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The Harlem Valley Rail Trail's northward extension has been under construction and is due to be completed by September. Here is part of the work at White House Crossing Road. Once completed, the extension will stretch from the village of Millerton's Main Street Rail Head to Copake Falls.

Harlem Valley Rail Trail to reach Copake Falls by September

By **DICK HERMANS**
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The Harlem Valley Rail Trail arrived in Millerton from Amenia in the fall of 2000, about 20 years after the last freight train pulled away. Since then the trail has expanded by 5.5 miles at the Taconic State Park in Copake Falls and 1.5 miles coming south from Hillsdale.

Currently a project is underway to construct nearly 9 miles of trail connecting Millerton with Copake Falls. In mid-July, trail work reached Main Street in Millerton and the route through Railroad Plaza has become

clear. Along Route 22, just north of Millerton, the work is quite evident. It is not possible to see the work being done through the incredible wetlands the trail will traverse where the rail bed bends into the middle of the valley between Route 22 and the Taconic/Berkshire Mountains. Here several short concrete bridges are being put in place to allow water to flow beneath to keep the wetlands habitat healthy on both sides of the trail. In about 1850, the New York and Harlem Railroad moved tons of earth to create the raised rail bed that the trail is now being built upon.

Construction has been ongoing

despite the COVID-19 pandemic. It is outdoor work, obviously, and the contractor, A. Colarusso & Son of Hudson, working on behalf of Dutchess County, has been careful about the health of their workers. The new part of the trail is expected to be completed in September and it will become a Dutchess County Park along with the rest of the trail the county has built south of Millerton. The new section of trail is not open to the public during construction.

The Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association (HVRTA) was formed in the mid-1980s, with a mission to work

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As COVID-19 lingers, deadline for state health insurance extended

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NEW YORK STATE — As the state continues to offer supportive services to its residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, uninsured New Yorkers seeking coverage can breathe a sigh of relief as the deadline for the special enrollment period for health insurance has been extended through Saturday, Aug. 15.

Governor Andrew Cuomo made an announcement regarding the extension on Wednesday, July 15, during which time he reported that New Yorkers can apply for coverage through the NY State of Health, the official health insurance marketplace, or directly through insurers. Additionally, under Cuomo's direction, all

New York insurers have waived cost sharing for COVID-19 testing.

"During these difficult and unprecedented times, access to quality, affordable health care is critically important to New Yorkers' well-being," Cuomo stated on the 15th. "While we're continuing to move in the right direction, we know we're not out of the woods yet and by extending the open enrollment period we're making sure New Yorkers who need affordable health care coverage can get it and help keep themselves and their families safe."

The document, "Mid-Hudson Region Community Health Assessment 2019-2021," states that, according to a survey of small area health insurance estimates conducted by the United States Census Bureau in 2016, West-

chester County held the highest percentage of uninsured individuals in the Mid-Hudson Region at 8% as well as the highest percentage of uninsured adults between the ages of 16 and 64 at 9%. In that same year, the total percentage of uninsured individuals in Rockland and Sullivan Counties was calculated at 7%, followed by Ulster and Orange Counties at 6% and Dutchess and Putnam Counties at 5%. Taking a closer look at Dutchess County, the Census Bureau determined that 6% of the county's adults were uninsured as were 3% of the county's children.

Working together with the New York State Department of Financial Services and New York State insurers,

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Despite felony, Olivet receives federal PPP loan

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WINGDALE — Most Americans are well aware that the federal Payment Protection Program (PPP) designed to help small businesses (with 500 employees or fewer) survive the coronavirus pandemic with forgivable loans has had some serious flaws — with enterprises like the Los Angeles Lakers and New York Nicks NBA teams and the popular burger chain, Shake Shack, getting many millions of dollars in loans (which they eventually returned amid a public outcry). Meanwhile, many small business owners complained they didn't receive a dime — or received far too little — to help them through temporary closures caused by the health crisis.

Yet Olivet University, the evangelical Christian University founded by South Korean pastor David Jang based out of San Francisco, Calif., with a campus at the former Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center in Wingdale, and Newsweek magazine, both of which have been mired in controversy and pleaded guilty to a \$35 million money laundering scheme earlier this year, received the government loans.

On Monday, July 27, Olivet spokes-

person Ronn Torossian confirmed reports that the university received roughly \$500,000 from the federal loan program, which is administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

"Following careful review with legal counsel, Olivet University had completed and submitted the PPP application in compliance with the law," stated Torossian. "The SBA had approved it and had granted a loan amount of around \$500,000."

Newsweek, whose parent company, IBT Media, was also found guilty in the money laundering scheme, reportedly received a PPP loan worth \$350,000.

The PPP loan application asks whether the applicant has been involved in any kind of fraud during the previous five years. The charges involving Olivet University and Newsweek were brought by Manhattan District Attorney (DA) Cyrus R. Vance Jr.'s office roughly two years ago; the guilty pleas were entered on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, of this year.

But according to Torossian, the question, which he stressed was for corporate applicants, "refers to the owners, which is the board at the time of the application."

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It's Census PUSH WEEK

How the Harlem Valley is responding to the Census

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HARLEM VALLEY — In spite of everything going on today with the COVID-19 pandemic — and there is a lot — some duties have understandably been forgotten or delayed — but now is the time to make sure the 2020 Census gets done. That's why Census officials have designated the week of July 27 through Aug. 2 as Census PUSH WEEK — a challenge to Americans to self-respond to the 2020 Census. States, counties, cities, towns and communities will be competing regionally throughout the week for the best return rate. Come Aug. 11, Census non-response follow-up operations will begin.

According to Town of Washington Town Clerk Mary Alex, Harlem Valley residents are lagging behind many other communities in submitting responses.

The national response rate, as of the last week of July, was 62.4%; the state-wide response rate as of that time was 58%; the response rate in Columbia County at month's end was 48.9%; while

Dutchess County's response rate was 61.3%. According to www.dutchessny.gov, the county is "trying to beat our 2010 response rate of 71%."

Responses are vitally important, especially in budgeting and planning for local schools and communities. When people aren't counted, funding typically drops, affecting planning and budgeting. The U.S. Census Bureau does not share the private information it collects — all answers are kept confidential. What matters are the numbers, the ages and the density of population.

In municipal planning, knowing the correct population is essential for planning for transportation, education and housing. That data is essential when it comes to providing adequate housing, health care, social services and programs for veterans, among other things. It can also impact where to locate museums, sports centers, playgrounds, preschools, etc. Businesses often use Census numbers to determine where to establish themselves. And, not least, the informa-

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Kind-hearted Perusse family tends to fallen injured birds

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MILLERTON — Assisted by their two young children, the Perusse family of Millerton opened their home to a fallen fledgling for an overnight recently before bringing the bird to the Sharon Audubon center in nearby Sharon, Conn.

Remembering the night of Wednesday, May 27, fondly, Jaclyn Perusse said she and her family had come home around 8 p.m. and let their two Corgis out. While the children — Lillian, 4, and Tillman, 2 — were getting ready to go out and play before they had to put their pajamas on for the night, she said the dogs were playing by the front door. When the children went out to see what the fuss was, they found a baby bird on the bottom step.

Despite the tumble it took from its nest, Jaclyn said the bird was in good spirits and was chirping when the children found it. Even the Sharon Audubon said the bird looked good, she said, when they brought the animal to the wildlife refuge the next day.

Overjoyed by their find, the siblings called for their mom and then for their dad, Joe, so that he could get a ladder and return the bird to its nest. The family had been watching the mother bird bring food to its babies. But that evening they couldn't reach the nest. They kept the bird overnight inside made sure their feathered guest would be comfortable.

Jaclyn got a shoe box with a towel in it, and the children placed grass and leaves inside the box. Soaking pieces of dog kibble in water, Joe used a pair of tweezers to feed the fledgling the softened kibble. The bird slept in



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Lillian Perusse, 4, made sure the woodpecker she and her brother, Tillman (not pictured), named "Rainbow" was comfortable in his cardboard box before being taken to Sharon Audubon.

the Perusse family's garage that evening and Jaclyn was there to check on the it the next morning before her children woke up.

Around 3 p.m. Thursday, it was time for the children to say goodbye to their feathered friend, who Lillian named "Flower." While Tillman was sad to say goodbye, Jaclyn said Lillian was devastated on the ride to Sharon; the bird rode in the backseat next to Lillian who kept an eye on it. Talking to the bird throughout the entire ride, Jaclyn said her daughter kept

saying, "Remember the way we're going so you can find your way back home to me when you're released."

Once at the Sharon Audubon, the Perusse family waited for a virtual program to end and someone to take care of Flower.

