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PHOTO BY JULIAN DIAMOND

Union Vale photographer Julian Diamond shot the photo, "Nighttime on Rudd Pond," in the spring of 2016; it's won a number of honors since then and was in an exhibit for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in the nation's capitol entitled, "United by the Trail." To view a clearer version of the starlit sky, which gets a little lost in the saturated ink of newsprint, go to www.tricornernews.com or www.juliandiamondphotography.com.

Photo of Rudd Pond garners wide exposure for local photographer

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MILLERTON — Although he's only 25, Dutchess County native Julian Diamond has accomplished a lot in his short lifetime. A professional photographer who is self-taught, Diamond continues to collect accolades for his work; just this month he was again honored, this time by Dutchess Tourism as September's Featured

Photographer, for his stylistic work of landmarks throughout the iconic Hudson Valley region. His shot of Rudd Pond in Millerton on a starlit night, entitled, "Nighttime on Rudd Pond," and of the Stissing Mountain fire tower aglow under a full moon in Pine Plains, entitled, "Lunar Lookout," are easily recognized by residents of the Harlem Valley.

The image of Rudd Pond even won him an honor with the Appalachian

Trail Conservancy (ATC) to represent New York in an ATC exhibit in Washington, D.C., entitled, "United by the Trail."

And one of the young photographer's photos was used for the magazine, "A.T. Journeys" in the fall of 2018, of an eerily foggy night sky.

"[He's] one hell of a pro," said Stan- cy DuHamel, co-chair of the Harlem

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Former Kildonan School teachers now at Kent's Marvelwood School

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KENT, Conn. — The former Kildonan School has joined the Marvelwood School just over the border, creating a campus that will offer high-level support for high school students with learning challenges.

The new partnership of the two schools was announced on Monday, Sept. 14.

Kildonan, formerly in Amenia, had struggled to stay afloat in recent years, especially after the death of founder Diana King in 2018. According to a history of the school on its website, King "began her nearly 70-year career in

the field of dyslexia at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C., where Anna Gillingham visited regularly to supervise teachers. Prior to that, she had spent time in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) on her uncle's farm, Kildonan; both her uncle and his daughters had what she later realized was dyslexia."

Gillingham was a creator of the Orton-Gillingham method for helping dyslexic students with reading and writing.

King's first educational program was Camp Dunnabeck, which she opened in 1955 in Pennsylvania. She was the camp's director for 35 summers.

"In 1969, with the help of Kurt Goldman, she established The Kildonan School, first in Bucks County, Pa., then in Amenia."

After King's death in 2018, Kildonan community members struggled to find ways to keep the school financially afloat, but eventually closed it in 2019.

The link between Kildonan and Marvelwood is a natural one. Marvelwood was founded as a high school for boys in 1956, and was originally located in the center of Cornwall Village, Conn.

The campus moved to the top of Skiff Mountain in 1995, settling into what had been the girls campus for the

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Low turnout at online police reform forum

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DUTCHESS COUNTY — Aimed at encouraging public engagement and providing transparency, the Dutchess County Police Reform & Modernization Collaborative is now offering county residents a platform to share their thoughts on police reform through a series of six virtual Police Reform Community Forums — the first of which was organized for residents of northeastern Dutchess County on Saturday, Sept. 12.

This summer, Dutchess County took the initiative to create a unified, countywide law enforcement plan for modernizing police strategies and protocols. Each local government en-

tity with an operating police agency is now required to conduct a comprehensive review of their agency's current policies, procedures and training and then develop a plan to improve those procedures. Once developed, the plans must be presented to their communities for public comment and then to their local legislative body to ratify or adopt no later than April 1, 2021 — that's according to a mandate from Governor Andrew Cuomo. Cuomo said the plans must be adopted in order for the police agencies to receive state or federal funding next year.

The first forum was open to residents from the towns of Washington,

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ARCHIVE PHOTO BY T.C. MORTON

Members of the Pine Plains varsity football team put up a fierce front on the field during the 2018 football season, in the days before COVID-19.

Local schools postpone fall sports season until March '21 due to COVID

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HARLEM VALLEY — Student athletes across New York State have been cautiously counting down the days until the fall sports season, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some school districts haven't even reopened their campuses, and all have been weighing the necessary safety precautions and potential scenarios for allowing athletics during the 2020-21 school year.

They've now received guidance from New York State, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) and Section IX Athletics. The consensus is that

Harlem Valley school districts have decided to permit their athletic programs to begin in November, with fall sports postponed until March 2021.

It was just a few weeks ago that Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that lower-risk school-sponsored sports in all regions were allowed to begin practicing and playing on Monday, Sept. 21, with travel for practice or play prohibited outside of the school's region or contiguous regions or counties until Monday, Oct. 19. As published on his website at www.governor.ny.gov, lower- and moderate-risk sports include tennis, soccer, cross country, field

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NECC Farmers Market names winners of face mask contest

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Open air good times are available every weekend as the North East Community Center's (NECC) Millerton Farmers Market continues to provide seasonal offerings on the grounds of the Methodist Church at 6 Dutchess Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Saturday.

According to John Nowak, Farmers Market manager for the community center, while the market has had to shrink a bit to ensure safe distances for all during the coronavirus pandemic, the event continues to present a wide variety of offerings, with music from the Berkshire Stompers, who have performed every weekend.

Each Saturday, they attract shoppers looking for local produce, baked goods, cheese, meats, maple syrup and honey from the 10 regular vendors as well as specialty items such as artwork from "drop-in" artisan vendors who are at the market three to six times over the season. Every other week, fresh-cut flowers are also available.

Nowak said that the market



PHOTOS BY JOHN NOWAK

Clockwise, from top left, Deb McEvilly (winner of most creative mask), Lois Musgrove (winner of best kids mask), Natalie Pere (winner of most beautiful mask) and Mcnail Scott (winner of most effective mask).

has been proceeding "very well" despite the difficulties brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that while the number of customers is down from last year, the amount purchased has

remained the same, with people buying larger amounts when they shop.

In order to keep everyone safe, a number of measures, including distance markers respecting

6 feet of separation are in place, but he noted that so far customers are being "very compliant" as everyone wears face masks and respects the rules that are in place. As a result, his job is made easier since he has had to speak to very few people to remind them of the policies.

Throughout the month of August, the market conducted a popular face mask competition, taking photos of anyone who wanted to enter during a three week period. Those photos were posted on a display board at end of the competition for vendors, who voted to determine the winners.

Category winners were: Deb McEvilly, most creative; Lois Musgrove, best kids; Natalie Pere, most beautiful; and Mcnail Scott, most effective. Winners should stop by the Manager's Tent at the market to claim their prizes.

Nowak said because the mask competition was so popular, it will be repeated at some point during fall market days.

For more information, including safety measures that have been enacted at the farmers market, go to www.neccmillerton.org/farmers-market.

New Latin grocery, Tienda Mi Esquina, now open for business in Amenia

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AMENIA — As of this June, downtown Amenia has been able to experience the tastes and textures of the Spanish culture thanks to a new Latin market, Tienda Mi Esquina, which is now open at 3294 Route 343.

Translating the store's Spanish namesake into "shop my corner," Tienda Mi Esquina is a corner grocery-convenience store with an assortment of Spanish items that can be difficult to find locally, according to shop owner Kenia Lopez. As a local resident, Lopez shared how tough it is for her and her husband, Jose, to find ingredients for certain dishes, such as special flours to make tortillas; she said they have to travel to Poughkeepsie or to Brewster to pick up certain ingredients.

"I thought it would be good to have a shop where you could find the little things you need," Lopez said. "I thought it was something that would be convenient for others."

Yet before the couple could set up shop in Amenia, the COVID-19 pandemic struck, and they were forced to wait a couple of months before they could move forward with plans to open Tienda Mi Esquina. They were able to finally open their business on Monday, June 1, after Governor Andrew Cuomo slowly began to restart the economy through a phased approach in regions throughout the state, months after he shut down nonessential businesses and schools due to COVID-19.

Now locals with a hankering for certain cuts of meat for that



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From jalapeños and mandarinas to cactus pads and chiles, Kenia Lopez, the owner of Tienda Mi Esquina, was proud to point out the variety of Spanish ingredients for sale in her new store.

special cookout, or a sandwich or tamale to eat on the go or even something colorful to decorate their home, can stop by Tienda Mi Esquina to find what they're looking for, from jalapeños, mandarinas and cactus pads to piñatas, sombreros and Spanish saints.

"I think it's a pretty good thing and a lot of people are excited," Lopez said.

The store's hours of operation are Mondays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. While Lopez and her husband are currently handling its operations, Lopez said they're going to need more help soon, with their second child on the way.

As far as what they're doing to keep their store sanitized dur-

ing the pandemic, Lopez assured customers they're taking care of all of the necessary cleaning and that they're enforcing a rule about wearing masks inside the store. She added that they're providing masks to customers who don't have them as well as antibacterial wipes near the register. The store also offers curbside pickup for customers who aren't comfortable going inside. Given the store's proximity to the town's post office, Lopez said sometimes customers will call them from outside the post office and she and her husband will meet customers outside.

Overall, Lopez observed that customers are cautious as they go about their shopping during the pandemic, adding that they often come into the store wearing gloves and carrying hand sanitizer.

