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A day for diplomas

A member of the Stissing Mountain High School Class of 2021, Britney Mercado toasted her graduation from the Pine Plains Central School District with her parents, Juana and Raymond, on the football field behind the high school. For more coverage on graduation and moving-up ceremonies from around the Harlem Valley, turn to Pages A3, A5, B3 and B5.



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Numbers are close in Amenia's GOP Primary Election

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AMENIA — The Dutchess County Board of Elections (BOE) was collecting the last few absentee ballots for the Amenia Republican Primary that took place on Tuesday, June 22, one week later on Tuesday, June 29, at its office on Market Street in Poughkeepsie. A total of 24 absentees were mailed out for the primary, and as of noon on Monday, June 28, nine had been returned to the BOE. Election workers said they didn't have a time line for counting the absentee ballots as of Monday, but might by later that

afternoon; they didn't. The race was both contentious and close for those seeking the three slots on the Republican line on the ballot for the General Election come November. The candidates are hoping to serve on the Amenia Town Board come 2022. Some of the candidates also ran on additional party lines.

Ballots were cast exclusively at the Wassaic firehouse on the 22nd as it was only a primary, but that doesn't mean it didn't get exciting, with a candidate being challenged from voting on Election Day.

The town supervisor's seat and two Town Board seats were up for grabs in the GOP Primary, along with two

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Consensus reached in Pine Plains!

Planning Board OKs site plan for Church Street restaurant

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PINE PLAINS — After hearing from the community about a proposed restaurant at 2938 Church St., the Pine Plains Planning Board approved KTB Properties LLC's site plan application at the public hearing continued on Wednesday, June 23.

From Crumpets to the New Age Diner, the Church Street building

has housed a variety of restaurants during the last three decades. For its next incarnation, KTB principal Jack Banning wants to rent the building to former Stissing House owners Michel and Patricia Jean, who want to open "a restaurant serving primarily French food for dinner five nights a week and brunch on Sundays," according to Banning, the applicant before the Planning Board.

The project received an outpour-

ing of support from local residents as well as complaints from its neighbors, Bill and Patti Hollick. Complaints and praise were voiced when the public hearing for the site plan opened on Wednesday, June 9, and again when it continued during a special Planning Board meeting on the 23rd. Both meetings can be viewed online on the "Pine Plains Planning and Zoning Boards"

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Pine Plains Planning Board declares itself lead agency

Durst development plans call for July scoping sessions

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PINE PLAINS — The Hudson Valley Project (formerly known as the Durst Project) appeared before the Pine Plains Planning Board at a special meeting on Wednesday, June 23, when the board declared itself lead agency for the project's review process.

Project details

The Durst Organization submitted an application to the Planning Board in April proposing a 237-lot conservation subdivision on its 2,655-acre property west of the main hamlet, at the former Carvel Country Club (once

owned by the late ice-cream magnate Thomas Carvel). There will also be 51 residential lots in Milan. The site fronts both sides of Route 199 and also borders the Taconic State Parkway. Of the total 3,100-acres, 2,655 acres will be in Pine Plains, with the remaining 445 acres located in Milan.

Planning strategies

The board adopted a positive declaration during the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process (meaning it perceives potential significant adverse environment impacts could result from the project) and scheduled scoping sessions for the project in July.

Scoping, explained planner Sarah Yackel from BFJ Planning, which is advising the Planning Board, refers to developing a document that outlines the environmental impact of a proposed action.

Lead Agency status

On the 23rd, Yackel told the board BFJ Planning received a letter from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) signing off on the Planning Board acting as lead agency. She added the board was at a point to make a negative or positive declaration.

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Stissing Sprint

Emerging from the calm waters of Stissing Lake in Pine Plains, the athletes who participated in the Stissing Triathlon on Sunday, June 27, prepared for the next part of the competition as they began their sprint across the beach. See Page A4 for the full story and more photos.

Thorne Building and Bennett Park join forces

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MILLBROOK — In anticipation of an upcoming press release, The Millerton News had a conversation with Oakeigh Thorne, chairman of the Thorne Building Community Center (TBCC) project, about a collaboration between it and Bennett Park.

The Thorne Building sits at the head of Franklin Avenue — handsome,

but empty and forlorn. The Bennett College property is at the foot of Franklin Avenue, off Route 343, with Halcyon Hall in particular looking desolate and foreboding.

Nearing a very long-awaited handing over of the Thorne Building from the Village of Millbrook (VOM) to the 501(c)3 nonprofit TBCC, the announcement will be welcome news

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Special village runoff election July 6

A deeper look at what Sherman, Brooks could offer as village trustees

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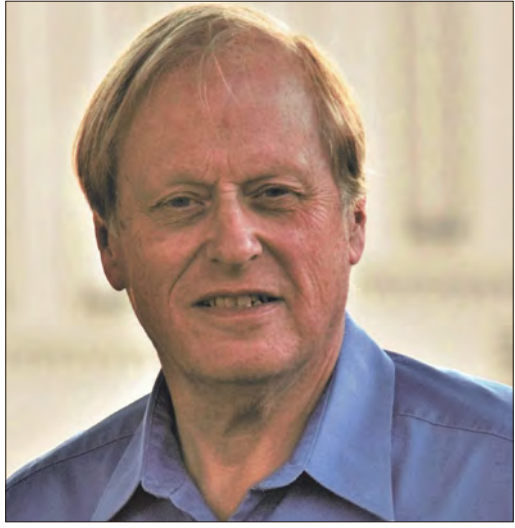
MILLERTON — The Village Election on Tuesday, June 15, easily elected Jennifer Najdek (NOP) mayor, as she ran unchallenged. Newcomer Laurie Kerr (D) also handily won one of the two open seats on the Village Board. But it led to a tie between former Trustee and former North East town Supervisor David Sherman, a Republican, and longtime meeting attendee and former Zoning Boards of Appeals (ZBA) Chair DeLora Brooks, a Democrat, for the other open seat on the board, with 83 votes each.

On Monday, June 21, it was announced a runoff election would be held on Tuesday, July 6, from noon to 9 p.m. at the Village Offices at 5593 North Elm Ave. (Route 22) to determine who will serve the two-year term, which begins Tuesday, July 6, and runs through June 1, 2023.

David Sherman

Aside from Millerton's need for a supermarket, Sherman prioritized the need for a sewer as well as improvements to village streets and more local employment and housing opportunities.

With more funding opportunities becoming available — whether



Dave Sherman

through private or public resources or as a result of development money available to local municipalities — Sherman said the key is “to be able to apply those funds and have a good project in hand and be ready to go.”

An example is the groundwork that's been laid for the sewer project. Sherman said it will be key going forward to find out what the costs will be and how that will be shared between the village and town.

“We're at that point where we have to determine those things,” he said, “and I think my experience uniquely qualifies me to be sensitive to this and help drive the project that's going to be most beneficial to our residents.”

Sherman also said they need to think about having sewer service in the Boulevard District, which stretches east along Route 44 toward the Connecticut border, an effort he thinks the village and the town should prioritize.

“We're at a point where things are happening in our area in the private sector as far as property development,” he said. “We're moving in the environment post-COVID, which I think provides the prospect of being able to redevelop portions of the highway boulevard Route 44 east of the village, which is essential for us to be able to have a grocery store and other businesses around that attract people.”

Regarding local streets, Sherman considered not just sidewalk replacements and installing additional crossing signs, but also other improvements such as the walkway paths on Century Boulevard with its drainage issues and worn pavement. Taking into account the funding and planning involved with sidewalk and pedestrian projects, Sherman said he believes Millerton has people on its Village Board who have worked side by side with Townscape and engineers to get this project and others in shape to provide essential services to villagers.

“The nation is in a position to move forward — whether it's state moneys or federal moneys



DeLora Brooks

— to solve our problems,” Sherman added, “and we need to be ready for that and we need to get in a position where we can act on that plan.”

In terms of local employment and housing, Sherman shared his understanding of how the absence of affordable housing not only restricts Millerton's ability to attract people who want to work in the community, but also its ability to attract new commerce. Above all, Sherman emphasized keeping a strong working relationship between the town and village to determine each municipality's needs and the ability to benefit both.

DeLora Brooks

Similar to her opponent, Millerton's sewer system is at the forefront of Brooks' priorities, and she also has her sights set on addressing infrastructure, bringing government to the people and bringing a grocery store into the “food desert” Millerton has become.

Having been on the sidelines of local government for a long time, Brooks has watched as attendance at village meetings shifted before and after COVID-19, with village officials utilizing the “Village of Millerton VOM” Facebook page to hold meetings.

Looking ahead, she wants social media to become a permanent fixture to allow people to view public meetings at their convenience and be given public access to what's going on in real time. She believes everyone should share the responsibility for the decisions being made in government — thus creating full transparency. It's an issue she's been trying to promote.

Social media, Brooks said, could also be used to help connect the North East (Webutuck) Central School District and local government so that students would not only get high school credits by observing how local government operates, but also have a chance to participate in local government and have their voices heard.

Brooks understands how important sewers are to the community's viability and growth as well as the challenges of Millerton's re-

peated attempts to install a sewer system during the last 50 years.

Brooks said, “This is an opportune time for us to get a lot of funding to put in sewers and at least try to stop our community from sliding into a position of only being a town where people visit on weekends — it needs to be a town where people live and work and grow old and do all the other things that other communities do.”

Next on her list of priorities is to improve how Millerton approaches affordable housing, especially given how COVID-19 “has created an awkward situation for us and has made it difficult for us to support an onslaught of additional people.”

Brooks added that she'd like to see the community become more diversified. She said she'd like to see housing made more affordable for all groups of people and more viable jobs created in the community.

Once the revitalization of Eddie Collins Memorial Park is completed, she hopes the park will draw young families into the community.

