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**Lewisboro**

## Town tensions boil over

By JESSICA LEIBMAN

Outspoken community members flooded Monday's town board meeting with two main agenda items on their minds: proposed cell towers and the town's plans for addressing racial injustice.

Residents who came to speak on these two topics repeatedly clashed throughout the meeting. Tensions boiled over as community members and town board members interrupted each other and the meeting turned chaotic.

Over 70 participants joined the meeting, and many spoke during the public comment portion of the agenda, which ran over an hour.

Among them was Katonah-Lewisboro Board of Education trustee and Lewisboro resident, Terrence Cheng. Stating his support for the town's police force, he said he was troubled by multiple signs placed in front of the Lewisboro police station. Two said "Support Our Police," and one had a thin blue line resembling the Blue Lives Matter flag.

"At a time when the nation and the world are dealing with the strife of racial and social injustice and inequality, these signs are very concerning," Mr. Cheng said.

Town Supervisor Peter Parsons said the signs were put up by unknown third parties. As such, he explained that the police were hesitant to take down the signs, but noted they are no longer there.

Catherine Foley, a 1996 graduate of John Jay High School who grew

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JIM MACLEAN PHOTO

John Jay senior Isabella Giner takes a selfie with classmates at Tuesday's ceremony.

## Drive-in graduations are ones for the school record books

The parking lot of Jefferson Valley Mall in Yorktown Heights was filled on Tuesday with families packed into their cars with the air conditioning and radios cranked all the way up.

Welcome to the Class of 2020 graduation, drive-in style.

The unusual setting and format of the John Jay and Fox Lane ceremonies reflected the safety measures district officials were forced to take in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Here is an overview of the ceremonies at both high schools. More detailed coverage will appear in the special graduation section of The Record-Review's July 3 issue.

**John Jay**

As vehicles filed in, volunteers handed out roses to the graduates and a tribute video to the John Jay High School class of 2020 played on the large screen, resembling an outdoor movie theater. Promptly at 1:30 p.m., the sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance" echoed throughout the parking lot as each family listened through their radios.

John Jay High School valedictorian Jessica Leff sang the national anthem before Principal Steven Siciliano gave welcoming remarks. He encouraged families to honk their

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— JOHN JAY CLASS OF 2020 CO-PRESIDENT SEBASTIAN DEGENHARDT

horns to mimic claps, and asked everyone to remain in their cars until the tassel flip at the end of the ceremony, signifying the students' official status as John Jay graduates.

Each speaker's remarks were shortened to four minutes for the live ceremony and the extended version of the speeches were presented in the virtual graduation ceremony posted on John Jay High School's website.

The voices of class presidents Charlie Oestreicher and Sebastian Degenhardt came through the radio next. "Today, our chaotic, unprecedented and memorable journey comes to an official close," Mr. Degenhardt said. The class presidents went on to present the Key of Knowledge to the class of 2021. They finished their remarks on a hopeful and encouraging note for the class of 2020.

"Our high school experience occurred amidst pandemics, gun vio-

lence, racial and political turmoil and environmental issues, yet we are emerging as a thriving, capable and ambitious class with so much to offer the world," Mr. Degenhardt said. "We are the class that will be remembered for the incredible resilience that we displayed, not for the obstacles we faced."

Mr. Siciliano introduced salutatorian Sydney Aronson. Ms. Aronson spoke about how she and her classmates have been imagining their high school graduation with certainty all of their lives. "I think it is safe to say that we, the class of 2020, had a pretty unique ending to our grand high school experience," Ms. Aronson said.

Valedictorian Jessica Leff highlighted a few positives of the graduates' unique situation, like how "corona-cation" allowed her to explore new things, like watching the TV show, "Grey's Anatomy." She

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## Bedford is blessed with a rare and iconic rose bush — twice

By JEFF MORRIS

What is the connection between an exquisite variety of rose, a Nashville icon, a daughter's love, a huge crossover hit recorded 50 years ago and Bedford?

If you know the answer, please step to the head of the class. If not, sit back and enjoy this story of an unlikely coincidence that places Bedford at the center of the rose world —and the country music world.

In 1970, up-and-coming country singer Lynn Anderson became enamored with a song originally written by singer/songwriter Joe South in 1967. It had been a minor hit for a couple of other artists, but Ms. Anderson saw real potential in "Rose Garden," which is often called "I Never Promised You A Rose Garden."

Ms. Anderson had been signed by Columbia Records after a well-received appearance on "The Lawrence Welk Show." She and her producer — who also happened to be her husband, Joe Sutton — had moved to Nashville, Tennessee, and were looking for country-pop material to record. She kept bringing him "Rose Garden," but he kept rejecting it because it was written from a man's point of view. Mr. Sutton finally relented to his wife's insistence, and the song was recorded. But it



PHOTO COURTESY OF JILL BROOKE

Jill Brooke next to the limited edition Lynn Anderson rose she received as a gift from the late singer's daughter.

was never intended to be a single.

Columbia Records then-president Clive Davis —who now lives in Bedford — happened to be in Nashville at the time, attending a disc jockey convention, according to a 2006 account. He spent some time with Mr. Sutton while he was mixing "Rose Garden," heard the song, and said, "That's her next single. Get that

mixed. That's great, that's a smash."

As he so often was, Mr. Davis was right. The song was officially released as a single in October 1970. It peaked at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot Country Singles chart, spending five weeks at the top of the survey between 1970 and 1971. It also crossed over, becoming a major

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## Burdick leads in early Assembly race results

By JEFF MORRIS

Bedford Town Supervisor Chris Burdick has a narrow lead in preliminary, partial results from Tuesday's Democratic Primary for the party's nomination for state Assembly in the 93rd District.

According to Westchester County Board of Elections totals, Mr. Burdick had 1,421 votes, or 32%, to 1,291 votes, or 29%, for Kristen Browde. Among the remaining candidates, Jeremiah Frei-Pearson had 935 votes, or 21%; Alex Roithmayr had 427, or 10%; and Mark Jaffe had 307, or 7%.

Those amounts did not include ballots cast during a week of early voting. When added in, the total for Mr. Burdick is 1,834; Ms. Browde, 1,646; Mr. Frei-Pearson, 1,295; Mr. Roithmayr, 511; and Mr. Jaffe, 395. Percentages with early voting included remain essentially the same.

A much bigger shift is possible when absentee ballots are finally included. However, they will not be counted until

July 2-3. June 23 was the last day those ballots could be postmarked. The final day by which they must be received at the Board of Elections is June 30.

Board of Elections Data showed it mailed out 13,254 absentee ballots in the 93rd Assembly District, and as of Wednesday, 7,003 had been returned. This means the total number of in-person votes already counted, 5,681, pales in comparison to the number of mail-in votes still to be counted.

Many voters preferred to participate in the primary by mail-in absentee ballot due to the coronavirus. Tuesday's primary was held two months later than planned also due to the health crisis.

Asked to comment, Mr. Burdick said, "Unfortunately we will not know the outcome of this race for several weeks. An enormous amount of absentee ballots has been cast, and counting likely will not begin until early July. That said, we did come out of Election Day

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*'The race is finishing just as we expected — it's close, and we wo't know until the last absentee ballots are counted.'*

— KRISTEN BROWDE, CANDIDATE FOR 93RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

**KLSD**

## Alumni press BOE on anti-racism steps

By JESSICA LEIBMAN

During the Katonah-Lewisboro School District Board of Education meeting held June 18, the board heard extensive comments on the push for anti-racism curriculum from nine John Jay High School alumni as well as others in the KLSD community.

Prior to the readings of the community's submissions in the public forum portion of the meeting, several board members spoke on the topic.

Trustee Terrence Cheng initiated the conversation, voicing support for the June 12 statement from the district superintendent and board supporting Black Lives Matter and actions to address racial inequities.

Mr. Cheng said it was important for the board to call out the names George

Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and Rayshard Brooks, Black Americans who died at the hands of police. "These names have to be spoken loud and it's important to say the words 'black lives matter' out loud," Mr. Cheng said.

Trustee Elizabeth Geregthy thanked the students and alumni who wrote the letter calling for action from the school's administration and board of education, which she called thought provoking and eloquent.

Superintendent of Schools Andrew Selesnick said he shared the letter

with the Katonah-Lewisboro's faculty and staff. "It called on us to be better and we know we must do better," Mr. Selesnick said. Mr. Selesnick described current initiatives KLSD has

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*'This is our opportunity to really listen to you and to reflect on your thoughts.'*

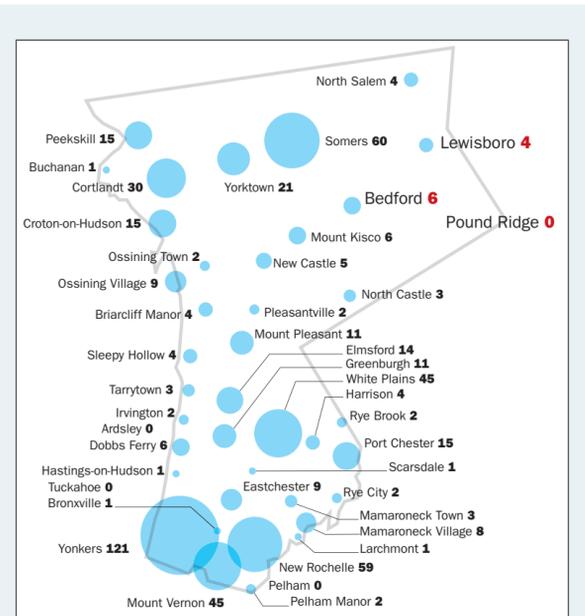
— KLSD BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT MARJORIE SCHIFF

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### COVID caseload remains low

Westchester County reported 10 total active COVID-19 cases in the towns of Bedford, Lewisboro and Pound Ridge as of Wednesday. Bedford had six cases, down from seven the week before; Lewisboro, four cases, down from five; and Pound Ridge, zero cases, down from one.

## Community Resource Guide

### Friday, June 26

**HISTORIC LANDSCAPE TOUR** — 10 a.m., guided tour at John Jay Homestead; register, johnjayhomestead.org.

**MUSICAL MUNCHKINS ON ZOOM** — 10:30 a.m., Pound Ridge Library Zoom program for kids 6 months to 6 years old; register, info@poundridgelibrary.org.

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** — 11 a.m., Katonah Village Library's Zoom program with Ms. Jill for children 3 to 5; register, cuccellani@wlsmail.org.

**ALL-AGE STORIES** — 11:30 a.m., Pound Ridge Library program; register, aramsay@wlsmail.org.

**FORAGING WITH FLOURNOY** — noon to 12:45 p.m., join naturalist Heather Flournoy for Katonah Village Library program featuring virtual walk to explore natural area; register, hflournoy@wlsmail.org.

**MODIFIED YOGA** — 3 p.m., Pound Ridge Library presents Zoom yoga with teacher Sharron Cohen; register, shalee48@aol.com.

**ARTS & CRAFTS** — 3 to 3:30 p.m., Pound Ridge Library kids' Zoom program, "Create Your Own Beel!"; register, aramsay@wlsmail.org.

**NOCTURNAL ANIMALS** — 3:30 p.m., Pound Ridge Library Zoom program with Stamford Museum & Nature Center features members of the animal kingdom's "night crew"; register, info@poundridgelibrary.org.

**BOREDOM BUSTERS** — 3:30 p.m., weekly fun via Facebook Live with Lewisboro Library's Miss Anna; 875-9004, lewisborolib.org.

**DOODLERS ONLINE** — 3:30 p.m., Katonah Village Library Zoom program for kids; register, mrobin@wlsmail.org.

**CHAOS UNIVERSITY** — 7 p.m., Pound Ridge Library teen Zoom program; register, info@poundridgelibrary.org.

**DRIVE-IN MOVIE** — entry opens 8 p.m., movie, "The Lion King," begins 9 p.m.; Bedford Village Memorial Park, Greenwich Road; preregistration required, bedfordny.gov.

### Saturday, June 27

**FARM MARKET** — 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., advance registration required for 30-minute shopping slot; John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St., Katonah; johnjayhomestead.org.

**DRAGONS: RETURN OF THE ICE SORCERESS** — 11 a.m., Katonah Village Library's virtual science

and story event kicks off summer reading program for kids; register, 232-3508, cuccellani@wlsmail.org.

**ALL-AGE STORIES** — 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Pound Ridge Library program; register, aramsay@wlsmail.org.

**OPEN MIC ONLINE** — 4 p.m., weekly Katonah Village Library program for all ages; email mrobin@wlsmail.org to get on list.

### Sunday, June 28

**FARMERS MARKET** — 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., rain or shine, registration required; Muscote Farm, Route 100, Somers; parkswestchester.com, 864-7283.

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS** — 11 a.m., weekly Katonah Village Library Zoom fun for young adults; to join waitlist for virtual table seat, email mrobin@wlsmail.org.

**MAGIC: THE GATHERING ONLINE** — 2 p.m., Katonah Village Library Zoom meetup, grades 5 to 12 only; email mrobin@wlsmail.org to register.

**TEEN MAGIC: THE GATHERING ONLINE** — 2 p.m., Katonah Village Library Zoom meetup, grades 8 to 12 only; email mrobin@wlsmail.org to register.

### Monday, June 29

**VIRTUAL FAMILY STORYTIME** — 10:30 a.m., Lewisboro Library offering via Facebook Live; 875-9004, lewisborolib.org.

**MYSTERY & SUSPENSE WRITERS WORKSHOP** — 4 p.m., Katonah Village Library Zoom workshop with Richard Finn; email mrobin@wlsmail.org to register.

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING KICKOFF** — 4 p.m., Katonah Village Library's Miss Anna explains summer reading program via Facebook Live; katonahlibrary.org.

**PASS THE GAVEL DEBATE CAMP** — 4 p.m., Katonah Village Library program for children in grades 5 to 8 only; register, mrobin@wlsmail.org, 232-3508, ext. 6.

**VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING KICKOFF** — 4 p.m., for all ages and their families, via Lewisboro Library's Facebook Live; lewisborolib.org.

**MAGIC: THE GATHERING ONLINE** — 6:30 p.m., Katonah Village Library Zoom meetup, grades 5 to 12 only; email mrobin@wlsmail.org to register.

**LET'S TALK MENTAL WELL-**



**A new virtual discussion series, CrossTalk 2.0, will kick off Tuesday, June 30, at 6 p.m., with historian Kenneth Jackson and podcaster Avery Trufelman speaking about "Reimagining." A \$5 minimum donation benefits the Community Center of Northern Westchester. For details, visit communitycenter.nw.org/crosstalk-20.**

**NESS** — 7:30 p.m., Bedford Playhouse Zoom event with Andrew J. Gerber, M.D., Ph.D., president/medical director of Silver Hill Hospital; register, bedfordplayhouse.org.

### Tuesday, June 30

**INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION** — 10 to 11 a.m., Katonah Village Library Zoom workshop led by Gina Sharpe; register, katinfo@wlsmail.org.

**MUSICAL MUNCHKINS ON ZOOM** — 10:30 a.m., Pound Ridge Library Zoom program for kids 6 months to 6 years old; register, info@poundridgelibrary.org.

**ALL-AGE STORIES** — 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Pound Ridge Library program; register, aramsay@wlsmail.org.

**VIRTUAL "HARRY POTTER" READALONG** — 3 p.m., Lewisboro Library program via Facebook Live; 875-9004.

**MODIFIED YOGA** — 3 p.m., Pound Ridge Library presents Zoom yoga with teacher Sharron Cohen; register, shalee48@aol.com.

**PASS THE GAVEL DEBATE CAMP** — 4 p.m., Katonah Village Library program for children in grades five to eight only; register, mrobin@wlsmail.org, 232-3508, ext. 6.

**PAJAMA STORY HOUR THROUGH ZOOM** — 7 p.m., bedtime fun for PJ-wearing kids 2 to 5; register, aramsay@wlsmail.org.



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### Wednesday, July 1

**CHAIR YOGA WITH TONI RUSSO** — 10 a.m., virtual Katonah Village Library program; register, katinfo@wlsmail.org.

**HISTORIC LANDSCAPE TOUR** — 10 a.m., guided tour at John Jay Homestead; register, johnjayhomestead.org.

**VIRTUAL FAMILY STORYTIME** — 10:30 a.m., Lewisboro Library offering via Facebook Live; 875-9004, lewisborolib.org.

**MOTHER GOOSE** — 11 a.m., Katonah Village Library Zoom program for children 18 to 36 months; register, cuccellani@wlsmail.org.