Looking ahead, Lopez said she and her husband plan to focus on more groceries in the future. In

terms of what she'd like to accomplish while operating their business in Amenia, she hopes the store will be stable and that they'll be able to keep their inventory consistently stocked.

Given the stoves and sinks located in the back of the store from the space's past life as a deli, they may possibly convert part of the space into a deli for customers to buy food to go, such as tacos and other traditional Spanish dishes.

To order curbside service from Tienda Mi Esquina, call 845-789-1038.

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Lions Club Classic Car Show Sept. 20

AMENIA — The Amenia Lions Club is holding its Community Classic Car Show at Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre on Route 22, with the proceeds benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The annual car show, usually held at Maplebrook School, will be held Sunday, Sept. 20, from

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., rain or shine.

On-site show car registration is \$20. The event is free to the public and offers music, good food and raffles for a great cause.

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Sunday in Country Food Drive raffle sale

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MILLERTON — Sometimes when the need is at its greatest, the efforts needed to take care are more challenging than ever.

That's the case with the annual Sunday in the Country Food Drive (SITCFD), which since 1992 has provided holiday turkeys to families in need. It started with feeding just two local families and has grown to feeding hundreds of families throughout the Tri-state region. Serving 11 food pantries from Hillsdale to Pawling in New York and Canaan to Cornwall in Connecticut, last year 600 food baskets for each holiday were distributed at Thanksgiving and Christmas time.

This year, Bill Anstett, SITCFD co-chair with his wife, Colleen McGhee, anticipates a rise in requests from the pantries they serve in light of the coronavirus pandemic, which has shut down businesses across the state, the country and the world and put millions of workers in the U.S. and elsewhere on the unemployment line.

Although the holiday baskets are the program's main focus, so far this year SITCFD has also provided special help to several pantries that were overwhelmed with requests in the early months of the pandemic. It has also donated energy bars and drinks to workers at Sharon Hospital, just over the border in Sharon, Conn., who were putting in long hours and were hard pressed to find time for meal breaks at the height of the pandemic.

In normal times, the program would raise funds from

various events throughout the year, but with COVID-19 restrictions, those have been canceled and fundraising has been hard to come by. Instead, the program will be dependent on donations and hopes to raise some money through a much anticipated community raffle, which local businesses and community members have contributed to.

A beautiful handmade blue star quilt created by Anstett's sister-in-law, Krista McGhee, that's valued between \$300 and \$400, is up for raffle, as is a \$200 Thanksgiving turkey with the traditional sides from McEnroe Organic Farm in Millerton. The tickets, costing \$10 each or six for \$50, are available directly from Anstett; they are also available at Millerton's 52 Main and at Herrington's hardware store, in Millerton and in neighboring Lakeville, Conn., at Copake's Under Mountain Golf Course and at the Black Rabbit Bar and Grill, also in Lakeville. Those businesses each contributed gift cards as did Millerton businesses Taylor Oil, Daisey Hill Farm, North East Muffler and Silamar Farm.

The drawing is set for Sunday, Nov. 1.

"We'd like to do another raffle starting full time in December or early next year. Since we're limited in events, we're thinking these raffles are going to take their place for now," Anstett said.

Donations may be mailed to Sunday in the Country Food Drive at P.O. Box 789, Millerton, NY 12546 or made at www.sundayinthecountry.org.

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors' education grants awarded

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

ANCRAM — With the inspirational name Ancramdale Neighbors Helping Neighbors Association (ANHNA), it's not surprising that 10 education grants from that organization have been awarded to residents whose education is leading to careers that will help to make the world a better place.

Recently named after the late, beloved community member Adrienne Citrin, the Memorial Higher Education need based \$1,500 grants are made possible thanks to donations from local residents. In this 10th year for the awards, participants are up from six recipients last year.

The following information on the award winners was provided by ANHN, which "relies on community contributions to fund its various activities, including providing area families with food on a weekly basis, holiday baskets, school supplies for area students and schools and help during family emergencies, such as job loss or health crisis."

Educating students of all ages is the focus of half of the grant recipients.

Matthew Boice, a first-year student in the graduate program of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, hopes to bring the sounds of his bassoon to the world by becoming a member of a professional symphony and

teaching at the university level.

Sydney Cleveland hopes her studies at Columbia-Greene Community College will lead to a career as a history teacher as she majors in history with a minor in environmental science.

Matthew Hitchen has plans to attend the College of Saint Rose to become a Special Education and Social Studies teacher, having completed undergraduate work at SUNY Oneonta and graduate work at Washington State University.

Samantha Mason, a graduate student in the 1-6 grade education program at the University of Albany hopes "these classes will increase the success levels of her second-grade students in the Pine Plains Central School District."

Sarah Mason is "looking forward to student teaching this fall" as she completes her undergraduate program at SUNY New Paltz with hopes of entering that school's graduate Special Education program.

The health and well being of others is the objective of the five other recipients.

Leslie Boice, a dean's list and honor society member, is entering her final year at Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences, majoring in occupational therapy, "looking forward to working with patients to increase their independence and quality of life."

Christine Boyles of the Child Advocacy Center of Columbia

and Greene Counties "looks forward to learning new techniques to better assist people in need" through her program at the University of Buffalo School of Social Work.

Sara DeRocha, who hopes to "improve her Spanish" has "enjoyed helping others... and volunteering." She plans to become a nurse through studies at Russell Sage College in Troy.

David Ditto will transfer to Clarkson University having achieved his associate's degree from Dutchess Community College. He plans to study innovations in Electrical Engineering with a minor in Power Systems Engineering and Sustainable Energy Systems.

Emily Mason "looks forward to helping her patients live long, happy and healthy lives" after completing her fourth year preparing at Columbia-Greene Community College to be a surgical nurse practitioner.

In addition to the above, grants for nontraditional education and training, which have gone begging until now, have two applicants. Others are still encouraged to apply.

For more information on any ANHNA program, call Jack Lindsey at 518-329-7306 or Hila Richardson at 917-414-8270; or email ANHNainfo@gmail.com. To donate, send checks to ANHNA, P.O. Box 97, Ancramdale, NY 12503.



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From left, Stissing Mountain High School students Shane Horboychuk, Meredith Michetti, Logan Kilmer, Mike Kelly, Ryan Lynn, Jeffrey Knapp, Adolfo Lopez and Dylan Poeppelein gathered at the Pine Plains Town Garage to volunteer for the Town Clean Up Day on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Students make Clean Up Day a breeze

PINE PLAINS — Local volunteers, many students, pitched in to help clear residents' homes of unwanted belongings as part of the third annual Town Clean Up Day on Saturday, Sept. 12.

With the event running from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pine Plains Town Garage, the town provided Dumpsters for residents to dispose their unwanted ma-

terials, including furniture, rugs, couches, chairs, sleeper sofas, mattresses and box springs, tires, car batteries and other items.

In addition to unloading the items from residents' vehicles, volunteers were recruited to assist local senior citizens by driving to their homes and picking up their junk. Among this year's volunteers was a group of Stissing

Mountain High School students who signed up to fulfill their community service requirement for school.

"It's a lot easier with the kids we have, a lot smoother," Pine Plains town worker Vinny Parliman remarked mid-morning. "Nobody's had to get out of their cars yet."

— Kaitlin Lyle

Kaylee Dina raises \$800 for Pine Plains Community Food Locker

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PINE PLAINS — Ever since she started accompanying her mother in volunteering for the Pine Plains Community Food Locker last fall, Kaylee Dina, 10, a sixth-grader from the Marlboro Central School District, has been going the extra mile to give back to the pantry's clientele. Given the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on its ability to distribute food to community members in need, she recently put together a fundraiser inviting people to share a little kindness with others by donating food and other essentials.

Having learned about the joys of volunteering from her mother, Kaylee began helping out with the food locker's monthly distributions in the fall of 2019. Located at 3023 Church St. (Route 199), the pantry is located in the basement of the Pine Plains United Methodist Church and distributes food to all nine towns in the Pine Plains Central School District once a month, including Pine Plains, Stanford, Ancram, North East, Clermont, Clinton, Gallatin, Livingston and Milan.

As she became more familiar with the its operations, Kaylee went a step further by coming up with creative ways to brighten the clients' day, from creating little gift bags for Christmas and individually wrapping cookies for Valentine's Day to handing out chocolate coins and scratch-off tickets for St. Patrick's Day.

"She absolutely loves not only being able to go there but just being able to put a smile on their faces totally brightens up her day," said Melanie Dina, Kaylee's mother. "She has one of the big-

gest, kindest hearts of anybody I've known for somebody at the age of 10."

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kaylee and her mother were rendered unable to drive food over to the clients' homes. Yet instead of being deterred by the new normal, Kaylee came up with an idea to support the food locker and the people who rely on it.

"Because of COVID-19, I decided because I can't go, I wanted to do something else," Kaylee said, "and I decided to donate, and it's amazing how many people want to help."

At the start of June, Kaylee composed a letter inviting people to remember how much kindness matters and that "caring can change someone's life."

Her mother sent Kaylee's message out to family and friends via text while her grandmother, Cynthia Roe, posted the letter on Facebook.

Much to their surprise, the letter went viral, resulting in an outpouring of donations from across the country and beyond. From family members and other donors living in California to a coworker of her mother's from Ireland, word quickly spread about Kaylee's fundraiser, which grew larger than she had anticipated.

