Astor Learning Center honors student of year

Tim Pitts received the prestigious Student of the Year award last month during a ceremony at Astor Services for Children & Families Residential Treatment Programs in Rhinebeck.

The ceremony celebrated the achievements of all the children at the Astor Learning Center by honoring each child with an award. Awards were presented for academic achievement, improvement in social skills and strengths in athletics, art and music.

Pitts showed "commitment to achieving not only in academics and athletics, but also as a member of the Astor community."

In addition, student Kailah Ridley and staff member Cassandra Millbrook High School graduate and Rodrick "Bud" Gee Scholarship winner Chelsea Mailer with Tim Collopy, left, head of the Lions scholarship committee, and Mike Rossi, president of the Millbrook Lions Club.

Taylor were presented with the Joel Robert Cannistraro Award. The award is presented to a student and teacher each year by David Cannistraro, an Astor board member. The award is named for his brother. The recipients of the award best exemplify the Spirit of Astor-caring, resilience, compassion and commitment to others.

"This event is a chance for us to recognize and appreciate the hard work and commitment of the children and staff here at Astor," Executive Director and CEO Jim McGillivray said.


Millbrook Lions Club awards scholarship

Chelsea Mailer, who graduated from Millbrook High School in June, is the recipient of the Rodrick "Bud" Gee Scholarship. The Millbrook Lions Club awards the scholarship each year in honor of the late Gee, a life member of the club.

The $500 scholarship goes to a graduating student of Millbrook High School who is in good academic standing and demonstrates outstanding community service.

According to club president Mike Rossell, Mailer earned the scholarship because of "her extensive involvement in both scholastic and community activities."

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