**ALL-AGE STORIES** — 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Pound Ridge Library program; register, aramsay@wlsmail.org.

**MAGIC: THE GATHERING ONLINE** — 2 p.m., Katonah Village Library Zoom meetup, grades five to 12 only; email mrobin@wlsmail.org to register.

**TAI CHI** — 3 p.m., Suzanne Vining leads Pound Ridge Library Zoom program; register, info@poundridgelibrary.org.

### Thursday, July 2

**HISTORIC LANDSCAPE TOUR** — 10 a.m., guided tour at John Jay Homestead; register, johnjayhomestead.org.

**ZOOM STORIES, SONGS & SURPRISES** — 11:15 to 11:45 a.m., Bed-

ford Free Library presents weekly themed-story time with Mrs. Crummy; bedfordfreelibrary.org.

**ALL-AGE STORIES** — 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Pound Ridge Library program; register, ramsay@wlsmail.org.

**GOOD TO GOLD** — 11:30 a.m., Pound Ridge Library Zoom fitness program for seniors; email suzanne@modatraining.com to register and receive details.

**CONNECTING TO COLLECTIONS VIRTUALLY** — noon, "Family Ties," join John Jay Homestead staff for guided exploration of collection on Instagram

**VIRTUAL "HARRY POTTER" READALONG** — 3 p.m., Lewisboro Library program via Facebook Live; 875-9004.

**MINDFUL MEDITATION** — 6:45 p.m., Deidre Breen brings mindfulness via Pound Ridge Library Zoom program; register, thedoshacoach@gmail.com.

**CARAMOOR LIVESTREAM** — 7 p.m., with pianist Inon Barnatan; register, purchase tickets, Caramoor.org.

### Friday, July 3

**HISTORIC LANDSCAPE TOUR** — 10 a.m., guided tour at John Jay Homestead; register, johnjayhomestead.org.

**MUSIC WITH MR. ALAN** — 10:30 a.m., Pound Ridge Library Zoom program for kids 6 months to 6 years old; register, info@poundridgelibrary.org.

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME** — 11 a.m., Katonah Village Library's Zoom program with Ms. Jill for children 3 to 5; register, cuccellani@wlsmail.org.

**ALL-AGE STORIES** — 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Pound Ridge Library program; register, aramsay@wlsmail.org.

**FORAGING WITH FLOURNOY** — noon to 12:45 p.m., join naturalist Heather Flournoy for Katonah Village Library program featuring virtual walk to explore natural area; register, hflournoy@wlsmail.org.

**PLAY DAYS @ JAY (@ HOME)** — 1 p.m., join Homestead staff from home for "Mini Tour of John Jay's Office"; johnjayhomestead.org.

**MODIFIED YOGA** — 3 p.m., Pound Ridge Library presents Zoom yoga with teacher Sharron Cohen; register, shalee48@aol.com.

**ARTS & CRAFTS** — 3 to 3:30 p.m., Pound Ridge Library kids' Zoom program, July 4th Craft; register, aramsay@wlsmail.org.

**DOODLERS ONLINE** — 3:30

p.m., Katonah Village Library Zoom program for kids; register, mrobin@wlsmail.org.

**PASS THE GAVEL DEBATE CAMP** — 4 p.m., Katonah Village Library program for children in grades 5 to 8 only; register, mrobin@wlsmail.org, 232-3508, ext. 6.

### Saturday, July 4

**FARM MARKET** — 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., advance registration required for 30-minute shopping slot; John Jay Homestead, 400 Jay St., Katonah; johnjayhomestead.org.

**ALL-AGE STORIES** — 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Pound Ridge Library program; register, aramsay@wlsmail.org.

### Sunday, July 5

**FARMERS MARKET** — 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., rain or shine, registration required; Muscote Farm, Route 100, Somers; parkswestchester.com, 864-7283.

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS** — 11 a.m., weekly Katonah Village Library Zoom fun for young adults; to join waitlist for virtual table seat, email mrobin@wlsmail.org.

**MAGIC: THE GATHERING ONLINE** — 2 p.m., Katonah Village Library Zoom meetup, grades 5 to 12 only; email mrobin@wlsmail.org to register.

### Monday, July 6

**VIRTUAL FAMILY STORYTIME** — 10:30 a.m., Lewisboro Library offering via Facebook Live; 875-9004, lewisborolib.org.

**VIRTUAL MYTHICAL MONDAY: GANESHA'S SWEET TOOTH** — 4 p.m., Lewisboro Library's Facebook Live family program for kids of all ages; lewisborolib.org.

### Tuesday, July 7

**MUSICAL MUNCHKINS ON ZOOM** — 10:30 a.m., Pound Ridge Library Zoom program for kids 6 months to 6 years old; register, info@poundridgelibrary.org.

**ALL-AGE STORIES** — 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Pound Ridge Library program; register, aramsay@wlsmail.org.

**VIRTUAL "HARRY POTTER" READALONG** — 3 p.m., Lewisboro Library program via Facebook Live; 875-9004.

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## The Most Common Sexually Transmitted Disease: HPV

What you need to know about keeping yourself and your children safe

### Ask the Doctor

**Dr. Adina Keller**

Associate Chief,

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Northern Westchester Hospital

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#### Q: What is the human papilloma virus (HPV)?

**A:** HPV is a sexually transmitted virus. There are approximately 150 strains of the virus and nearly 40 affect the genital area. Most HPV infections are asymptomatic, which means that you may never know you were exposed. The majority of HPV strains do not cause any issues and will eventually go away on their own. Some strains, however, can cause genital warts, cervical cancer, anal cancer and other cancers, including head and neck cancers.

#### Q: Who is at risk?

**A:** Studies have shown that almost everyone gets exposed to HPV at some point in their lives. Some studies have shown that up to 90% of college-aged men women have been exposed to HPV. If you're dating someone and they say they've been "tested," please know that men cannot be tested for HPV. The virus hides from our immune systems, so it will not show up on a blood test. Women can be tested for HPV by getting a pap smear, but there's no test for men.

#### Q: What's the best defense against HPV?

**A:** Condoms are the best defense against HPV, but even with condom use, the virus can still be transmitted to others. There is no cure for HPV, only prevention. That's why it's so important for both boys and girls to get vaccinated. Vaccines against HPV have sharply reduced infections in men and women and will likely cause major drops in HPV-related cancers. Parents should discuss the optimal time for the vaccine with their pediatrician. Some may decide to delay the vaccine until the middle teen years.

**Men and women, up to age 45, can get the HPV vaccine.** The CDC recommendation now includes men and women up to age 45 — especially if they are dating, widowed or have a new partner. If you're interested in a vaccine, speak with your doctor.

#### Q: Does my child really need this?

**A:** The answer is yes. You're providing your children with something that will prevent cancer down the road. So, if anybody has any concerns that they're not doing right by their child, think again. We have to assume that our children will become sexually active as they get older, therefore they need to be vaccinated. The HPV vaccine has already been shown to markedly reduce the incidence of HPV infections in young adults.

### Quick Facts about HPV:

1. HPV is caused by skin-to-skin sexual contact.
2. HPV can be passed even when an infected person has no signs or symptoms.
3. 90% of college-aged men and women are exposed to HPV.
4. Men cannot be tested for HPV.
5. There is no cure for HPV, only prevention
6. The HPV vaccine is lifesaving.

### Did you know?

The CDC recommendation for the HPV vaccine now includes men and women up to age 45 — especially if they are dating, widowed or have a new partner.



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## Police Report

### Bedford

#### Two men are caught stealing cooking oil

While on patrol Friday, June 19, Bedford Police saw two men in a van siphoning cooking oil out of a receptacle behind J&M Deli on Bedford Road in Bedford Hills. William Aviles, 24, and Yonathan Sanchez, 27, both of the Bronx, were arrested on the scene at 4:40 a.m. They were charged with petty larceny.

During processing, it was learned Mr. Sanchez was driving with a suspended license; police report he had 14 suspensions on six separate dates. The van was impounded and both men were released on their own recognizance.

They return to court Aug. 5.

#### Monday, June 15

1:11 p.m. — A parked car rolled backwards on Katonah Avenue, jumping the curb and striking the tent railing and support rail of the outdoor seating area at the Blue Dolphin restaurant. The owner of the car told police she was having brake problems. No injuries were reported.

4:22 p.m. — Police responded to the Katonah post office for a report of a missing man. Outside the post office, they spoke with an elderly woman, who said she came to the post office at noon with her husband to mail a package. She went into the post office while her husband stayed in the parked car. Upon exiting, her husband was gone. Police searched the area and found the vehicle parked on Katonah Avenue about a quarter of a mile away. The husband said it was the closest parking spot he could find to the post office. The man drove his car behind police who guided him back to his wife. The two were reunited and returned safely to their home in Connecticut.

8:59 p.m. — A 77-year-old resident of Old Aspetong Road in Bedford said she slipped and fell in her home. She was transported by Bedford Fire Department to Northern Westchester Hospital for treatment of a cut on her head.

#### Tuesday, June 16

12:59 p.m. — A car struck a car parked on Bedford Road in Katonah. No injuries were reported.

3:54 p.m. — Police responded to a home on Meadow Lark Lane in Katonah when a mom reported her 9-year-old daughter was missing. When police arrived, the mother was out looking for the child. Police entered the home and located the child in a sleeping loft in an upstairs bedroom. Police said the child was playing a hiding game and there was no issue.

#### Wednesday, June 17

8:24 a.m. — A 40-year-old female resident of Babbitt Road in Bedford Hills told police she was the victim of a scam involving gift cards. She said after a package she ordered from Amazon did not arrive, she was contacted by a person whom she now believes was pretending to work for the company. She followed the person's instructions to buy \$500 of gift cards and text the card numbers to an unrecognized phone number. A few days later, she realized she was scammed.

1:42 p.m. — A White Plains wom

### Rescue units aid teen injured at reservoir

On Friday, June 19, at 2:06 p.m., a 16-year-old girl from Croton-on-Hudson suffered non-life-threatening injuries to her head and ribs from a fall off a rope swing at the Muscoot Reservoir near Croton Lake Road in Katonah.

The incident occurred along the reservoir shoreline, about a half mile into the woods from Croton Lake Road, according to Bedford Police.

First responders located the girl on a rock ledge, in alert condition. Westchester EMS, Katonah Fire Department and Bedford Police arrived on the scene, along with the Bedford Hills Fire Department



BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT PHOTO

**A UTV transports the teen from the shoreline of Muscoot Reservoir following the June 18 accident.**

and the Goldens Bridge Fire Department. The GBFD dispatched a marine rescue boat, launching it from the shore at Cherry Street and Route 35.

The teen was treated and placed on a backboard for transport aboard to the main road on a utility terrain vehicle operated by Detective Larry Haynes of the Bedford Police.

From there she was transported to Westchester County Medical Center by Katonah Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps for further treatment of her injuries, which included lacerations and bruises.

an told police while shopping in ShopRite on Bedford Road in Bedford Hills, she left her handbag in the car, taking into the store only her wallet. When she returned home and was unloading her groceries, she realized her handbag was missing. There was no evidence her car was entered in her absence and cash left in the console was still there. A report was made for documentation purposes.

#### Thursday, June 18

8:40 a.m. — A head-on collision took place on Cantioe Road in Katonah when a car traveling north drifted into the opposite lane and struck a tractor-trailer traveling south. The car's driver was transported to Westchester Medical Center by Bedford Fire Department for evaluation.

9:25 p.m. — A report of smoke in a home on Hook Road in Bedford turned out to be a bird's nest in a light fixture. Bedford Fire Department was on scene. No fire was reported.

9:51 p.m. — Police responded to a report of an intoxicated man on a bench on Main Street in Bedford Hills. The man was awake but lethargic and in the company of a Bedford Hills firefighter when police arrived. The man smelled strongly of alcohol and was unable to provide basic information, police said. He was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital by Katonah Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

#### Friday, June 19

9:56 p.m. — Police responded to a report of a combative driver in Commuter Lot 3 on Woods Bridge Road in Katonah. A medic with Westchester EMS told police he flashed his lights at an erratic driver on Interstate 684; the driver proceeded to follow him to Lot 3, where the EMS vehicle routinely parks. After a verbal altercation, the driver drove off. That car was located soon after in Somers, where New York State Police took over the case.

#### Saturday, June 20

4:05 p.m. — A young boy was reported running while wearing what was described as a "hospital gown" on Valley Road in Katonah. The child was located on Edgemont Road where he lives. Police spoke with his mother, who said she would keep a closer eye on him.

4:42 p.m. — A dog reported wandering on Guard Hill Road near Clinton Road in Bedford returned to its

home without police assistance.

6:17 p.m. — A man living at a home on Glenwood Lane in Katonah told police for the past month his ex-wife had failed to drop off their children at his home in accordance with their court-ordered custodial agreement. He was given options on how to proceed.

#### Sunday, June 21

1:57 p.m. — Police responded to a home on Church Street in Bedford Hills for a report of a possible argument. On arrival they spoke with the homeowners, who said their adult children had some friends over and maybe a game of beer pong became noisy. The party was over by the time police arrived. No further action was taken.

### Pound Ridge

#### Tuesday, June 16

12:01 a.m. — Police responded to an aided case involving a 53-year-old female complaining of a pounding heartbeat and high blood pressure due to not taking her medications. The subject was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital by Pound Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

5:15 a.m. — Police were dispatched for an aided case with a 78-year-old male who was complaining of dizziness. The patient was transported by Pound Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Corps to Northern Westchester Hospital.

7:18 a.m. — Officers were called to the home of a 79-year-old female who suffered arm and wrist dislocations from a fall. The patient's arm was splinted. She was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital by Pound Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

10:59 a.m. — Police arrived at the home of a 91-year-old male patient who had skin lacerations from a fall. The subject's wounds were bandaged. He was transported by Pound Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Corps to Northern Westchester Hospital.

#### Wednesday, June 17

11:00 a.m. — Officers responded to Spyrock Road following a report of a loose dog. The animal was successfully returned to its owner.

3:45 p.m. — A two-vehicle car accident occurred on Route 137. No injuries were reported and no tow was required.

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# Bedford



## Talk of the Town

By MICHAEL MILLIUS

People of Bedford, rejoice. Silver linings are rumbling in the wings (or whatever sounds silver linings make when they're about to emerge). People in our corner of the world have handled the COVID-19 challenge admirably according to statistics and regional officials, and there's every indication that friends, neighbors and businesses will continue to follow all necessary precautions to ensure the impediment of its spread. No slacking now. Still be vigilant, and, if we are to err, let it be on the side of caution. As Winston Churchill so eloquently stated when tide was finally turning for the Allies in World War II, "This is not the beginning of the end, it's the end of the beginning."

This past Tuesday, June 23, New York state's scheduled **Phase 3** of managing the reopening of the pandemic lockdowns went into effect. It allows dine-in restaurants (at 50% capacity, with distancing), food services, public hotels, personal care services (spas, massage therapy, etc.), low-risk youth sports and gatherings of up to 25 people. Outdoor, socially distant graduation ceremonies of up to 50 or fewer people will be permitted beginning June 26 (sorry, too late for our John Jay and Fox Lane grads). For more detailed information on what one should expect when venturing out to a restaurant, click visit the New York state website at [governor.ny.gov](http://governor.ny.gov).

If the virus has led to an epiphany for New York City resident apartment dwellers, it's that the excitement "of all the city has to offer" has totally lost its lure. I'm getting photos and scary stories from friends all over the city of blocks of storefronts totally covered in plywood. Folks are getting out of town, and, as a result, Westchester real estate offices have been buzzing of late with some rentals going sight unseen and potential renters morphing into buyers. Not surprisingly, **greater Bedford** is a place where there's a whole lot of looking, and buying, going on. This feeding frenzy has real estate agents reporting a major spike in the use of photographs and videos of virtual tours, virtual open houses and virtual presentations in moving inventory.

