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PHOTO BY HOPE STONE

Alyssa Dingwall and Harris Freedman bought a second home at 74 Beilke Road in Millerton to ride out the COVID-19 pandemic and escape their Brooklyn apartment, which is something of a recent trend, according to Westchester County Realtor Hope Stone, who grew up in nearby Sharon, Conn.

From Brooklyn to Millerton

## Pandemic causes New Yorkers' exodus from city to the country

By WHITNEY JOSEPH  
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MILLERTON — A young couple from Brooklyn decided they wanted a place to escape it all — including life in quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic in their Brooklyn apartment — so they just bought a second home in the northeastern Dutchess County village of Millerton. Perfect, they said, just what they were hoping for to ride out the storm.

And, as it turns out, it was just what plenty of other potential home buyers were hoping for as well, as more than 10 would-be buyers were lined up to look at the property on its first day being shown. But Alyssa Dingwall and Harris Freedman, the married couple that bought the home on Beilke Road, were the first ones to view it. They made an offer on the spot. The offer was accepted by the seller, and presto, another country house was sold by Realtor Hope Stone of The

Julia Brasco Team, which is affiliated with Compass Real Estate, which just opened an office in the village of Millbrook. Stone said she sometimes works with Realtor James Augustine in the Millbrook office.

Stone, who lives and works out of Rye Brook, in Westchester County, these days, grew up in Sharon, Conn., so she knows the Tri-state region well. She said this area is gaining in popu-

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## Mid-Hudson Valley now in Phase 3 of COVID reopening

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HUDSON VALLEY — The Mid-Hudson Valley Region, which includes Dutchess County, entered Phase 3 under Governor Andrew Cuomo's strategic reopening plan in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic on Tuesday, June 23 — much to the relief of local residents and business owners. The Mid-Hudson Valley Region includes, in addition to Dutchess County, Ulster, Westchester, Sullivan, Orange, Putnam and Rockland Counties. The governor confirmed the region would reopen on Wednesday, June 17, at one of his last daily coronavirus press conferences, which ended their 111-day run last week.

The governor had a team of volunteer experts review virus rates statewide before giving the OK for any region to reopen. It was on March 22 that Cuomo issued his New York State on PAUSE Executive Order, shutting down all non-essential businesses and schools and banning all public gatherings to stop the spread of COVID-19 in

the midst of the current global health crisis. His approach seems to have been effective.

Cuomo announced on Friday, June 19, that the day before, "the state tested a record number of people. Out of the 79,308 tests conducted in New York state yesterday, only 796, or 1%, were positive for COVID-19."

In fact, infection rates, hospitalizations and deaths are at their lowest since the pandemic hit the state hard mid-March, when New York became the epicenter of the crisis in the U.S.

The state began its phased reopening on May 15, starting upstate with five regions; New York City was last region in line to reopen. The city entered Phase 2 this Monday, June 21.

In Phase 3, Mid-Hudson Valley restaurants will be able to offer indoor dining with limited capacity and other safety precautions. State guidelines are requiring that restaurants offering indoor seating limit indoor capacity to no more than 50% of their maximum occupancy (not including employees).

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Bakers Against Racism

## Bakers worldwide mobilize for change

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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WASSAIC — With the call for racial justice and equality growing stronger, people far and wide have sought to promote radical change these last few weeks, collaborating together on both an individual and community level in a united front for Black Lives Matter (BLM). When Paola Velez, the pastry chef of Kith/Kin in Washington, D.C., decided to launch a worldwide virtual bake sale called Bakers Against Racism, thousands of bakers, pastry chefs, cooks and other masters of the culinary arts around the globe responded with enthusiasm, eager to mobilize in an effort to advocate "radical change against systematic and structural racism," according to the [www.bakersagainstracism.com](http://www.bakersagainstracism.com).

Taking pre-orders from Monday, June 15, through Saturday, June 20, the virtual bake sale culminated on Satur-



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Wassaic Project Director of Artistic Programming Will Hutnick treated himself to one of everything after browsing through the treats Victoria Hood and Dana Cowin were selling on the front porch of The Lantern.

day, June 20, when customers were invited to stop by The Lantern in Wassaic to pick up their goodies.

Standing underneath the shade of The Lantern's front porch, a small, but talented menagerie of bakers, cooks

and pastry chefs from the local region gathered to sell their homemade goods for the BLM cause and to raise awareness of the need for change. Among the

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## Voters pass school budgets, elect BOE members

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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HARLEM VALLEY — Even in these tumultuous times, local voters supported their school districts by mailing in their ballots for this year's district budget vote and school board election in June. Mail in ballots were deemed the best way to deal with voting in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, and in early May, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed an Executive Order to postpone the state's school board elections and budget votes to Tuesday, June 9, and mandate that both be conducted via mail. Though that date was later extended by the governor, all qualified voters received their ballots, with return postage paid, in the mail to return to their school district offices in time for their votes to be counted.

Administrators from the North East (Webutuck), Pine Plains and Millbrook Central School Districts thanked their communities after the votes returned for passing the budgets for the 2020-21 school year, all of which passed with flying colors.

Totalling \$23,909,545, the Webu-

**"We had a tremendous number of votes cast... and I can't thank them enough for that trust and that commitment they've made to the Millbrook Central School District"**

Perry Hartswick,  
Millbrook BOE President

tuck 2020-21 school district budget passed with 673 votes for it and 275 votes against it. For this year's Board of Education (BOE) election, incumbent BOE candidates Judy Moran and Christopher Lounsbury ran for the three open seats on the board along with write-in candidates Jay Newman and Henry Pollinger. Lounsbury led with 729 votes, followed by Moran with 638 votes and Newman with 631 votes. All three will serve three-year terms, starting Wednesday, July 1, through June 30, 2023.

Addressing the community during the Webutuck BOE meeting on Thursday, June 18, Webutuck Super-

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**OPINION**

A Graduation Unlike Any Other; Columns; Letters **A6**

Cattle girls are called cows and boys, bulls. They take 9+ months to birth and 24-30 more months to mature on pasture.



### NW CORNER FARMS

Some cows are raised for meat by these farms...

- Howling Flats Farm
- Lone Silo Farm
- Moon in the Pond Farm
- Mountain View Farm
- Q Farms
- Ridgway Farm
- Sky View Farm
- Whippoorwill Farm

Other cows are raised for milk: Organically raised cows can produce milk for 15 years!

Dairy farmers can sell their milk to large producers, or process it themselves, like...

- Calf & Clover Creamery  
[calfandclovercreamery.com/where-to-buy](http://calfandclovercreamery.com/where-to-buy)
- Sky View Farm  
[@skyviewfarmsheffield](mailto:@skyviewfarmsheffield)

There's a lot of milk around and some conventional dairies have needed to 'dump' milk they produce in excess. The dumped milk can be added in to "slurries", which is a basically a fertilizing smoothie for their fields.

Plantin' Seeds' mission is to raise awareness of the intersections we share. See [plantinseeds.org](http://plantinseeds.org).

[plantinseeds.org](http://plantinseeds.org) \ illustrations: iveta vaicule



## OBITUARIES

### Kimberly Anne Wright

SHARON — Kimberly Anne Wright, 54, passed away peacefully June 15, 2020, after a long illness.

She was born April 29, 1966, to Hervey Wright and to Judith Wright Wilbur, who predeceased her.

She was a 1984 graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

She was married in 1987 to Bill Pedersen, who predeceased her. Together they had three beautiful daughters, Jacqueline, Stefanie and Paxton. She loved doing things with her daughters, playing ball, taking walks and lots of "girly things."

She is survived by her daugh-



ters, Jacqueline Pedersen and Nicolas, Stefanie Pedersen and Anthony and Paxton Pedersen and Bryar. She was blessed with three grandchildren, Nicholas, Finley and Teagan. She is also survived by her father and step-mother, Hervey and Marilyn Wright; her sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Jerri Wingard; her sister Jeannette Wright; and her

brother, Michael Wright. She was a loving aunt to all her nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her longtime friend, Jay Dahlgard. Services will be private.

To view a full obituary or to send the family an online condolence, go to [www.thurstonrowe-funeralhome.com](http://www.thurstonrowe-funeralhome.com).

### Diana Susan LaCurto

AMENIA — Diana Susan LaCurto, 74, a 24-year resident of Amenia and formerly of Long Island, N.Y., died peacefully on June 17, 2020, at her home in Amenia, surrounded by her loving husband and children.

Mrs. LaCurto worked as an administrative assistant for Mark Capecelatro, Attorney at Law in North Canaan, for many years. She also assisted the town of Amenia and Immaculate Conception Church with collections and recordings for many years.

Born Nov. 2, 1945, in Troy, Mich., she was the daughter of the late Marion (Coleman) and Roy Devine. She attended Central Islip High School in Central Islip, N.Y. On Oct. 6, 2018, in Copake, she married John LaCurto following an 11-year courtship. Mr. LaCurto survives in Amenia.

Mrs. LaCurto was a long-time parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia and was very active in St. John's Youth Ministry, where she made such a difference in the lives of the youths she ministered to with her spiritually and her kind and caring personality. She was so loved by everyone who had the blessing of knowing her.

In her spare time she enjoyed camping at Waubeeka Family Campground in Copake, and spending time with her family. She will be dearly missed by her loving family and many friends.

Mrs. La Curto is also survived by three children, Marion McPadden and her fiancé, Jose Gueits, of New Paltz, N.Y.; James McPadden and his wife, Lauren, of New Paltz and Susan Krebs of Wallkill, N.Y.; two stepdaughters, Donna Flinn and her husband, Russell, of Millerton and Linda Staab of Dover Plains; two brothers, Pat Devine and his wife, Solange, and Daniel Devine; her sister, Evelyn O'Connell; six grandchildren,



Madison and Mackenze McPadden, Kyle Krebs, Alicia Bishop and her husband, Jason, Allison Flinn and Katelyn Stab; one great-grandson, Benjamin Bishop; and several nieces and nephews, who affectionately called her their "Favorite Aunt Diane."