Since Flower first fell into their lives, Jaclyn received a text from the Audubon about Flower; the bird had been identified as a European starling, non-native to the area. Flower was transferred to a private rehabilitation.

When she told her children the news about Flower, Jaclyn said Lillian was a little sad since the Audubon originally told them they could take the bird back to be released once she was ready. Nevertheless, she said Lillian was happy knowing Flower was getting the best care possible.

Roughly a month later, on Sunday, June 28, the family found another bird, a woodpecker, at Jaclyn's parent's Millerton home. Thinking the woodpecker may have had an injured wing, they took it home overnight; the children named it "Rainbow." The next day, they brought Rainbow to the Sharon Audubon. Because of the Audubon's contact-less drop off procedures due to COVID-19 and limited information due to the pandemic, Jaclyn is uncertain about Rainbow's status, but said she appreciates all of the sanctuary's help.

Village Board OKs police car buy, assesses park project

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MILLERTON — Starting at 6 p.m., the Village Board kept its trustees occupied with the latest village business at its recent workshop meeting on Monday, July 6.

With the exception of Trustee Joshua Schultz, all trustees were present at the meeting as were Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer and Millerton Police Officer-in-Charge Mike Veeder. The meeting was held via video conference and streamed to the "Village of Millerton VOM" Facebook page due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing regulations.

Mayor Debbie Middlebrook initiated the meeting by suggesting the board decide on whether to purchase a new police vehicle. Kilmer reported that Village Treasurer Stephany Eisermann emailed the two banks the village usually works with, Salisbury Bank & Trust and Bank of Millbrook, to find out about rates. She said Salisbury Bank & Trust offered a rate of 1.80% and Bank of Millbrook

offered a rate of 1.95%, adding that these interest rates were based off a \$52,000 bond anticipation note (BAN). Because these rates are only good until Wednesday, July 29, Kilmer said that if the board didn't have a decision that evening, the board wouldn't be able to get the BANs in before its next meeting on Monday, July 20. The time was needed to give the village attorney enough time to draw up the paperwork, according to Kilmer.

Throughout the board's discussion of the police vehicle purchase, trustees talked with Veeder about the color options with Veeder leaning toward black and white. Before the board came to a decision, Kilmer informed the trustees that she needed information about the vehicle's cost, year and make to include the resolution for the police vehicle purchase.

The board put forth a unanimous vote of approval to allow Veeder to purchase a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle with the color to be determined at a later date at a cost of \$52,000. The board then approved a motion to pursue a BAN through Salisbury Bank & Trust at a rate of 1.80% to cover the cost of the

vehicle.

As a side note, Veeder reported that he's been working on seeing what's involved to get the Millerton Police Department accredited through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Service. He said he recently started reading the 170-page manual and that he anticipates it will take around one-and-a-half to two years to get the force accredited.

Following an update on a recent Eddie Collins Memorial Field grant by Deputy Mayor Jennifer Najdek, the board approved a motion to accept the Eddie Collins Memorial Park Revitalization Committee's recommendation to hire The Chazen Companies as its engineer to move forward with the project.

Later that evening, Middlebrook asked for a motion to sign a letter of support for another grant on behalf of the renovations planned for the park. Najdek confirmed that this grant would be up to \$100,000, and the board voted unanimously to authorize Middlebrook to sign the letter.

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OBITUARIES

Peter Hill

SHARON — Peter Hill, 63, of Sharon, died July 21, 2020, at home surrounded by his family after a 9-month battle with brain cancer.

Peter was born in New York City to parents Muriel and Daniel Hill. He grew up in Weston, Conn., and graduated from Philadelphia College of Art and Yale University of Art.

Peter was the loving husband and business partner of 34 years to Tara Cafiero. The two ran the clock company Pink Cloud Gallery out of their studio in Sharon.

Peter was a devoted father to their three children, who survive him: Melia Hill of Salisbury, Danielle Hill of Asheville, N.C., and Elias Hill of Sharon. He is also survived by his wife, Tara Cafiero of Sharon; and his brothers, Robert Hill of Portland, Ore., and Brad Hill of Washington, D.C.

Of all the creative projects Peter developed from his vast collection of building constructions, paintings, sculptures, furniture and stained glass, he most enjoyed slowly building out a camp in northern Maine on a tidal river. Over the years he enjoyed the quiet natural beauty the wilderness provided, enriching his imagination for the rest of his years to come.

Peter will forever be remembered for his quick wit and willingness to talk for hours on end about all manner of disciplines, from carpentry and building techniques to art and computer technology.

More obituaries appear on Page A5

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show will be planned when we can all gather safely in the coming year.



If anyone has a memorable Peter story they would like to share with the family they are invited to email it to mail@pinkcloud.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made to Eli's college fund payable to: CHET (Connecticut Higher Education Trust), P.O. Box 219125, Kansas City, MO 64121-9125 memo: acct 4228048.

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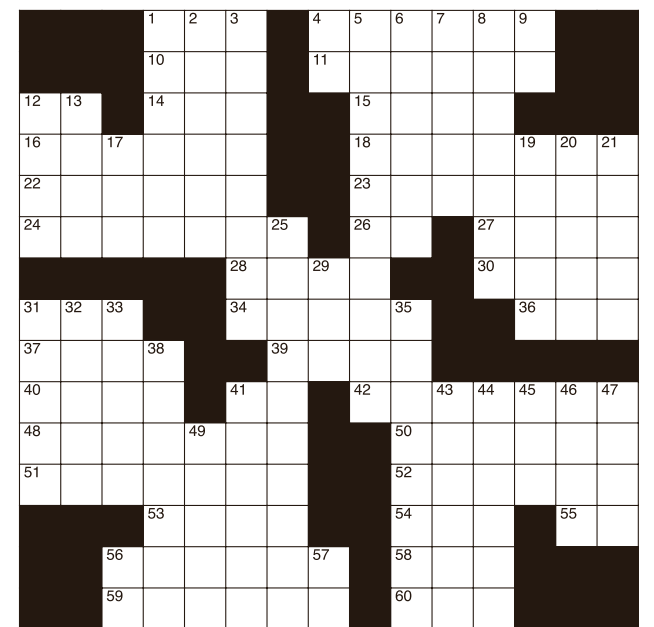
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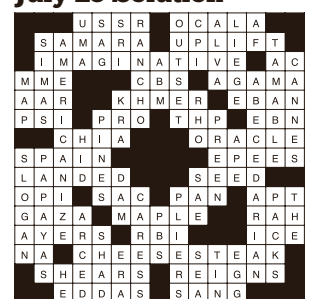
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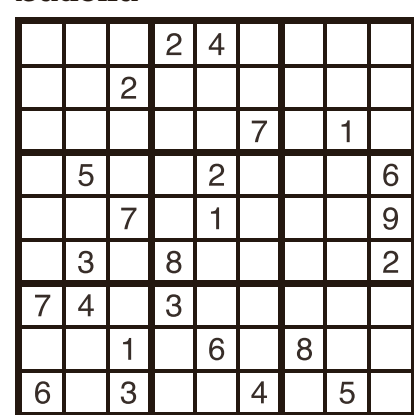
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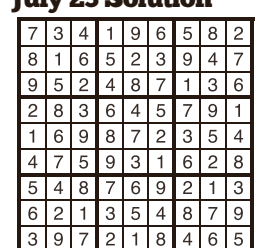
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AMENIA/PINE PLAINS

Webutuck BOE member resigns, replacement sought

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WEBUTUCK — After being notified shortly before the end of June via text by school board member Steve Abad of his intent to resign from the Webutuck Board of Education (BOE) effective June 30, the North East (Webutuck) Central School District is now on the lookout for an interested candidate to fill the open seat. Webutuck District Clerk Tracy Trotter said she received the text from Abad, but no reason was given as to why he was stepping down from his position. The Millerton resident served on the board for four years.

The North East (Webutuck) Central School District posted a notice about the open BOE seat on its website, www.webutuckschools.org, on Saturday, July 18. All interested candidates are invited to apply for the open volunteer BOE seat by sending a letter of interest to Trotter via

email at tracy.trotter@webutuck.org or via regular mail to the Webutuck District Clerk, P.O. Box 405, Amenia, NY 12501.

Each candidate's letter should include a brief description of themselves and why they'd like to serve on the Webutuck BOE. Eligible candidates must be a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18 and a continuous resident of the Webutuck school district for at least one year.

Once they receive the candidates' submissions, the BOE will

go through a selection process to choose the school board's next member. Once appointed, the new BOE member will serve until May 18, 2021, when the next school board election will be held.

