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Andrea Westerlind and Simon Kristoph welcomed local residents and weekend visitors alike into Westerlind at Saperstein's, located at 41 Main St., starting Saturday, July 4. Future plans include a possible grocery.

# Westerlind at Saperstein's has big plans for Millerton's Main Street

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — From housing the long-time family business, Saperstein's, to the recent collaborative comprised of three retail vendors, the building at 41 Main St. has long stood as a landmark in the village of Millerton. Just in time for the Fourth of July, the site took on a new life as Andrea Westerlind, the owner and operator of Westerlind, officially opened Westerlind at Saperstein's for business.

"I mean, it's kind of the best retail location in Millerton," Westerlind said when asked what drew her to the spot.

"She's had her eye on the space for a really long time," said Simon Kristoph, the store's retail director.

Before coming to Millerton, Westerlind had successfully launched her catalogue of outdoor apparel across the country, with locations in Denver, Colo.; Powder Mountain, Utah; and New York City. She tested out

the waters in the Millerton area two summers ago when she collaborated with Evergreen Antiques owner Laurence Fox, opening a temporary shop known as the Pop-Up Shop, at 3 Main St. Customers responded well, and the following summer, Westerlind and Fox partnered with John Allee from Meta 44 to create a collaborative business, again at 3 Main St.

Westerlind said she worked with

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# North East suggests police committee

By WHITNEY JOSEPH

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NORTH EAST — The Town Board held its first in-person meeting on Thursday, July 9, since the coronavirus pandemic forced it to switch to virtual Zoom meetings in March. Town Supervisor Chris Kennan said last week's meeting, which was held at the North-East-Millerton Library Annex instead of Town Hall, as the Annex is larger and can accommodate social distancing more easily, was difficult due to the extreme heat, made tougher as everyone was wearing face masks.

"It was nice to see each other, but it was also not ideal," he said. "We may go back to Zoom for August. We'll see."

A few members of the community

attended the meeting, which had a routine agenda and was swift-moving. Highway garage update

One item of business was the approval of a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) for the joint highway garage on Route 22, shared with the village of Millerton. Councilman George Kaye gave an update on its progress. Currently the town is in Phase 2 of construction for a sand and salt storage shed. Last year an equipment storage shed was built, in Phase 1. Next year the town expects to take on Phase 3, which will be for the actual garage building, "the biggest and most expensive" part of the project, according to Kennan.

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Copake sisters Emi Wakamatsu, left, and Maya kept their eyes on the family's tablet, propped up on a window sill, as they practiced the moves they've been learning through the online Kids Karate program.

# Libraries join forces, offer summer reading program

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to The Millerton News

TRI-STATE REGION — As June approached, it became increasingly obvious that due to restrictions of COV-ID-19, area libraries would not be filled

with the cheerful sounds of children's voices joining together for the usual summertime fare. Instead of bemoaning what could be a bleak outlook, program directors found strength in their numbers as they joined together to form "The Fellowship of the Books:

Five Libraries, More Programs."

The group, available through the libraries' websites and Facebook pages, keeps families and staff safe during the COVID pandemic, providing fun while continuing the all important summer activities that do so much to encourage reading development. That,

in turn, helps prevent the "summer slide," which can cause students to lose hard-won progress from the previous school year, something that is particularly important after the lack of traditional classes this past spring due to the statewide shut down of schools caused

by the health crisis. With budget an issue as libraries balance attractions against cost, the fellowship determined that a pooling of resources could also bring a "bigger bang for the buck" for patrons of the Amenia, NorthEast-Millerton, Pine Plains, Roeliff Jansen and Scoville Memorial libraries.

Building on their regular programs, expanded offerings include reading programs such as the ever-popular Story Hours, crafts, animal programs,

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# Residents share their stories at virtual forum

# What it's like to be a person of color living in Dutchess County today

By KAITLIN LYLE

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DUTCHESS COUNTY — Elected officials and community leaders held "A Listening Town Hall: People of Color Sharing Their Experiences in Dutchess County" on Tuesday evening, July 7, for people to talk about what it's like living in the region as a person of color.

Hosted by Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY-18), the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights and the Northern Dutchess National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the event was held via Zoom and live streamed on the "Dutchess County Government" Facebook page. People

could register beforehand to speak for injustices we have been facing for 400 three minutes during the forum.

Molinaro assured participants what they said would be a way to "address these challenges together."

Advocating police reform legislation as the father of two black daughters, Maloney said, "I think that when we can find, through love and concern, paths through this thicket of difference and fear and can find ways across those lines of difference, that's where change occurs, and I want to be part of a generation that changes this.

"Maybe we don't change at all, maybe we can never change at all, at least in our lifetimes, but we can be part of progress that other generations have achieved.

"These are the same painful, difficult

years," Maloney continued, "but we're a different society than we were even 20 or 30 or 50 years ago, and in the diversity of our society, we have an opportunity, I think, to create real lasting change and to make our contribution to make it a better country for everyone."

More than 300 people spoke that night, according to Angela Henry, the forum's moderator.

As the first official to speak, former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson recounted his years living in Dutchess County. Johnson shared that his family was the first black family to move into the Cotton Hill area of Poughkeepsie years ago. In spite of his

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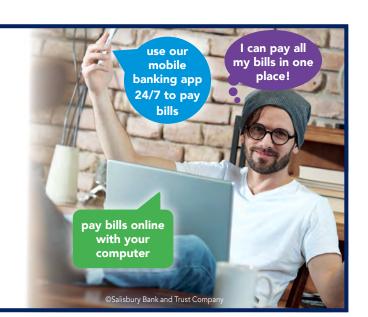
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## **MILLERTON**



Officials from multiple area fire companies responded to a fire at 1310 Boston Corners Road in Millerton on Sunday afternoon, July 12; the smoke from the fire could be seen from miles away.

# Owner of Hylton **Hundt Salon loses** house to Sunday fire

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Officials from multiple fire companies across the Tri-state region sprung into action to respond to a report of a structure fire on Boston Corners Road in Millerton on Sunday afternoon, July 12.

Millerton Fire Chief Jason Watson reported that the Millerton Fire Company received a call at 12:39 p.m. about a house fire at 1310 Boston Corners Road. Describing the scene as smoky and hot, he said Millerton firefighters arrived on site at 12:48 p.m., as did crews from the Copake, Ancram, Wassaic and Lakeville, Conn., fire companies.

Flames were said to be shooting out of the garage and out of the main body of the house belonging to Millerton resident and business owner Janice Hylton, of Hylton Hundt Salon, and her wife, Gail Smallridge. It took the attending fire personnel

MILLERTON

IN BRIEF

Millerton park

reopens to public

Starting Monday, July

13, Eddie Collins Memorial Field, located at 5991 Route

22, reopened to the public. Parks have been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and social distancing

requirements instituted by

Governor Andrew Cuomo.

and baseball fields will be

Both the playground

about 20 minutes to extinguish the blaze; the house was said to have suffered severe damage and be a total loss.

Thankfully, no injuries were reported, and both Hylton and Smallridge escaped the fire safely with their cat. Now the couple is reportedly seeking a long-term rental in either Connecticut or New York, which could be tough given the rental market is so saturated with city residents coming up north seeking shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ancram Town Councilwoman Bonnie Hundt, Hylton's longtime business partner at Hylton Hundt Salon, said in an interview that Hylton and Smallridge were at home when they heard a sound in their garage. Looking into the garage, Hunt said that the couple spotted a solar power battery that was reportedly on fire.

According to Watson, the official cause of the fire is still being investigated at this time.

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# McEnroe Organic Farm Market reopens after clearing COVID-19 concerns

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON - Out of an abundance of caution, McEnroe Organic Farm closed its market for a half day on Wednesday, July 8, and a full day on Thursday, July 9, after one of its employees attended a family function where someone reported testing positive for the coronavirus five days later.

"We just wanted to be cautious," said McEnroe Farm Market Manager Ben Wagner on Monday, July 13; the store fully reopened on Saturday, July 11. "Just in case, we got all of our employees tested. Everything came back negative

and we reopened the next day. We got our store deep cleaned. We wanted it to be safe, for the safety of our employees and the safety of our customers."

That's a relief for the legions of loyal Tri-state customers who shop at McEnroe's — one of New York's oldest and most diverse certified organic farms with more than 1,200 acres of fields, pastures and greenhouses — and some of the best local organic produce and meats around. The Route 22 farm market, which has remained open to the public throughout the CO-VID-19 pandemic with curbside pickup available even while much of the state was shut down, employs roughly 40 people. It's now open to shopping inside as well, though limited to five people at a time to allow for social distancing, and the store is sanitized after each customer, according to Wagner. And while the deli remains closed at this time, the manager said business has been brisk.

"Actually, I expected it to be slower than usual because of everything going on, but actually it's been pretty good this year," he said. "We have the outdoor cider garden, and it seems people are pretty down about everything of course, but it's nice for them to get out. It's socially distanced outside and everyone is required to wear a times, but we're all healthy."

mask unless they're eating. We're trying to be very cautious."

The store is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday; the King's Highway Hard Cider Garden eatery is open from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. everyday.

Wagner said the good news is that throughout the pandemic, the farm has been able to keep up with its growing season, and, thankfully, the market has been able to keep up with customer demand as well.