Raising a total of \$800, Kaylee explained in her fundraiser that all donations would go toward purchasing food for the Pine Plains Community Food Locker. Given her many months of volunteering, she already had an inkling about the kind of food needed, and she created a list of what to buy.

An accountant, Dina created a spreadsheet to determine what they could afford. With list in hand, Kaylee and her mother

went price shopping at local grocery stores before choosing Price Chopper as the best bargain.

Between Kaylee, her mother, her grandmother and a family friend, Michelle Roe, they managed to fill three shopping carts with food. Since they only spent \$500 of the \$800 during their first shopping trip, Kaylee created a list of toiletries needed — including toothbrushes and toothpaste, bars of soap, toilet paper and hand sanitizer — and shopped for those items as well. On Friday, July 24, they made their sizeable donation to the food locker.

"It's an absolutely amazing thing that she did and it kind of goes a long way in helping others," Dina said, "and it's just amazing in how big her heart is to do what she did and to be able to be a part of that."

"It's funny because she always says to me that she looks up to me as a role model," said Pine Plains Food Locker Community Director Patricia Nannetti, "and I say to her, 'Young people should look to you as a role model! You see so many horrible things in the newspapers and the television and you see this young girl go out of her way, and she did this all by herself."

"She just really has a big heart and a lot of compassion for a young girl," Nannetti added. "Let me tell you, that's commendable — you don't see a lot of that. It really makes your heart feel good knowing there are so many people willing to donate to a cause."

Though she originally didn't plan on hosting another round for her fundraiser, Kaylee was excited to report that round two is now underway.

In the meantime, the 10-year-old is currently writing thank you notes to send to all of the people



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From left, Pine Plains Community Food Locker Director Pat Nannetti with Zachary Dina, 8, and his sister, Kaylee, 10, who helped purchase a variety of groceries, toiletries and other supplies for pantry clients through donations she helped raise to help people during the COVID-19 pandemic.

who donated during the first round.

As a special thanks to Nannetti for her contributions to the local community over many, many years, Kaylee added, "Thank you to Miss Nannetti for all her hard work, and I think it's absolutely amazing how kindness can go a long way."

To donate to round two of Kaylee's fundraiser for the food locker, email melaniehdina@gmail.com.



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Photo of metal sculpture, Wind Sails III, left, by Bob Turan, is currently installed on the lawn of the Millbrook Library as part of its exhibit, "Woman of Fiber—Man of Steel," along with the work of artist K. Velis Turan, his wife.
 PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Textile artist K. Velis Turan makes "quilts" of metal, colorful and intricate, below, now on display inside the library.



Artist couple exhibit their work at Millbrook Library

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MILLBROOK — The latest exhibit at the Millbrook Library starts on the lawn outside, Wind Sail III, an imposing piece by artist Bob Turan, a sculptor, filmmaker and artist who works with found metal objects and materials, and has exhibited worldwide.

Upon entering the library, although there are other items on display, one instantly notices the surface-designed textile artworks that are hanging on the walls, depicting urban scenes, skyscrapers and buildings; they're intricate weavings that have both majesty and movement, a testament to art and the world of today.

Upon closer inspection, they look like quilts made from metal. These pieces are by artist K. Velis Turan.

Now the title of the exhibit becomes clear, "Woman of Fiber—Man of Steel." The artists,

from Earlton, N.Y., in Greene County, are a husband and wife duo who regularly exhibit together, their metallic works complimenting each other. The works will be on exhibit at The Gallery at the Millbrook Library through the end of November.

K. Turan describes herself as a mixed media fiber artist, with her work reflecting her interest in colors, shapes, light and shadow — and reflections. She captures each element and brings it all together to create a cohesive whole. Turan credits his creative expertise to a love of welding and a cinematic eye. Working in four dimensions allows him to show the kinetic abilities of each piece, creating movement and purpose; he admits to loving the fabrication and often refines the design as he works.

Additional library news
 Other events are happening at the library as well, which is open for regular days and hours, but with face masks required as

well as social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Library donations are not being accepted at this time, and programs are mostly online. Computer use is by appointment only.

For adults, there is a Financial Literacy program planned for Wednesday, Sept. 23, Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14, each one with a different topic.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, there is a 30-minute online meditation session at 6:30 p.m. guided by Amy Rutledge.

There are programs for children, including Science Worms, arts and crafts, and starting Tuesday, Sept. 22, there is Homework Helper for those ages 5 through 12.

A calendar of events in online with a complete list of programs. For registration information and regular days and hours, go to www.millbrooklibraryny.org or call 845-677-3611. The library is closed on Sundays.

How does your garden grow... during a global pandemic?

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MILLBROOK — While summer is at its tail end, the fact is that there is still some planting that can be done. With a little help from the experts at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC) in Millbrook, come fall, just days away, local gardeners will be able to continue to reap the rewards of their hard work — especially comforting as residents battle long lines and empty shelves at grocery stores amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whether an old hand at gardening or a novice, now can still be a good time to keep busy in the backyard. And what a wonderful opportunity to share pleasant hours with children and spouses who are still home, self-isolating with the rest of society.

A wonderful resource is the CCEDC and its website, www.ccedutchess.org, even though the center is currently closed due to the health crisis. Area residents may call or email the center at any time and one of its staff will return the call as quickly as possible. Its number is 845-677-8223, or email dutchess@cornell.edu. Dutchess Dirt, produced by CCEDC's Nancy Halas, Joyce deVries Thomaselli and Master Gardener volunteers, another great resource online. It offers many tutorials and these pros of the gardening world are pleased to share tips and information.

Some of the valuable information shared includes: how to avoid Lyme disease, what is composting, which plants are deer resistant and which species of



PHOTO BY WHITNEY JOSEPH

This tomato plant was among the many kinds of varieties local gardeners tended to this summer as they grew their own food during the COVID-19 pandemic, many turning to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County in Millbrook for virtual guidance.

plants are considered invasive.

On the website, gardeners can find a list of 50 vegetables to grow. Click each name, and a detailed description of the plant and growing instructions will appear, along with information about the type of soil needed, the best zones for growing, how to

keep plants healthy and the best ways to plant, weed and feed the individual plants. It will also give details about soil composition and how to get soil tested.

And while the CCEDC is currently closed, gardeners can still ask questions via e-mail — and get answers.

Village Board updates codes, honors police sergeant

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MILLBROOK — Interim Mayor Mike Herzog opened the Village Board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 9, with a moment of silent prayer for the victims of Sept. 11, 2001. The first items of business were the appointment of Trustee Tim Collopy as deputy mayor and the appointment and swearing in of Victoria Contino as trustee, to finish the remainder of Herzog's unexpired term. Genevieve Classon was appointed to the Planning Board and will be sworn in at Village Hall at her convenience.

Fire Chief Ted Bownas gave his report for the month of August, which included three motor vehicle accidents, three structure fires, 41 EMS calls and 40 Northern Dutchess Paramedic (NDP) responses among others.

Millbrook Police Sgt. Jared Witt also gave his report, which included issuing five parking tickets, receiving one complaint of a domestic incident, six complaints of suspicious activities, two complaints of trespassing, one complaint of fraud, one complaint of animal abuse and one complaint of larceny, among others.

The mayor then read a letter commending Witt for his rapid and professional response to someone in medical distress at a restaurant on Franklin Avenue. After aiding the victim, she was taken to a local hospital. Witt was quick to share the accolades with others who also acted quickly to save the woman's life.

The Highway Department's Bob Colocolla reported on brush pickups, both regular and after Tropical Storm Isaias on Aug. 4, which necessitated sweeping up gravel and debris. He's worked with the town doing flag duty for a full day. The village's new truck is in service. It was also dis-

cussed that after three-day holidays more garbage receptacles might be needed; Colocolla said extra bins are available. People continue to dump garbage outside of the municipal bins, especially household garbage, which has been a problem for the village. Brush pick up is now done in the village; leaf pickup begins Oct. 1.

A public hearing was opened on changing five items in the Village Code: the first concerns the Procurement Policy; it was amended to provide that the Village Board shall review and update its procurement policy on an annual basis. Another chapter sets the official year of the village and the terms of office, more clearly expressed, which were set in 2008. The mayor and trustees serve four year terms; the mayoral and two trustee positions through elections in the General Election year, while the other two trustee positions are through elections on the next election cycle. The Village Round Table was the official newspaper listed in the Codes, but is now defunct. The official newspaper is now named by the Board of Trustees at the reorganization meeting each year. The final change had to do with the Investment Policies, Chapter 24. It now reads: All investments of village funds shall be approved by the Board of Trustees and shall be in compliance with the New York State General Municipal Law § 11, Temporary Investments. These local laws shall take effect as of the date of filing with the New York Secretary of Labor.

Herzog introduced a resolution to amend Law 230, to allow changes to the Thorne Building overlay map, two parcels on Franklin Avenue and two on Washington, changing from private multi-dwelling properties to general business properties. There will be a public hearing on the matter on Tuesday, Oct. 13,

the public can participate virtually through Zoom; notices will be posted online, at www.villageofmillbrookny.com, as well as at village hall, the post office and at town hall.

A fund for renovating and repairing the tennis courts will be established, with a separate account carefully tracked in lieu of using an outside agency.

