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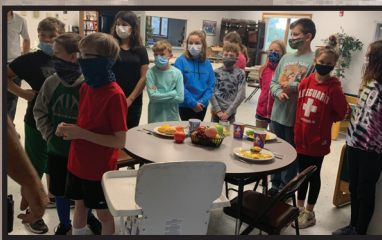
Elementary Visits the Firehouse

Graphic Design: Ciara Skidmore



Fire Prevention Program by Emilie Wood

Students in kindergarten through sixth grade were excited to once again be able to participate in the annual Fire Prevention program provided by members of Argyle's Fire Department, the J.A. Barkley Hose Company. Due to Covid restrictions, last year the children watched a video presentation by our community firefighters. On October 5th and 6th, grade levels walked across Route 40 to attend an in-person program. While at the firehouse, students had the opportunity to practice how to exit their home in case of a fire. The young Scots also participated in a stop, drop and roll drill. The amazing Argyle firefighters had recreated a home in part of the firehouse. Children were led through a kitchen, living area and bedroom and asked to identify the many fire hazards previously set up by members of the fire department. Finally, an appearance by the ever popular "Mr. and Mrs. Egg" demonstrated the importance of wearing a bike helmet. Poor Mr. Egg! ACS teachers and students are very grateful to our firefighters for the work they put into another successful year of fire prevention.



Honoring the Veterans



Each November the elementary students honor local veterans with assemblies in the school. This year, due to covid restrictions, students found another way to show their appreciation. As a line of cars, carrying our heroes, drove through the bus circle, students were able to gather on the sidewalk to cheer and wave as they held signs, posters and flags.

Faculty & Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Beck

Written by-Anna Aubrey

Mrs. Karen Beck has been a guidance counselor at Argyle Central School for 21 years. Mrs. Beck has supported many students throughout this time. She helps them plan for their future, work through troubles with classes, and is there to talk to when someone needs a friend. Mrs. Beck has made a great impact on all of the people she surrounds herself with at ACS.

Mrs. Beck was born in Syracuse and went to elementary school in Clay, NY. In 2nd grade she moved to Burnt Hills, and then in seventh grade she entered Greenwich Central School. After her high school years in Greenwich, she attended Siena College. She began as a major in pre-med, even though she did not enjoy science during high school. After receiving her undergrad diploma from Siena, she went to graduate school at The College of Saint Rose.

Outside of school, Mrs. Beck fills her time jogging, working out, shopping, reading, decorating and watching her favorite baseball team, the Yankees. Mrs. Beck also enjoys spending time with her family whenever she can.

Mrs. Beck has always wanted to work with children. During her life, she has had very important people who have helped her get where she is today, and they have had a great impact on her. Through these experiences with the people who have helped her, she started to understand how important a word of encouragement could be. She started to see that a simple positive message could make a huge difference in someone's life.

One of her favorite things about being a guidance counselor is getting to know each and every one of her students. At graduation, when each student is moving on to the next important chapter in their lives, she feels very proud of how far they have come despite the difficult obstacles they have faced and how hard they have worked to get to that moment. Mrs. Beck's favorite thing about working in Argyle is the small school atmosphere where she is able to get to know all of the students. Mrs. Beck also appreciates the work ethic in Argyle, especially from her secretary, Mrs. Marilyn Ellis, who is a hard worker and great at her job but also keeps Mrs. Beck laughing.

Mrs. Karen Beck is a great guidance counselor at Argyle Central School who helps students achieve their goals and makes a positive impact on the lives of everyone around her.



Student Spotlight

Talia Cullen has been riding horses since she was 6 years old. Her horses' names are Miss Kitty and Reina. Miss Kitty is a 12 year old sorrel mare and Reina is a 20 year old paint mare. She has been to multiple gymkhanas and barrel races. Talia won Reserve Champion at the 2021 Washington County Fair riding Reina. She has also achieved multiple ribbons in all different events. Talia enjoys riding because it brings her happiness. Her instructor, Aimee Mcneil, inspires her to achieve her goals and strive to become an incredible rider. We can't wait to see what Talia brings next to the arena!

