of East Canaan; Christopher & Diane Stratman of Florida; Larry & Julianna Stratman of Ashley Falls; and brother-in-law Brian Naventi of New York. Thomas is also survived by his five grandchildren: Chloe, Nicholas, Lydia, Jillian Grace, Amelia and many nieces and nephews.

Thomas was predeceased by his sister Jill Naventi.

Graveside services will be on Saturday June 18, 2022, in Hillside Cemetery East Canaan, at 4:00 p.m. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be sent to Shriners Children's Hospital 51 Blossom St. Boston, MA 02114.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home 118 Main St. Canaan, Connecticut 06018.



Worship Services

Week of June 5, 2022

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Pine Plains mulls proposed solar law text, zoning for cannabis distribution

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Between reviewing the proposed solar law text and discussing the future of cannabis zoning, the Pine Plains Town Board kept itself busy at its workshop meeting on Monday, April 18.

The meeting began at Pine Plains Town Hall at 7 p.m.; Town Board members attended in person while planners Frank Fish and Taylor Young from BFJ Planning attended via Zoom.

Solar law text

Regarding the proposed solar law text, Fish said there were few changes made. Young displayed the text and, pointed out the changes marked in red. The planners noted sentences had been added as a direct response to previous board discussions, where the language had been reviewed and revised.

"I think what we tried to do is answer your questions from the last meeting and make the additions that you asked for," Fish said.

After complimenting the planners on their work, Councilmember Sarah Jones raised the statewide issue of agrivoltaics and farmland. Having circulated information about a study conducted by the American Farmland Trust, she explained it's important to understand that New York State has very ambitious goals for solar energy.

Jones said though the state is also concerned with trying to preserve farmland. She said the town, and state, will be see a huge amount of solar development in the next 20 years — much aimed at farmland because it's easy to install solar

arrays there and the state has lots of farmland.

Jones noted it would be nice to give some flexibility to the Pine Plains Planning Board to help preserve farmland. She also raised the issue of how solar installations take farmland away from farmers who rent land out, which presents a larger economic problem.

Turning to the text section of the zoning update related to large-scale solar installations, Fish suggested adding a section that states applicants should indicate to the Planning Board the potential impacts of solar installations on agricultural uses.

Given the importance of solar siting, Jones said she would want the Planning Board to look at the best way to site solar. She added she would like to know the agricultural rating of the land on which solar panels might be placed.

The Town Board suggested the planners look at what the town already has in its zoning code in reference to agricultural districts and solar laws.

Cannabis discussion

Fish then initiated a discussion on cannabis zoning in town. Displaying a draft of the town's cannabis retail dispensary zoning text on screen, Fish guided the board through the text. He said their biggest call for the cannabis law was permitting cannabis retail dispensaries in the hamlet business district with a special permit.

"This doesn't restrict you someday from amending this or putting it in other districts, but that was our first call and that's a major call, so we wanted to be sure there was some comfort level with this," Fish said.

He added the planners inter-

nally discussed using the town's new manufacturing district as a possibility for cannabis retail dispensaries before asking the board if it wanted to extend permitting cannabis retail dispensaries along Main Street.

The Town Board shared there were some areas of Main Street that might be appropriate for such businesses. Young made a note to add Main Street to the text.

Under special permit conditions, Fish said he and Young listed 10 conditions in which to allow cannabis retail dispensaries, including location, separation from other select uses, prohibiting drive-through components, having a ventilation plan and security system and lighting.

There was also a discussion about parking requirements. Getting into the text, Young said they're currently adding new definitions for what constitutes an adult-use retail dispensary. With help from Fish, Young reviewed each of the

special-use permit standards, making notes where needed.

For those standards, the planners said no building or structure associated with an adult-use retail dispensary shall be located within 100 or 200 feet of any school property, house of worship or another adult-use retail dispensary.

They explained the distance varies depending on whether it's a school or house of worship. Hours of operations will be limited from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays through Saturdays. Here, the board said it was OK to have the dispensary open seven days a week given how busy the town is on weekends. Taylor made a note to permit sales on Sundays.

Cannabis retail dispensaries must be located in a permanent enclosed building, with a security system approved by the Pine Plains Police Department. The dispensaries must also provide for the secure disposal of marijuana remnants or by-products.

Woodward Bridge work

GALLATIN — The Columbia County Department of Public Works (DPW) is replacing Woodward Bridge, carrying Columbia County Route 7 over a tributary to the Roeliff Jansen Kill. It's scheduled to begin work the first week of June.

Posting of the detour will take place and the bridge is expected to close on or about June 13, and construction should be complete in early September.

Woodward Bridge is located in the town of Gallatin, approximately one-quarter mile east of the intersection of County Route 7 and Elsohn Road.

According to the DPW's Engineering Division, "This nearly 70-year-old county bridge has had a problematic reduced load posting of 15 tons for several years, and suffers from numerous steadily deteriorating structural deficiencies, thus is in need of complete replacement."

The posted off-site detour will traverse County Route 7, State Route 82 and Elsohn Road. The DPW estimates the detour will be utilized for the estimated four to five month duration of this bridge replacement project.



PHOTO BY RUTH KEELER

Above are Vietnam War-era Veterans, who received pins for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War at the Pine Plains Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 30, held at the Town Clock Tower Memorial. Pictured above, from left, are veterans Dick Hutchings, Curtis Simmons, Frank Christiansen and Davis Simmons.

Pine Plains honors its vets

Paying tribute on Memorial Day

PINE PLAINS — As is the annual tradition, many members of the Pine Plains community came out to honor those who gave their lives in defense of this nation on Monday, May 30. The Shekomeko American Legion Post #426 and the Pine Plains VFW Post #5519 once again joined forces to organize the town's annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony.

As part of the traditional Memorial Day program, which included the parade starting at 10:30 a.m., participants stepped off from the Pine Plains firehouse before

pausing at the Town Clock Memorial. The parade ended at Evergreen Cemetery.

Among the most heartfelt aspects of the program, VFW members gave 50-year commemorative pins to those who had served their country during the Vietnam War period.

"I think we had one of the largest turnouts, both parade and spectators, more than we've had in many, many years," said Pine Plains native and resident and Chair of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19), "so that was great to see."

—Kaitlin Lyle



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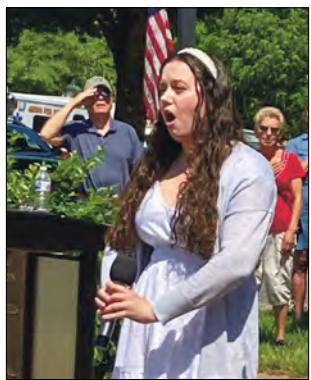
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AMENIA



Amenia native Cassandra Whitehead, a Webutuck High School and Bard College graduate, sang the National Anthem and God Bless America at Monday's Memorial Day Ceremony in Amenia at Fountain Square.



PHOTOS BY VICKI DOYLE

VFW Post 5444 Commander Madison Fletcher, right, led the Memorial Day parade and ceremony for the town of Amenia on Monday, May 30.

Amenia pays tribute to fallen veterans on Memorial Day

AMENIA — Residents and community members joined together on Monday, May 30, for the town's annual Memorial Day ceremony at Fountain Square, at the intersection of routes 22, 44 and 343. Their thoughts went out to those who fought for our freedom and paid the ultimate price as the commemoration got underway.