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, June 25, at 11 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia, the Rev. R. Kent Wilson officiating. Burial will follow at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia.

All New York state and CDC guidelines will be in effect, including the use of facial coverings and social distancing.

Memorial donations may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. To send an online condolence, go to [www.conklinfuneralhome.com](http://www.conklinfuneralhome.com).

SHARON — Edmund Joseph Charles Chrostowski, a community journalist, editor and local historian for more than 60 years, died on June 15, 2020, at his home in Ridgefield, Conn., with his daughter and loyal cat Taz by his side. He was 91 years old.

He began his career as a reporter in New York City, quickly realizing his true desire was to be actively involved in the towns of Connecticut rapidly changing — or resisting change — from "the City." Not only did he find both niche and forte, but also good friends and neighbors. He rapidly rose to editor of the Darien Review, followed by 35 years as editor of the New Canaan Advertiser. After retiring as editor in 1996, he continued to write twice-weekly columns for the Hearst newspapers in Darien and New Canaan. He also wrote at various times for the Associated Press, Norwalk Hour and the New York Times and once had his own news program on the radio. In addition, Mr. Chrostowski had been a panelist on television talk shows in New York, New Haven, Hartford and Norwalk and was a contributing author and editor of several books and magazine articles. He also had been a frequent speaker at meetings of local organizations.

Among his many state, regional and national weekly journalism honors, he was most proud of the New Canaan Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award in 1981 for a series of articles on the U.S. Constitution, the George Washington Medal presented by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa., in 1969 for a series on the Bill of Rights and the Typewriter Award of the New England Press Association, Boston, Mass., for his coverage of a mass murder.

Mr. Chrostowski was born at home in Stamford on Sept. 6, 1928, son of the late Mary (Tisko) and Charles Chrostowski, and had lived in Wilton and Norwalk before moving to Ridgefield over 18 years ago.

After graduation from Holy

### Edmund Joseph Charles Chrostowski

Name School in Stamford, then from Stamford High in 1945, he received his degree at the University of Connecticut in 1949. He was very active in alumni

affairs at UCONN, writing his class's history and serving on the committee for its 50th anniversary reunion on the campus in Storrs. He also was an avid fan of all UCONN teams. While in Darien, he was a member of the Lions Club and served on the boards of the Cancer Society and Chamber of Commerce.

He also was an honorary member of the Darien Fire Department and was appointed a special policeman so that he would be eligible to play on the department's softball team.

In New Canaan, he was the Chamber of Commerce's Man of the Year in 1985, received the Exchange Club's Golden Deeds award in 1987 and was the Gridiron Club's 1994 "fall guy." He was a former member of the board of governors with The New Canaan Historical Society, headed its oral history department and served as its official town historian. He also was a member of the New Canaan Old-Timers Athletic Association and was honored by the association in 1987 for his role in local sports. In addition, he was a past president of the Poinsettia Club, a dine and debate organization of New Canaan civic leaders, and he had been vice president of the Connecticut Editorial Association. He also was among the founders of New Canaan's "Family Fourth" celebration of Independence Day and was its treasurer for 12 years. Proud of his Polish heritage, he was a member

of the Polish National Alliance and the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York and he was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Chrostowski is survived by his daughter, Amy (Chrostowski) Tocco, a physician in Sharon for 18 years; a sister, Lorraine Hogan of Stratford; a step-daughter, Alison Picci of Norwalk; a stepson, Layne Duttlinger of Torrington;

six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Barbara (Batterson) Chrostowski;

two children, Marjorie and Michael, both passing away due to muscular dystrophy as teens; his brother, Leonard Chrostowski, who was killed in action in Italy during World War II; as well as two sisters, Dorothy Poltrack and Marie Markiewicz.

Arrangements are private at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions. A memorial celebration is planned in New Canaan, "The Next Station to Heaven," at a later date. Donations to his favorite place filled with joy and SPARKLE, hard work and Diversity, the Prospecter Theater, Ridgefield; or the skilled Ridgefield Fire/EMS, who were and are always there for a good pick-me-up!

Kane Funeral Home of Ridgefield, Conn., is in charge of arrangements.





## Worship Services

Week of June 28, 2020

**Services are canceled or being held online. Call ahead or visit websites for updates.**

<p><b>The Congregational Church of Salisbury, U.C.C.</b> 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Online worship, Sundays at 10am <a href="http://www.salisburyucc.org">www.salisburyucc.org</a> Sharing God's shalom: Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! (860) 435-2442</p>	<p><b>Falls Village Congregational Church</b> 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</p>
<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church</b> 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Marilyn Anderson Rev. Paul Christopherson <b>SUNDAY SERVICES</b> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Said 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) <b>WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE</b> At Noon - with Eucharist <a href="http://www.stjohnssalisbury.org">www.stjohnssalisbury.org</a> 860-435-9290</p>	<p><b>Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon</b> 9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 <a href="http://www.christchurchsharon.org">www.christchurchsharon.org</a></p>
<p><b>North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC</b> Joyfully opening our hearts and doors to all God's people Pastor Savage Frieze 172 Lower Rd./Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am <b>AT THE PILGRIM HOUSE</b> 30 GRANITE AVE, CANAAN: FISHES &amp; LOAVES Food Pantry and CLOSETS for clothing Tuesdays from 5 to 7 and Thursdays from noon to 2 <a href="http://www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational">www.facebook.com/northcanaancongregational</a></p>	<p><b>Greenwoods Community Church</b> 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA Sunday Service 10:30 AM Kidz Connection K-6th grade (during Sun. Service) Nursery Care All Services Pastor Trip Weiler 413-229-8560 <a href="http://www.greenwoodschurch.com">www.greenwoodschurch.com</a></p>
<p><b>North East Baptist Church</b> Historic Meeting House, Main &amp; Maple Millerton, NY God's word is always relevant! A Warm Welcome Awaits You <b>SUNDAY SERVICES</b> Family Bible School - 9:30 AM Morning Worship - 11:00 Evening Service - 6:00 PM <b>WEEKDAY MEETINGS</b> Weds. Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM at Parsonage 33 S. Maple Ave. Sat. Bible Studies for Men &amp; Women 3:00 PM <b>FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON</b> First Sunday of each month after AM services Pastor Henry A. Prause 518-789-4840</p>	<p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY <b>VIRTUAL SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30</b> Please go to <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> to log on. Followed by a virtual coffee hour Rev. AJ Stack <a href="http://www.stthomasamenia.com">www.stthomasamenia.com</a> 845-373-9161</p>
<p><b>The Sharon United Methodist Church</b> 112 Upper Main Street, 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 860-364-5654 <a href="mailto:sharonumc5634@att.net">sharonumc5634@att.net</a></p>	<p><b>Trinity Episcopal Church</b> 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour &amp; Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax <a href="mailto:trinity@trinitylimerock.org">trinity@trinitylimerock.org</a> (860) 435-2627 <a href="http://www.trinitylimerock.org">www.trinitylimerock.org</a></p>
<p><b>Canaan United Methodist Church</b> 2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors" Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 <a href="mailto:canaanct-umc.com">canaanct-umc.com</a> <a href="mailto:canaanctumc@gmail.com">canaanctumc@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Unitarian Fellowship of NW CT</b> The format for our Unitarian Fellowship has changed to zoom. <b>Sunday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m.</b> If you need help with zoom, call (860) 435-2319 All are Welcome</p>
<p><b>Promised Land Baptist Church</b> 29 Granite Ave., Canaan, CT Where you will find: A Warm Welcome! Helpful Bible Messages, A Place to Grow! Sunday School - 10am Sunday Worship - 11am Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting - 7PM (860) 824-5685 <b>VISITORS WELCOME!</b> <a href="http://www.promisedlandbaptist.org">www.promisedlandbaptist.org</a></p>	<p><b>The Lakeville United Methodist Church</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Lakevillemethodist@snet.net">Lakevillemethodist@snet.net</a></p>
<p><b>The Chapel of All Saints, Cornwall</b> Join our intimate Episcopal service via Zoom Sundays at 9am Email Rev. Mary Gates at: <a href="mailto:mngates125@gmail.com">mngates125@gmail.com</a> for an invitation to the Zoom service If you don't have a computer you can participate via phone. We hope you will join us!</p>	<p><b>ST. MARTIN OF TOURS PARISH</b> Immaculate Conception, 4 North Street, Norfolk St. Joseph, 4 Main Street, Canaan St. Mary, 76 Sharon Road, Lakeville <b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> Saturday Vigil 5 pm, St. Joseph Church Sunday 9 am, Church of St. Mary Sunday 11 am, Immaculate Conception Church <b>DAILY MASS SCHEDULE</b> <b>Wednesday 6pm</b> St. Joseph Chapel or Church <b>Thursday 8am</b> Immaculate Conception Church <b>Friday 8am</b> Church of St. Mary <b>ALL ARE WELCOME!</b> For information, please call 860-824-7078</p>
<p><b>The Smithfield Presbyterian Church</b> 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83, Amenia, NY Services every Sunday 10 a.m. <a href="http://www.thsmithfieldchurch.org">www.thsmithfieldchurch.org</a> 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building</p>	<p><b>UCC in CORNWALL</b> Congregational Worship Sunday, 10 am <b>Cornwall Village Meeting House</b> 8 Bolton Hill Rd, Cornwall <b>Outstanding Church School (10 am)</b> Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister Welcoming all - including the LGBTQ Community</p>
<p><b>Sharon Congregational Church</b> 25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Visit our website <a href="http://sharoncongregationalchurch.org">sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> for current online sermons. Bible Study Guides also available by request: <a href="mailto:info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org">info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org</a> Or contact us at 860-364-5002</p>	<p><b>SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PARISH</b> 860-927-3003 The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon St. Bridget, Cornwall Bridge <b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> 9 AM - Sacred Heart Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; First Friday <b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b> 4 PM - St. Bridget <b>SUNDAY MASSES</b> 8 AM - St. Bernard 10 AM - Sacred Heart</p>

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## Ulster man arraigned in North East Court for raping a child

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NORTH EAST — Twenty-seven year old Patrick M. Finkle of Ulster, N.Y., was arrested by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office following an investigation done in conjunction with the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) into the sexual assault of a child.

The Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau and investigators from the CAC arrested Finkle on Wednesday, June 17, for having sexual intercourse with a victim who is less than 15 years old during a three-day period.

According to a press release issued by the Sheriff's Office, "no further information about the victim or the case will be released at this time in order to protect the victim's privacy."

Finkle has been charged with Rape 2nd degree (a felony) and Endangering the Welfare of a Child (a misdemeanor). After being processed he was arraigned before the Town of North East Court and released to probation. The defendant is due to reappear in court on Aug. 25.

Investigators are urging anyone who may have information about this case or similar incidents involving Finkle to contact Deputy David Meyer at 845-486-3778 or dmmeyer@dutchessny.gov. Information can also be provided via the Sheriff's Office tipline at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or dcsotips@gmail.com; all information will be kept confidential.

The Sheriff's Office and CAC are continuing the investigation and more information may be released as it becomes available. As with any criminal case, investigators caution all charges are merely accusations, adding Finkle is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## Millerton library to reopen after COVID-19 closure

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Library lovers who have missed the chance to browse the stacks, heft a volume and take in the heady scent of ink on paper will have better days ahead as the NorthEast-Millerton Library re-opens to patrons, hopefully by Friday, June 26. The target date has been set by Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson.

"Barring unforeseen circumstances," a total of eight visitors at a time may schedule, either by email or preferably by phone, hour long appointments to locate books and other material and use the library's equipment," she said.

Operating in line with the state's safety regulations, visitors will be required to wear face masks and practice social distancing. Hand sanitizer will be available as will the bathroom and kitchen sinks for hand washing.

Leo-Jameson said regular patrons will notice a number of changes that have been implemented thanks to a \$2,804 grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation's (BTCF) Northern Dutchess Fund, which the library matched with its own funds.

The grant, which would normally be used to help fund the summer music program, was changed by BTCF to ease monetary challenges resulting from the COVID-19 health crisis.

In order to reopen, the library needed to reconfigure several areas, purchase additional furniture, provide shields, manage resulting electrical changes and acquire a number of additional e-resources, which are always quite expensive.

Leo-Jameson said she has been "living with this for months" as she and staff members Kristin McClune and Louis Tomaino measured and brainstormed, trying to design a system that would allow for the safety of both staff and visitors.

The library's heart — the circulation desk — presented the initial



NorthEast-Millerton Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson sorted through items delivered during the COVID-19 closure.

challenge as a good deal of communication and work is traditionally centered in that small area. The solution involves Plexiglas shields, provided at a bargain rate and cut to size by Herrington's, which will protect staff and patrons as well as volunteer workers when they, too, are allowed to return. Leo-Jameson said that after each transaction, the area will be cleaned using sanitizer.

Use of the circular computer stations opposite the desk will be limited to allow for appropriate spacing and the long desks against the wall will now feature computers only at each end with a printer in the middle and shields separating the users.

"If everything works out, we will still be down two computers," Leo-Jameson explained, in part because of the new configurations but also because some of the current computers have "aged out" and the new systems, which were ordered before the pandemic, have not yet been delivered.

At this point, Leo-Jameson sees the changes as "theoretical, because we've never done anything like this before. We're trying to imagine how people will want to use the library the most and try to accommodate that."

She noted that although "picture books are extraordinarily popular, we had to make some

concessions," which will not allow for browsing because the children's section was needed to store fabric-covered furniture, which cannot be used because it cannot be properly cleaned. Instead, she said, "We will be pulling out the most popular items and making displays" with the books available for loan.

Children will continue to be welcomed, but Leo-Jameson said, "They will count toward the occupancy, and parents will be responsible for seeing that they follow the rules, which includes anyone over the age of 2 wearing a mask."

She added that all programs, including those for children, will continue to be conducted online just as they were during the closure, with schedules available at [www.nemillertonlibrary.org](http://www.nemillertonlibrary.org).

E-books and other electronic material was quite popular during that time, a trend that Leo-Jameson expects will continue, which is why an investment in that area was made. Periodicals will also be available, and because patrons may not stay to read them, issues may be borrowed.

Curbside pickup, which works best for the library staff, will continue. Books, which should be returned through the book drop, will be "quarantined for 72 hours after being deposited." Interlibrary loans will start to be available this week.



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The parking lot at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library was recently re-paved, thanks to a State Aid for Library Construction Grant with matching funds from the Friends of the Roe Jan Library and an anonymous donor.

## Roe Jan Library re-paves in time for pickup service

By CAROL KNEELAND  
Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE — As patrons of the Roeliff Jansen Community Library began to arrive on Wednesday, June 17, to take advantage of curbside pickup of books and other library materials, they were met by a newly paved parking lot and driveway.

The improvements began last fall, with a set of exterior stairs providing a connection between the upper and lower parking lots and Friends Bookstore. The project had then been on hold with the coming of COVID-19 and resumed in May, when construction re-starts were approved by Governor Andrew Cuomo.

According to Library Director Tammy Gaskell, that work, which consisted of re-paving the parking lot and driveway, includes the electrical prep work for phase three of the project, the installation of an electric vehicle (EV) charging station.

Funding for the current project came from a State Aid for Library Construction Grant with matching funds from the Friends of the Roe Jan Library and an anonymous donor. Gaskell said the grant for the third leg of the project is not yet in hand but is anticipated, and so the prep work was done now so the driveway would not need to be torn up later.

Although the physical library has been closed under Governor Cuomo's New York State on

PAUSE Executive Order, Gaskell reports the virtual facility has been as busy as ever.

"I want to thank all the library staff for really stepping up during the time we were closed to help keep programs going and the community connected," she said. "They made it clear that the library was still here to serve people even though our doors were closed."

In order to take advantage of the curbside pickup, patrons should follow the instructions on the homepage of [www.roejanlibrary.org](http://www.roejanlibrary.org). They may search the online catalog and complete the online request form, which permits two forms with five requests per form. Gaskell said that although no inter-library loans are available yet, she expects that program to begin again "some time soon."

After being informed either by email or phone that requested material is ready, patrons should call the library at 518-325-4101 to schedule a pickup from the table stationed outside the library. Patrons should not approach the table until staff has returned inside. All material should be returned via the building's book drop.

The Roe Jan Library serves the towns of Ancram, Copake and Hillsdale and is one of many libraries across the region now providing curbside pickup in anticipation of further phases of the state's re-opening. See local websites for specifics of each library.

## Bombers graduation update

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Central School District is organizing a car parade for graduates on Saturday, June 27, at 9:30 a.m. Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School Principal Tara Grieb added, "We are looking to have our graduation ceremony the weekend of July 10. Details are still being worked out; we hope for lighter restrictions in July."

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# AMENIA

## Webutuck Class of '20 reflects on challenges, legacy at graduation

By KAITLIN LYLE  
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WEBUTUCK — At long last, the Webutuck Class of 2020 was able to gather in-person to celebrate its achievements at its graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 16. Though graduation wasn't quite what the seniors pictured at the start of their school year, the North East (Webutuck) Central School District administration made certain students were honored with the heartfelt ceremony they deserved.

Starting around 6 p.m., a procession of vehicles — many decorated with signs, stickers, balloons and flags — carrying graduates, formed a line in the driveway to the Webutuck High School (WHS) building. With district personnel there to direct the procession, families drove to the track field behind WHS. Unloading from their cars and clad in their green and white caps and gowns, graduates reunited with old friends and longtime classmates they haven't seen in person since the coronavirus pandemic shut down schools across the state in March.

Families watched from along the fence as graduates accepted their diplomas, keeping their distance by standing in hula hoops set 6 feet apart on the track and staying in groups of five. Some students wore face masks as they waited in line while others chose not to. Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani sanitized his hands after each hand shake and wore a face mask when students requested it.

WHS Principal Katy McEnroe welcomed each round of graduates and offered her congratulations to them.

"Graduates and families, this is not the graduation we planned, but we've made do and we thank you all for all that you've done," Castellani said, "and we hope to spend the next few hours celebrating your



Proceeding in groups of five, members of the Webutuck Class of 2020 stood in hula hoops set 6 feet apart as they waited to receive their diplomas.

accomplishments over the last 12 years."

Announcing each student's name with pride, Castellani invited the graduates to accept their diplomas. Leaving the field with applause ringing in their ears, the graduates were embraced by their families and posed for photos before heading back to their cars. As they waited for the parade to head to Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre at the main intersection in Amenia, families snapped photos and everyone celebrated. Driving down the hill in the direction of the drive-in, the graduates were greeted with applause from Webutuck teachers and staff standing along the roadway with signs and by the congratulatory message featured on the marquee at the main entrance to the theater.

Passing through the entrance with their tickets in hand, families received refreshments, graduation programs and directions for where to park on the grassy field. Once their cars were parked, the graduates and their families took a moment to stretch their legs — some heading in search of food and others setting up folding chairs in front of their cars — before a

Projected onto the main screen at the Four Brothers Drive-In Theatre, graduates and their families observed Dylan Johnson's salutatorian speech.



video of the 66th Annual WHS Commencement Ceremony was projected onto the big screen.