"We wanted to be here for community," he said. "It was hard

# Coronavirus shut down Demitasse before it could open, now store takes another shot

**By KAITLIN LYLE** kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Just when Demitasse owner Hayden Geer and her husband, Richard, were anticipating the opening of their retail store at 32 Main St. this spring, the world as they knew it was suddenly upended by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, with patience and perseverance, the couple rode out the shut down and finally, with the governor's Phase 3 of reopening the Mid-Hudson Valley Region on Tuesday, June 23, opened their doors for business on Friday, June 27, just in time for the Millerton Business Alliance's (MBA) weekend-long Millerton Al Fresco event.

Both natives of Charleston, S.C., the Geers moved from their South Carolina hometown to the hamlet of Ancramdale last October following the passing of Hayden's parents. Before deciding to venture into retail, Hayden said she practiced as an intensive care unit nurse before leaving nursing to take care of her parents. With their passing, she said the pair didn't feel in synch with Charleston anymore, and the couple opted for a change.

While shopping for items for their new home, Hayden said she started getting interested in the items she picked out more than she thought she would. Expanding on her shopping strategy, she said that she found a few favorite stores and that she likes to spend a good hour or so going through the items she finds to make sure she's not missing anything.

As to what inspired her to bring a gift shop to Millerton, Hayden said she noticed a hole in the village business commu-

nity, adding that she wanted to see a store in the village with a broader range of price points. With the small space at 32 Main St. up for rent and just 10 minutes away from her Ancramdale home,

it was a dream waiting to happen. Long before businesses were impacted by COVID-19, Hayden said she had a very different vision for her store. She was initially thinking of repurposing a variety of items and wanted the name to be "something old-fashioned, but that you could find some sort of use for." It was Richard who suggested Demitasse, which his wife recognized as a "very New Orleans word" for a small cup of very strong coffee.

"I wanted it to be a place where people could come in and spend time," she said. "I wanted it to be such a positive experience... to let people come in and get comfortable."

Hayden said she and her husband "worked really hard in a matter of months" to have their original opening day in March. Along with helping her redo the bathroom and building shelves and a swing bed to install in the store, she said Richard helped her pick out the inventory.

"Anything that looks good, he gets credit for," Hayden said.

In essence, Demitasse is set up as a furniture and home decor store, showcasing a broad range of products hand-picked

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by the Geers and reflecting an assortment of businesses and fair trade companies. Selected from markets in Atlanta, Ga., and New York City, customers will find a carefully curated array of merchandise, from towels, ceramics, smudge dishes and purses to briefcases, belts, wallets, hand lotions, toys, games and more. With the exception of a cocktail napkin that she regrets purchasing, Hayden said she loves everything in her store and would buy it all. Though she was asked about the napkin in question, it will remain a well-kept secret as Hayden decided not to describe that which she regrets buying.

"I really want to become a touchstone gift store for locals," she said. "I hope not to be quiet during the week. I want so much of the store to be about that personal experience."

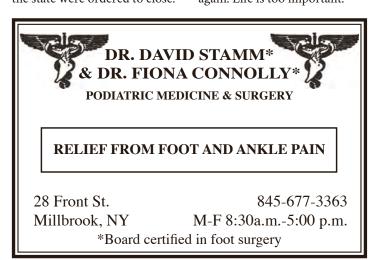
However, like many merchants both fledgling and fixed — in these trying times, Hayden has already faced her share of challenges attempting to open and run a business during the pandemic. Luckily for the Geers, they were able to get their store stocked and ready to open before stores across the state were ordered to close.

Viewing these unforeseen obstacles through a positive lens, Hayden said, "I feel extremely blessed... to be able to stock a store, close it for four months, never having made a dollar, never sold one item, I'm glad we got it done before the pandemic so we can open the door when it's safer."

Keeping safe during the pandemic has been essential for the couple, given their individual experiences with cancer. As a child, Richard was treated with Hodgkin's lymphoma while Hayden was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma at the age of 27.

With Demitasse open on a limited basis, Hayden said hours of operation are yet to be set. Though the couple originally planned to offer coffee, tea and ice water, that's no longer possible due to COVID-19 restrictions. While she recognizes the need to take precautions and expressed her gratitude to the people wearing masks, she said she's losing a lot of that sense of hospitality in telling people who come in to don face masks.

"It's going to take practice," she admitted, "and if it doesn't work for me, I'm going to have to close again. Life is too important."

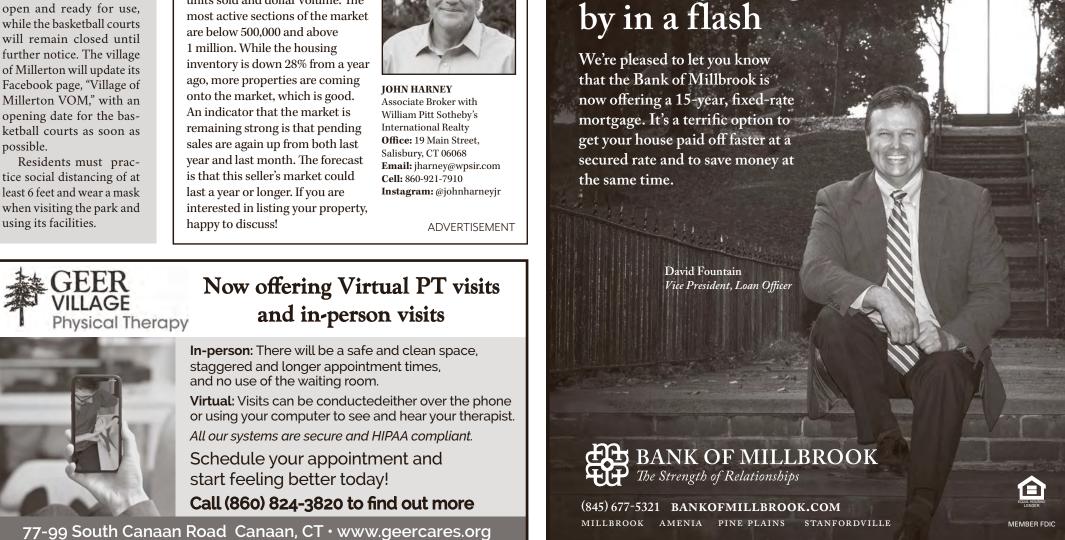


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The month of June was also strong for real estate, with the Towns of Salisbury and Sharon putting up impressive numbers for both units sold and dollar volume. The are below 500,000 and above 1 million. While the housing ago, more properties are coming onto the market, which is good. An indicator that the market is remaining strong is that pending sales are again up from both last year and last month. The forecast is that this seller's market could last a year or longer. If you are





## AMENIA/MILLBROOK

#### Millbrook Horse Trials canceled

# Can horses catch the coronavirus?

By LENA SZETO Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK - The Tristate region equestrian community has found ways to manage despite the coronavirus pandemic. After all, animals still have to be cared for, even during a quarantine.

None of the barns in the region has had to shut down even though many of them rely on horse shows for fundraising, and those shows this year have so far been canceled or postponed.

Operations during the pandemic have necessitated major adjustments for boarders and riders — and, let's not forget, the horses, too.

Riga Meadow at Coole Park Farm in Millbrook and Town Hill Farm in Lakeville, Conn., moved fast to put new barn rules in place in spring to keep everyone as safe as possible. Both barns implemented American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) best practices, adding a few nuances of their own.

In March and April, Linda Bushnell, the trainer at Riga Meadow, decided to limit access to the barns to only essential workers. She stopped giving lessons and canceled Riga's Combined Test, which was scheduled for May 3.

Now that New York is slowly reopening, lessons have resumed and boarders can ride again but with restrictions.

A contact tracing system is in place; everyone has to sign in and out of the barn. Bushnell stressed that, "With COVID-19 preventive measures in place everything takes time, so patience and resolve are required. Horseback riding is a humbling sport — anything can happen, and you have to be able to adapt very quickly."

Susan Beddingfield, stable manager at Town Hill Farm, said she never stopped teaching her clients since all private lessons are taught outdoors.

She has put safety measures in place, limiting boarders' access inside the barn, requiring that masks be worn inside and designating a single wash stall to limit contaminated surfaces and foot traffic.



Equestrian barns in the region are beginning to open again, but COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

Boarders with their own trailers can also tack up there, weather permitting.

No one wants to catch or spread COVID-19 and many wonder if animals can play a part. Dr. Paul Mountan, DVM, one of the founders of Rhinebeck Equine, said in a recent interview that horses cannot catch COVID-19, but can become ill from an equine coronavirus, known as ECoV.

The disease is not contagious to humans and not even very contagious to other horses.

Cornell's Animal Health Diagnostic Center (AHDC) says they've seen a rise in the diagnosis of equine enteric (relating to or occurring in the intestines) coronavirus cases since early outbreaks in 2010.

However, the Cornell vets attribute this increase to improved awareness of the disease and increases in testing. In general, there are few cases of ECoV. The American Association of Equine Practitioners agrees with Cor-

nell's findings and also reports that ECoV cases tend to be higher in the Midwest region, especially among draft horses and specifically ones that are on a ranch/farm and used for breeding.

Mountan described ECoV symptoms as "high daily temps of 105 degrees, runny stool, bloodwork that has a low white count and a concentration rate that is low."

"Antibiotics don't touch it," he said of the equine coronavirus, "so all you can do is offer supportive treatment."