The ceremony was hosted by the Dover VFW Post #5444; the community came out to pay its

respects for our country's fallen heroes.

"We had great support," said Post #5444 Cmdr. Madison Fletcher, who extended her thanks to the Amenia Fire Company for organizing the parade that began before the 11 a.m. ceremony for the community.

"It was a huge reception — there were plenty of people there and we're grateful for everyone who showed up to pay their respects."

Amenia Town Councilwoman Vicki Doyle agreed the event was an important one, especially as this nation must remember those who sacrificed themselves to protect everyone else at home.

"I wanted to thank everybody for finding various ways of extending the community's heartfelt gratitude to our veterans for defending our freedom," said Doyle.

— Kaitlin Lyle

The Wassaic Project's summer season opens with art and lies

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WASSAIC — Though the official start of summer is still a month away, The Wassaic Project artists collaborative could barely contain its rapture in launching its biggest summer season yet with the opening of the 2022's "A Tournament of Lies" on Saturday, May 21.

As announced by The Wassaic Project, this summer's exhibition features 46 artists who have gathered in Wassaic "in hopes of harnessing the infinite energy of the life imitates art imitates life imitates art dynamo."

Wassaic Project Communications Coordinator Joe Brommel explained the exhibition's title comes from a line in the R.E.M. song, "It's the End of the World as We Know It (and I Feel Fine)."

"We thought the title fit well with the carnival of ab-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE WASSAIC PROJECT

Heidi Johnson's oil painting "Pull My Daisy" captures a vivid variety of animals on canvas on display at The Wassaic Project's summer exhibition.

surdity we're living through right now," Brommel said, "and the show itself has a fairly strong undercurrent of

nature gone haywire."

The opening was held at Maxon Mills at 37 Furnace Bank Road in Wassaic on Saturday, May 21. "A Tournament of Lies" will be open for public viewing from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through Saturday, Sept. 17.

"We're conscious that dozens of artists aren't going to fit into the same curatorial box, so our titles usually just aim to establish a tone for someone going into the show," Brommel said. "But it was a pleasant surprise to realize that this show actually coheres in a really organic way: up and down the mill, the artists talk echo, elaborate upon, and re-contextualize, and one another's ideas. We can't wait for people to see it."

Beyond the seasonal exhibition, local residents have a lot to look forward to this coming summer at The Wassaic Project.

On Saturday, June 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., Laurie Simmons, an advocate for emerging artists, will be honored at the 2022 Summer Benefit.

On Saturday, July 23, and Saturday, Aug. 20, The Wassaic Project will host free, all-day Block Parties in the hamlet featuring live music, dance, artist talks, extended gallery hours and plenty of festive fun for the community.

To learn more about what The Wassaic Project has in store this summer, go to its website at www.wassaicproject.org.



On closer inspection, viewers will notice everything in artist Stephen Morrison's Italian restaurant scene is a dog, from the dinner guests to the food and utensils.



Among the diversity of artwork on display in this year's summer exhibition, viewers will find a video from Beth Krebs' "Anthem" at Maxon Mills in the hamlet of Wassaic.

Town Board OKs contract to promote affordable housing

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Grasping the need to promote local affordable housing opportunities in town, the Amenia Town Board approved a contract with the environmental, planning and engineering consulting firm AKRF to update its zoning regulations and prepare strategic updates to the Comprehensive Plan on Thursday, May 5.

The entire board was present at the 7 p.m. meeting at Town Hall with the exception of town Supervisor Victoria Perotti. Councilman Leo Blackman read aloud the resolution authorizing the contract with AKRF "to conduct zoning ordinance and comprehensive plan strategic update to promote affordable housing."

Blackman explained the town's intent to update its existing workforce housing law and other relevant zoning code sections "to preserve and encourage affordable housing units within the town of Amenia, which will promote the construction of moderate income housing units within the town and clarify the administrative process in the workforce housing law."

Last year, Blackman said, via resolution, the Town Board authorized AKRF to conduct

a review of its zoning code and Comprehensive Plan to determine what incentives exist for workforce housing and which locations in town are best suited for high-density residential housing.

AKRF was also authorized to make recommendations to help promote affordable housing within town. After reviewing relevant chapters of Amenia's zoning code and Comprehensive Plan to identify sections of both to promote affordable housing, AKRF submitted its findings to the Town Board this past October.

Blackman said that AKRF prepared and submitted a contract proposal to the board to update zoning regulations and prepare strategic updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

The board held a discussion before putting the resolution to a vote.

Stepping up to the podium to speak at last week's meeting, resident and local business owner Sharon Kroeger asked, "If this is a contract where you turn it over to them, is there built into that some kind of due process so that, as they are doing it, there's an interactive relationship to the town?"

Councilwoman Vicki Doyle said there's a planning process associated with any proposed changes that need a specific threshold.

If it's just a text change, she said the process "doesn't always rise to the level of a public hearing."

Doyle acknowledged it's likely that anything that rises to the appropriate level of change will result in a public hearing. She added there will be plenty of opportunities for public participation.

As a Town Board liaison for the Amenia Housing Board (and its former chairman), Blackman said AKRF will be working with the Housing Board's seven members as the process proceeds.

"Before you do it, I hope you've built in enough information with developing the contract so that they are well aware that towns like Amenia that don't have law enforcement and police forces and all of that are quite different than villages like Pine Plains and Millerton, which have a different kind of size and capability," Kroeger said, "and that has to be taken into consideration when doing this kind of thing."

Kroeger also expressed her concern that "there has been a tendency in the press to just run these three towns together as though they were all the same."

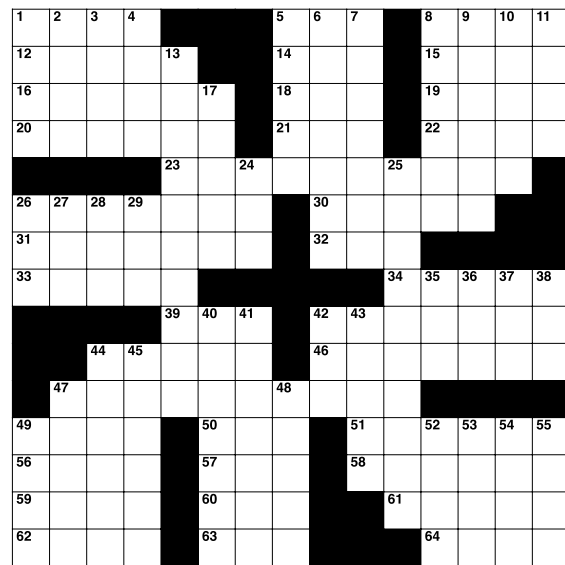
Without further ado, the board approved the contract with AKRF.

