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Voters pass BOE budgets

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HARLEM VALLEY — Hoping to gain a strong start to the 2022-23 school year, Harlem Valley school districts asked voters for their support in the budget vote on Tuesday, May 17, and they got it.

Webutuck

At the North East (Webutuck) Central School District (CSD), the 2022-23 district budget vote and Board of Education (BOE) election was held inside the Webutuck High School gymnasium from noon to 9 p.m.

Listed first and foremost on the ballot was the vote on the \$25,039,114 budget, with \$8,065,415 in anticipated revenue (exclusive of taxes) and \$16,973,699 to be raised through taxes.

Webutuck voters also voted on a

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Young Dover Dragons play in living color

DOVER PLAINS — The soccer field at Dover Middle School on Route 22 in Dover Plains found itself colored for a good cause as Dover students, teachers and community members participated in the Color Run on Saturday, May 14.

Organized by Dover Middle School teachers Christine Schmitt and Danielle Kuester, the color run was held at both entrances to the soccer field at 11 a.m.

Running across the playing field, participants delighted in being doused in brightly colored powders while letting their pent-up energy burst out on the freshly-mowed lawn.

All proceeds from the Color Run were donated to the school

and to Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Poughkeepsie.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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Above, armed with brightly-colored powders, a pair of Dover students had fun blasting Color Run participants as they raced past them. Left, students were tickled to find themselves colored from head to toe in brightly colored powder.

Dutchess County offers multiple resources

May is Mental Health Month

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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DUTCHESS COUNTY — Each May the nation recognizes an important marker — Mental Health Awareness Month — and it's been doing so since 1949. That is because of a group called Mental Health America (MHA), once known as the National Association for Mental Health.

Typically, MHA uses the month of May to promote good mental hygiene through various media part-

"I encourage residents to stop by our health fair, learn about how to improve and maintain their well-being and appreciate the myriad resources available to them."

Marc Molinaro, Dutchess County Executive

ners, buttressed with additional support from local events and film screenings. It also releases various materials to help with outreach activities designed to engage as many as people as possible with MHA, its affiliates and other organizations that continue to repeat various themes all focused on staying

mentally well throughout the year. The approach has proven successful enough, but seems to have picked up some steam in recent years with the recognition of how fragile we all are — especially in the wake of COVID-19 entering

See MENTAL HEALTH, A10

100 years of Peck's Market in Pine Plains

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — In the century since brothers Liam and Robert Peck opened Peck's Food Market in Pine Plains, the third-generation grocery store located at 2991 East Church St. (Route 199) has grown as a landmark business in the community as well as a household name among town residents.

Bill Peck, grandson of Peck's Co-Founder Liam Peck, shared the story surrounding his family's namesake store and celebrated its 100th year in business with a look back at its origin. Bill has been reviewing stories from the past written about Peck's Market, Liam Peck and his wife Mabel. The pair lived in Wappingers Falls when Liam's brother Robert fell ill.

Liam and Mabel moved to Pine Plains to be closer to Robert and his wife Esther; the Peck brothers later started the store together.

Peck's Food Market officially opened on April 1, 1922, with the two Peck brothers and their wives living above the store.

Bill said the original store was located on South Main Street just south of the town's spotlight at the intersection of routes 199 and 83. It was located to the left of the current restaurant El Guacamole at 7795-7797 South Main St.. Upon close examination of a map, it was where the law firm Hollis Gonerka Bart LLP at 7791 South Main St. is now.

Following Robert's passing in 1926, Liam, Mabel and Esther ran the store together. By the time

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David Byrne at The Stissing Center

Support Ukraine at dual concerts

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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TRI-STATE REGION — On Saturday, June 4, Dumka and Young Dumka Ukrainian Chorus of New York will perform at the Salisbury School's Chapel at 251 Canaan Road in Salisbury, Conn., from 6 to 8 p.m.

The concert will be able to accommodate approximately 300

people. Tickets are \$95 a person. To purchase tickets, go to www.eventcombo.com.

The fundraiser is being organized thanks to the efforts of Millerton resident André Wlodar's United for Ukraine organization, to help the people from that war-torn nation under attack by Russia.

Proceeds will go toward efforts by Dumka Choir to help Ukraine via the Ukrainian Central Bank.

Wlodar has local headquarters at the Garage Galleri at 2 Main St. in Millerton, where merchandise in support of the Ukrainian people is being sold to support those impacted by the war there.

For details and to learn of weekend hours and hours by-appointment, call 786-282-2495 or 917-292 7750.

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2022 Memorial Day events

HARLEM VALLEY — Honoring the men and women who lost their lives while serving in the military, Dutchess County municipalities will be holding Memorial Day commemorations throughout the region this Monday, May 30 (with some exceptions), to honor those

willing to serve and sacrifice for the common good. In northeastern Dutchess County, this year's community observances of Memorial Day include:

Amenia — Ceremony hosted

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MILLERTON

Cheney changes races, from State Senate to U.S. Congress

By **WHITNEY JOSEPH**
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MILLERTON — Democrat Jamie Cheney, who has slowly but consistently been making a name for herself in the Harlem Valley while campaigning against incumbent Republican State Senator Sue Serino (R-41), announced on Twitter Saturday morning, May 21, that she will instead seek a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“We face critical challenges in New York — the stakes are unimaginably high,” stated Cheney. “Now more than ever, the Hudson Valley and Southern Tier needs strong leadership in Washington, D.C. As a small business owner, farmer and mother to young children, I understand firsthand the hurdles so many families in our community face.”

Running for the newly redrawn 19th Congressional District, Cheney will seek to fill the seat that is currently held by U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (NY-D-19), the man Governor Kathy Hochul just tapped to be her second in command.

She will face popular Republican Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro of Red Hook come November, who announced his intent to run for Delgado’s seat well before he was pegged to be the state’s next lieutenant governor.

Cheney and her husband run a 60-head beef farm called Falcons Fields in the town of North East, on the border of Columbia County.

Her platform focuses on lowering the cost of living, bringing good jobs back, and increasing the availabil-

ity of affordable housing and healthcare options for working families. She is also fighting to regain women their full reproductive rights across this country and ensure they remain in the Empire State.

Before moving to the Millerton area in 2020, Cheney lived in Rhinebeck, which was not in the newly redrawn 41st State Senate District. Cheney challenged Serino from that northern Dutchess County town.

Serino is running for her fifth two-year term to return to Albany.

Cheney later moved to North East as one of her sons requires more specific educational needs, according to her spokesman Peter Brown.

He said the rumor of her moving to be located within a specific political district that’s “somehow floating around” is untrue. Brown said it especially doesn’t make sense as Millerton is not within District 41.

Cheney is now seeking a seat in the U.S. Congressional District 19; the revised district does not include any portion of Dutchess County. Congressional districts were recently redrawn by a court-appointed Special Master.

District 19 encompasses 11 counties in part or whole, from Cortland to Columbia, and includes the cities of Binghamton, Hudson, Ithaca and Kingston.

Congressmembers do not have to reside within the districts they represent.

When asked why Cheney made the switch from seeking a seat in the State Senate to the House of Representatives, Brown said the short answer was “she was asked to run.”

The longer answer is more involved.

“She’s been running against Sue Serino and has been for some time,” said Brown. “Michelle Hinchey lives in Saugerties; with the new district, as the incumbent, she should be the one to take on Sue Serino. So Jamie was to be asked to run... and deferred to Sen. Hinchey in her stead.

“And what happened to Delgado to open his seat in 19th, with Pat Ryan running in the special, after all that ironed itself out, Jamie was asked to run since she had so much put into it at this point and was perfectly positioned to do it.”

Cheney had made her original announcement about entering the State Senate race last fall, and has been campaigning for at least seven months getting to know constituents and their concerns.

“The feedback has been excellent; overwhelmingly positive,” said Brown.



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

High honors and a slice

Between their stellar academic achievements and the beautiful spring weather, Webutuck High School (WHS) Principal Katy McEnroe couldn’t have asked for a nicer day to celebrate the students who achieved the Principal’s Honor Roll for the third marking period on Tuesday, May 10. McEnroe invited the 10 students honored for their high marks to a pizza lunch held in the WHS Library at 12:30 p.m. Savoring their pizza and lemonade, the students spent the afternoon catching up with McEnroe before returning to their classes. From left are some of the students who achieved the honor, including Ethan Rebideau, Olivia Wickwire, Jordyn Thorne, Andrew Dorfschmidt, Morgan Sprague and Carrissa Whitehead.

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

Early education at Irondale Schoolhouse

On Friday, June 3, at 5:30 p.m., at the Irondale Schoolhouse located at the Main Street entrance to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail in Millerton, the Board of the Schoolhouse Association will host guest speaker Susan Webb of Birmingham, Ala.

Webb is also known as Schoolmarm Susan Webb. Earlier on the same day she will be presenting an historical program to fifth-graders from Webutuck’s Eugene Brooks Intermediate School and take them back in time

to 1890, with a presentation of what school was like back then. Webb will dress in period clothing.

She travels throughout the U.S. doing such programs to enlighten students and adults interested early American education. At 5:30 p.m., she will present a session for adults.

There is limited seating to this free event; pre-registration is required. Anyone interested in attending should sign up at Oblong Books at 518-789-3797, stop by 26 Main St. or go to www.oblongbooks.com.

Vendors wanted for Farmers Market

The NECC Millerton Farmers Market is now accepting applications for the 2022 summer season, particularly vegetable farmers, cheese producers and fish mongers.

Applications may be found online at www.neccmillerton.org or by contacting Market Manager John Nowak at john@neccmillerton.org.

The pre-season deadline is Saturday, May 7, and the 2022 season will open Saturday, May 21.

Apply for early learning program

The North East Community Center (NECC) will be accepting applications for its upcoming Early Learning Program, to be held at the site of the former Astor Head Start program in Millerton.

This program aims to serve children between 18 and 36 months of age.

Send applications to ELP@neccmillerton.org or contact Raina at 518-789-4259, ext. 110 with questions.

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OBITUARIES

Jeffrey J. Siena

CORNWALL – Jeffrey J. Siena, age 78, of Mansfield, Massachusetts, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts. He was the beloved husband of the late Billie M. (May) Siena, to whom he was wed for nearly fifty years at the time of her death on February 14, 2018, and is survived by his devoted daughter Corrine M. Siena of Mansfield.



past forty-four years and was a member and past chairman of the Mansfield Municipal Airport Committee. Jeff loved spending time with family and friends and the simple pleasures of being at home. His hobbies included rose gardening, woodworking, reading and being a WWII history enthusiast. Along with his late wife Billie, he helped to restore Mansfield's Old Town Cemetery and was a 1998 recipient of the Massachusetts Historical Commission Restoration Award.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend visiting hours on Tuesday, May 24th from 4:00-7:00 P.M. at the Sherman & Jackson Funeral Home, 55 North Main Street, Mansfield.

Military honors will be rendered at the conclusion of visitation on Tuesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers and in accordance with Jeffrey's love for aviation, donations in his memory may be made to The Collings Foundation, P.O. Box 248, Stowe, MA 01775.

To send his family a message of condolence, please visit www.shermanjackson.com.

Born in Manhattan, New York, on January 23, 1944, he was a son of the late William R. and Doris (Nigro) Siena.

Jeff grew up in New York City and Cornwall, Connecticut. He was a graduate of Housatonic Valley High School and furthered his education, graduating with a bachelor's degree in history from Central Connecticut State College. During the Vietnam War, he proudly served his country for three years in the United States Army.