Taking into account the village's aging infrastructure — particularly the Water District, which she said is now in a grave state of disrepair — Brooks said the village needs begin to monitor its municipal funds more closely.

As the Village Board sits down and evaluates what's important going forward, she wants to invite everyone in the community to take the time to watch board meetings on the village's Facebook page, feel like they have a voice and ask questions about things they are concerned about or that they don't understand.

Communication, Brooks said, is critical for a healthy community.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Oblong Books booksellers Lisa Wright and Emma Warren welcomed customers into the store at 26 Main St. in Millerton, pointing out the new logo printed on the front door and displaying the store's new merchandise bearing the eye-catching logo.

Oblong Books has new logo, new name

MILLERTON — Oblong Books & Music has decided to ring in the summer season with a fresh new look, an abbreviated name and a few new policies that are sure to draw more customers into their favorite independent bookstore.

According to the beloved bookstore, its familiar former woodcut logo was designed 20 years ago for the opening of its Rhinebeck store in the northern end of the county.

Paying tribute to the Hudson and Housatonic River valleys, the Catskills and the Berkshire mountains in a colorful design, the store's new logo was designed by local graphic artist McKenna Wood.

In addition to finding it printed on the front door of the bookstore at 26 Main St. in Millerton, customers can now spot the new logo on a variety of merchandise — from pins and glasses to T-shirts and eventually tote bags.

Also, the bookstore has announced its decision to shorten its name to “Oblong Books.”

Among its new policies, Oblong Books will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

With the COVID-19 interior space capacity cap now lifted, the link between its Main Street floor and the South Center Street Oblong Jr. has also reopened. Curb-side pickup will remain available to customers, as will private shopping appointments, which are available at 10 a.m. daily.

“People are thrilled that we're open longer hours,” said Lisa Wright, a bookseller in the Millerton store. “People do seem to be reacting very well to the longer hours and getting the plastic barriers down.”

“People like that the link [between Oblong and Oblong Jr.] is open,” said fellow bookseller Emma Warren.

— Kaitlin Lyle

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

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Donations are needed for the Little Free Grocery at the NorthEast-Millerton Library as the original funding has run out. The program is in addition to the Tiny Library Food Pantry on Main Street and provides free groceries and household items.

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Resilience recurring theme at Stissing Mountain High School's Class of 2021 graduation

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PINE PLAINS — Having weathered the challenges of the past year-and-a-half with patience, strength and resilience, the Stissing Mountain Class of 2021 was able to step confidently into the future as it celebrated its graduation on Friday, June 25.

With the calm summer forecast offsetting the evening's excitement, the ceremony was held at 6:30 p.m. on the football field behind Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School. Dressed in their Bomber blue commencement attire, the graduates walked proudly underneath a blue and white balloon archway, keeping a healthy 6 feet apart from each other as they walked to their seats.

Delivering remarks for this year's graduation ceremony, Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler recalled the unforeseen



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

As Stissing Mountain High School Principal Tara Grieb called their name, each graduate walked over to Pine Plains Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler, where they received their diploma and a fist bump from Handler and posed for a photo.

challenges this year's graduates endured with the COVID-19 pandemic. Admiring their perseverance, Handler commended the students for demonstrating

tremendous resilience and leadership during their final year in spite of what they missed.

"Be proud of what you're able to do despite the barriers," he

said. "For now, my advice: Make good decisions in the long term and in the short run."

Essayist and Class President Sage Douglass described the de-

isions she and her classmates had to make last year as far as whether they'd choose to be defeated by the challenges of COVID-19 or if they'd pick the right attitude to face the pandemic and the challenges ahead.

Meanwhile, essayist Elliot Wilser illuminated his journey as an LGBT youth and how the Pine Plains district and its mentors prepared him to be resilient.

As she shared her journey as a Pakistani student living in Pine Plains, salutatorian Aaminah Syed thanked her teachers for allowing her to share her culture and challenged her and her fellow graduates to blaze their own trails.

As valedictorian, Meredith Michetti considered how the idea of a superhero evolved from their days on the playground and how the past year helped her rethink this idea after they survived a worldwide pandemic. Encouraging her classmates to

think about who their heroes are, she affirmed, "Everyone has one, even if it's you."

"It is our heroes who make the best and worst times worth it," Michetti said as she urged her classmates to be a superhero for someone else.

At last, it was time for the diplomas, and the graduates rose, row by row, in anticipation of the moment Grieb then called their names. Once done, each graduate walked over to Handler for their diploma and a fist pump from the superintendent, then posed for a photo before walking back to their seats while applause rang in their ears. Grieb then announced the Class of 2021 and invited the graduates to move their tassels from one side to the other.

Making a grand and gratifying exit off the field, the graduates walked toward their futures with smiles on their faces and "Party in the U.S.A." playing over the speakers.

A true part of Pine Plains, Robert Couse will be missed

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Having spent the lion's share of his life in service to his country and community, former Pine Plains Police Officer-in-Charge Robert Couse Sr. passed away peacefully at his Pine Plains home at the age of 88 on Thursday, June 3.

In the weeks following his passing, the Pine Plains community has felt Couse's absence in earnest, especially when taking into account how many roles he filled in his more than 58 years of service to the town.

Throughout those many decades, Couse stepped forward to protect and serve the town as a police officer for 34 years, 16 of which he served as chief of police.

"He was always here and always had something to do," said his son, Bob Couse Jr., who also lives in Pine Plains. "Whatever he could do to help anybody, he would. Up until a year or two ago, when the fire siren rang, he would jump up and direct the traffic at the red light. He was just all about the town."

On the municipal level, Couse served as a town councilman for 12 years and as chair of the town's Recreation Department for 16 years, during which time he helped put lights on the ball field and ran the softball leagues in town, according to his son.

"He rarely, if ever, missed an in-person Town Board meeting," said current Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud with obvious respect in her June 18 town newsletter. "He stood up the whole time at the back and watched and commented often. It was his idea to bring back Town Cleanup Day, which we did, and named it after him... There's a hole in the back of the room where he always stood and I think I can say for all of us that as long as we are all in office, we will certainly feel it there."

"He was somebody who could listen to all different belief systems and come to a common ground," said his middle granddaughter, Rebecca Churton, who lives in nearby Millerton. "I think that's why he did so well in the town... He treated people the way he wanted to be treated."

Couse was also a life member of both the Pine Plains Hose Company and the Dutchess County Chiefs of Police Association; an honorary member of the Pine Plains Sportsman Association; and a member of both the Pine Plains American Legion Post #426 and the na-

tional Chiefs of Police.

Along with founding the Days Gone Bye Motor Club, Couse was very active in sports and played in various softball and baseball leagues for 25 years, according to his obituary.

As a United State veteran who served in Korea during the conflict there, Couse Jr. said his father was always involved in the town's annual Memorial Day parade in which he led the firing squad. He also did an interview on his military service for the Dutchess County Historical Society's "I Served Program," which can now be viewed online at www.dchsn.org.

Drawing from her grandfather's experience as a Korean War veteran, Churton remembered how he would say that whenever he was having a bad day, he thought about how he could always "be in Korea in a hole at 30 below..."

Along with his beloved wife, Joan (who passed away in April of 2011), Couse raised two children, Bob Jr. and Lisa, and took pride in being involved in his grandchildren's lives and interests.

"He was a really good dad,



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An upstanding member of the Pine Plains community, Robert Couse Sr. passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, June 3, at the age of 88.

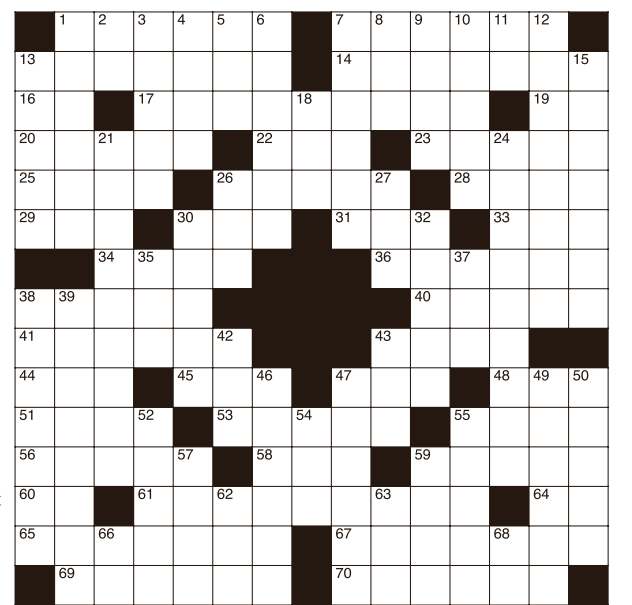
Correction

In the June 24 edition of The Millerton News, the phone number for the Roosters 82 Home & Hardware Center in Pine Plains was incorrectly printed. The correct phone number is 518-771-3326. We regret the error.