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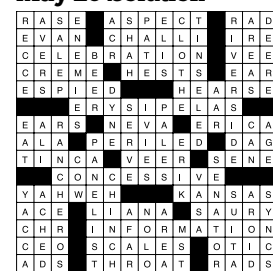
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- Tech hub ___ Alto
- Actress Tomei
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Type of smart watch
- Natives
- Incompetent person
- Rare Hawaiian geese
- Unspoken relationships
- Passports and licenses are two
- Claw
- Status quo
- Mimic
- Fur-lined cloak
- Ancient foreigner
- In an angry way
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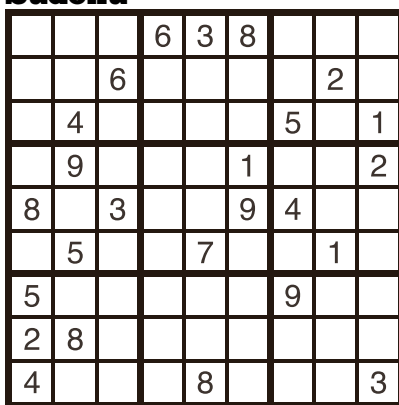


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- Southwestern Russian city
- Pro sports league
- Congress investigative body (abbr.)
- Stop standing
- Utilize
- Sign language
- Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
- Being of central importance
- Ruin environment
- Dessert dish
- Sea eagles
- Fertilized
- Jerry's friend Benes
- Indian river
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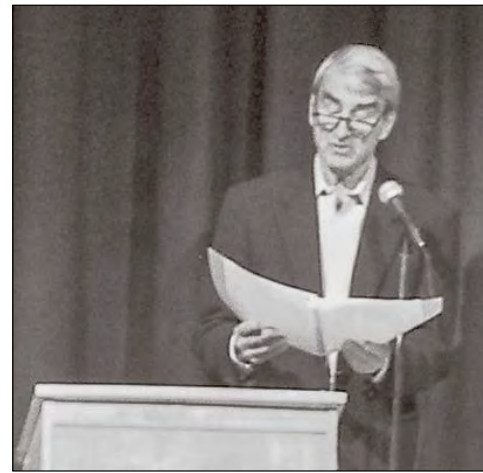


The Lakeville Journal Foundation is proud to announce the Honorary Co-Chairs of The Lakeville Journal's

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Meryl Streep featured in article on spreading awareness on pesticide use in agriculture, from The Lakeville Journal issue of Feb. 2, 1989.



Sam Waterston reads at an event for a town Historical Society, from The Lakeville Journal issue of Sept. 25, 2008.

Meryl Streep & Sam Waterston

Last week The Lakeville Journal Foundation announced Meryl Streep and Sam Waterston as Honorary Chairs of the Journal's 125th Anniversary Celebration, along with a wonderful essay about the paper by Sam.

This week, Meryl, in her own uniquely lyrical and highly personal words, says what the Journal means to her.

Meryl and Sam, all of us at the Journal and its readers and supporters thank you for your most generous expressions.



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When I come home from very far away
I make familiar trek around the town:
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Pick up the Lakeville Journal and sit down
Outside, behind the bookstore, on that bench
And read up on my neighbors; feel the wrench,
The tug of time flown by - what's here, and gone -
What's new? What's up? What gives? What's going on?

Oh yes, sure, I have online subscriptions to the New York Times.
And the Washington Post, the LA Times, the New Yorker, the Atlantic and The Week.
And I take timid sips of the NY Post and the Daily Mail if I dare a taste of blood. It's too much already, I know. It's way too much.
But Covid (and Putin) have brought home the necessity of keeping up with breaking international news. And because of hackers and attackers, I keep no social media presence: no Facebook, no Instagram or Tik Tok accounts.

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So when I want the real deal, to take the real-feel temperature of the place on this planet that I call home, I read The Lakeville Journal.
Another local, Arthur Miller, said, "A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself". The voices of our community, the echo rumbling through the Litchfield Hills surround, tells me what's happening on the ground authentically, what people think and feel, viscerally.
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online, but I like the actual paper in my hands. Home is not virtual, and The Lakeville Journal details news of home.

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Because we recognized what the loss of the paper would mean to our community, many people came together to try to save and sustain it. The willing generosity of those who worked to invent a solution, those who gave and continue to give to maintain this sounding board, our town square in oblong pages, our connective tissue, our common space, is thrilling.

My friend Anna Quindlen, a newspaperwoman herself, wrote: "To write the present is to believe in the future."
I will piggyback onto her wisdom to add: "...and to preserve the past."

Happy 125th Everybody!

— Meryl Streep

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the board that could then be presented to the public so that it is then kept informed of what's happening.

Additionally, he said he thought it would be appropriate if the board received some language for what the village's budget needs are for police services and what it perceives its needs will be going forward if it contracts with the DCSO.

"The thing is, if you're going to propose something, you want the voters of the community to know what you're proposing," Sherman said later that evening.

Having data available, such as the police department's call volume and determining its patrol shifts, was a recurring concern discussed among trustees in terms of information needed to make a decision.

Shifting gears, Village Trustee Matt Hartzog asked about the next step in the process and what the board would have to do if it was to adopt Local Law B.

Najdek explained that "it's like starting all over" in that the board would pass a resolution to schedule a public hearing on the local law, host the public hearing and then potentially adopt the local law.

In the event that the board decides to abolish the MPD, Polidoro said Millerton should have a plan in place with Dutchess County.

"We don't have to sign it — we just have to be prepared," Najdek said.

The board ultimately voted to table the discussion until its next regular workshop meeting on Monday, June 6, at 6 p.m.

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mitting, if someone establishes a dispensary, the village will get tax revenue from that, and that tax revenue will be shared with the town as long as the town is also permitting dispensaries. So even if there is just a dispensary in the village, but it's permitted in both municipalities, the revenue would be shared by both the village and the town."

He added he believes it's an important consideration in taking a second look, due to the sales tax revenue that could be generated for the town.

"That's definitely something that we want to think about," said Kennan.

As far as how the rest of the Town Board feels about permitting marijuana dispensaries, Kennan said he hasn't

spoken with all of the board members yet, but hopes to do so soon.

As for as the sentiment among town residents and business owners, he said this:

"We held a public hearing and there were people who spoke both in favor and against permitting dispensaries," he said. "The people I have talked to since have been, for the most part, thinking that it's a good idea; it's a legal enterprise and we really don't want to leave any tax revenue on the table."

Neighboring municipalities like Pine Plains are allowing dispensaries while Amenia is not. Over the border, Great Barrington, Mass., has been earning huge tax revenues selling legal cannabis for the past couple of years. Kennan

said he would like North East to take a slice of the pie.

"Great Barrington has a number of dispensaries in it, and has been rewarded handsomely for it," he said. "We'd like to take a little bit of their tax revenue from them."

He did acknowledge the negatives that can come from allowing pot to be sold within the community.

"I think one is always concerned about people abusing substances, whether they're cannabis or whether it's alcohol or other drugs, which if abused can be harmful," he said, adding there will have to be a number of factors taken into consideration including zoning. "If we move to permit dispensaries to be located in the town, the next step would be for the town to determine

where they would be permitted. And obviously the Boulevard area or a location on Route 22 would be the likely locations."

Kennan added if the village moves to sell pot the state is unlikely to permit two dispensaries to be open in the same community.

"There's going to be a limit; it's going to be quite regulated," he said. "I think it's 700 in the State of New York that will be permitted — I'm going to have to get back to you on that."

Proprietors will be responsible for obtaining permits from the state. Kennan said at this time he's not aware of any approvals municipalities must get from the state to allow dispensaries within their borders.

DOVER DEATH *Continued from Page A1*

play," said Hicks on Friday, May 27; he confirmed that the next of kin has been notified, adding, "I believe he was alone" at the time of death.

The Dutchess County medical examiner had performed the autopsy by the 27th, confirming the death was due to natural causes, but Hicks said the exact cause of death would not be made public.

The body was taken to the Poughkeepsie ME's office for

the autopsy, as per regular procedure.

Hicks also had no expectations as to when the official medical report would be released from the ME's office.