Diagnosis is still important,

"The concern is that if it doesn't get better it could be fatal. There's also a risk of the horse foundering, which could lead to death."

He said he has not seen any local cases yet.

Meanwhile, it was announced on July 2 that the Millbrook Horse Trials (MHT), scheduled for July 30 to Aug. 2, will not be held this year.

So far, the Town Hill Farm Horse Trials, scheduled for Aug. 22 and 23, are scheduled to proceed this year.

Other barns are thinking about hosting (and some have already hosted) schooling shows, which are easier to put on than recognized United States Equestrian Federation and United States Eventing Association shows or events.

# **Webutuck BOE** holds re-org meeting for 2020-21

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

WEBUTUCK — The Webutuck Board of Education (BOE) prepared for the 2020-21 school year at its annual organizational meeting on Monday, July 6, held via Zoom at 7 p.m. The Oath of Office was administered to District Clerk Tracy Trotter for a period starting Wednesday, July 1, and ending on June 30, 2021. The reorg was immediately called to order with Trotter administering the Oath of Office to both returning and newly elected BOE members Christopher Lounsbury, Judy Moran and Jay Newman. Lounsbury, Moran and Newman will all serve three-year terms starting Wednesday, July 1, through June 30, 2023.

Once they were sworn in, Trotter asked for nominations for board president and vice president for the 2020-21 school year. Moran was returned as president while Nikki Johnson was returned as vice president.

"I'm honored that you were willing to elect me — I appreciate it tremendously," Moran said.

Trotter administered the Oath of Office to both women, and later to Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani.

After Trotter was appointed district clerk, Gazelle Lejeune was appointed treasurer and Mary Clinton was appointed deputy treasurer. Trotter, Lejeune and Clinton's salaries will be determined per their contract. Louise Giewont was appointed claims auditor and property control manager with a \$2,952 stipend and Lorinda Coulthard was appointed attendance officer with a stipend included in her

Girvin & Ferlazzo was appointed legal advisor while The Workplace was appointed school physician and Barclay and Damon LLP (formerly Hiscock & Barclay) was appointed bond counsel. The Workplace was appointed as the Transportation Department physician and to act on behalf of the district as the school physician as needed. Fiscal Advisors, Inc., was appointed as fiscal advisors, and Sickler, Torchia, Allen & Churchill was the firm named as independent auditor.

The BOE authorized Castellani to participate in and sign with the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR), for the policy period starting Wednesday, July 1.

As part of the appointments for the members of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-school Special Education (CPSE), Director of Student Services/Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer Eraca was appointed director of Special Education/CSE chairperson. School Psychologist Cara Tomasetti was appointed alternate for both the CSE chairperson and CPSE chairperson positions and as the school psychologist. Webutuck Elementary School Principal Jennifer Hengen was appointed the Random Moment Time Study coordinator. Parent members and district certified personnel have yet to be decided.

Castellani was designated the district's Dutchess Educational Health Insurance Consortium (DEHIC) trustee with Business Administrator Robert Farrier as its DEHIC trustee alternate.

After the reorg closed the BOE moved forward with its regular business meeting.

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# Rabid fox confirmed in Dover

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DOVER — On Wednesday, July 10, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) confirmed reports of a rabid fox that was caught on Monday, July 8, on Anderson Road in the town of Dover.

According to County Health Commissioner A. K. Vaidian, MD, the fox was sent for testing on July 9 and the test results were confirmed on July 10.

The DBCH advises anyone who is aware of any contact betwo weeks to contact the department at 845-486-3404 Monday through Friday during normal business hours or 845-431-6465 after hours.

It was the second rabid fox discovered in Dover this spring. Another was seen on Sand Hill Road in May.

If left untreated, rabies can be fatal to humans and other animals, according to health officials, who warn people not to approach non-domesticated animals, especially animals that may be acting strangely.

According to a DBCH press tween a fox and any person or release, residents are warned domestic animal within the past that in addition to foxes, "other

animals can carry and transmit rabies, including raccoons, bats and skunks, as well as domesticated animals like dogs, cats, ferrets and livestock. Any exposure to a potentially rabid animal through either a bite or its saliva should be reported to the department... Steps should be taken to safely capture the potentially rabid animal for follow-up."

According to Vaidian's office, "in Dutchess County, nearly 70 individuals undergo rabies postexposure treatment annually. Rabies is a serious illness and is fatal if not treated. Don't delay evaluation if you think you have been exposed to rabies."





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### **PINE PLAINS**

# Stissing Mtn. Class of 2020 celebrates graduation

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PINE PLAINS — Hailed by many for their patience and perseverance, the Stissing Mountain Class of 2020 was at last rewarded for their hard work with the graduation ceremony they had been waiting for these last few months on Sunday evening, July

"We waited patiently to give the students the best graduation ceremony we could given the circumstances," said Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School Principal Tara Grieb, "and I believe that patience paid off. We are so happy for them."

Yet just when the district anticipated smooth sailing for its long-awaited graduation ceremony, inclement weather prompted the district to postpone the ceremony date on Friday, July 10, and then the rain date on Saturday, July 11. Graduates, families and faculty members breathed a sigh of relief when the weather cooperated on Sunday, and they proceeded to move ahead with the ceremony that evening.

Graduation was closed, limited to graduates, a handful of administrators, the necessary district staff and two seats per graduate's family. The ceremony was also live streamed to the district website at www.ppcsd.org. By the stroke of 6:30 p.m., the graduates were ready to accept their diplomas.

With the music of "Pomp and Circumstance" starting to swell, the graduates stepped onto the football field behind Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, dressed in their Bomber blue graduation caps and gowns. In the days of the COVID-19 pandemic, they maintained a 6-foot distance from one another as they advanced onto the field in the direction of their seats, also set 6 feet apart.

Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler welcomed all, and recognized the challenges this year's graduates faced in the last three months of their senior year — from the outbreak of COVID-19 to having their graduation date postponed by Tropical Storm Fay — and all they had missed out on. Handler



2020 graduates, from left, Kathryn Starzyk, Samantha Spizuoco, Jennifer Martin, Morgan Schuyler, Colleen Spizuoco, Isabella Torre and valedictorian Leah Schmid celebrated their graduation from Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School on the fields behind the high school building on Sunday evening, July 12.

commended the Class of 2020 on their perseverance.

"Whatever came their way, they bounced back," he said.

Handler added he admired their resilience, character and patience.

"I am so proud of this class, the

Class of 2020, and I'll remember you folks always," he proclaimed.

Though he took a moment to acknowledge "the elephant on the field" in terms of what his class had missed out on, essavist Timothy Roach II shared the memories he said he'll cherish from his time in the Pine Plains Central School District, amusing the crowd with anecdotes about his classmates and stories of all the little mishaps they shared.

"Even with an outcome like this, there is still a silver lining," Timothy said. "We may not have the memories of our senior trip, I may not be getting the proper pandemic-free graduation, but what I do have is the memories that got me to where I am now, the times that built all of us from the ground up."

"We're finally getting our outdoor graduation," valedictorian Leah Schmid declared. "All it took was a global pandemic."

Even as she acknowledged

all that they had lost from their senior year, Leah shared her admiration in seeing how the graduates had made their families proud and created an unbreakable tie among each other.

After reflecting on the lessons he learned as a Stissing Mountain student and admiring the Class of 2020's diverse population of athletes, scholars, musicians, artists and activists, salutatorian Ryan Marino said, "These unexpected circumstances have shown what my peers and I have known all along: That the Class of 2020 is the best class at Stissing Mountain and will go on to great things."

Turning the crowd's attention to the current tensions surrounding racial injustice and inequality, essayist Mikayla Quinn reminded her fellow graduates, their families and the faculty of the ways they could engage in the evolving call for change.

"I know this may not be the right time or place to talk about this," she said, "but it is always the right time and place for these conversations."

At long last, it was time for the graduates to accept their diplomas, officially closing the book on their time as Pine Plains scholars. For each name that was announced, graduates savored their moment in the spotlight and the celebration of their labors of the last four years.

"Ladies and gentleman, this is the Class of 2020," Grieb announced, and the crowd went wild as they rose from their seats to applaud the new graduates.

# **BOE** prepares for 2020-21 school year

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PINE PLAINS — Looking to move forward to the best of their ability, members of the Pine Plains Central School District Board of Education (BOE) prepared for the 2020-21 school year at the board's annual organizational meeting on Wednesday, July 1.

Starting at 7 p.m., the board met via video conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The reorg portion of the meeting began with District Clerk Julia Tomaine administering the Oath of Office to returning BOE members Heidi Johnson and James Griffin. They will both serve three-year terms starting Wednesday, July 1, through June 30, 2023. Tomaine also administered the Oath of Office to Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler for another year.

**BOE** President Chip Couse and BOE Vice President Anne Arent were both re-elected to their respective roles on the BOE by their collegaues and administered the oath by Tomaine. Couse later administered the oath to Tomaine for her position as district clerk.

Among the extensive list of appointments, the BOE appointed Seymour Smith Intermediate Learning Center Principal Julie Roberts as the acting principal of Cold Spring Early Learning Center for 2020-21 in the event that Cold Spring Principal Gian Starr isn't physically present at the school on one or more days. Likewise, Starr was appointed acting principal of Seymour Smith in the event that Roberts isn't physically present at the school on one or more days. For the junior/ senior high school building, the BOE appointed Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School Assistant Principal Christopher Boyd as the acting principal in the event that Principal Tara Grieb isn't at school.