The Village Board added it would like to do whatever it can to help area restaurants and businesses survive as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. While it didn't mention specifics, members said they're open to ideas.

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Coat Sale & More!

The annual Coat Sale and More! at Uncle Al's Thrift Shop, benefiting St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church, will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8, 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph School gym, 25 St. Joseph Drive, Millbrook.

The three-day event will feature coats and jackets, suits and sport coats, sweaters, handbags and accessories. Preparations have taken place over the past several months; there is a huge selection. Masks are required.

Uncle Al's is at 3275 Franklin Ave. and open year-round on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is run entirely by volunteers; all proceeds benefit the church.

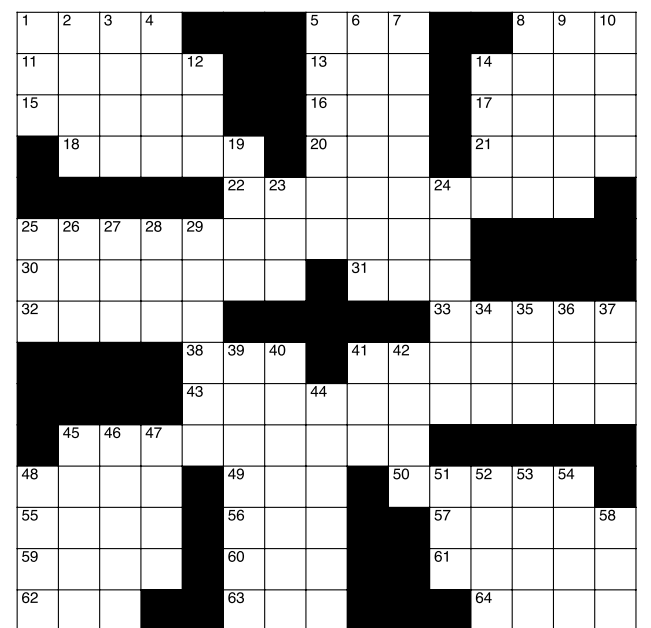
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13. Form of "to be"
14. Israeli diplomat
15. Outfit
16. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
17. Deceptive movement
18. Anxious
20. Popular Letterman guest
21. Saints' signal caller
22. Intoxicate
25. Relationship
30. Ask for one's hand in marriage
31. Popular Will Ferrell film
32. Gargle
33. Warning sensation before migraine
38. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
41. Erases
43. At ease
45. Small branch of an artery
48. Mother of Hermes
49. Body part
50. Cavalry sword
55. Wellness chants
56. Helps little firms
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62. Doctor of Education
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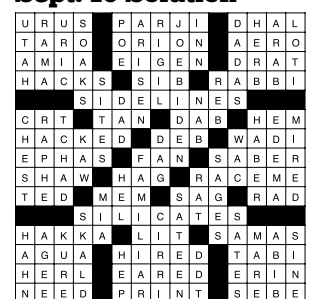
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5. A simple type of jet engine
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8. Siskel's pal
9. Strong spirit distilled in Turkey
10. Again
12. Imitate
14. Icelandic poems
19. Jacob __, American journalist
23. No (Scottish)
24. Newborn
25. Credit term
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27. Male offspring
28. Important baseball stat
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35. Jewish equivalent of "Sir"
36. Every



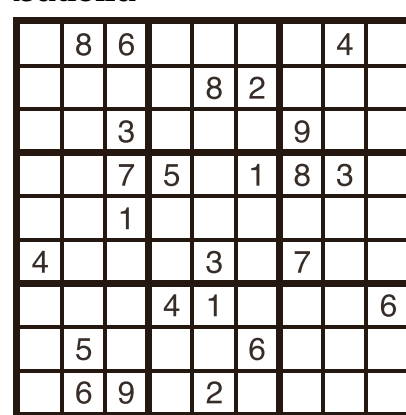
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39. Anti-slavery treaty
40. A friendly manner
41. Military figure (abbr.)
42. Area units
44. Sudden incursions
45. Expressed pleasure
46. Covered with hoarfrost
47. Job
48. Donkey
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Light dry-gap bridge (abbr.)
58. Criticize

Look for the solution in next week's issue.

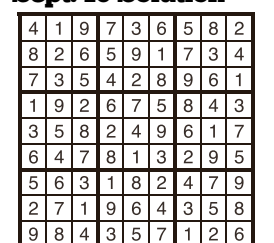
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OBITUARIES

Cora Elizabeth Stackelberg

KENT — It is with great sadness that the family of Cora Elizabeth Stackelberg (née Sleighter) announce her passing on Sept. 5, 2020. She died peacefully at her home in Schodack, N.Y., at the age of 87.

Cora was born on March 15, 1933, in Torrington, to Lester and Marion Sleighter and, along with her sister Marilyn, grew up in Kent. Cora attended Housatonic Valley Regional High School, where she met her husband-to-be, Olaf Patrick Stackelberg. They were married on Sept. 4, 1954, and went on to raise three sons, John, Peter and Paul.

Cora excelled academically and as the top student in her class delivered the valedictory address at her high school graduation ceremony.

Upon graduation, she attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), at a time when MIT was overwhelmingly male, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. Cora is remembered for knitting during physics class at MIT — an activity that somewhat intimidated her male counterparts!

After graduating from MIT, Cora and Olaf moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where Cora worked as an electrical engineer for Honeywell while Olaf studied for his Ph.D. in Mathematics.

She also worked as an electri-

cal engineer for the U.S. Army in Fredrick, Md., while Olaf served in the Army.

Cora then pursued a career teaching mathematics at various community colleges while living in Durham, N.C., and Kent, Ohio.

She also continued her own education, earning a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Duke University and a Master of Science degree in computer science from Kent State University.

Cora was a passionate gardener and a member of the East Greenbush garden club. Her talent for gardening was reflected in her beautiful flower and vegetable gardens, which she vehemently protected from deer and woodchucks her entire adult life.

Cora was an avid reader, always with a book at hand, and enjoyed classical music and attending the symphony. She also enjoyed spending time with family in Vermont and the annual family trip to Cape Cod where she enjoyed her favorite meal: lobster.

Cora was preceded in death by her son Peter; and her parents Lester and Marion. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Olaf; her sons John and Paul and their wives, Mariann and Megan; her granddaughter, Ana; her sister, Marilyn; and her nephews, Edward and Clarke Kohler.

A private family remembrance is planned to be held in Vermont at a later date.

Frances Marie Day

SALISBURY — Frances Marie Day, 92, died peacefully on Monday, Sept. 7, 2020, at Noble Horizons.

She was the loving mother of Margaret Day of Amenia, Glenn Day of Tarrytown, N.Y., and William Day of Valhalla, N.Y.; adored grandmother of Giuliana and great-grandmother to Valentina Rose.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Wilbur H. "Wil" Day (retired FDNY firefighter, Ladder 51, Bronx, N.Y.); and a

daughter, Dolores Musella.

Burial took place on Thursday, Sept. 10, at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, N.Y., the Rev. Eileen Epperson officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

Memorial donations may be made to Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.

To send an online condolence, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.



Email obituaries to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com

Rolf Schenkel

SALISBURY — Rolf Schenkel, 86, of Salisbury passed away peacefully at his home on Sept. 10, 2020.

He was predeceased by his wife Barbara "Barb" (Hill) Schenkel of Salisbury; and his brother, Gunther Schenkel of Switzerland.

Rolf was born in Switzerland on Aug. 25, 1934, a son of the late Gertrude (Sommer) and Henry Schenkel.

Rolf was educated and trained to be a chef/baker in Switzerland. He came to the United States in 1960 and became a successful restaurateur and hotelier, renowned for his Swiss specialties that will always be remembered by many.

He and Barbara owned the Ragamont Inn in Salisbury from 1970 until 2000.

He was an avid golfer and

skier and enjoyed the outdoors.

He is survived by his two daughters, Renee Schenkel of Salisbury and Helga and her husband, Bruno Schwegler, of Switzerland; his brother, Ebberhardt, and his wife, Margret Schenkel, of Switzerland; and his three grandsons, Fabian and his wife, Rebecca Schwegler, Mauro Schwegler and Kevin Schwegler of Switzerland; and many nieces and nephews.

There are no services planned at this time.

Memorial donations in Rolf's memory may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047.

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

SPORTS

Maybe it's time

Those who know me know that I can be a bit stubborn about changing my mind — at least in important matters, like wives, children and the designated hitter. I have been a sworn enemy of that last thing for a good 50 years, but I may be on the edge of being converted.

The first shove in that direction was offered by David Ortiz, late of the Boston Red Sox. For years, I had regarded the DH as just an American League gimmick to make the game more offensive, a move to counter domination by

BLEACHER VIEWS

Theodore Kneeland

pitchers in the 1960s. "Bah! Humbug!" said I. "Don't mess with the purity of my treasured game."

I had thought that DH's could never be a central part of a team because they never took the field. They were the tinsel on a Christmas tree, not one of the boughs, or even one of the shining ornaments.

Big Papi, as his nickname makes clear, put the lie to all of that. He was the rock on which Boston built its history making teams of this century, changing the perception of Beantown baseball from a team full of lovable losers to the envy of the league.

While he was there, August and September became times to look forward to the post-season rather than to endure the agonies of waiting for the inevitable late summer collapse.