"The autopsy is done, but when the report comes from ME can be two days or two months, it depends on their case load," he said. "I don't expect it to take long, but we don't get notification of when it will be completed."

PRIDE *Continued from Page A1*

And now neighboring Pine Plains is excited to be celebrating its first Pride Month event this year as well.

Since the 1970s, there have been events commemorating the rights of the LGBTQ community, following the now-famous Stonewall Inn riot in New York City and the Compton Cafeteria Riots in San Francisco.

When rioters resisted, one rallying cry was that of "Gay Pride." So Pride Month began as a protest against unfair au-

thority and all other injustices of the time. As more and more people joined the movement, it spread across the U.S. and eventually, throughout the world.

An international organization known as InterPride was formed as a means to organize many of the protests and to keep track of events in a number of large cities.

Today the celebrations and protests are mainstream, with some corporate sponsors using their company logos on rainbow-hued merchandise; these days many politicians join in Pride Day activities.

Pride flags are proudly displayed on homes and by businesses in the region. Communities gather together to celebrate the fact that

people today may now enjoy the many personal freedoms those fought for so long and for so hard for so many years.

The event in Stanfordville is being hosted by Stanford Pride and is scheduled for Saturday, June 4. It promises to be a fun and freeing day for all who attend.

It is open to the public, beginning at 12:30 p.m., with a reading of a proclamation at the Stanford Town Hall at 26 Town Hall Road. The movement has come a long way from the Stonewall Inn Riot on June 28, 1960, 53 years ago.

Following the reading of the proclamation, a caravan of cars, decorated for the occasion with rainbow flags, will proceed to Bangallworks at 97 Hunns Lake Road, where

participants will be able to enjoy some entertaining live music and share some good food, BBQ and fashion with friends, both old and new. The day will run from 1 to 4 p.m.

Bangallworks is spacious, with a huge green lawn, so the celebration may be enjoyed indoors or outside.

It will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beginning of summer, to meet new people and to learn more about the LGBTQ community.

The event is sponsored in part by Stanford, which has aptly coined the name for itself as "a Caring Community."

For more information, go to www.stanfordpride.com or e-mail stanfordprides@gmail.com.

Community takes tour

Thorne Building Community Center Open House draws 350

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MILLBROOK — The day may have been rainy, but the outlook was sunny as more than 350 community members toured the future Thorne Building Community Center (TBCC) on Saturday, May 28, some for the first time.

George Whalen, Oakeigh Thorne and others from the Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP), the 501(c)3 nonprofit behind the years-long project spoke of how much transforming the historic one-time high school means to the them, as did the response to the day's event.

"The MCP, along with our many volunteers who assisted in the Open House Day, are delighted with the huge turnout, positive suggestions, and overwhelming enthusiasm received from the community for the TBCC. We hope the community will continue to stay updated by visiting our website: www.thornebuilding.org."

The building, which was given to the newly incorporated village of Millbrook in 1895, has been in a serious state of disrepair for many years. After no longer being used for educational purposes after 1962, it served as various venues over several years, but eventually was left to lay dormant.

During Saturday's tour, its stately elegance was evident as its stripped-down brick walls were bare, the asbestos recently removed. It 's not hard to envision a finished project, which was what the tour was all about.

The first floor has an auditorium and stage that will allow for theater events and could also accommodate social engagements like weddings. There are plans for possibly an art gallery and some community work spaces too. Many large windows allow an abundance of natural light.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Saturday, May 28, found roughly 350 community members at the Thorne Building Community Center to see the changes taking place there. Note the large arched windows that let in an abundance of natural lighting. Easels held renderings of plans by Sloan Architects, hired by the Millbrook Community Partnership 501(c)3 nonprofit to do the renovations.

Plans for the second floor include possibly a dance studio, classrooms, a room for seminars and kitchen/catering space. S

The third floor might be designated for office space, and the basement offers many possibilities, including a culinary center and kitchen, recording studio, technology center and more.

Many of those who attended were back for the first time since high school at the Open House. Others, such as Lois Marder, have been back more recently for events like antique shows; she praised the MCP's progress.

"After all these years it is delightful to see the elegant interior of this building and listen to all the stories that people recall," she said.

Resident Irene Wing said she was just glad the building would be put to good use.

"I'm glad it will be returned to its former glory," she said.

Resident John Kading celebrated his 94th birthday on Saturday. He recalled going to school at the Thorne Building and was glad to see old friends and former classmates on the tour to share memories with

of their high school days in those very halls.

Whalen, Justice Betsy Shequine, Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy and Patsy Pollack were among the many who volunteered to greet and guide the visitors on tours of the first floor. There were 14 volunteers in all, and the hundreds who showed up seemed to be impressed and delighted at the renovations thus far.

Millbrook students spruce up village, thank businesses

MILLBROOK — Students from Millbrook Middle School and Alden Place Elementary School joined forces to give back to the community on Thursday, May 26, delivering baked goods to businesses and planting flowers in the planters on Franklin Avenue.

According to school officials, the students brought the baked goods to the local businesses to express their thanks for how they routinely support the school district.

Students also planted flowers to improve the local scenery and as a way to bring smiles to local residents and visitors alike, and simply to give back to the community.

The fourth- and fifth-graders who participated were students of Leslie Anson and Erin Hicks, and were helped by members of the Millbrook Garden Club.

The students also picked up trash along Franklin Avenue, filling up a large industrial-sized bag.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe



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Students Keira Aghemey, Hurtado Mendez and Alyssa Mangione planted flowers along Franklin Avenue to help beautify the village of Millbrook.

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MOVIES: KAITLIN LYLE

New 'Doctor Strange' Opens Doors to Methods, Madness in the Multiverse

Back in November 2016, when I saw the first "Doctor Strange" movie in theaters, my interest in Stephen Strange's storyline boiled down to two points: my initiation into the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) and my susceptibility to actor Benedict Cumberbatch's charms.

It's been almost six years since "Doctor Strange" premiered. And while the doctor has since made numerous appearances in other MCU films, his fans have been waiting (patiently) for "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness," which was released in early May.

Given the endless surprises hiding up this story's sleeves, writing a spoiler-free review is tricky. One review of the movie I read was concerned that viewers would be lost going into the "Multiverse" without having watched the precursory storylines told in "WandaVision," "Spiderman: No Way Home" and "Avengers: Infinity War."

Having watched all three myself, I agree with this critique: Context is key.

"Multiverse" opens with Stephen Strange



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Benedict Cumberbatch returns as Dr. Strange, Master of the Mystic Arts.

(Cumberbatch) awakening from an intense dream of fighting a demon alongside a young girl — and then getting dressed for his ex-girlfriend's wedding. (Yes, even a Master of the Mystic Arts can't foresee why this is never a good idea.)

It's just after Christine (Strange's ex, played by Rachel McAdams) asks whether he's happy, that Strange leaves to do battle with an octopus-like creature in pursuit of the same girl from his dream.

Strange defeats the creature with help from his friend, Sorcerer Supreme Wong, and learns the girl, America Chavez, has the power to travel in the Multiverse.

But as soon as we learn that America can't control her power, we

know it won't be long before she'll be hunted down or before Strange himself becomes entangled in the multiverse.

"There are myriad reasons why the Multiverse theory is fascinating to explore: It's the idea that there's another universe where we're the happiest version of ourselves that's tempting enough to abandon reason in pursuit of that perfect world."