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7. Hand tool
13. Made of the color of gold
14. A volume of several novels
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17. Good job!
19. Seventh tone in major scale
20. Fevers
22. One's mother
23. Fertile desert spots
25. Large integers
26. Plate for Eucharist
28. Tennis matches have them
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Monetary unit of N. Korea
31. Head movement
33. Twelve
34. Renaissance musical instrument
36. Behavior showing high moral standards
38. Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
40. Notes to be sung
41. Women's garment
43. Coarsely ground corn
44. One point south of due east
45. A way to deplete
47. Rough, prickly covering of a seed
48. LA hoopster, but not a Laker
51. Hindquarters
53. Franz van __, German diplomat
55. Liquid body substances
56. Rhythmic patterns
58. A beaver might build one
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64. Exist
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67. Closes again
69. Verses
70. Come into view

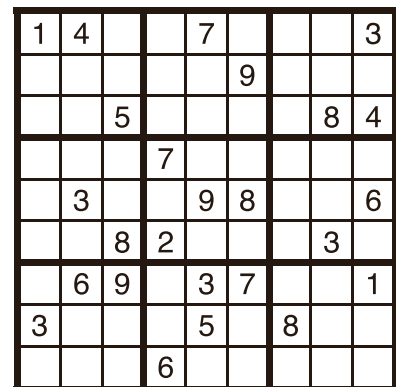


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27. Calendar month
30. Cena and Lennon are two
32. Monetary unit of Serbia
35. First time on the market
37. Georgia rockers
38. Free from contamination
39. Coastal region of Canada
42. Clothing retailer
43. It rises and sets
46. Fathers
47. Stain with mud
49. Suitable for crops
50. Feels concern for
52. Orange-brown
54. Buddy
55. Late sportscaster Craig
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59. Wake up
62. Solid water
63. Semiprecious stone
66. Atomic #45
68. Top lawyer

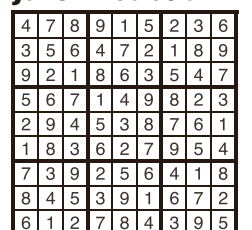
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OBITUARIES

Archibald Charles 'Archie' Barney Jr.

NORTH CANAAN — Archibald Charles "Archie" Barney Jr., 86, of North Canaan, died Friday evening, June 25, 2021, at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington after a brief illness.

Archie was the husband of the late Marilyn (Lamoreaux) Barney.

He was born Aug. 8, 1934, son of the late Jennabell (Surdam) and Archibald C. Barney Sr.

Archie worked for a number of years at Pfizer Corporation, then went to work for Richardsons Floor Covering, before moving on to the Rug Shop in Cornwall and then becoming self-employed.

For the past several years, Archie could be found at the Canaan Country Club, assisting with any number of different projects.

A veteran of the Army, he served as an orderly under the staff of Five Star General Max-

well D. Taylor. He was drafted at the age of 27 and remained with the Army from 1959 until 1963.

Archie is survived by his four stepchildren, Deborah Kinsley and her husband, Paul, and Laura Lamoreaux, all of Florida, Richard Jamieson and his wife, Lisa, of Massachusetts, and Jamie Jamieson and his partner, Melanie McGinn, of Connecticut; along with his good friends Carl and Helen Richardson of Connecticut.

A Celebration of Archie's life will be held July 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the VFW Couch Pipa Post #6851 at 104 South Canaan Road, North Canaan.

Memorial donations may be made in Archie's memory to the North Canaan Ambulance Company, Route 7, North Canaan, CT 06018.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Memorial service:

Helen E. Testa

HILLSDALE — A memorial service for Helen Testa, 89, will take place on Friday, July 9, at 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Church in Copake Falls, N.Y. A reception will follow.

Joseph Andrew Green

EAST CANAAN — Joseph Andrew Green, 82, of died early Monday morning June 28, 2021. He was the husband of Judith "Judy" (Blass) Green.

Joseph was born Feb. 27, 1939, in North Canaan, son of the late Marion (Quinlan) and Harry Green.

A graduate of Oliver Wolcott Technical School in Torrington, Joe worked construction his entire life. He first worked for M.F. Mulville & Sons in Norfolk for many years. After he retired from there he started his own business as a carpenter/contractor.

Joe was a communicant of St. Martin of Tours Parish St. Joseph's Church in North Canaan. He was a member of both the

Canaan Fire Company and the Northwest Rod and Gun Club.

In addition to his wife, Joe is survived by his two children, Joseph W. Green and his wife, Gwen, and Lisa Allyn and her husband, John, all of Norfolk; and his five grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his four siblings, Andrea, Mary, Harriet and Harry.

A memorial Mass will be held in St. Martin of Tours Parish Immaculate Conception Church in Norfolk.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Canaan Fire Company, P.O. Box 642, North Canaan, CT 06018.

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

Gloria (Donen) Sosin

LAKEVILLE — Gloria (Donen) Sosin died at Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, on June 21, 2021, at 99. Gloria grew up in Rye, N.Y., and attended the University of Michigan.

She served in the Women's Army Corps in World War II. She earned an MA at Columbia, where she met Gene Sosin.

Married in 1950, they lived

in Rye and Munich, then White Plains, N.Y. Gene died in 2015.

Gloria was a writer and Russian teacher, fluent in five languages.

She volunteered in civic and Jewish organizations.

Gloria is survived by her daughter, Deborah; and her son, Donald and his wife, Joanna Seaton, of Lakeville, and their children, Nicholas and Mollie.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

SPORTS

2021 Stissing Triathlon has record-breaking participation

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — After a year without endurance competitions (other than and because of COVID-19), athletes in the region turned out in record numbers to take part in one of the first competitions of the year: the Stissing Triathlon in Pine Plains on Sunday, June 27.

Of the 125 competitors, Race Director Mark Wilson of Wilson Endurance Sports in Cas-sadaga, N.Y., said at least 30 were racing for the first time in their lives and about 75 were racing for the first time in Pine Plains.

"It feels incredible," Wilson said. "We're seeing faces we haven't seen in two years."

The huge turnout led Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud to say, "It makes me want to cry. It's been such a hard year, and it's incredible to see all these people in town, young and old."

The triathletes took off at 8 a.m. with a half-mile swim at Stissing Lake. They emerged from the water, stripped off their wet suits as they jogged to the parking lot where rows upon rows of bicycles stood



With their helmets securely fastened, the triathlon's participating athletes took off down the road on a 12.6-mile hilly ride.

upright in anticipation of the 12.6-mile ride. With their helmets secure on their heads, they mounted their bikes and pedaled off.

The final leg of the triathlon was a 3.3-mile run around Stissing Lake.

As family and friends settled down to wait for the athletes to return, the race organizer said, "The world's been through the worst of it and it's not only the

medical rules and laws — people want to be together.

"In these times," Wilson continued, "to be able to get together means so much, more so than ever before."

Owen Rowlands, 20, of Campbell Hall, N.Y., was the first runner to cross the finish line, to cheers and applause from the fans. Despite cramping up throughout the competition, Rowlands said it was "great to

be back — and win," adding that this was his first race in a year and a half.

The other 124 athletes followed soon after, and spectators needed no further encouragement to make some noise for them. Following the race, there was a cookout provided by Wilson Endurance Sports and several local restaurants; beer was supplied by Southern Tier Brewing Company.

Baseball mental health

It's time for a confession. I suffer from a mental health problem called BSOCD, Baseball Standing Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

Although the initials are the same, this problem is separate from the similar but distinct disorder known as Baseball Statistics Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. That problem is restricted to math people, whereas any of us can suffer from the prior malady.

The most common symptom is the constant desire to check a computer browser to see who is in first and where one of my teams is now standing. Win/loss percentages are agonized over. Results of the last 10 games are ground to a fine dust to determine trends and to forecast the future.

How one feels about the world, how one views the future, and one's general affect are severely affected by where one's team name appears in the list of divisions. Constant reassurance

BLEACHER VIEWS

Theodore Kneeland

in the form of multiple checks a day is usually needed to reassure the sufferer that some calamity has not stolen the team and sent it to the misery of dwelling in the cellar.

I believe I caught this disease as a youngster. Local papers would print not only a description of yesterday's game but also place a small box in the corner that contained the latest update of the league standings. That little box contained a contagion that has bedeviled me my entire adult life and these days shows no sign of loosening its grip.

Percentages play a central role in this disease. BSOCD sufferers know that a .600 win percentage is essential for getting to the post season in good order. That means your team has to have a

.700 win percentage at home and a .500 percentage on the road. Every game, especially a loss, becomes a part of that calculation and so achieves an importance that might otherwise be missed. Those that have the statistics form of this problem make the same calculations but add a bunch of others so complex that only a scientific calculator can perform the operations.

If you want to see fireworks, threaten to take away a stat nerd's calculator. Monsters of the Midway are mild mannered push-overs by comparison.

I have found by long experience that the only cure for this affliction is cold weather. Since I have no desire to live above the Arctic Circle, my only recourse is to put up with it until November. If any of you out there is similarly cursed, remember, Thanksgiving is coming.

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

Fireworks July 4 in Amenia

The Fourth of July is this Sunday and folks are ready to celebrate.

The Silo Ridge Community Foundation and the Amenia-Wassaic Community Organization have stepped in to make that possible for the town of Amenia, offering residents the chance to see a free fireworks display in celebration of Independence Day, in partnership with the Amenia Fire Company.

The show promises to be spectacular and will begin on Sunday, July 4, at 9:30 p.m. at the Amenia firehouse on Mechanic Street near the Harlem Valley Rail Trail.

Details are at www.ameniawassaic.org/programs/. For a full lists of local fireworks, go to www.tricornernews.com.

Doris M. Carberry

SHARON — Doris M. Carberry passed away at her home just a week shy of her 96th birthday, surrounded by her family.

Doris was born on July 4, 1925, in Sharon to Violet (Clum) and Thomas Cunningham. She was a lifelong resident of Sharon and communicant of St. Bernard's Church.

She graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School. Doris worked for the telephone company in North Canaan and was also the assistant town clerk for the Town of Sharon and co-owner of Carberry Tree Service, along with her late husband.

Doris and her husband, Bob, enjoyed traveling the states from coast to coast in their camper. After retirement, they spent their winters in Englewood, Fla.

Doris is survived by her beloved son, Robert B. Carberry and his wife, Helen; her grandson, Robert E. Carberry and his wife, Hanna; and a granddaugh-

ter, Michelle Carberry and her husband, Jared Schwartz. She was the beloved great-grandmother to Rowan, Lincoln and Sylvie Schwartz and Robert D. Carberry.