Webutuck just held elections for the BOE on Tuesday, June 16, along with the district's annual budget vote; returning members Judy Moran and Christopher Loundsbury were re-elected and newcomer Jay Newman was elected. All three will serve three year terms of office.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Hay's Country Feed-n-Need is one more casualty of the coronavirus pandemic. Owner Emily Hay announced in June that she will be shutting its doors for good come the end of August.

Hay's Country Feed-n-Need to close doors

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PINE PLAINS — As one of many local businesses to take a hard hit this year, Hay's Country Feed-n-Need in Pine Plains was dismayed to lose a substantial amount of business this spring as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Seeing as she'll no longer be able to fund the store herself, Emily Hay, the owner of Hay's

Country Feed-n-Need, has decided that the store will close for business by the end of the upcoming month.

Hay was a young entrepreneur looking to bring something into town that she thought everyone needed when she opened her business in Pine Plains three years ago. Reaching out into the community, she discovered most seemed to want a feed store and began her pursuit of opening Hay's Country

Feed-n-Need at 2978 Church St.

During the last few years, local customers have been able to count on her shop for its inventory of livestock feed and pet consumables and bedding. On top of purchasing the essentials for keeping their animals fed and comfortable, they could visit the store's small country gift shop, where they could browse a selection of local coffee and soaps, jar goods, handcrafted items and children's toys. With business flourishing, Hay said that she was starting to expand her business into a hardware store to bring other necessities into town before the pandemic hit and shut down shops statewide.

But then came COVID-19. Since the pandemic first made headlines, Hay reported that she immediately lost 85% of her business; that number has since risen to 95%. With three months of no sales, she said she became so in debt that she was no longer able to keep operations running and made the hard decision to close her business.

When asked whether she was keeping options open about the possibility of business coming back to her store and it reviving, perhaps saving her business, Hay said, "I would have to see an exorbitant amount of sales come in. They would have to be at least 50% or more of what I had before the virus — that might change my mind."

Intent on getting rid of her inventory, Hay's Country Feed-n-Need opened its doors for a large liquidation sale beginning in June. From then until its final day of business, the store's hours of operation will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays; it's closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Hay said she'll likely close around the end of August.

"I appreciated every customer I made since day one," Hay said. "I've made so many friends and I will dearly miss seeing everybody."

To contact the store, email hayscountryfeednneeds@yahoo.com or call 518-771-3226.

BOE talks about reopening in fall, bandwith a challenge

By KAITLIN LYLE
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WEBUTUCK — The Webutuck Board of Education (BOE) held its reorg meeting for 2020-21 on Monday, July 6, via Zoom (for more, go to www.tricornnews.com). After 15 minutes, it moved to its regular meeting and plans for reopening following this year's COVID-19 statewide closure.

Business Administrator Robert Farrier gave an update on those plans. With his team focused specifically on facilities and maintenance, food service and transportation, Farrier's group met and is preparing a draft plan; it will meet with the other groups and draft a plan that the district will review before submitting to the state.

Seeing as the BOE awarded the septic system construction bid to OCS Industries, Inc., for its capital improvement project at the BOE's June 29 meeting, Farrier said the district will have a kickoff meeting once the company has everything in order and submit their submittals of insurance. Construction was anticipated to begin on-site by mid-July.

Director of Student Services and Curriculum and Instruction Jen Eraca said her team is focused on technology, which she said was at the crux of how the district is going to function in September. Working with the instruction team, she shared her plans to meet with administrators to come up with a preliminary roll out. She added plans to meet with the district's health services about transportation and getting students into the building.

Eraca gave an update on a grant with Harvard University, focusing on rural school districts. She spent time recently with Webutuck Elementary School Principal Jennifer Hengen and Eugene Brooks Intermediate School teacher Amanda Simon discussing the project.

The Extended School Year just started; Eraca will contact staff to see how it went and how students' needs were met. After reaching out

to Webutuck High School Principal Katy McEnroe about failures for the 2019-20 school year, she reported that 16 students failed. She plans to do further analysis on the subject.

Superintendent of Schools Ray Castellani reported there will be no new hiring this year. He added Governor Andrew Cuomo is waiting for school districts to bring in plans on reopening to his task force. Castellani said the district has a number of options. So far, it's running into many issues regarding rotating students in the building, transportation needs, food service needs, class sizes and schedules, etc.

"The good news is I think we can accommodate any plan that we come up with," Castellani said. "We have enough space and we're small enough that we can accommodate K through sixth every day; we have enough staff to accommodate smaller class sizes... We have lots of ideas." The biggest issue the district is facing is, Castellani said, is the amount of bandwidth if the district were to do everything virtually. According to www.webopedia.com, "bandwidth" refers to both "a range within a band of frequencies or wavelengths" and "the amount of data that can be transmitted in a fixed amount of time."

This is especially important if the district brings in students in grades seventh through 12th on a rotating basis or does virtual instruction. For students in K through sixth, the district has the capacity to bring students in person, though it's noted that they are still working on what that schedule would look like.

Correction

The July 16 edition of The Millerton News incorrectly stated that Pine Plains valedictorian Leah Schmid's graduation speech focused on racial equality and the Black Lives Matter movement when it was Pine Plains salutatorian Mikayla Quinn's speech that focused on those subjects. We regret the error.

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Special village meeting addresses Thorne Building, rezoning and mayor's departure

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MILLBROOK — In a special meeting called by Mayor Rodney Brown on Wednesday, July 22, the Village Board gathered to vote on zoning that would affect the Thorne Building on Franklin Avenue and the zoning map itself. Present were Brown, Trustees Joe Rochfort, Mike Herzog and Deputy Mayor Tim Collopy. Trustee Kevin McGrane was absent but gave his proxy to the mayor for the purpose of voting on two of the three items named.

The first vote taken was on the following: A number of years ago the Thorne Building was given a donation specifically for making its restrooms handicapped accessible. The money was never used for that purpose, but instead is in a village bank account. Some

of it was used for roof and window repairs at the building. The Village Board voted to turn the money from the Tribute Garden-Thorne Building Fund over to the 501(C)3 nonprofit that is handling the renovation of the Thorne Building, which is going to be converted into a community center. The bank will give the exact amount to the Thorne Building Community Center nonprofit. The board voted unanimously in favor of the move.

The second matter voted on was the agreement that, pending two minor corrections, the new zoning map be approved. One correction is for a paper road that doesn't actually exist to be made official. The road was actually an area road used for bringing in pipes and other materials to the village water tower. The other correction is for the name

of the Thorne Building Overlay Zone that should actually be the Thorne Building Overlay District. The corrections have to be approved by the Dutchess County Planning Board.

When the zoning map is approved, the Thorne Building will finally be able to be turned over from the village to the 501(C)3, Thorne Building Community Center, but the mayor said it is still a long process. He suggested all questions or remarks about the handover be submitted to Zoning Enforcement Officer Kenneth McLaughlin. The board agreed.

Lastly, the four trustees present at the meeting voted in favor of going forward with the Highway Department's request for a new dump truck and body, through Highway Department Superintendent Bob Collacola. The truck is a 2020 model and

will cost \$108,500. The board voted to take out a bond in the amount of \$94,000 to cover the cost, which will be paid over a five year period. The difference between the bond and the actual cost will be covered by a truck reserve built into the village budget. The four trustees present voted in favor of purchasing the bond.

The last item covered at the meeting was Mayor Brown handing in his official letter of resignation, effective July 31, which he announced at a meeting about six weeks ago. The trustees thanked Brown for his service and Collopy presented him with a pocket watch engraved with a thank you for his seven years of service to the village, as village treasurer, a village trustee and as the mayor. No word yet on who will serve as Brown's replacement until the November elections are held.

Friends of Grace Musical Gala Aug. 5

MILLBROOK — Join Grace Church Millbrook on Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. Listen to a variety of musical performances from country, to jazz, to classical; featuring well-known local musicians as they entertain on the piano, guitar, violin, viola and with their voices. This is a family-friendly event.

The lineup of talent includes: Eric Marshall, Mathilde Rosi-Marshall, Alice Rosi-Marshall, Philippe Treuille, Suzanne McDonald, Marissa Coté, Heather Holohan-Guarneri, Karen Burrows, Deborah Coconis, Isabel Morrison and Elinor Qiao.

This Gala is intended to thank the people and businesses that have helped feed everyone during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to continue nourishing the community through music as it rebuilds together.

Special honorees are Marona's Market (Zach Hampton and employees) and The Millbrook Diner (Theodoropoulos family and employees) for providing food for the Millbrook community, and Village of Millbrook Trustee Kevin McGrane for his leadership during this difficult time.

In addition, organizers would like to honor the Food of Life/Comida de Vida Food Pantry at St. Thomas Amenia Church and the Dutchess

Outreach Lunchbox in Poughkeepsie, which continue to serve hundreds of meals weekly. These programs are partially funded by Grace Church, and the following people have been especially active in these food ministries: Kathryn and Barney Calame, Denis Freeman, Evelyn Garzetta, and Lisa and John Lacey.