Writing this review as a Multiverse theory enthusiast, I was intrigued by the film's interpretation of accessing the Multiverse through dreams, creating this idea that the versions of ourselves we dream about do, in fact, exist other realms.

Not even the most avid MCU fans in my life were prepared for the sinister shifts in character development that we saw in this new Doctor Strange.

I myself was startled by how early in the film certain reveals were delivered, and the brisk pace with which other bombshells were dropped.

Yet the deep dive into the Multiverse's characters made that speed worthwhile. From an arrogant, self-driven doctor in 2016 to a more humbled practitioner of the mystical arts, Cumberbatch's Stephen Strange appears to have learned the lesson imparted on him six years and several movies ago: That it's not all about him.

Though "Multiverse" wasn't my favorite MCU film from the last few years — the bar was set somewhere between "Infinity War" and last year's "Spiderman" — I'm relieved that Marvel hasn't lost its capacity for catching viewers off guard between the cameos and cliffhangers.

With Sam Raimi (the celebrated director behind the cult classic horror "The Evil Dead" and the original "Spiderman" trilogy) perched atop the director's chair, there's a method to "the Multiverse of Madness" that viewers would be remiss to miss.

At the time of publication of this issue, "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness" was playing at The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., and the Four Brothers Drive-In Theater in Amenia, N.Y. It is expected to become available for streaming in the next six months.

MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Music Mountain Opens Its 93rd Season on June 5

Music Mountain in Falls Village, Conn., opens its 93rd season with a benefit concert on Sunday, June 5, at 3 p.m. that features this summer's musical theme: The 250th anniversary of Haydn's "Sun Quartets," which are said to have given birth to the string quartet medium as we know it today.

The Rolston String Quartet takes the stage for the June 5 benefit, with acclaimed violist Paul Neubauer. The program includes a Haydn quartet, the Brahms String Quintet in G Major and a new work by German composer Jörg Widmann, his "Hunting Quartet."

One of the delights of attending a concert at Music Mountain is the mountain itself, which is in a lovely park-like setting. Many patrons sit comfortably on the lawn during the performance (BYOB blankets and chairs); and, naturally, there are picnics.

For those who love the luxurious feel of having someone else make lunch, this year picnics for

two can be ordered ahead of time from the popular Le Gamin restaurant in Sharon, Conn. The meals are delivered by 1 p.m. to Music Mountain. Concerts begin at 3 p.m. and last about two hours (with a 20-minute intermission).

No need to order lunch for the June 5 benefit concert, however. Immediately after the performance, the artists will join audience members on the lawn for a German and Austrian-themed reception catered by Theresa Freund of Freund's Farm in East Canaan, Conn.

Tickets for the Season Opening Benefit Concert on June 5 range in price from \$40 to \$85.

This year all seats are reserved; front seats sell at a premium. Lawn tickets are General Admission. Patrons will be able to purchase specific seats from a seating map when buying tickets. Every seat will be a bit larger this year.

To order or get more details, call the Music Mountain box office at 860-824-7126.

BIFF Season Is Both Live and Virtual

The Berkshire International Film Festival (BIFF) is back in theaters this year, after being all-virtual during the worst of COVID-19.

As always, the lineup includes feature films as well as documentaries and animation.

For those who loved Wes Anderson's "The French Dispatch" last year, which included the tale of an artist who creates brilliant work while in prison, BIFF has "Art & Crimes by Crimes," a similar tale about painter Jesse Crimes.

Don Gummer, a celebrated sculptor who lives in Salisbury,

Conn., takes part in this year's festival in the film "Tea Talk," which will be shown on Sunday, June 5.

A diverse array of other artists is featured in films, from Leonard Bernstein to Sinead O'Connor. There are films from around the world, including the Japanese documentary "Come Back Anytime," about Masamoto Ueda, a legendary chef specializing in ramen noodles.

Get all information on tickets, times and locations at biffma22.eventive.org/welcome.

— Cynthia Hochswender

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Berkshire Botanical Garden, 5 West Stockbridge Road, Stockbridge, Mass. www.berkshirebotanical.org Hunt Country, May 7 to June 5.

Great Barrington Public Theater, Great Barrington, Mass. www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org GBPT Presents PERSIST: An Evocative Art Show by Seven Women Exploring Themes of Persistence in These Challenging Times, June 4 to Aug. 6.

BOOKS

The Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. www.cornwalllibrary.org Under The Tent Book Sale, June 4, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 5, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

House of Books, 4 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.houseofbooksct.com June Book Club, "On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous", June 15, 6 to 7 p.m.

DANCE

Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, 120 Broadway, Tivoli, N.Y. www.kaatsbaan.org Live Arts Global, June 4 and 5.

KIDS

Amenia Free Library, 3309 Route 343, Amenia, N.Y. www.amenialibrary.org Story Hour with Ms. Beth, Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

MISC.

Lime Rock Park, 60 White Hollow Road, Lime Rock, Conn. www.limerock.com The Little Guild's Great Country Mutt Show, June 5.

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 Now playing: Top Gun: Maverick, Downton Abbey: A New Era, The Bob's Burgers Movie, The Duke.

MUSIC

Clarion Concerts, www.clarionconcerts.org Players from the NY Philharmonic, June 5, 3 p.m.

Close Encounters With Music, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org Musica Latina, June 12, 4 to 5:45 p.m.

TALKS

Spencertown Academy Arts, 790 State Route 203, Spencertown, N.Y. www.spencertownacademy.org Garden Talk with Tovah Martin, June 18, 11 a.m. to noon.

THEATER

Great Barrington Public Theater, Great Barrington, Mass. www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org Solo Fest: Grief, the Musical... a Comedy, June 3 to 12. Solo Fest: The Bard The Beat The Blues, June 8 to 26.

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org Seeking 10-Minute Plays for the 2022 Festival of New 10-Minute Plays, submission deadline June 15.

STREAMING: ED FERMAN

Satire: Shows That Bite

Here are three awesome shows that have only one thing in common: They satirize things that I don't like.

"BEST IN SHOW"

I don't like the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show and neither do animal rights groups. The dogs are too pretty (only AKC registered Champions, please) and the handlers mostly women dressed in ill-fitting skirts. My best pal is the F-150 of American dogs, a black Lab (a breed that has never won best in show), and we enter the Great Country Mutt show, but I avoid Westminster.

Whether you agree with me or not, you're sure to love "Best In Show" (2000) in which Christopher Guest and his brilliant repertory gang expose this odd and insular community and their overblown competition.

Parker Posey plays the deeply anxious Meg Swan, hysterical because she can't find her dog's favorite toy, and Fred Willard is hilarious as the announcer. Eugene

Levy and Catherine O'Hara — Emmy winners for their roles in "Schitt's Creek" — play Gerry and Cookie Fleck, who compete with their terrier Winky and keep running into Cookie's former lovers. Priceless.

Stream on Hulu, HBO Max, rent on Amazon and others.

"THE BOYS"

Although I admit to a soft spot for Gal Gadot in "Wonder Woman," I'm happy never to set foot in the Marvel or DC superhero universes. And so I mostly admire this series, which turns the genre upside down while also taking on greedy corporations and white supremacists.

Here, the "supes" are the bad guys, under contract to a corrupt conglomerate, and led by the evil and powerful Homelander.

His vile crew includes A-Train, a drug-addicted speedster faster than a subway and just as dangerous; he runs over a gal and kills her.