Following a performance of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Webutuck graduates Deanna Hanze and Amy Hayes, Castellani appeared on the screen to welcome everyone to the rest of the ceremony.

"This was supposed to be your year," Castellani said as he named the many traditions and celebrations missing due to the pandemic. Yet even with all that they missed in their final year, Castellani voiced his confidence in the graduating class's resilience and ability to overcome any pandemic.

"I am sorry the seniors were robbed of their senior year," McEnroe said moments later, "but I am most proud of them because they are an amazing group of individuals."

Between the trials and tribula-

tions of the last 12 years and the current COVID-19 pandemic, McEnroe shared how these experiences have shaped the graduates on their journey to adulthood as well as her amazement at their tenacity, creativity and resilience.

"Go and seize the day, the month, the future," she said. "You are the Warriors of 2020."

Though she retired from the district long before their senior year, former Webutuck physical education teacher and the evening's commencement speaker Rosanne Persico said she has thoroughly enjoyed watching the students grow up.

"You have a historical story to tell at the start and end of the school year," Persico said, highlighting the students' early school days in the shadow of Sept. 11 and their graduating in the center of a global pandemic. "This does not define this class. What does is all the memories between those years."

Though he acknowledged the disappointments of their senior year, salutatorian Dylan Johnson



From left, Emily Simmons and Holly Jasmin celebrated their graduation from Webutuck High School with diplomas in hand.



Michael Coburn, center, accepted his high school diploma as well as congratulations from Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani and Webutuck High School Principal Katy McEnroe.

reflected on the memories he's made in the last 12 years in his speech and how this challenge has allowed him to connect more with his classmates than ever before.

"Through everything, I'll always be able to look back and laugh," he said, and he urged his classmates to stay in touch and not lose sight of what's important.

Reflecting on the initial excitement of starting their senior year and their last day of normalcy before COVID-19 altered their path to graduation, valedictorian Disha Patel said, "We may have missed out on a lot, but that makes it special because it gives us the most memorable senior year ever."

Following Castellani's declaration of their eligibility to graduate, the video transitioned to a presentation of the Class of 2020, complete with each graduate's senior portrait; a quote of their choice; a list of their extracurriculars and favorite memories; and a video tribute to each student by a beloved Webutuck teacher.

McEnroe's final presentation was succeeded by a lovely rendition of "The Rose" by the High School Chorus and a video montage of familiar sites around the district, a list of scholarship winners and a touching tribute to teacher Zbigniew "Pete" Soltysiak, who passed away in January.

## Bill McGhee, collector and mechanic

By TILLY STRAUSS  
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — There are plenty of collectors living in the Harlem Valley — each one collecting something special. Bill McGhee, who owns Conklin's Garage on Mechanic Street in Amenia, is one of those collectors. Here's a peek into why he does what he does.

**The Millerton News:** What do you collect and why?

**Bill McGhee:** "I collect old tools, old oil cans, older car models, antique mechanic signs and old license plates from across the country."

It's part of the mystique (or story) of my business taking care of cars at Conklin's Garage. The

things I collect are part of the industry's history, such as the Model T jack, and the Model A jack. Customers come in, visit and talk about what they see and then they bring stuff for me to take a look at. That's how I got an oil can from a New York City subway and added to my assorted collection of antique adjustable wrenches.

The newest addition to the collection is an old wooden jack for a wood wagon. I also got a red Texaco bank car from the Columbia County Fair.

I collect old model cars at 1/31 or 1/20th scale. Some, I get through the Summit Racing Equipment catalogue, others I find at swap meets, car shows and

even county fairs.

My grandkids get me a different Hess model car each year. They like looking at stuff with me.

I started collecting about 20 years ago. Twelve years ago, when I bought my brother-in-law out of the business, I started bringing the collection to the shop for display. It used to be an all-concrete room, so I put in the drop ceiling, tile floors, paneled walls and glass doors to the work bays. A customer helped me build shelves into the walls and on top of the windows for displays that still allow for a peek into the work area and for sunlight into the waiting area.

I also collect banana trees and have several all over the waiting area. But that is another story!"

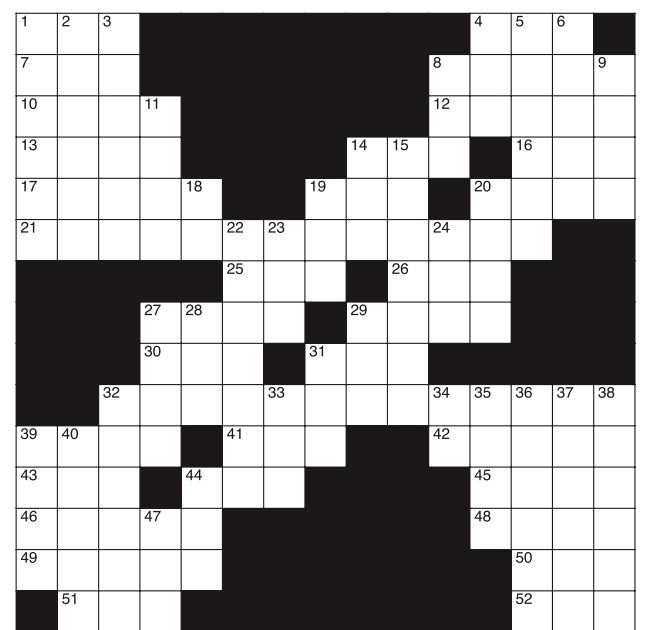
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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Protects from weather
4. Superhigh frequency
7. Southern constellation
8. Swines
10. Self-righteously moralistic person
12. United Arab Emirates city
13. Surinam toad
14. Sign language
16. Tattoo (slang)
17. Makes level
19. Sun up in New York
20. It must be scratched
21. Where people live
25. Swiss river
26. Buddy
27. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
29. Shrek is one
30. Egyptian unit of weight
31. Fiddler crabs
32. Carroll O'Connor's TV wife
39. No longer having life
41. Former OSS
42. A way to emit sound
43. Mandela's party
44. Adult female chicken
45. U. of Miami's mascot
46. Southeastern Chinese people
48. Casino game
49. Amos Alonzo \_\_, US football coach
50. Joint connecting two pipes at right angles
51. Will Ferrell film
52. River in NE Scotland

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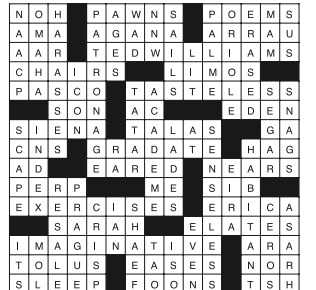
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5. Some are bad
6. Monetary unit
8. Package (abbr.)
9. Indian religious person
11. Crew
14. Antidiuretic hormone
15. Makeshift
18. Baseball box score stat
19. Make a mistake
20. Not moving
22. Even distribution of weight
23. Clumsy person
24. Paddle
27. Worked the soil



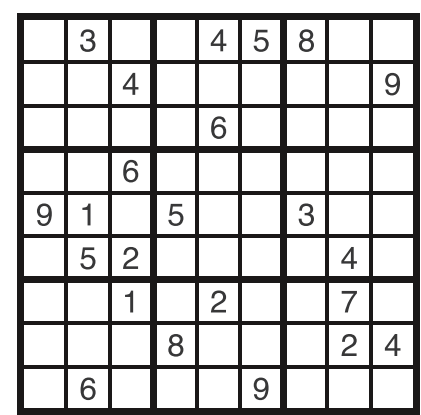
28. Alias
29. Plant cultivated in Peru
31. Side-blotched lizards genus
32. Wild dog
33. Immoral act
34. Pound
35. Manning and Lilly are two
36. Put on the shelf for now
37. Baltimore ballplayer
38. Cuddle
39. Dashes
40. Related on the mother's side
44. Witch
47. Kilogram force (abbr.)

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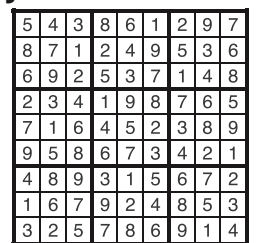
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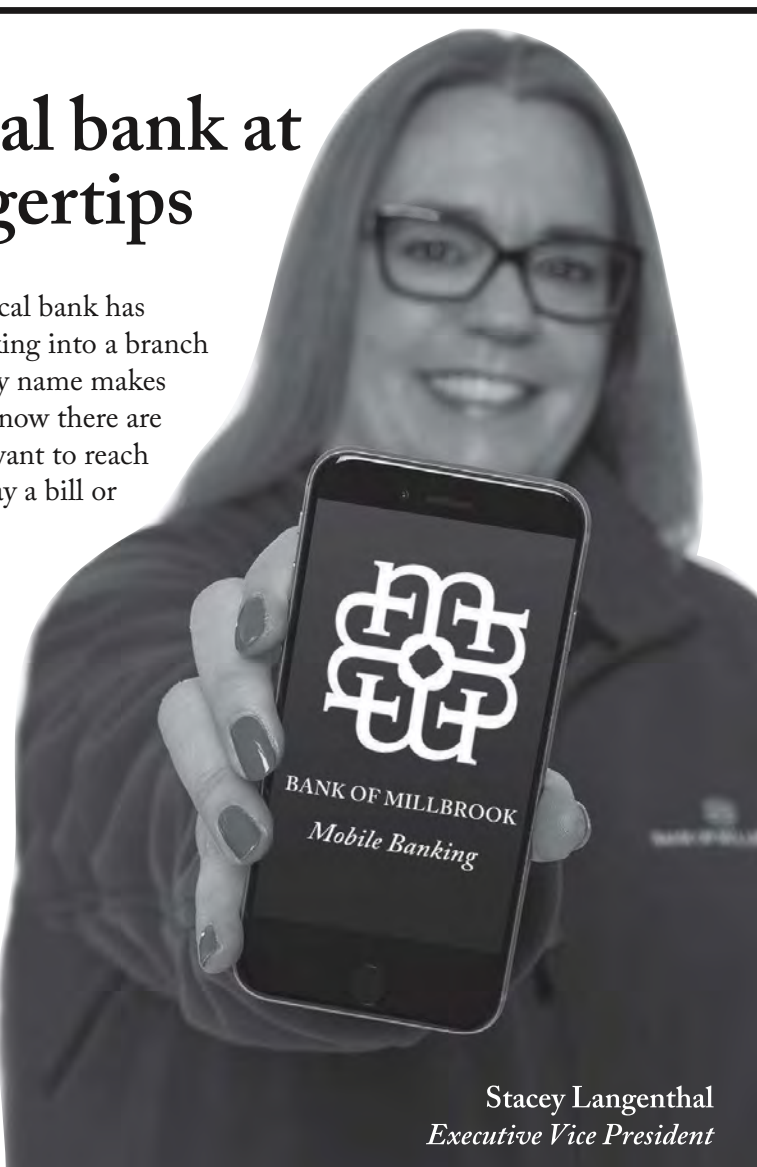
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One family settled in for the parking lot graduation ceremony, a night to remember as unique and special because of the effort made by the Millbrook Central School District to make graduation one-of-a-kind for the Class of 2020.