This event is a fundraiser for the programs mentioned above as well as additional programs that were created to improve the lives of many. Participants of this event will have an opportunity to be awarded gift cards to use at a variety of local shops, restaurants and the Millbrook Farmers Market as donation pledges are received live throughout the evening. The gift cards were purchased from the local retailers whose businesses were negatively impacted due to the pandemic — a way for donors to give doubly.

Funding for this event has been provided by The Dyson Foundation.

To find out more about the event, or how to be a sponsor, contact the Grace Church office at 845-677-3064.

Registration is required for this Zoom event. Tickets are \$35. Register at www.gracemusicalgala.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Pamela Freeman at freeman-pamela@icloud.com.

Officer Witt promoted, Naughton honored for 20 years of police service and more

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MILLBROOK — Outgoing Mayor Rod Brown called his last regular Village Board meeting to order on Tuesday, July 14, with two board members, Tim Collopy and Kevin McGrane absent. Trustees Mike Herzog and Joe Rochfort and Village Clerk Sarah Witt were present. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Brown called on Police Officer Bill Naughton to come forward; the officer was honored for 20 years of service and presented with a plaque by the village clerk. Naughton will remain on the police force and continue to serve the community.

There was no report submitted by the fire department for the month of June, but the village is expecting further information on the two-day block party planned for Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 8 and 9, including how to keep partygoers safe, and what the event will feature. The fire department was forced to cancel its annual parade and carnival fundraiser due to COVID-19. Plans are reportedly being made by other area fire departments for a parade around September.

The Village Board is still seeking advice on how it should charge those seeking to lease the Guertin Gym for future community events. The Washington Recreation Department has moved its quarters from the gym to Washington Town Hall. While some rec department events are held at the Town Park, most are on hold because of the pandemic.

Volunteers are being sought for the Planning Board. Send letters of interest to the mayor or the Planning Board at Village Hall.

Police Officer Jared Witt reported that his department had gone to the county warehouse to get furniture for its new office space, formerly used by the Town of Washington Recreation Department at Village Hall. The warehouse contains surplus furnishings and equipment; Witt said the department was able to obtain several items and the office is taking shape nicely.

Witt then gave his monthly report for June, which included handling several Black Lives Matter and civil liberty demonstrations, which he described as peaceful. At the end of his report, the mayor called on Witt to remain standing, and then promoted him to sergeant, presenting him with stripes for his uniform. Brown also spoke of Witt's attention to duty, his sense of responsibility, his dedication to Millbrook and the fact that he and wife, Village Clerk Sarah Witt, are raising their family in the community and serve as an inspiration to those who live and work there.

Highway Department Superintendent Bob Collacola reported on work done, including tree trimming, weed killing and drag box patching, as well as paving, the clearing of drainage ditches and the picking up of brush and street garbage.

A report by water operator Scott Osborn on water and sewer projects included many photos of work being done around the village and can be viewed online at www.villageofmillbrookny.com.



PHOTO BY SARAH WITT

Left, Officer Bill Naughton stands with Sgt. Jared Witt, holding a plaque celebrating his 20 years of service with the Millbrook Police Department. Witt was promoted at the same Village Board meeting that Naughton was honored, on Tuesday, July 14.

The board was informed that the village's new zoning map is essentially good to go; it was described as an overlay. Brown spoke about the future Thorne Building Community Center; he said he would like the zoning process to be approved quickly. He talked about the Thorne Building needing lead and asbestos abatement; funding available through the Thorne Building for the work. Brown prefers the funding be given over to the 301(C)3 that took over the building, and that the nonprofit be responsible for those issues.

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the Village Board meetings can be viewed locally on Cable Channel 22 and later on the village website.

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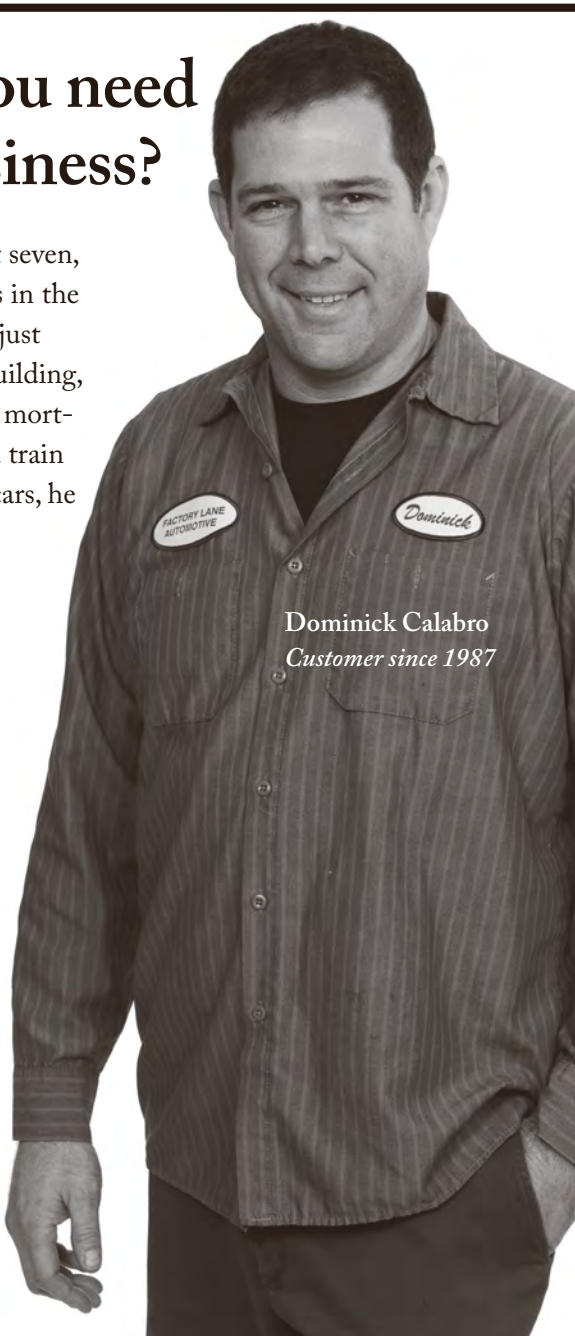
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OBITUARIES

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Clarence A. Hoysradt

DOVER PLAINS — Clarence A. Hoysradt, 86, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, passed away on July 19, 2020, at Sharon Hospital.



Mr. Hoysradt was an operating engineer at Amenia Sand and Gravel in Amenia and later worked at Andren and J&J Lumber, both in Dover Plains.

Born on July 23, 1933, in Ancram, N.Y., he was the son of the late Della (Selfridge) and Russell Hoysradt.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. On Feb. 4, 1961, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Dover Plains, he married Madalena Pozza, who predeceased him on Jan. 6, 2010.

Mr. Hoysradt was a life member and past assistant chief and deputy chief of the J.H. Ketcham Hose Company in Dover Plains. He was also a member of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association and the Royal Order of the Red Vest. He was a life member of the American Legion Post #178 in Millerton and an auxiliary member of VFW Post #5444 in Amenia.

Mr. Hoysradt was an avid hunter and fisherman and was a life member of the Chestnut Ridge Rod and Gun Club in Do-

ver Plains. He was also an avid NASCAR fan.

He is survived by a daughter, Cindy McEnroe and her husband, Jack, of Amenia; two sons, Thomas Westcott and his wife, Lisa, of Dover Plains and Nicola Hoysradt and his wife, Virginia, of Dover Plains; a sister, Elanor

Travis of Amenia; six grandchildren, Aimee Bock and her husband, Charles, of Millerton, Kim McEnroe of Millerton, Jaclyn McEnroe of Prescott, Ariz., Lauren Ruark of Poughkeepsie and Brooke and Jacob Westcott of Dover Plains; three great-grandchildren, Derric Bock of Millerton, Carlee Bock and her fiancé, Cody Barrett, of Wassaic and Camron Savoy of Poughkeepsie; and two great-great-grandchildren, Carter Barrett and Payslee Barrett.

Arrangements were under the care of the Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. Graveside services and burial were held July 24 at St. Charles Cemetery in Dover Plains.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post #178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send the family an online condolence, go to www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Frances Hardwell (Gibby) Roberts

SHARON — Frances Hardwell (Gibby) Roberts died May 23, 2020, at the age of 77.

Fran was born on March 16, 1943, the daughter of William Foote Gibby and Florence Hardwell Gibby. Her father was a mechanical engineer and the inventor of a patent for industrial dust collection in air pollution control at the Pangborn Corporation in Maryland.