Not only did he become the spirit of the franchise, he became the genius of the city when he rallied everyone after the horrors of the Boston Marathon bombing in just the same way as he rallied this team after being down 3-0 to the hated Yankees.

The final shove may have come this year in the Mets opener when DH Yoenis Cespedes homered in his first game in two years. I think I am slowly coming to the conclusion that the game may be better off allowing for players who are detriments in the field but terror at the plate rather than insisting that pitchers, who probably get no more than 60 or 70 at bats a year, try to hold their own at the plate.

OK, it's taken me a while, but I think I'm getting there. Now about the three point shot in basketball? Well that might take me another 20 years or so.

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

Two beloved area races go virtual

By HUNTER O. LYLE
Special to The Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — The year of COVID-19 has seen communities scramble to host events while adhering to state guidelines and restrictions, such as the Sharon Sprint Triathlon, which was held in August. The newest modified town traditions are the Sharon Classic Road Race and the Kent Pumpkin Run, both of which have gone virtual for 2020.

Sharon Classic

With the threat of the coronavirus still very real, Sharon has scaled down the annual fundraiser for the Sharon Day Care Center as a precaution. There will be no concession stands, no gathering on the Green with music and lively conversation and no bouncy house for children, all traditions the community has become accustomed to.

Instead, racers have the option of completing the usual course, which starts at the Sharon Green and follows Route 41 to West Woods Road No. 1 and loops back to the Green; or completing any 5-mile trek between Sept. 26 and Oct. 4. Fast Track Timing will collect the results and post them at www.fasttracktiming.com.

The Sharon Classic Road Race, which was started in 1985, has always been a way to fundraise for the Sharon Day Care, something

Race Organizer Karen Dignacco said is more important than ever due to the hardships caused by COVID-19.

"The day care wasn't open for the spring," she said. "They did have a summer program, but because of the social distancing rules and all the other stuff, they can't have as many children at the center as they normally do."

"So that restricts their tuition income, and because they don't have that income, they've had to sideline their expansion plans."

Normally, winners of the Sharon Classic Road Race receive a cash prize. However, since there will be no plant sale, silent auction or concession stands this year, the cash prizes will be substituted by apparel or merchandise from Trail Heads, an outdoor apparel store in Kent, and/or other donations.

Participants can register for the Sharon Classic Road Race for \$20 at www.sharonclassic.org/register. For more information, go to www.sharonclassic.org or the organization's page on Facebook.

Kent Pumpkin Run

Registration is also open for the annual Pumpkin Run in Kent, which will be held virtually from Thursday, Oct. 22, to Sunday, Oct. 25.

For the 44th iteration of the beloved run, which is hosted by the Kent Chamber of Commerce,

participants run for 5 miles on either on Oct. 22, 23, 24 or 25 and send in their results by email. Runners are expected of course to be fully accurate in their timing; the difference between times can often be just a minute or two (sometimes less). The results will be tabulated; overall and division winners will receive 2020 commemorative Pumpkin Run medals.

There will be a special prize for the registered runner who lives farthest from Kent.

All registered runners will receive by mail a packet that includes Halloween treats and a specially-designed race mask. T-shirts are not available this year but shirts from last year can be picked up at the Heron American Craft Gallery, at 16 North Main St. in Kent.

Costumes are always a big part of the Pumpkin Run. Photos of costumed runners can be emailed to the organizers, who will post the images on their social media.

The gallery will also be collecting canned and dry food donations for the Kent Food Bank, which is the beneficiary of this year's run.

The cost to participate is \$20. For information on how to register (and to get results), go to the Kent Pumpkin Run website at www.kentpumpkinrun.com. Registration is open until Oct. 23.



Stretching their limbs up to the near-autumn sky, participants of all levels found a way to connect with their bodies and with the resident horses at Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue at the Yoga with the Horses program on Sunday, Sept. 6.

Yoga with horses

DOVER PLAINS — With help from their equine friends, some area residents learned new techniques for connecting with their hearts, bodies and minds during the Yoga with the Horses program held at Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue on Sunday, Sept. 6.

Located at 2699 Route 22 in Dover Plains, Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue invited participants of all levels to bring their yoga mats for some stretching under the

sun with the sanctuary's resident horses. Led by local Hatha yoga teacher Rebecca Doring, participants were taught a new breathing technique geared toward building heat, grounding and movement to help their energy flow through the autumn transitional period.

With a fee of \$40 charged per person, a portion of the funds went directly to the sanctuary's horses and other equines.

— Kaitlin Lyle

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Fall soccer deadline gone; sign up anyway

MILLBROOK — Anyone who signs up for fall soccer after Aug. 19 will face a late fee of \$25. But that's no reason not to participate in the program, which offers playing opportunities for grades k through six.

The program runs on Saturdays, from Sept. 12 through Oct. 17. If a weekend is canceled, the rain date is Oct. 24.

Volunteer coaches are still needed.

Due to COVID-19:

- Players need to bring their own ball to practice
- Spectators will need to stand 6 feet apart, and masks are encouraged
- Only two games will be played per hour in order to limit the amount of families at the field at one time.

- All players must sanitize before and after games.

The format will have games once a week on Saturdays, with one practice during the week.

Kindergarten teams will meet on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. and players will participate in a clinic style practice.

Please note if organizers are unable to complete the entire season (prior to Oct. 3) due to government restrictions, participants will be credited a percentage to their account; no cash or credit card refunds will be given. If the season is forced to end on or after Oct. 10, no credit will be given.

For more information, go to www.washingtonny.org or call 845-677-3419.

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EDITORIAL

The chaos of 2020 would have been worse without police

Thus far, 2020 has been quite a year — and believe us, there's still more to come (does Tuesday, Nov. 3, better known as Election Day, ring a bell?). Already this year we've experienced a global health pandemic, which has led to everything from the postponement of the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, to the cancellation of in-person schooling to whole economies shutting down internationally, leading to many millions of unemployment claims in the U.S. alone — with the highest rates of joblessness since the Great Depression; a national social justice movement that's led to more than 100 days of protests and counter protests in the U.S., with the movement going worldwide and leading to a re-examination of police practices, with many calling to either defund or reform police departments nationwide.

That's only the tip of the iceberg, so to speak, there's been much more to the year — even if we were just to speak about meteorological events. There have been tropical storms, even in our area (Isaiah hit the Tri-state fairly hard on Aug. 4, knocking out power for nearly a week for some residents in Connecticut, though New Yorkers fared slightly better); across the U.S. there have been hurricanes, tornadoes, and who can forget the ghastly images of those deadly wildfires engulfing roughly a dozen states out West? (The West is experiencing its worst wildfire season ever right now — with more than 3.1 million acres burned in California alone as of Thursday, Sept. 10, the largest amount of land on record — and the fire season for Southern California has yet to come.) The toll those wildfires is taking on human life, on wildlife, on homes and on businesses, on forests and on other native environments is just devastating, not to mention how they're draining resources and endangering the men and women who are risking life and limb trying to fight the deadly infernos. Climate change hasn't been easy on planet Earth or its inhabitants, and science shows if we don't make some quick changes, it's not going to get any better anytime soon.

But enough about the hand 2020 has dealt all of us so far. Let's just agree it's been tough, more than tough: It's been downright challenging, onerous, demanding, burdensome, grueling, let's even say it's been punishing... fiendishly difficult... more than most people should have to deal with, granted, but such is life sometimes. Sometimes, though, good can come from bad.

Let's look at the call to improve police tactics, for instance. In June of 2020, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian "Butch" Anderson established the Police Reform and Modernization Collaborative to help every municipality in the county "enact broad based police reform," according to a website set up for that purpose, at www.dutchessny.gov/County-Government/Police-Reform-and-Modernization-Collaborative. The move was prompted by Gov. Andrew Cuomo's threat that without reform, funds would be withheld.

Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Response Ken Roman has previously joined Molinaro to discuss the county's initiative to create a unified, countywide law enforcement plan, including reforms, policies and procedures necessary "to eliminate racial inequities in policing, to modify and modernize policing strategies, policies, procedures and practices, and to develop practices to better address the particular needs of communities of color to promote public safety, improve community engagement and foster trust," stated Roman, as noted in Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202, signed on June 12.

As explained on the Collaborative's website, it's made up of three workgroups, which include community stakeholders, municipal leaders, police chiefs and administrators. Members for each group come from diverse backgrounds within the county and offer differing viewpoints.

The county is currently holding virtual community forums facilitated by its Commission on Human Rights; one was held for local Harlem Valley residents on Saturday, Sept. 12. Interestingly, as loud as the call for reform has sounded in recent months, few participated on the 12th and the forum was cut short after just 30 minutes. For a full report, read this week's front page article by reporter Kaitlin Lyle. The forum for Dover residents is Thursday, Sept. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m.; The forum for Milan residents is Saturday, Sept. 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. Go to the Collaborative's website for registration details or to view past forums.

Transparency is always a good thing, and we applaud the governor and the county executive for reminding police departments they are responsible for their actions and need to be socially aware. But we all must remember as we ask for reform that the police also deserve our support. They're out there on the front lines, every day, risking their lives to keep us safe, to protect our communities, to prevent dangerous and violent crime — they deserve our respect, our encouragement and our cooperation.