After taking care of the necessary appointments, designations, authorizations and other business featured the organizational meeting, the BOE was ready to move forward with its regular business

Highlighting the work being done by the committee planning re-entry to the school district, Handler reported that the committee is working on three potential re-entry options, including a full-distance learning option, a modified schedule and a full backto-school option. Couse noted on a later date that issues related to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, bus routing, testing needs, etc., are being considered.

Handler shared a recommendation from the committee that outside groups be prohibited from using school buildings until the state lifts restrictions, given the cleaning needs of its custodial staff. Couse later explained it would be difficult to meet state standards otherwise. Agreeing, the BOE referred the matter to the Policy Committee to include this limitation in the current policy. Similar restrictions pertaining to transportation issues are expected to be discussed at the BOE's next meeting on Wednesday, July 15.

Later that evening, the BOE considered a request from the administration pertaining to fiscal year-end purchases using a small portion of its fund balance. Totaling just under \$90,000, the request included purchasing copiers, an irrigation system for its athletic fields and a number of smaller items.

Given its concerns about "being able to fully track any purchases required around the COVID-19 requirements," Couse said the BOE debated the request, though he reported that the board didn't want to have requests coming over the next three meetings leading up to the district's reopening "without a full picture of total expenditures." With Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Michael Goldbeck tasked with providing an overview of the total expenditures, the BOE agreed to the requested purchases.

The BOE addressed a list of unused vacation days for managerial and confidential employees who were unable to use their full vacation allotment as a result of the pandemic. Couse explained that these employees have a limit as to the amount of unused vacation days they can carry over. For five employees, that limit for vacation days was exceeded. Totaling \$2,100, the BOE decided to buy back the excess days by paying the

employees at their daily rate.

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## **LEGAL NOTICES**

### **Legal Notice**

The Town of Pine Plains Planning Board will be holding a special meeting on Monday, July 20th, 2020 at 7:30 pm for the purpose of a site plan application by Matthew D'Amato. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom and broadcasted to the Planning Board's YouTube channel at this URL:

www.youtube.com/channel/ UC0Mq6XtGozf20YyvnEzVeRA Tricia Devine Town of Pine Plains Planning Board Secretary 07-16-20

### **NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

**OF RESOLUTION** NOTICEISHEREBYGIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, at a meeting held on the 9th day of July, 2020, duly adopted the resolution published herewith subject to a permissive referendum. Dated: Millerton, New York, July 9, 2020.

Gail J. Wheeler, Town Clerk TOWN OF NORTH EAST **BOND RESOLUTION** 

# **DATED JULY 9, 2020.**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECTTO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 2 OF A NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE FACILITY WITH SAND/SALT STORAGE BUILDING ON A TOWN OWNED PARCEL OF LAND ON ROUTE 22 IN MILLERTON, NEW YORK, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,000,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING\$440,000BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

WHEREAS, all conditions precedent to the financing of the capital project hereinafter described, including compliance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, have been performed; and

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described has been determined to be a Unlisted Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the implementation of which as proposed, the Town Board has determined will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing thereof; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the

Town Board of the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The construction of Phase 2 of a new highway garage facility with fuel depot on a Town owned parcel of land on Route 22 in Millerton, New York, in and for the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvements and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized

at a maximum estimated cost of and payable. \$1,000,000.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost is as follows:

a) by the issuance of not exceeding \$440,000 serial bonds of said Town, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; and

b) by the expenditure of not exceeding \$233,000 current available fund monies hereby appropriated therefor; and

c) by the expenditure of \$327,000 grant-in-aid monies hereby appropriated therefor.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is thirty years, pursuant to subdivision 11(a)(1) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized

will exceed five years. Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor of said Town, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of such Town. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 8. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full or summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

<u> 10.</u> THIS <u>Section</u> RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

07-16-20

#### NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF **ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK** BY A LIMITED

LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Reckess AMR, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 6/25/20. Office location: Dutchess County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 32 Pine Tree Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

> 07-09-20 07-16-20 07-23-20 07-30-20 08-06-20

> > 08-13-20

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR **AUTHORITY IN NEW YORK** BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: Arthur May Redevelopment Holdings, LLC. Application for Authority filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 7/1/20. Office location: Dutchess County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 32 Pine Tree Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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### **OBITUARIES**

#### Ruth Kessin

NORTH CANAAN - Ruth Kessin died on July 8, 2020, of old age. She was 105 and lived in the Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in North Canaan for the past eight years. She was social, and loved to chat with the staff and other patients.

Ruth was born into a large family in Bayonne, N.J., where she went to high school.

She married Nathaniel Kessin in 1940 but remained with her family in Bayonne, while Nat joined the Navy during World War II.

They moved to the Washington, D.C., suburbs in 1947 and went into business and then in 1953, to Laconia, N.H., where they lived for 45 years and ran a clothing store.

Ruth was active in town events and welcomed many relatives and friends to Laconia. She became the matriarch of the family. Hers was a life well-lived, largely for the benefit of others.

Her son, Richard Kessin and daughter-in-law, Galene Kessin, live in Norfolk. Lois Kessin, her daughter, lives in Laconia. Her grandson, Zachary Kessin and daughter-in-law, Devora, have two sons, Natanel and Elchanan, who live in Be'ersheva, Israel. Ruth's granddaughter, Jessica Kessin, lives in San Francisco with her husband, Patrick Doherty, and children Oliver and Senya.

On July 9, 2020, Ruth was interred next to Nat (who died in 2011) in Beth-el Cemetery in Paramus, N.J. Arrangements were by Plaza Memorial Chapel in New York and the Kenny Funeral Home in Norfolk.

Ruth and her family felt that the Geer Nursing and Rehabilitation staff were extraordinary in their care of the elderly and the injured. There was not a single case of COVID-19 in their facility. Donations in Ruth's memory should be directed to Geer.

### Kevin Edward Neary

Edward Neary, 52, of North

Canaan, passed away Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at his home from natural causes.

He was born Aug. 16, 1967, to Joseph W. Neary Sr. and Ruth M. Neary in Meriden, Conn.

Kevin grew up in Cornwall and graduated from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in 1984.

Kevin worked as a landscaper and gardener for many years in Goshen. In recent years, he worked as lift operations manager for Mohawk Mountain Ski Area in Cornwall.

Kevin was a member of the North American Fishing Club as well as the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society and enjoyed gardening, reading, fishing and a good debate.

He loved spending time with and helping out his family and was always up for creating mischief with his many nieces and

NORTH CANAAN — Kevin mother, Ruth M. Neary of Torrington; his siblings, Joseph Neary

> of Windsor, Sean Neary and his wife, Lisa, of Harwinton, Maureen Neary and her husband, Nicholas Maltby, of New Hartford, and Christopher Neary and his wife, Meghan, of Old Lyme; three nieces, Lauren Neary, Emma Maltby and Sybil Neary; and six nephews, Liam

Maltby, Joseph Neary, Owen Maltby, Matthew Maltby, Aidan Maltby and Theo Neary; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by his father, Joseph W. Neary.

Due to the COVID-19 quarantine, there will be no calling hours and a private family funeral will be held at the convenience of the

There will be a public celebration of life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the Kevin is survived by his care of the Kenny Funeral Home.

### Harriet 'Hatsy' Robinson Taylor

EAST CANAAN — Harriet "Hatsy" Robinson Taylor, 87, of East Canaan, a gardening author and columnist who chronicled the trials and triumphs of life on a hilltop farm in northwest Connecticut, died July 5, 2020, at Geer Village

Hatsy began writing about gardening in 1982 with the debut of her column, "Hilltop Harvest," which was published for years in The Lakeville Journal, the Torrington Register and the Berkshire Eagle, drawing a devoted

She also is the author of two illustrated books, "Weeds and Wisdom" and "Mother Nature's Wit and Wisdom."

In earlier years, Hatsy traveled from Maine to Minnesota to visit and lecture at local gardening clubs and, accompanied by her guitar, sing songs she wrote to go along with the topic.

Having worked as an accountant, Hatsy served on the North Canaan finance committee for several years. Her civic-minded contribution also extended to tireless efforts running the annual Norfolk Library Book Sale. For more than 35 years, with only a few helpers, Hatsy worked throughout the year sorting donated books to be sold

in August under a tent in the library's parking lot. Hatsy volunteered

with the Hospice Foundation of America and the Friendly Visitor program and participated in a local mentoring initiative. She also sang for many years with the Litchfield County Choral Union.

Besides gardening, Hatsy's other passion was tennis and she excelled on the court, winning doubles championship matches over the years at the Norfolk Country Club.

Her head for numbers also led to success at bridge, a game she played with many lifelong

Born on Aug. 9, 1932, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Robinson, Hatsy was graduated from Renbrook School in West Hartford, Miss Porter's School in Farmington and the Hartford School of Music. She also attended Sweet Briar College in Virginia.

In 1955, she married Henry Hammond Taylor of Fairfield, Conn., and in 1962 they purchased an abandoned farm in East Canaan, where they spent the next 43 years raising three daughters, along with an assort-

ment of sheep, chickens, llamas and cows. Together Hatsy and Henry built a small business designing and manufacturing hand-crafted lamps, clocks and desk accessories. Following her husband's death in 2005, Hatsy continued to write about her life on the hill, adding a website and a weekly blog. She maintained a small flock of sheep and continued to pursue her gardening, tennis and bridge pastimes.