TALIA CULLEN by Lexi Hadfield

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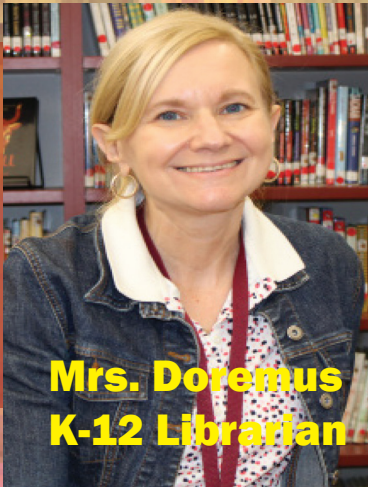
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Introducing...



Mrs. Doremus
K-12 Librarian

Roberta Doremus is our new school librarian and lives in Clifton Park. She previously worked in the Shenendehowa district for 5 years in the technology field. Crafting and sculpting are a few of her hobbies. Mrs. Doremus has been married for 14 years and has a 6th grade daughter, an 8th grade son, two rescue dogs, and grandpa lives with them as well.

Nicole Pafundi is our new K-8 Counselor who is from Stillwater. Her experiences include being a school counseling intern at North Colonie Elementary School, Blue Creek and in Niskayuna High School. She also worked in Gloversville Enlarged School District where she was a School-based intervention counselor. She enjoys baking, crafting, golf, and soccer in her spare time. She has been married since May 2021.



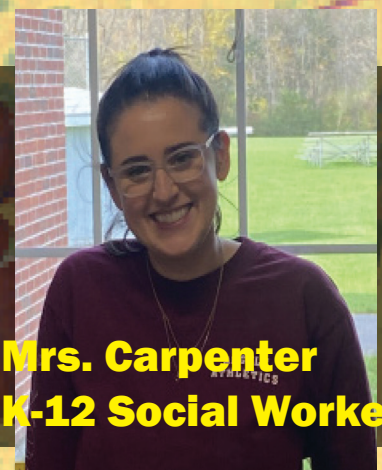
Mrs. Pafundi
K-8
Guidance Counselor

Sam Branion is our new K-12 music teacher and grew up in Argyle, and now he is a teacher here. "It feels very rewarding to give back to the school that provided me with a plethora of opportunities and experiences" Sam stated. This is his second year of teaching. Sam previously taught at Cambridge Central School. He went to The Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam for Music Education. He shares that he is excited to begin his Masters in Educational Psychology at Saint Rose in January! Mr. Branion enjoys cooking, hiking, running, and spending time with family.



Mr. Branion
K-12 Music Educator

Annie Carpenter is originally from Scottsdale, Arizona. This is Annie's second year at ACS. She was the school social worker at Corinth Elementary School for a couple of years before coming to Argyle. Her hobbies include cooking and baking, gardening, and "wandering aimlessly around Target". She is married and has a 16 month old son, and a weiner dog named Kramer.



Mrs. Carpenter
K-12 Social Worker

New Staff



Miss. Bedrey
K-12 Band

Jacqueline Bedrey grew up in Saratoga Springs, NY. She has five years of experience teaching private piano, violin, viola and cello lessons. This is the first year she is teaching in a school setting. Her favorite hobbies are dancing and playing with her two cats, Boysenberry and Nessa. An interesting fact about Jacqueline is that the beginning of her career was focused on performing the viola. She performed in orchestras in Germany, Austria and Italy. Then she went back to college after a long break to study teaching. Miss Bedrey said she loves the inclusive environment at ACS. "There is something about the people here that just makes me feel at home. ACS is a small, tight-knit community, which is also intriguing to me since I went to a large school (Saratoga Springs)" says Jacqueline. She also adds, "The kids are awesome and always put a smile on my face. One student made me laugh so hard I spit my coffee out on the floor!"

Eleanor Poling is originally from Arkansas. She has also lived overseas when her father accepted a work transfer to Venezuela, South America. Eleanor and her family lived there for a little more than 2 years. While at SUNY Potsdam, completing her Bachelors degree, she studied abroad in Puebla, Mexico for an academic year. Eleanor stated that she "thoroughly enjoyed both cultural experiences". She has lived in NYS for most of her life and is married with two sons. She also has a Labrador Retriever. Mrs. Poling has nine years teaching experience and has attended Canton, Potsdam and Albany colleges. Her hobbies include cooking, baking and paddle boarding. Over the summer, She has become interested in axe throwing. She once had a summer job operating heavy machinery. Eleanor shared that her favorite was definitely the forklift and sidewinder.