Without the police we would be living in a lawless society. And considering how chaotic things have gotten this year alone — when we are fortunate enough to have law enforcement to help maintain peace and order as we struggle as a society to deal with issues as far ranging as a worldwide health crisis, a social justice movement centuries in the making and extreme weather and climate change conditions that wait for no man or woman — just envision what our world would look like without the police. We shudder to imagine.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Broadband limited by service providers

If Pine Plains can look only to Optimum, I despair of the ability of students there to have a decent, affordable and reliable service.

As a monopoly in the area, Optimum/Altice charges huge fees and delivers poor quality

WiFi and virtually nonexistent customer service. If communities were permitted to open up for competition, those hallmarks of arrogance and market dominance would have to disappear.

Gail Berney

Millbrook

State wants safe voting

I am writing to share with other concerned voters information on how to deposit their ballots if they are reluctant to enter a polling site on Election Day.

First of all, anyone can use an absentee ballot in the upcoming election. Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.58 permits "potential for contraction of COVID-19" to be deemed an illness for purposes of allowing a voter to vote by absentee ballot.

Secondly, for those voters skeptical of the USPS's ability to deliver their ballots on time, the Dutchess County Board of Elections will provide ballot collection boxes in every early polling site

from Oct. 24 through Nov. 1 and will provide such boxes in every polling site on Election Day, Nov. 3. See the Board of Election's website on this subject: www.ny.gov/early-voting-and-absentee-voting-mail-or-dropbox.

This means that voters can quickly enter and leave the polling site without waiting on line to vote or spending a substantial amount of time in the polling place. Regardless of one's political views, I think we can all be grateful that we have an array of voting options to choose from in this difficult COVID era.

Amy Rothstein

Pine Plains

Drive-thru 'Golden Gathering' will be Saturday, Oct. 3

The "Golden Gathering" will be returning to Dutchess County on Saturday, Oct. 3. State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) and the Office for the Aging (OFA) are hosting the free event for the benefit of seniors and caregivers throughout the 41st Senate District and Dutchess County — and, like so many 2020 events, it's been adapted to the COVID era.

Most importantly, it'll be in drive-thru form, and advance registration is required. Call 914-962-2624 before Sept. 28 to reserve your space.

This year's event will still be at Arlington High School (1157 Route 55, LaGrangeville) from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — but it'll be in the school parking lot rather than inside. Visiting seniors will be able to get a flu shot in their car, if they need one. They'll be able to pick up a healthy meal to go, plus key resource information from the Office for the Aging and others. OFA will have staff onsite at the drive-thru to answer questions. Each participant will receive a free raffle card on entry, and winners will be picked upon the event's completion and contacted by phone to arrange a home drop-off for their prize.

Vendors won't be onsite as they have in past years, but those who choose to do so can have their information made available in a Golden Gathering event program, and can arrange for promotional items to be placed in a grab-bag for visiting seniors. Prospective "virtual vendors" can email goldengathering41@gmail.com or call 845-229-0106 for more information.

'Spotlight on Seniors' and 'Medicare Spotlight' coming soon

The Fall 2020 issue of the free, quarterly "Spotlight on Seniors" Office for the Aging newsletter is about to go to print, and from there

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Todd N. Tancredi

to thousands of seniors' mailboxes. It's the best time of year to get on our mailing list, especially for those of you who don't use the internet, because in October we're mailing another newsletter: the annual "Medicare Spotlight" that'll help you navigate this year's Medicare open enrollment season, which begins on Oct. 15 and continues through Dec. 7.

If you'd rather receive the Spotlight electronically, along with our weekly "Aging News" email newsletters, you can sign up via Dutchess Delivery at www.dutchessny.gov/DutchessDelivery. That's also how you can sign up for information and alerts from dozens of departments throughout county government, as well as several Dutchess County municipalities and New York State government agencies. We also post every issue of the Spotlight at www.dutchessny.gov.

We don't share our mailing list information with anybody, but if you'd rather pick up a hard copy of the Spotlight when it becomes available, we distribute those to libraries and municipal buildings throughout Dutchess County.

And if your business would like some copies of the Spotlight to distribute to customers, clients or patients, email bjones@dutchessny.gov and we'll make some available to you, while supplies last.

Golden Living is prepared by Dutchess County Office for the Aging Director Todd N. Tancredi; he can be reached by telephone at 845-486-2555, by email at ofa@dutchessny.gov or online, at www.dutchessny.gov/aging.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's time to wake up

"You can run but you can't hide." A line from an old West movie or a description of those fleeing cities devastated by anarchists. I know I'm not alone when some mornings I'm hesitant to turn on the news.

When is the next innocent child going to be shot by an irate mob or business destroyed by peaceful looters? Unfortunately, hatred for our president has blinded way too many regarding the reality of our present situation.

Political correctness along with apology politics has helped to create an environment totally foreign from what our founding fathers envisioned. To think so many stood by while historical monuments were trashed should be frightening to all who believe in our Constitution. What's next, burning books as the Fascists did in Germany?

No one can deny racism driven by prejudice has been a worldwide problem that hasn't been limited

to Blacks or unique to this country. Slavery goes back thousands of years; the Nazis exterminated millions of Jews. Truth be known, if anyone deserved reparations it would have to be the American Indians.

Attempts at destroying our heritage are just plain wrong. Civil discord is not the way forward. Half-truths perpetuated by our liberal media should be called out for what they are; fat chance that will ever happen.

This country is on the brink. Our institutions are under continuous attack by liberals that follow no flag. Many are afraid to speak out for fear they will be castigated by friends or possibly an employer.

What must it be like living in one of those cities that have experienced rioting and property destruction?

And you think it can't happen here... WAKE UP PEOPLE!

John Walters

Millerton

Stanford Community Day reminds us, 'We're all in this together!'

The 62nd Annual Stanford Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 19, will be very different this year due to COVID-19. Those who planned Community Day this year understood this from the very beginning when planning began in May.

Community Day is when our town comes together with booths, food, entertainment, music, children's activities, a car show, derby races and an evening program with a free ice-cream social. But, with COVID, this wasn't possible this year.

With the Pine Plains Central School District returning to remote learning on Sept. 9, the Community Day Planning Committee made the decision to have a very modified Community Day with only a few activities that could occur safely based on COVID regulations set by the state and county. We felt we had to do something to give our residents hope, give them something to look forward to. Giving people hope was very important to us when we were making the difficult decisions of whether Community Day would happen or not. People need to have something to look forward to in order to break of the monotony that has become COVID life.

Two main events will take place at the 62nd Annual Stanford Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 19. First, Stanford Grange will serve its Annual Lloyd Woodcock Memorial Chicken Barbecue at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Dinners are to-go only and will be ready at 4 p.m. Dinners will include barbecued chicken, potato salad, baked beans and brownies for dessert. Donation is \$15 per person. All CDC and Governor

Cuomo's Health Guidelines will be followed including face masks, gloves and social distancing. For reservations, contact me at 845-868-7869.

The second event will be a family-friendly outdoor movie, sponsored by the Town of Stanford Recreation Commission, featuring Disney and Pixar's "Onward" at 7 p.m. on the Recreation Fields behind the Stanford Free Library. Prior to the start of the movie, the Annual Stanford Community Citizen Awards will be given. Reservations for the movie, which is free, are a must, and information on making reservations are on the Town of Stanford website (www.townofstanford.org) along with the Stanford Recreation Commission and Stanford Grange Facebook pages. During the movie, chocolate and vanilla ice cream donated by Stewart's Shops will be served by the Stanford Grange Youth. The Grange Youth will wear face masks and gloves at all times when serving ice cream. When people are finished, the Grange Youth will go around to each group to collect refuse for proper disposal.

While Community Day this year looks very different from what we're used to, we still wanted to plan something to celebrate our town and bring us together safely as a community. A lot of heartfelt discussion went into the planning of this year's Community Day for the last four months. With proper precautions and guidance, we hope this year's Community Day will be remembered in a positive way. After all, "We're all in this together!"

Ryan J. Orton

Secretary, Stanford Grange #808 Stanfordville

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Valley AT Community. "We love Julian's work!" said Melaine Rottkamp, president and CEO of Dutchess Tourism, Inc. "Dutchess Tourism's 'Featured Photographer' program is all about inspiring people to explore the tremendous beauty that surrounds us here in Dutchess County. In the early days of the pandemic, when people were shut in their homes, it was more important than ever for us to showcase these gorgeous images shared by talented local photographers. Currently, we are focused on helping people do what is exciting and productive: make plans right now for safe travel to Dutchess County for a future date or for right now if they are able. Our wide-open

spaces, many of which are the subjects of Featured Photographers like Julian Diamond and our first FP Justin Goodhart, provide safe opportunities for travelers to visit Dutchess." According to the most recent numbers from Dutchess Tourism, which were provided to New York State, visitor spending in Dutchess County was \$642.2 million in 2018. That year, visitors to the county contributed \$43.7 million in local sales tax and \$35 million in state sales tax, reducing the tax burden on each household by \$743. Tourism employed 7.3% of the Hudson Valley workforce in 2018, including 11,024 people in Dutchess County. Those numbers will look dramatically dif-

ferent this year due to the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on the state and local economy — and on how it's affected the tourism industry. But having local photographers, like Diamond, promote the Hudson Valley region, specifically the Harlem Valley, can only help. "It's so dominating, the landscape of northern Dutchess County," he said. "It's very prominent, very mysterious geologically, very historical from the native people to modern developments. It's sort of mystical, so to speak. And, of course, the weather patterns are such that you often get a lot of misty and atmospheric conditions up there, like at Stissing Mountain,

that create favorable plays of light and shadow and fog; it's relatively unique and special in that area. It's not something that you experience in a lot of other places." He added that "the interface between the natural world and the human influence, of the bustling villages and towns and cities with vibrant art and culture, and five minutes down the road you can be in wilderness, has a special juxtaposition that you can convey through photography." Which is something that Diamond does very well. To view his portfolio, go to www.juliandiamondphotography.com; to reach him at his studio by phone, call 845-249-6231.