Prior to retiring, Mr. Siena was employed for over twenty years as a Loss Control Manager for the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Agency in Boston. He had made his home in Mansfield for the

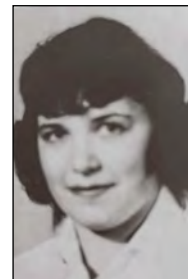
Celebration of Life

Philip D. Waugh

A memorial service will be held for Philip D. Waugh at Christ Church Episcopal in Sharon on Friday, June 3, at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your memories to share and cheerful attire.

Adeline Wormell

MILLBROOK – Adeline Wormell passed peacefully on May 11, 2022. She was born on Oct. 10, 1940. She is survived by her three sons and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Joseph's Catholic Church in Millbrook, New York on Thursday, June 2 at 10 a.m. There will be a reception in the church hall following the mass and burial. Allen Funeral Home in Millbrook, New York, is in charge of arrangements.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St.

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MILLERTON

'Don't Sweat the Small Stuff!' unmasks body odor across history

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Welcoming Grounded Goodwife mother-daughter duo Ehris Urban and Velya Jancz-Urban back for the conclusion of their three-part "herstory unsanitized" virtual series, the NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) invited the pair to divulge the history of body odor throughout the ages with "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff!" on Tuesday, April 12.

The first lecture "You're Making Me Blush" exposed the history of women's makeup, while the second lecture, "Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow," spoke of the history of waxing, tweezing and shaving.

Urban and Jancz-Urban kicked off their final talk with a few smelly historic anecdotes, from the explosion of William the Conqueror's swollen bowels inside his sarcophagus to the festering wound on King Henry the Eighth's leg.

Before toilet paper, the poor used leaves or moss to wipe themselves while the rich used lamb's wool. Kings would appoint individuals to wipe them. Known as the "groom of the stool," this was a coveted role given to sons of nobility. The (un)fortunate(?) soul would become one of the king's most trusted advisors due to their close contact.

Recalling an English minister who sold burials and stashed 12,000 corpses in his church cellar, Urban said church parishioners frequently passed out from the smell.

Nosegays (bouquets of flowers or caches of herbs) were created to protect the nose from foul smells and could be held up to one's nose or worn on their wrist or lapel; this would later inspire the boutonniere.

For most of history, human body odor was considered less pungent than it is today, and humans experimented with natural ingredients to hide their body odor before deodorant was created.

Using deodorant to mask the smell of sweat, ancient Egyptians applied a paste made of ostrich eggs, nuts, tamarisk and tortoise shells to their bodies. For their armpits, they'd roll porridge



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First patented as a waxy cream, "Mum" was developed in 1888 and recognized as the earliest successful brand of commercial deodorant.

mixed with incense into balls and walk around with the balls under their armpits.

Wealthy Greeks dealt with body odor by constantly bathing and applying perfume to their armpits. Musk was introduced in the Medieval era; its popularity as a perfume would place musk deer on the endangered species list by the 1970s.

In the 1500s, sailors discovered leaves from the bay rum tree in the West Indies were effective in masking body odor, and islanders added fragrant spices to create a cologne.

"Mum," the earliest successful brand of commercial

deodorant, was developed in 1888 by an inventor in Philadelphia, Penn., and the first patented version of "Mum" was sold as a waxy cream.

In 1903, the world's first antiperspirant was introduced: using aluminum chloride to clog pores and block sweat. Early antiperspirants were highly acidic, damaged clothing and gave a stinging sensation.

As people became more aware of their own body odor and those of their coworkers, they solved odor issues by washing regularly and covering up smells with perfumes.

Women concerned about sweat showing through their clothing started wearing shields in the armpits of their dresses.

In 1910, an Ohio high school student, Edna Murphey, tried her father's liquid antiperspirant and discovered it was just

as effective in thwarting her armpits' wetness and smell as it was keeping her father's hands dry in the operating room.

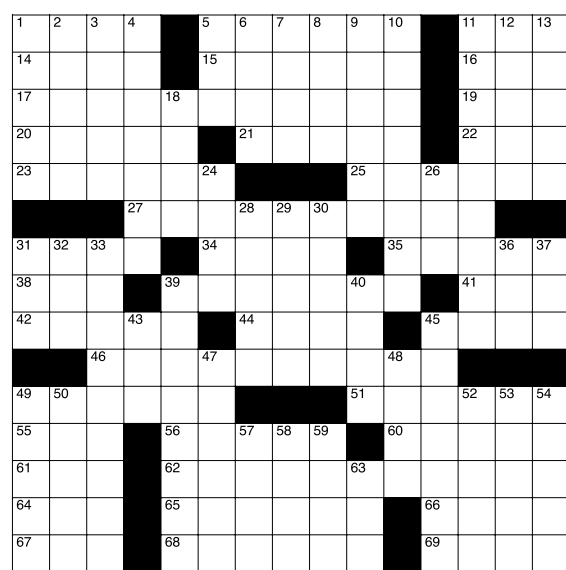
Calling the antiperspirant "Odorono," Murphey started her own company. Despite a rough start to her business, her product thrived at the 1912 Atlantic City exposition. She later hired New York advertising agent and former door-to-door Bible salesman J. Walter Thompson to promote her product. Good at exploiting women's insecurity, his advertising sparked campaigns that eventually led to future deodorant creams, roll-on sticks, followed by the first aerosol in the 1960s. Explaining the role genes play in sweating, Urban revealed the average person produces four-and-one-quarter cups of sweat per day from around 3 million sweat glands.

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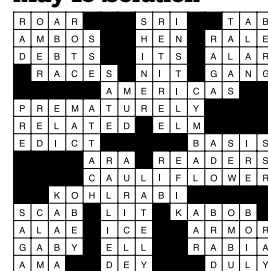
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- Cool!
- Welsh for John
- Given name meaning "great spirit"
- Wrath
- Social occasion
- Mechanical belt
- de la
- Commands
- Body part
- Caught sight of
- Funeral car
- Skin infection
- Sometimes they "burn"
- Russian river
- Famed soap opera character Kane
- Pie ___ mode
- Endangered
- Socially inept person
- Romanian river
- Swerve
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- A type of approach to please
- Form of Hebrew name for God
- "Carry On My Wayward Son" rockers
- A team's best pitcher
- A woody climbing plant
- Long, edible marine fish
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- Corporate bigwig
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- Relating to the ear
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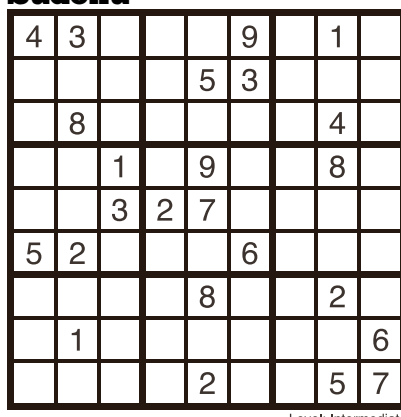


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- Adult beverage
- Force unit
- Swiss river
- Cater to
- Woody climbing plants
- Seems less impressive
- Consume
- Boxing's GOAT
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- Beverage holder
- A way to deteriorate
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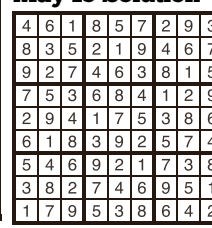
May 19 Solution



Sudoku



May 19 Solution



This little piggy bank went to market

Zach has been watching customers shop in Marona's since he was a kid visiting his Uncle John and Aunt Agnes. So when Agnes decided to sell the shop they had owned for 54 years, Zach already had ideas about how to transition it into a business that could sustain the next 54.

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Harry C. DeLonge

SHARON — Harry C. DeLonge, 90, of Amenia, died May 19, 2022, at Sharon Health Care Center, Sharon. He was the loving husband of the late Carol M. DeLonge.

Harry was born July 22, 1931, in Manhattan, New York, the son of the late Harry and Mary DeLonge (Howley). Harry served in the U.S. Marine Corps during The Korean War. He specialized in water treatment.

He is survived by a son, Marc DeLonge, daughters, Roxanne DeLonge and Rowena Haviland, grandchildren, Melany DeLonge, Megan DeLonge, Laurel See, Austin DeLonge, Anthony Scala, Eric Scala, Brittany Williamson, Heather Price, Carol Haviland, Michelle Haviland, and many great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Carol M. DeLonge and son Chet M. DeLonge.

Betty E. (Salois) LeGeyt

SHEFFIELD — Betty E. (Salois) LeGeyt passed away peacefully on May 17, 2022, at home with her family.

Betty was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, on July 24, 1938. The daughter of Frederick C. and Bertha E. Salois. She attended Lynn English High School and then attended Seminary at Boston University. Upon graduation she was assigned to two small rural churches in Western Massachusetts. Having grown up in the suburbs of Boston, this was a rather large change. One of the churches that she was assigned to was Trinity United Methodist Church of Ashley Falls. Immediately the women of the congregation saw an opportunity to play matchmaker and persuaded a reluctant young man to attend church to meet the new young minister. It was then that she met her future husband Richard LeGeyt who wasted little time on asking her out to the 4-H Fair.

Betty and Richard were happily married for nearly 56 years. They had four children and were very active in many organizations including Red Cross swimming lessons, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, and Sheffield Grange among others. Betty served on local posi-

tions including School Committee and Library Trustee.



Betty was predeceased by her loving husband Richard, and her oldest daughter Susan LeGeyt, and her grandson Christopher Poulter.

Betty is survived by her granddaughter Arielle (Greg) McLaughlin; son Philip (Joann) LeGeyt and their children, Emily, Ashana, Savanna, Jamison, Liam and Issac of Lee, Maine; daughter Lesley (Kevin) McLoughlin and her sons Kyle, Richard and Travis; her daughter Karen LeGeyt and spouse Robert Poulter and their children Nicholas LeGeyt and R. J. and Elizabeth Poulter.

A graveside service for Betty and Susan will be held on May 28 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sheffield Center Cemetery with a gathering at the Family Farm to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her memory may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, Bushnell Sage Memorial Library, or American Diabetes Foundation in care of Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home, 426 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts, 01230. To send remembrances to the family go to www.finnertyandstevens.com.

Marian M. Schwaikert

SALISBURY — Marian Schwaikert passed away unexpectedly on May 21, 2022.

Edna Marian Manter was born April 10, 1926, the youngest of six children to the late George Edward Manter and Edna Collamer Manter. She spent her childhood in Buffalo, New York,



where she attended public schools and graduated from William Smith College in Geneva, New York, with a Bachelor of Science degree. Marian pursued a career in microbiology with the pharmaceutical industry until becoming a fulltime mother and homemaker. She married her college sweetheart, the late Ralph Schwaikert, with whom she had three sons. With the leadership and entrepreneurial talent of Ralph, she family renovated the Pocketknife Square buildings in Lakeville and located several family businesses there including a gift shop and restaurant.

Marian was a devoted volunteer in every community she lived. In Salisbury, she was the secretary of the Salisbury Cemetery Board for many years and served as a board member of the Salisbury Visiting Nurses Association. She was a volunteer at the Sharon

Hospital and led the hospital Gift Shop for a period of time. Marian was a devoted member of St. John's Episcopal church where she served as clerk of the Vestry and later as Senior Warden. She helped establish the Country Store at Noble Horizons and volunteered there for over 25 years. Marian supported many local and national charities, lending a helping hand wherever needed.

Marian was predeceased by her siblings and former husband. She is survived by her three sons, Allan (Anne), William (Sharie) and John (Martha), grandchildren Peter (Anne), Mathew (Erin), Leah, Emma, John and great granddaughters Mia, Eva and Abby. Marian was also predeceased by her companion, well known musician Zoltan "Zip" Zantay. She referred to their relationship as a "twenty year bonus of love and companionship."

A memorial service at St. John's Church in Salisbury, will be held at a later date.