Mrs. Poling
Spanish Educator



Miss. Howard
Grade 3

Kayla Howard is from Valley Falls, NY which is about 10 minutes from Schaghticoke, NY. However, she was born in Wisconsin and lived there for 3 years before her parents decided they wanted to move home to be closer to family. She attended Hoosic Valley Central School. Kayla said it was her "wonderful experience throughout school" that inspired her to pursue a teaching career! She is currently in her second-year teaching. Last year she filled in for Mrs. Roberson while she was on her maternity leave. Then, Kayla finished her first-year teaching at Hoosic Valley as the 5th and 6th grade virtual teacher. "I was drawn to ACS because of my love for small districts. I love how close-knit everyone in the community is. It feels more personable and somewhat like home teaching in a district where teachers, parents, and students are invested in the school community" stated Miss Howard. Kayla enjoys going on walks and hikes with her two Labradors, Charlie and Duke! She loves traveling to visit her many friends and family members that live out of state. Cooking and trying out new restaurants are also some of Kayla's favorite pastimes. She even has a Pinterest board with almost 3,000 pins of different concoctions and meals that she is hoping to try out soon!

ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE



Written by Kylie Mattison
I think we should give all the teachers a round of applause. Not only did they manage to set up a bunch of amazing booths in just a few hours, but I was also given a newfound respect for them! They manage to corral twenty children all on their own every day. I had trouble corralling a few small groups of elementary students for pictures! But back to the Open House... This year it was outside and looked even more amazing then previous years! The corn stalks and hay bales were a great fall touch, not to mention the incredibly decorated booths themselves. I could tell that the kids really enjoyed it!



STUDENT Q & A

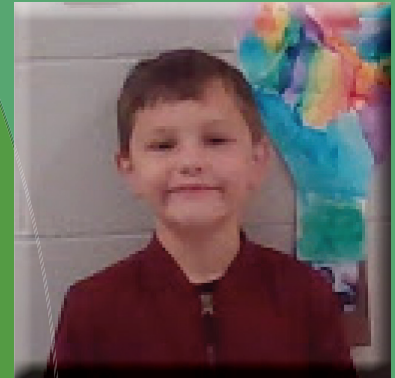
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2nd Grade/ Keira Colton



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL?: "I LIKE TO DRAW AND PLAY OUTSIDE WITH MY COUSINS."

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LUNCH MEAL AT SCHOOL?: "I LIKE TO CREATE DIFFERENT LUNCHABLES AT THE CAFETERIA!"



2nd Grade/ Ben Grieco

WHAT WERE YOU FOR HALLOWEEN?: "I WAS A POLICE OFFICER!"

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN CANDY?: "MY FAVORITE HALLOWEEN CANDIES ARE KIT KATS AND WAFFLE-FLAVORED DUM DUM LOLLIPOPS!"



6th Grade/ Eli Mihuta

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT?: "I LOVE RECESS AND SCIENCE!"

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?: "I WOULD LIKE TO BE A NASA ENGINEER."