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Stanford, Pine Plains, Amenia and North East and from the villages of Millbrook and Miller-ton. Facilitated by the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights, the forum featured an assembly of local elected officials, including Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan, Millerton Mayor Debbie Middlebrook, Stanford Deputy Supervisor Frank Pepe, Millbrook Mayor Michael Herzog and Millbrook Deputy Mayor Tim Collopy. Delivering an overview of the countywide collaborative to create a police reform plan, Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights member Jen Drake said the commission was there to listen to ideas from the general public regarding police reform, as were the attending officials. Speakers were given three minutes to share their thoughts with priority given to community members who registered to speak beforehand. Millerton resident Sam Busselle commented that the forum seemed to be an excellent way to get community input. "Nationwide the case has been made that inequity based on income, class, race or ethnic background is untenable and we must do better," he said. "To my mind, this crisis and resulting coming together demonstrates an opportunity for an extraordinary effort."

Building trust and legitimacy, Busselle said, would be an excellent place to start as it can serve an over-arching goal in strengthening community bonds and examining which agencies are best and which elements of social services are critical. Overall, he said the county could do better with more collaboration at various levels, adding that "connections with the county agencies can be significantly enhanced through reliable local facilitators." One senior citizen from Millbrook offered her thanks to the Millbrook Police, saying, "They are wonderful; they have been there for everything and anything that we could think of. I couldn't think of a more marvelous group of people." A resident of Pine Plains, Doug Kramer, talked about the town's police force and how it's staffed with officers who were raised in and still reside in the town. As it stands, he said he was unaware of any particular problems that have surfaced in regard to local police activities. "The problem that I find is, due to the lack of newspapers and news reported for this area of Dutchess County, we really don't know what's going on with the police or with their interactions with the community or particularly those in the community who might be concerned or vulnerable to police activity," Kramer said, "and that lack of information is worrisome."

KILDONAN TEACHERS *Continued from Page A1*

nearby Kent School. Marvelwood is now a co-ed boarding school with a high percentage of foreign students, many of whom are learning English as a second language. According to the press release sent out Monday morning, "The Marvelwood School's Learning Support program has long served students with language-based learning differences. In

recent years, the school has seen an increasing number of students with diagnoses of dyslexia and other language-based learning challenges." The new partnership with Kildonan helps Marvelwood better serve those students. And it brings back to life the beloved Amenia boarding school, which served students in grades two to 12.

In 2019, Marvelwood hosted the annual Camp Dunnabeck and Kildonan Teacher Training Institute (KTTI) on the Kent campus. That went well, and a decision was made to incorporate the Kildonan Teacher Training Institute into Marvelwood's Learning Support center. In the press release, Kathleen Stewart, the head of KTTI, said, "Kildonan has been seek-

ing a partner since we closed our campus. Marvelwood has a proven history of helping the kinds of students who have enrolled at Kildonan over the years find academic success and confidence. Our families have been looking for a place to land, and I'm confident that Marvelwood is that place." To learn more, go to www.marvelwood.org/learningsupport.

SCHOOL SPORTS *Continued from Page A1*

hockey and swimming. Also included in Cuomo's announcement from Monday, Aug. 24, were guidelines for higher-risk sports, which can begin practice on Monday, Sept. 21, but can't be played until a later date or Thursday, Dec. 31. With football, wrestling, rugby, hockey and volleyball featured in this category, Cuomo announced that practices for high-risk sports are limited to "individual or group, no- to low-contact training." In addition to following the New York State Department of Health's (NYSDOH) guidelines and implementing social distancing and face coverings, schools are required to limit the capacity of indoor facilities to no more than 50% occupancy; and no more than two spectators are allowed per player. Harlem Valley school districts waited for guidance from NYSPHSAA to determine how to move forward with their 2020-21 athletic programs. In the North East (Webutuck) Central School District, in addition to NYSPHSAA, Webutuck Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani said he was waiting to learn the guidelines from Section IX Athletics and the Mid-Hudson Athletic League.

are upset about their children not being able to play sports. On Friday, Sept. 4, NYSPHSAA issued a 49-page "Return To Interscholastic Athletics" document with recommendations for school districts on how to consider approaching school-sponsored sports once schools reopen. Using the definitions issued by the NYSDOH, the document stated that low-risk sports are characterized by the "greatest ability to maintain a physical distance and/or be performed individually" and by the "greatest ability to (1) avoid touching shared equipment, (2) clean and disinfect any equipment between uses by different individuals, or (3) not use shared equipment at all." Likewise, moderate-risk sports are characterized by the limited ability to maintain a physical distance or avoid touching of shared equipment, while high-risk sports are characterized by the least ability to do either. Under its recommendations for fall sports, NYSPHSAA suggested fall sports start Monday, Sept. 21; while the end date has yet to be determined, the fall sports season can't exceed 15 weeks. Ten practices would be required for all fall sports with 12 practices for football and gymnastics and training for golf. Low- and moderate-risk sports (including cross country, field hockey, golf, gymnastics, soccer, girls swimming and diving and girls tennis) may practice and must play games within their section or league until Monday, Oct. 19; after that date, games may be played beyond a school's section or league. High-risk sports (such as cheerleading, football and volleyball) may practice but may not participate in games. Organizing modified and junior varsity sports will be left to the individual school district's decision, and there will be no regional or state

championships. For winter sports, NYSPHSAA recommended a revised start date of Monday, Nov. 30, and that the sports sections determine the end date, adding that the winter sports season can't exceed 22 weeks. Spring sports may begin March 15, 2021, and cannot exceed 15 weeks; sports sections will determine the end date. The state championships for both winter and spring sports will proceed as scheduled, though that could change. "It's been quite a process with the section," Millbrook Athletic Director Al Hammell remarked at the Millbrook BOE meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8. "We've had meetings and discussions, but everything seems to be pretty hypothetical... It seems as though people within our section would like to try to get started, and many of our districts in our league in the Mid-Hudson Athletic League did vote for the option to start on Nov. 30." On Thursday morning, Sept. 10, the athletic directors from Section IX school districts voted to have Monday, Nov. 30, be the start date for interscholastic competition for the 2020-21 school year, starting with winter sports. All fall sports for Section IX have been postponed to March 1, 2021. In a recent letter issued by Eugene Brooks Intermediate School Principal Matthew Pascale to Webutuck families, Pascale stated NYSPHSAA moved high-risk sports to March 1, while all other fall sports can begin on Monday, Sept. 21, for those sections that voted to allow the remaining fall sports to take place. "This is not the answer we were hoping to play out," Pascale wrote. "These decisions have left all school districts in Section IX without the option of playing the fall sports of soccer, field hockey, girls swimming, cross country, girls tennis and game day cheer

until March... For Webutuck and the other member schools from Section IX, there was simply no tenable plan to allow student-athletes a return to school on Sept. 21 when students are on a distance learning plan." Regarding the start of the winter sports season, Pascale assured families and student athletes that Webutuck will update them on medical clearances, practices and games as soon as information is available. "I look forward to getting the athletics component of education up and running and will continue to advocate on behalf of the Webutuck Warriors in all areas of athletic planning," he stated. In the Pine Plains district, Handler said, "We're looking at what we want to do or not do with those programs because obviously we have to consider how many kids would be involved, how we would disinfect areas after use and all that good stuff. At least now we have a schedule where we can start our planning, and the nice thing about the schedule is while the seasons will be shorter than they would have been ordinarily, it looks like every student athlete will have an opportunity to participate in a sport or sports of their choosing." At the Millbrook BOE's discussion, Hammell said, "In my mind, the biggest obstacle is if we come back hybrid: as long as the district is saying that we can have sports teams with a hybrid model, I can certainly devise a game plan for the winter sports to begin and to start as planned ... Specific to our district, I think that's going to have to be something that I can't make that decision about whether or not we can mix kids on an athletic court or an athletic field when we're doing a hybrid learning model. That would be something I would need some guidance on." Millbrook has since opted for a remote learning model for its student body.