As we probably know, **Caramoor** remains closed to the public through June. Notwithstanding the cancellations of spring and summer programs, several concerts will be broadcast in livestream. **Inon Barnatan**, hailed by the New York Times as "one of the most admired pianists of his generation," will perform Thursday, July 2, at 7 p.m., in a program of Schubert's Sonata in A Major and Rachmaninoff Symphonic Dances, featuring a new premiere of his solo piano arrangement. On Sunday, July 12, at 3 p.m., the program will feature **DECODA**, a unique and dynamic chamber music collective based in New York City and affiliated with Carnegie Hall. The players of DECODA will present an interactive family event, taking listeners inside the mind of a composer and investigating how a composer's decisions affect the mood and the feeling of the music. "Learn compositional concepts while exploring music by Carl Nielsen, Erwin Schulhoff and Doug Balliett. By the end, you may even become composers for Decoda," said Caramoor representatives. Tickets are \$10 each for both of these performances and complimentary access for Caramoor members. Tickets go on sale five days before show.

For more information, visit [caramoor.org](http://caramoor.org). If you are a ticket buyer for any of the spring or summer performances that have been canceled, you can donate your ticket back to Caramoor and be issued a donation receipt for tax purposes. Or, you can exchange your ticket to receive a credit on your account for a future performance. You can also choose to receive a refund of the original purchase. Ticket donations for Summer Season events will go toward the Caramoor Artist Fund, created to compensate artists whose summer Caramoor performances were canceled and not able to be rescheduled. While the on-site box office is closed, their box office team is available via phone or email Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 232-1252 or [boxoffice@caramoor.org](mailto:boxoffice@caramoor.org) if you have any questions.

An interesting, not-to-be missed discussion series, **CrossTalk 2.0**, begins Tuesday, June 30. Organized by a committee of local individuals, the summer series will take up topics designed to address this complex, uncertain and unprecedented moment in history. It is a reincarnation of the original CrossTalk series co-produced by the Katonah Museum of Art and Katonah Village Library a decade ago. Each program features two local leaders, juxtaposed in unlikely and seemingly unrelated pairings but tackling the same theme. During each 30-minute Zoom program, the speakers will explore a topic, engage in conversation with each other, and field questions from viewers.

The series takes place Tuesdays from 6 to 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. It requires registration and a \$5 donation, with higher donations graciously accepted. All proceeds benefit the food pantry at the Community Center of Northern Westchester, with all speakers and organizers donating their time.

On June 30, historian Kenneth Jackson and podcaster Avery Trufelman will speak on "Reimagining." Future programs include July 7, with U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado (D-NY 18) and Rabbi Aaron Brusso on the topic of "Connectedness"; July 14, foreign policy strategist Farah Pandith and Jacob Burns Film Center program director Brian Ackerman on "Resilience"; July 21, artist Bisa Butler and holistic physician Michael Finkelstein on "Change"; and July 28, Westchester Community College president Belinda Miles and Columbia University's Earth Institute director Andy Revkin speaking about "Uncertainty." CrossTalk committee members include Ellen Calves, Allison Chernow, Michael Giltitz, Hans Hallundbaek, Mary Kane, Andrew Kuhn, Karen Sabath, Karin Shiel and Bart Tyler. For registration and more information, visit [communitycenternw.org/crosstalk-20](http://communitycenternw.org/crosstalk-20).

This is interesting: The Katonah Village Library program, **Foraging with Flournoy**, is a weekly interactive foraging session with naturalist Heather Flournoy, begins today, Friday, June 26, from noon to 12:45 p.m. Ms. Flournoy will explore natural areas and discuss medicinal, poisonous and interesting seasonal and local plants. To register and receive the Zoom invite, send name and email address to [hflournoy@wlsmail.org](mailto:hflournoy@wlsmail.org).

Also, the library's children's **summer reading program** kicks off tomorrow, Saturday, June 27, at 11 a.m., with "Dragons: Return of the Ice Sorceress," a Science Teller's Live virtual science and story. For children age 3 to 11.

For registration and more information, call 232-3508 or visit [katonahlibrary.org](http://katonahlibrary.org).

## Meetings

New York state has, through Executive Order 202.38 and 202.39, extended the period for public meetings and hearings to be held digitally.

The **Bedford Town Board and other town permitting boards** are holding meetings via videoconferencing. Agendas will be available online in advance of meetings at [bedfordny.gov](http://bedfordny.gov).

The public will have the opportunity to submit comments either before or during Town Board meetings via email to the Town Clerk at [ffmagalli@bedfordny.gov](mailto:ffmagalli@bedfordny.gov) or during meetings via Zoom. See details at [bedfordny.gov](http://bedfordny.gov) for email addresses for all permitting boards.

### Conservation Board

Thursday, July 9, 7:00 p.m.; information to come at [bedfordny.gov](http://bedfordny.gov).

### Town Board

Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.; information to come at [bedfordny.gov](http://bedfordny.gov).

### Historic Building

**Preservation Commission**  
Wednesday, July 15, 7:30 p.m.; information to come at [bedfordny.gov](http://bedfordny.gov).

Please confirm dates and times for meetings, as schedules sometimes change after press time.

**LOOSE CHANGE** DeCicco Family Markets in Katonah is now allowing shoppers to bring their own reusable shopping bags. Previously as part of its COVID-19 safety measures, the store permitted only single-use plastic bags.

## New senior rabbi will join temple

By JEFF MORRIS

Temple Shaaray Tefila in Bedford Corners is preparing to welcome its new senior rabbi on July 1.

Rabbi David Wilfond next week is scheduled to arrive from Israel, where he has held the position of rabbi in residence at the Abraham Geiger Rabbinical College's Jerusalem campus for 13 years.

He also held positions at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem as director of admissions, and at the Union for Reform Judaism as director of education for the North American Federation of Temple Youth in Israel.

"We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Wilfond to our community," said Karen Spiegel, president of Temple Shaaray Tefila. "Rabbi Wilfond will build on our strengths and expand our horizons through his recognized leadership, deep knowledge of Judaism, and innovative ideas."

Rabbi Wilfond will become the second senior rabbi in Temple Shaaray Tefila's 43-year history. The congregation's current senior rabbi, Rabbi David Greenberg, will become rabbi emeritus this summer, after serving in the role for 43 years.

"Rabbi Wilfond is a man of integrity, a man of kindness, and a man of significant Jewish learning," Rabbi Greenberg said. "He is going to lead this congregation in a positive, fulfilling direction."

The new rabbi brings a broad array of talents, experiences and achieve-

*'Rabbi Wilfond is a man of integrity, a man of kindness and a man of significant Jewish learning.'*

— RABBI DAVID GREENBERG  
OF TEMPLE SHAARAY TEFILA



Rabbi David Wilfond

ments that span four continents and include congregational leadership, teaching, and pastoral care positions, temple officials said.

A graduate of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Rabbinical Seminary, the University of Florida, and Rutgers University, Rabbi Wilfond has served as the rabbi for congregations in the city of Kiev in Ukraine, Wellesley, Massachusetts, and London, England.

Rabbi Wilfond grew up in Edison, New Jersey, where, at a young age, he taught Hebrew School, led the Junior Congregation, and served as the Temple youth group president. While a student at Rutgers University, he taught simultaneously at two Hebrew schools and was a founding member of the Rutgers Progressive Zionist Caucus. After earning a bachelor's degree with honors, Rabbi Wilfond received a full scholarship for a master's program at the Univer-

sity of Florida in Gainesville. While studying there, he received the Hillel award for Outstanding Jewish Leader in the State of Florida.

Rabbi Wilfond is married to Deborah Wilfond, a lawyer, yoga instructor and writer of a weekly blog called "Mindful Torah." In 2010, they moved to her native England, where he served as the associate rabbi at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in London. After their son Isaac was born, the Wilfonds returned to Jerusalem where David worked for seven years as the director of education for NFTY in Israel. In addition to Isaac, they have two other children, Eliora and Rafi, who were born in Jerusalem. The Wilfonds say they also have a Hebrew-speaking cat named Ruby.

Rabbi Wilfond said he looks for-

ward to being a part of the Temple Shaaray Tefila community.

Among his priorities as he begins his tenure are educational innovation, lifelong learning and inclusive programming, according to temple representatives.

"I am honored to be joining such a vibrant congregation characterized by a deep commitment to Jewish values and a powerful sense of community," Rabbi Wilfond said. He added, "I am excited to build upon the incredible legacy of Rabbi David Greenberg to create a congregation grounded in meaning, belonging, and Jewish values."

Temple Shaaray Tefila is a Reform synagogue that is described as having a traditional spirit. Founded in 1976, it is the largest synagogue in northern Westchester, serving more than 600 families.

Rabbi Wilfond's arrival is not the only change occurring at Temple Shaaray Tefila. Rabbi Jason Nevarez, who has served as a rabbi there for 17 years, is leaving. He has accepted the position of senior rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in San Diego, California.

As for Rabbi Wilfond, he has a particular attachment to the region that should make for an easy transition. "I was born and raised in New Jersey and am thrilled to be returning home closer to family and friends, the wonderful community of Westchester County, and the best bagels in the world," Rabbi Wilfond said.

## Chief Padilla joins police reform task force

Bedford Police Chief Mel Padilla has been appointed by Westchester County Executive George Latimer to the Westchester County Police Reform and Reinvention Task Force, the Town of Bedford announced Thursday.

The working group will bring together county and local police professionals, elected officials, victims of violence, members of the Human Rights Commission, members of the African American clergy, justice activists and others, "to review in detail all of the procedures and policies that are used at the County Police Academy to train

new police recruits and to provide in-service training for those already working in law enforcement," according to the announcement.

Mr. Latimer said in a statement, "We know that it is not enough to rally, it is not enough to express heartfelt anger and frustration — and it really isn't realistic for a white man to try to channel what is being felt in the African American community or any community of color. What is important for me to do, given my responsibilities, is to have an appropriate governmental response so that it is not just about the rally of the

moment, but it's about what we can do as a government to improve."

Chief Padilla began his career with the New York Police Department. He has been a member of the Bedford Police Department since 2002. In 2014, he was appointed department chief, becoming the first Hispanic to serve in such a position.

Chief Padilla "will be able to call on his varied personal and professional experiences and on his years of leadership to contribute to the vital mission of the task force," the town said in its announcement.

"I am honored to have been selected to participate in a dialogue for such an important and potentially transforming discussion," Chief Padilla said.

"As a chief of police with 20-plus years of service who also happens to be a minority, I believe I can contribute a unique perspective from both inside and outside of the profession," he said, adding, "I feel it is critical that current law enforcement professionals are involved in any transformative process, particularly when it pertains to police training, and I look forward to this opportunity."

## Bedford is blessed with iconic rose — twice

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hit on the Billboard Hot 100, as well as a top 10 hit on the Easy Listening Singles chart. It was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America, and also became a major hit worldwide, reaching the No. 1 spot in multiple countries.

That's how "Rose Garden" became Ms. Anderson's biggest hit and the signature song of her career.

In 1995, the song became the source for another hit, as a special rose was developed in Ms. Anderson's honor.

"Not since Aphrodite named the flower after her beloved son, Eros, has anyone been so associated with the rose," Bedford Hills resident Jill Brooke recently wrote on FlowerPowerDaily.com, the website she founded. She said the song is literally played at nearly every rose event.

Ms. Anderson's daughter, Lisa Sutton, who manages her mother's legacy and memorabilia, said her mother chose one of five different varieties presented to her for the honor.

"The chosen rose was creamy white with lively fuchsia pink accents that

*'Her daughter just wants those flowers to be treasured.'*

— JILL BROOKE, ON LIMITED NEW PROPAGATION OF THE LYNN ANDERSON ROSE

glistened like the rhinestones Anderson also loved," wrote Ms. Brooke.

The architects of the Lynn Anderson rose, she said, were Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower Inc., and hybridizer Joseph Winchel, who she described as "the biggest hitmakers in the floral industry." And with its release, the Lynn Anderson rose became an immediate hit across the country for exhibition, garden and cut flowers.

However, like all flowers, the rose faded; its popularity waned as thousands of other varieties were released each year. Ms. Anderson passed away in 2015, but her daughter was not about to allow her legacy to also fade.

Ms. Sutton decided to create a special Lynn Anderson Rose Garden in Nashville, where her mother was bur-

ied. The Lynn Anderson Rose Garden opened June 15, 2018 and has 114 tea hybrid roses created in her memory.

Ms. Sutton is happy that the Nashville rose garden continues to draw visitors and her mother's legacy continues. "I was born the day the song got released," she said. And with the 50th anniversary of the hit song around the corner, Ms. Sutton called Weeks, the wholesaler, and convinced them to propagate the rose again in limited edition for the garden, as well as for a shortlist of friends, family, and lucky rose lovers and fans.

One of the gifted Lynn Anderson roses now lives at America's Rose Garden, home of the American Rose Society, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Another went to country megastar Reba McEntire in

Nashville.

So, what is the Bedford connection? As you may have guessed, one of the rose bushes went to the Clive Davis home in Bedford. And another went to the home of Ms. Brooke, who is also editorial director of FlowerPowerDaily.com. Earlier in her career she was a CNN entertainment correspondent, and has had frequent contact with Mr. Davis over the years.

"I am also one of the lucky recipients," said Ms. Brooke, who plans to plant it in her Bedford Hills greenhouse.

"Whoever thought two of these rare rose bushes would end up in New York?" said Ms. Brooke, who described it as a bizarre coincidence that both wound up in Bedford.

"Her daughter just wants those flowers to be treasured," said Ms. Brooke, "and it's true, both Clive Davis and I will treasure these rose bushes."

As part of the 50th-anniversary celebrations, a special pink vinyl edition of "Rose Garden" is also being released. Said Ms. Brooke, "It is a song, like the rose itself, that never goes out of style."



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### A Katonah march for Juneteenth

On Friday, June 19, residents of nearby towns marched on Bedford Road for the **Katonah Defend Black Lives** event in honor of Juneteenth, a day that celebrates the emancipation of the last enslaved people in the United States. The event, which drew over 100 participants, was organized by John Jay High School rising seniors Amelia Walsh and Sophia Boubli. Marchers carried signs and shouted chants demanding justice for Black victims of police brutality, changes in police funding and greater investment in Black communities, among other issues.

## News Notes

### Arts Council for hamlets is launched

Bedford Town Supervisor Chris Burdick and members of the town board have announced their support of the birth of the Katonah-Bedford Village-Bedford Hills Arts Council. Under the direction of the Katonah Art Stroll, the council will serve as a hub for all the arts in the three Bedford hamlets.

The announcement also serves as a call to artists of every discipline who would like to participate in the development and re-envisioning of the community through the arts. The mission is to bring public art, events, performances, exhibits and community participation for all.

To learn more and to submit ideas, email [mindyannish@gmail.com](mailto:mindyannish@gmail.com).

### Internship at Mianus River Gorge Preserve

Last summer, two Westchester high school students began studying the pollinator assemblages at three

of the Mianus River Gorge Preserve's meadows in Bedford. The specimens collected were contributed to the Empire State Native Pollinator Survey, and the two students are hoping to be able to continue their project in the meadows this summer.

The abundance and diversity of the bees and other insect pollinators found at each meadow will help MRG determine if its restoration and management of those areas is providing habitat for the largest variety of species.

MRG's Wildlife Technician Program is a competitive internship offering high school students the opportunity to undertake a three-year research project in the natural sciences. The program was the first of its kind in the New York metropolitan area offering an extracurricular high school program in ecological research.

For more information, visit [mianus.org](http://mianus.org).

To learn more about attracting pollinators to one's backyard, call 234-3455 or email [info@mianus.org](mailto:info@mianus.org).

# An early lead for Burdick

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and early voting with a lead of a few percentage points, and we are feeling cautiously optimistic."

He also said in an email to supporters Wednesday, "I am particularly grateful to my Town of Bedford for coming out in such strong numbers, many of you waiting on line in the heat to vote for me."

Ms. Browde told The Record-Review, "The race is finishing just as we expected — it's close, and we won't know until the last absentee ballots are counted. I'm hopeful, and I congratulate Chris, Jeremiah, Alex and Mark on their efforts. I'm sure that whoever emerges victorious will represent our district well in Albany."

In the primary for the Democratic nomination for Westchester District Attorney, challenger Mimi Rocah had a large lead over incumbent Anthony Scarpino, with 20,837 votes, or 68%, to

Mr. Scarpino's 9,668, or 32%.