She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Emma Paley and Barbara (Joseph) McEnroe; along with many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Carberry; and her brother, Robert "Tuck" Cunningham.

The family would like to give special thanks to Norma Wright and her wonderful staff of Helping Hands Companions for their loving and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Sharon Fire Department, P.O. BOX 357 Sharon, CT 06069.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 30 at St. Bernard's Church in Sharon. Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home.

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Celebrating with flowers and balloons the end of their high school years, Nola Storms, at left, and Diana Reyes paused for a photo following the 2021 graduation ceremony at Webutuck High School on Friday, June 25.



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The procession of the senior class stepped briskly toward their 2021 graduation ceremony at Webutuck High School, held on Friday, June 25, under large tents to accommodate family and friends.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Kimberly Lalvy celebrated her moving up from the eighth grade on the soccer fields behind the Eugene Brooks Intermediate School/Webutuck High School building with her parents, Maria Lalvy and George Chuchuca.

Webutuck High School awards 47 diplomas after a 'roller coaster' year

By LEILA HAWKEN
Special to The Millerton News

WEBUTUCK — The weather was perfect for a positive finish to a roller coaster year as 47 hopeful seniors, prepared for the future, received diplomas at the 2021 Commencement ceremony at North East (Webutuck) Central School District on Friday, June 25.

The appropriately distanced event was held outdoors under tents, one tent for Webutuck High School graduates and a few family members, another for "overflow" family members and friends, and one for musicians.

Balloons in the school colors of green and white added color to the tents as did the graduates' robes, also in school colors.

The effects of the COVID-19 school year were evident in the logistics for the event, but not so much that the celebratory spirit was in any way diminished. The Warriors had triumphed over the

pandemic.

School Superintendent Raymond Castellani spoke first of society needing change to make the world a better place.

"It is your responsibility," he told the graduates, expecting each to go into the world and do just that. "We are all in this together."

"This year has been a roller coaster for all of us," Principal Katy McEnroe recalled.

She said she was proud of how Webutuck never gave up and she spoke of how the senior class met the challenge of the pandemic year. "Always remember your family," McEnroe said. "I am proud of all of you."

The Commencement Address was delivered by Robert Reid, who has served as the mathematics teacher for 17 years and clearly had the approval of the class, judging by the cheers as he took the podium. He began by praising the class for their successful efforts in raising funds to help local or-

ganizations, particularly during the past year.

He spoke of doors. "When a door closes," he said, "reach down, take the handle in hand and open that door. Don't let anyone close a door in your face."

About COVID-19, Reid said that Webutuck and its students were better prepared for stay-at-home teaching than many other schools had been.

As for the future, Reid advised that the graduates will be called upon to make lots of choices, and some inevitably will be wrong, but when that happens, "dust yourself off," and proceed. Acknowledging the personal emotional impact of her senior year, Salutatorian Brandi Andrighetti told the audience that she and her class had pushed through by sheer perseverance. Andrighetti recalled that at the start of their high school years at Webutuck, her freshman class was welcomed with

advice that their high school time would fly by and that those years would turn out to have been the best years of their lives. The first was certainly true; the years did fly by, she said, but she hoped in view of the past year that the latter would not be the case.

Valedictorian Daisy Matus crafted her address to reflect on her high school years and what they had contributed to her understanding, while celebrating the achievement of the milestone reached for herself and her classmates.

Once the diplomas were distributed, and the tassels moved from right to left to signify the moment, the class joyfully participated in a recessional, greeting well-wishers along the way.

Seated in the rear tent as "honorary grandparents" of graduate Ashton Lobert, Joe and Sharon Langer of Barkhamsted, Conn., said proudly, "We're glad he made it."

Congrats to Webutuck's eighth-grade students as they move up the ranks

WEBUTUCK — Between the beautiful summer morning and the encouragements from their administrators, teachers and mentors, the Webutuck Class of 2025 was able to start the next chapter of their academic careers at the North East (Webutuck) Central School District on an optimistic note as they took part in Eugene Brooks Intermediate School's (EBIS) Eighth Grade Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, June 24.

Starting at 8:30 a.m., the ceremony was held under two enormous white tents that were set up on the soccer fields behind the EBIS/Webutuck High School building.

Dressing up for the oc-

casion, the eighth-graders were recognized for their academic achievements, their leadership and their hard work throughout the ceremony. One by one, EBIS Principal Matthew Pascale called each eighth-grader up to the platform at the front of the main tent where they accepted their certificates and awards from Webutuck special education teacher Jonathan Scarinzi.

As each name was called, thunderous applause from the students' families, friends and classmates echoed throughout the tents as they gave the Webutuck Class of 2025 an enthusiastic sendoff into the future.

— Kaitlin Lyle

'The Heights' comes to the Drive-In

AMENIA — The stars were out at the Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre on Route 22 last Saturday night, June 19, as it hosted a private event for actor/singer/writer/director/producer Lin-Manuel Miranda (creator of "Hamilton") and his friends.

Drive-in co-owner John Stefanopoulos said Miranda came to Four Brothers to host a private screening of the feature film "In the Heights," adapted from Miranda's Broadway musical of the same name.

The restaurant and the drive-in theater were both closed for the evening to host Miranda and his group.

The film was directed by Jon Chu, who was also director of the hit film "Crazy Rich Asians." It was released in theaters on June 11 and is playing at The Moviehouse in Millerton.

For the first time in its history, Stefanopoulos said he shut down both the restaurant and the drive-in theater to host a private party.

Graciously welcoming the



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From left, Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre Co-Owner John Stefanopoulos welcomed legendary Broadway performer Lin-Manuel Miranda to the drive-in theater with his brother, Paul Stefanopoulos, as Miranda hosted a private screening of "In the Heights" at the theater on Saturday, June 19.

Broadway phenom and his crew to the popular local venue, Four Brothers invited Miranda and friends to enjoy the drive in

and its amenities before turning their eyes to the big screen for the featured film.

— Kaitlin Lyle

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Before opening the hearing up for comments, the board displayed the site plan so that Banning could go over any changes or additions made to the plan based on changes requested at the previous meeting. Banning noted changes made to the lighting, the configuration of the seating area and the areas where they would like to plant cyprus or arborvitae. He mentioned that KTB's attorney met with the Hollicks and their attorney Wayne Thompson to discuss any concerns.

Thanking Banning for referencing the meeting between the Hollicks and the attorneys, Thompson reported they made some significant progress and said he submitted a letter to the board saying they were "extremely close to coming to an agreement to having all the concerns addressed."

Regarding the Hollicks' objections, he explained they never objected to the restaurant opening,

but rather the site's rear dining area's lack of privacy next to its commercial usage, which borders their residential property.

Thompson asked Banning which side he was planning on planting the cyprus or arborvitae on, since the line of greenery for the restaurant and its neighbors "provides a wonderful noise attenuation, light barrier and a privacy hedge all in one."

Though there was a request for 20 12-foot arborvitae to be planted 3 feet apart, Banning said he assumed they were going to plant something in the 4- to 6-foot range and let them grow over time, since a 12-foot tree would be "pretty out of scale for everything else that's around."

Thompson asked Banning if he'd consider planting something in the 6- to 8-foot range for his clients. Beyond that and other project aspects, he said if it goes forward and "we agree on that, then we've met the Hollicks' objections to the project and wish

everybody to move forward."

Patti Hollick explained she and her husband mainly worry potential noise (particularly the sound of people walking over patio stones) and a lack of privacy in their backyard could be jeopardized by the restaurant. She said they are hoping for either a solid fence or shrubs to create a sound and visual buffer for privacy, while her husband suggested planting 8- to 10-foot bushes to create a wall. The Hollicks also suggested moving the restaurant's compressor and shared their concerns about its closing time.

As the hearing opened for other public comments, the Planning Board heard from residents who spoke in full support of the restaurant. Though he mentioned noises he used to hear coming from former The Stissing House, Pine Plains resident Douglas Koch pointed out other noises that can be heard in the town, such as those coming from the

local gun club and passing motorcycles.

"I find it hard to believe that a few tinkling wine glasses is going to add to the noise in Pine Plains," Koch said.

After the hearing closed at 9:34 p.m., Planning Board Chairman Michael Stabile asked the board if they had any questions or conditions about the site plan. Planning Board Attorney Warren Replansky reminded its members they must look at Part 2 of the mandated State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process, which the board promptly reviewed and approved.

A draft resolution for the site plan's approval was brought up to assist the board as it discussed restrictions that should be included, like hours of operation, smoking, amplified music and screenings like hedges or other plantings. By 10:37 p.m., the board unanimously approved the site plan resolution as amended.

PRIMARY RESULTS *Continued from Page A1*

seats on the Dutchess County Republican Committee. The supervisor and committee posts hold two-year terms while the councilmember seats hold four-year terms.

Incumbent town Supervisor Victoria Perotti is seeking her fifth term in office and also ran on the Conservative line; she won with 114 votes out of a total of 221 ballots cast over opponent Julie Doran, who also ran on the independent Amenia Strong party line. Amenia Strong has ties with the Silo Ridge Field Club luxury development and has been connected to the development's lawsuit fighting the town's 2019 property reassessment. Doran, who works for Silo Ridge, is also suing the town with two other litigants regarding property values.

"I appreciate that voters came out and showed me the support that they did and also the other two Town Board candidates," said Perotti. "I was delighted with the results. I put a lot of work into being supervisor and there are still other things I want to accomplish... I think it also says that a lot of people have a lot of different opinions but basically the town residents do not want a takeover by a corporation of their Town Board."

Incumbent Town Board member James Morris, who is seeking a second term, won with 122 out of a total of 221 votes cast; he ran only on the GOP line.