Graduation counselors Lauren Prince and Tom Chanowsky said they were happy to take part in Millbrook High School's graduation day on Thursday, June 18, as the sun set on an extraordinary day in what was an extraordinary year.

## Commencement ceremonies, pandemic-style

# Millbrook Blazers celebrate their graduation

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — Graduation, 2020, will be one to remember. In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Millbrook Central School District sought to make it special for the students who missed so much of their senior year. So many joined in to make this year's graduation day special, and the Class of 2020 was extremely grateful.

The graduation ceremony itself mirrored many others around the country; a motorcade, starting at Elm Drive Elementary School, where many of the students started their formal learning. But this was much more than a motorcade, with decorations, lights, several local police cars and fire engines sounding their sirens, and streets that were lined with

well-wishers holding signs, flags and balloons. Vehicles drove past the Village Green, where each student saw a portrait of themselves proudly displayed, a gift from the Millbrook Education Foundation.

Then, the parade made its way past the firehouse and Alden Place Elementary School, coming to rest in the parking lot between Millbrook Middle School and Millbrook High School. The 80 or so cars in the parking lot included one car for each graduate; the rest were for staff and special guests in the program.

After the program, which included the keynote speaker, former Superintendent of Schools Philip D'Angelo, who was chosen by the students, and speeches by valedictorian Halie Every and salutatorian Tessa Fountain, and awards, diplomas were handed out to the grads. With the sun

setting behind them, it made for a lovely and memorable scene.

One day earlier, on June 17, the Bridge Authority celebrated Millbrook's seniors as the Mid-Hudson Bridge lit up in blue in honor of the Class of 2020.

The Millbrook fire department and Walbridge Farms in Millbrook got together and under a bright blue tent, served hot dogs, hamburgers and other food to the seniors on Thursday, June 18, as they picked up their caps and gowns. Millbrook teachers Michelle Cring, Maureen Ackerman and Cindy Rozenweig provided gift bags for each senior filled with items to decorate their cars for the motorcade. School nurse Juliana Zengen passed out face masks made and donated by the Millbrook PTO for each graduate.

There were other motorcades to celebrate Blazers graduating this year; Millbrook teachers

and staff spent two days going by each seniors' home, taking pictures with their families, pets, or sometimes alone, to post on a school website created to highlight a senior and his or her accomplishments each day.

Also getting into the act, Fudge's Ice Cream in Amenia, which offered a free ice cream to each senior as a special congratulatory treat. And a large stone was donated to the senior class by Stone Resource in Amenia, owned by Sam and Erin Bailey. It was delivered to the school, at the foot of the hill that leads to the athletic field, by Frank and Amiee Duncan, owners of Northwest Lawn and Landscaping in Millerton, who donated their time, equipment and labor to facilitate the project. The students painted the boulder white and decorated it with their hand prints as a gift for future seniors at the school.

## 2020 Salutatorian

# Tessa Fountain rounds out top two for Class of 2020

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE  
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MILLBROOK — Many people know Tessa Fountain from her many performances in middle and high school theater during the past several years; and some may know her from her working at Merritt Bookstore in Millbrook. This year the musical offering was supposed to be "Anything Goes," but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sadly, there was no production. Others still know her as Millbrook High School's Class of 2020 salutatorian.

Tessa will be taking many fond memories of past performances and fellow thespians with her when she heads off to Union College in Schenectady this fall, if the school opens in the wake of the health crisis. She's still waiting to hear about its fate, but the school runs on a trimester schedule, so it's a possibility that it will reopen for classes. While she professes to be a little nervous, she's also ready for the many adventures and experiences that await her.

Moving away from her family, parents Amy and David, and two younger siblings, Jamison, a seventh-grader, and Skylar, who is currently a junior, will be hard, she said. She's also leaving two dogs and some goats that her siblings are raising for 4-H. They are a close and active family.

Tessa said she really loved her time with the high school chorus and band, and who can forget her performance in last year's play, "Legally Blonde?" But while she loves performing, she is looking forward to a future that involves political science, and possibly law school at some point. The

star student also participated in mock trials and said she found it fascinating.

Tessa may also look into working in the film industry, and hopes her performance career is not over. She was supposed to work for a local dance studio this summer, but the current circumstances, which she finds "scary," put an end to that. Her love of singing, dancing and playing musical instruments is evident, but she's also a serious student who worked hard to attain good grades while serving as president of the Drama Club for a few years. The Millbrook district, she feels, provides not only a good education, but a well-rounded one.

As with so many of her fellow graduates, Tessa said she was grateful for the small classes at Millbrook, and that in a small school system, students could spread their wings and try so many different activities. She also appreciated that the size of the district allowed her to get to know all of her teachers over the years. She was thrilled that former Superintendent of Schools Philip D'Angelo was chosen as the keynote speaker for commencement, adding she's grateful that in spite of the pandemic, the school district went all out to make the 2020 graduating class feel special.

Tessa would like to give some advice to next year's seniors:

"Be confident, even if you are not 100% sure of what you want to do when you are older; it is totally fine to be undecided."

Clearly she can be confident in her own future, which happily looks very bright, and which she will travel with her own sense of panache.

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06-25-20

### NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment roll for the TOWN OF AMENIA, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS for the year 2020 has been completed by the undersigned Assessor, and a certified copy is filed in the office of the Town clerk at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY on the first day of July, 2020, where it will be open for public inspection. Dated this 15th day of June 2020.

Chris Boryk  
Assessor for Town of Amenia  
06-25-20

### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF AMENIA NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, at a regular meeting thereof, held on June 18, 2020, duly adopted the following resolution, subject to Permissive Referendum:

#### RESOLUTION No. 32 of 2020

RE: AUTHORIZING NON-EXCLUSIVE SIDEWALK EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE TOWN OF AMENIA AND STONELEAF CONSTRUCTION, LLC SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, Stoneleaf Construction, LLC ("Stoneleaf") is the owner of certain real property located in the Town of Amenia, New York, identified on tax grid nos. 7167-09-170520 having an address of 4974 Route 22, in the Town of Amenia, New York, 12501 ("Stoneleaf Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amenia ("Town") is the owner of certain real property located in the Town of Amenia, New York, identified on tax grid nos. 7167-09-196542, which is contiguous and adjacent to the Stoneleaf Property and currently improved with a public parking area ("Town Property"); and

WHEREAS, Stoneleaf submitted an application to the Town of Amenia Planning Board ("Planning Board") on or about February 7, 2018 for site plan approval for the conversion of an existing Presbyterian Church and its accompanying Presbytery into an office building for Stoneleaf (the "Application") and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board reviewed and considered the following documents submitted by the Applicant as part of its Application:

1. Site Plan dated February 5, 2018 (last revised March 20, 2018);

2. Site Details dated February 5, 2018 (last revised March 20, 2018); and

3. SDS Plans and Details dated March 7, 2018.

(collectively the "Stoneleaf Office Site Plan"); and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 5 of 2018, the Planning Board determined that the project contemplated in the Application was an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and issued a Negative Declaration for the project, concluding the project would not create any significant environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2018, by Resolution No. 3 of 2018, the Planning Board approved the Application (the

"Approval") and

WHEREAS, the Approval was conditioned on Stoneleaf obtaining permission from the Town of Amenia Town Board ("Town Board"), in a form acceptable to the Attorney to the Town of Amenia, to construct a section of sidewalk on the Town Property that will connect the Stoneleaf Property to the public parking lot located on the Town Property; and

WHEREAS, the sidewalk has been constructed by Stoneleaf in substantially the same form as depicted on the approved site plan dated February 5, 2018 (last revised March 20, 2018) annexed hereto as EXHIBIT 1 (referred to herein as the "Sidewalk") and

WHEREAS, after consulting with the Attorney to the Town of Amenia, the Town Board agrees to grant Stoneleaf a NON-EXCLUSIVE

SIDEWALK EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT ("Easement"), and to ratify the construction of the Sidewalk on Town Property by Stoneleaf in substantially the same form as depicted in EXHIBIT 1; and

WHEREAS, the Easement granted herein is made on the express condition that Stoneleaf, its successors and assigns, will maintain the Sidewalk for as long as the Sidewalk remains in existence in accordance with the Approval, the Stoneleaf Office Site Plan, and the terms and conditions set forth in the Easement, a copy of which is annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town of Amenia has drafted the Easement and is satisfied with its contents; and

WHEREAS, the Town property to be burdened by the proposed Easement is presently vacant, unused and unneeded by the Town for any municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board Members have reviewed the proposed Easement and have determined that the terms and conditions stated within are reasonable and that it would be in the best interests of the Town to authorize this Easement; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the granting

of this Easement is subject to a Permissive Referendum pursuant to Town Law § 64(2); and

WHEREAS, The Town Board has determined that granting this Easement is a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") because the action entails the construction of a non-residential facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area (See 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(9) and therefore no environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, in determining the granting of this Easement is a Type II Action, the Town Board notes that the Planning Board previously adopted a SEQRA Negative Declaration in its Resolution #5 for 2018, dated as of April 11, 2018, for the project of which the sidewalk is a part.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The recitations above set forth are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.