Ms. Rocah's campaign declared victory on Wednesday, but given the large number of absentee ballots, Mr. Scarpino said the race was not yet over.

Another race of local interest, though one without any direct impact on Bedford, Lewisboro or Pound Ridge, is in the 17th Congressional District, where it did not appear current 93rd District Assemblyman David Buchwald would be successful in his pursuit of the House seat being vacated by Rep. Nita Lowey.

Mr. Buchwald was in fourth place in the eight-way race, with 10% of the vote, behind Mondaire Jones at 49%; Evelyn Farkas at 14%; and Adam Schleifer at 12%.

Mr. Buchwald chose to give up his seat in the Assembly in order to run for Congress.

In the Democratic presidential primary, Joe Biden was leading the others

in a large field by a wide margin.

Turnout in the Democratic primary was a question mark due to the highly unusual circumstances surrounding the election. To complicate the picture, New York's Board of

Elections cancelled the presidential primary in late April, reasoning that the risk of spreading the coronavirus outweighed the importance of holding the contest since Mr. Biden had already sewn up the nomination. Weeks later, however, a federal district judge reinstated the presidential primary.

With nearly 12,700 votes already cast in the 93rd District, and many more likely to still come in via absentee ballot, the level of voter interest in the Democratic primary appears to have been high. There are approximately 38,700 registered Democrats in the district, according to state Board of Elections data, suggesting the final turnout could approach or even exceed 40%.

## Riders rule

Town officials are ready to welcome riders at the entrance to Reservoir Road in Katonah for a family-friendly bike event last Saturday. The road, along with Maple Avenue, was closed to traffic for the town-sponsored program. To space out activity on the roads and the parking areas, riders were encouraged to choose one of several time slots.

JIM MACLEAN PHOTO



## Obituaries

### Robert Holmes, 90, proprietor of water treatment business

Robert ("Bob") H. Holmes, a former business owner in Bedford Hills, died at his home in South Salem on June 15. He was 90.

He was born May 2, 1930, in Flushing, Queens, to the late Solveig and Robert Vincent Holmes.

Mr. Holmes served in the army and Air Force from 1947 to 1955, fighting in the Korean War.

He attended high school in Queens. Before serving in the military, he was a stock clerk at Saks Fifth Avenue department store in Manhattan. Following the war, he worked for Howard Holmes Volkswagen in Elmsford. He also worked for Servisoft Company, also in Elmsford. He was the proprietor of Water Treatment Services in Bedford Hills for many years and retired in 1996.

Mr. Holmes enjoyed playing hockey



Robert H. Holmes

in the 1980s and held the position of goalie on his team that practiced and competed at the Harvey School ice rink. He also enjoyed jazz, and had fond memories of seeing big bands perform in New York City in the late 1940s, according to his family. On his daily walks near his home

in South Salem, he liked to socialize with neighbors.

Mr. Holmes and his wife, Violet, were married for 64 years and lived in South Salem for 50 years.

She died May 23, 2020.

Survivors include a son, Robert Jr. (Nora) of Lakeville, Connecticut; two daughters, Nancy (Stephen) Doyle of Wappingers Falls and Susan (David) Rotondi of Concord, New Hampshire; five grandchildren; and a sister, Marjorie Wassmer of Hawley, Pennsylvania. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Carole Holmes.

Due to COVID-19, a private memorial service is planned in July.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rock N' Rescue, PO Box 86, South Salem, NY 10590 or at rnrpts.org.

### Diane M. Caggiano of South Salem, 72, art teacher and artist

Diane M. Caggiano, 72, of South Salem, died on June 17.

She was born in New York City on Nov. 23, 1947, to the late John and Mary (Daly) Tiernan.

A longtime South Salem resident, she was an art teacher in the Ridgefield, Connecticut, school district for

32 years until retiring in 2017. She was also an artist.

She was predeceased by her late husband, Wayne. She is survived by her son, Keith (Ashley); her daughter, Kaylee (John); four grandchildren; and four siblings, Jack, Jim MaryJean and Bill.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Diane Caggiano Memorial Scholarship Fund at FCCFoundation.org/CaggianoScholarship. The fund supports local students pursuing advanced degrees in the arts.



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# Pound Ridge

**LOOSE CHANGE** The Recreation Department has information on the town website for teens age 14 to 17 seeking summer employment on how to obtain working papers. For details, visit [townofpoundridge.org](http://townofpoundridge.org).



## Talk of the Town

By ELLEN S. BEST

It was a perfect confluence of beer, burgers and good folks on a beautiful Friday afternoon. The impromptu barbecue outside **The Kitchen Table** arose from a gut feeling from the shop's manager, **McKenna Ryser**, along with owner **Robbie Everett** to say "thank you" and "good-bye" to the workers at **Con-Tech**, who had just finished their job for the **Transportation Enhancement Project**, further transforming **Scotts Corners**. Along the way in the past months, McKenna has been delivering free coffee and treats to the guys working on the Avenue.

The process of establishing transportation and pedestrian safety has involved town government officials and folks from local organizations overseeing the project, calling out issues, making requests for changes and asking for favors. It was all responded to pleasantly by Con-Tech, without acrimony. The workers were just plain nice. For that, McKenna and Robby wanted to express their thanks, along with the **Pound Ridge Partnership** which appreciated the upgrade in the business district, their mission's territory. **James Best** presented Con-Tech owner **Pasquale Carino** and his company with a framed certificate, titled, the **"Easiest to Work With" Award**. "We've been appreciated," Pasquale said, "but we've never gotten an award!"

The group at the celebration was feeling good all around, a positive spark of gratitude that is worth noting and appreciated, especially these days in our culture's touchy climate. I was fortunate to be included. Thank you.

It was great to see a farmer's market back in town in front of Kahlo where it had been years back. **Deep Roots** organic farm offered a wide selection of amazing produce at great prices and they will be returning this weekend. Bedford resident **Karen Olvera** of **Cielito Mio** will be giving out samples of her hot and mild salsas. The Sunday market will return weekly, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**The Pet Boutique at Pound Ridge**, which is soon to open in the former Lil Beans location, is also going to be at the market. Owner **Rafael Herrera** is excited to meet the community. His store will carry much more than **Husse Pet Food**, Europe's top-selling pet food which is high in protein and non-GMO. This will be a one-stop shop for animal products and services, including food (for dog, cat, horse, chicken and others), grooming (including a walk-in facility), dog training, pet nutrition advice and even custom-made chicken coops and dog houses. Rafael volunteers at an animal shelter in Bedford and will facilitate pet adoptions.

At the market on Sunday, he will offer a cross-section of pet products, including food, hygiene, pet care, and even an easy-to-apply cat mousse for those fussy cats who don't like to be groomed. Visitors will be able to register to be sent free samples. He's hoping to open the showroom and have his website operating within two weeks, and will offer free delivery to customers.

A former lawyer in Peru who has also been in the coffee business, Rafael and his wife, **Marsela Steger**, moved to Pound Ridge from Mount Kisco six months ago. Marsela's two children attend Fox Lane High School. "I love Pound Ridge," is how he responded when I asked him how he likes Pound Ridge, adding, "What's there not to like? I thought I'd miss nature after living close to the Amazon jungle and all those giant trees, but Pound Ridge has all of that here."

Stores may come and go, but the people in them establish connections to the community that live on, as with **Tim Schaeffer** from the former Sunoco gas station in **Scotts Corners**. Pound Ridger **Barbara Kanter** wrote me to express her sadness to see Tim and his employees go, saying, "One of his mechanics would sometimes come over to A-Home to help out the residents." Tim sold the building to **Chestnut Energy Corp.**, the parent of **Chestnut Mart** convenience stores. The sign at the former Sunoco station now says "Mobil" but it's unclear who will run it. Tim said the deal for the gas station should be sealed by Aug. 1 when he leaves, and noted the new owner interviewed one of his employees to possibly stay on. The **Chestnut Market** in the building operates independently of the station and is open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Tim has two children in their mid-20s who, he said, are "independent and have jobs," so he and his wife, **Karen**, are beginning the next chapter of their lives at their home in Vermont. "Then we'll see where we go next, as I don't think we could live in Vermont full time." Good luck to you guys and thanks for being part of our community.

We enjoy hearing about what's happening to Pound Ridgers near and far, present and past. Please send your quips, blips and blurbs regarding town activities, nature notes, travels afar, scholastic accomplishments, sports achievements, engagements, weddings, new babies and grandchildren to [esbest8@gmail.com](mailto:esbest8@gmail.com). All topics are appropriate for inclusion in this column. Please submit items by the weekend before the following Friday's issue, or earlier if you can. Alternatively (but not preferred), you may mail info to The Record-Review, P.O. Box 455, Bedford Hills NY 10507.

## Meetings

Note: At the time of publication, the following meetings are expected to be held remotely. The Water Control, Town, Planning and Zoning boards will be recorded and available the following morning on the town website, at [townofpoundridge.com/meetings](http://townofpoundridge.com/meetings).

Information on how residents can dial-in to a meeting is available through each event's link on the town calendar, available at [townofpoundridge.com/calendar](http://townofpoundridge.com/calendar).

**Bedford Central School District meetings** are cablecast live from Fox Lane Campus at [bcsdny.org/Page/1573](http://bcsdny.org/Page/1573) and available afterward on demand.

**Katonah-Lewisboro School District meetings** are archived at [klschools.org/groups/4651](http://klschools.org/groups/4651).

### Conservation Board

Wednesday, July 1, 7:15 p.m.; 764-5511; [townofpoundridge.com](http://townofpoundridge.com).

### Water/Wastewater Taskforce

Monday, July 6, 7 p.m.; 764-5511; [townofpoundridge.com](http://townofpoundridge.com).

### BCSD Board of Education (Budget Advisory Workshop)

Monday, July 6, 7 p.m.; 241-6000; [bcsdny.org](http://bcsdny.org).

### Town Board

Tuesday, July 7, 8 p.m.; 764-5511; [townofpoundridge.com](http://townofpoundridge.com).

### Water Control

Wednesday, July 8, 8 p.m.; 764-5511; [townofpoundridge.com](http://townofpoundridge.com).

Please confirm dates and times for meetings, as schedules sometimes change after press time.

### Economic Development Committee

Monday, July 13, 7 p.m.; 764-5511; [townofpoundridge.com](http://townofpoundridge.com).

### Recreation Commission

Monday, July 13, 8 p.m.; 764-5511; [townofpoundridge.com](http://townofpoundridge.com).

### Landmarks & Historic District Commission

Tuesday, July 14, 7:30 p.m.; 764-5511; [townofpoundridge.com](http://townofpoundridge.com).

### Zoning Board

Wednesday, July 15, 7 p.m.; 764-5511; [townofpoundridge.com](http://townofpoundridge.com).

### Housing Board

Wednesday, July 15, 7 p.m.; 764-5511; [townofpoundridge.com](http://townofpoundridge.com).

## PRCC pastor is retiring from post

By JACKIE ROMAN

After four years leading the Pound Ridge Community Church, Pastor Jim Van Schaick confirmed in an interview with The Record-Review he is officially retiring from his post June 30. This is not how he would have liked things to end — during a global pandemic in which he cannot even break the news to congregants face-to-face — but he said the right moment has come.

"I focused a lot on trying to build a unified and loving church family. And I think it's been successful. This is a wonderful group of people," Mr. Van Schaick said in a phone interview.

That focus on bridging connections and finding common ground was pertinent as the pastor guided his congregation through times of great tumult.

For instance, intense feelings surrounding the 2016 election, and President Donald Trump's inauguration posed a threat to unity and cohesion in the church.

"We have people all over the political spectrum in our congregation, so our church was divided and there were relationships that were strained that had to heal," Mr. Van Schaick said.

There's also something special in the DNA of the Pound Ridge Community Church, Mr. Van Schaick believes.

*'There's this sense of loving connection that exists among the people of this congregation.'*

— OUTGOING PRCC PASTOR  
JIM VAN SCHAICK

"There's this sense of loving connection that exists among the people of this congregation and their willingness to welcome others. This church has great strength and there are an awful lot that don't have that," he said. "One of the things that demonstrates that is what happened last year."

In February 2019, the top policy-making body of the United Methodist Church voted to uphold a prohibition of LGBTQ clergy and same-sex marriage. That decision splintered the Methodist community, with several regional bodies of the church passing their own resolutions denouncing the denomination's conservative stance. In July of that year, members of the UMC affiliated Pound Ridge Community Church came together to release their own statement opposing the General Conference results and



PASTOR JIM VAN SCHAICK PHOTO  
Pastor Jim Van Schaick, shown with his wife, Gillian, will retire at the end of the month after four years with the Pound Ridge Community Church.

in support of "loving relationships amongst all couples, regardless of sex and gender expression."

Mr. Van Schaick said he was proud of his congregants for their bravery in releasing a statement that took issue with the broader denomination's posi-

tion. "I was very pleased and frankly amazed at how quickly the church dealt with some complicated and potentially divisive issues and came together in a very, very powerful statement of our beliefs and how we intend to live," he said.

But Mr. Van Schaick found himself facing another challenge entirely when the coronavirus outbreak hit Westchester County in early March. The church has tried to maintain as many of its ministries as possible through video conferencing.

"The challenge was just to maintain our connection and just to keep ministering to each other in whatever way we could," he said. "But I think at the same time people have come to realize, maybe for the first time, that it's kind of a pale shadow of a real interpersonal relationship."

With another contentious presidential election coming up in November, Mr. Van Schaick is certain his congregants will have to once again confront their own differences. But he has faith the Pound Ridge Community Church will be in good hands as he and his wife, Gillian, prepare for retirement in New Hampshire.

"It's been a difficult decision, we love Pound Ridge and we love this congregation," he said.

## Grand openings for two new businesses

By JACKIE ROMAN

In the face of uncertainty, two new businesses in Pound Ridge have taken the ultimate plunge and opened up shops in **Scotts Corners** business district. The entrepreneurs behind these new establishments remain undaunted, even as the coronavirus outbreak persists.

The owner of **Classy Nails & Spa**, who prefers to go by her first name, **May**, had been waiting three months to open her business, located at 69 Westchester Ave. She decided enough was enough and went forward with a grand opening on Tuesday, June 23.

"We had been preparing for a long time," she said.

In addition to wearing personal protective equipment, like gowns, masks and gloves, May and her three employees have put in place a series of protocols for the protection of both themselves and visitors. Before a customer can pass through the front door, they must undergo a temperature screening. Clients are not permitted to browse the dizzying array of nail polish colors on their own, but must instead ask a nail technician to assist them.

A visit to the new salon on Tuesday showed two customers were seated for one-of-a-kind pandemic pedicures — complete with shower curtain partitions, plastic-lined foot baths, and manicurists massaging lotion with latex gloves. Plexiglass dividers were fitted at each manicurist table, with a small slot for hands to peek through, not unlike a bank teller's window.

After an employee has finished with a client, she must disinfect each tool and workstation. It creates extra work, but May and her staff would rather be cautious when it comes to contagion.

"It's better to be safe, it makes peo-

ple feel more comfortable," she said. Safety is also a top priority at the new Mobil station and Chestnut Market just down the road at 66 Westchester Ave.

"We've got to keep up strict protocols," Manager **Dominik Mhakut** said from behind the plexiglass divider in front of his cash register.

The market and service station are owned by **Chestnut Petroleum Distributors Energy Corp.**, a family-operated company with 300 locations in the tri-state area.

In an email to The Record-Review, **Joe McCormick**, the company's program manager of environmental and health and safety services, said all employees were trained on "prop-

er use and maintenance of personal protective equipment; proper social distancing; proper and continuous disinfection and sanitation of high touch and high traffic areas; proper disinfection of all product deliveries; and touchless transactions."

**Sal Jamal**, who runs **CPD Energy** with his three brothers, said he was optimistic about the company's newest location, even under the current circumstances.

"We're pretty excited about doing business in Pound Ridge," said Mr. Jamal, who grew up in Mount Kisco and attended Fox Lane High School.

He purchased the former Sunoco gas station and auto body shop from **Tim and Karen Schaeffer** earlier this month, before reopening it as the Mobil station and Chestnut Market approximately two weeks ago.