The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to St. John's Church Memorial Fund, Noble Horizons Auxiliary and Visiting Nurses Association of Salisbury.

OBITUARIES

Mary Stuart Robertson

LAKEVILLE — Mary Stuart Robertson, 85, of Moore Road, died on May 13, 2022, in her beloved home. She was the loving wife of Douglas Robertson to whom she was married for thirty-five years.

Mary Stuart was born on May 10, 1937, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. She was the daughter of the late Mervin and Victorine Hall Whitbeck of Mount Washington, Massachusetts. She attended a one-room schoolhouse in Mount Washington until its closing and later graduated from Roe Jan High School in Hillsdale, New York. She was also a graduate of Vermont Junior College.

Following college, Mary Stuart resided in Lakeville with her first husband where she raised her children, and where she went on to spend the rest of her life.

She was well known within the community, spending many years as an excellent caregiver through the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association and later, with private clients. Upon retiring, she continued her kind and caring service as a volunteer at Noble Horizons and with Hospice.

Vibrant, warm, fun, and very social, Mary Stuart enjoyed a large circle of people in her life, from family to close friends to many acquaintances. Specifically, she considered Marion Romeo, also of Lakeville, and her sister, Betsy Garrett of Mount Washington, Mass., to be two of her dearest friends.

Her many interests in-

cluded cooking, decorating, knitting, rug hooking, and all things related to nature, including tending to her plants and flowers. She was a perfectionist in all that she did.

In addition to her husband, Douglas Robertson, she is survived by her three children — James B. Moore III of Vinalhaven, Maine, Ashley DeMazza of South Royalton, Vermont, and Mary Bryan Moore and her husband, Stephen Brooks of New York City and Stanfordsville, New York, as well as her granddaughters, Kate and Emily DeMazza, both of the Boston area.

She is also survived by her sister, Betsy Garrett and husband, Harry Garrett of Mount Washington, and their three children, as well as her sister-in-law, Margaret "Peggy" Whitbeck and three children; her stepsons, David Robertson and his wife, Tracy and two daughters of Yulee, Florida, and Douglas Robertson Jr. and his wife, Jaime and their son and daughter, of Omaha, Nebraska. She was predeceased by her parents, Mervin and Vicki Whitbeck of Mount Washington and by her brother, Jim Whitbeck, also of Mount Washington.

Mary Stuart will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

A small, private gathering to celebrate Mary Stuart's life will be held in the coming weeks. If you would like to make a donation in her name, please do so with either the Salisbury Visiting Nurse Association or Hospice.

James Leonard Stewart

SALISBURY — James Leonard Stewart, 80, passed away peacefully and in the company of family on May 11, 2021. Len joins his partner of more than 55 years who passed in 2016.

Len was born July 25, 1940, in Laurel, Delaware. After graduating from William Penn High School in New Castle, Len worked for Dupont in Wilmington then moved to live and work in Cambridge, England. Shortly after arriving, Len was drafted into the U.S. Army as an Engineer and served primarily in South Korea. After his military service, Len returned to Cambridge where he lived and worked for 20 years before moving back to the United States and

settling in Salisbury in 1979.

Len was very active in the community as a volunteer at Noble Horizons for more than 30 years, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Salisbury for over 20 years, and a familiar face at many fundraisers, town meetings, events, parades and around town during his 42 years in Salisbury.

Len is survived by his sister Marianne of Iowa Falls, Iowa, and brother Robert of Silver Springs, Maryland. Services for Len will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salisbury Visiting Nurses Association, Noble Horizons, and the Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Celebration of Life

Betty Surdam

There will be a celebration of life for Betty Surdam on June 4 starting at 11 a.m. at the Lakeville Fire House. Please come share your favorite memories of her.

Betty touched many, many lives and anyone who knew her is welcome to attend the event. Some food will be provided.

Email obituaries to johnnc@lakevillejournal.com

Robert F. Wright

June 1, 2009

Thirteen years, it seems unreal. So much has changed the way we deal With what life brings, We've grown so much. We learn from every step we take. Are wiser with the plans we make. We were so unprepared. Uncertain where your path would lead, But grateful to get the time we'd need, To spend with you, to give us peace, That you knew we loved you so, And that we knew you had to go. We miss you and we love you still, Always have and always will.

We Love you Robert, We Love you Dad
Your wife Ruth, Your daughters Bobbie-Jo and Ruthanne

Leonie S. Brewer

A burial service for Leonie S. Brewer will be held at the Salisbury Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 4.

Helen E. Kircher

Helen E. Kircher of Falls Village, 92, passed away on January 19, 2022. Her celebration of life service will be on June 2 at 11:00 a.m. at the Falls Village Congregational Church. Reception will be at the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department.

In appreciation:

Donald Ross

The members of the Lake Wonscopomuc Association want to express our appreciation for our neighbor and friend Donald Ross. We are saddened by his passing and we will miss him deeply. Don was a member of the board of directors of the lake association for 9 years and vice president for most of that time. He was an enthusiastic supporter of our efforts to improve the ecological environment of the lake and a generous contributor to our programs. It was typical of his thoughtfulness

and generosity that when he and Helen bought the Dean Meadow next to Holleywood he took out the trees the previous owner planted along Route 44 because they obstructed the view of the lake for passersby and donated them to the town for planting at the new transfer station. We have lost a gifted and valuable friend.

Bill Littauer, President
for the Lake
Wonscopomuc
Association

For more obituaries, see Page A4

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Week of May 29, 2022

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AMENIA

Webutuck BOE elections

Reyes, Robustelli join school board

By KAITLIN LYLE
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WEBUTUCK — After tallying the results of this year's vote for the 2022-23 school district budget and the Board of Education (BOE) election, the North East (Webutuck) Central School District welcomed Nichole Reyes and Anthony Robustelli as the newest members of its board on Tuesday, May 17.

Webutuck's election was held from noon to 9 p.m. last Tuesday in the high school gymnasium. For more on the budget vote, turn to this week's front page.

Voters were asked to cast their ballots to fill two open seats, vacated by outgoing BOE members Christopher Mayville and John Merwin.

The new BOE members will both serve three-year term starting Friday, July 1, through June 30, 2025.

Both Robustelli and Reyes are newcomers to

the BOE table; Robustelli received 193 votes and Reyes received 174 votes.

The Webutuck BOE convened via Zoom just after 9 p.m. once the polls closed on Tuesday evening to ratify the results of the district budget vote and BOE election and to welcome Robustelli and Reyes onto the BOE.

Delighted by the turnout and end results, Robustelli said he was "excited" about serving on the BOE.

As a mother of two young children, Reyes said she's been very active at Webutuck Elementary School (WES) and felt she had a lot of support from WES behind her getting on the board.

"I'm hoping my experience and my passion can be an asset to the board and provide another voice from the parents' point of view, so I'm excited about those things," Reyes said.

Residents voice concerns regarding Kent Hollow Mine settlement reports

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Within the first half hour of the Thursday, May 19, meeting, the Amenia Town Board heard multiple comments from concerned citizens regarding its decision to negotiate a settlement with Kent Hollow Mine.

Given their South Amenia Road home is adjacent to the mine's entrance, Phil Sicker told the board he and his wife, Diane Zahler, had the utmost concern after town Supervisor Victoria Perotti told Zahler last month it planned to settle with the mine.

According to Zahler, Perotti said "after denying for the past decade Kent Hollow's persistent attempts to restart its gravel mining operations, the Town Board is now negotiating a settlement that would allow the company to resume and expand its soil and rock extraction."

Sicker told the board such an agreement would reverse a decade of careful guardianship of the Webutuck Valley by the Town Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and flagrantly violate the zoning restrictions stipulated in the town's 2007 Comprehensive Plan (CP).

He added both boards have upheld the mining restrictions defined in the CP in the past four years. In response, Sicker said Kent Hollow has resorted to coercive methods, bringing a lawsuit against the town and suing four ZBA members and three

Town Board members, adding two Town Board members (Vicki Doyle and Leo Blackman) have been forced to recuse themselves from voting on anything related to Kent Hollow for fear of being personally sued.

"In short, Kent Hollow is now using threats to force the board to submit to their relentless, money-driven ambitions," Sicker said. "It is legally and morally incumbent on the three non-recused members of the board to resist this pressure by refusing to negotiate a settlement when the Connecticut-based company has demonstrated dishonesty, ruthlessness and contempt for the town's regulations."

As reported in this paper's May 5 article on the Town Board's apparent willingness to settle, which Perotti denied and called untrue, Zahler said Perotti told her the town had decided to negotiate with Kent Hollow "because we're tired of it and they're tired of it."

The town supervisor responded in that article, "There's no settlement — I don't know where all this came from."

Sicker said any kind of settlement would be a "betrayal" to adjoining property owners, the CP and the Amenia citizens who elected the Town Board to uphold the law.

Having attended many ZBA meetings when Kent Hollow's application was being approved, South Amenia Road resident Laurence Levin said the ZBA's lawyer

at the time did extensive research, proving Kent Hollow was not abiding by the rules and could not prove its use was grandfathered in and therefore allowed by the town's zoning.

"As Phil pointed out, it is absurd to be trying to settle with Kent Hollow who have just lie[d] over the years, who have brought a couple of suits against the town," she said. "You settle with them and you don't think there will be other suits against the Town Board... I can tell you there are other people in the community who are ready to defend their rights and the zoning rules that should be applied in this case. There is no settlement to be had in this case."

Perotti read a statement about the two protest petitions submitted to the town against the Kent Hollow Mine application in April by Zahler. Acknowledging that the deputy town clerk had received them, Perotti said the board wants to be clear that the Town Clerk's Office hasn't received any zoning petitions from Kent Hollow.

"The town of Amenia is in litigation with that owner, so we can't comment on that litigation other than to say that the state court has encouraged the parties to have settlement discussions," she said. "Because we have protest petitions without a zoning petition, we're going to refer the protest petitions to our attorneys and ask them to provide the Town Board with guidance on how to proceed."

Perotti added Amenia's zoning code requires that a public hearing be held on any zoning petitions, though the town hasn't received any zoning petitions yet.

A soon-to-be Amenia resident looking to close on a property she recently purchased on South Amenia Road said the reason she moved to Wassaic from Red Hook in northern Dutchess County was the area has a good vibe.

"I feel this is an opportunity with so many creative and wonderful and down-to-earth people to really meet the needs of the people in the community," said the newcomer. "A lot of people are moving here because it's a rural place. Kent Hollow has moved in and made it move to more of its industrial past. I don't think it's going to lead us on the trajectory that's going to be best for all of us residents in this area."

Resident Paul Winters raised the area's long history of mines and how the gravel is used to build homes and repair town roads.

Joe Brenner, a 30-year town resident, noted there are other sources of gravel and solving this issue isn't just "a compromised solution to a problem."

It goes beyond just a single mine and a single neighborhood, he said.

"I think we really have to look at this and say, 'What impact is this going to have?'" he asked. "This is not just a business decision — this is a communal decision."

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Stissing Mountain Football Club players ages 5 to 7 competed against each other recently on the fields behind Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, as they do every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. That age bracket is followed by players ages 8 to 10 at 10 a.m. and then by players ages 11 to 14 at 11 a.m.

Stissing Mountain Football Club kicks off first season

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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PINE PLAINS — While baseball is typically the starting sport of spring, the town of Pine Plains recently welcomed a new joint youth soccer program with the town of Stanford, dubbed the Stissing Mountain Football Club (SMFC). It kicked off on Monday, April 25, and will run through Saturday, June 18. Primarily known for coaching the Stissing Mountain High School girls varsity soccer team, James Wylie said he was approached by Pine Plains Recreation Director Mike Cooper to see if he'd be interested in starting a recreational soccer league.