2. After review and due consideration of all of the foregoing, the Town Board hereby approves the form of the NON-EXCLUSIVE SIDEWALK EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, as attached to this Resolution as EXHIBIT 2.

3. This resolution is adopted subject to Permissive Referendum, and the Town Clerk shall give notice of adoption of the resolution by providing a copy of this resolution with an appropriate Notice of Adoption in the official newspapers of the Town, and, in addition, such Town Clerk shall post or cause to be posted on the bulletin board of his office a copy of such resolution and Notice of Adoption and such publication and posting shall be within ten (10) days of the date hereof.

4. The Town Board hereby directs, upon the conclusion of the Permissive Referendum, the Town Supervisor to execute, on behalf of the Town, the NON-EXCLUSIVE SIDEWALK EASEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, as approved by

this Resolution, and cause the same to be recorded with the Town of Amenia Town Clerk and filed with the Dutchess County Clerk.

Motioned By: Somogyi  
Seconded By: Morris

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilwomen <d>/<\d> councilmen voting as follows:

Supervisor Perotti- Aye  
Councilwoman Doyle- Aye  
Councilman Gutierrez- Aye  
Councilman Morris- Aye  
Councilwoman Somogyi- Aye

Dated: Amenia, New York, June 18, 2020.

DAWN MARIE KLINGNER,  
TOWN CLERK  
06-25-20

### Legal Notice Notice of Filing Completed Assessment Roll with Clerk

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Pine Plains in the County of Dutchess for the year 2020 has been completed by the undersigned assessors, and a certified copy is filed in the office of the town clerk on the 1st day of July, 2020, where the same will remain open for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours.

Assessors for the Town of Pine Plains  
Richard Diaz  
James Mara  
Lynda Wisdo  
06-25-20

### LEGAL NOTICE Town of North East Assessor's Office

Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, has completed the final assessment roll for the year 2020. It will be available for review online at <https://townofnortheastny.gov/> on the Assessor's Department page and a certified copy will be filed with the Town Clerk at North East Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, N.Y., on the 1st day of July, 2020.

Katherine Johnson, Assessor  
06-25-20



EDITORIAL

# A graduation unlike any other

No matter when it happens or under what circumstance it occurs, one's high school graduation is a rite of passage. On that, we can all agree. Something else we can all probably agree on is that this year, graduates of the Class of 2020 from around the world have one thing in common — they experienced a highly unusual senior year due to being caught in the midst of a global health pandemic.

At year's end, 2019, the coronavirus was just beginning to make news. A couple of months later, it was all we were hearing about. By March, COVID-19 had made its way across the globe, from Wuhan, China, to New York, N.Y., which quickly became the epicenter of the deadly respiratory illness in the U.S.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo swiftly took control of the health crisis in the Empire State and shut down schools and all nonessential businesses — pretty much sealing the fate for students for the rest of the academic year, unbeknown to them, their parents, their teachers and their administrators at the time.

But it's taken many months to flatten the curve in New York, which is one state that seems to have done so successfully, thanks largely to Cuomo's leadership. This while many other states, like Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina and Texas are now seeing their numbers of new COVID cases spike, after reopening too quickly and haphazardly despite warnings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other health organizations.

So, New York students were told to finish their school year remotely — a disappointment for seniors, especially, who missed out on so many of the traditions they had looked forward to for so long: prom, homecoming, their senior awards ceremony, and, of course, graduation.

Thankfully, administrators in our Harlem Valley school districts made it a priority to make graduation special for the Class of 2020 — even if they couldn't provide a typical commencement. The North East (Webutuck) Central School District held its graduation partly on the field behind the high school — socially distanced — and partly at the Four Brothers Drive-In Movie Theatre. The Millbrook Central School District had students and their families park in their vehicles and watch a personalized video presentation projected on a large screen, and then diplomas were hand-delivered to the students' vehicles. The Pine Plains Central School District, well, it hadn't announced plans beyond a vehicle parade as of press time, but we're sure it will do something special as well. All districts wanted to make graduation day both memorable and unique for their seniors — something to celebrate at a time when the traditional processions, large gatherings and group hugs aren't being permitted. For that, we're sure the students are appreciative.

And to the graduates, don't despair because your last few months of high school turned out differently than you might have hoped. It's through adversity that we learn; it's through being challenged that we grow. It's through hardship that we muster our strength. It's when we are faced with problems that seem impossible to solve that we somehow come up with solutions that are creative, inspired.

Draw from your experience of being quarantined these past few months and of being educated remotely because of the coronavirus pandemic as you move forward — whether you enter college, trade school, the work force or the military — and translate what you have learned into information you can use in your daily lives. Take from what you have seen going on in the world around you recently — this is really an extraordinary period of time — and grow from it. You have just graduated from high school. It's time to join the adult world; it's time to begin thinking like an adult.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Failed states?

In Larry Conklin's "Veteran's Corner" last issue, he describes Millerton (and other local towns) with a term that usually conjures Iran or North Korea. And he seems to blame "over-restrictive zoning" and "over-zealous self-interested individuals" for this cataclysm. I live in Amenia, and Millerton seems pretty thriving to me. This whole region (and much of America) had "vibrant active towns." Everyone I know wants them to be more so again.

The situation most rural communities face is the decline of their farm-based economies. Farming's hard work, so was hard to pass on to next generation. Many farms were lost in the Depression, and after WWII bought up by large owners for industrial agriculture (or residential subdivision). That is still the primary American model. Tourism by rail had helped make ends meet, but autos and airplanes made more exotic destinations available.

Retail is the same. In 1920

our population was adequate to support a range of mom and pop owned stores (food, clothing, supplies), while anything else could be ordered from a Sears catalogue (Amazon now). What changed was the scale of commerce. Town businesses couldn't compete with fast food, malls and big-box stores. And corporations demand a certain population density to hit their profit margins. So rural areas are neglected again.

So what you seem to be railing at is history, and maybe capitalism. That does seem to be the dominant political party these days. So I'd suggest we all not only vote, but also shop locally, support area farms, volunteer, work together and build the towns we want. Tri-Town Coalition is a group trying to bring jobs, sewers and workforce housing to Millerton, Amenia and Pine Plains. Join us.

Leo J. Blackman

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### Careful who you call 'stupid'

The editorial page cartoon in last week's Millerton News and Lakeville Journal was childish and in poor taste.

I would think the local papers would be smart and caring enough not to label American citizens as "stupid." Apparently not. With the caption, "Herd Stupidity," perhaps the cartoon should have depicted rioters, looters, and the anti-police mob.

And yes, these people are American citizens as well, but I'm sure we can all agree criminal activity is "stupid."

Bruce Valentine

Millerton

Send letters to the editor to editor@millertonnews.com



## Military superiority? Everything is changing

### A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

For hundreds of years, the open ocean has been the mainstay of military superiority. With massive warships and flotillas, distant countries can roam the planet exerting pressure, security and offense seemingly at will. The U.S. has 11 aircraft carriers, more than the number and capability of all the other nations combined. China, for example, has only two — same as Italy and the U.K. Russia, France, India, Spain and Thailand all have one. The U.S. has 53 attack submarines, 14 ballistic submarines and four guided-missile submarines — a total of 71 in active duty that we admit to. Russia has 33; the U.K., 11; France, 10; China, 3; and India, 2. Again, the U.S. balance of naval power is overwhelming.

So, if you are an adversary or, let's say, want to strengthen your position not as an adversary but at least leverage power to redress the influence with foreign trading partners — since our naval superiority or capability is often used as a State Department trading chip in trade discussions — you need a way to modify the U.S. advantage on the open ocean. If you don't have the budget to build more aircraft carriers and train the airmen and women to man those complex systems and build and supply the support fleets necessary to protect the flattops — let alone manage the submarine nuclear technology and personnel expertise — you start, naturally,

thinking of weapons to defeat that superiority.

All of which brings us to offensive hypersonic weapon systems. Russia has five known offensive hypersonic weapon programs whereas China is developing an expansive hypersonic technology base and already has at least one system deployed. Same with France and Japan... The speed, maneuverability and flight characteristics of hypersonic weapons makes them challenging to detect, track and intercept — all of which reduces the warning time and therefore chance of interception. In short, they're very fast, hard to spot, and harder to target in time.

During the Falklands War, the Argentinians deployed French Exocet Missiles against the British fleet, sinking the HMS Sheffield. Since that cheap, super-sonic, ground-hugging, missile proved capable, all nations have begun expanding on that weapon's characteristics. Another feature of these hypersonic missiles is that they can use intel in real time to track moving targets — and no large ship at sea sits still. They have internal tracking as well as satellite links for updates.