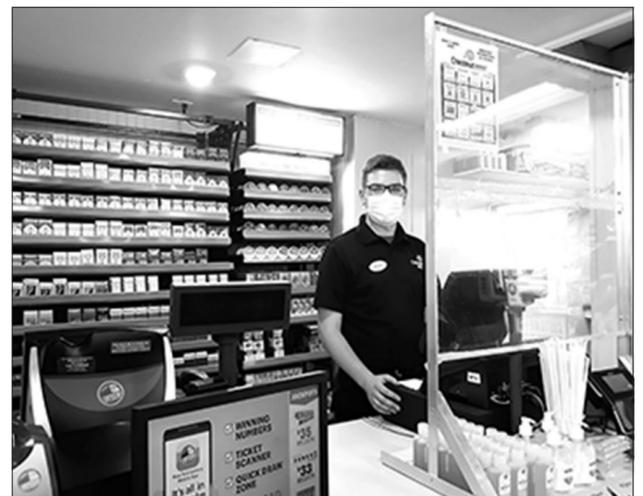
Mr. Jamal said he plans to continue operating the auto body shop for about a year or two before applying for a building permit to expand the Chestnut Market into the space to create a more extensive convenience store.

*'We had been preparing for a long time.'*

— MAY, OWNER OF CLASSY NAILS & SPA  
AT 69 WESTCHESTER AVE.



JACKIE ROMAN PHOTOS  
Above, May greets customers to Classy Nails & Spa at 69 Westchester Ave. during her grand opening Tuesday. Below, Manager Dominik Mhakut at the new Chestnut Market and Mobil station located at 66 Westchester Ave.



## News Notes

### Crafts activity, karate at Pound Ridge Library

Upcoming programs at the Pound Ridge Library include a Fourth of July craft activity through Zoom on Friday, July 3, at 3 p.m. All ages are welcome but children younger than 4 may require the assistance of an adult. Materials needed include paper plates, cotton balls, glue or tape, and crayons or markers. For registration and more information, email [aramsay@wlsmail.org](mailto:aramsay@wlsmail.org). Join **Sifu Andres Cuartas** from Family Dragon Karate on Wednesday, July 8, at 4 p.m., for a basic karate program. For registration and more information, visit [poundridgelibrary.org](http://poundridgelibrary.org).

### Recycle your outgrown bikes a town facility

Those with outgrown, unused or unwanted bicycles can leave them at the Pound Ridge recycling center to be repaired, used for parts or given away. Since the first of the year, **Bill Schelling** has provided more than 60 bikes to be fixed and given away. Rather than throwing unwanted

bikes into the metal bin, leave them at **Bill's Open Air Take It or Leave It Spot** at the recycling center, located at 290 Stone Hill Road, Pound Ridge.

For further information, visit [townofpoundridge.com](http://townofpoundridge.com).

### Help deliver picnic lunches to seniors

A call has been made for volunteers to deliver July 4 picnic lunches to Pound Ridge senior citizens. The initiative is coordinated by the Town of Pound Ridge Recreation Department Senior Programs and Services, led by **Louise Paolicelli**.

The delivery procedure will be to drive through the parking lot at **Conant Hall** during a specific time slot. All people in the car must wear masks. Volunteers will be handed a box lunch and the address of a senior citizen to deliver to. Special requests for recipients cannot be taken. Deliveries will be made to the person's front door in a socially distant manner.

For more information, call 764-8201 or email [pseniors@townofpoundridge.com](mailto:pseniors@townofpoundridge.com).



ELLEN BEST PHOTO

### On the job

**James Best** of the Pound Ridge Partnership presents a certificate of appreciation to **Con Tech** owner **Pasquale Carino** for his firm's work on the **Transportation Enhancement Project** in **Scotts Corners**. **Town Supervisor Kevin Hansan**, seen standing at rear, said in his newsletter this week, "Just minor line restriping, turning on the lights, and setting up some signs remain." The project is expected to be completed next week.

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# Lewisboro



## Talk of the Town

By MAUREEN L. KOEHL

The local word of the last few weeks seems to be “bear.” Sightings have become more numerous, and you can’t avoid the feeling that at least two pairs of ursine eyes are peering at you and your birdfeeders from behind the stone walls and what’s left of the understory of surrounding woods. Residents on Boutonville and Dingo roads have reported two black bears wandering through their properties, while Lake Truesdale families have put out the alarm to keep watch over small pets after seeing them in the lake neighborhood. Another bear was spotted at the corner of Boway and Main Street last week, probably headed for the border.

Have you spotted the beige curbside pickup tent on the **Lewisboro Library’s** lawn? Circulation has returned to our library. Now, in addition to books, DVDs and magazines, patrons may borrow fishing equipment, discovery backpacks and select museum passes via curbside pickup. Children’s librarian Anna Moser has put together special collection kits of themed books for children to encourage participation in the library’s summer reading program. Requests for all books and these extras items can be made at lewisborolibrarycurbside@wlsmail.org or call 875-9004. A staff member will contact you when your items are ready for pickup and will schedule a convenient pickup time. The library will be closed Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Be sure to get your orders in by July 2.

The library’s Children’s **Summer Reading Kickoff** is set for Monday, June 29, at 4 p.m. via Facebook Live. Miss Anna will explain the program’s sign up, rules and prizes, and will simultaneously teach families how to make DIY ice cream. For details and ice cream ingredients, visit lewisborolibrary.org/event/virtual-2020-summer-reading-kickoff.

Lewisboro Parks and Recreation is celebrating Independence Day with a **Most Patriotic Home Decorating Contest**. Get out the flags and bunting and unearth the old inflatable Uncle Sam. Decorate with abandon to celebrate our nation’s birthday! To enter, send a color photo of your decorated house/property to rpullem@lewisborogov.com or drop off a photo at the Parks & Rec office by Monday, June 29. Label your photo with a name and street address. Judging will be done by photos and in person between June 29 and July 3. In-person judging will be conducted from vehicles, so decorations should be visible from curbside. There will be three prizes donated by a generous sponsor. For more information, call 232-6162 or visit lewisbororecreation.com.

The department also is sponsoring a **Drive Thru Drop Off** food and household supplies donation day Wednesday, July 1, at **Lewisboro Town Park** from 5 to 8 p.m. to benefit the **Community Center of Northern Westchester** in Katonah. Monetary donations and gift cards for local restaurants as well as food and household items, including canned goods, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, juices, personal hygiene products and diapers. Reuseable bags to repack the donations and distribute are needed.

**Lewisboro History.** In a decrepit old leather case with “Lewisboro” inscribed in gold on the cover, I found a couple of articles from the Tarrytown Argus, one dated Sept. 6, 1890, the other undated, but obviously from the same time frame. The two pieces complement each other. “Camp Life at Waccabuc” outlines a week of camp life, 1890s-style. “Camping Out,” details all there is to do in camp. Both articles tell the tale of Camp Nemo, situated somewhere among the Three Lakes, most likely on the peninsula between lakes Oscaleta and Rippowam.

“Camp Life at Waccabuc” starts us off: “The camp is situated about eight miles from the Village of Katonah. After a long drive over a dusty road, one is greeted by the word, ‘Welcome’ over the porch of the old farm house at the camp. On the front of the house is a large veranda, which, with six or seven hammocks hung from its posts, afford good solid comfort to the ‘campers’ at all times during the day. At night these hammocks are taken down to make room for promenading and dancing. Three pretty lakes are within a short distance from the camp, each of which is connected with the other by small narrow channels. Rowing and fishing on these lakes, driving (in buggies) over the roads of the country, playing tennis and taking tramps in the woods occupied the time of the campers. Isaac, the cook, attended admirably to the recurring wants of the ‘inner man.’”

“Camping Out” described the ins and outs of camp life: “We breakfasted at seven, dined at one, supped at seven. Our Caterer was an experienced hand from Danbury, Ct., Isaac Cooper. Every meal seemed to surpass each preceded one; homemade bread, biscuits, fresh corn, tomatoes, vegetables direct from the adjoining farm, butter, golden from a dairy of Jerseys, and milk, - we only drank 220 quarts while in camp.” The writer of “Camping Out” named the campers and the local names included Carrie Hunt of Waccabuc, several Lawrences and Studwells, a Fancher, and Dr. Archibald McNeil of New Haven, who later moved to South Salem. The campers appeared to be single — nine young ladies and 13 bachelors. Also present was a married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Studwell of Brooklyn, and “our pleasant good ‘Aunt Mary’ Pierson of Brooklyn.” Aunt Mary Pierson was the chaperone of the camping party. She apparently was the perfect chaperone, with “the keen eye of a watchful mother, at the same time she was, while fulfilling her mission, really one of us in all our enjoyments.”

This Lewisboro History item is part of a much longer column that appeared in the Lewisboro Ledger in 2005. We have never pinpointed the location of Camp Nemo and would welcome any suggestions.

A rousing Fourth of July to all and may we enjoy a safe coming together of family and friends as we celebrate our wonderful country. We ask God’s blessings on America more than ever this July 4th.

## Meetings

Note: All meetings will be conducted through Zoom, a web-based video conferencing tool. Katonah-Lewisboro School District meetings are archived at klschools.org/groups/4651/board\_of\_education/board\_meetings\_online.

### Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 30, 8 p.m.; lewisborogov.com.

### Sustainability Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.; lewisborogov.com.

### ACARC

Wednesday, July 8, 8 p.m.; lewisborogov.com.

### Lewisboro Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 7:30 p.m.; lewisborolibrary.org.

### Town Board

Monday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.; lewisborogov.com.

com.

### Planning Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 21, 7:30 p.m.; lewisborogov.com.

### Town Board

Monday, July 27, 7:30 p.m.; lewisborogov.com.

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Wednesday, July 29, 7:30 p.m.; lewisborogov.com.

### Town Board

Monday, August 10, 7:30 p.m.; lewisborogov.com.

Please confirm dates and times for meetings, as schedules sometimes change after press time.

**LOOSE CHANGE** The Lewisboro Library encourages individuals and families to have conversations about race, and notes that staff members have compiled a list of online resources and books to help facilitate those conversations. For details, visit lewisborolibrary.org.

## Parsons airs pandemic response

By JESSICA LEIBMAN

On Wednesday morning, Lewisboro Town Supervisor Peter Parsons was the latest local leader to sit down with County Executive George Latimer for a discussion on the pandemic and how it is affecting the town.

The talk, which was livestreamed on Facebook, was part of a series Mr. Latimer is conducting with municipal leaders and Westchester department heads to give county residents a close-up view on how various officials are managing the health crisis.

“We very quickly moved everyone out of the offices and into their homes with the exception of highway and maintenance,” Mr. Parsons said, noting businesses also were closed immediately. For residents, the absence of restaurants and bars was a big loss, the supervisor added.

He highlighted the efforts of Adam Ochs, chairman of the Emergency Management Committee. A big initial worry, he noted, concerned the possible spread of the virus in the town’s five group homes, but there were no

*Mr. Parsons said the town still does not know how many people will pay their real estate taxes since the deadline was pushed to July 15.*

major issues regarding outbreaks at the homes.

As for the town’s phased reopening, Mr. Parsons said many of the town’s restaurants have sufficient room outside for outdoor dining, which has helped them recover some business. Additionally, he noted the town has been able to begin reopening preserves like Leon Levy, after closing them early in the crisis due to overcrowding.

Mr. Parsons said he has been working closely with Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Dana Mayclim to reopen the town camp and town pool. He said this was vital to

help families with two working parents, who have come to rely on the day camp as a child care option. He also noted the Parks and Recreation Department will shortly begin registration for the town pool’s shortened season.

Mr. Latimer asked Mr. Parsons if there was any pressure to reopen from neighboring Connecticut. Mr. Parsons confirmed that Connecticut’s opening faster than Lewisboro was a big pressure point because the town’s businesses were losing customers to businesses that were already open in Connecticut.

Mr. Parsons said one of the lasting

effects of the pandemic is the realization of how much town business can take place online or over the phone. Residents and town workers have adapted well to this change, he noted. “It’s amazing how much can be done without seeing the individual,” Mr. Parsons said.

Asked about the impact of the health crisis on the town’s budget, Mr. Parsons said he will have to wait and see what the fall will have in store because most of the money being received now was from before the pandemic.

Mr. Parsons said he is worried about Lewisboro meeting its obligation to make upcoming payments to the county, and added that the town still does not know how many people will pay their real estate taxes since the deadline was pushed to July 15.

Mr. Latimer closed the discussion by asking Mr. Parsons what he loves most about Lewisboro. The supervisor responded by citing the town’s preserves, the friends he has made, and the library.

## Police Report

### Monday, June 15

8:10 a.m. — Police were dispatched to Bisbee Lane in South Salem to aid a 70-year-old woman who was feeling ill. The woman’s daughter told police her mother was complaining that her heart was racing, she had a headache, weakness, dizziness and an upset stomach. The woman was treated by Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps and transported to Northern Westchester Hospital.

10:08 a.m. — Police responded to a trespass complain on Chapel Road in Waccabuc. A resident purchased another resident’s previously owned watercraft through a third seller. The new owner was unable to register the vessel and approached the original owner to complete the documents required for a replacement title. The previous owner told the resident he was too busy to help and asked the other party to leave his property. Police advised the buyer to return to the person who sold them the watercraft and request a refund.

11:15 a.m. — Police responded to Fairmont Road in Goldens Bridge for a woman who was unresponsive. She was treated by Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Westchester EMS for low blood pressure, and was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital by Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

11:30 a.m. — A resident of Sabbathday Hill Road in South Salem went to department headquarters to report fraud. The resident received a check from the U.S. Treasury in the mail and the paperwork accompanying it stated it was a refund for an individual tax return. The woman stated she filed jointly, so she contacted the Internal Revenue Service. The tax return was filed fraudulently by an unknown person in her name. The resident filed a report with the IRS and informed police, so she could have a report on file.

7:49 p.m. — Police responded to an EMS assist at Perch Bay Road in Waccabuc for a woman who fell off a boat. She was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital by Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

10:18 p.m. — Police responded to a suspicious person walking with a flashlight on East Street at Audubon Road. Upon arrival, police canvassed the area, but found no one.

### Tuesday, June 16

8 a.m. — Police were contacted by a resident who stated a sign they had posted in front of the Police Department the prior day, stating “Support Our Police,” was missing. Police reviewed the cameras and observed a young woman stealing the sign at approximately 8:08 p.m. on June 15. Police were able to identify and locate the young woman. An officer interviewed her in the presence of her father, and she immediately admitted to removing the sign. Police advised her that removing the sign constituted a larceny. The girl retrieved the sign from the residence and turned it over to the officer. Police advised her and her parents that no criminal charge would be pressed in this instance.

8:30 a.m. — Police responded to a harassment complaint at Brookside Trail in South Salem. Upon arrival, an officer interviewed two residents who stated they were involved in an ongoing dispute with their neighbor. The neighbor contacted the town and reported their property was not being maintained. When the resident’s confronted their neighbor, he responded with vulgar language. Police interviewed the neighbor, who stated he had a verbal altercation with

the resident, adding that the resident threatened him and his son. The officer advised both parties to stop communicating with one another.

4:48 p.m. — Police were dispatched to Audubon Road in South Salem for a report of a larceny from a resident’s shed. The resident stated she saw people outside with flashlights the night before and contacted police. The next day, she realized metal buckets, roofing shingles and roofing nails were missing from her shed. The resident had no security cameras and told police the shed door was left open. Police advised the woman to make sure her vehicles and residence were secured at night. An officer spoke with a neighbor, who stated he saw a vehicle in the vicinity the night before but was unable to describe it. Another neighbor stated he did not see a vehicle. No more information was available.

8:57 p.m. — Police responded to a report of harassment at Silvermine Drive in Vista. Upon arrival, police spoke with two residents, who stated their son received Snapchat messages from several people in Ridgefield, Connecticut, stating there would be a party at their residence in Vista. The son stated he did not tell anyone he wanted to have a party and was unsure how the rumor started. He stated several people posted a screenshot of his parents’ phone numbers and home address. Shortly after the numbers were posted, one of his parents received a voicemail stating their “lives would be ending tonight at approximately 8 p.m.” Two days later, on June 18, police interviewed a person involved in the exchange who stated it was part of a feud between students attending John Jay and Ridgefield high schools that has been going on for over a year via Snapchat, and in person. The individual stated he did not leave the voicemail and was advised by police to block anyone on Snapchat that was not his friend and contact police for future incidents.