The family lived in Berkeley Heights, N.J., until 1956 and then in Hagerstown, Md.

She attended the National

Cathedral School, graduating in 1961.



Fran graduated from Hollins College in 1965, where she majored in art history.

After graduation she moved to New York City and worked in the Trust Department of Manufacturer's Hanover. It was there she met Dick Roberts, and they married on June 10, 1967.

Fran worked at Citibank in portfolio management after her marriage and studied at the Graduate School of Business at NYU. She and Dick bought their

SHARON — Charlotte (Wiegand) Wright, 97, died in Winter Park, Fla., on July 9, 2020.

She was born in Baltimore, Md., on Aug. 18, 1922, and was predeceased by her parents, Helen Hattie (Retowsky) and Charles List Wiegand; and two brothers, Dudley and Robert.

She married Philip James Wright of Kokomo, Ind., in December 1943, after meeting him at a USO dance at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland. They married in Atlanta and



were grateful during war time to have their mothers attend.

Shortly thereafter, Philip shipped out to serve in World War II in England and France.

In the late 1940s they moved to New York City, where they lived before relocating to Long Island, first in Levittown and in 1955, to Farmingdale. Charlotte's sons were born in 1952 (James) and 1954 (Richard).

She decided to attend college starting in the late 1950s, graduating in 1962 in the second class of Stony Brook University. She

Theresa Jane Thompson

AMENIA — Theresa J. Thompson, 88, a longtime resident of Amenia, passed away on July 25, 2020, at Noble Horizons.

Mrs. Thompson was a secretary at the Wassaic developmental center.

She was a longtime parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia.

Born on Oct. 15, 1931, in Yonkers, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Agnes R. (Walsh) and John F. Mahoney.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her son, Ross H. Fleury Jr., and his wife, Dena VanVoorhis, of Sharon; a daughter, Renee M. Sartori and her husband, Thomas, of Lakeville; a sister, Mary Ellen Proper of Amenia; three grandchildren, Sierra Fleury and Gabrielle and Landon Sartori;



several great-grandchildren; a nephew, Raymond Proper Jr. of Amenia; and a niece, Barbara Cummings and her family, of Jackson Beach, Fla.

A memorial Mass will take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, at Immaculate Conception Church on Lavelle Road in Amenia, the Rev. R. Kent Wilson officiating.

Burial will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia.

Memorial donations may be made to Smilow Cancer Hospital, P.O. Box 1849, New Haven, CT 06508-9979 or Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, CT 06068.

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house in Sharon in 1971 and became full-time residents here in 1994.

Fran loved art and travel, and she and Dick often accompanied his Yale classmates and her Hollins friends to distant places, touring museums, cathedrals, castles and temples. Fran created beautiful scrapbooks of each trip she and Dick took, matching her photographs to captions that summarized the historical background of the place and adding her own observations.

In Sharon she loved to swim and garden and she was active in the Sharon Land Trust, the Sharon Historical Society and

Museum, the Hotchkiss Library and the Sharon Country Club.

Fran was an elegant and creative woman who was adored by many but especially by her husband of 50 years, whom she deeply mourned upon his death in 2017.

Fran is survived by her brother, William M. Gibby; two stepchildren, Dorothy Roberts and Barbara Hodgson; and three step-grandchildren, Anissa Belal Roberts, Nora Belal and Nacera Belal.

She did not wish to have a memorial service but memorial contributions may be made to the Sharon Land Trust.

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EDITORIAL

Bonus payment for out of work Americans is essential

There's no escaping it — the average American worker has been put out of work by the coronavirus — with roughly 30 million U.S. residents currently receiving unemployment benefits. The reality is COVID-19 has crippled our country's economy, yet Congress has been battling it out over the extension of desperately needed federal aid like bonus unemployment benefits, not to mention an eviction moratorium, to those who so urgently need them. It's up against a deadline this week.

When the pandemic shut down much of this country in mid-March, Congress somehow managed to put aside its differences and approve a \$600-per week emergency payment for all unemployed workers, in addition to their traditional unemployment benefits, distributing hundreds of billions of dollars to Americans put out of work by COVID-19. That was crucial to making sure our newly unemployed could survive the economic hard times resulting from the pandemic — and no crystal ball seems able to predict how long the hard times will last.

With the nation continuing to battle coronavirus hotspots in states like Florida, California and Texas, and outbreaks continuing to pop up in all corners of the globe, the virus is by no means contained and the economy is by no means close to recovering.

Yet on Friday, July 31, the emergency jobless benefits will expire. By press time, on Tuesday, July 28, Senate Republicans had proposed a \$1 trillion stimulus package, but at a reduced rate of \$200 a week, with workers later receiving benefits at 70% of their previous wages. Democrats want to keep the \$600 payments, part of their \$3 trillion stimulus package, till the end of the year.

This is critical aid for people who would clearly rather be working, but can't, because the jobs just aren't there. Why? Society isn't ready to fully reopen yet. It just isn't safe to do so. Virus numbers are still surging, with a reported 4,435,113 positive cases and 150,515 reported deaths in the U.S. alone as of July 28. The numbers worldwide are more startling: 16,689,523 positive cases and 657,502 deaths reported as of the 28th.

On Sunday morning television, July 26, White House officials did speak of negotiating on the broader bill, perhaps after Congress returns from its August recess. But Democratic Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said on CBS's "Face the Nation" Sunday that Republicans are stalling.

"This is an emergency," she said, calling the delay "a tactic in order to not honor our other responsibilities."

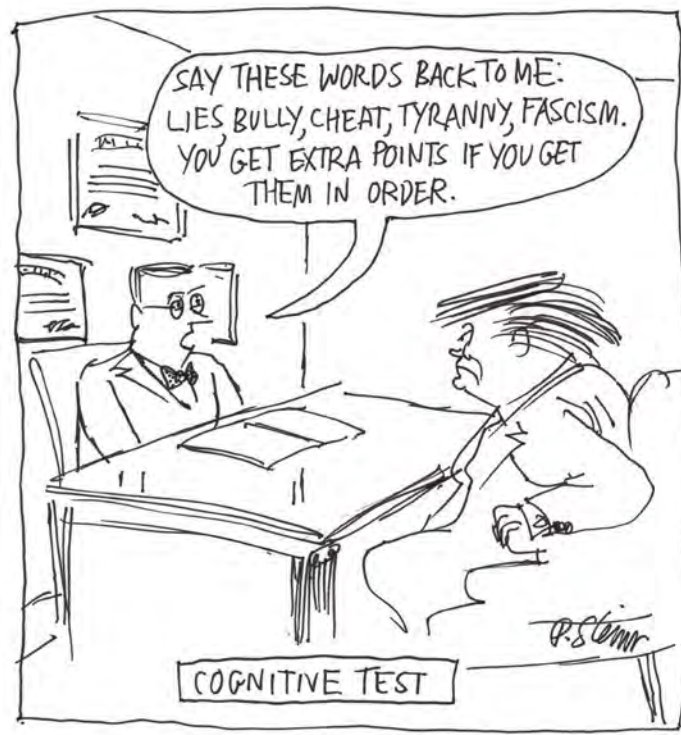
Republicans, including White House Economic Adviser Larry Kudlow, who spoke on Sunday to Jake Tapper on CNN's "State of the Union," said the GOP wants to send another \$1,200 stimulus check to all American families, as do Democrats. But, he said, the \$600-per week unemployment bonus is too generous, and disincentivizes people from going back to work.

The \$200-per week bonus is better, White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows agreed, claiming it's not enough to "pay people to stay home." What some Republicans don't seem to understand is not everyone has a job to go to right now — they're not staying home because they're being lazy. Millions of people have lost their livelihoods due to the pandemic — business have shuttered in towns zigzagging across America. Just look around locally — stores are closing, workers are losing their jobs, neighbors are losing their homes, families are struggling to put food on the table. It's not a pretty picture — in fact, it's fairly bleak. We need to put money into people's pockets so they can survive from day to day. People must be able to pay rent, pay for child care, buy food, buy gas, buy prescriptions, pay utilities, pay other bills and pay for emergencies. God forbid they or someone in their family gets sick. That costs money, too.

Do lawmakers really want to be responsible for sending workers out into the salt mines too soon, before it's safe? We've seen it too many times already: Businesses like restaurants and bars reopen in a community, people go out to dine and party and infection numbers spike. It's a deadly pattern that we should learn from, and quickly, before more lives are lost.