John Abrahamson

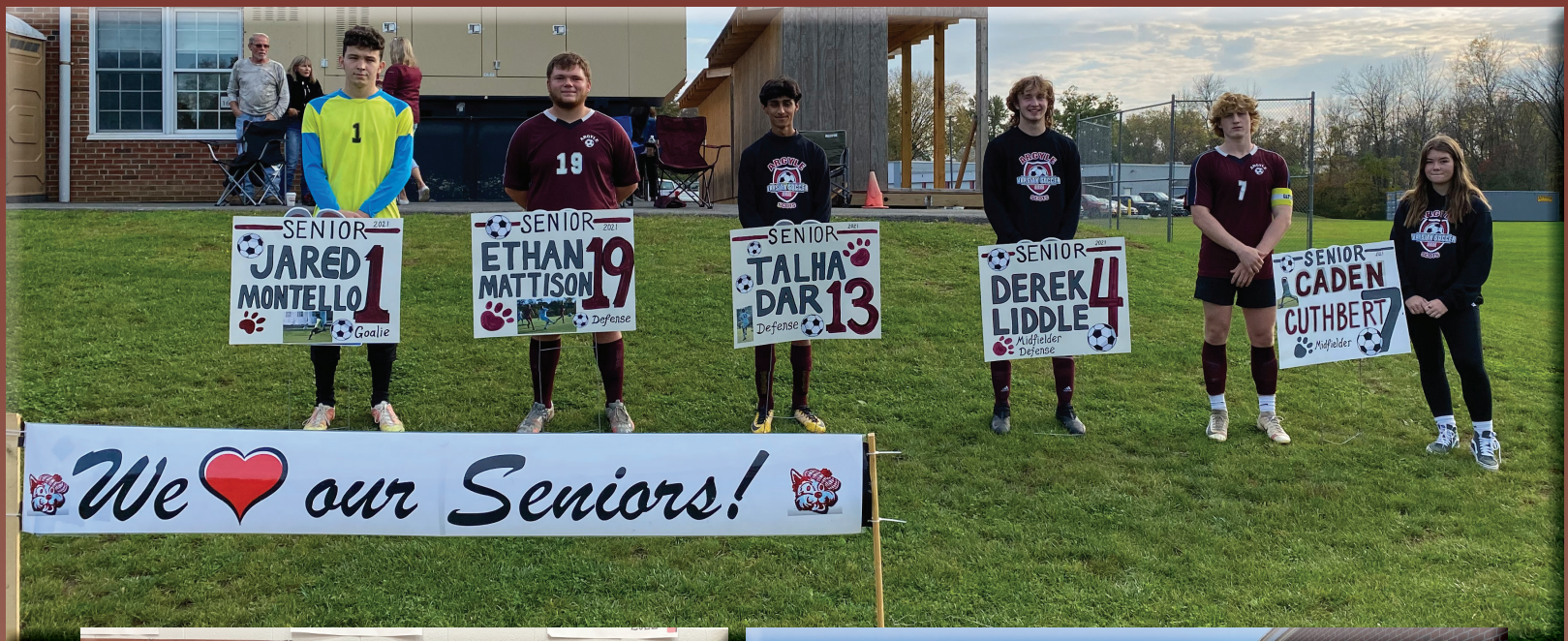
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Volleyball: Lillirose Prevost, Kylie Ricciardelli, Julia Bolio, Lilly Kingsley,

Anna Aubrey, Skylar McDougall and Kate Lindsay

Cross-Country: Sage Frank & Alyssa Freeguard



Argyle CROSS COUNTRY Scots



by Lucas Kingsley

This year was another successful year of X-Country!! I am so proud of how our team did even though there are only a few of us. This year everyone did so well, especially Seniors Sage Frank and Alyssa Freeguard, as their pride in the sport carried the team. They also provided support to younger athletes during the tough Covid times. The season was short but fun. The team would like to thank Coach Horton for coaching this year. Thank you for training us and making us the best runners we could be!



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== VARSITY SOCCER ==



Carsen Bartow, Caden Cuthbert, Jared Montello, Brad Koopmann, Cayden McWhorter, Clay Bates, Dru Austin, Ethan Mattison, Shea Squires, Ben Randles, Cole Schilling, Conner Buck, Kyle Rooney, Ben Cuthbert, Connor Brockway, Talha Dar and Victor Agüero; Coach- Frank Endieveri



The Argyle Scots Varsity soccer team made school history this fall. The Scots had a good record going into Sectionals, losing only 4 games. They got a bye in the quarter finals sending them straight to the semis. The Scots were fated to lose that game, as Argyle was ranked 81 in New York State for Class D and Northville was ranked fourth. The Scots managed to pull off one of the greatest upsets in ACS history. Northville kept Argyle in their defending half for almost the entire game, taking shot after shot after shot. Goalie Jared Montello performed one of his best games of his high school career, and on his birthday. Northville had around 30 shots and ZERO goals. The game went into overtime, and then double overtime. Northville was getting tired and even the players were saying it. The Scots outlasted them and, with just 2 minutes left on the clock, had a lucky break with Connor Brockway making it past the goalie and scoring for a huge upset. That's what happens when you work hard the whole game and DON'T give up! All you need is one lucky break for a goal, especially in OVERTIME. Written by Conner Buck

Written by Carsen Bartow

This year's Argyle Varsity soccer team exceeded expectations dramatically by making it to the Section 2 Class D finals. The Scots got off to a rough start with one win and 3 losses in their first 4 league games. The boys then went on a 4-game win streak to beat Granville, Bolton-Warrensburg, Corinth and Hartford in the "Jug" game. The Scots were very excited to defeat Hartford 2-0 and win their third Jug game in a row. They now lead their rivals 3-1 in the under-the-lights Jug series.