After several attempts to re-interview the parents and son, police received a call stating those parties did not wish to press charges for aggravated harassment and wanted to drop the case. No further action was taken.

### Wednesday, June 17

2:13 p.m. — Police were dispatched to Church Tavern Road in South Salem for a trespass complaint. A resident told police she noticed an unknown person fishing in the pond in the back of her property. An officer located the individual and advised him to leave, warning that he would be arrested if he returned. Police suggested the resident post no trespassing signs.

### Thursday, June 18

10:52 a.m. — Police responded to Schoolhouse Road in Waccabuc to aid a resident who told police he fell while climbing out of a 4-foot trench, injuring his leg. The man said the pain was so great it caused him to go into shock. Westchester EMS arrived on the scene, but the man refused medical assistance.

11:21 a.m. — Police were dispatched to Main Street in South Salem to assist a resident who stated she injured her toes when she accidentally kicked a nightstand. She was transported by Westchester EMS to Northern Westchester Hospital.

1:54 p.m. — Police responded to a report of a suspicious person on Old Church Lane in South Salem. Upon arrival, police spoke to a resident who stated she was walking on the road when a rented truck approached, and the driver told her she was attractive. The woman said thank you and con-

tinued to walk, but the truck began to back up toward her. The resident stated the truck did not stop until she began to run away. Police canvassed the area and found a truck matching the description on Route 123. An officer spoke to the driver, who stated he stopped to greet the woman, whom he said was a customer of his, and then backed up his truck when he realized he passed the driveway he was looking for. Police followed up with the complainant, and no further action was taken.

### Friday, June 19

9:46 a.m. — Police responded to a home in South Salem and upon arrival found the resident being restrained by his home health aide. The resident’s spouse stated her husband’s mental health has declined. The resident was transported to Northern Westchester Hospital by Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps without incident.

3:41 p.m. — Police were dispatched to Route 35 west of Old Shop Road in South Salem for a two-vehicle accident. One vehicle rear-ended the other, which had slowed down due to a third car traveling in front of it. No injuries were reported.

5:25 p.m. — Six people were found fishing at the bridge on East Street in South Salem. Police advised them it was illegal and asked them to leave. They left without incident.

5:25 p.m. — Police were dispatched to Manor Drive in Goldens Bridge for a complaint of an odor of smoke. Upon arrival, police observed an extinguished fire in the backyard of the residence. There was no answer at the door. Police dispatch stated they had no contact details for the complainant, who could not be reached for follow up.

### Saturday, June 20

9:51 a.m. — Police were dispatched to Brook Manor Road in South Salem for a previous noise complaint. An officer interviewed a resident who stated on Friday, June 19, at approximately 2 p.m., her neighbor on Post Office Road held a loud party. The resident has several pet kangaroos and alleged that the noise from her neighbor’s party startled one of her kangaroos, causing it to injure its leg. Police spoke to the neighbor, who stated she had several friends at her house. She stated there was no loud music being played and did not think the children at the gathering were noisy. No further action was taken.

11:25 a.m. — Police responded to a medical assist at Five Ponds Road in South Salem. Upon arrival, Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps was on the scene treating a woman with a leg or hip injury. She was transported by LVAC to Northern Westchester Hospital.

12:25 p.m. — Police were dispatched to Todd Road in Katonah for a medical assist. Goldens Bridge Fire Department and Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps treated a resident who became dizzy and disoriented while hiking. GBFD evacuated the man from the preserve using an all-terrain vehicle. While evacuating the man, one of the all-terrain vehicles operated by a volunteer overturned, slightly injuring the volunteer’s toes. Both the hiker and the volunteer were transported to Northern Westchester Hospital by LVAC for additional treatment.

1:05 p.m. — Police received a complaint from an anonymous caller who stated his neighbor was illegally burning wood in his backyard on Manor Drive in Goldens Bridge. Upon arrival, an officer spoke to the resident, who

stated he was burning wood in his fire pit while working in the backyard. He told police he would allow the fire to self-extinguish. The resident’s spouse contacted police regarding the earlier complaint and was advised that open burns were not permitted in Westchester County.

1:51 p.m. — Police were dispatched to Route 35 in South Salem for a two-car accident. One vehicle was traveling eastbound on Route 35 when it was struck by another pulling out of South Salem Fire Department. The driver of the second vehicle left the scene. Police recovered the vehicle’s bumper containing New York registration nearby on Route 124. They traced the vehicle’s owner to a Yonkers address and contacted Yonkers Police Department for the owner’s additional contact information. No further details were provided.

3:30 p.m. — Police responded to a car accident on Route 35 in South Salem. A vehicle pulled out of South Salem Liquor Store’s driveway when a second vehicle was unable to stop and hit the left side of the car exiting the driveway. The collision caused the driver of the first vehicle to sustain minor injuries from the seat belt and air bags, which were deployed. He was evaluated by Westchester paramedics and transported by Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps to Northern Westchester Hospital.

8:14 p.m. — A resident of Ledge-wood Lane in Vista fell down the stairs from an outside deck to the ground level and hit her head. She was treated by Westchester paramedics and transported by Vista Ambulance to Norwalk Hospital.

9:50 p.m. — Police responded to Chapel Court in Waccabuc for a neighbor dispute over loud music. The complainant stated a neighbor threatened her after she asked the neighbor to lower the volume of music during a party. The neighbor said the complainant had acted in a nasty manner, which provoked the aggressive comment. The neighbor agreed to turn off the music. Both parties were advised to contact police if there were further problems.

### Sunday, June 21

11 a.m. — Police were dispatched to Dingo Road in South Salem for a bear sighting. Upon arrival, an officer observed two black bears, weighing approximately 250 pounds each, in the backyard of the residence. The bears knocked down the bird feeder and were seen eating seeds. The officer was able to move the bears by using his vehicle sirens, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation was notified.

1:15 p.m. — Police responded to Route 22 in Goldens Bridge for a noise complaint. Upon arrival, an officer interviewed the resident who stated that since 8 a.m., landscape equipment had been running at the Mercedes-Benz of Goldens Bridge and generating debris onto her back porch. While at the residence, the officer heard the equipment and saw the debris. Police interviewed the owner of the landscape company working at the dealership and was advised of the complaint as well as the town ordinance prohibiting such work on Sunday. The owner shut down all machinery.

7:03 p.m. — Police received an anonymous complaint about loud music on Chapel Court in Waccabuc. Police arrived at the residence and observed that the music was at a reasonable level. The owner of the residence voluntarily agreed to lower the volume. Police noted there was an ongoing neighbor dispute at this address.

# Summer camp plans announced

The Lewisboro Parks and Recreation Department has notified town residents that there will be a summer camp program this year, but it will be different from previous years.

Many restrictions will be implemented as a measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to protect campers, employees and the community. Details are as follows:

- The number of campers per group will be restricted to a small "pod" of 10.
- The campers in each pod will remain the same throughout the three-week sessions and potentially for the full six weeks.
- Each pod will have the same two staff members for the whole duration of the six-week camp program.
- Each pod will have its own set of equipment and materials that will be designated for the pod's usage so there is only sharing among the pod.
- The summer camp program will be limited to those entering first through sixth grade only.
- The anticipated summer camp



DANA MAYCLIM PHOTOS

**Lewisboro Parks and Recreation staff has created 47 social distancing squares inside the complex of the Lewisboro Town Pool. The department is implementing a plan to open the pool based on recently released guidelines from the state and county.**

session is scheduled to run from Monday, July 6, to Friday, Aug. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with an hour drop-off from 8 to 9 a.m. and an hour pick-up from 3 to 4 p.m.

• Campers will be assigned to an appropriate pod and friend requests will not be accommodated.  
For registration and more information, visit [lewisbororecreation.com](http://lewisbororecreation.com).

# Safety guidelines from GBFD

Emergency calls last weekend involving rescues of individuals who sustained physical injuries at a local preserve and reservoir have prompted the chief of the Golden Bridge Fire Department to issue guidelines aimed at keeping residents safe on local walking trails and other popular summer recreation sites.

The GBFD responded to a 911 call at the Mt. Holly Sanctuary off Todd Road in Golden Bridge last Saturday, June 20, at 11:49 a.m. A resident who had been hiking experienced general fatigue and heat exhaustion nearly a mile and a half into one of the trails. The hiker was able to contact a friend, who in turn relayed the message to 911.

Firefighters had to divide into groups to search for the hiker to find the trail she was on, said GBFD Fire Chief Al Melillo. Firefighters made their way to the victim on the department's UTV unit, along with members of the Croton Falls Fire Department who provided mutual aid. When they reached the woman, Golden Bridge firefighters administered first aid before transporting her in the UTV to Todd Road, where the Lewisboro Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Westchester Emergency Medical Services were waiting to treat her. Todd Road was closed in both di-

rections during the rescue.

On Friday afternoon, June 19, Golden Bridge firefighters assisted in the rescue of a teenager who fell from a rope swing and struck her head on rocky terrain at the Muscoot Reservoir, suffering lacerations and bruises.

The victim, a 16-year-old girl from Croton-on-Hudson, was with several companions, who called 911 and led emergency responders to the scene.

As part of its mutual aid response to the Katonah Fire Department, the GBFD dispatched its rescue vehicle, marine rescue boat and utility terrain vehicle.

"Both incidents demonstrated why it's important to pair up with a family member or friend — with the proper social distancing if the person is not from your household — when hiking on local trails, and nature walking or fishing in the reservoir system," Chief Melillo said.

"Hiking on trails can be challenging and filled with hazards if you're not used to venturing into the woods. Partnering up ensures that one person can get help if the other is injured or has a medical emergency," he added.

Chief Melillo also recommended these additional safety guidelines:

- If you go alone, tell someone what

trail you will be walking, or which part of the reservoir system you will be near, so they can describe your location to emergency responders if necessary.

- Stay on hiking trails so responders can easily find you.
- Bring a first-aid kit to treat minor injuries like scrapes, insect bites or ankle rolls, and an EpiPen if you're allergic to bee stings.
- Carry at least two or three bottles of water to keep hydrated, and wear sunscreen.
- Take a fully charged cellphone with you.
- Wear appropriate footwear designed to navigate all types of terrain and provide ankle support; remember that jogging sneakers are not appropriate for walking trails.
- Carry a note or medical card that lists health conditions so that emergency responders will know your medical history if you're disoriented or unconscious.

"People are growing weary of hunkering down at home during the coronavirus pandemic," the chief said. "They're taking advantage of the summer season and enjoying the outdoors. But the greater the preparation, the less likely they'll put themselves in unsafe and risky situations."

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# ViewPoint



## Editorial

### Phase 3: A whole new ballgame?

Go ahead. Grab a mitt and head out to a baseball field for a few innings of softball with your buddies.

Pull up a seat indoors at a local restaurant if it's too hot to dine outside.

Get out the Tiki torches for a backyard party with a few dozen friends and neighbors.

Jump on a seesaw in a Bedford town park.

Welcome to Phase 3 of the staged reopening in New York state, which started Tuesday in Westchester and the rest of the Mid-Hudson Region. Routine experiences we have taken for granted are gradually returning to the "permitted" list, and it's starting to feel a lot more like a normal summer around here — of course, with a difference.

Face masks and distancing have become a way of life, our way of life. It's still awkward and inconvenient. But we have good results to show for it. Coronavirus caseloads continue to stay low across the state and the region. Locally, as our map on the front-page shows, they are hovering in the mid-single digits in Bedford and Lewisboro, near or at zero in Pound Ridge, the county reports.

New York state, which in April was the epicenter of the country's outbreak, has flipped the script on the coronavirus hot spots. Now, our leaders are the ones insisting on 14-day quarantines for people coming from states like Arizona, Texas and Florida, which are suffering significant rises in cases and hospitalizations.

We don't minimize the economic hardship caused by New York's stay-at-home orders and business closures. But from a public health standpoint, we seemed to be making the right choices.

Graduating to Phase 3 is our latest reward. And, like the high school seniors who celebrated with their families at the drive-in style ceremonies Tuesday held at Jefferson Valley Mall, the world we're graduating into is not an entirely familiar or certain one. It's also unpredictable, with forecasts calling for the virus to remain a global threat well into 2021.

There are many tough questions we just can't answer right now. Will Americans' mobility come back to trigger caseload spikes in New York, despite the quarantine precautions? What kind of flu season will we face next fall and winter, and is our health care system resilient enough for whatever comes?

Here's another one, which is more immediate and applies to the point in reopening our communities find themselves in right now: Are business owners and residents comfortable resuming all, or even some, of the activities that are now permitted? We have our doubts. And that's not a bad thing. It just reflects the safety habits and protective mindset we've practiced for the past 100 days or so out of an abundance of caution.

A visit to the hair salon? Attending a social gathering of 25? Sending kids to town day camp? Each decision is highly personal and involves calculating different levels of risk, which is remarkable in and of itself.

Officials recognize that we are, at heart, social beings and they have articulated a desire to bring us out of isolation when it's safe to do so. That time has arrived. On the day Westchester entered Phase 3 of reopening, County Executive George Latimer said in a news conference, "There's a pent-up demand for people to get together." He continued, "It's just a human element for us to connect as people, and we certainly want that to happen. It's warm now, and there are people out there looking for ways to get out of the house after many being inside since March."

So, restaurant owners, for instance, are cautiously heeding the call to open their doors. They need the business, of course, and so does their waitstaff and cooks, after all these months of being limited to takeout and curbside pickup. Dining establishments must operate at partial capacity. Some have installed protective barriers between booths. These weeks will be a test of sorts to see how comfortable diners are with these arrangements.

Speaking of wanting to get us out of the house, the Town of Bedford announced Thursday that playgrounds in hamlet parks are opening at noon today, Friday. The news arrived with the now-familiar mantras that we have grown accustomed to hearing as restrictions gradually ease. "Parks staff will clean and prep the playgrounds for the reopening, but we ask all users to continue to follow the social distancing protocols and the requirement of wearing masks when unable to maintain that distance," officials said. "Hand hygiene is also very important, so we encourage all playground visitors to sanitize their hands before and after utilizing the playground equipment." And then, of course, there are plans for town pools to open next week, with curbs on the number of visitors at any one time and reserved time slots, in some cases.

A familiar world awaits those who are ready to re-enter. It's also one that is very different. You might even be tempted to call this the start of a whole new ballgame.



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### Moving up

Fifth- and eighth-graders celebrated their moving-up milestones last week in socially distant ceremonies held across Bedford Central School District. Above, a Fox Lane eighth-grader rolls in a car parade for middle school graduates on the Fox Lane campus.

## Letters to the Editor

### Rocket launch feat pales next to the national tragedy of racism

To the Editor:

I was rather amused, actually ashamed, when I heard our Commander-in-Chief urge all Americans to look up at the beautiful rocket that sped into the heavens to rendezvous with the space station. Let the record be clear, I do not demean nor disparage the bravery and courage of the two astronauts that were launched into space. Nor do I underestimate the skill sets of those who made such voyage possible.

However, the optimism of those who viewed the event simply cannot be compared to the view of those astronauts when they look down at the planet, specifically the United States,

and observe this country ablaze with racial extremism, the pandemic proceeding apace with 100,000 deaths, starving children, climate change being ignored in favor of a toxic philosophy, and of course, an economy causing devastating hardship upon those who are most vulnerable.

As a white man, I am truly ashamed of the recent tragedy which took the life of George Floyd and others. While the videos of their assassinations make it all too clear of how systemic police brutality and racism taints our society, I would suggest that "achievements at the Kennedy Space Center" pales to the despicable events in Minneapolis. Where are our priorities? For me, but

obviously not our president, the scientific accomplishment gives me no comfort when I consider the horrific cry of George Floyd, "I can't breathe." I do not condone the violent conduct of the protesters, however, I do in fact understand their anger and frustration. Our former president, Abraham Lincoln uttered the magic words, "All men are created equal." Isn't it time that appropriate steps be taken to give those words meaning? The passage of time compels the cessation of all forms of racism at which time we can then truly "look up."

Martin J. Rosen  
Pound Ridge

### Heartfelt thanks to those securing our health and safety

To the Editor:

Let's all take a moment, look around and voice our heartfelt thanks to those on the front lines facing one crisis after another to secure our health and safety.