"I'm surprised Victoria didn't win by more votes; people do not realize how much she does and how hard she works," said Morris. "I didn't know what to expect. This election had some issues... with the Amenia Strong and Silo Ridge thing, I kind of expected more people to be voting, so that was a surprise. It seems to me these people have a conflict of interest and I still believe that. I don't know how you can run for the town you're suing, and I still believe that... I'm a lawyer; I know what conflict of interest is all about."

Newcomer Brad Rebillard fared second best, with 106 votes; he also ran on the Amenia Strong party line.

"The absentee ballots will be counted [Tuesday]," said Rebillard. "Too close to call at the moment. Remember, Amenia Strong is on the ballot in November. Based on how close the results were for Jamie, Julie and myself I'd say people definitely want change. A low voter turnout for the primary and our great results indicate we will do good in the

election in November."

Another newcomer, Jamie Vitiello, placed third with 105 votes; he also ran on the Amenia Strong ticket.

"It definitely was an interesting primary," Vitiello said. "I think that the turnout was impressive for a single party primary in a town the size of Amenia... One thing I feel a little frustrated with is this 'others' [idea]; the principle argument against myself and Julie, too, is win the election for locals. What? Don't I live here? When I got to the ballots, Sharon Kroeger objected to my even voting at all."

In fact, Kroeger, a poll watcher for the Democrats, "challenged the vote of Vitiello based upon the fact that he has not adequately established residence in Amenia," according to an email she sent to this newspaper following the primary.

Because of the challenge, Vitiello had to swear under the threat of perjury that he was a legally registered voter in the town of Amenia, which both Democratic and Republican election inspectors verified before handing him a ballot and allowing him to vote. Kroeger's claim was also vetted and negated by BOE Republican Commissioner Erik Haight.

"I turned to my daughter and said, 'This is the ugly side of democracy,'" Vitiello said.

Incumbent Michele Somogyi, who only ran as a Republican in the primary, came in last place with 101 votes.

The race for the Dutchess County Republican Committee garnered a total of 49 ballots, 19 of which were undervotes, meaning those 19 votes weren't counted because of an unclear marking on the ballot by the voter.

Incumbent committee member Mark Doyle was challenged by Jean Rebillard (wife of Town Board candidate Brad Rebillard) and Apostolis Stefanopoulos for the two open seats on the committee. Doyle won one of the seats with 33 votes while Rebillard and Stefanopoulos were tied with 23 votes each. That tie could lead to a runoff if it's not broken once the absentees are counted.

Until the absentee votes are tallied, the primary results will not be certified by the BOE — and the actual outcome could change as the numbers are quite close. The BOE stressed until then, the above numbers reflect the unofficial results. For more, go to www.elections.dutchessny.gov.

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to many. The initial contract between the village and the TBCC took place in 2019, but certain conditions had to be met first.

A brief history

The Thorne family donated the building and property to be used solely for educational purposes, which encouraged the village to incorporate as such in 1895 in order to receive the property. If it ceased to be used as a school it was written in the contract that the building would revert back to the Thorne family.

After a long and arduous process, the village has finally settled the reversion clause and all of the necessary work has been done by the Millbrook Early Education Center to allow it to use the property's playground. A zoning overlay was also created to permit the community center its various uses. The village expects the property to exchange hands shortly.

Thorne said the sale of the building for \$1, which was paid to the village, will allow the pricey renovation plans to begin with Phase 1 including asbestos removal and the preservation of the edifice's exterior. First the proper permits must be acquired.

The planning process

A series of public meetings were held to help decide the future of the Thorne Building before its use as a community center was settled upon. Many of the current plans have evolved from those meetings.

Asked how the pandemic has

hampered the project's progress, Thorne said, "We actually got a lot done over that time. We're ready to come out of the gates now that we can get together. It's exciting."

Former Planning Committee Chair for the TBCC Charles Pierce released a press release on June 26 in which he addressed the efforts to work on the dual projects.

"Capitalizing on a once-in-a-century opportunity to reimagine two village icons, The Millbrook Community Partnership, Inc. [MCP], a 501(C)3 organization, has been established to create a new park on the former Bennett College property while simultaneously renovating and restoring the Thorne Building into a community center."

How to best deal with both buildings in the village has weighed on the minds of residents for years and been raised repeatedly at Village Board meetings, in newspaper articles and on social media.

Enter Tribute Gardens

The Millbrook Tribute Garden is working with the TBCC and the Thorne family to make up a partnership that will be charged with raising \$20 million to complete both projects. It will eventually oversee the development and finally the operation of the two facilities.

"We want to take two of our community's greatest liabilities... and transform them to be among our greatest assets," Thorne said.

Now president of the MPC, he added, "These two facilities will create a vibrant platform for MPC and other local nonprofit organizations to deliver a plenitude of indoor and outdoor, civic and cultural programs."

Thorne said that the safe demolition of the Bennett College buildings is of utmost importance, as there is known to be asbestos in them, a major concern of residents living in Bennett Commons.

Joint vision

Both Thorne and Pierce described their vision of the renovated properties. Bennett Park, with 32 acres, will be a green gateway to the village with walking, hiking and bike trails incorporated into the plans. A landscape architectural firm has been retained to oversee other enhancements that will take place after public comments are heard and reviewed.

MCP has already received bids for the demolition of the college buildings. Once it raises enough money it will begin demolition. It is also planning a meeting with Bennett neighbors and the community to give information on the demolition and to seek input on the project.

Sloane Architects, P.C., a Millbrook firm, has been retained for the Thorne project, which plans to include a film and theater program, music and art studios, gallery space, culinary programs, a computer gaming room, a technology

center — it will be a complete and well-rounded community center. There will also be room for public meetings and other events.

Plans for Bennett Park are contingent upon agreements with several parties and will encompass land now occupied by the Bennett Commons swimming pool and tennis courts, Halcyon Hall, the Alumna Building, the Chapel, Carroll Hall, Melon Arts Center and the Kettering Science Center.

There were an additional 8 acres of land located north of the campus that are also included in the park plans. An agreement was reached between the Halcyon Master Association Inc. (Bennett Commons) and the Tribute Garden late last year to relocate the tennis courts and swimming pool to land closer to the condominiums.

The Tribute Garden donated an additional 12 acres and the Thorne family donated an additional 20 acres.

The demolition and renovation at both Bennett College and at the Thorne Building have taken years, but now seem to be coming to fruition. When completed, those behind the project hope it will benefit the community and its citizens, and perhaps attract young families and visitors to the area who will avail themselves of the village's many shops, restaurants and social and recreational activities that abound.

DURST *Continued from Page A1*

BFJ Planning prepared Parts 2 and 3 of the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) for the board to review. As the applicant, Durst was responsible for preparing Part 1 of the EAF, which was submitted in April.

Based on Parts 2 and 3 of the EAF, Yackel said BFJ assumed the board would adopt a positive declaration, which would direct Durst to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Scoping sessions

Yackel next scheduled scoping sessions; she advised holding two.

The first will be Wednesday, July 21, with a formal scoping session at 7:30 p.m. with an opportunity to view maps and graphics concerning the project at 6:30 p.m.

The second will be Saturday, July 31, and will begin with an opportunity to view project maps and graphics from 9 to 10 a.m. and follow with a formal scoping session at 10 a.m.

Both sessions will be held at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School at 2829 Church St. (Route 199), in the auditorium.

Following the July 31 session, the scoping process will remain open for an additional 10 days. Written comments will be accepted until Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 4 p.m., so the public can review the scope and make comments in-person, in writing or via email.

Comments may be sent to Planning Board Secretary Tricia Devine, Pine Plains Town Hall, 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, NY

12567; or emailed to planning-board@pineplains-ny.gov. For more details, call Devine at 518-398-7155, ext. 204.

BFJ Planning will then take all comments and put them into a final scoping document for the Planning Board to review.

EAF forms

Yackel walked the board through Parts 2 and 3 of the EAF form, highlighting SEQRA standards for declaring a positive impact and the various impacts to be examined, such as those on land, groundwater, plants and animals, aesthetic resources and so forth.

She also touched upon the impacts that will be studied in the DEIS, such as potential impacts on human health.

Planning Board Chairman Michael Stabile asked Yackel to explain the significance of a box not checked off on the EAF. Yackel said if an item is checked as having "small to no" impact versus "large to moderate" impact,

it doesn't necessarily mean the issue won't be studied during the scoping process.

Likewise, if a comment is raised, new information is brought to light or if the project description changes in any way, she said it will be studied.


She added the planners anticipate there may be additional issues raised during the scoping process that weren't included in the EAF. However, Yackel said it wouldn't bind the Planning Board to any specific course of study, but rather set a framework for what will go into the scoping process.

Self-contained

Planner Stuart Mesinger from engineering firm, The Chazen Companies, said the project's infrastructure is entirely self-contained.


"We're not creating any infrastructure that would service other development, so any other development would have to develop its own infrastructure," he

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The Town of Salisbury has entrusted Fred Schmidt, who grew up on the lakes, to be responsible for monitoring and controlling the water levels of Twin Lakes. As there are different water level requirements for each lake, it takes experience and a light touch to balance the entire system. For example, high water is a problem in East Twin and a blessing in West Twin. Fred was interviewed recently by the Twin Lakes Association and you can either find his comments on the association's website at twinlakesassociation.org or I'm happy to email a copy.



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ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Coming Together Joyfully To Celebrate Art and the Village

Periodically, there is an event on the Green in Sharon, Conn., that draws people from all over the region for an evening of fun, refreshments and socializing.

For children, that event is Halloween. For adults, the event is usually something centered around art and it often is incited to some degree by Theo Coulombe, owner of the Standard Space art gallery on Main Street. It was Coulombe who helped organize some of the very popular Art Walks with the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon around the Green in past years.

This weekend, he has joined forces with his friends Rafe Churchill and Heide Hendricks, the partners in Hendricks Churchill who have so lovingly restored many of the aging commercial buildings on West Main Street.