Noticing the absence of a youth soccer program in town, Wylie said, "I wanted to start it up so when kids get to high school, it's not the first time they play soccer."

Wylie explained the SMFC's structure is very similar to the nearby town of Dover's youth soccer league, Dover United Youth Soccer. Having worked for that league for five years, Wylie brought its blueprints with him to Pine Plains to help form the SMFC. "The one thing that stands out is we're making sure all our coaches are U.S. grass roots certified," Wylie said, referring to the United States soccer initiative to teach soccer to young children and instill the values upheld at the professional level to the youth level early on.

Including Wylie, the SMFC currently has roughly nine coaches running the program.

Additionally, Wylie said many of his players from the high school girls varsity soccer team are assisting with the program. Wylie said his goal of blending young players with the varsity players is to create "this one unity of a team of players, because hopefully the players playing in this youth program will play for

the school one day."

Aside from the fundamentals, Wylie wants to instill teamwork, leadership and the rules of the game into those enrolled with the new soccer program. He also wants to teach the young athletes how to properly approach practicing and improve their game at both the individual and team levels.

By its first active week, the SMFC had 70 players enrolled — all from the Pine Plains Central School District, which includes nine towns in two counties.

Each age group has one practice and one game a week on the soccer fields behind Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School off Route 199 in Pine Plains.

Participants are required to bring their own shin guards and cleats, and having their own soccer ball is highly recommended.

Players ages 5 to 7 practice on Mondays while players ages 8 to 10 and ages 11 to 14 practice on Wednesdays.

Wylie said players ages 3 to 4 don't have practice but have games early every Saturday morning.

Players ages 5 to 7 also compete against one another on Saturday mornings, followed by players ages 8 to 10 at 10 a.m. and players ages 11 to 14 later Saturday mornings.

Wylie said the teams on which the players compete rotate weekly "because we want to encourage that we're one big program and you could be playing with any of these people at any time."

Asked whether he foresees the Stissing Mountain Football Club becoming a yearly program in town, Wylie said "yes," noting the intention is to offer eight-week sessions in the spring and fall for local children looking to learn the fundamentals of the sport.

Ideally it will become a town recreation program and, as it develops to the next level, a travel soccer program. Together, Wylie said he hopes there will ultimately be a town league and a travel league that will be able to play as one main club.

Practice and game schedules for the Stissing Mountain Football Club may be found online at www.stissingmntfc.wixsite.com/stissingmntfc.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

On Sunday, March 20, the Millbrook Blazers Girls Varsity Basketball Team won the Class C Section 9 Championship at Hudson Community College in Troy, against the Newark Valley Cardinals, 55-46, clinching the state title. The team received certificates from Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy at a Millbrook BOE meeting on Tuesday, May 3.

Go Blazers!

Champion basketball team honored by Millbrook mayor

MILLBROOK — The 2022 New York State Class C Section 9 Champions from Millbrook High School were congratulated by Millbrook Mayor Tim Collopy and village Trustees Vickie Contino and Mike Herzog on Tuesday, May 3, for their prowess on the court.

The Millbrook Blazers Girls Varsity Basketball Team was lauded for its tremendous accomplishments on Sunday, March 20, at Hudson Community College in Troy by the Millbrook officials earlier this month.

The team received certificates from the Village of Millbrook in an official ceremony, with all of the pomp and circumstance it deserved.

The honors took place at the first May meeting of the Millbrook Central School District

Board of Education meeting, held at the Millbrook Middle School.

Collopy shook every player's hand and congratulated them on their victory over the New-

ark Valley Cardinals in the hard-fought championship game. The Blazers beat the Cardinals 55-46, clinching the Class C Section 9 title.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Senior picnic in Town of Washington

WASHINGTON — The Town of Washington will hold a picnic for all seniors in the town and village on Wednesday, June 22, at noon, at the Town Park at 3744

Route 44 in Mabbettsville.

To register, email reccdirector@washingtontny.com, go to www.washingtontny-rec.com or call 845-677-3419, ext. 6.

Pool to open for summer in Ancram

ANCRAM — The Ancram Town Pool at 1304 County Route 7 will open on Friday, July 1, until Wednesday, Aug. 31. Open swimming will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 1 to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

testing and get the schedule.

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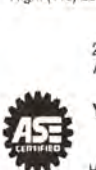
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PINE PLAINS/AREA

Art celebrated in all its forms at school district's Art Fair

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Stissing Mountain High School invited students and their families to step into a world bursting with artistic creativity and explore the Pine Plains Central School District's (PPCSD) Art Fair on Wednesday, May 18.

Originally scheduled for Monday, May 16, the Art Fair was postponed due to stormy weather. With multiple PPCSD staff and student volunteers running the show, the aim was to celebrate all forms of art offered to all grades, including visual arts, performing arts, culinary arts, technology and creative writing.

Designed to be 100% donation-based, all proceeds raised at the Art Fair went to benefit the local Willow Roots Food Pantry, which distributes from 7730 South Main St. (For more information, go to www.willowroots.org or call 518-751-0164.)

Running from 4 to 7 p.m., the Art Show had hands-on art activities and exhibits of artwork created by students. By one stairwell, a group of students gave a live jazz concert while residents donated money to benefit Willow Roots.

All throughout the lobby, student artwork was displayed on tables and walls, capturing a range of art mediums. Starting with the work closest to the main entrance, visitors admired salon walls created by high school students in partnership with The Wassaic Project and Rhode Island painter Kristin Lamb, as well as vivid Rorschach ink blots made from ink and watercolors.

A Butterfly Kingdom of creatures crafted from paper plates, toilet paper rolls and other materials was hung in the middle of the lobby alongside eye-catching paintings of endangered animals made by eighth-graders, grid portraits, meme prints, shadow clothes and other works.



Preston Stoner tried a hand at wheel throwing in Austin Kadle's classroom.



From left, twins Mason and Lance Miller at the Art Fair, in front of the mythical mounts on display in the hallways of Stissing Mountain High School.

PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

On tables placed in the lobby sat Ag-Day letter sculptures inspired by the work of artist Casey Girard; sculptures of food; wood bas-reliefs; various ceramic works; and paper mache creations.

Many were especially fascinated by student James King's performance piece, "Human

(Homo-Sapien)." From behind a glass display case, King mimicked human behaviors with animal-like intensity as both a critique of human emotion and psyche.

Many were dazzled by the vivid array of artwork on display, from watercolor paintings and mythical wall mounts to

notans and avant-garde landscapes.

Some engaged in art activities with art teachers, enjoying wheel throwing with Austin Kadle, laser engraving with James Benicasa and the Paint & Chill with Erin Essery.

With plank paper and plenty of muses to inspire them,

students invited fair-goers to have their caricatures drawn.

At the chili and sundae bar, others satisfied their hunger with hot chili donated by Moose on the Loose. Some returned later that evening for homemade ice cream made by Jennifer Blackburn's culinary class.

Fredericks, Couse re-elected to Pine Plains BOE; Cavey also wins

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — Waiting patiently for the results of this year's Board of Education (BOE) election to be tallied, incumbent Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) BOE members Amie Fredericks and Chip Couse were pleased to learn they had been elected to serve another term on the board on Tuesday, May 17.

The PPCSD held its annual district budget vote and BOE election last Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School cafeteria. For more information on the results of the district budget vote, turn to

this week's front page.

Those voted onto the BOE in this year's election will serve three-year terms on the board, starting Friday, July 1, and ending June 30, 2025. In addition to incumbents Fredericks and Couse, also elected was newcomer Scott Cavey.

Fredericks won her seat with the highest tally of 699 votes, followed by former BOE President Couse, with 693 votes; Cavey received 244 votes.

Re-elected to her third term on the school board, Fredericks said she just completed six years of serving the Board of Ed, having begun in July 2016.

"I am honored that the

PPCSD community trusts me to sit in this seat for another three years," she said. "We had a record number of voters come to vote and the community's voice was heard loud and clear."

Looking ahead, Fredericks said her goals for the coming year "fall under a larger umbrella of educating the whole child," which she said means educating each child academically, physically, socially, emotional and developmentally.

Among other things she would like to do as she sits at the board table, Fredericks said she would like to create a robust mental health program that will be continuously evaluated and adjusted to best

meet students' needs; provide opportunities for students to be heard; allow students opportunities to learn outside the classroom setting with more hands-on experiences; and increase communication between incoming Superintendent of Schools Brian Timm and district families as well as between the BOE and families.

Prior to winning his eighth term on the BOE, Couse had served 22 years as a trustee on the school board, starting in 1986 and taking a couple of breaks in service throughout the years. He also served on the BOE as its president for a number of years.

"As a young man, I was searching for where to do

my public service," Couse said. "The Board of Education was the right fit."

Couse said he decided to run for several reasons. One, to help ease the transition as Timm replaces Superintendent Martin Handler (who plans to retire at year's end) as the district's sixth superintendent of schools this July, and two, because of the significant drop in student enrollment.

He added he wants to lend his experience to ensure

Timm has a successful start to his new role; he also wants to help lead the discussion on properly allocating resources or "right sizing" the district's adjustment to "the reality of a shrinking student body."

Lastly, Couse said he wants to participate in the process of rebuilding the altered educational platform that was interrupted by COVID-19.

The BOE ratified the election results at its board meeting on Wednesday, May 18.

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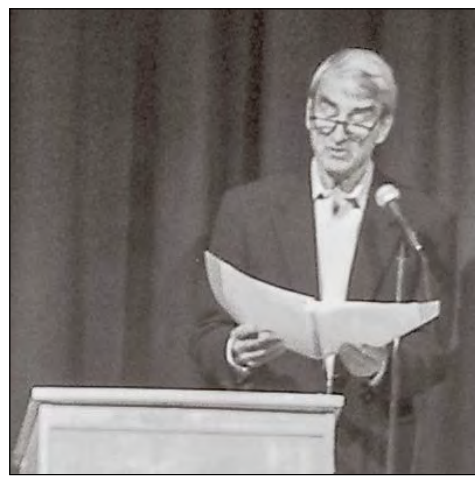


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Meryl Streep featured in article on spreading awareness on pesticide use in agriculture, from *The Lakeville Journal* issue of Feb. 2, 1989.



Sam Waterston reads at an event for a town Historical Society, from *The Lakeville Journal* issue of Sept. 25, 2008.

Meryl Streep & Sam Waterston

All of us at the Journal are excited by this news; it would be an occasion to report, even editorialize, how important Meryl and Sam's support means to us. Instead, without comment, we are running, unedited, their own thoughts about the paper, the community and local journalism. We will only say how grateful we are not only for their loyal readership and support, but also that of all readers and supporters like you.

Below Sam Waterston tells us what The Lakeville Journal means to him. Please look for Meryl Streep's words in next week's issue and please plan to join us at our 125th summer celebratory events, August 13 through September 17.



"When you're inside The Lakeville Journal's territory, you're home."

Who needs a local paper? Aren't we already as plugged into the world as we can stand?

There's an old legal principal, whose Latin name I've never known or have forgotten, which states that courts, when asked to review cases on appeal, should have great respect for those closest to the event — the judge, the prosecutor, the jurors, the investigators, and the witnesses — who most immediately looked into the case, who were nearby and local. The courts do this because experience has shown that nearness matters.

The way this country 'does the news' is less and less like that every day. News is developed more and more by national organizations and national opinion is more and more formed in cyber space, less and less in the real public squares of towns like the ones in which we live.

The Northwest Corner of Connecticut, while staying otherwise pretty up-to-date, thank you, has blessedly been able to preserve some of the old ways of talking

things over, and, even in the face of the isolation brought by the Covid pandemic, thanks to selectmen's meetings and town meetings with public comment, thanks to local and regional politicians and public servants making themselves available and accessible, because of churches and institutions like our libraries and school boards and volunteer fire departments, because we run into people and talk at the post office, the grocery store, and around and about the town, direct communication is still alive. Actually living together in the same neighborhood, it turns out, moderates us, and moderation is the lifeblood of community, and its partners, compromise and consensus.