Yes, sadly we are faced with COVID-19 -- a pandemic crisis beyond anything we have experienced before

coupled with the nationwide protests against police violence and racial injustices.

Fortunately, Lewisboro has a police chief and officers who reflect our constitutional values and keep us safe. The Lewisboro Emergency Management team does the same, carefully guiding us through each phase of the

health crisis. Each and all have my faith and trust.

And congratulations to this year's John Jay graduating seniors!

Take care. Be safe. Wear a mask and social distance!

Timi Parsons  
South Salem

## Rising to embrace a new future

By JON-MARC SEIMON

Out here in northern Westchester where the urban fabric melts into the countryside, we've been largely spared many of the more horrific aspects of the virus-induced "pause." We haven't been regaled by endless sirens, and given the relative abundance of space,

we've been able to at least go outside and enjoy nature on a regular basis.

Services have, largely, been maintained, and apart from notable commodities like toilet paper and baking flour, shortages have been relatively minimal.

The grim novelty of it all, as we endure the fourth month of the lockdown, has worn off, and although they're still hazy, the contours and features of the new future are starting to coalesce. Rigorous isolation is starting to relax, businesses are being allowed to cautiously reopen, and some people are being encouraged to go back to their places of work. An impressive number of us allowed our sense of solidarity and outrage to prevail over our sense of caution as we joined the resoundingly affirmative Black Lives Matter protest in Bedford Village Memorial Park on June 6. One thing is crystal clear: whatever was considered normal in the olden days — say, last November — is unlikely to return, at least not for a long time.

As the new future starts picking

up, we in the northern suburbs will have to reckon with this vastly changed world. We'll have to adapt to a lot of new things. What will it look like to eat at a restaurant, for example? And many of us, having now successfully worked remotely, are wondering why — or even if — we ever need to return to location-based employment and commute to Manhattan. Looking at it from the opposite direction, there has been a huge outflux of people from the city to basically anywhere that isn't the city. According to a recent article in the New York Times, 420,000 people have left the city, at least for the duration of the virus outbreak.

Many of them have already decided not to go back. The very things that made city life so attractive are now the things that render its citizens vulnerable. Yes, the governor may say it's OK to go back to work, but tell us how elevators will work in the real world (the directive is to stay 6-feet apart, even in elevators). And even if people can go to that favorite restaurant in the East Village, or Jazz at Lincoln Center, or the Yankees game, will they?

So suddenly there's an uptick in city people inquiring about what it's like to live here. House sales are starting to pick up. In short, what's happening "down there" might have profound implications for the way things look "up here." The city has, for at least 100 years, been the vast gravitational center of the entire metropolitan area. We might sleep out here and send our kids to schools out here, but the

money comes from the city, and we go there for the vibrant culture. Right now, that center of gravity is shifting: as the city loses its allure, more of life is going to be happening out here.

This represents a huge challenge and opportunity for the towns and villages we live in. If, as seems likely, we're about to see an influx of new residents, how can we shape and influence it? How can we position our towns as places that are even more attractive and enticing than we already know them to be? This can and should be the moment to actively pursue and embrace communities that have never considered ours to be a welcoming or viable place to live. We need to introduce programs and policies that eclipse the laws of supply and demand, and assert a more progressive civic future.

It is imperative that we embrace this moment and try to shape the change that's coming. We have to promote diversity. We must work like hell to shore up the businesses and institutions that are currently hurting, and promote and incentivize the establishment of businesses that will enrich our civic and cultural lives. We can and must rise to an occasion that, whether we like it or not, has been thrust upon us. If we do it right, we'll have made a profound impact on the citizens of our fair region for many decades to come and leave a legacy we can be proud of.

Jon-Marc Seimon has lived in Pound Ridge for 21 years.

## Glancing Askance

### Never say never

By MARC WOLLIN

Most times we muddle through our day-to-day routines with only minor deviations from the norm. Maybe we choose a different breakfast cereal, perhaps wear a new pair of shoes, throw caution to the wind and order a pizza with both onion and sausage. Not so of late, as our routines have been anything but. Forget trying a shortcut on the way to work. We never leave our homes. Trying on a new outfit? You're probably rotating through a collection of sweatpants and T-shirts. And your diet has been defined as an endless cycle of pasta, chicken and burgers, then back to pasta again. If it's Tuesday it must be meat sauce.

More likely there is a whole new set of "normals" that you would never have even dreamed about unless you were a consumer of dystopian fiction. I can't be the only person that has read a novel where civilization has to cope with a mysterious plague with frightening consequences and thought, "Thank God I'll never have to deal with that!" And yet here we are. Depending on when you started making chalk marks on the wall of your bedroom tallying the days of our confinement, it's been more or less three months since all this dislocation has started. And in that time, what at one time seemed wildly unlikely behavior has morphed into your new day to day.

The staying home part is probably the biggest change. BC (before coronavirus) we were constantly in motion, going to work and school, stores and restaurants, gyms and movies. We thought nothing of popping out to get a carton of milk or taking a ride to pick up a birthday card. Don't feel like cooking? Then let's head to a restaurant, maybe stop for some ice cream after. Even if we had nowhere to go, we went there anyway. We might take a ride to a city or town just to take a walk, wander in and out of stores, grab a cup of coffee and sit on a bench to watch the passing parade. No more. Most of the time we circulate through our available living spaces, maybe venture out once a day for a walk around our neighborhood just to stretch our legs. We live our lives through screens and, well, that's pretty much it.

On the rare occasions that we do dip a toe into the outside world we treat it as if we are entering enemy territory. The difference is that the bullets are coughs and sneezes, and the soldiers are invisible. I was always a firm believer that you shouldn't be too precious with your immune system, that it needed a little workout to keep it in shape. Not that I was licking the floor or anything, but prior to March I did use handrails with abandon, mingle with crowds and boldly shared a bowl of dip and chips. Now I keep my hands in my pockets, wear gloves when I don't, and wash everything down constantly. And yes, whenever I am in proximity to other people, I look like a masked bandit.

That all said, I also feel I have to draw the line. There are reports that while travel is down, there has been a keen uptick in the rental of RVs. Many of these are luxurious vehicles, completely self-contained and sporting TVs and comfortable eating areas and couches. Still, I don't see myself sleeping in a bed on wheels. I'm also not going to start to play Animal Crossing. I've never been a video game player before, and don't intend to start now. Yes, I like critters, but the live kind. Cute, adorable, anthropomorphic animal villagers are not on my list. I'm also probably not going to start doing jigsaw puzzles. Did them when I was a kid, and that was enough. And I am not getting a Peloton Bike. I try and exercise every day, but the only person I want to listen to when I'm doing it is, well, nobody.

Yes, I have made bread. Yes, I have drunk more wine. Yes, I have had Zoom reunions. Perhaps I would have done those more or less with or without a health emergency. Can't say the same about cleaning out my office, transferring some old slides or rearranging the basement. But a Winnebago? Just not happening. At least not yet.

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# Tensions high at town board meeting

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up in South Salem, said the town board needed to take a stronger stand against racial injustice. She criticized Mr. Parsons for comments made at a prior meeting about affordable housing as a solution to addressing inequities, and said Police Chief David Allano showed "implicit bias" in a statement he issued in response to the killing of George Floyd, the Minnesota man who died at the hands of city police.

After remarks by Katonah resident Erik Perry outlining what he said was a history of excessive police force and oppression in the U.S., the chairman of the Antenna Advisory board, Ted Sohonyay, interjected: "I was a cop and what you are talking about, junior, makes no sense," Mr. Sohonyay said.

During the public comment period, speakers switched back and forth between the meeting's two main agenda items. At times, community members discussing racial injustices in town said the argument over a proposed tower at this time in history was trivial.

Following the public comment period, Jane Crimmins and board member Jennifer Castelhana voiced their support for a committee dedicated to address diversity and inclusion in town. Ms. Castelhana assured the community the board is committed to moving forward.

At the end of Ms. Castelhana's comments, Mr. Sohonyay interjected again, more aggressively, shouting that no one understands what it is like to be a member of the police force.

Later in the meeting, Ms. Crimmins presented her drafted resolution to amend the town's 2017 Welcoming Resolution. Ms. Crimmins said she collaborated with community members, activists, social workers and people who are experts in the realm of anti-racism on the resolution. Named the Anti-Racist Resolution, it included many specifics, naming individual victims of fatal police attacks, which it said deserve recognition by the town.

It denounced all forms of hatred and prejudice.

Mr. Parsons said he wanted an opportunity to review the draft in detail, noting he disagreed with some points that he called relatively minor.

Many residents participating in the

meeting said they supported the draft resolution and thanked Ms. Crimmins for working on the resolution.

Soon after, Mr. Sohonyay interjected again and said he would like to propose that the town state its support for Blue Lives Matter. Mr. Parsons said he would like to move on, but Ms. Crimmins insisted on addressing the topic. She said she strongly disagreed with Mr. Sohonyay's proposal and noted his many interruptions.

In response, addressing the councilwoman directly, Mr. Sohonyay said, "go (expletive) yourself." Visibly upset, Ms. Crimmins called on the board to remove Mr. Sohonyay from the meeting for his inappropriate behavior. Mr. Parsons said the matter should be discussed in executive session, and Mr. Sohonyay was not removed.

At the end of the meeting, multiple participants said they were appalled by the exchanges and criticized the board for not defending Ms. Crimmins more forcefully.

Mr. Cheng, the Board of Education trustee, called for the board to remove Mr. Sohonyay from serving or volunteering for the town. Mr. Parsons interrupted Mr. Cheng's statement, which prompted Mr. Cheng to respond, "You're the leader of this town. Step up. Do better."

In a follow-up interview, Mr. Parsons attributed the clash between the speakers to a conflict in their individual priorities. "It isn't that I don't believe Black Lives Matter is worthwhile, there is relatively little the town board can do," Mr. Parsons said. He echoed a point he made last week, namely, that in his opinion, the best way for the town to address the issue of racial injustice is to establish more affordable housing, so people with "modest means" can live in Lewisboro and gain access to high quality education. "In order to enhance the lives of poorer people, I believe the best thing we can do is improve their education on a nation-wide basis," he said.

Mr. Parsons said after the town board he asked for Mr. Sohonyay's resignation and that he is no longer the chairman or a member of the Antenna Advisory Committee. Mr. Parsons did not wish to comment on accusations that the board did not adequately control the meeting or stand up for Ms. Crimmins in the face of rude, disruptive remarks aimed at her.

Ms. Crimmins also reflected on Monday night's meeting. She called the experience humiliating, while acknowledging her role in adding to the divisive discussion. She said she usually waits her turn to speak but felt differently at this meeting in order to be certain she had a chance to be heard.

Ms. Crimmins stated that the Black Lives Matter movement encapsulates all the work the board is trying to do in terms of reckoning with a difficult history and connecting with the town's communities.

"If someone is saying Black Lives Matter, it is racist to respond with Blue Lives Matter or All Lives Matter," Ms. Crimmins said in reference to the meeting.

The councilwoman said she supported the removal of Mr. Sohonyay from the committee position, saying it paved the way for the town to enhance the committee's representation on behalf of the community.

Ms. Crimmins called the supervisor an ally of hers on the board but did take issue with some of his management strategies. "He does use inappropriate comments and shocking behavior to control an environment, so we just have to not let him," Ms. Crimmins said.

## Cell Tower

Many residents watched Monday's videoconference town board meeting to learn about and discuss proposed cell towers. The public comment period was filled with opposition to the project and back-and-forth conversations between residents, the board and Mr. Sohonyay.

The regional manager of Homeland Towers, Raymond Vergati, made a presentation on two proposed cell tower locations. One is located at the salt dome on Spring Street, and the other at the recycling center behind the Town House. Mr. Vergati said his firm has completed preliminary site plans for both towers.

He said Verizon is proposing a 130-foot mono-pole tower or 135-foot mono-pole tower with faux branches and exterior antennas at the salt dome site, and a 120-foot mono-pole tower or mono-pole tower for the recycling center site.

Mr. Vergati said his firm has vetted all available options for improv-

ing service. He also emphasized there will be multiple public hearings, and residents will have the opportunity to all materials regarding the tower proposals.

Mr. Vergati said there has been need for coverage in this part of town for over 20 years. Homeland Towers is working to close the gap in coverage on Route 35 and in the Truesdale Lake community.

In the future, Mr. Vergati said he will present coverage maps showing current service and how the new proposed towers would improve it.

Mr. Vergati also presented maps showing how the towers would look from different vantage points. The salt dome site would have a lower visual impact, according to the analysis.

Mr. Parsons said since landlines are often no longer used, improving cell coverage in the target areas was vital.

## Public Hearings

Two brief public hearings took place at the beginning of the meeting. No residents showed opposition to either proposal, so the town board approved the resolution creating no parking on Mead Street south of Tarry-A-Bit Road to Schoolhouse Road.

Additionally, the town board passed the resolution to change the town speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph. Town officials have sought this reduction for many years, saying it is critical to improve road safety and reduce accidents.

## Parks and Recreation

Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Dana Mayclim briefly discussed the pool opening at the meeting. She said after observations, the pool will only be able to hold a capacity of 47 to 57 households. The department recommended offering town residents season permits and gate fees for individual sessions initially to town residents, and then possibly to school district residents and possibly nonresidents, depending on the volume of requests.

The board accepted Ms. Mayclim's pricing recommendation of a season fee of \$350 for town resident families, \$225 for a town resident adult, \$60 for a town resident senior adult, with a \$15 gate fee for adults and \$10 for children.

# Alumni push BOE on anti-racism efforts

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implemented to diversify and enhance its curriculum. However, he acknowledged that those steps are only a starting point and the district is committed to expanding them.

Mr. Selesnick took a moment for personal reflection on the significance of Juneteenth, the day honoring the freedom of the last enslaved people in the United States. He said it is a holiday he never learned about in school, college or even graduate school even though it has been celebrated since 1866.

"It feels more important at this moment to acknowledge how much I don't know and how much more I have to learn on this topic and many related topics when it comes to the experience of Black people in our country," Mr. Selesnick said. Mr. Selesnick said he considered circulating a list of readings on Juneteenth but chose not to after speaking with colleagues. Their view

was that learning about the holiday and the broader issues surrounding it is an immersive process and one that should be self-directed without shortcuts provided by others.

Board President Marjorie Schiff and Vice President Julia Hadlock alternated reading the public's submissions. The public comments all called on the board to take action on the curriculum and some proposed specific changes.

Alyxandra Ramsay, a member of the John Jay class of 2013, wrote to the board she completed a gap analysis of the district's curriculum from grades K through five. She found the curriculum lacked "culturally responsive practices, pedagogical techniques to ensure all students, not just the majority, are benefitting from the curriculum." She proposed, among other actions, that the board create an equity audit task force to analyze discipline, funding, access and achievement in the school

district, and incorporate more Black, Latino, Native American, other persons of color and LGBTQ voices into the curriculum.

Class of 2014 alumnus Sebastian Singh wrote, "The best way to end racism now, is with anti-racist education." He stated his hope that the board takes responsibility to mitigate racial injustices in the district.

Fiona Wisheart, a class of 2016 alumna, told the board that during her time at John Jay she was taught versions of history that sanitized slavery, the Asian Exclusion Act, concentration camps and the Civil Rights Movement. She said John Jay's curriculum falls short preparing students for the world, a school's main job.

Other alumni called for the board to seek out more board candidates, staff and administration of color, provide the community with anti-racism resources, provide mental health sup-

port and resources to Black students and implement a mandatory anti-racism summer reading list for every age group.

Following the public forum, trustees shared their responses. All supported the pleas from the community.

Trustee Rory Burke acknowledged that he still has a lot to learn but will strongly back efforts to expand anti-racist initiatives and assist in any way possible.

Ms. Gerehty suggested the board should try to implement the summer reading list suggestion right away to encourage students to learn more about the issue.

Ms. Schiff suggested the board revisit the language in the educational philosophy and mission statement of KLSLD. The new school year provides an opportunity for the board to reevaluate and rededicate itself to the board's goal, Ms. Schiff added.

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# Sports



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Jeremy Tetenman was the captain that head coach Scott Shannon leaned on for the Fox Lane tennis team.