The only decent member of "The Seven" is Starlight (Erin Moriarty), who turns against

the others. She joins The Boys, a ragged undercover group, in their fight against those with superpowers. They are led by Billy Butcher (a profane and terrific Karl Urban).

Be warned that this messy show has plenty of graphic sex and over-the-top violence, but it is taken to such absurd lengths and plays with enough sardonic humor that it may not seem unduly shocking.

Two seasons on Amazon; season 3 arrives in June.

"INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS"

I think we're all on board with this one: Don't like Nazis. Quentin Tarantino spent more than a decade creating this 2009 film and called it "the best writing I've ever done."

Brad Pitt stars as Lt. Aldo Raine, who recruits a commando unit of Jewish-American soldiers operating in France.

"We ain't in the prisoner-takin' business; we're in the killin' Nazi business." His sidekick is Donny "The Bear Jew" Donowitz (Eli Roth), who executes German sol-

diers with a baseball bat. Christoph Waltz won an Oscar for his role as Hans Landa, the odious SS officer trying to hunt them down.

The story then shifts to a plot to kill Nazi leaders by luring them to a screening of a Nazi propaganda film at a cinema owned by a gal whose family was killed by the Germans. The Nazis are dealt with in typical Tarantino fashion.

This sort of grotesque, intense epic may not be for everyone, but many consider it Tarantino's best film. It led to a couple of equally spectacular revenge fantasies: "Django Unchained" (2012) and "Once Upon A Time In Hollywood" (2019), which is more restrained until its memorable ending.

Stream on Hulu, rent on Amazon, others.

And if you're interested in the Great Country Mutt Show to benefit the Little Guild animal shelter in Cornwall, Conn., it will be this weekend on Sunday, June 5, at Lime Rock Park; find out more at www.littleguild.org.

Cutting a Rug with Designer Darren Henault at His New Shop, T2

Interior designer Darren Henault brought a touch of glamour and some excellent home decor options to Amenia, N.Y., when he opened his shop, called Tent, in what had until then been home to a variety of second-hand furnishings and decorative tchotchke shops.

The store has become a retail destination — so much so that Henault is now opening a second Tent store, called T2, around the corner on Route 343 in Amenia.

T2 will be dedicated specifically to the rugs that had been for sale at Tent — and had begun to overwhelm the small space.

"I have a rug obsession, what can I say?"

Interior designer Darren Henault has expanded his store in Amenia, N.Y., called Tent, to an additional location nearby that will only sell rugs.



PHOTO BY JONATHAN DOSTER

Henault confessed. But seriously, the designer said, "Our main shop has limited floor space to display rugs.

"When a client comes in wanting a rug, we often don't have exactly what they're looking for on hand, and the rest of the collection is warehoused in New York City.

"The addition of T2 will allow clients to browse in person at their leisure rather than choose from a photograph or make an

appointment to come into town."

Most of us of course don't necessarily know what we like until we see it.

For those who are rug connoisseurs (like Henault), there will be Persian, Sarouk, Arabian, Turkish, Caucasian and

Indian rugs in different materials and sizes at T2. If the rugs on display don't do the trick, Henault has still more in his warehouse (because, as noted, he has an obsession ...).

T2 opened May 28 at 3300 Route 343 in Amenia, and will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by appointment.

The original Tent is at 4950 Route 22 in Amenia. Call 845-789-1837, email hello@tentnewyork.com or just stop by. — Cynthia Hochswender

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Millbrook remembers

Edward Shaughnessy devoted his life of service to others

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MILLBROOK — After spending a lifetime of intellectual pursuits and service to others, Edward Shaughnessy died on Saturday, April 2, following a 10-month battle with cancer.

He passed peacefully at home at the age of 87, with Mary Ann Keelan, his wife of more than 52 years, by his side, along with other family members. Shaughnessy spent the latter part of his life in Millbrook, the community that he had come to love and dedicate much of his time to.

Mary Ann spoke with The Millerton News to remember her beloved husband in the days after his death, to reflect on his remarkable life.

Born in Brooklyn in 1934, Shaughnessy graduated from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He later graduated from Fordham University, earning a Master of Arts. Following that, he attended Manhattan College where he earned a Masters Degree in Theology. He also earned a Fulbright Fellowship to Norway, and a Ph.D. from the New School of Social Research.

During the 1950s and '60s he taught in Harlem, and then moved across the globe to Kenya to help establish a health dispensary for a local African tribe in Kikuyu. Always academic, he also taught college courses to future elementary school teachers who were a part of the Nyeri tribe. He became fluent in both Swahili and the Kikuyu languages.

During his career, Shaughnessy held consulting positions with the U.N. in Italy and the Netherlands; he taught at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in NYC, served as chairman of the department there, and was awarded the Bramshill Faculty Exchange to England.

He maintained a joint appointment at the Graduate Center of CUNY, where he

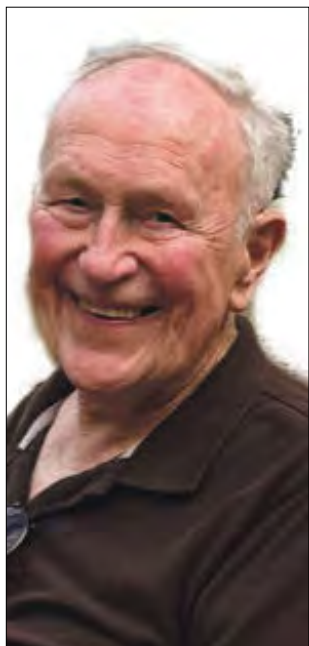


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Edward Shaughnessy

was a professor emeritus. He lectured at the graduate public administration program at Marist College.

Both a writer and a speaker, Shaughnessy concentrated on criminal justice reform. He founded Education and Justice Services, a consulting company that served law and education entities.

Locally in Millbrook, Shaughnessy was always lending a hand, even earning the nickname "Mr. Volunteer."

He served as a board member and first lieutenant for the Millbrook fire department and Rescue Squad; as chairman of the Church Alliance Building Committee; as president of the Dutchess County Historical Society; and as acting judge for the village of

Millbrook.

He also stood in for Santa a number of times during the Christmas holidays in the village during June Kaufman's theater performances at the Thorne Building. With a warm smile, a quick wit and a love of word play, he was beloved in the community.

Shaughnessy had a love for children, a love of writing and a love of illustrating books for his grandchildren, to whom he was devoted. He described them as "the gift of the grands."

This multi-faceted, multi-talented man also fixed old clocks and designed stained-glass chess sets, painstakingly working on them, cutting and soldering the glass with precision.

His interest in genealogy led to him joining the Sons of Union Veterans when he discovered he had family members who had fought in the Union Army.

He had an almost magical ability to remember historical facts, and spent much time and energy on researching old archives in order to authenticate his 18th century Millbrook home.

Throughout his varied life, most of all Shaughnessy made an impression those he met. He proved how much this was true by the many people who showed up at his services on Thursday morning, April 28, at the Allen Funeral Home in Millbrook.

The beloved husband, father and grandfather was then laid to rest at the cemetery of St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church, also in the village.

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From left, David Sager stood with Millbrook Memorial Day ceremony keynote speaker, Vietnam War veteran and author Tommy Zurhellen. Sager held up Zurhellen's recent book, which he had just purchased and had the author sign, saying he had great respect for the man who walked across America on his own in 2019.



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Veteran Sue DeMeo, center, laid a wreath down during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Tribute Garden on Monday, May 30.