"When they give us the go-ahead, we would be happy to consider what's safe and what's not safe right now," Castellani said in August, "but before that, all those layers above us have to have approvals first." In the meantime, area schools made great use of the waiting period by exploring different scenarios for hosting school-sponsored sports while adhering to the state's conditions. During the Pine Plains Board of Education (BOE) meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 2, Pine Plains Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler presented three possibilities for sports this year. With the first scenario focused on following Cuomo's plan and launching the program on Monday, Sept. 21, the second scenario proposed postponing the athletics program until Jan. 4, 2021 and then hosting three condensed sports seasons. The third scenario suggested starting the sports program on Monday, Nov. 30, and hosting winter sports in November, fall sports in March and spring sports in April. "Frankly, most of the superintendents feel that basically starting at the end of September is too soon," Handler told the BOE. "Schools are going to either full remote or hybrid [learning models] and that doesn't make sense to have kids out on the athletic fields in a time when we don't have them in the school learning." Though he said the district was taking the responsible position by considering postponing its athletic program to a later date, Handler noted during the meeting that the idea has caused a "firestorm" from parents who

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Impact of COVID on rural housing forum

A virtual educational forum, "The Impact of COVID-19 on Rural Housing" will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 5:30 p.m., provided by the Tri Town Coalition for Housing Affordability, a collaborative group of Amenia, Millerton and Pine Plains residents and stakeholders working for affordable housing and inclusive economic development in the region. Additional partners of this coalition include the North East Community Center (NECC), Hudson River Housing and Grace Episcopal Church, as well as the municipalities of Ame-

nia, Millerton and North East. This forum will include panelists from MASS Design Group, Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress and NeighborWorks America, who will share key information regarding the impact of COVID-19 on rural housing, as well as inviting voices from the local community to ask questions and share local context. To attend this forum or learn how to access the recording later, go to www.necmillerton.org/Housing-Forum or call 518-789-4259, ext. 129.

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HEIRLOOM FRUIT: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Day Trips To Find Antique Fruit

There are excellent orchards nearby where you can pick fruit for yourself or buy it pre-picked. Windy Hill Farm in Great Barrington, Mass., has five varieties of apple on offer now and will make other varieties available (including some heirlooms) as they hit their peak. Find out what they've got at www.windyhillfarminc.com.

Ellsworth Hill Orchard in Sharon, Conn., has 10 varieties of apples, and ancillaries such as cider and doughnuts. www.ellsworthfarm.com.

But this autumn, when so many other travel opportunities are curtailed, I'm thinking about making a day trip to someplace, maybe an hour away, to pick apples (with masks on).

About one hour from my home in Lakeville, Conn., is the excellent Love Apple Farm in Ghent, N.Y., a town famous for its cherries in spring and apples in autumn. Love Apple Farm supplies outstanding fruit throughout the year to many of our area farm stands. At the moment they have four types of apples but in all they have 19 varieties that will ripen in the



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

If you're aching for adventure after a long quarantine, take a day trip to Red Hook, N.Y., and get antique apples at the Montgomery Place Orchards farm stand.

coming weeks, www.loveapplefarm.com.

When you hear the names of some of their varieties you might think, "Gee, how ordinary." But once you've tasted a golden delicious or a red delicious from a local orchard you'll understand why everyone went crazy for

these apples in their early days (so much so that they were overbred and perhaps ruined).

When I want to go hunting for apples I go to Red Hook, N.Y., which is 40 minutes away and also has good restaurants and cute shops. If you want to pick your

own in Red Hook, you can try Greig Farm (www.greigfarm.com), which has 11 types of apples that will ripen between now and October.

Up the road a short ways is Hardeman Orchards (www.hardemanorchards.com), which has pick-your-own as well as pre-picked fruit plus doughnuts and hay rides. The website doesn't have a full list of the available apples, and in fact doesn't look like it's been updated but I drove by it yesterday and it's definitely open.

And yes, you read correctly that I drove by it, because my favorite apple source is just a few minutes up the road: Montgomery Place Orchards farm stand is at the T intersection of Routes 9G and 199 in Red Hook.

This is an exquisite little stand with a fascinating history. Montgomery Place is one of the historic Hudson River estates, and was, unusually, run by a woman, Janet Livingston Montgomery. A full history of the property, including the extensive and exquisite orchards, can be found on the Bard College website at www.bard.edu/montgomeryplace; the college recently purchased the property as well as the farm stand, which is more or less walking-distance away from the campus.

History is obviously an important part of Montgomery Place, so it's appropriate that this is a farm that has an unusually high percentage of heirloom varieties. Heirloom or antique apples (like their cousins, the antique or heir-

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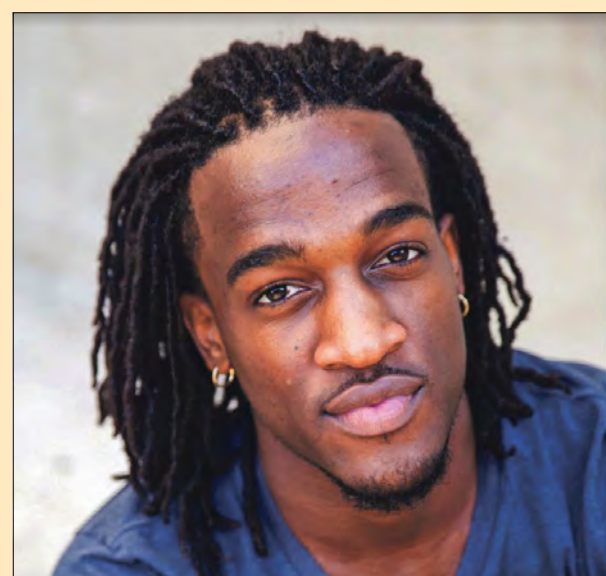


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Marcus John will read from "Black Reconstruction in America" by W.E.B. Du Bois this weekend as part of a multi-week online celebration of the author's work.

READINGS THAT HELP EXPLAIN WHY BLACK LIVES MATTER

This weekend and every weekend until Election Day (Nov. 3), the online ReadIn of "Black Reconstruction in America" by W.E.B. Du Bois continues.

The readings commenced on Aug. 28, the anniversary of the March on Washington, D.C., in 1963; that was also the year that William Edward Burghardt Du Bois died (he was born in 1868 in Great Barrington, Mass.). Du Bois was a co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), in 1909, and continued to fight for equality even after he left the organization.

The Upper Housatonic National Heritage Area continues to honor the memory of his life and work with, among other efforts, a walking tour of key sites from his lifetime in the region (www.duboishs.org/great-barrington-walking-tour; the Heritage Area also offers the African American Heritage Trail that includes 29 towns

in Massachusetts and Connecticut, www.africanamericantrail.org).

"Black Reconstruction in America: An Essay Toward a History of the Part Which Black Folk Played in the Attempt to Reconstruct Democracy in America, 1860-1880" was published in 1935. It is Du Bois' history of the role that Black Americans played in Reconstruction, following the Civil War.

Each weekend on the ReadIn, a section of the book is read aloud by performers from stage and screen. The readings are posted by Housatonic Heritage on YouTube.

"It is our intention that this action will help a wide audience to understand why Black Lives Matter is the central issue of American history and culture," according to the Housatonic Heritage press release.

The readings, followed by commentary by scholars, can be found at www.thereadinseries.com, where you can also find the biographies of the 30 performers.

This Friday, Sept. 18, chapter six of the book will be read by Marlies Yearby (the award-winning choreographer of "RENT") and Marcus John (who has performed in "RENT" and "Hamilton.")

— Cynthia Hochswender



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loom tomatoes) are quirky breeds — often with funny names that are charming and romantic.

These are not like the grocery store apples that so often disappoint us. They are tender and delicious and sweet; they never made it into the Apple Big Leagues because they don't travel well and often don't have a long shelf life.

Many were originally found in distant places; someone loved them enough to carry a twig from their favorite tree to the New World and graft it so they could eat a favorite apple in their new but distant homeland.

Some of the antique apples at Montgomery Place have names like Pitmaston Pineapple (from Pitmaston in England); Cox Orange Pippin (created by Richard Cox in England in the 1800s using Ribston Pippin seeds) or its cousin, the Newtown Pippin, which was a favorite

of Benjamin Franklin and is considered the oldest commercially grown native variety in America.

Some apple names hint at subtle deliciousness: Hidden Rose, Pink Pearl, Ashmead's Kernel.

And of course Montgomery Place grows the Hudson River Valley's own famous variety: the Esopus Spitzenberg, first developed in the town of Esopus in Ulster County, N.Y. This apple is a special treat, according to the Montgomery Place website, which warns that, "One problem is that it is a shy bearer and bears fruit only every other year."

The sign at the farm stand promises that, yes, 2020 is an Esopus Spitzenberg year, and bushels should be available by Oct. 10. The full list of newer and older apples is listed on the sign at the farm stand, and you can call the stand to ask what's in (845-758-6338). The season is just

now beginning; there is still plenty of time to experience the full glory of the orchard.

And on your way back to the Tri-state area, if you no longer have flowers in your own garden to clip and bring inside, stop by the big white Battenfeld anemone farm (you'll see the sign, you can't miss it) and stop in to buy a bundle, wrapped with rubber bands and reasonably priced and sold on the honor system.

Stacks of old New York Times pages are on a nearby table so you can wrap your flowers; it's a good idea to have a container with some water in your car to help the blossoms survive your drive home.

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She will discuss her books and her writing as part of the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn., Virtual Book Signing 2.0 series on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. The talk will be moderated by Holly Nelson,

a co-founder and bookseller at Oblong Books and Music in Millerton, N.Y.

Many of Paetro's and Patterson's books are available to borrow from the library.

Paetro is also well-known in the Tri-state region for her garden at Broccoli Hall, which is often featured on area garden tours; and for the koi fish that she raises on her property.

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