## Winning character on Fox Lane rosters

By KEN KOSTIK

The Fox Lane golf, boys' tennis and softball teams did not have an abundance of seniors expected on this spring's rosters. Still, each had their final chance to represent their high school in a season snatched away by the virus.

Head coach Dan Mulvey's golf team had a pair of seniors, John Pierangelo and Spencer Rowley.

Pierangelo switched to golf after playing lacrosse on the JV level and will be attending the State University of New York at Binghamton beginning this fall.

He lists Tiger Woods as his sports' role model. "When he hurt his back, golf fans thought they would never see Tiger Woods play on the PGA tour again and, a few years later, he proved all of them wrong and won the 2019 Masters," Pierangelo said.

Pierangelo also offered some sage advice to young players.

"If you don't find joy in pursuing a sport or skill, there will be little or no progress," he said. "You cannot excel if your only motive is to prove yourself that you're capable."

Rowley was coming off an exciting season on the gridiron last fall for the Foxes. He will be attending the University of Southern California in the fall.

He likes listening to rap music before games and envisioning what he is going to need to do to win.

Rowley admires swimmer Michael Phelps and advises young athletes to "enjoy the game, you play better when you're having fun and not stressing."

### Softball

Head coach Anthony Rodrigues was going to field a very young softball team this spring and was looking to seniors Emily Gessler and Valerie Candelaria to supply guidance and leadership.

Gessler, a three-year varsity starting pitcher, "showed great growth and maturity and became a team leader," Rodrigues said.

Meanwhile, Candelaria, who transferred to Fox Lane for her junior year, "blended in as well as you can," the coach said. "She played solid second base and showed so much improvement. She was going to have big senior year."

### Tennis

The boys' tennis team had the largest senior contingent of the three teams. It fielded a total of seven — Jeremy Tetenman, Ken Dorazio, Kenny Poor, Sam Levy, Allan Dillon, Jack Kadleck and Jesse Federbush.

"Ken (Dorazio) has been on the team since his sophomore year and has always played an integral role on the team, playing singles all three years and leading his team as a senior captain this year," head coach Scott Shannon said. "He led by example in how

to handle himself during matches, winning and losing like a champion."

Dorazio is heading to Wake Forest.

Jack (Kadleck) is one of the three seniors who has been on the team since freshman year, and in that time has never failed to lighten up the team with his hilarity," Shannon said. "He has started many matches over the years, and even when he wasn't starting, he was playing just as big of a role by cheering on his teammates louder than anyone else. He looks forward to attending Muhlenberg this fall to study theater, but is sad to leave the team behind."

Federbush joined the team as a junior.

"Jesse (Federbush) has always been one of the most hardworking kids on the team," Shannon said. "He was always the first one down at the courts, and never backed down from playing anyone at any time. He always did what he was told and was always a true team player."

Federbush will be attending the University of New Haven next year to study forensics.

"Kenny (Poor) has been on the team since freshman year and has always been a man of few words, letting his game speak for itself," Shannon said. "He has always been a very level-headed and consistent player, never letting his opponents rattle him." The coach continued, "He has many fond memories on and off the court from his time on the team whether it was winning his first match minutes before heading to an orchestra concert or hanging out with the team and eating snacks while cheering on his teammates."

Poor will be attending Princeton University to study engineering.

Levy is a two-year varsity tennis player and will attend St. Lawrence University this fall.

"On the court, Sam (Levy) is a passionate player who competed in doubles competition last year; he enjoys serving and has solid ground strokes to back it up," Shannon said. "Off the court, Sam is energetic and intense when it comes to keeping everyone going."

Dillon is also a two-year varsity player.

"On the court, Alan (Dillon) is a determined player who competed in doubles last year," Shannon said. "He is a baseliner, utilizing a unique one-handed backhand in combination with a modern forehand. Off the court, Alan is reliable and a true advocate for victory; he always wants to contribute and help out in any way possible."

Jeremy Tetenman is deciding between Vanderbilt University and the University of Virginia.

"He was my point man for getting some info on every player and he was the main captain," Shannon said. "He was insightful, fair and a good leader type for the job. His maturity and thoughtfulness was the glue that helped keep the team together. He also overcame adversity in missing a whole season due to injury in his sophomore year, and that speaks to his commendable character."

## Missed play for Jay tennis squad

By KEN KOSTIK

"I was looking forward to this spring season of John Jay tennis," head coach Mark Passman said. "There is a great group of boys that earned a roster spot through a long, hard tryout week. We have a lot of young talent."

He continued, "As in years past, we had a very competitive schedule and this team would be up for the challenge. I know our two seniors, Sam Miller and Chris Mardirossian, would be fine captains, and they were looking forward to finishing their John Jay tennis careers on a high note."

Passman added, "Our team looks toward the future and knows that next spring will be a great one, and wishes our seniors the best of luck at college."

There were only two seniors on this year's tennis team, Chris Mardirossian and Sam Miller.

This season, Mardirossian was looking to play singles, while Miller's preference was doubles.

"While I mostly played doubles, I enjoyed and had hoped to continue playing singles this year," Mardirossian said.

Miller, though, was anxious to continue as a doubles' player.

"My favorite position on the tennis team would probably be playing doubles," Miller said. "One of the reasons why I really like it is because you get to play with one of your friends on your team and it's a lot of fun."

He added, "Another reason is because you get more opportunities to slam the ball at the other team at the net."

While Mardirossian's pre-match ritual was to eat something quick, Miller's involved his wardrobe and equipment.

"My favorite pre-match ritual would

have to be eating something quick before a match," said Mardirossian, who is headed to Colgate University in the fall. "Although not really a ritual, having something to eat always distracted me and helped me to not become anxious or stressed before a potentially hard match."

Miller will be attending the University of Rhode Island beginning this fall.

"My favorite pre-match ritual would be that I double-knot my bandana around my forehead twice and I flip my tennis racket two times before the other team takes their first serve," Miller said.

Mardirossian's has fond memories of making the squad as a freshman, he said.

"Coming into tryouts less than a year into high school and having a new coach -- I was nervous. But with hard work and dedication to the sport, I was able to prove my worth. It's an accomplishment I'll never forget."

Miller's top memory comes from his JV days.

He recalled, "We had a match during JayFest where I got to play first singles in front of a ton of people watching. We were playing Byram Hills, and I went out and destroyed the kid in front of everyone."

Both players had solid advice for aspiring tennis players.

"Don't be afraid to take risks on the court," Mardirossian said. "The best tennis players are not afraid to try new things and go out of their comfort zone."

Miller stressed being prepared for the season.

"I would recommend that you get in shape before the season starts, so that these drills aren't as hard for you as they were for me," he said.

"You should also be working out and playing as much tennis as possible in the off-season," he added, "so that you are physically prepared to play the better teams."



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK PASSMAN

John Jay's Chris Mardirossian will head to Colgate in the fall. Below, Sam Miller poses with his family on John Jay's Senior Day.



## Seniors taste success on Unified teams

By KEN KOSTIK

Fox Lane's Unified basketball team had four seniors on this year's roster — Ella Wright, Dina Geronimo, Jamie Parisi and Matthew Chernis.

Wright's future plans include attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where she will study nursing.

She lists tennis great Serena Williams as her sports role model, and the team huddle as her favorite pregame ritual.

"Unity is what makes a game memorable, not winning," Wright advised younger players.

Geronimo hopes to become a hair stylist and enjoys pregame snacks and spending time with her friends.

Her sports' role model is Uruguayan soccer star Luis Suarez, because "he is very strong and a team player." Her favorite Unified moment was winning her first game.

Jamie Parisi played a number of positions and liked the team huddles.

Her role model was Fox Lane senior student-athlete Valerie Candelaria.

"Valerie Candelaria because she is so incredibly passionate about softball and it inspires me to push myself -- but most of all I enjoy the game I am playing," Parisi said.

Her favorite Unified memories were "doing paper plate awards and getting to give everyone hugs!"

Her advice for younger players, "Get involved and have fun, playing a sport can be fun and competitive but it can also help you build relationships which is the best thing I got from the team."

Finally, Chernis played shooting guard on the team and plans on starting a business down the road or working on Wall Street.

Chernis, a fan of the late Kobe Bryant, liked to listen to music before games.

"Seeing a player on the team who wasn't comfortable taking shots, taking and making one," Chernis said was his favorite moments. "Everyone in the crowd cheered his name and it put a smile on his face."

### Pioneer team

The Pioneer teams were lucky enough to participate in two of their seasons, soccer and floor hockey, before the school closure in mid-March.

The graduating seniors, Sean Meehan and Kaitlin Flaherty, have been



PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH WALSH

The Fox Lane Unified basketball team enjoyed a successful season.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAURA ELWOOD

One of the most popular sports for Fox Lane's Pioneer team is floor hockey.

Fox Lane High School Pioneers for two years and have been valuable members of the team.

Meehan's future plans are "in a holding pattern, hoping to land a spot for September; if not, my dad will have to continue to teach and entertain me," he said.

His favorite pregame ritual was scouting the crowd in search of Fox Lane's No. 1 cheering team -- his

mother and father. His sports role model included Kobe Bryant, along with his coaches, Brigida Smythe and Laura Elwood.

"I would like to be the next Kobe Bryant, becoming a great basketball player utilizing the skillset I learned from my fabulous coaches," Meehan said.

His favorite Pioneer memory was, winning or losing, "everyone having

a good time."

Meehan's advice for younger players, "Do the best you can and don't worry, be happy."

Flaherty had tried just about every position in every sport she plays.

"My future plans are to learn how to spell, take classes, spend time at a farm, cook, work with dogs, go to the gym to swim, volunteer at the library, ride my horse, play soccer, learn how to ride a bike, and hang out with friends," she said.

Her favorite pregame ritual was getting to the gym early to watch and cheer the team.

"I warm up by dancing on the sidelines as the team finishes up their routine," Flaherty said.

Her sports' role model is swimmer Katie Ledecky.

"Katie Ledecky is just the greatest female Olympic swimmer ever. I like her because I like to swim," Flaherty said.

Her favorite Pioneer memory came during a floor hockey game.

"As I was trying to score and my opponent blocked me, I flipped up the puck to score!" she said. "Later, when my opponent tried to stop me from doing it again, I refused to be thwarted, bent down and grabbed the puck to throw it in the goal."

Flaherty's advice to young players, "Have fun on the Pioneer team."





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**SOUTH SALEM** Historic Benedict Homestead! Remarkably restored home with a fabulous 2012 Eat-in kitchen, family room/fireplace and butler's pantry. This beautiful 3,805 square foot, 4 bedroom 3 bath antique retains the warmth and details of the 1700's. Eight fireplaces, wide board floors, hand hewn beams, cathedral ceilings, French doors, state of the art gourmet kitchen and master bath. Sited on 2.83 level park like acres with the original barn is the true antique enthusiast's dream! MLS 6043029 **\$1,199,000**



**NORTH SALEM** Bold and beautiful. One of a kind restored carriage house. 6,000 sq. ft. heated barn a perfect work place for home offices, artists, musicians, theater and car buffs. Owned by famous artists for 40 years. This dramatic home was renovated with creative flourishes, including a priceless trompe l'oeil dining room ceiling and French antique doors. Great Room w/Massive stone FP. Chef's Kitchen. 3 bedrms. 4.5 baths includes an attached cottage with separate entry can be 4th bedroom. A Patio enjoys a view of 10 acres. \$1528 STAR (if qualified). Minutes to Ridgefield, CT, Purdys Metro North and RT.684. MLS#6042448 **\$1,265,000**



**NORTH SALEM** The D. D. Smith House. Long admired by all is a warm, friendly & charming C. 1760 colonial completely restored w/updated systems. Well set back from rd., across from NYC Watershed Prop. 6+ ac. Entered by long winding driveway. Elegant LivRm., Dining & Parlor w/2 fireplaces. Fabulous Eat-In kitchen w/adjoining sunporch overlooking brick terrace & heated pool. Full Bath on 1st fl. Wide floor boards, old wavy glass, original posts & beams. Large office. Attic space w/staircase suitable for studio. 3 Bedrooms & 3 Baths PLUS Legal attached 1 Bedm, 1 bath, LivRm & Kit. rental cottage. Period barn & corn crib add excellent storage spaces. Directly behind home are 10 acs. of conservation land w/walking paths. Age-old stone walls, trees & laneways traverse this special property. Mature perennial plantings. Carport for 2. Minutes to Purdys Metro North. & I684. MLS#6044799 **\$1,225,000**



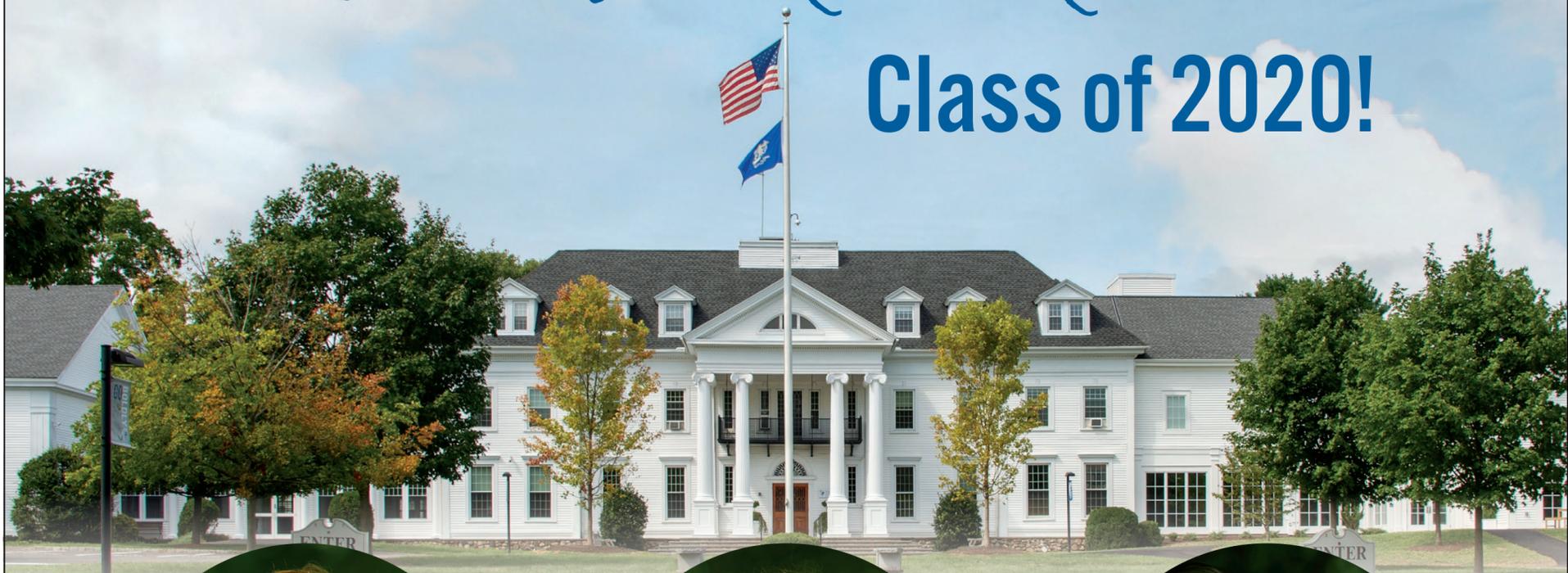
**KATONAH PRIVATE SANCTUARY.** Old world charm meets mid-century style w/magical property. Sweeping great lawn & peaceful settings. Original home built circa 1800's & expansion designed by NYC architect Saul Edelbaum, bringing the outside park-like scenery in w/high ceilings, inspiring light, open spaces & glass. Bluestone entry, eat-in kitchen w/doors to slate patio, dining room open to family room overlooking brick patio, living room w/fireplace flows into fabulous sunroom & out to stone terrace and in-ground pool, cabana. Master bedroom w/fireplace (non-working), full bath, office/artist's studio w/separate entrance, mudroom & full bath, a 2 room loft for den/recreation room. Caretaker apartment: 1 bedroom, 1 bath, legal rental w/separate entrance above attached large 2 car garage. Fully fenced. Year round living or amazing retreat. Only 8 minutes to Katonah town & train, restaurants & shopping, one hour to NYC. This property, house and pool, are being sold as-is. MLS#6033582 **\$829,000**



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