Churchill and Hendricks recently commissioned four murals to be painted on the sides of properties in this downtown section



PHOTO BY THEO COULOMBE

of Sharon. The murals are by John-Paul Philippe of Sharon, British visual artist Shantell Martin (both of whom have shown at Standard Space), Kirby Crone of Hudson, N.Y., and Hollis Churchill of Sharon, who is debuting a new online shop called PeaceLoveDoe.

There will be a downtown party on Saturday, July 3, with ice cream at

J.P. Giffords and, at The Edward wine bar, a special sangria mix and live music from 3 to 6 p.m. The murals will be officially introduced at 3 p.m.

The night before, on Friday, July 2, there will be an opening of a new multimedia show of work by Joshua Frankel of Wassaic, N.Y., called "Emergent System," which will include two-dimensional works inside the gallery and a live performance on the Green of music on a grand piano by composer Missy Mazzoli, followed

Shantell Martin is one of four artists creating murals in Sharon, Conn., that will be unveiled on Saturday, July 3.

by a screening of a short animated piece by Frankel (which is accompanied on film by eight grand pianos playing simultaneously).

There will be an opening and reception at Standard Space beginning at 5:30 p.m. The gallery will close at 8 p.m. for the performance on the Green, which will last about 45 minutes.

Then the gallery will open again for drinks and conversation. Anyone planning to watch the show on the Green is encouraged to bring blankets to sit on. The rain date is Saturday, July 3.

To learn more about the gallery show, go to www.standardospace.net/upcoming-joshua-frankel-emergent-system---opening-july-2nd.

MUSIC: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

For Those About To Rock: Band Camp!

It's not "Whiplash," and it's not "School of Rock," even though it's an educational program for young musicians that emphasizes playing in a group, as a band.

The differences are 1) this is not a film, this is actually happening, in Cornwall, Conn.; and 2) the instructor of the program is not physically and emotionally abusive nor is he a lovable rascal who isn't actually authorized to teach the students.

John Rubin is, in fact, quite the opposite of the so-called adults in those two feature films.

A professional drummer, he is also an experienced therapist/Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has worked with children for about two decades.

He is also an experienced music teacher and founder and owner with his wife, Mare Rubin, of Replay Music Studios in Manhattan.

Like so many, the Rubins and their three children moved full-time to the Northwest Corner last year during the pandemic — and like so many, they discovered that it's pretty great up here, and they began to settle in.

Parents of teens who love music will be the beneficiaries of that this summer.

The Rubins are offering a Litchfield County version of their summer band camp, in two locations in the center of West Cornwall: the building known these days as The Union and the old Hughes Memorial Library on the shores of the Housatonic River.

The camp will run for one week, from July 19 to 23, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students will need to bring their own instruments and their own lunch.

There will be break time, especially for younger students who

might like an opportunity mid session to run around, play some Whiffle ball, expend some energy.

Joining Rubin at the camp will be beloved area musician (guitar) and music teacher (Indian Mountain School in Lakeville, Conn.) Ram Miles.

Ideally, the students will be broken up into two or more "bands," with an appropriate number of different instruments in each band. Ideally, for example, there will not be seven drummers but no keyboard players.

Several students have already signed up; Rubin said that bass players are still needed; keyboard and guitar players are also always good to have. Drummers are not needed as much (Rubin himself can fill in on the drums if needed).

Students shouldn't expect to get music lessons per se at the camp; the expectation is that each musician will have had at least a few months of training on their instrument. However, exceptions can be made; check with Rubin first.

The camp is for boys and girls ages 10 to 16. The cost for the week is \$395 per student. The first few days will be somewhat organizational as the students get to know each other, and everyone figures out everyone's skill levels and musical interests.

"Usually by Wednesday, everyone begins to gel," Rubin said. On Friday, there will be a concert, probably on the lawn near the Hughes library.

Anyone interested in learning more can go to the website at www.replaymusicstudios.com or the Instagram page at [@replayrockschool](https://www.instagram.com/replayrockschool/); or can email Rubin at jrubin@replaymusicstudios.com.

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This biannual event features cakes by both local baking newcomers and experts for the in-person and online auction.

While the Historical Society anticipates additional volunteers, there are currently 14 bakers, including the accomplished bakers Elizabeth Mayhew and Seth Raphaeli.

Mayhew is famous for her works of art in frosting form (look for them on her Instagram page). She owns The Dutchy of Millbrook bakery in Millbrook, N.Y., and is an interior designer and a style writer for the Washington Post.

Raphaeli is a former banker and the founder of Studmuffin Desserts. A self-proclaimed dessert fanatic, he specializes in cookies and brittles — but he's also famous for his cakes, which have been featured in Bon Appétit, Saveur and other maga-



PHOTO COURTESY ELIZABETH MAYHEW

Interior designer, Washington Post style writer and extraordinary cake decorator Elizabeth Mayhew has donated a cake (although not the one in this photo) for this year's Let Them Eat Cake fundraiser in Sharon, Conn.

zines.

But that's dessert. During the reception there will be an open bar and hors-d'oeuvres including crab cakes, smoked salm-

on on crostini, whipped goat cheese and honey, all catered by JP Gifford.

In addition to the live auction there will be an online auction that will

include cakes that can be baked for a future date of the buyer's choice.

The live auction will take place at the historical society, 18 Main St. in Sharon, under tents, on Friday, July 2, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The online auction will also begin on July 2.

All proceeds from the cake auction will go to the Sharon Historical Society. The annual auction provides 30% of the Historical Society's operating budget.

Tickets are \$45 ahead of time, \$55 on the night of the event. Go to www.sharonhist.org/event/let-them-eat-cake-2021.

ENERGETIC AND INDIVIDUALISTIC, HOUSE BLEND CONCERTS AT PS21

PS21 in Chatham, N.Y., is offering a series of summer concerts that they describe as a "House Blend," a mix of chamber and solo music in combinations put together by Grammy nominated pianist and artistic director Alan Feinberg.

"They are a blend of virtuosity, whimsy, sorrow and passion — highly caffeinated — with some of the most fabulous musicians around," Feinberg promises.

The series debuts on Monday, July 5, with Miranda Cuckson, Matt Haimovitz, Matthew Gold, Geoffrey Bursleson performing Ralph Shapey's "Evocation No. 1 for Violin, with Percussion and Piano"; Billy Jim Layton's "Five Studies for Violin and Piano"; Franco Donatoni's "Mari"; David Sanford's "22 Part 1



PHOTO BY JUSTIN SMITH

Leelanee Sterrett, Acting Associate Principal Horn at the New York Philharmonic, will perform in House Blend Concert III at PS21 in Chatham, N.Y., on Aug. 19.

for Cello and Piano;" and Giya Kancheli's "Nach dem Weinen (Having Wept)."

Tickets are \$45 in advance, \$40 for members. There is a discount price of \$10 for students, teachers and essential workers.

House Blend Concert II will be Aug. 8; Concert III

will be Aug. 19; and Concert IV ends the season on Aug. 26.

PS21 is a state-of-the-art open-air venue on 100 acres of orchards and meadows at 2980 Route 66, in Chatham. To learn more, and to order tickets, go to www.ps21chatham.org.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. All entries can be found in our full calendar at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

ART

D. M. Hunt Library, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. www.huntlibrary.org
Book Marks, July; Book Marks Opening Reception, July 24, 4 to 6 p.m.

Furnace — Art on Paper

Archive, 107 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com
Marilla Palmer: Anthomania, Friday to Sunday June 12 to July 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

KIDS

NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., Millerton N.Y. www.nemillertonlibrary.org

You Can Do a Graphic Novel Virtual Workshop with Barbara Slate, Wednesdays, July 7 to 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (online); Outdoor Kids Community Yoga with Katie, Mondays, July 12 to Aug. 2, 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Scoville Memorial Library

38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. www.scovillelibrary.org
Calligraphy Fairytale Letter Workshop, Aug. 5, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (online).

MISC

Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, 246 Warren Turnpike, Falls Village, Conn. www.hysb.org
Golf Tournament Supporting Housatonic Youth Service Bureau, July 28, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. www.noblehorizons.org
Discovering Shakespeare's Play — Henry IV (Part 1), Tuesdays from July 6 to Aug. 3, 2 to 3 p.m. (online).

MUSIC

Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn. www.musicmountain.org
Shanghai Quartet's 31st Year at Music Mountain, July 4; New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players, July 10; Balourdet String Quartet, July 11.

THEATER

Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. 06069 www.sharonplayhouse.org
America's Sweethearts, July 3, 8 p.m.; Dancing Dream, July 10, 8 p.m.; Motown Under The Stars, July 24, 8 p.m.

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MILLBROOK

Millbrook Blazers celebrate their graduation after a challenging 2021

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Friday night, June 25, will be a night long remembered by the graduates of Millbrook High School. After more than a year of living through the COVID-19 pandemic, of learning sometimes remotely and sometimes in person, these seniors graduated in a ceremony and atmosphere where they were jubilant just to have things back to normal. And yet, in all of the speeches, the impact of the pandemic was evident, as it's something that no one will forget anytime soon.

Despite the difficult year and a global health crisis, the Class of 2021 excelled. Millbrook High School Principal Eric Seipp congratulated the graduates and welcomed their family and friends on Friday, June 25.

"We did not just survive, we thrived," he exclaimed.

He added that in spite of all that had been lost, there were lessons learned, including that while navigating uncharted waters, Millbrook students persevered. Their year culminating with prom, a trip to Six Flags and the commencement ceremony itself.

School Superintendent Laura Mitchell also addressed the pandemic, stating that coping with it had possibly opened up opportunities to change the world and themselves in ways that really matter.

"We're counting on you, and you'll always have a home here," she told the graduates.