Then there are the workers who don't have the luxury of staying home. Our front line workers, bless them, are venturing out, risking their health and safety, to work in medical offices and hospitals, labs and nursing homes. They're working at fire departments and police departments, 9-1-1 call centers and homeless shelters. Then there are our grocery store workers, our pharmacists, our gas station workers, our mechanics, our lawn care and property maintenance workers and our utility workers. Veterinarians are working, farmers are working, bankers are working, postal workers and delivery people are working. There are too many essential workers to list, as we're sure to forget some; for that we apologize. To all of you, thank you. You have no idea how greatly your services are appreciated.

We hope the president and Congress will extend substantive federal aid until the pandemic lets up and America can safely return to work. We'll have to see if there is any progress on extending the eviction moratorium; Republicans seemed to be on board but then stepped back from helping renters and appeared willing to help only homeowners. It does look like unemployment bonuses will continue — how much they will be worth is another matter — something in the neighborhood of \$600 versus \$200 would be ideal. How else can this country survive? The clock is ticking. Let's hope Congress does the right thing.



When a dumb bomb is not enough

Think the early 1950s... things are in development in secret airbases that you will only get to see 10 years from now — but that does not mean they aren't already there, ready to be deployed and — in every event — years ahead of what you and the world think we're building. Now, you may think that being first is good for the USA, but first — like the A Bomb — has implications that go beyond a momentary advantage.

So, the next combat aircraft to enter the U.S. Air Force will not be a manned sixth-generation fighter or even the Northrop Grumman B-21 bomber. In 2023 — if not already in secret — the Air Force expects to fly the first operational versions of a new unmanned aircraft system (UAS) called Skyborg. What the heck is that? It's a provocative blending of flight with a cybernetic organism.

The problem the Air Force has is that cruise missiles are one-time use and expensive as a simple bomb. And modern war fighter aircraft like the F-35 and B-21 are made to last for decades — making them expensive to buy, fly and keep operational. In the middle of those needs are what

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

are called "attributable" weapons — weapons with a limited use and lifetime of use. They are cheaper than long-term aircraft and, while more expensive than a cruise missile, they can carry 10 missiles for less than twice the cost. How do they do that? They are factory built with planned obsolescence and a serious AI brain — the cyberborg part.

"Even though we call Skyborg an attributable aircraft, I think we'll think of them more like reusable weapons," said Will Roper, assistant secretary of the Air Force. "We'll do whatever number of takeoffs and landings they're 'spec'd' for, and then we'll attrit them out of the force as targets and just buy them at a steady rate."

Like a Ford production line that never has to stop.

And the Air Force is planning to retire the F-16 and MQ-9s within this decade and replacing them with the Skyborg, Skyborg Squadrons and teams of "pilots,"

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lies in the Trump era

John Walters considers himself a conservative. As a liberal, that confuses me. The party of Trump seems to embody the opposite of traditional values.

I think the violence in Portland, Ore., has been greatly overblown. A two-block area around the courthouse with peaceful protest by day, and some fire-crackers and spray paint at night, is hardly the breakdown of law and order in all U.S. cities certain media outlets would have you believe. It is surely no justification for sending in federal troops, when the mayor and governor do not want them. It seems "states' rights" only apply

in competing for face masks and ventilators.

There were many occasions in American history when the "silent majority" has come to accept the demands of a vocal minority. Suffragettes demanding the right of women to vote immediately comes to mind. Unions demanding an end to child labor, African Americans seeking access to our public schools, gays wanting to marry, disabled folk looking to participate in daily life — all were opposed by a majority of Americans. Yet all advanced our constitutional rights. I'm hoping you are not opposed to those changes?

It is ironic that someone so focused on obeying existing laws could support this lawless administration. Surely the self-enrichment, criminal behavior, flouting of international treaties, refusal of subpoenas, felony convictions and subsequent pardons ought to give you pause. Democratic ideals have been turned upside down, and Americans turned against each other. Is it a good thing that Trump has encouraged revival of the Klan and Nazi party? Do you know the terrifying term "Antifa" means "against Fascism?" Remember when conservatives weren't "Pro-fa?"

And being a white guy does not presume you are racist. Black Lives Matter simply points out that over the past 400 years in America, Black lives often did not. Slavery was the foundation of capitalism here — our supply of "free" labor gave business the advantage that China now has. Since then, people of color have been terrorized, prevented from accumulating capital, kept out of neighborhoods and jobs. That was never a focus in my high school history classes.

You helped elect a non-politician to the presidency (who has proved utterly incapable of doing the job). He also is a compulsive liar, cheat, Russian pawn, friend to dictators, serial bank-rupter and payer for sex. Trump is perhaps the most insecure (all about me), lazy (golf, golf, golf), ill-informed (briefings too hard), mean spirited (kids in cages), incompetent (pandemic response) man on our planet. Sorry, but Republicans have given up any sentimental claim to Old Glory. Let's all VOTE and elect someone smart and honorable to lead us.

Leo J. Blackman

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"If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball."

Jack Lemmon

Watching for signs of decline

In this most unusual year, it may have been a while since you've seen an elderly relative or friend. With Dutchess County reopening, you finally have a chance to see them, but you may notice they've developed difficulty taking care of themselves. The Office for the Aging (OFA) is ready to help seniors and caregivers negotiate this delicate topic.

Seniors are understandably afraid to lose their independence. Still, an elderly loved one is most likely to maximize their independence by facing the issue directly, rather than ignoring or denying it.

There's a distinct difference between a senior needing a little extra help with a few household tasks, and needing 24/7 care at a nursing home or assisted living facility. A few hours of home care or other assistance goes a long way to keeping them safely and happily at home, and as independent as possible. The important thing is to address the issue quickly and map out a plan of care.

Here are a few of the most common warning signs a senior may need help:

- Poor eating habits: This can

GOLDEN LIVING

Todd N. Tancredi

An elderly loved one is most likely to maximize their independence by facing the issue directly, rather than ignoring or denying it.

include not eating regular meals, weight loss, lack of appetite or spoiled foods not thrown away. Consult with their physician first; depression can often be the cause of poor eating habits.

- Poor hygiene: Unpleasant body odor, infrequent showering or bathing, poor grooming, neglected nails and teeth and wearing dirty clothes are hallmarks of poor hygiene.

- Neglected home: A dirty living space, extreme clutter, dirty laundry piling up, a strong smell of urine in the house and partially eaten food left out are all signs an elder needs assistance.

- Changes in behavior: Watch for out-of-character behavior like unusual loudness or quiet, paranoia, agitation, repeated phone calls at all hours or extreme mood swings. Watch for uncertainty or confusion when performing tasks that should be familiar.

- Isolation: Be aware if your normally socially active older adult has suddenly lost interest in keeping in touch with family or friends, or in social, religious, recreational and/or civic activities.

- Unexplained injuries: Burns or injuries from weakness, forgetfulness or misuse of alcohol or medications should concern you. If your loved one still drives, look for unexplained dents or scratches on their car.

- Forgetfulness: Are bills piling up without getting paid or being paid twice? Are prescriptions

remaining unfilled, or are they taking more than prescribed? Is mail left around unopened? Newspapers unread or appointments missed?

- Mobility issues: Are they having trouble getting up from a seated position or having difficulty with walking, balancing or getting in or out of the car?

If you aren't sure where to turn for help, the Dutchess County Office for the Aging may be able to assist you. Visit www.dutchessny.gov/aging for a comprehensive list of resources, or call 845-486-2555.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging Director Todd N. Tancredi. For more information, call 845-486-2555, email ofa@dutchessny.gov or go online, to www.dutchessny.gov/aging.

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A hummingbird moth at work or play ... or both

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ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Hope and Old Glory in Flag-themed Art Show

Residents of the Tri-state region first met Lauren Was and Adam Eckstrom through their work as the art-creating duo Ghost of a Dream, when they exhibited their work at the Wassaic Project in the hamlet of Wassaic in the town of Amenia, N.Y.

Their work addressed our dreams of love, money and more, in pieces that were usually made of repurposed and sometimes “found” commercial art, specifically items such as the covers of romance novels or discarded lottery tickets.

The couple left New York City several years ago (washed up here in part following floods caused by Hurricane Katrina that destroyed much of their work and much of the ephemera they had gathered) and bought a house in Wassaic. They have a 4-year-old child now, and are continuing to do work on their own and together.

One of Eckstrom's projects of the past few years has been the ArtForArtists Edition Exchanges. He curates a show, inviting in artists he knows and/or admires. Each artist creates enough iterations of a work of art so there is one exhibition piece; two pieces that can be sold; and one piece for each of the other participating artists.

The story now winds



PHOTO BY THEO COULOMBE

Adam Eckstrom has curated a flag-themed show at Standard Space in Sharon, Conn., that includes the works behind him by, from left, Mel Chin, David Scher and DARNstudio.

around to Sharon, Conn., where Theo Coulombe decided that, in 2020, he would invite other artists to curate shows at his gallery, Standard Space on the town Green.