Well into her 80s, Hatsy epitomized the flinty Yankee pioneer, who hauled her own firewood to the wood stove, tended to her sheep in the dead of winter and indulged a preference for driving fast in a small red convertible.

She is survived by three daughters, Trumbull Ogilby of Sweet Home, Ore., Bridget Taylor Coston of New York City, and Tamar Taylor of New Orleans, La.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Hatsy and Henry spent most of their lives together building a distinct little paradise on their

On Aug. 9, 2020, family and friends are invited to remember Hatsy with a visit to the farm (60 Locust Hill, East Canaan) between the hours of 1 and 7 p.m. Please respect current social distancing norms.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, CT 06018, www. douglaslibrarycanaan.org/donate; or Planned Parenthood, www. weareplannedparenthood.org.

# **Worship Services**

Week of July 19, 2020

#### Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services.

#### The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.

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Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Said 0:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE At Noon – with Eucharist www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290

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#### **The Sharon United Methodist Church**

Pastor Henry A. Prause 518-789-4840

112 Upper Main Steet, North End of Sharon Green Touching Lives - Lifting Spirits 10:45 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery Care No Sunday School in Summer The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-364-5634 sharonumc5634@att.net

#### **Canaan United Methodist Church**

2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts – Open Minds – Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com

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#### Falls Village **Congregational Church**

16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194

#### **Christ Church Episcopal** in Sharon

9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org

#### Greenwoods **Community Church**

355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Konnection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 www.greenwoodschurch.com

#### St. Thomas **Episcopal Church** 40 Leedsville Road

Amenia Union, NY VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 Please go to www.stthomasamenia.com to log on. Followed by a virtual coffee hour Rev. AI Stack

www.stthomasamenia.com 845-373-9161 **Trinity Episcopal Church** 

#### 484 Lime Rock Rd.. Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM

Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour & Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org

#### **Unitarian Fellowship** of NW CT

The format for our Unitarian Fellowship has changed to Zoom. There will be no August meeting. For information call 860-435-2319 All are Welcome

#### The Lakeville United **Methodist Church** 319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039

9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. 'Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors' The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net

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Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville MASS SCHEDULE Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 am, Immaculate Conception Church

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE **Wednesday 6pm** St. Joseph Chapel or Church Thursday 8am Immaculate Conception Church Friday 8am

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# in North Canaan.

following.

### Walter Harrelson Winburn

SHARON — Walter Harrelson Walter could pursue employment Winburn, 99, died July 8, 2020, in Sharon.

Walter was born in Montclair, N.J., to acclaimed photographer Jay Te Winburn and Gertrude Gardner. Shortly after, they moved to New York City, N.Y. Walter attended high school at The Hotchkiss School, where he was introduced

to the Northwest Corner. His family then moved to Sharon. He received his baccalaureate degree from Harvard University, and his master's degree from Columbia University.

Walter is a veteran of World War II. He began his military service as a glider pilot for the Navy. The Navy discontinued this program after his training, due to the danger of the missions. Walter transferred to the Coast Guard, part of the Navy during World War II. He was deployed to Europe and

Walter met the love of his life, Janet Clothier Winburn, in Sharon. Walter took Janet to The White Hart for their first date. They were married at the Sharon Episcopal Church in 1949.

Walter and Janet were involved in the Sharon community. Walter helped build, and was part owner, of the Sharon Playhouse. Both Walter and Janet were integral in the success of the playhouse.

In the late 1950s, Walter and Janet moved to New Jersey, so at Dupont as a chemist. He then went on to become a

chemistry and physics teacher at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth, N.J., where he was also the tennis coach.

Walter and Janet spent summers and weekends at their Sharon home. They moved

to Sharon as full-time residents Walter was a man of many tal-

ents. He built a 25-foot sailboat, a fold boat, and a harpsichord. Walter ran three New York marathons, and played the piano and violin. He traveled cross-country on

his later days, Walter was happiest tending to his garden and his peach trees. Walter was predeceased by his wife, Janet; and his brothers, Jay Te

Winburn Jr., Richard Winburn and

a motorcycle at the age of 50. In

George Winburn. Walter is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Tanzer, and her husband, David Tanzer; his son, Simeon Winburn and his wife, Catherine Winburn; and his grandchildren, Marcus, Christina

and Nicholas Winburn. The Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon has care of the arrange-

Memorial donations may be made to the Sharon Fire Department and Ambulance Squad, P.O. Box 357, Sharon, CT 06069.

### Marion Glazer Olsen

SHARON — Marion Glazer Olsen passed away July 5, 2020, in Port Saint Lucie, Fla., at the age of 91.

She was a longtime resident of Sharon and Port Saint Lucie. She was predeceased by her husband, Norwald Olsen, of 56 years.

She is survived by her second husband, Raymond Glansberg, of Port Saint Lucie; her son, Gary Olsen of Sharon; her daughter, Dona Lind of Port Saint Lucie; and her grandson, Christopher Lind, his wife Shereen and their daughter, Cecilia, of Grosse Ile, Mich. She is also survived by five stepchildren and their families. She was a graduate of Houstonic Valley Regional High School, Class of 1947, and was a longtime member of St. Peter's

Lutheran Church in Cornwall. She opened the original Sharon Fabric Shop in the early 1960s. She was a gifted artist of needlepoint, sewing and stained glass. She also loved bridge and would never miss a chance to

Her burial will be a later time. Donations in her name may be sent to the charity of the donor's

# Robert J. Thornberry

SALISBURY — Robert J. Thornberry, 75, of Wills Point,

Texas, died peacefully on July 9,

# **Correcting Errors**

We are happy to correct errors in news stories when they are called promptly to our attention. We are also happy to correct factual and/ or typographical errors in advertisements when such errors affect meaning. Notice of such error must be given to us after the first run of the

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Dear Dad, Fond memories linger every day. Remembering keeps vou near. Love you and miss

Love, Bubbles, Tammi, Kathy & Timmy

you so much.

2020, in Wills Point. He was the beloved husband of Lydia Wells Thornberry.

A private burial took place at Mount Riga Cemetery in Salisbury. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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

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# THE MILLERTON NEWS

**EDITORIAL PAGE A6** 

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020

### **EDITORIAL**

# We sought your support and you gave it generously: Now what?

irst and foremost, this is all about gratitude. We can only ↑ humbly thank our readers for giving us such incredible support when we direly needed it. Here is a synopsis of the past year in the life of The Lakeville Journal Company.

When The Lakeville Journal Company decided to address the ongoing financial difficulties it, along with just about all other local community journalism entities across the country, was facing as of June of 2019, we made a plan to come up with the best strategy we could formulate. We started with independent and wide-ranging face-to-face discussions with community leaders from all political sides across our readership area.

That led us to the path of first publishing a survey for our readers in October 2019. We had a helpful and large, connected response to that survey, with readers telling us what they most valued about having community weekly news available to all in the region. After analyzing those surveys, we moved forward with a membership model, based on one that was used by a weekly newspaper in California that had been successful for several years. We rolled out that campaign for support in November 2019, publishing a structured approach to supporting local journalism for four consecutive weeks in our newspapers, The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News.

Our readers came through in a way we could not have expected, and for which we are profoundly grateful. Thank you to all our readers who responded in such an encouraging way. To date, we have received more than \$150,000 in direct support from our readership. Without that financial help, our little media company would not have made it through the first half of

With the onslaught of COVID-19, the company applied for and received a PPP loan, in the amount of \$146,643, which we anticipate becoming a forgivable loan as we have followed all the requirements. That program gives small businesses like ours a fighting chance to survive. So, without a pause, during the pandemic, we continued to pay our employees, and to publish both The Lakeville Journal and Millerton News weekly, Tri-Corner Real Estate tabloid monthly, and two special sections, Towns & Villages and Compass Community Food, for which we were able to find enough advertising from our local businesses. We firmly believe that local news is more important now than ever, especially with the size of the communities we serve. Many thanks to all who made this possible.

We also ran support banners for first responders and healthcare workers that received good advertising support, from which we gave 10% of the proceeds to three area nonprofits over three weeks: Sharon Hospital, Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association and Sunday in the Country Food Drive. Our goal during this time of pandemic has been to get the most accurate news out to our readers and to build community with those special banners and sections.

We reduced the number of newspapers we put out on the newsstands during the first wave of COVID-19, in April and May, as a safety measure, when many shops were closed and people were going out less. We then increased to normal numbers at the beginning of June.

Now the company is in the process of analyzing its next steps. In addition to its current board members, who have been the company's ownership since 1995 and brought us forward with generosity and dedication, an advisory board has been formed that will help in that task. The options include continuing with the membership model, perhaps with a different definition more geared to our region; applying for nonprofit status; or some combination of those two.