Millbrook's Memorial Day focuses on housing for veterans

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Memorial Day Parade started out at the Millbrook VFW Post #9008 at Franklin

Avenue at 11 a.m. and ended up at the Tribute Garden Park. Many turned out to show their appreciation for those who

served and made the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

One of the first trucks headed out bestowed with American flags flying on it for yet another memorable patriotic event. The parade was actually led by a riderless horse, mostly seen in presidential funerals and at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. The riderless horse was led by Navy veteran Marc Boisseau.

The parade finished at the Tribute Garden Park, where a program was led by Town of Washington town Supervisor Gary Ciferri, himself a Vietnam veteran.

The ceremony's keynote speaker was Tommy Zurhellen, a Navy veteran who walked across the United States by himself in 2019. Zurhellen is also an author and on the faculty at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie.

The author signed copies of his book, "The Low Road: Walking for the Veterans," which benefits the Vet Zero Project. The Vet Zero Project helps local veterans find housing through Hudson River Housing in Poughkeepsie.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe



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Farmers Market starts season

Rainy weather didn't keep shoppers from browsing the Millbrook Farmers Market on its opening day of the 2022 season on Saturday, May 28. Not all of this year's vendors were there, but about 10 were, said Farmers Market Manager Greg Mruk, who was pleased with the steady turnout. Many shoppers had brightly colored umbrellas and their dogs in tow. The various booths offered fresh flowers, local produce and freshly baked bread — all lending to a jolly atmosphere to what was the otherwise gray day. The market, sponsored by the Millbrook Business Association, is in its 32nd year and will remain open every Saturday through Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pictured above are, from left Kiera O'Hearn, Millbrook Farmers Market Manager Greg Mruk and Tristen Magharella.



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MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Anti-racist club at Lyall Church

Lyall Memorial Federated Church's Anti-Racist Study Group meets on Mondays at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Discuss "How To Be An Anti Racist" by author Ibram X. Kendi.

The group invites anyone who would like to explore the issues of race and caste in this country to join it. These are issues that will not go away or improve unless society faces them together.

The study group will be reading and discussing Kendi's New York Times bestselling book. Contact Cat Greenstreet at catgreenstreet@gmail.com or Pastor Thom if interested in joining.

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EDITORIAL

A decidedly difficult Memorial Day 2022

The Harlem Valley just joined the rest of the United States in commemorating another Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, for the year 2022. This year's holiday was again a somber one, as are all Memorial Days, for we are remembering soldiers lost who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we could live free. As Americans marked this Memorial Day, it was as we and the rest of the world watched our fellow human beings suffer in Ukraine at the hands of Russian President Vladimir Putin and his troops.

It has surely been miserable, unfathomable, for those few who may still remain as survivors or veterans of WWII; those who heard the first-hand accounts from their parents or grandparents of that horrific war; and even those who learned the graphic history of the Holocaust, the gas chambers and the Third Reich and stored it tightly in their memory banks only to now watch what is happening in that part of the world repeat itself.

The many veterans who fought and died during WWII trying to rescue the millions of Jews, Gypsies, Slavs, homosexuals, disabled — and, yes, Soviets — and so many others, were heroes. They remain so.

Yet here we are again, 70 years later, seemingly so much more advanced in terms of our thinking and our technology, dealing with the same problems — creating the same problems.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine mirrors the ethnic cleansing we saw not just during the Holocaust, but again in the '90s in the former Yugoslavia, and if we were to look deeper, at so many other times and in so many other places throughout history. Putin is merely repeating the same pattern of so many others bent on getting rid of those who dare disagree with them.

It's a disturbing pattern, and on a day like Memorial Day, when we, as a nation, should be able to mourn our military heroes freely and in peace, it is tragic that Putin is causing such a deadly distraction. At day's end, though, we, the American people, will not let the Russian invasion of Ukraine deter us from mourning our late veterans on this or any Memorial Day.

We will continue to commemorate those who shed their blood to protect us and to ensure the U.S. remains safe and free. We are forever grateful for every soldier's service, and we give our sincere thanks to them and their families, most of all on Memorial Day.

We must also bow our heads for those in Ukraine who are suffering so needlessly at the hands of Putin. Haven't we learned our lesson yet? How many times must this kind of trauma be repeated before mankind stops killing and acts with some humanity?

Perhaps there will soon come a time when we can commemorate a Memorial Day in absolute peace, and with some peace of mind.

When it comes to guns, J'Accuse

In America, aiding and abetting a crime — no matter how slight that help may have been — will get that person arrested and charged.

For example, if you loan your car and it is used in a crime, you are likely to be charged if you knew the car was even potentially part of the crime's equipment. Furthermore, there's another criminal statute called the RICO Statute (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) that allows law enforcement to reach into organized, far reaching, criminal assistance and facilitators.

Given the laws already on the books, I would like to see people investigated and charged under the RICO Statute with aiding and abetting murder — whether they obstruct the passage of life-saving laws, lean on parliamentary procedure to avoid even open debate in chamber or openly refuse to consider any restriction of gun common-sense laws.

Therefore, I accuse these senators for stopping any vote on gun control, taking thousands of dollars from the gun industry and having culpability in the continuing deaths in our schools, churches, supermarkets, concerts, movie theaters and homes:

John Barrasso (R) Wyoming
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A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

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A look at May Day on this Memorial Day

May Day, May Day, May Day.

No, not the universal distress call, although that could be fairly appropriate for most of us these contentious days.

May Days — I'm referring to those magical transforming days we witnessed last month that exude hope and life.

The landscape and foliage turned from dull browns and greys to an ever-increasing cheerful promise of lush greens with a multitude of vibrant and delightful colors. It was like nourishment for our souls.

May is nature's time to put a smile on our faces. Trees and flowers started to come into blossom, creating a kaleidoscope of colors and beauty. It is one of my favorite months of the year.

It is the time to prepare the veggie garden for planting and to spruce up the flower beds. A time to grab a good book and bask in the last rays of the day's sun. We nourish the gardens and get to watch them grow.

VETERAN'S CORNER

Larry Conklin

Birds change from their dull winter's coat of feathers to a varying array of colors while voicing their cheerful concerts. We've got to keep the feeders and birdbaths full, as little ones will visit soon.

Early mornings may find me concealed upon a mountainside awaiting dawn's first light. I like to witness fog-enshrouded valleys, the mist slowly dissipating with the gathering light. My eyes and ears stay alert for my quarry, the ever-elusive eastern tom turkey, while I'm treated to a concert of awakening bird songs and sightings.

Every minute of every morning is worth the effort and the lack of sleep. I get to witness nature's theater of eagles, hawks, woodpeckers, ospreys, herons, geese, ducks, bluebirds — all just arrived — along with orioles, wrens, crows, ravens, robins, cardinals, deer, coyotes, foxes and hopefully that elusive tom who may venture within range. Though, truth be told, I have passed on the shot to witness their magnificent display in an attempt to attract the ladies. Hunts in New York end at noon.

Perhaps a nap, maybe fly fishing, for an evening meal or better yet take a couple youngsters fishing.

My end game is to pass my great respect and knowledge of conservation and environment on to the next generation and help unleash curious minds. I don't want to require anything too demanding but just encourage simple excursions at first, always with a refreshing snack and drink on hand for them to enjoy.

The younger generation will become our future defenders of conservation efforts, to help maintain a healthy environment and healthy minds.

May Day, if only we could experience you all year long.