Three shows had been organized; two of them were canceled by the COVID-19 quarantine. Eckstrom's show was scheduled to open July 3, which coincided nicely with his chosen theme: American flags.

As Connecticut slowly reopens, the show called MESS (or Marker Emblem Symbol Signal) featuring flag-themed

art by 13 artists, is now on display at Standard Space and can be seen by appointment only, in groups of six people or smaller. The show remains open until Aug. 13.

The works are for the most part gently political; they are esthetically pleasing while also making a statement about the divisions in our country.

There is an American flag re-sewn by Mel Chin so that 25 stars are on the right side and 25 are on the left.

Connecticut artists David Anthon and Ron Norsworthy of DARNstudio have a

16-square “quilt,” each square is a flag of “quilted together” matchbooks that were custom made to commemorate the sites of aggressions and atrocities against minorities.

There is also a flag by Ghost of a Dream tucked into a corner in the back, made from money sacks purchased at a Trump casino bankruptcy sale. The red stripes on the bag were augmented with stripes in the colors of the LGBTQ+ flag.

Eckstrom and Was are also working now on a cu-

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MUSIC: FRED BAUMGARTEN

Varied Virtual Concerts from Music Mountain

Like so many arts organizations everywhere, Music Mountain in Falls Village, Conn., has had to pivot this year to a new way of delivering content virtually, after having to shut down its summer concert season to keep audience members and artists alike safe.

The summer chamber music festival has responded with a continuing series of live-streamed programs, “Live From Music Mountain,” taking place every Sunday at 3 p.m. — the traditional time of Music Mountain's live chamber concerts.

Artistic and Executive Director Oskar Espina Ruiz produces and hosts the hour-long series, which features fascinating conversations with leading artists from their homes and live performances of the repertoire, as well as taped performances when live ones are impossible (such as when ensembles can't meet). Many of the musicians were scheduled to play at Music Mountain this summer.

“This has been a wonderful way to keep our audience engaged and coming back,” said Espina-Ruiz. “We've been very gratified with the results. More than 120 viewers have joined us

weekly from around the country and the world — places like Mexico, Spain, France, and Argentina — and over 1,000 watch the video replays on our website.”

“Live From Music Mountain” began in June with a program on “Birdsong and Messiaen's ‘Quartet for the End of Time’” featuring the Horszowski Trio and Fran Zygmunt of the Litchfield Audubon Society. Espina Ruiz and Zygmunt had a lively discussion about birdsong, with taped recordings Zygmunt had made on Music Mountain's property. It was followed by a recorded performance of the Messiaen quartet, which makes liberal use of birdsong.

Subsequent Sundays saw live performances by renowned pianist Simone Dinnerstein, playing Glass and Schubert, conversation and music with the Ulysses Quartet (the graduate quartet-in-residence at Juilliard), more live piano artistry by Polish-born Magdalena Baczewska, and a program of Penderecki, Kelly-Marie Murphy, Beethoven and Mendelssohn by the Penderecki Quartet, in memory of the recently deceased, groundbreaking Polish composer whose name was chosen by the founding members of the ensemble. Penderecki is perhaps best known for his chilling “Threnody for the Victims of Hiroshima,” composed in 1960.

This coming Sunday, Aug. 2, will feature the Verona Quartet. And on Aug. 16, Music Mountain will share a first-ever collaboration with Carnegie Hall in New York City, with a program being put together to celebrate the life of the great pianist Peter Serkin, a beloved Music Mountain regular, who died in February of this year.

Live From Music Mountain can be seen every Sunday at 3 p.m. on Facebook Live, YouTube, and at the website www.musicmountain.org.

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GUITAR & CELLO MASTERS IN ONLINE CONCERT

The last student to study with classical guitar's iconic Andres Segovia will perform in a cello-and-guitar concert as part of the Close Encounters with Music series out of Great Barrington, Mass., on Sunday, Aug. 2, at 5:30 p.m.

Eliot Fisk is famous not only for his relationship with Segovia but also for his skills as a teacher and performer and for his work in using historic music in innovative

and appealing ways.

He and Close Encounters founder Yehuda Hanani will perform works on guitar and cello by composers including Schubert, Gabriel Fauré, Villa-Lobos and J. S. Bach. The arrangements for most of the pieces are original and were created by the two musicians during the past decade, during which they have performed together across the United States.

Fisk has performed for audiences large and small, from President Bill Clinton to King Juan Carlos of Spain. A graduate of Yale University (where he founded the guitar department at the Yale School of Music after his graduation, in 1977), he

teaches at the New England Conservatory in Boston, Mass., and the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria.

Hanani studied at Juilliard in New York City and also with Pablo Casals. A native of Jerusalem, Israel, he was brought to the United States by Leonard Bernstein and Isaac Stern after Bernstein saw him perform with the Israel Philharmonic at the age of 19.

Hanani currently serves on the faculty of the Mannes School at the New School in New York City.

Hosted by the Mahaiwe Theater in Great Barrington, the concert will be streamed Aug. 2 live on Facebook; learn more about how to sign up at www.mahaiwe.org.

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BOOKS: SHANE STAMPFLE

'The End of October' Imagines a Pandemic-stricken World

Published in April 2020, Lawrence Wright's novel "The End of October" seems prescient: A new disease advances across the globe, with nations being brought to a standstill.

Wright's prophecies diverge from the coronavirus reality in important — and sometimes reassuring — ways.

The story's hero is Dr. Henry Parsons of the Centers for Disease Control, who is dispatched to Indonesia to investigate an outbreak of kongoli, a deadly new virus. Parsons, in his methodical and analytical nature, is reminiscent of Dr. Anthony Fauci, director

of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Wright, a staff writer for The New Yorker magazine, has written extensively about the Middle East and about the power of ideas, particularly in the sphere of religious dogma. He won a Pulitzer Prize for his 2006 book "The Looming Tower," about the formation of al-Qaida. Influences of his past work are evident in "The End of October;" The kongoli virus spreads when millions of pilgrims gather in Mecca for the hajj.

Wright is at his most clairvoyant when imagining the initial response to

the outbreak. As with the coronavirus, leaders obfuscate and are slow to accept the dire circumstances. The virus is consistently dismissed as the flu — notably by the president of the United States.

Before long, civil society completely breaks down, with major American cities descending into anarchy.

In "The End of October," neighbors turn on one another as supplies become scarce. So far, we all seem to have avoided this kind of community-destroying behavior.

Wright interviewed scientists and government officials for this novel. He complements his fictional prose with lengthy expository sections detailing past pandemics and advancements in epidemiology. While interesting in themselves, they serve no clear purpose until late in the novel, when Par-

sons, attempting to create a vaccine, draws inspiration from a smallpox experiment detailed earlier.

Parsons' attempt to get home to his family, and the repeated setbacks he encounters along the way, are less Homer and more Tom Clancy. He hitches a ride on a submarine, survives a bombing in the Middle East, and nearly drowns in the North Atlantic.

Readers expecting an examination of individuals' response to a plague, as a way of holding a mirror to our own society and times, will be disappointed.

Instead, the outbreak seems like little more than a storytelling device used to tell a quintessential intrigue/thriller story. We turn to novels to make sense of our world, and sometimes to escape it. "The End of October" is, perhaps unfairly, asked to do both.

FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT ...

It's hard to imagine that anyone who loves song, dance and live theater doesn't love "A Chorus Line," which is being performed by Up In One Productions at The Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck.

The show opened July 24 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 16. Performances begin at 7 p.m. on the Center's new outdoor stage. Seating is on the grand lawn; bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnics as well as masks and a willingness to be socially distant.

For those who have never

seen or heard it, the show's irresistibly catchy music is by the great, late 20th century composer Marvin Hamlisch, with lyrics by Edward Kleban. The book is by James Kirkwood Jr.

Seventeen dancers (all of whom "really need this job!") try out for a Broadway show and along the way reveal their hopes, dreams and the traumas that helped prepare them for the grueling life of a dancer in a chorus line.

Tickets are \$25; to order and for more information, go to www.centerforperforming-arts.org.

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rated video event, in which artists from around the world are making videos of sunrises. In their own work as artists and sculptors, Eckstrom said, "We are definitely curators in the studio as well.

"Our basic rule — of making work about peoples'

hopes and dreams — is vast, and the people are prolific in creating detritus in pursuit of their dreams.

"Recently our projects, and in some ways our curatorial choices, have strayed away from aspirations of money and love toward jus-

tice and equality instead."

To make an appointment to see Marker Emblem Symbol Signal at Standard Space in Sharon, Conn., email gallery owner Theo Coulombe at theo@standardspace.net or call him at 917-627-3261.

