

School. All were active in town and youth sports and programs.

Town Manager John Haverstock describes Popp as "well-known and well-liked in the community. When we hired her, we knew we were getting someone with social media, programming, and community engagement experience. We're excited about her experience and enthusiasm."

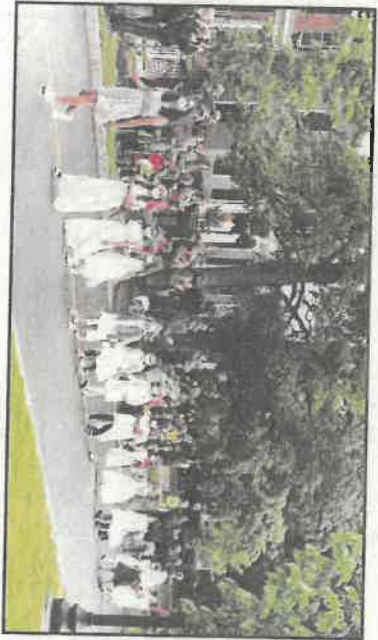
Popp used to operate a registered day care called the Children's Garden Daycare in Pittsford. She opened it in 2000 to

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Salute

AMERICAN LEGION POST 55 Commander and Vietnam War Veteran Aaron Tucker stands at attention in the Post's Color Guard, above, as Brandon's Flower Girls participated in the Memorial Day Parade. For more photos and a story of the parade, see pages 3 and 15.

Photos by Lee Kahrs



Politano, Coolidge selected as OV's 2021 leaders

BRANDON — For the Class of 2021, Mia Politano and Grace Coolidge, both of Brandon, have been selected as this year's Valedictorian and Salutatorian,

respectively, by Otter Valley Union High School.

Mia is the daughter of Paul and Erika Politano and Grace is the daughter of Brian and

Kelly Coolidge.

Both have earned extraordinary honors and achievements through their high school years.

VALEDICTORIAN

Mia, the class's valedictorian, is a member of the National

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for 30 days in Sudbury

SUDBURY — A traffic advisory has been issued to inform area residents that Route 30 in Sudbury will be closed beginning Tuesday, June 1 at 6 a.m. and will remain closed for 30 days.

The road will be closed at the causeway between Lake Horton and the Upstream Waterbody/Pond Extension, near St. John's Road. The road is closed as crews work on a culvert replacement project.

A signed detour will use Route 73, Route 22A and Route 4A.





MIA POLITANO, OV VALEDICTORIAN

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Honor Society and has been awarded academic excellence in numerous advanced and AP classes, including math, science and the humanities. She enrolled in AP World History, AP Chemistry and AP Statistics as a junior and AP Literature and AP Biology as a senior. She has been recognized by the College Board as an AP Scholar.

Mia has also consistently demonstrated and exceeded proficiency in all academic areas. Last spring, she was awarded the prestigious Yale Book Award, the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award and the Rensselaer Medal. She has been awarded academic excellence in Studio Art, Geometry, Drawing and Painting, Algebra 2, and Adv. American Studies. Mia has served on the student council and as the vice president of her class since she entered the 9th grade.

In addition to her rigorous course load, Mia has participated in soccer, softball, basketball and golf since her

freshman year. She was the individual golf state champion in the 2018 and 2019 season, advancing to New England's in 2017. She has won Coaches' Awards and Most Outstanding Player in both golf and basketball. She has attended the athletic leadership conference and the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership seminar and has participated in jazz band, pep band, and orchestra, playing both the clarinet and tenor saxophone.

SALUTATORIAN

Grace Coolidge, the class's salutatorian, has been named to the Scholar's Role every marking period throughout high school and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has been awarded academic excellence in numerous classes including AP Chemistry, AP World History, Advanced American Studies, AP Biology, AP Literature, and Calculus.

Grace has received the Clarkson University Leadership Award, the Wellesley College Book Award, the University of Rochester Frederick Douglass

and Susan B. Anthony Award, and the Society of Women Engineers Award for Highest Honor in Science and Mathematics. She has been a member of student council for four years and class president for two years.

Outside of the classroom, Grace has forged a new position for the town of Brandon as the Student Ambassador for the Brandon Area Chamber of Commerce. That position acts as a liaison between youth groups and the Brandon Chamber as well as collaborating and volunteering within the business sector of the town.

Grace was also nominated to represent Otter Valley at the Emerging Leaders Forum for the state of Vermont. In this position she worked with committees around the state to reshape the role of student government.

Grace is also a member of the OV Environmental Club, and is editor of the yearbook. Additionally, she has been a member of the Nordic ski team and has played the alto saxophone in jazz band and concert band while participating in senior chorale.



GRACE COOLIDGE, OV SALUTATORIAN

Go out and play in the dirt!

Fruit trees, apple, pear, peach, and cherry

Berries: blueberry, raspberry, blackberry & strawberry

Perennials: huge selection and variety

Annuals: Flowers: Hanging baskets starting at \$19, 4" pots, 6 packs

Veggies and Herbs: singles, 6 packs, 4" pots large selection

All of our prices include tax!



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