Argyle finished the season 6-3 with 2 ties in their league, including a huge 4-0 win over Fort Ann. This fired up the boys a week and a half before Sectionals. The Scots were set to play the Cardinals again in the Sectional quarterfinals, however Fort Ann was forced to forfeit because of COVID-19. This was big news for the Scots because it set them on their way to play their first Semi-Finals matchup in 10 years. The Scots were matched against the number 1 seed in the bracket and the number 4 team in class D from NYS, Northville. The two teams played a long and hard match in freezing rain at 7:00, under the lights in Gloversville. All of the Argyle athletes played 110% right up to the final minute in the game of their lives. The game ended in regulation tied 0-0 and was headed into overtime. In the last 2 minutes of OT, Connor Brockway tapped the winning goal into the net for Argyle. This was crazy for the boys as they knocked off the number 4 team in the State and headed to the sectional finals. Unfortunately the Scots' season ended with a loss in the championship game. However this was an amazing season for Argyle as the boys made memories that will last a lifetime.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Below: Coach Seese, Lillirose Prevost, Julia Bolio, Kylee Humiston Emilie Wood, Kate Lindsay, Skylar McDougall, Kylie Ricciardelli, Olivia Montello, Sarah Gaulin, Lillianna Kingsley and Anna Aubrey



Varsity Volleyball 2021

This year's Varsity volleyball season was a special one. Not only do we have seven amazing seniors that played their last season but Peggy Seese coached her last games at Argyle Central School, as she will be retiring from teaching this year. Mrs. Seese coached most of these girls through their school years with "club volleyball" as well as the regular volleyball seasons. After 31 years of coaching, Mrs. Seese is ending her career with the daughters of moms that she had coached her first year. Congratulations Coach Seese! Your commitment, dedication and coaching skills will be missed by all.

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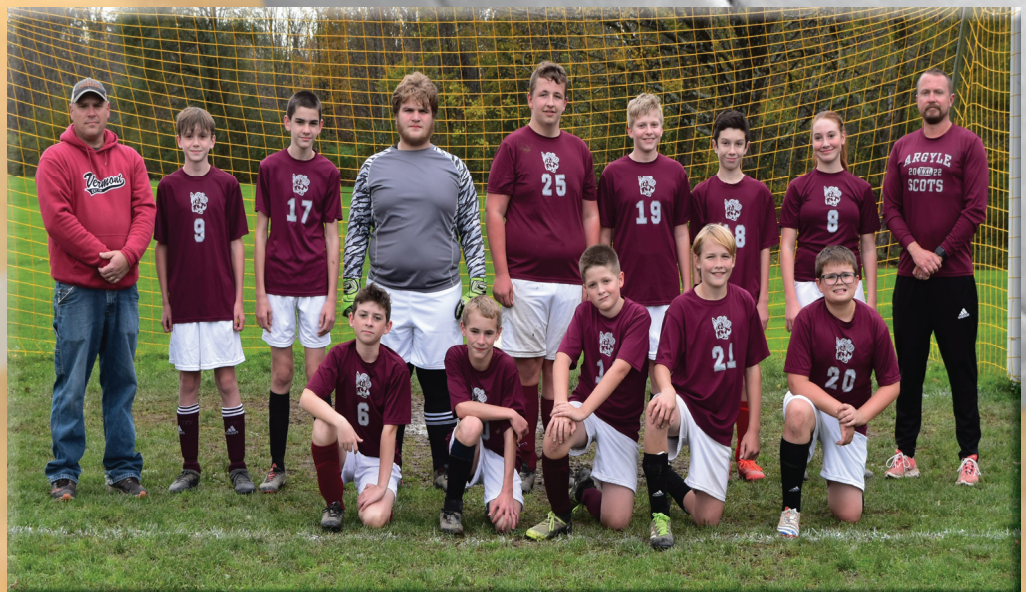
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Mya Munoz
Madison Eldred
Lillyan Farberman
Rebecca Campbell
Brianne Reid
McKenna McWhorter

Coach: Janet Townsend, Brooke Austin, Delainey Bates, Kyleigh Dennis, Rebecca Helm, Lacy Kingsley, Riley Kober, Payton Luongo, Olivia McDougall, Dilyn McKernon, Paige Manney, Carly Montello, Sarah Streicher & Jacey Tucker
Ball girls: Celia & Chloe Townsend