BOOKS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Tale To Take Your Mind Off The World's Woes

Books about stolen fiancés and ruined weddings are always popular because, weirdly, these kinds of situations do come up in real life — even or especially when two sisters are involved.

And so "The Wedding Thief," a new novel by Mary Simses, immediately creates that tightening in your chest (if you're a woman, and maybe even if you're a man) as two sisters are dragged together by an overly dramatic mother who wants them to reconcile before Mariel's wedding to Sara's recent ex-lover, Carter: Carter the perfect, Carter the dependable, Carter the wealthy attorney, Carter who seemed like he was

going to Be The One for Sara.

Mariel's wedding is in two weeks. Sara and Mariel have been tricked into gathering at their mother's house in the fictional town of Hampstead, Conn. Complications ensue.

The author says she based the locale loosely on the Connecticut towns of Kent and Litchfield, which she visited often as she was growing up in Darien, on the state's southern shore.

Tired of feeling anxious about politics and viruses? This book is a perfect antidote, offering an opportunity to worry about a conflict that will only change the lives of the fictional characters and not your own.

Mary Simses will talk about "The Wedding Thief" and her Litchfield County experiences during an online interview sponsored by House of Books in Kent on Thursday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. To register, go to the bookstore's website at www.houseofbooksct.com or www.crowdcast.io/e/marysimses-2/register.

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to complete a trail between the Metro-North Railroad Station in Wassaic and Chatham in central Columbia County. HVRTA has recently completed design work on a link between Copake Falls and Hillsdale that will include a new pedestrian bridge over Route 22. HVRTA assisted New York State Parks in receiving a grant to fund construction of this trail link and the organization has begun a campaign to raise the local matching funds to activate the \$1.9 million grant.

HVRTA is also working on converting half of a double wide railroad bridge in the village of Millerton to a "Bridge to Nature," which will help folks explore the natural wonders along the trail and appreciate the forces and processes that formed today's landscape. Find more about all this at www.hvrt.org.

One other section of the trail

deserves notice. A short link between the Metro-North Station and the hamlet of Wassaic is nearly complete. This piece, being built by the town of Amenia, will be a fine addition and a benefit to businesses in the small hamlet of Wassaic.

During the virus pandemic, completed sections of the Rail Trail are good places for residents and visitors alike to get outside and stretch their legs. The rock cuts and shady areas offer a comfortable break on hot days. Exercise enthusiasts can take advantage of nature's wonders to lift their spirits, breath the wild wind and escape for a while from the concerns that challenge everyone these days.

Dick Hermans is the chairman of the HVRTA and co-owner of Oblong Books & Music in Millerton and Rhinebeck.

HEALTH INSURANCE *Continued from Page A1*

NY State of Health has offered itself as a "safety net" to individuals and families seeking health insurance and is taking part in the special enrollment extension "so that individuals do not avoid seeking eating or medical care for fear of cost," according to Cuomo's website, www.governor.ny.gov.

Visiting the NY State of Health website at www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov, New Yorkers will find a selection of low cost, quality health insurance options to explore and compare. In order to shop in the marketplace, individuals must live in the state and be a U.S. citizen, national or lawfully present immigrant; however, regulations dictate that different immigration rules may apply if the individual is eligible for Child Health Plus, NYS Medicaid or the Essential Plan based on their income. Other restrictions apply.

Individuals who have lost employer coverage should apply within 60 days of losing their health insurance while individu-

als who have lost income may be eligible for Medicaid, the Essential Plan, Child Health Plus or subsidized Qualified Health Plans. As published on the governor's website, individuals who enroll in Qualified Health Plans either through NY State of Health or directly through insurers by Saturday, Aug. 15, will have a choice for their coverage start date on either Saturday, Aug. 1, or Tuesday, Sept. 1. Individuals who are eligible for other NY State of Health programs — including Medicaid, Essential Plan and Child Health Plus — can enroll year-round.

Apply online at www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov, by phone at 1-855-355-5777 or by connecting with a free enrollment assistant on the NY State of Health website. Dutchess County residents can find additional resources on health insurance and health services for the uninsured and underinsured online at www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/HealthInsurance.htm.

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"Nobody on the current board of the university was convicted of a felony charge at the time of the PPP application," he stated. "Any previously indicted individuals had left the board long before the university had decided to apply for the PPP. In this regard, the university had correctly and truthfully replied to all the questions in the PPP application form."

Vance concurred following the conclusion of the case that the executives who were responsible for the crime were no longer working by the time the guilty pleas were entered in court. Those included Andrew Lin, who resigned as Olivet chairman of the board; publishing executives Etienne Uzac, the former co-owner and chairman of IBT Media, which once owned Newsweek magazine; and William Anderson, the former CEO of Christian Media Corporation (CMC) and former Olivet trustee.

According to a past statement from Vance, Uzac and Anderson entered guilty pleas for engaging in a scheme "to fraudulently obtain \$35 million from lenders."

In Vance's original 2018 indictment, he charged they conspired to fraudulently obtain millions in financing using Olivet's name. The money, he said, was then laundered to "obscure its origins and fund Olivet's operations." According to the DA, the media companies and the university "disguised" their financial standing to appear larger than it was in order to secure loans worth \$35 million, with which they said they would purchase high-tech computer servers. Then, after buying cheaper servers — if any at all — they used the loans for their own purposes, charged the DA.

On Feb. 14, both Uzac and Anderson pleaded guilty in New York State Supreme Court to money laundering in the second degree,

a class C felony, and scheme to defraud in the first degree, a class E felony.

On Feb. 20, Olivet President Tracy Davis represented the university and entered a guilty plea for falsifying business records and taking part in a conspiracy. The school was fined \$1.25 million for the offenses — a fraction of the \$35 million the DA was pursuing. That's mainly because Olivet had paid back all of the loans, despite their being fraudulently obtained.

Also convicted was Lin, who though convicted of fraud was only lightly punished by Manhattan district court docket Judge Ruth Pickholz. Lin pledged to refrain from serving in a governmental or managerial position at Olivet for the next two years.

Judge Pickholz ruled that Olivet will be conditionally discharged if its obligations are met during the next two years. The felony charges will then be reduced to misdemeanor charges.

The defendants — who stressed they repaid their loans in full — had hoped to get off with no jail time. They were scheduled to appear back in court for their sentencing on Monday, April 20. According to one source, the sentencing took place and they received community

service hours.

According to a June SBA report, the average PPP loan amounts to roughly \$107,000; the SBA claims 51 million jobs have been supported through the program as well as 84% of all people employed by small businesses in the U.S.

To date, \$521 billion in PPP loans has been distributed, though there have been complaints about a lack of transparency as to where those loans have gone. But the federal government has been resistant to calls for increased transparency, claiming the information is "confidential." The government finally released information in July on roughly 700,000 PPP loans of \$150,000 or higher following intense public pressure.

The Washington Post reported that the data released, however, only reflects 15% of the loans issued and doesn't include the majority of "sole proprietorships and independent contractors." It also said some of the government's information is erroneous, with incorrect figures or crediting loans that haven't been released yet.

The program is nearing an end — the application deadline was extended until Aug. 8 — it's unclear if there will be another round as Congress is debating further aid.

tion is used to establish congressional districts and the number of representatives an area has in Congress over the next decade.

According to the latest numbers from Alex, in Amenia, 29% of the town has answered; in 2010, 62.6% responded. In the town of North East, 29.6% responded thus far; the response in 2010 was 60.6%. In Pine Plains, 30.6% have responded; in 2010, 63.2% responded. And in the town of Washington, 28% have responded thus far; in 2010, the response rate was 64.7%.

Even Governor Andrew Cuomo is encouraging New Yorkers to get going. On Thursday, July 9, he emailed residents, "More New Yorkers need to respond to the Census. New York's Census response rate is at 57.5%, which is below the national average... It's safe, easy and can be done online from the comfort of your own home. Let's make sure every New Yorker is counted."

On Friday, July 24, Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud emailed her community, too.

"The Census 2020 is still un-

derway," she stated. "Once again, filling out the Census is absolutely necessary for a town like ours to receive adequate state funding, which keeps taxes down. It is also the reason Pine Plains does not have adequate broadband to every house: the 2010 Census was used to determine how many houses were on a road. Those who did not fill out their Census that year were not counted as living there, hence their homes were not included in the survey. The state mis-identified Dutchess County as completely served by the internet, when in fact only roughly 2/3 of the county is covered."

Though the U.S. Census Bureau had hoped to have responses returned by July 31, the deadline was extended to Oct. 31 because of COVID-19.

Responses may be mailed in, phoned in or done online — even without the code that was mailed to all U.S. residents earlier in the year. For more information or to complete the Census, go to www.2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020.

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