For 125 years — almost as long as I've been around here — The Lakeville Journal has been part and parcel of that healthy political/social/natural ecosystem, a way to keep up with the local news, yes, but also, and essentially, with local points of view about matters local, national, and beyond, with local and familiar names, and even faces, attached.

When you come back from away, in case it got frayed by absence, The Lakeville Journal's familiar presence on the rack in the store and in your mailbox helps to knit up again the sense of belonging to a somewhere, a real place.

What with globalization this and international that, we need our local paper to help us keep our perspective straight, to remind us once in while, when our leaders make pronouncements at us, that a cat may look at a king. We need news that has its feet on the ground. The Lakeville Journal has come up out of this particular part of the ground for 125 years.

A good local paper — and this exciting new/old Lakeville Journal promises to be that — will let us know, not just what 'the king' said, or his henchmen decided, but will give 'the cat' a say in the matter, and, this being New England, a say about whether the king's latest is anything to get riled up about. When you're inside The Lakeville Journal's territory, you're home. Let's keep it.

— Sam Waterston



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MENTAL HEALTH *Continued from Page A1*

our reality.

Once society realized that what it had long taken for granted as “normal” could no longer be assumed back in 2020, when governors in states like New York shut down the majority of non-essential businesses, our “normal” changed.

How could it not? As New Yorkers, including those living in the Harlem Valley, could no longer partake in what they used to do monthly, weekly, or even daily? Whether going out to enjoy indoor dining; entertainment venues; the hospitality industry; tourist spots; religious institutions; schools; going on public transportation; going to our libraries and museums, etc., people realized they basically had to exist on their own.

Whether in terms of their work environment or their school setting or even within their family dynamic; individuals, children and adults; the young, the middle-aged, the elderly; professionals and retired alike — everyone began to truly understand how lonely it felt to be isolated from one another. The fatal coronavirus — something we had never even heard of a year prior — had suddenly come to rule over all of our lives.

Now instead of knowing your 82-year-old widowed

mother in Miami could take her healthy daily constitutional around her neighborhood to stay fit and active, chat with some neighbors and remain social, for the past two years she’s been holed up in a small two-bedroom condo with no one to speak with but her cat.

Likewise, your friend’s son can no longer attend community college so he’s tucked away at home, spending his days aimlessly and unproductively, thinking dark thoughts. Rather than speaking with other youths his own age, he spends more and more time playing video games and not getting any fresh air or doing any work or activities.

Because so many companies shut down their offices during the pandemic, many co-workers no longer mingle socially after hours. Therefore another friend also gave up going out to meet up with others — ever. Now she simply interacts with people only via Zoom, and lives in an entirely virtual world. Her daily activities are all online and her real-life personal interactions are slim to none. Her depression is building.

These are the types of examples that people at MHA and other mental health organizations have reported cropping up since the pandemic,

not unexpectedly. That’s why they are promoting Mental Health Awareness Month as a good time to shed light on such issues and bring them to the fore.

MHA of Dutchess County offers programs right in the region for those who need support. There are workshops and educational programs; veterans services; support groups; social activities and individualized support programs; housing and shelter services; a 24/7 crisis center; and an addiction and recovery center.

MHADDC offers a weekly Depression & Bipolar Support Group, which includes a self-help group for people diagnosed with depression or bipolar disorder. Family and friends are welcome.

The group meets every Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at 253 Mansion St. in Poughkeepsie. It is open to the community and there is no fee to attend. For details, call 845-473-2500, ext. 1316.

MHADDC’s main number in Poughkeepsie is 845-473-2500 or email info@mhadutchess.org, or go to its website at www.mhadutchess.org.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Mid-Hudson also has a number of free presentations and educational classes scheduled this

spring.

A Zoom Family and Friends Seminar is set for Monday, June 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; the In Our Own Voice Zoom presentation will be on Wednesday, May 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; the eight-week Family-to-Family Class will begin Monday, June 13, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Zoom; the next Peer-to-Peer Class will be on Thursday, June 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. on Zoom.

For details on any NAMI offerings, call 845-206-9892 or email contact@namimid-hudson.org.

Meanwhile, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) will host the YOUR (Young, Old, Urban, Rural) Health Dutchess County Health Fair on Saturday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the lower level of the former JCPenney store at the Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road in Poughkeepsie.

The free, rain-or-shine event will feature exhibits and demonstrations from various county government departments and divisions, plus local exhibitors, with both indoor and outdoor activities.

DBCH staff will be there to provide information about mental health counseling, rabies, tickborne illnesses, drowning prevention and maternity health topics, in addition to other details, according to Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro’s office.

“Residents are keenly aware of the importance of their own health and that of their loved ones,” said Molinaro. “I encourage residents to stop by our health fair, learn about how to improve and maintain their well-being and appreciate the myriad resources available to them.”

For more on Mental Health Awareness Month, read this week’s editorial on Page B4.

BUDGET *Continued from Page A1*

proposition for the BOE to acquire two transportation vehicles — including a wheelchair-accessible minibus and a utility vehicle — at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$170,000.

Once the votes were in, the Webutuck BOE gathered via Zoom just after 9 p.m. last Tuesday night to ratify the results. A total of 170 votes were cast in favor of the budget while 63 votes were cast against it. A total of 174 voters voted in favor of the transportation vehicle purchase proposition while 59 voters voted against it.

“I’d like to just thank our community for continued support of our educational programs and our children,” said Webutuck Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani. “The BOE and administration worked diligently to make sure that we maintain a balance of providing for strong student program as well as keeping the affordability and the ability of our taxpayers to pay in mind.”

Pine Plains

Meanwhile, the Pine Plains CSD held its annual district budget vote from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School cafeteria.

In addition to voting on its \$35,253,160 budget, voters cast ballots on three propositions. They included a proposition to authorize the district to purchase two 71-passenger school buses; a proposition to establish a capital reserve fund known as the Bus Purchase Reserve; and a proposition to establish a student to serve as an ex-officio member of the Pine Plains BOE.

The budget passed with 668 votes; 226 voters cast their ballots against the bud-

get.

Likewise, the bus purchase proposition passed with 665 votes in favor of it and 224 votes against it; the Bus Purchase Reserve proposition passed with 645 votes in favor of it and 244 votes against it; and the student BOE member proposition passed with 732 votes in favor of it and only 155 votes against it.

The Pine Plains BOE ratified the district budget vote results at a board meeting on Wednesday, May 18, at 7 p.m. Before the BOE put the results to a vote, Pine Plains Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler pointed out that “not only was this the largest turnout [of] in-person voting... at least in the nine years I’ve been here,” but there was also a substantial number of new voters at this year’s school district election. “It was certainly encouraging to see the numbers of new faces at the school election.”

Millbrook

In the Millbrook CSD, voters cast their ballots in the Millbrook Middle School auditorium between noon and 9 p.m. last Tuesday. This year, voters could say “yes” or “no” to the \$32,656,404 school district budget designed for the 2022-23 school year. Out of a total of 290 voters, Millbrook’s budget passed with 227 votes in favor of it and 63 votes against it.

“Thank you to all our voters!” Millbrook Superintendent of Schools Laura Mitchell posted online at www.millbrookcsd.org the following day. “Your support is greatly appreciated.”

To see who voters elected to their local school boards, turn to your local town pages throughout this week’s The Millerton News.

CONCERTS *Continued from Page A1*

David Byrne at TSC

Wlodar also has plans for another concert that weekend, on Sunday, June 5, with David Byrne performing at The Stissing Center in Pine Plains.

The Scottish-born lead singer of the iconic American rock band the Talking Heads will appear with the Korinya Ukrainian Folk Band and Estonian Diplomat Eerik Niiles Kroos from 1 to 4 p.m. in what is being described as “an inspirational mix of music, food, speech and generosity.”

The concert at The Stissing Center, located at 2950 Church St. in Pine Plains, is in support of the nonprofit

Sunflower of Peace, an “organization committed to helping Ukrainians affected by the Russian military invasion,” according to its website, www.sunflowerofpeace.com.

For more information on the concert, go to www.thestissingcenter.org or call 518-771-3340

The Talking Heads was formed back in 1975 in New York City. The band wrote and performed such hits as “Psycho Killer” and “Take Me to the River.”

The band broke up in 1991, but as of 2022, some of the bandmates were back on tour.

In 2018, Byrne released a

studio album entitled “American Utopia,” written with longtime collaborator Brian Eno.

The next year, Byrne adapted the album into an eponymous stage show. It opened in 2019 following a number of delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Byrne performed along with an 11-piece band in “American Utopia” at the St. James Theatre on Broadway until it went dark on April 3. Fans may still see the performance thanks to director Spike Lee, whose filmed version is currently streaming on HBO Max.

PECK’S MARKET *Continued from Page A1*

Liam’s son Dick (Bill’s father) bought it from his dad in 1952, Bill said the store had outlived a lot of others in town.

Bill observed Peck’s outlived The Great Depression, an achievement his grandfather attributed to hard work, opening the store at 6 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m.

Reflecting on Peck’s early days, when food came in bulk, Bill said his grandfather delivered groceries in a Model T truck.

There were no snowplows or paved roads at that time. All of the milk had to be delivered to the former Borden Milk Factory in nearby Wassaic to be put on the train, he said, and people would trade agricultural products like eggs for food. Bananas would come to the store in huge bunches and be hung in the rear. Bill said employees had to be careful handling the bananas in case there was a tarantula in there.

Bill’s grandfather was ac-

tive in the community, serving as a town supervisor, fire commissioner, director of the Pine Plains Water Company and a member of the Stissing Masonic Lodge.

Yet through all the changes happening in both the world at large and in the local community, the store always remained within the Peck family. Bill himself worked there all the way through college as well as during the summers when home from college.

He said he took pride in closing and opening the store while his parents were away.

Reminiscing about how much he enjoyed working at for the family business, Bill said he liked the people who shopped there and felt it was a good way to socialize — an opportunity that came in handy when he became a teacher.

Bill’s younger brother Don, who lives in Pine Plains today, eventually bought the store from their father. By the early 1980s, Peck’s Food Market moved to its current location at 2991 East Church St. Don continues to run it to this day.

“It’s persevered through a lot of major problems in the country,” Bill said, “and Pine Plains has changed quite a bit in that time. It was a thriving community back in the 20s, and of course it’s not what it used to be at all... I’m really proud of the family and how well they adapted to the community, and the store, as far as I know, does a great job and Don does a great job running it.”

MEMORIAL DAY *Continued from Page A1*

by the VFW Post #5444 at Amenia Fountain Square at 11 a.m.

Dover — Parade and ceremony hosted by the Dover American Legion Post #1949 on Monday, May 30, with a solemn march to the veterans’ section of the South Dover Cemetery in Wingdale, at 9:30 a.m., stepping off from the Wingdale firehouse at Route 55 off of Route 22; the service will start at 10 a.m. in the cemetery.

Millbrook — Parade and ceremony hosted by Millbrook VFW Post #9008 at Franklin Avenue and Tribute Garden Park at 11 a.m.

Millerton — The Millerton American Legion Post #178 will conduct its traditional morning cemetery repass on Memorial Day from the Post Home beginning at 6 a.m. by visiting local cemeteries.


The line-up for the annual

Memorial Day parade will begin on Century Boulevard at 9:30 a.m. Community and youth organizations are invited to participate. The parade will step off at 10 a.m. and proceed to Main Street, where it will make a brief stop at the Webutuck Creek Bridge to remember those who were lost in the nation’s Naval Services and Merchant Marine.