We are grateful to all those who have sent, and continue to send, us contributions, as well as to all those who subscribe to or purchase the newspapers on the newsstand and to all those who were and are able to advertise with us. We are deeply thankful for the generous response from our community. As we continue to look for the best way to fulfill our mission of serving you, we will be publishing a survey of our readers once again this summer. This will help confirm our decision making in our financial model that we will roll out this fall. We look to you, our readers, once again to weigh in with your thoughts as we pursue continued life for this form of local journalism.

ost Traumatic Stress Disor-

der (PTSD) and Traumatic

Brain Injury (TBI) afflictions

have been with us for eternity. This

is recently being exponentially rec-

ognized due to today's war on ter-

rorism involving troops returning

from multiple extended dangerous

tours of duty. It afflicts those ex-

periencing or witnessing life or

death encounters for prolonged

durations, especially from IEDs

(improvised explosive devises),

sive, relying on drugs and alcohol

to relieve their demons. In WWI

and WWII it was called "shell

shock," in Vietnam, it was called

"Vietnam Syndrome," and recently,

it was described as PTSD and TBI.

tary. It also afflicts the civilian

population experiencing constant

stressful trauma, car crashes, the

death of a loved one or a seri-

ous injury. Due to COVID-19, I

expect some of today's heroes,

our front-line health care work-

ers, will fall into this category, as

well as some of our vulnerable

civilian population. Today, most

This is not unique to the mili-

Many victims become reclu-

courtesy of Iran and Russia.



# Four more years of Trump: an **American tragedy**

o matter what happens in the coming months — to the pandemic, the economy or race relations - this country cannot take four more years of the division that Donald Trump's presidency has foisted upon us.

President Trump has been effective at taking credit, deserved or not, for getting conservatives on the Supreme Court, passing a tax cut, building a bit of wall and watching the Dow and NASDAQ

But since his election, he has made no effort to become the president of all the people, none

And when called upon to lead the nation in a crisis or two or three, he's been a failure. Under his angry, confusing leadership, we can't even agree on how to cope with a deadly plague.

President Trump, who likes using superlatives, especially when assessing himself, has actually become the greatest presidential divider this nation has seen since Abraham Lincoln, But, unlike Trump, Lincoln couldn't avoid it. He saw the country come apart when all but three Confederate states left the Union before his March 1861 inauguration out of fear his election meant the end of slavery and their prosperity.

The Republican Party of Donald Trump is far different from the party of Lincoln or, for that matter, the party of his most recent Republican predecessors.

George W. Bush prided himself in being "a uniter, not a divider;" his father, the first President Bush, tried to form a "kinder, gentler nation," than even that of his sunny dispositioned predecessor, Ronald Reagan. They all saw themselves as presidents of all the people and it served them and the country well.

But not Trump. Our vision of the 45th president is that of an

### IF YOU ASK ME Dick Ahles

eternally angry man, who deals with the profound issues of the day by making up schoolyard nicknames for his adversaries. For the faithful, even those embarrassed by the vulgarities and the ignorance, the response is, "he lowered taxes, he put conservatives on the court, he eliminated restrictions on business." Character doesn't

Since his inauguration, when he lied about the size of his audience, Trump has been a dishonest president, deviating from the truth upward of 17,000 times. But, of course, these numbers, although carefully documented, are from the "fake news," which is any news that doesn't consider the president

The press, we are told constantly, is the enemy of the people and therefore undeserving of its constitutional protection. Free speech  $\,$ begins and ends with his.

I've long wondered why Trump has not even gone through the motions of trying to unite the people and thereby expand his base during his first term. After all, he did lose the popular vote by about 3 million, but maybe he actually believes those Clinton votes were stolen from him. For whatever reason, appealing only to 35 or so percent of the electorate and alienating the rest hardly seems

like a winning formula. This failure to expand his base has left Trump in a terrible position as the nation faced the pandemic, racial unrest and a plunging economy. But instead of dealing firmly with the pandemic from the beginning, Trump largely made it a state problem with 50 interests and 50 solutions in place of a vitally needed national approach to a national calamity.

He may not be a racist but Trump talks like a racist and acts like one. He is a skillful player of the race card, painting the vast majority of sincere demonstrators for equal rights with the same brush as the looters, vandals and anarchists. He regularly shows more concern for dead Confederate generals than the living descendants of their slaves.

He can't even get the nation to unite in an effort to attain a mutually beneficial revival of the economy, as he constantly contradicts and mocks his own medical authorities for urging us to practice caution in making contact with each other.

Like it or not, the president is the nation's role model in chief, yet this president refuses to wear a mask in public and obey other precautions. Some role model.

Trump was the good times president who failed when the going got tough. In dealing with all of these crises, the president's top

priority has been his reelection. That reelection would be a sec-

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# 'If I'm racist in your eyes so you are in mine'

A response to Andrew Stayman of Pine Plains, who wrote a recent letter to the editor...

I read your letter in The Millerton News in reference to my letter, dated June 11, 2020. You took excerpts from a social media post and added your words to them. When people say "Black Lives Matter" it DOES NOT EN-COMPASS ALL RACES AND COLORS!

All lives matter no matter what "color" you are.

You talk about me being a racist by my comments but you do not consider yourself a racist by telling me about rights and white entitlement! I am white but I was raised to work for what I needed for myself and my family. I raised four children the same way. I was never entitled to anything. I was never told that because of my race or color that I could get free college tuition, that I was entitled to get welfare to take care of my children. I've never been fired from a job, nor needed welfare or unemployment. You know why? I worked and did what the boss said to do. I worked 38 years for New York state and part time for 30 years on top of that so I could afford the things I needed: housing, transportation, food and utilities - but no one ever handed me anything.

I saw plenty of times in my career with NYS that people of color were given jobs, even though their test results were less than a white man or woman taking the same test. Why is it that he/she was given a job over their white counterpart?

You know why.

If I'm racist in your eyes so you are in mine. You hold onto the Black vs. white agenda but you won't admit it and you won't let it go. I stand by my statements because they are mine, not someone else's thoughts taken from social media.

**Ron Murphy** 

Millerton

# Disagrees on cartoon

I did see the cartoon and I had a chance to read the article entitled, "Cartoon was funny and accurate," written by Andrew Stayman. I found his remarks, however, damaging to your community and a place I like to visit.

In a time when people are so divisive, making insulting remarks, as to an entire group of American citizens runs counter to seeing the country come together. Hillary Clinton did this when she called all the Trump supporters 'deplorable." Did it help her campaign or did it drive people away?

As do many liberal Democrats, Mr. Stayman would like for people to come together, but sadly on his terms alone. During the last three and half years, the Democrats holding office found no compromise worthwhile if it was going advance the president's agenda.

The border wall is a good example. Clinton, Bush and Obama all saw the need for it, and called for to be done, but never did it. Trump built it despite the hypocritical resistance. Same thing with the Dreamers and again the Democrats resisted what they claim they wanted. Why? To stop the wall that Trump promised.

Given the cartoon called an entire group of Americans -Trump supporters — stupid, Mr. Valentine was correct to write, "[you] would think that the local papers would be smart enough not to label American citizens as stupid." Then to compound it by printing Andrew's vitriol and ad hominin attack of President Trump that lacked any meaningful substance but only advanced division. This was not good. Contrary to Andrew's

thoughtless and misguided claims, the Trump administration has done more smart things than the last three administrations. Trump supporters get it. They understand Mr. Trump's nationalistic (not isolationistic) view of putting America first is a good thing. They recognize that fighting globalism and the abuse that our prior leaders allowed China to get away with is smart. That using tariffs to achieve fair trade deals is smart. Bringing businesses back to America is smart. Making our Asian and European allies pay their fair share of the defense costs that America has been expending to defend their interests since 1945 is smart. Building the wall to prevent drug and slave traders from coming into the country is smart. Insisting immigrants come into the country legally is smart. Being for law and order, not defunding police forces and not allowing people to destroy our monuments that reflect our history is smart.

Then, as to Andrew's misguided claim about masks, the Trump administration protected Americans when the COVID-19 thing started by stopping the flood of infected Chinese from coming into the country. Mr. Trump brought hospital ships to NYC and elsewhere, built hospitals and ventilators to save Americans. This list of things goes on and the Trump supporters get it — because they are smart.

**Peter Antell** 

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outsourcing veterans to farms so they can interact with animals and nature — and that's a good start in getting them on the road to recovery. Veterans must realize they are important to us and to themselves. Their lives are worth living. A private local Tri-state entrepreneur, who shall remain unnamed, is currently building state-of-the-art veteran clinics because he cares. Private facilities are uniting service

PTSD & TBI (silent and misunderstood killers)

**VETERAN'S** 

Larry Conklin

of our attention is focused on the

diagnosis and medical treatment

of the coronavirus. VA hospitals

and civilian medical facilities rely

mostly upon medical, psychologi-

cal and pharmaceutical cures (opi-

oids to numb the brain). Medical

facilities are too slowly realizing

such regimented treatments can

produce little or no improvement,

VA clinics have reportedly been

There are alternatives. Some

often with deadly results.

**CORNER** 

a completely unacceptable — one vet every 80 minutes, 24/7. In my opinion, the often overlooked prescription is constant interaction among vets, therapy animals and nature (gardening and farming would help, too). The Veterans Administration needs to grasp the effectiveness and fund such cost effective and productive programs. Unfortunately, federal bureaucracies have a dismal track record with such progressive initiatives.

the option, without restraints, between opting for private or VA care. Veterans put their lives on the line for us. They deserve the best conventional or non-conventional care possible — whatever works,

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

animals with veterans. Today's veteran suicide rate is

Also, I think, vets should have

God bless you, patriotic readers, and your families. I will offer future commentary regarding this subject. Stay tuned and stay safe.

ond plague.