God bless you, patriotic readers, and your families.

Please enjoy a joyous and healthy remainder of your spring and summer.

Town of North East resident Larry Conklin is a Vietnam War veteran and a member of both the Millerton American Legion Post 178 and the VFW Post 6851 in North Canaan, Conn.

Letters to the Editor

The letters deadline is 10 a.m. each Monday; please include your full name, hometown and a phone number.

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

The pain of Memorial Day for the father of a soldier lost to suicide

I found myself conflicted while honoring my son's service. While I am proud and honored that he gave so much to the service, I am also angry for the time lost that could have been spent with friends and family. I can't help (perhaps selfishly), wondering if it in any way contributed to his untimely end.

There are statistics that concern me, and I can't shake those feelings. We can only speculate at this point, but I will always wish that he hadn't enlisted. He passed three short months after fulfilling his four-year tour.

I don't think it would be a wild assertion to suggest that there was a "disconnect" with those he loved and cared for over those years. Phone calls, emails, video chats and short visits with his family and friends couldn't replace the connection of real-time hugs, laughs and genuine deep conversations.

This was especially true with Donovan, who held his feelings, emotions, hopes and fears very close to the vest.

I missed his presence those four years terribly. We all did. Now his absence is unbearable. The truth is it feels like he went into the Marines and never came back. If I knew he only had 24 short years to share with us, I would have fought tooth and nail for him not to serve.

Donovan was so much more than a Marine, yet those four years represented one-sixth of his life, and heavily defined him as an adult.

Service doesn't benefit everyone the same, and that's

GUEST COLUMN

Douglas Lovins

OK. Is it hard to imagine that such an experience at a pivotal time of development could adversely affect some, while nurturing and strengthening others?

Outwardly, Donovan was the epitome of a Marine: Silent, strong, fearless and uncompromising. Behind the uniform, however, was my boy — complete with insecurities, uncertainty and perhaps with an overwhelming fear of weakness or failure.

I was a dissenting voice when he enlisted, and I can't help but wonder "what if?"

I am fully aware of the many who have lost loved ones while serving, and who may have a completely different opinion. This opinion is my own and it is my cross to bear.

I apologize if it offends anyone who may view it as disrespectful to the service in any way. That is not my intention.

I am grateful for the military and the sacrifice veterans have made for us all. This day is to honor them, and I have.

I am also honoring my son, the man behind the uniform. RIP Donovan James Lovins.

Douglas Lovins writes from Tallahassee, Fla., where he mourns the Dec. 27, 2020 suicide of his son, Donovan James Lovins, a U.S. Marine veteran.



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PINE PLAINS/AREA

History Regents canceled after Buffalo shootings

By KAITLIN LYLE
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HARLEM VALLEY — In the wake of the horrific mass shooting in Buffalo on Saturday, May 14, by an 18-year-old white gunman accused of killing 10 Black victims at a Tops supermarket, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has canceled the Regents exam in U.S. History and Government (Framework) scheduled for June.

In a letter sent to her colleagues on Tuesday, May 24, NYSED Commissioner of Education Betty Rosa explained the department's decision. A copy of Rosa's letter may be found online at www.nysed.gov.

Rosa's letter said NYSED, in partnership with New York State educators, reviewed all June 2022 Regents exams. While the exams had already

been printed and packaged for shipment to schools, experts determined there was content in the Regents exam in U.S. History and Government (Framework) that "has the potential to compound student trauma caused by the recent violence in Buffalo."

It's also worth mentioning that this year would be the first time the Regents exam in that specific subject matter, U.S. History and Government (Framework), would have been administered.

"While developed by NYS-certified social studies teachers more than two years ago and field-tested to confirm that the exam's content is educationally sound, the tragedy in Buffalo has created an unexpected and unintended context for the planned assessment," said NYSED spokesperson Emily DeSantis. "In the wake of the Buffalo tragedy, it is not

appropriate to administer the exam with a question that could compound the grief and hardship faced by our school communities."

As it's not possible to change the exams' content or make modifications to the tests before they're administered, Rosa explained that NYSED has decided to cancel the exam "to appropriately support our students and their well-being."

At the June 2022 Board of Regents meeting — which was scheduled for Monday, June 13, and Tuesday, June 14 — Rosa said NYSED will ask the Board of Regents to approve a graduation exemption for students scheduled to take the U.S. History Regents exam.

Due to technical requirements associated with administering a new assessment, she explained the Board

of Regents will consider will include exemptions for students who planned to take the exam either this June, this August or this coming January.

The cancellation of the history Regents will of course make ripples across the state, including locally. Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School Principal Tara Grieb posted a notice about the exam's cancellation on the Pine Plains Central School Dis-

trict's website, www.ppcsd.org, assuring her students it won't affect their graduation plans. When asked, she said the move should not have a negative impact on students.

"If anything, it may help some students who may have struggled to pass the exam as they are now exempt," said Grieb.

In her letter to Stissing Mountain juniors and their families, Grieb said students taking U.S. History will have a local final exam prior to

Wednesday, June 15, and all other Regents exams will be administered as planned between June 15 and Thursday, June 23.

"I believe all of the NYS Regents should be canceled," Webutuck Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani said. "[It's] difficult to measure how well students have acquired the knowledge expected by the NYS Regents when we should be focusing more so on student mental health and well-being."

Correction

The May 26 issue of The Millerton News incorrectly stated there were three voters in the Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education (BOE) election. There were only two open seats and incumbents Amie Fredericks and Chip Couse were both re-elected to the BOE while candidate Scott Cavey lost the election. We regret the error.

Correction

In the May 26 Millerton News, a front page article about the 100th anniversary of Peck's Food Market in Pine Plains incorrectly wrote that Liam Peck founded Peck's Food Market with his brother, Robert. Peck's Food Market was founded by brothers William and Robert Peck. The former location was also erroneously reported; it was to the left of the El Guacamole restaurant, not at the law firm at 7791 South Main St. We regret the errors.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

New fountain brings beauty

With the late-day sun shining down, Pine Plains residents and visitors are welcome to take a seat at the park located in the center of town, at the intersection of routes 199 and 83. As they rest on one of the park benches, folks may admire the changes that have taken place at the park during the last few years and more recently in the past few months. The town oversaw everything from the construction of the gazebo to the installation of a new fountain donated by resident Tim Jones. Between winter holiday celebrations to occasional clean-up days, the small park often serves as a gathering site for the local community.

Ukraine fundraiser includes performance by David Byrne

PINE PLAINS — The Sunday, June 5, fundraiser for Ukraine at The Stissing Center (TSC) will include various talent, a live auction, and a 30-minute performance by David Byrne.

TSC is at 2950 Church St. (Route 199) in Pine Plains. The event will run from 1 to 4 p.m.; in addition to the half-hour performance by Byrne, the Korinya Ukrainian Folk

Band will perform and Estonian Diplomat Eerik Niiles Kroos will speak in what is being described as "an inspirational mix of music, food, speech and generosity."

Proceeds will go to support the nonprofit Sunflower of Peace, an "organization committed to helping Ukrainians affected by the Russian military invasion," according to its website, [www.sunflowerof-](http://www.sunflowerof-peace.com)

peace.com.

Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com/e/ukraine-emergency-fundraiser-at-the-stissing-center-tickets-331568158287.

Tickets cannot be purchased through TSC as erroneously stated in last week's Millerton News, which is merely the venue where the fundraiser is being held.

— Whitney Joseph

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