Unlike the Exocet, which was powered like a jet plane, the newer, faster, hypersonic missiles use Ramjet and Scramjet (supersonic-combustion ramjet) technology. The U.S. is, of course, developing even faster versions, as is Russia, going for Mach 20+ missiles by 2030. Yes, Mach 20. Some of these, already demonstrated like the Russian Avangard and Kinzhal missiles, may need to be initially launched by an intercontinental ballistic missile to attain sufficient speed to ignite the Scramjet engine to Mach 27. The Russians already have a Mach 6 version that can be dropped from a conventional plane called GZUR. Meanwhile, the Chinese have only one confirmed missile, the DF-17, announced as being intended for "precision strikes against medium- and close-range targets." U.S. Air Force Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy, commander of U.S. Northern Command and the North American Aerospace Defense Command, stated that China is testing an intercontinental HGV (hypersonic glide vehicle — once dropped from a plane, it powers up above 100,000 feet, separates the bomb portion that then skips along the upper atmosphere until directed to glide down to target).

The U.S. is reported to be

playing catchup with these weapon systems, but that may not be true. The Boeing X-51 Waverider Scramjet has been flying since 2013 with a top speed of 3,853 mph. And the Common-Hypersonic Glide Body, or C-HGB, was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kauai, Hawaii, on March 19 at 10:30 p.m. local time. Speed? No one will say but tracking stopped above Mach 5 for security reasons, I presume.

"This test builds on the success we had with Flight Experiment 1 in October 2017, in which our C-HGB achieved sustained hypersonic glide at our target distances," said Vice Adm. Johnny Wolfe, the Navy's director of Strategic Systems Programs. (His outfit is leading the design of the C-HGB.) That's according to Defense News (March 20, 2020). "The Army wants a mobile land-based capability fielded around 2023. That means the service will likely choose manufacturers to build hypersonic missiles in a year or two. The Navy wants its ship-launched capability fielded in 2023 followed by a submarine-launched missile in 2024, and the Air Force wants to field its air-launched version in 2022."

If they are setting dates, that means the system is already being built and deployed, just not admitted to publicly.

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

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Moved by one woman's post, troubled by one man's letter

In response to Ron Murphy's "We are all human beings" letter to the editor in the June 11th issue of The Millerton News, I would like to share a post I saw on social media recently posted by Tasha Schwikert Moser. Now, I don't know Tasha, and I don't know if Tasha wrote the following words or simply re-posted them, but I thought they were important enough to share. They follow below.

"To all the 'All Lives Matter' folks," she posted, "When the Boston Marathon was bombed, everybody's profile picture on social media went 'Boston Strong,' nobody said 'All Cities Strong!'"

"When the Las Vegas shooting happened, people changed their social media profiles to 'I stand with Vegas,' nobody said 'Well, what about the people that got shot in my city?'"

"Have you ever seen someone counter a 'breast cancer' post with 'what about colon cancer?'"

"But for some reason [that reason being racism — and these are my words], if someone says, 'Black Lives Matter,' it turns into all inclusive 'All Lives Matter.' It's not an either/or proclamation.

"When there is a crisis we have always rallied around that particular group. It doesn't discredit or diminish any other group. It just brings awareness and support to the group that needs attention."

Now I would like to add to the words Tasha posted, and say that furthermore, Mr. Murphy says, "leave the color aspect out of the statement" and that "matters of color should be left to children drawing pictures and not on any political, racial or public forum."

This IS about color and that's all this is about, specifically the systemic racism against people of color and the white entitlement in this society that needs to be discussed and realized in every political, racial and public forum available. To not see and realize that is racist in and of itself. It's disconcerting that this even needs to be explained.

Andrew Stayman

Pine Plains

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."  
Booker T. Washington

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larity, as many city dwellers are currently seeking second homes — some even primary residences — to escape the confines of urban life and the difficulties posed by living in isolation, cooped up for days on end in small apartments, dealing with subways, crowded city streets and stores (many still unopened), little green space and now, thousands protesting.

The exodus out of Manhattan and into the country is the current market trend, said Stone.

"I've seen so much activity," she said. "That specific house I mentioned, we just went into contract with my clients; we gave an acceptable offer 24 hours after it was listed on the market. We were the first ones to see it. It was really crazy. We drove up there the next day after we saw it online. They loved it; they put in a full-ask offer. There were 10 people the next day who were supposed to see it who didn't get a chance. That is unheard of up in that area — very unusual."

Stone said she's now getting requests to see country homes, many in northeastern Dutchess County, at least five times a week since the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's really pushed things up a notch," she said. "I'm getting requests left and right for country houses; people are dying to be up there right now, in that general region."

She said Millerton "has a lot of qualities the young buyer wants: a cute downtown with a young country vibe."

Growing up in nearby Sharon, she appreciates that "privacy has a lot" to do with the area's appeal.

"It's quiet, peaceful, serene. There's so much to offer: hiking trails, things to do outside, people are really craving that in this climate we're in right now," she said. "Plus you have the train, which is nice."

It's the best of both worlds, said the Realtor.

"It's very easy to market Millerton as a second-home away from your city home," Stone said. "That's what happened with these guys. They loved it. Some of my clients really like Pawling, which is so different from Millerton, though not too far. It really depends. There are other towns, like Rhinebeck, that peo-

ple like a lot. It depends on the buyer."

Stone said city residents are buying upstate property as second homes, to either quarantine in during the remainder of the shutdown or perhaps to transition to full time after the pandemic ends. Many, she said, are trying to gauge where they'll be in terms of their jobs in six months' time. The health crisis has changed so much, she said, including the work place, as many employees have learned they can do their jobs remotely, some realizing they may not have to return to their offices at all, even after the health crisis clears.

"If they can go to working fully remote, they will, and in six months many New Yorkers will go to live in a remote area full time," Stone predicted, adding that's why those who can buy up property now are trying to do so. "I do think that once big companies decide it makes sense to not rent bigger commercial office spaces, and to have more workforce work from home, that will change what the buyer needs from home, and location and the commute won't matter as much, so it will change."

"Before the pandemic, I would get a request for country houses in the [Tri-state] area not even once week," she said. "It's been a huge spike. This is the first time I'm taking serious buyers — pre-approved with the funds and the whereabouts to buy — and doing transactions up there. It's just different; there's a lot less volume than what we do down county. Before the pandemic time I'd get maybe two to three calls a month; now it's crazy. Everybody wants to buy there. There's not nearly enough inventory. The issue is we have these buyers ready and willing to go, but the houses are not what they want. If there was more inventory there would be more demand. Due to the lack of inventory there is not as much activity in terms of purchasing."

The three bedroom, two bath ranch house that Dingwall and Freedman just bought in Millerton was "exactly what they wanted," according to Stone, who said the sellers had gutted the original and executed a complete remodel. The 1,400-square foot 1973

home sold for the asking price of \$345,000. If it weren't for the pandemic, Stone said the home, which she described as "really nice," likely would have sold for around \$325,000, she said.

Stone added the coronavirus has caused home prices to spike between 10-15%. The listing agent in the deal was John Panzer, of Elyse Harney Real Estate.

"With the pandemic, there's a tremendous amount of urgency," said Stone. "I think it's just making property values keep going up higher for sure... it's going to do good things for the market, and for property values. It will be difficult when they try to appraise values four or five years from now; it will discredit value at a certain point... But I think [right now] it will help the economy tremendously."

National Association of Realtors Chief Economist Lawrence Yun recently addressed housing market trends during the pandemic.

"The housing market faced an inventory shortage before the pandemic," he announced. "Giv-

en that there are even fewer new listings during the pandemic, home sellers are taking a calm approach and appear unwilling to lower prices to attract buyers during the temporary disruptions to the economy."

Stone agreed — it's a seller's market.

"The market has been on steroids since the pandemic... it's definitely translating to smaller markets like Millerton. It's only a short amount of time [before

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Indoor and outdoor capacity must also be limited to the number of tables that can be safely spaced at least 6 feet away from nearby tables. Other precautions must be taken if such distancing isn't possible, according to the guidelines.

Also, the state is mandating that employees wear face coverings at all times, regardless of social distancing, and that patrons wear face coverings when not

seated. There are exceptions to requiring a mask for those under the age of 2 or those with certain medical conditions. Groups are limited to a maximum of 10, and those seated at the same table must be from the same party.

Nail salons, tattoo parlors and spas can also open in Phase 3. Hair salons and barber shops were permitted to operate on a limited basis in Phase 2, but now additional personal care businesses are be-

ing allowed in this next phase of reopening the economy. Tattoos, piercings, massages, manicures, tanning, waxing and other spa services are being permitted under state guidelines.

The governor is also giving the OK for certain youth sports to resume starting Monday, July 6, along with gatherings of up to 25 people. Pools and playgrounds may also reopen at the discretion of local municipalities.

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intendent of Schools Raymond Castellani said, "Thank you for your continued support of our educational program, thank you for the trust you have in us to continue to move forward as a district and we look forward to this year, which is going to be a very interesting year."

In the Pine Plains school district, in addition to submitting their ballots via mail, voters had the option of using the budget vote ballot box located inside the center doors of the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School main entrance. In addition to voting on the 2020-21 budget, voters cast their ballots for a bus purchase proposition, for four 35-passenger or larger school buses (including cameras and other necessary equipment) at a maximum estimated cost of \$62,110 each for an aggregate maximum estimated cost of \$248,440. They also voted on incumbent BOE candidates James Griffin and Heidi Johnson, who ran for the two open BOE seats.

Totaling \$33,525,450, the adopted Pine Plains 2020-21 budget passed with 1,428 votes in favor of it and 643 votes against it. The bus proposition also passed with 1,295 votes of approval and 761 votes against it. Johnson led the BOE election with 1,572 votes, followed by Griffin with 1,571 votes. They will now both serve a three-year term each, starting Wednesday, July 1, through June 30, 2023.