The message to the Class of '21 was given by Administrative Assistant to the Principal Katherine Mattis, also the yearbook advisor and senior class advisor. She was elected by the students to deliver the message. She gave the 77 graduates one question each that she agreed to answer at commencement; she received 23 questions via e-mail. Some were poignant, some humorous; she replied to 10 of them.

Valedictorian Alice Pandaleon referenced the colors of the sunrise as she entered high school four years ago, and the



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

The Millbrook High School Chorus performed at the Class of 2021's graduation ceremony on Friday, June 25.

similar colors she expected to be present as the commencement ceremony closed at sunset that night.

Salutatorian Skyler Fountain told her classmates, "We made it" as she reminded everyone this was the first time the entire Class of '21 had been together since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. She said their one path of getting through high school would now diverge into 77 separate paths.

Millbrook seniors were accepted into 102 colleges; more than 37 scholarships were awarded; 27 graduates belonged to the National Honors Society; two students, Alice Pandaleon and Benjamin Wallace Lacy, earned International Baccalaureate cords; 16 donated blood; and Cassidy Lynn Howard earned a Future Farmers of America cord. Matthew Guardiola sang "The National Anthem," while the High School Concert Band and the High School Chorus performed two songs; Connor Power and James Hartford also performed a song on the bagpipes.

The ceremony concluded with Seipp thanking the Board of Education (BOE), the staff and Mike Ragusa for setting up the event. He especially thanked retiring BOE member John Rudy for his more than 20

years of service to the district.

The sun set as the ceremony ended, but the colors lingered in the sky as Millbrook graduates, family and friends gathered

to greet each other after a long absence, and to say farewell as the schoolmates and friends prepared to move on to their future lives.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Ethan Robbins sang and played guitar while Ariel Bernstein played the drums as part of Cold Chocolate's performance at the Bandshell on Saturday, June 26, courtesy of the Millbrook Arts Group (MAG).

Cold Chocolate gives concert at the Bandshell

MILLBROOK — The ever-popular Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) presented its first concert of its Summer '21 series, with the Americana band, Cold Chocolate, on Saturday, June 26. The group is out of Boston and is a favorite of the Millbrook community, having played in the village previously with its blend of funk, folk and blue grass. Led by guitarist Ethan Robbins, who also does the vocals, it features Ariel Bernstein on percussion.

Cold Chocolate played for nearly two hours at the Bandshell on Franklin Avenue to a crowd of roughly 100 men, women, children and dogs.

During the concert, Alan

Wager, artistic director of the nearby Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., stopped by to talk about the Playhouse's summer season. Wager performed a show tune while there, much to everyone's delight.

The MAG concert was deemed a success and a wonderful opportunity for residents to get together after a long, hard separation following roughly 15 months of quarantine conditions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

More free concerts are planned this summer, thanks to MAG. For details, go to www.millbrookartsgroup.org.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

STATE POLICE REPORT

The following information was provided by the New York State Police (NYSP) Troop K in Salt Point. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Felony sexual abuse charges

On Friday, June 18, the NYSP Troop K from the Livingston barracks arrested Pine Plains resident Pedro Garcia Sanchez, age 35, in Gallatin, for Sexual Abuse in the 1st degree, a class D felony; and Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Forcible Touching, both class A misdemeanors.

After receiving a law enforcement tip, an investigation began this March that discovered Garcia Sanchez allegedly sexually abused a victim under the age of 11.

Garcia Sanchez was arraigned before the Honorable Judge Shultz, of the Gallatin Court, who remanded him to the Columbia County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash bail or \$10,000 secure bond.

Crime Watch

If you or someone you know has been the victim of a crime, or you suspect criminal activity, send an e-mail to New York State Police Crime Watch at crimetip@troopers.ny.gov. All information will be kept confidential.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Notice of Filing Completed Assessment Roll with Clerk

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Pine Plains in the County of Dutchess for the year 2021 has been completed by the undersigned assessors, and a certified copy is filed in the office of the town clerk on the 1st day of July, 2021, where the same will remain open for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours.

Assessors for the Town of Pine Plains
Richard Diaz
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07-01-21

Legal Notice

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Legal Notice

The annual meeting of the Valley View Cemetery

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Donna Reimer
Secretary/Treasurer
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LEGAL NOTICE Village of Millerton 2021 Special Runoff Elections

The polling place for the 2021 Run Off Village Election to be held on Tuesday, July 06, 2021, will be at the Village of Millerton located at 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. Polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. Masks will be required.

Names and addresses of candidates, offices, and term nominated for are listed below:

Name of Candidate
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Address of Candidate
42 Dutchess Avenue,
Millerton, NY 12546
Title of Office
Trustee, two-year term
Name of Candidate
David Sherman
Address of Candidate
59 Main Street
Millerton, NY 12546
Title of Office
Trustee, two-year term
Kelly Kilmer
Village Clerk/Treasurer
Elections Officer
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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment roll for the TOWN OF AMENIA, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS for the year 2021 has been completed by the undersigned Assessor, and a certified copy is filed in the office of the Town clerk at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY on the first day of July, 2021, where it will be open for public inspection. Dated this 21st day of June 2021.

Chris Boryk
Assessor for Town of
Amenia
07-01-21

NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL ENROLLED DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, NEW YORK DUTCHESS COUNTY THAT A MEETING OF SAID ENROLLED VOTERS WILL BE HELD ON

Saturday, the 10th day of July, 2021 at 10 a.m. at the North East-Millerton Library Annex located at 28 Century Boulevard in the Village of Millerton, Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York for the purpose of selecting and nominating candidates for the following positions for the Town of North East to be voted

on at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021:

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Town Council Member - 4 year term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Democratic Committee
Town of North East
Jon Arnason, Chair
07-01-21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY at 7:40 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of Precision Auto Storage LLC for Site Plan Approval for Precision Auto Storage Addition on Tax Parcel #7271-09-066639 located at 6050 Route 22, Millerton, NY in the HB3 Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall or via email. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office at pb@townofnortheastny.gov or calling 518-789-3300, Ext. 608. The application is also

available on the Town website for inspection.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board at such hearing.

Dated: June 25, 2021.

Dale Culver
Chairman
Planning Board
07-01-21

NOTICE TO BIDDERS EXTENSION OF BID DUE DATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board has extended the bid date to receive sealed bids for the furnishing of all materials and labor necessary for the construction of the New Highway Department Building for the Town of North East, New York located at 6097 Route 22, Millerton, New York. This Contract has been designated, as set forth in these contract documents, including drawings and specifications, prepared by CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architect and Surveyor, D.P.C., located at 64 Green Street, Suite 1, Hudson, NY 12534.

All such sealed bids must be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of North East, 19 North Maple Ave., PO Box 516, Millerton, NY 12546 until 2:00 p.m. on July 8, 2021 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read

out loud.

By Order of the Town Board of Town of North East
Gail Wheeler, Town Clerk
Town of North East
07-01-21

Town of North East Assessor's Office

Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, has completed the final assessment roll for the year 2021. A certified copy will be filed with the Town Clerk at North East Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, N.Y., on the 1st day of July, 2021. It will also be available at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/AssmtRolls/northeast21.pdf>.

Katherine Johnson
Assessor
07-01-21

Legal Notice

Notice of Formation of CharlesNumberTwo, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/1/2020. Office location: Dutchess County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1784 Boston Corners Road, Millerton, NY 12546. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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EDITORIAL

Good news from the Pine Plains Planning Board

It's nice to see when a project comes before a board, in this instance the Pine Plains Planning Board, and even when it meets with opposition, matters can be worked out and consensus reached. That is exactly what seems to have happened in the case with KTB principal Jack Banning, who hopes to rent the building he owns with his wife, Irene, on Church Street to former Stissing House restaurateurs Michel and Patricia Jean.

The Jeans plan to open a new French restaurant at the site, which was once home to the former local favorite Crumpets, as well as the former New Age Diner and Agriturismo, as well as a host of others. Located at 2938 Church St., the 23-person capacity dining space has served as a number of eateries in its 30-year history.

Jack and Irene are well-known in Pine Plains, not only for opening up the popular Inn at Pine Plains as well as The Platter, both on Church Street (Route 199), along with many other businesses in town, Jack is also the inspiration behind, the co-founder of and the president of the Board of Directors of The Stissing Center (TSC).

TSC is the still-under-renovation performing arts center on Church Street that, once done, promises to be a draw to world-class performers and paying audiences from around the Tri-state area and beyond. It will unquestionably become an anchor in the hamlet's business district and a major arts and entertainment venue for the entire region.

It was the Bannings' vision of TSC, along with their partners', that triggered the town's reawakening a number of years ago and started to draw others to the community. All the while they continued investing, buying more property, starting up their own businesses and encouraging others to do the same in the once (and some say still) sleepy Pine Plains (not all of which have survived), like the barbershop, the laundromat, the general store, the feed store, etc. The Bannings have invested a lot into this community, in terms of not only their money but their time, energy, enthusiasm, hope and caring.

So when Jack Banning saw an opportunity to invest in the Jeans, a proven duo with Michel cooking up a storm in the kitchen and Patricia at the front of the house, we were so glad he pursued it. We were also pleased the Jeans agreed. Clearly so were the many Harlem Valley diners hungry for their wonderful French fare that has been sorely missed since they shut the doors to The Stissing House this January after 15 years of delighting discerning palates and charming chatty diners.

That much was evident by the 70 letters in support of Banning's application that were submitted to the Planning Board at a public hearing on Wednesday, June 9.

We also understand the concerns of neighbors Bill and Patti Hollick, who had their attorney, Wayne Thompson, submit two letters opposing the project on their behalf. The letters claimed that because the Church Street building stopped operating as a restaurant in 2019 when the coronavirus pandemic hit, Banning's project needed to be considered as a new application rather than as a simple request for site plan approval.