MODIFIED SOCCER

Coach McDougall, Kaden Bush, Ryan Siaulnski, Connor Quist, Jacob Ashe, Colton Heller, Grayson McEvoy, Zoe Smith, **Coach** Wood, Adam McDougall, Nathan Washburn, Caleb Bromley, Owen Steinberger, and Jake Wood

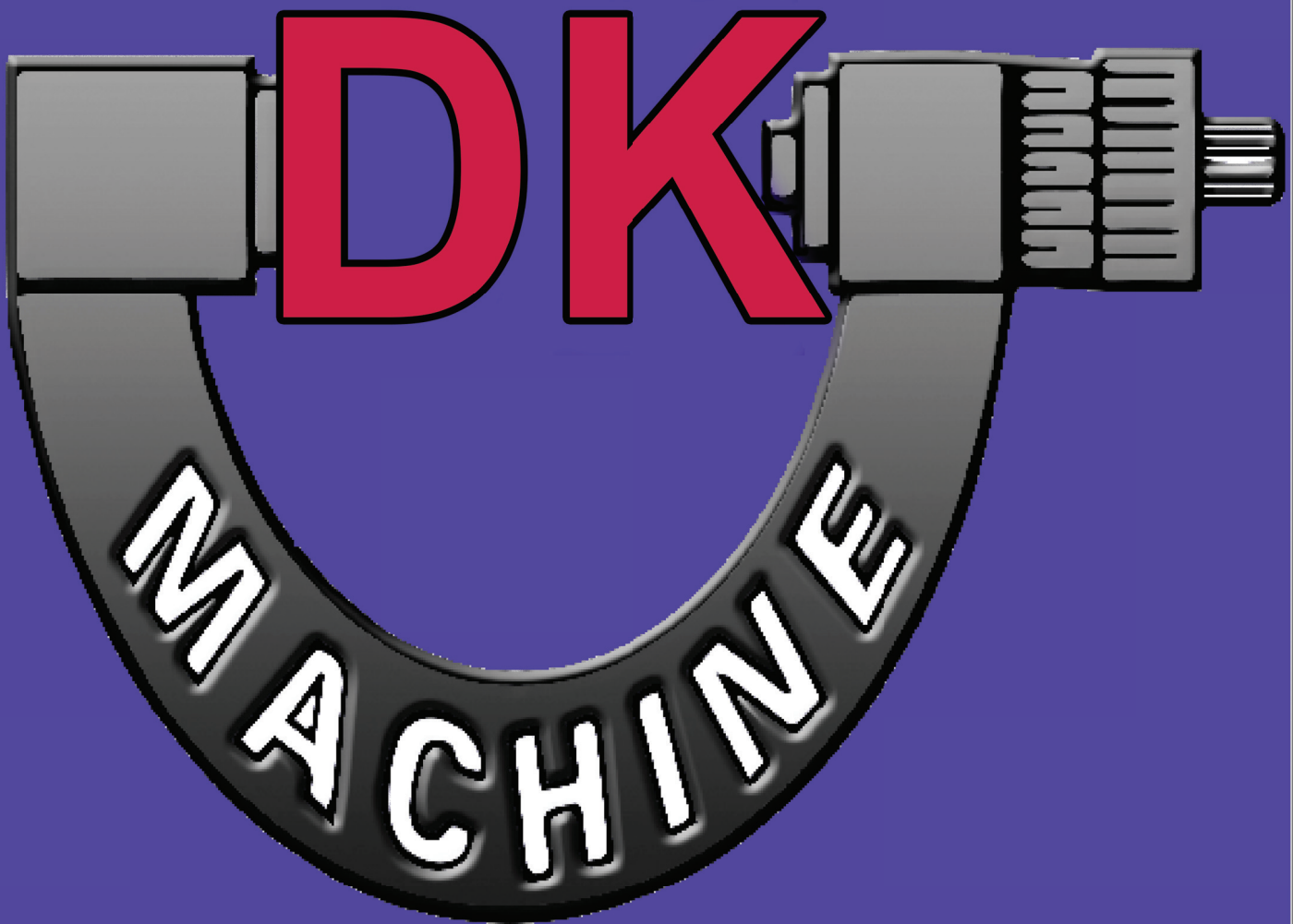


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