#### WESTERLIND Continued from Page A1

the seller, James Hendrick, who had tried to revamp the space himself before putting it back on the market. As far as what ultimately sealed the deal, she credited her acquisition to the size of the building — measuring 9,888 square feet — and her ability to fill it.

"It was hard for him to create a concept like this because it's such a big space," Westerlind said of Hendrick. "I think most of the retailers around here want a 1,000 square foot space or a 2,000 square foot space. I think the sheer size here is daunting to a lot of retailers — I think you need a lot to fill the space."

On Monday, June 15, Westerlind signed the papers and the building became hers. Working

together with Kristoph, the dynamic duo transformed the space in just eight days, pouring their blood, sweat and tears into every corner of the store, according to Kristoph. Though the store now belongs to Westerlind, the legacy of the former Saperstein's will be preserved in her business's namesake.

An avid outdoors-woman at heart, Westerlind's store encompasses a diverse inventory of outdoor apparel and gear. From backpacks, rain boots and camping gear to Turkish bath towels, French shirts and Scandinavian products, Westerlind prides herself on her ability to "find and curate all the finest goods from around the world."

"She really lives what she sells

— it's super authentic in that sense," Kristoph said. "Basically, anything that's outdoorsy and really cool will end up in this store."

As far as how the business stands with regard to COVID-19 protocols, its size plays to its advantage as customers can browse through merchandise without crowding. The store is divided into 10 different sections with two pop-up dressing rooms in the rear, with free face masks and hand sanitizer for customers.

Westerlind and Kristoph have been talking with different vendors about bringing in a grocer - sorely needed in the community — possibly with a juice bar, ice cream and/or takeout downstairs; Kristoph said they're looking at what's needed to make that

possible, including permits, etc. Westerlind added that she would love to test out a cafe in the space as well as an art gallery, and to be able to host events and start a running club for the community.

"We're never 100% set," she explained. "We use all our stores as a sales lab where you can test different things... so being here and talking to people is super valuable to us and super fun."

Westerlind added, "this is our new headquarters and we're super invested in this spot... so it's super important that the concept is successful. We're in it for the long haul."

Hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; details at shop@westerlind.us.

ship because they're the ones who

of outreach programs and Small-

wood's discussion of her work,

Brown said, "What always lacks in

these initiatives is focus on chang-

ing the minds and hearts of the

pale-skinned people who work in

about disparities in his work-

force, she said African Americans

are "grossly unrepresented" and,

based on data put together by Mo-

linaro's office, charged the dispar-

ities between minority represen-

tation and white representation

"is so bad that you are essentially

akin to a hardcore discriminator."

dents involving the way he and his

family have been treated by the

Poughkeepsie police, Poughkeep-

sie resident Curtis Clare shared

"We need to better understand

each other as a group, and if I think

if both sides can sit down and have

this conversation and both talk,

we can better understand each

other, and maybe that will help

us get through what we're going

through because it's not getting

better, it's getting worse," he said.

his thoughts at the forum.

After relating several inci-

Speaking directly to Molinaro

Looking at Molinaro's series

need to hear this."

these institutions."

#### POLICE SERVICES Continued from Page A1

"We will see how things go with that," added the supervisor the next day. "Obviously the coronavirus is the big question mark for a lot of things, including financing and grant funding and so on."

Police committee discussion Once the discussion on the highway garage ended, the board focused on an issue that's garnered national attention recently: policing. As explained by Kennan, "In light of the George Floyd killing, there's been a lot of focus on police, police activity

and some focus on the Millerton

police. The town funds about a

quarter of the village of Miller-

ton police.

"There has been some interest on the part of residents in finding out what kind of oversight the town has of the police," he added. "I should start by saying I am a real supporter of community policing and I like having a local police force that knows the community."

Former Millerton Police Officer-in-Charge David Rudin attended last week's Town Board meeting to speak about what the department has been doing lately, including giving out free bicycle helmets to children on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail as well as giving away free face masks to people throughout the village of Millerton to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"These are untraditional things, not what you think of police officers doing," Kennan said in an interview on July 10. "They get out of their car, walk Main Street, all in all I think they do a very good job."

The supervisor added that the town hasn't provided "any kind of oversight of the police department," but acknowledged it's an 'appropriate question."

Therefore, at the board meeting, he suggested the town initiate a Police Services Committee.

"The village could have a similar committee, and the two could meet as a joint committee, with two of our Town Board members and with two village trustees, and together provide oversight. The

idea was met with enthusiasm, I think, so we'll see. Hopefully the village will see the merit in doing something like that in having a joint committee. It's also appropriate because we're doing more and more things together with the village, so having a committee oversee something that is shared is very appropriate."

The town already has a standing Police Services Committee, with two board members manning it (two councilmembers sit on all town committees). Councilwoman Lana Morrison and Councilman Ralph Fedele sit on the town's Police Services Committee; both would serve as the town representatives on the joint town-village police committee, said Kennan.

Currently, the town funds about one-fourth of the Millerton Police Department's budget, which is roughly \$100,000 a year. That amounts to around \$26,000 from town coffers, said Kennan, an amount that has remained fairly steady for a number of years. The town's police contract with the village has just expired, said the supervisor, who added that the board is "looking forward to signing a new contract, hopefully at our August meeting."

When asked if he's pleased with the department's policies and actions, Kennan said yes.

"I am," he said. "I think they're accessible and responsive. I'm not really familiar with what all of their policies are, but I think that's one of things this committee would look at. The governor has issued an Executive Order requiring all police departments in the state to conduct a review of their policies and procedures. Obviously, the Millerton police force will be doing that. This committee could be providing input and suggestions, and reporting back. I think it will be productive. I'm hopeful."

For more on Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order for all police agencies to review their policies and procedures, and how Harlem Valley departments are managing, go to www.tricornernews.com.

#### **RESIDENTS' STORIES** Continued from Page A1

otherwise happy childhood, Johnson said he could still remember to this day his friend telling him his sister said they were "not to play with Negroes." He recalled the sting of being called the "nword" by a sixth-grade classmate, just one of many incidents in a string of painful memories about "being in the minority, distinctly in the minority in the 1960s growing up in Dutchess County."

Even though he later became a scholar and a lawyer, Johnson acknowledged that he never could have believed that he'd see a Black president in his lifetime or that he would serve in President Obama's Cabinet as secretary of homeland security. From his school days at Roy C. Ketcham High School to his marriage to "the girl next door," Johnson spoke proudly of his life in Dutchess County.

Several others shared their admiration of the county and its efforts to address recent demands for equality. United by their Dutchess County roots, they shared stories of their personal experiences with racism, and how those experiences influenced the way in which they perceive the

music games such as Mine Craft,

writing groups and even virtual

Youth Services Coordinator

Kristin McClune said the July

1 kick-off brought the greatest

number of participants for an

opening session ever. She said

feedback indicated people felt it was "nice to know they could

participate without accepting a

presentations provide a con-

venient option for people who

don't want to travel; flexibility is

a plus as most programs can be

accessed within 12-hours. Online

attendance has been consistently

the sessions has showed up," Mc-

Clune said, which is not always so

with in-person programs when

last minute changes in schedules

Victoria Herow said that while

families can now visit the library

in small numbers to browse for

books, the popular toy section is

not available nor are the crafts.

To complement the virtual story

hour the library is providing

take-home kits with finger pup-

pets, masks, foam dinosaurs and

even a picture frame that may be

the children's/teen section at the

Roe Jan Library, said while its on-

line participation is not as strong

as the other libraries, its unique

contribution to the fellowship

has been through its in-person

Story Walks, which are a huge

hit. The socially distanced walks

consist of a series of posts hold-

ing weatherproof pages from two

books. One in Roe Jan Park en-

courages activities to be done on

the spot. The second in the Har-

lem Valley Rail Trail, at the base

of Bash Bish Falls, allows visitors

to connect with life-size pictures

Scoville Library's Molly Salisbury

encourages patrons to share sug-

gestions, adding, "the more you

She, like the others, was happy

ask people, the more you learn."

In nearby Connecticut, the

of various animals.

Haylee Carringer, who runs

decorated.

Amenia Free Library Director

keep some from participating.

"Everyone who signed up for

good, she added.

McClune added the virtual

certain level of risk to do it."

NorthEast-Millerton Library

karate classes.

LIBRARY PROGRAM Continued from Page A1

world around them.

Speaking as a 25-year resident of the county, Van Riley, the senior assistant director of admissions at Marist College, said he's observed the county's social, academic and political sides. He praised its elected officials for the "good work" they're doing. Narrating the story of his first experience with racism, he said it occurred when he went for his first job at a courier service when he was about 15 years old. Riley recalled that the manager got on the phone with the owner of the company and alluded that he was going to hire Riley because he was a basketball player.

"That was a real educational experience for me," Riley said, "and it also taught me the lesson of accept people how they are but also carry yourself in a way that reflects who you are, and in my journey, all I wanted to do was

change the narrative." Identifying herself by both her Hudson Valley and Southern roots, Cammie Jones, a resident of Hyde Park, and the associate dean of experiential learning and civic engagement at Bard College,

to see the fellowship evolve as a

natural function of the coopera-

tion that's always existed region-

tive," said Salisbury. "Intrinsically

we're all about giving services

to people in general and find-

ing ways to be less competitive

so one person doesn't have to

creative scheduling led to a cov-

eted spot on the Dutchess Coun-

ty Top Ten activities list in July,

which bodes well for an expan-

sion of the program even after

term," McClune said. "We know

it's important for libraries in such

close proximity to work together,

and we're committed to taking

this to the next level — sharing

expenses and cross promoting

and working together."