Following the parade, participants will proceed to the Irondale Cemetery for a brief service before going to Veterans Park for the annual Memorial Day program.



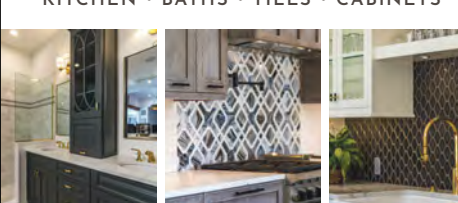




Pine Plains — Parade and ceremony hosted by Shekomoko American Legion Post #426 and Pine Plains VFW Post #5519 at 10:30 a.m.

The parade will then proceed from the Pine Plains firehouse to Town Clock Memorial to Evergreen Cemetery.



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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

BOOKS: LEILA HAWKEN

Finding Pride and Joy in New Book by Chen

The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn., and the nearby Cornwall Library joined forces on Saturday, May 7, to present Litchfield County resident and New York Times bestselling children's book author Eva Chen. She read from her latest book, "I Am Golden," published earlier this year.

The program was a collaboration between Eiseley Kotchoubey of Cornwall and Samantha Saliter, the children's librarian at the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon. Saliter was formerly on the staff at the Cornwall Library, so there was happiness all around.

Chen, who is a first-generation Chinese-American, said the idea for her new story came to her two years ago at the onset of the pandemic. It was a time of negative public sentiment actively directed



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Eva Chen, center, read aloud her book, "I Am Golden," at the Cornwall Library. Eiseley Kotchoubey of Cornwall is at left in the photo; at right is Samantha Saliter of Sharon's library.

toward the Asian community in New York City and elsewhere.

She and her parents were witnesses to some

of it — enough so that Chen could imagine an illustrated book to counter potential harm to children.

Parents arrived early for the reading — among them Lauren and Baxter Wasson of Cornwall's Cream Hill, who brought along their daughters, Margaux, 10, and Cecily, 8. "We have two voracious readers," they confided.

"This is a celebration of how children can express themselves through love," Chen said to the children, discussing the concept of her book. She was assisted in the presentation by her own daughter, Ren Bannister.

"This book is my story," Chen said, pointing to the collection of actual family photos on the inside pages and noting the similarity in appearance between herself and the little girl depicted on the cover art.

"This one is the most personal of all my books," she added.

As the tale progressed into written form, Chen said that she found her illustrator, Sophie Diao, on Instagram. This was a fairly logical decision as Chen serves as the head of fashion partnerships at Instagram. Chen explained that these days authors and illustrators may never meet in person, but they do collaborate as the book takes shape.

Joy and self-celebration are key takeaways from the book, Chen said.

"It is important that children, whatever their culture, should feel pride in their heritage," Chen said, adding that her next book, already in the works, will be a companion to "I Am Golden."



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The famous castle in Cornwall, Conn., will be a stop on this year's garden tour to benefit the Cornwall Library on June 18.

GARDENS:
CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Garden Tour That Includes Cornwall's Castle

Hidden away in the lovely Coltsfoot Valley of Cornwall, Conn., is an 18-room stone castle built in the early 1920s by an eccentric and wealthy Manhattanite named Charlotte Martin.

Although it is not a castle in the way that ancient buildings in Europe are castles (no nobility ever lived here and the building was never the site of a siege), the history of the property is as full of romance and drama as any historic edifice.

Coltsfoot Valley resident Jeff Jacobson wrote a book about the history of the property in 2015, and called it, "A Cornwall Love Story." There are also many stories about the Cornwall Castle, as it is known, at the online archive of The Lakeville Journal (<http://scoville.advantage-preservation.com>).

The castle had been allowed to fall into significant decay by a recent owner, a New York City financier who was often in the news. It

was recently given a complete and gorgeous overhaul by new owner Russell Bannon, who gave a similar makeover to the former county jail on the Green in Litchfield.

The exquisitely buffed 256-plus acre property is now for sale through the Klemm Real Estate agency. You can see photos at www.klemmrealestate.com/pages/rPropertyDetails.php?2579.

Or you can make an actual visit to the castle grounds on Saturday, June 18, and support the Cornwall Library. The castle is one of four properties open to the public for this year's Books and Blooms: Country Gardens benefit weekend.

Kicking off the two-day event is a talk by famed gardener and author (and Litchfield County, Conn., resident) Page Dickey, who will give a talk on Friday, June 17, at 6 p.m. called "Bringing Meadows into the Garden" at the UCC Meetinghouse in Cornwall Village (8 Bolton Hill Road), around the corner from the library. There will also be a cocktail reception.

Maps of the garden will become available that day between noon and 6 p.m. The gardens are open for visitors starting Saturday at 10 a.m.

Tickets are \$30 for the talk, \$30 for the garden tour or \$50 for both.

Register and purchase tickets online at <https://cornwalllibrary.org/books-blooms-2022>, contact the library at 860-672-6874, or stop by. The library's annual Under the Tent book sale will begin May 28 and continue to June 5.

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NONPROFITS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Everything Came Up Roses For 2022 Trade Secrets

One of the region's biggest fundraising events was blessed this year with excellent weather and a convenient new location. Trade Secrets was created by famed designer Bunny Williams as a way to support Women's Support Services, a domestic violence prevention agency that is now based in Lakeville, Conn. Williams is at far right in the photo on this page, second from the top.

The two-day event has become a huge draw for visitors from as far away as Georgia, Texas and California, who come for both the Saturday Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale and for Sunday's garden tours.

This year's Trade Secrets was a celebration of 40 years since the founding of Women's Support Services. Executive Director Betsey Mauro said the nonprofit's staff is continuing to expand, which is why the main office was moved from Sharon, Conn., to a new location in Lakeville.

"We're growing our staff because we're growing our programs," Mauro said, especially prevention education. "We are

now doing programs at all the schools in the Region One School District here in Connecticut, in grades six through 12; we are about to begin programs for students in fifth grade as well."

This year was also a celebration of the return of the Trade Secrets fundraising weekend, after a two-year hiatus during the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

And for the first time the Saturday sale was held at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury, Conn., which made parking, access and pick-up of purchased plants easier for vendors and shoppers alike.

Vendors also had the option of doubling the size of their sales space this year. Mauro said that the number of vendors remained at 55, which is about the usual number invited to take part in

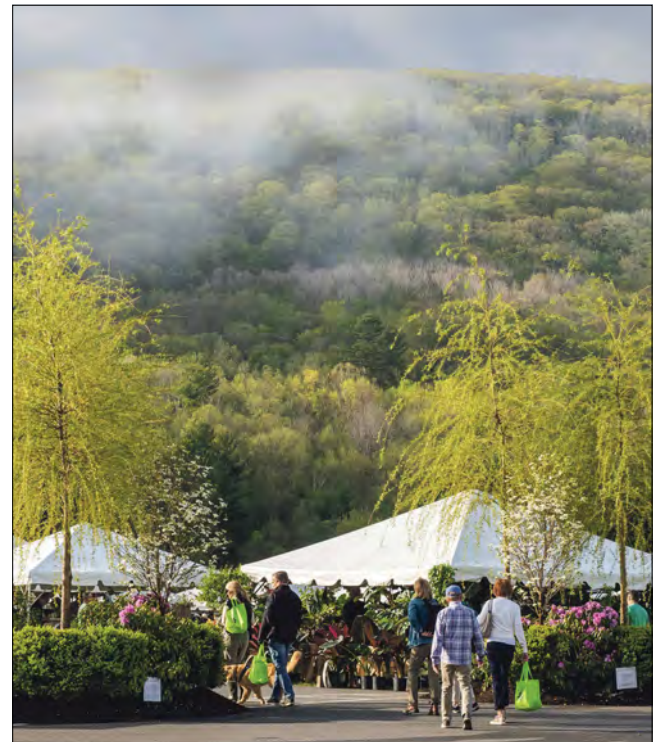
the sale day.

The six gardens for the Sunday portion of the event were offered on an a la carte basis this year; visitors could tour three public gardens for \$10 each, or visit the three private gardens for \$20 each.

Mauro said there are no final numbers on attendance and sales (the nonprofit gets a portion of all the Saturday sales), but she expects that figure will be robust. She credited "all our wonderful vendors and volunteers, who make this possible." She also praised Lime Rock Park, which she described as "a commercial venue in a lovely pastoral setting, with infrastructure that is designed to support events of a certain size." In the recent past, the Trade Secrets Saturday sale had been held at a

private estate in Sharon. Although nothing is settled yet, Mauro anticipates that next year's sale will once again be at Lime Rock Park.

Anyone who would like to be on a planning committee for next year can send an email to info@wssdv.org or call 860-364-1080.



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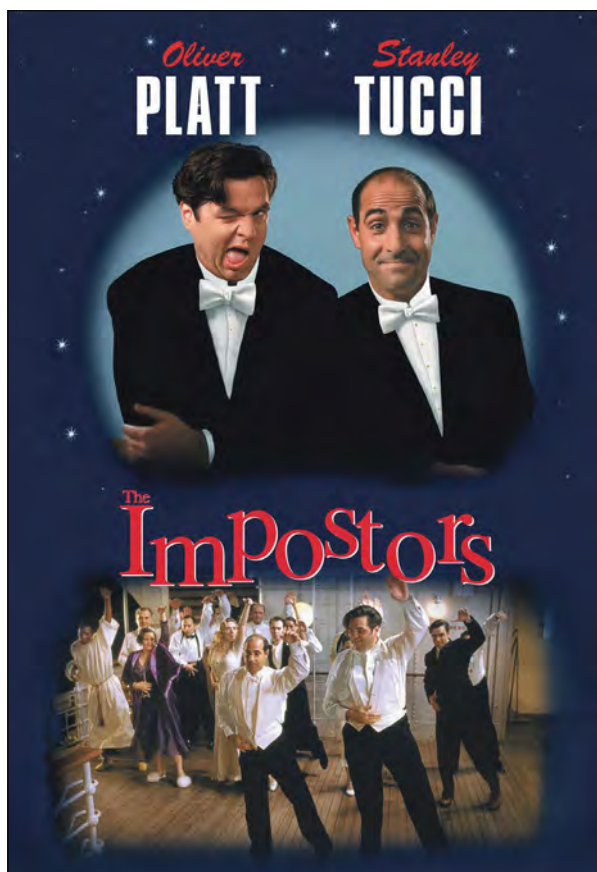
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An Early Tucci Film, 'Impostors,' on June 10

We are all in love with Stanley Tucci, thanks to his witty and delicious television series on CNN, called "In Search of Italy." As one of my friends said, "Even if I eat an enormous dinner before watching it, I'm starving by the end of the show."

Sometimes people can devote themselves to one type of work for decades and then suddenly enjoy enormous success for something unexpected. This seems to have been the case for the 61-year-old Tucci, who has been a well-known character actor in large and small films since the early 1980s. He was also, according to his Wikipedia bio, a model in the 1980s for the Levi's jean company (he is 5-foot 8-inches, according to another website, and of course we always believe what we read on the internet).

"In Search of Italy" seems to have generated



an enormous new fan base for the actor, who comes across in the show as quick, funny, adorable and an exceptionally good guide to the cooking of all the regions of Italy. There were only four episodes this season; the final one aired on May 22. Ap-

parently the shows will eventually be available to stream on Netflix.

Tucci produced other small, personal projects through the years, some with cult followings (although none has inspired the same mania as "In Search of Italy," which is similar to the stir

created by Colin Firth as Mr. Darcy in a famous production of "Pride and Prejudice").

An earlier food-related project from Tucci was the 1996 film "Big Night," in which he and his "brother" (the actor Tony Shalhoub, who was so wonderful in the TV series "Monk") own an Italian restaurant in the 1950s and have to explain to their customers that one does not order risotto with a side order of spaghetti.