"We are very pleased with the continued support from our community," Pine Plains Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler remarked. "It is reassuring to know that the work that we are doing is appreciated."

As for the Millbrook school district, voters cast their ballots for the approval of the 2020-21 school district budget as well as the election of two BOE members. Totaling \$30,980,759, the budget passed with a total of 957 votes, though there were also 504 votes against it. Newcomer

candidate Chris Rosenbergen received 1,122 votes while incumbent candidate and BOE Vice President Howard Shapiro received 954 votes. Both will now serve a three-year term, starting Wednesday, July 1, through June 30, 2023.

"It really comes down to the fact that we really know how people have been impacted by this entire thing, but we had a tremendous number of votes cast... and I can't thank them enough for that trust and that commitment they've made to the Millbrook Central School District," said Millbrook BOE President Perry Hartswick. "On the other hand, we need to be vigilant: we need to make sure we're making the best use of every dollar being used in our budget. There are a lot of things unknown to us with the state budget and how much

state aid we'll get, so we have a lot of work to do."

In fact, districts across New York state received support from voters. Following a preliminary analysis, the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) reported on Wednesday, June 17, that a total of 383 out of 388 school budget votes passed this year; only five were defeated.

"Even in challenging times, voters resoundingly made clear that funding public schools at the local level is a top priority," NYSUT President Andy Pallotta stated on June 17. "Especially in times of crisis, public schools serve as cornerstones of our communities, providing not just an education but also meals, mental health services and other critical services. Students need our support, and voters overwhelmingly delivered."

**BAKERS AGAINST RACISM** *Continued from Page A1*

sale's participants, The Lantern made room on its front porch for Ariel Yotive from Troutbeck and Serge Madikians from Serevan, both in Amenia; Jessie Sheehan from Sharon, Conn.; and Johnny Dearth from The Lantern. All proceeds raised at the bake sale went toward organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Taking the lead for bringing Bakers Against Racism to the local region was Amenia resident Dana Cowin, the former editor-in-chief of Food & Wine Magazine and host of the podcast, "Speaking Broadly." Cowin said she placed the call out for chefs, cooks and bakers interested in participating just two weeks ago. Within the hour, she received a number of enthusiastic responses.

"The community of chefs, cooks and bakers in this area is extraordinary. There's so much talent, so much enthusiasm and so much generosity," Cowin marveled, praising everyone for showing up with contact lists for customers along with beautifully packaged treats.

"I'm happy to be able to raise money for this Black Lives Matter cause through this international bake sale," she continued, voicing her appreciation of The Lantern providing the space for the sale.

In this age of social distancing, some might be curious as to how a "virtual" bake sale might work. The virtual aspect was through participants' promotion of Bakers Against Racism on the world wide web, whether it was featured on their respective restaurants' websites, social media accounts and ads; through their own online presence; or in connection with Bakers Against Racism. Starting June 15, the virtual pre-sale for Bakers Against Racism had participants buzzing around their kitchens to organize pre-orders of their food as well as extras to sell at the collective sale. By the day of the collective sale, many of the

participants had already sold an astounding number of goods.

Sheehan, a cookbook writer and recipe developer from Sharon, remarked with pride her success in having sold out orders of her olive oil poundcake, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate zucchini bread and chocolate walnut marshmallow fudge.

"It feels important and amazing to be able to contribute in some tiny way, doing what it is I do, so I'm grateful for the opportunity to do something like this," Sheehan said.

"Basically, it's a way for us as restaurant hospitality people to show support in ways we know how," said Erika DaSilva from The Lantern as she sold The Lantern's house-made pizza dough for customers to take home along with orders of savory scones.

"It was great to get Troutbeck involved in such an incredible fundraiser for such a wonderful, international movement," said Victoria Hood from Troutbeck as she helped Yotive sell everything bagels and mini chocolate babkas.

The bake sale drew a steady stream of customers throughout the afternoon. All while respecting social distancing rules, customers eyed an enticing assortment of goods on display, from scones, bagels, blondies and bakka to strawberry shortcake, ginger molasses cookies and Armenian spice walnut cake, knowing their



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

**All the way from New York City, twins Kei and Owen Bernstein, 10, took home a bag of homemade goods after visiting the Bakers Against Racism bake sale held at The Lantern in Wassauc.**

purchases would contribute to a worthy cause. Seven months into her pregnancy, Pawling resident Agatha Jordan said she's been unable to go to BLM protests. However, by supporting Bakers Against Racism, she could show her support for radical change.

"It's really encouraging," Jordan said as she watched customers buy baked goods, "and it's a great way for me to participate."

Bringing their goodies to the shade of neighboring trees, a small impromptu picnic formed across the street from The Lantern as neighbors and friends sat togeth-

er to savor their treats with other like-minded individuals, pleased to support an evolving cause geared toward lasting change. The sale raised \$3,500; Sheehan, meanwhile raised \$1,000 on her own from her baked goods, specifically for the NAACP.



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## A Black Artist Captures Pre-Civil Rights Life in Leather Tapestries

James Barron Art in Kent, Conn., has long been a gallery that appreciates and promotes the work of contemporary Black American artists.

A show that opened June 12 and remains up until mid July features work by Winfred Rembert, an artist who creates tableaux in leather, using a skill he acquired while in prison following his arrest during a civil rights demonstration.

Rembert, whose life has been featured in two documentary films, was born in 1945 in rural Georgia. He survived the kinds of struggles often depicted in films about the American South in those years: poverty, racism, a broken family, jail time. He escaped from prison and then was almost lynched, but somehow escaped from that as well.

At the age of 52, he began to use the skills he learned in prison to make tapestries in leather that evoked childhood memories as well as his time in prison working on a chain gang. James Barron credits

Troutbeck in Amenia for bringing Rembert to his attention. In his press release announcing the show, he also thanks the inn for "their continued commitment to the Black community. Troutbeck's original owners, Joel and Amy Spingarn, were active in the Civil Rights movement from the early 1900s. They twice hosted critical meetings of the NAACP at Troutbeck, in 1916 and 1933, as well as established the Spingarn Medal, the NAACP's highest honor.

"James Barron Art stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and the Black community," the release also says. "We will donate a portion of proceeds from the sale of these works to Southern Poverty Law Center, an organization we have supported for many years."

The show remains open in the lower gallery at James Barron Art until July 12 and can be seen by appointment only. For more information or to make an appointment, email [info@jamesbarronart.com](mailto:info@jamesbarronart.com).



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Tapestries made in leather, including "Sunshine Rows," above, are the focus of a show at James Barron Art in Kent, Conn., featuring work by Winfred Rembert.

### DINNERSTEIN PLAYS GLASS AND SCHUBERT ON JUNE 28

Live From Music Mountain presents pianist Simone Dinnerstein at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, at [www.musicmountain.org](http://www.musicmountain.org), on YouTube and on Facebook Live.

Dinnerstein will perform an étude by Philip Glass, as well as Schubert's Piano Sonata in B-flat Major, D.960 (first movement), followed by a question and answer period hosted by Music Mountain Artistic Director Oskar Espina-Ruiz. Questions can be submitted by the audience in advance and in real time (send questions to [info@musicmountain.org](mailto:info@musicmountain.org)).



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Michael Berkeley is now musical director of the Performing Arts department at the Marvelwood School in Kent.

### THEATER: DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS Marvelwood Taps Berkeley as Musical Director

Michael Berkeley has joined the faculty of the Marvelwood School in Kent, Conn., as musical director of the Performing Arts department.

A theater veteran and a beloved theater teacher/director/musical director, Berkeley has an unflappable attitude as well as a depth of experience and ability to connect with students. It was all those qualities combined that landed him his new position, according to Marvelwood Head of School Blythe Everett, a theater veteran herself.

"I am both personally and professionally thrilled that Michael has joined our faculty," she said.

Everett recalled first meeting Berkeley back in 2000 at TriArts Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., where he worked with both of her children on several Youth Theatre summer productions.

"He was engaging and encouraging, and nurtured their interest in musical theater with genuine enthusiasm," she said. "Marvelwood seized the opportunity to reach out to Michael this spring to invite him to augment our online music instruction, and we have been genuinely impressed by his immediate connection with our students and his dedication to expanding his repertoire to include high school teaching."

In addition to teaching musical performance, beginner and intermediate piano, studio voice, songwriting and music theory, Berkeley, who spent many years as an Equity actor on stages

across the country, will be leading musical groups, including choir and various ensembles.

Prior to coming to Marvelwood, Berkeley helped establish in 2004 the musical theater program at Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village, Conn. He has directed/musical directed the school's annual musicals since then.

Over the years, he said, he has established a close connection with that program and its students and faculty, and he plans to continue to contribute his talents in the future.

"I'm not going to leave them in the lurch," he promised.

Ditto for his long-time association with the Sharon Playhouse, where Berkeley had served as director/musical director for more than 30 shows, and as its artistic director for many years. He said he plans to continue producing the popular Divas shows at the Playhouse.

While the full production of Divas planned for the 2020 season has been moved to 2012 due to the coronavirus, plans are underway to produce a "smaller version" of the popular show later this summer, he said.

Meanwhile, Berkeley said he is looking forward to fall and the start of a new academic year at Marvelwood. Despite having been hired there last month, he has yet to meet with students and his peers in person.

Recognized as a "Huffington Post Greatest Person of the Day" for his work with students, Berkeley is beloved in the region for his extra efforts to reach out to any student interested in theater, and finding his or her strength.

It will of course be a challenge to do that via Zoom. But the unflappable Berkeley said the experience so far, though challenging, is making him a better teacher.

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