"We're committed for the long

That spirit of cooperation and

choose this over that."

the virus passes.

"Libraries are not competi-

said she's experienced "far more situations of racism and sexism in Dutchess County than I've ever experienced growing up in

the South. "I'm actually quite shocked a lot of times by the treatment that I see of not only myself but of other people of color in this region, because I was taught that the North is different, that it's open-minded, that it's free, it's welcoming," Jones said.

Though she acknowledged she's been able to maneuver many leadership opportunities in the community, Jones said she's often reminded that if she pushes too far for social justice, she's told she's "stepping out of line.

"When I think about my time as a leader of this county, I am so happy to see elected leaders that look like me in some areas of government, but I also am saddened to see a lack of opportunity for people of color to be seen, heard and valued within our political structures throughout this region," she said. "When I look at the tables of power, I do not always see myself."

Jones asked for the county to create a sustainable pipeline of engagement where men and women of color are heard, seen and feel safe in — and can be a part of — building equity in their communities.

Speaking as the county's first assistant commissioner of youth services in response to Jones' comments, Karmen Smallwood outlined her goal to promote systems that revolve around equity and inclusion, highlighting the value of having these crucial conversations within all levels about what it means to be different and to have to deal with these challenges in order to have a seat at the table.

Focusing specifically on the issue of discrimination in the Dutchess County workforce, Deirdre Brown, a Poughkeepsie resident and attorney, said she was of the opinion that the county's African American leaders are aware of these issues, "so this gathering tonight is for the benefit of Marc Molinaro and some of the other, let's say, pale-

skinned members of our leader-

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# **Brain Teasers**

**CLUES ACROSS** 

1. Sound unit 4. Trim by cutting

8. Small buffalo

10. Ancient manuscript 11. Look angry or sullen

12. Glum 13. Northern Zambia peoples

15. Central 16. Collector of birds' eggs

17. Misbehavior

18. Top of the line 21. Political action committee

22. Have already done

23. Al Bundy's wife

24. Entertainment channel

25. Holiday (informal)

26. The common gibbon

27. Legendary actress

34. Seasoned sausages

35. Bluish greens

36. Ridiculed

37. Three-dimensional arrangement

38. Emerged

39. Type of protein

40. Denmark natives 41. Leak slowly through

42. Expression of sorrow or pity 43. Midway between south and

southeast

**CLUES DOWN** 1. Artistic dancing

2. Plenty

3. Act leisurely

4. Serve as a warning 5. Admired lovingly

6. Leftover oil from distillation process

7. Company officer 9. Egyptian unit of capacity 10. One transmits information

12. Middle layer of an embryo

14. Form of "to be"

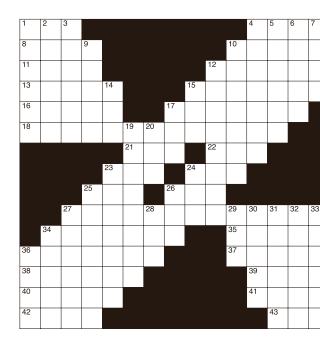
15. Cairo Regional Airport 17. Partner to cheese

19. Sample

20. A shirt may have none 23. Public gatherings

24. Disallow

25. Overnight suitcases



26. French river 27. Where boats dock 28. Top of a pot

29. Type of drug

30. City along the Rhine 31. Animal disease 32. They go in martinis

33. A way to break away 34. Intermediate ecological

36. Baby term for father



### Sudoku

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**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

Despite concerns about COVID-19, many cultural venues are opening again and many events are being scheduled — but some events are then being canceled as infections rise again. It's a good idea to check websites before you go to an event.

# A Dream Comes Alive as Five Points Purchases Campus

udith McElhone's lofty vision for creating a world-class contemporary art center in northwest Connecticut has taken flight. On June 30, closing papers were signed transferring ownership of the former University of Connecticut Regional Campus in Torrington to Five Points Center for the Visual Arts, of which McElhone is founder and executive director.

"It was two months and two years in the making," said McElhone, referring to the timeframe since submitting a letter of interest to purchase the shuttered campus on University Drive, which has a 30,000-squarefoot building and 90 acres.

"With the purchase of the campus facility, we will intensify our efforts to encourage exploration among cutting-edge artists while opening new avenues of community interaction."

The deal transfers ownership of the main building and slightly more than 22 acres from UConn to Five Points. The remainder of the unimproved acreage is being leased by the City of Torrington to Five Points for \$1 a year for 20 years, with an eventual option to buy in



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The planned purchase of the University of Connecticut's Torrington campus by Five Points Gallery has been completed, thanks to the leadership of Center Director Judith McElhone.

the future.

The long-awaited transaction took place with little fanfare due to COVID-19, but McElhone said she plans to "do a major launch party on the campus in September," amid a spectacular autumn backdrop.

"COVID-19 is impacting everything," but it isn't stopping progress, said McElhone. "The building itself is almost turn-key, and we are retrofitting artist work spaces. As soon as we get settled in, we will hold outside programming. The idea is to use the land in a safe way and it's much safer outside with COVID-19."

The immediate goal, she said, is to create a safe, welcoming outdoor space for artists, friends, neighbors and visitors. "Plein-air painting, drawing marathons, concerts and outdoor movies can provide much-needed sanctuaries for healing and creating. Seldom has the world needed these collaborations more than today."

Overall, said McElhone, the transformation of the property will create a unique, sustainable multi-level visual arts center and adjacent art park that will strengthen the social fabric and economic growth of the region. At capacity, the center is expected to generate 20 new full-time positions and 15 part-time teaching and staff positions. "When you bring in artists, economic development follows," she noted.

The center's executive director said the acquisition will "solidify Five Points

Center as among the most progressive arts organizations in New England."

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Future plans include renovation of the main campus to include fully equipped artists workspaces including studios for painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles and print, a bio-lab, digital lab, darkroom and courtyard sensory garden. The existing 245-seat auditorium and commercial kitchen will allow for large indoor gatherings and the 90-acre art park will showcase sculptures created by regional, national and international artists.

One of the most important aspects of the new center, said McElhone, will be the Lynchpin Program, envisioned as "a Thinktank for artists to collaborate and experiment." Thinktank artists, she said, will be selected for their interest in issues impacting everyday life. "There will be an emphasis on the environment

and planet sustainability," she said.

Funds raised combined with grants will cover needed renovation, facility and program needs. The actor and musician Kevin Bacon, who has a home in Litchfield County, is the honorary chair of the new Arts Center's fundraising campaign.

McElhone, a lifelong artist who taught painting at Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted for many years before founding Five Points Gallery in 2012, marveled at how a plan to open a humble summer storefront art gallery in the heart of Torrington has taken on a life of its own.

"Who knew?" said McElhone, that the success of that temporary space would lead to the founding of a permanent Five Points Gallery, as a dedicated space to exhibit works by prominent regional, national and international contemporary artists. At one time, she mused, she had to practically beg artists to exhibit in Torrington, and now she is "bombarded" with applications from Connecticut and beyond.

Today, Five Points Center for the Visual Arts is a multifaceted contemporary art initiative that includes the Five Points Gallery, a 2,800-square-foot space composed of three adjacent galleries in downtown Torrington; a consortium with Hartford Art School/Uni-

versity of Hartford, University of Connecticut College of Art and Northwestern **Connecticut Community** College, where interns learn professional gallery management and receive training as docents; and the Five Points Gallery/Hartford Art School Launchpad Initiative, a pilot incubator program to support emerging artists and recent graduates of the Hartford Art School through affordable studio space and mentoring programs.

The center also includes the Five Points Annex, a community pop-up gallery and exhibition space managed by the Launchpad artists, located two doors from Five Points Gallery in Torrington; and an annual lecture series featuring influential members of the national art world. Past speakers have included Ann Temkin, MoMA's chief curator for painting and sculpture; Milton Esterow editor and publisher of ARTnews; Agnes Gund, president emerita of MoMA; and celebrated painters, Eric Fischl, Robert Berlind and Maureen Gallace.

McElhone credits staff, volunteers and supporters for helping to write the newest chapter in the center's history. "They are all wonderful people who understand that the arts are more than a commodity," and that the interaction between arts and science "can make a big difference in the world."



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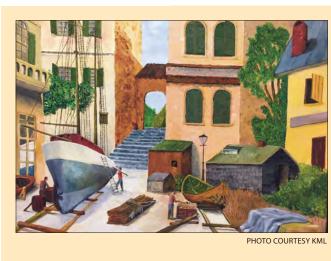
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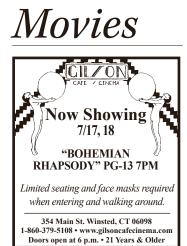
Danon, who was born in Yugoslavia, has lived much of his life in New York City, including a period in the late 1990s when he owned four restaurants on the Upper West Side (two locations of the Copper Hatch pub, Prime Time and Danon's on the Park).

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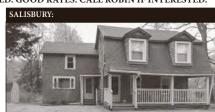
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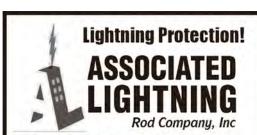
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