Two years later, Tucci wrote and directed the film "Impostors," which can best be described as a silly romp in which two starving actors stow away on a cruise ship in the 1930s (or thereabouts). Featured performers include several locals including Campbell Scott of Sharon, Conn., who was Tucci's childhood friend; Oliver Platt of Berkshire County; and Steve Buscemi, who has a home in the Hudson River Valley.

New fans of the Tucci oeuvre who would like to see some of his older work on a big screen have the opportunity to do so on Friday, June 10, in Kingston, N.Y., thanks to the Boondocks Film Society, based here in Litchfield County. Boondocks shows cult favorite films in unusual locations that relate to the movie, with craft cocktails and a light meal. "Impostors" will be shown at the Hudson River Maritime Museum.

The film will be shown outdoors at dusk, around 7 p.m. Before that there will be boat rides, 1930s-style jazz by The Lucky Five, movie-themed food and, said Boondocks organizer Jeff Palfini, there will be "sail-freight" beer and cider transported by our partner in this event, Schooner Apollonia."

Tickets for the June 10 screening of "Impostors" are \$20; order at <https://boondocksfilmsociety.org>, where you can also find out about future events.

FROM SHOW TUNES TO SOUSA

The Smithfield Church in Amenia, N.Y., is offering a varied menu of music at a concert on Sunday, May 29, 4 p.m. at the church on Smithfield Valley Road. The concert title is "An Eclectic International Treat of Classical, Pops and Jazz" with a sprinkling of soundtrack songs ("Goldfinger" from James Bond, a "West Side Story" medley), some classics including a pavane by Gabriel Faure and "Washington Post March" by John Philip Sousa, some original compositions and more.

Music will be performed by the Smithfield Chamber Orchestra, a group of professional instrumentalists on flute, clarinet, trumpet, piano, viola, violin, double bass and cello.

Tickets are \$20 each. All attendees must wear masks due to the recent spike in COVID infections. For information on the concert and on the church, go to <https://thesmithfieldchurch.org>.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Items are printed as space permits. All entries can be found in our full calendar at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

ART

The Re Institute, 1395 Boston Corners Road, Millerton, N.Y. www.thereinstitute.com
Pattern and Time: Geoffrey Young, Carol Diehl, Moira Kelly, Mark Olshansky, Tara Foley, Stephen Westfall, May 7 to June 25.

BOOKS

D. M. Hunt Library, 63 Main Street, Falls Village, Conn. www.huntlibrary.org
Upstairs/Downstairs Monthly Book Sale, June 4, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The Salisbury Forum, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyforum.org
Marie Yovanovitch: "Lessons from the Edge," June 1, 7 p.m., Housatonic Valley Regional High School.

KIDS

Kent Memorial Library, 32 N. Main St., Kent, Conn. www.kentmemoriallibrary.org
America Storytime and Craft, May 28, 11 a.m.

MOVIES

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org
Chesterwood Presents -

Daniel Chester French: American Sculptor, May 26, 7 p.m.

The Moviehouse, 48 Main St., Millerton, N.Y. www.themoviehouse.net
Now playing: Top Gun: Maverick, Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness, Downton Abbey: A New Era, Men, The Bob's Burgers Movie

MUSIC

Berkshire Bach Society, Great Barrington, Mass. www.berkshirebach.org
Bach at New Year's Live! in May: The "Brandenburg" Concerti, May 27 to 29.

Close Encounters With Music, Great Barrington, Mass. www.cewm.org
Reeds and Strings, May 29, 4 to 5:45 p.m.

The Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia, N.Y. www.TheSmithfieldChurch.org
The Smithfield Chamber Orchestra Spring

Concert, May 29, 4 p.m.

THEATER

Berkshire Opera Festival, www.berkshireoperafestival.org
Supper in Seville, June 5, 5 p.m., Registration deadline May 27.

Great Barrington Public Theater, Great Barrington, Mass. www.greatbarringtonpublictheater.org
Solo Fest: Grief, the Musical... a Comedy, June 3 to 12.

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EDITORIAL

Make the most of May's MHM

If there is one thing most people around the world should be able to agree on, it's that ever since we have all been placed in near isolation and had to deal with living under pandemic conditions until now, more than two years later, when life is pretty much back normal, we have all dealt with a tremendous amount of stress.

We're not out of the woods yet. We still have to contend with the reality that a new variant of the deadly coronavirus could strike at any moment — anywhere in the world — triggering a new wave of infections that could kill us all. It sounds bleak, and it is, hence the stress and anxiety.

So is it any wonder that in addition to the added support we've needed in our health care system to battle the COVID-19 pandemic, strengthen our immune systems and fight off those dastardly virus particles, we also need to reinforce our mental wellness?

Of course it makes sense. Because there comes a point in time when we should all recognize that having a proper support system can help us process any emotional and/or mental hardships we encounter, and ease what could otherwise become physical burdens.

In honor of May's Mental Health Awareness Month, we thought this might be a particularly good time to therefore recognize some of the support services and resources available in the region aimed to make life more sustainable for those who have been struggling since COVID entered our lives, or perhaps before it did so. Look at them as tools to make the work of daily life easier to accomplish. Knowing such resources are within reach is as simple as grabbing a hammer from your tool belt when you need to hang a shelf.

For starters, there's a group called Mental Health America of Dutchess County (MHADC). MHA's national arm is responsible for creating Mental Health Awareness Month in 1949, which was an important step toward shining a light on the fact that people struggle with issues such as depression, anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, schizophrenia and sadly, suicide.

MHA offers materials, classes, therapists, films, wellness campaigns and all sorts of programs to help people struggling with their mental health.

In the Hudson Valley, MHADC offers workshops and educational programs, veterans services, support groups and social activities and individualized support programs, housing and shelter services, a 24/7 crisis center and an addiction and recovery center. For full details, read this week's front page article.

There are other groups that do similar work, like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), which likes to say, "There is no health without mental health." A truism if there ever was one.

NAMI Mid-Hudson also offers a number of free presentations and educational classes in the region for those seeking support, like the Family and Friends Seminar, a two-hour talk for those with a loved one living with a mental health condition. During the session the facilitator focuses on diagnosis, treatment, recovery, communication strategies, crisis preparation and NAMI and community resources. The next NAMI Zoom seminar is set for Monday, June 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

NAMI will also hold a presentation entitled, In Our Own Voice, with an inspiring message about two people's encouraging journey toward finding positive mental health. The presentation will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, May 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

An eight-week educational Family-to-Family class for family members or friends who have a loved one living with a mental health condition begins on Monday, June 13, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. via Zoom. Call 845-206-9892 or email contact@namimidhudson.org to register.

An eight-week Peer-to-Peer class for adults living with a mental health condition begins on Thursday, June 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. on Zoom. Call 845-206-9892 or email contact@namimidhudson.org to register.

For details on any of the sessions, call 845-206-9892, email contact@namimidhudson.org or go to www.namimidhudson.org.

Meanwhile, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) will host the YOUR (Young, Old, Urban, Rural) Health Dutchess County Health Fair on Saturday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the lower level of the former JCPenney store at the Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road in Poughkeepsie.

DBCH staff will be there to provide information about mental health counseling along with a myriad of other health-related issues. If you are in the area, stop by and see if you can get any useful information to improve your mental wellness.

Bottom line, we've all had to deal with some level of added anxiety, stress or mental anguish during the pandemic, if not just during life in general. If you feel like you're struggling, please know that you are not alone. Also know that it's OK to ask for help.

Taking care of our health — both physical and mental — takes work. Doing so should be a priority for each and every one of us to ensure we live a long and fruitful, happy and peaceful life. Don't neglect your mental wellness — it's too important — and you, we, all deserve to be well adjusted and whole.



Ugly, I don't believe so...

When I read in the May 12 Hudson Valley News that the town of Amenia was considering topping the old toxic dump with solar panels, but Silo Ridge didn't approve because it thought it would obstruct their view, I was amazed. Because when I look at solar panels, I see the beauty in how they can help save our planet.

Solar energy can help save

our planet by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

What I see as ugly is when people are parked and leave the cars idling. New York has passed a law against idling cars because of the increased rate of asthma and emphysema they can cause in our children.

Please, let's set healthy priorities for our town.

Sarah Laliberte

Amenia

U.S. Rep. Maloney: 17th or 18th District?

I am a Dutchess County Democratic Committee representative from Stanfordville who spent days petitioning for Congressman Sean Maloney.

For a senior Democratic representative, never mind the chair of the DNCC, to desert an open swing district to run against a freshman incumbent in a safer district is outrageous on many levels.

I readily understand (as it apparently took him all of 25 minutes to decide) that running in the 17th is advantageous to himself. It certainly is not for the Democratic Party, especially in this time of desperate need.

I hope that he will reconsider this selfish decision.

Benjamin Miller

Stanfordville

PTA organizers say thanks for Webutuck Community Day

The Webutuck PTA hosted the Community Day Event at Webutuck High School on Saturday, May 14, from 10 to 2 p.m. The weather was beautiful and there were many exciting activities enjoyed by all.

Some of these things included Bee Bee the Clown shows and balloon making, the Community Car Show, Touch a Truck, Vendor Fair, Dunk Tank, Petting Zoo, Opening Ceremonies for the School-Based Health Clinic, community organizations and school organizations.

Hosting events like this are very important for our community. They bring people together and provide an opportunity to share important information that is offered within the community.

In order for us to all be successful there needs to be engagement and involvement. It's also essential to share community pride, which is easily achieved through community events like this.

By coming together, we support each other and provide opportunities to volunteer, participate and be involved. Community events bring all of our stakeholders together for a common goal,

to promote socialization, support for one another, overall health and the well-being of everyone involved.

We want to thank everyone who came out and supported the event and all those who helped make this event come together. Thank you to all emergency service workers that volunteered their time to join us: the Millerton Fire Department, the Amenia Fire Department, the Wasaia Fire Department, the Amenia Ambulance and Northern Dutchess Paramedics.

Thank you, also, to Officer-in-Charge Mike Veeder of the Millerton Police Department and the entire MPD, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and their K-9 Unit, ATV Display and Marine Unit for joining us.

Looking out to see the back of WHS filled with over 300 smiling faces, this is what makes all the long hours of volunteer work so rewarding.

Leah Sprague

Webutuck Community Day event coordinator Millerton

Anna Kall

Webutuck Community Day event coordinator Wasaia

Letters to the editor are due by noon Friday, May 27, for the issue of June 2. There is a 500-word limit for letters, which must be signed by the letter-writer with their full name and hometown. Please also include a phone number as all letters must be verbally confirmed before publication.

We also remind readers that the views expressed on this opinion page are not those of The Millerton News and The News does not support or oppose candidates for public office.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kelsey defends his record and reputation

Dear Readers:
Last week I was released from state custody after six years in prison for crimes I did not commit. The article appearing in The Millerton News (TMN) announcing my release fell short of accurate reporting.

I was not accused (or convicted) of "molestation" as TMN reported. Nor did the article inform readers that my conviction remains under review in state and federal court (for which I believe my name will eventually be cleared).

Much about the 2014 police investigation and my 2016 trial remains unreported and unchallenged by the press. This includes exculpatory affidavits that the New York State Police withheld from the Court, and deposition testimony from my accusers revealing that they were intoxicated to the point of vomiting when they concocted their stories against me. Sworn statements verify that both accusers denied they were touched until their parents hired an attorney to sue.

The record reveals that my prison sentence was punishment for insisting on my rights to present a defense

and because I defied a judicial order to take any of four unsolicited prosecutorial-generated plea deals — all without prison time.