The Hollicks objected to the lack of setbacks, landscape screening, sound screening and light screening listed on the application — all of which could negatively affect them as neighbors. Patti Hollick feared they would lose all of their privacy and be able to smell and see everything going on in the restaurant's patio, and vice versa for the restaurant's clientele.

The public hearing continued on Wednesday, June 23. Thompson reported the Hollicks and Banning's attorney had made some significant progress, as they discussed using foliage to shield the two properties from each other with specific shrubbery. They also spoke of perhaps moving the compressor to quell the noise. (For more details, read article on front page.)

Bottom line? Somehow, some way, discussions were had, negotiations were held, consensus was reached. We're not saying the matter is 100% settled, or that everything Mr. Banning wants is right, that everything the Hollicks wants is right or even that everything the Planning Board wants is right. What we're saying is the fact all sides were willing to move toward the middle and compromise is what's important, and most likely what led to the amended site plan being approved by the Planning Board on the 23rd.

That spirit of cooperation is what will hopefully now lead to one more business opening up, one more chef ordering food from local purveyors, one more waitress getting a job, one more couple going out to eat at a local restaurant, one more tax bill being paid to the town and county, etc., etc., etc.

It's all good news for Pine Plains, which is all good news for us. What a great model for how a cooperative community can function successfully.



Inflation is here – beyond what the government says

Calculating the inflation rate using "a bundle of consumer goods" the government has always gotten this wrong. For a start, their CPI (Consumer Price Index) never takes into account shortages of components and, more critically, local variations in costs because of staffing, supply or even need. The computer chip shortage for car manufacturers, which causes a shortage, which raises the cost of second hand cars by as much as 25% is hardly reflected in the government bragging that they have kept inflation to "below 1.5%."

What are in this "bundle" of goods upon which they calculate inflation? Go ahead and guess because no one will tell you exactly what they are. Several investment websites describe that basket in vague terms (Why? Because they do not know). "The basket of goods includes basic food and beverages such as cereal, milk and coffee. It also includes housing costs, bedroom furniture, apparel, transportation expenses, medical care costs, recreational expenses, toys and the cost of admissions to museums also qualify. Education and communication expenses are included in the basket's contents, and the government also includes other random items such as tobacco, haircuts and funerals."

In short, some government employee statistician shoves in random numbers and comes up with a number they hope works. But is that fair? Shortages cause rampant inflation (check the housing market currently). Airlines, swamped by sudden desires to fly are understaffed and swamped, so they cancel flights and ticket bargains disappear. But somehow, that's not in the "basket."

Let's take a box of cornflakes as an example. Has the price gone up significantly? Not really. Yes there are some shortages, but the price has remained stable... except that there is now less in the box, something the consumer may not notice as the box is about half full. Did that affect the CPI? Nope. And what about gasoline? The government says they calculate the

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

price of gasoline in the CPI on a "nation-wide basis" but don't take into account local price hikes. Name me one place on the Eastern Seaboard where gasoline prices didn't spike.

Look, all of us try and manage the money we have, stretch it out. But that budget you made and try to stick to? Throw it away, inflation is back with a vengeance. Be prepared, it's going to get much worse.

Why? Let me explain. The Federal Deficit was hammered for the past five years, tax breaks for the most wealthy, overspending everywhere else. In 2016 it was \$587,000,000,000 more than tax revenue. By 2021 it was \$1,930,000,000,000, almost four times as much. How do we pay for that? The U.S. Government issues bonds — basically loan paperwork — that foreign countries and the really wealthy buy up because there is interest and a federal guarantee for the cash outlay.

Three times in my life the government has balanced the budget and debt by paying off those bonds and loans. How? By bringing back inflation. When did this happen last? Remember Clinton paying off the debt? How did he do that? He raised much more money from taxes because people were suffering from rampant inflation under Reagan and Bush and demanded pay increases at work and then paid more cash to the IRS.

Want proof? I bought a house in 1989 for \$350,000 that had been sold about six years earlier for \$65,000. When I sold it for \$1,350,000 in 2007... same house (well, we did improve it), same rural county, same so-called "low CPI." Oh, and property taxes? In 1989 the taxes were under \$350 a year. Now they are over \$16,000. So don't let anyone tell you the CPI is fair and correct. Not ever. And it is currently so far out of whack to be meaningless.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Still wearing masks?

Need a mask to shop in an open-air farmers market? Yes indeed or your business is not welcome there. Over-priced vegetables and fruits at \$7 a pound for tomatoes, \$8 a quart for strawberries and I need to wear a mask to purchase them? NO MASK, NO SERVICE! Keep your vegetables and

fruits. I'll go to Amenia, get what I need for half the price, not wear a mask and they won't have any problem taking my money!

Good thing for the paranoid city people. You'd be out of business otherwise.

Ronald Murphy

Millerton

Thank you voters

The Defending Amenia Team of Victoria Perotti, James Morris and Michele Somogyi would like to thank everyone who voted for us in the Town of Amenia Republican Primary. We are committed to con-

tinuing to be Advocates for Tax Fairness and standing up for the local residents of the Town of Amenia.

Victoria Perotti

Town supervisor

Support DeLora Brooks for Village Board

Although I am a resident of and business owner in the Town of North East, I urge all Village of Millerton voters to support DeLora Brooks in the Village Board run-off election to be held next Tuesday, July 6th.

Having had experience working with both candidates in the past, it is without any reservations that I endorse her candidacy as most beneficial to the Village of Millerton citizens and those in the surrounding town.

People often forget that the Village of Millerton is integral to the Town of North East residents and that the latter do have a stake in what goes on in the village government as well.

DeLora's experience as chair of the Village Zoning Board and her long-term advocacy for the Village of Millerton and the Webutuck Central School District, as well as a distinguished career as an RN and work in the public health sector, will provide the Village Board a unique and much needed fresh perspective.

DeLora is forward thinking, while also deeply concerned about the changing character of the community and how future growth and adaptation to environmental factors are managed.

The Village of Millerton needs a board member who will work well with the entire

community and will enhance relationships with the county, state and federal agencies to benefit her constituents.

There are many opportunities expected for necessary repairs and improvements to village infrastructure that DeLora is prepared to foster. Many of these have been left unaddressed by the village and town for decades, to the detriment of the local population.

The 21st century requires 21st century leaders who appreciate the diversity and history of the community, while also understanding its need for advancement.

DeLora Brooks is the right person for the Village of Millerton Board to move forward an agenda for prosperity and security for all, rather than adhering to past practices and inaction.

While only about 34% of registered voters exercised their right to vote in the election held a couple of weeks ago, I sincerely hope more people will do so on Tuesday, July 6th, as this is an opportunity to have your voices heard in determining what course you wish your community to take.

Vote for progress — vote for DeLora Brooks!

Lynn Mordas

Millerton



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Can existing homes be retrofitted for passive solar?

Dear EarthTalk: What is a so-called "passive solar" house and can I retrofit my existing house accordingly?

— Bill C., Raleigh, N.C.

A passive solar house is typically designed from scratch factoring in several considerations to boost the structure's ability to naturally keep the interior living spaces a comfortable air temperature without using conventional emissions-spewing HVAC appliances.

The concept hinges on having lots of insulation, no air leaks, and large, strategically-oriented south-facing windows that "collect" heat energy (in the form of sunlight) during the day

and store it in "thermal mass" (concrete slabs, brick walls, tile floors or other building materials with heat retention capacity).

While the concept has been kicking around since at least the 1950s, it wasn't until 1991 that Dr. Wolfgang Feist, an Austrian physicist and subsequent founder of the Passivhaus Institut, turned the dream into a reality with the design and construction of the world's first passive solar house in Darmstadt, Germany.

This three-story home was designed from the ground up with thick walls and copious amounts of efficient insulation, and no holes large or small where hot air could escape. The

Feist house was also designed to be free of any potential "thermal bridges," where heat could travel through walls to get outside, unlike conventional homes which are framed with wood 2x4s and 4x4s with insulation laid or sprayed in between. Conventional framing typically comprises about 25% of the interior walls' surface area.

Passive houses, on the other hand, are designed with solid slabs or with denser framing materials to cut off heat loss.

Siting is also a major design consideration for any passive solar house. Picking a spot that can harvest lots of sunlight (via large south-facing triple-glazed windows) and also take advan-

tage of neighboring shade (like large trees and buildings) to cool the structure off in the heat of summer is also key.

Given all of the design, siting and construction factors involved, it's usually not practical to convert a pre-existing conventional house into a passive solar one. But that said, there's no reason not to upgrade what you can at home to at least take advantage of increased efficiencies where it's easy and get as close to passive solar as possible.

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MILLBROOK

Elm Drive graduates take traditional tour of Alden Place

MILLBROOK — With just one more week left of the 2020-21 school year left last week, second graders at Elm Drive Elementary School in Millbrook caught a glimpse of what's in store for them when they head to the third grade next year by taking a tour of Alden Place Elementary School on Wednesday, June 16.

By visiting the school where they're headed for the 2021-22 academic year as third-graders, the young Millbrook students got to see what their days will be like come fall.

Along with touring Alden Place, the students were invited to participate in one of the school's traditions by signing a basketball and planting their own Class of 2031 tree.

This year's tree was a Red Bud that was generously donated



Taking part in a tradition started by Alden Place Elementary School Principal Tom Libka, second-graders at Elm Drive Elementary School were invited to sign a basketball during their tour of Alden Place Elementary School on Wednesday, June 16.

by the owner of Millbrook Gardens, Patrick Murphy, according to Alden Place Elementary School Senior Typist Julie Ruuge.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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Graduating second-graders toured Alden Place Elementary School on Wednesday, June 16, an annual tradition in the Millbrook Central School District.

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