A balanced story might have noted that the State did its worst to me, but I am still standing — and eager to contribute to society anew.

A balanced approach might also have raised doubts about my conviction by reporting that the District Attorney who prosecuted me — in whom her St. Lawrence County Legislature voted "No Confidence" the week before my trial — has since been suspended from the practice of law for prosecutorial malpractice.

I have witnessed up close a broken and largely unaccountable justice, appellate and correctional system whose failings in law enforcement, the bench, and the bar are not being redressed. Will journalists continue to conceal these problems, or commit — as I have — to being part of the solution?

Michael N. Kelsey

Former Dutchess County legislator and The Millerton News columnist

Salt Point

Supporters of Michael Kelsey call paper's coverage 'deplorable'

Many people in our area remember Michael Kelsey as a diligent and helpful legislator, a concerned citizen and a good neighbor. He has served his sentence for six years and has been released for good behavior.

We deplore the front-page article of May 12 about Kelsey that was printed without recognition of the damage it does to someone trying to re-enter society and once again be a good and responsible citizen.

It was gratuitously harmful. It shows questionable editorial judgment. We wonder who or what was the source of that piece. Full disclosure is in order here.

The editor might have considered what a single-source

article with possible harmful intentions does to a fellow human being.

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Editor's note: More than a single source was used for the May 12th article on former Dutchess County Legislator Michael Kelsey.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Come to Fountain Square for Planting Day

On behalf of Amenia's Enhancement Committee, I hope residents will join us in planting flowers around Amenia's War Memorial on Saturday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to noon.

I'm unsure when residents began planting red, white and blue annuals on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, but probably when they re-aligned the major intersections of routes

343, 22 and 44 in the center of town, circa 1991.

At that time, Darlene Riemer and other volunteers saw to it that the fountain — long ago abandoned in a dump where the town garage is currently located in Wassaic — was repaired and reinstalled at the intersection as part of the new highway improvements.

Planting Day was already a

tradition when I moved here in 2011, per the Enhancement Chair at the time, Herb Eschbach.

Please keep this rich tradition alive by planting at least one annual with your fellow volunteers in honor of our fallen soldiers.

Then, come back to Fountain Square on Monday to be part of Amenia's Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony on May 28. Firefighters and members of VFW Post 5444 will step off at 10:45

a.m. from the Amenia firehouse on Mechanic Street, march up East Main Street, and join residents at Fountain Square at 11 a.m. for a brief ceremony. Fountain Square is at 4958 Route 22, Amenia.

Sincerely,

Vicki Doyle
Amenia town
councilwoman and
Enhancement
Committee liaison

Wassaic

Give the American flag the respect it's due

I recently saw a news report regarding a garbage collector discovering our American Flag in someone's trash. This caused mixed emotions. How could anyone throw the Flag of our Country into the garbage? That made me "heart sick."

However, seeing the garbage collector salvaging the flag and ceremoniously folding it made my heart swell.

Memorial Day is a few days away and I encourage anyone who has a flag in disrepair to give it to a veteran, VFW or Legion organization for proper disposal. Let us fly our American Flag, the flag of our Country, proudly and respectfully.

God Bless America.

Diane Walters
Millerton

Let's just follow our town's planning laws

As a resident of the South Amenia area, I try to follow issues affecting my hamlet, and importantly the governing municipality, Amenia.

For many years, one persisting issue has been the land use of the 'Kent Hollow' land, owned by Mr. Steiner and his corporation from Connecticut.

Many years ago, Amenia took a necessary step, with public involvement, great care, and professionalism, enacting a Comprehensive Plan. This is the 'map' that guides the land-use rules, and without it, any town would have a planning disaster!

At that time, all parties, including mining interests, were involved in helping craft the details of the overlay districts. The outcome was that existing mining operations, and potential areas where natural materials existed, were included.

Today, our mining overlay district covers hundreds of acres within the town. This respects all interests, and ensures the continued supply of building materials, subject to all other mining requirements.

At that time, Kent Hollow was not a permitted mine, and their lands were not within any of the other mining areas.

Much of the Kent Hollow case history can be read within the archive of this publication, but in brief, Mr. Steiner has in recent years challenged most of our local laws, elected officials and appointees in order to change his land-use status.

He, and his lawyers, have singled out many serving members, in order to dilute or destroy the functioning of the boards. He has also spent many legal dollars

as a weapon to try and force our town into submission.

Most of his lawsuits are SLAPP actions to try and limit the participation by intimidation.

Currently, his pending litigation is on-hold with the courts, because the lawyers expressed a wish to find a settlement. But it could come back to the judge, if they find none.

Clearly, Kent Hollow wishes to subvert or avoid our town land-use laws, for their own ends.

Thankfully this publication, and good citizens try to present facts, so we stay informed.

Unfortunately, our local government has no obligation to "spread the word," so we need to rely on attendance at meetings, and asking direct questions to stay informed.

I would hate to think that our elected officials are either eliminated from voting, or intimidated by lawsuits, all created and paid for by Mr. Steiner, to game the system and get his way.

If there is to be a legal settlement in this case, it needs to respect local laws, or potentially the Town Board could be challenged for failing to uphold them.

It should not be a decision by the Town Board to give in to special interests because it is tired of defending our laws!

There are examples of communities being destroyed by "Special Interest," and hopefully we can avoid joining that list.

Thank you to those who have spoken up on this, and shone a light on the facts.

Andy Durbridge
Wassaic

County to host caregiving conference May 25, don't miss it!

Caregiver Conference

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) fields questions not only from seniors themselves, but from caregivers of all ages who may find the demands of caregiving more of a handful than they may have anticipated.

If you're trying to balance the demands of raising children with the needs of aging family members, there's an event coming up this month that can answer many questions — including ones you may not have thought to ask.

You have a short time left to reserve your seat at the free 16th Annual Conference on Caregiving, to be held on Wednesday, May 25, at the Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Blvd. in Poughkeepsie. This year's theme is "Caregiving: How to Stay on Track." The event begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 2 p.m.

The event is free but advance registration, proof of vaccination and masks are required; space is limited. It'll be an outdoor event under a tent, so dress accordingly.

To make a reservation, call the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900.

There will be plenty of time for your questions and concerns, and dozens of experts and vendors will be on hand with answers and solutions.

Continental breakfast and lunch are included. The conference is organized by the OFA, the Alzheimer's Associa-

GOLDEN LIVING

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tion Hudson Valley Chapter; MidHudson Regional Hospital; Lutheran Care; Parkinson's Disease Support Group of the Mid Hudson Valley; Hudson Valley Hospice; and community member Cathy Regan.

How to live to 119

Kane Tanaka of Fukuoka, Japan, held the title of world's oldest verified living person until her death last month at age 119. Her secret to long life? "Being myself," she told reporters at her nursing home in 2019. Her diet? Not just the classic Japanese diet that's credited with being a contributing factor toward Japan having the world's oldest population.

Working on an American military base after World War II, she discovered she quite enjoyed the taste of Coca-Cola and chocolate.

Perhaps the most important factor for her was living within a community that values and respects long life — and that's one of the Office for the Aging's goals as well.

Golden Living is prepared by Dutchess County OFA Director Todd N. Tancredi, who can be reached at 845-486-2555, ofa@dutchessny.gov or via the OFA website at www.dutchessny.gov/aging.

Excellent Towns and Villages with focus on affordable housing

Many thanks for dedicating this year's Towns and Villages publication to ways that towns are finding to create more housing, and thanks to the supplement's editor Cynthia Hochswender for her excellent introductory article.

I agree wholeheartedly that there is a severe shortage of affordable housing in our communities. Unfortunately, there is a history of intense opposition to solving this problem. I suspect that some of the opposition has come from self-interested current landlords, who have been afraid that increasing the housing supply would lead to lower rents for existing housing.

Unfortunately, many people who are not landlords also have opposed the development of affordable housing. This seems to arise from a wish to keep our communities unchanged, and from anxiety about some "foreign element" that may move in.

It is a mistake to think of affordable housing as something that would benefit only people

who want to move to our communities. In fact, it also would be a great benefit to those of us who already live here. Our shops and restaurants are suffering severe staff shortages, to the point where some of them have had to reduce their hours. We also have trouble recruiting teachers, nurses and many other kinds of professional and nonprofessional workers whom we really need. Our schools are shrinking because our population is getting older, which keeps increasing the cost per student of educating our children.

In many ways, we need new people to help us maintain, and increase, the vibrancy of our communities. Developing more housing in which the people whom we need can afford to live will make things better for all of us, in education, healthcare, comfort, convenience and general economic development.

Let's all get involved, and work with our local governments to solve this problem

Cavin P. Leeman, MD
Amenia

A history lesson relevant to today: Loss of choice mirrors WWII

Until the last 40 years, most families always supplemented their food with hunting. Pre-World War II, there were less than 2 billion people on the planet (today there are 7 billion-plus). Hunting and the wildlife food supply were a normal, regular, habitual part of families' lives. Disrupting that often meant families went hungry. In fact, after World War I, as part of the Versailles Treaty, Germany was forced to restrict gun ownership for its citizens in case they were arming themselves for more war. Many families, especially the poorer ones, had trouble feeding themselves and it helped lead to their Recession.

In 1938, the Nazis relaxed all these gun laws, especially the right to bear arms, citing individual liberty and pandering to families' needs for traditional hunting for food. These traditional rights to hunt, to kill and slaughter animals for sport and food, were fundamental to that country's way of life. You could say they were so fundamental they could be said, in American terms, to be constitutional, inalienable, grandfathered.

However, the party in control then used those rights as leverage to divide the country further. One part of German society was deemed to be unfit to

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

Peter Riva

share those traditional, cultural, moral rights. Jews were identified as "dirty" and "having big noses" and had to wear a yellow star badge to identify their so-called race. Once identified as non-Aryan (meaning not real humans), this portion of society quickly saw those Nazi open gun laws being amended to say that non-Aryans could not obtain, make, sell or own "dangerous weapons," which included guns, shotguns and hunting rifles.

Now, many might say that taking away someone's traditional gun rights is a small issue, even if only a portion of society — the Jews — felt the impact. Until the nights of Nov. 9 and 10, 1938, when an ATF (Germany equivalent) gun raid was held to confiscate and arrest any Jews and Jewish family members (kids and all) in possession of firearms: Kristallnacht, the turning point in the history of the Third Reich, marking the shift from antisemitic rhetoric and legislation to the violent, aggressive anti-Jewish measures that would culminate with the Holocaust.

America is on the cusp of such division and legislation, judges who swore and gave testimony that Roe v. Wade was precedent under law, and the "law of the land," have decided to perjure themselves morally and perhaps legally to spin-off protection, traditional and constitutional protection, and to defy the morals and majority of the electorate's wishes.

Make no mistake here. The legal subject of Roe v. Wade may have been abortion, but the issue, the constitutional issue, was about liberty and equal rights under the Constitution for all Americans.

A woman's right to choose is her liberty in life, guaranteed by the Constitution, not a political party. In the same way in 1938 that changing Jews' right to equally bear arms as the rest of the German citizenry could lead to division, terror and mass murder, so too will what seems like as small a subject as abortion lead to a denial of equal rights, equal liberty and the destruction of the fundamentals of our Constitution and decency in America.

Germany's legal system enabled the Nazi party's rise to power, enabled the concentration camps, helped re-write legal definitions of Aryan, proportionality Aryan (Mischlinge) and non-Aryan, upheld

Nazi-era laws of discrimination of cripples, the mentally ill, Gypsies, homosexuality, out-of-wedlock births — the list is long and tortured. Hitler didn't do all this himself. The forces behind his power base, those who came out in support of "real Germans" versus others, those enablers and sycophants, numbered in their thousands.

Not all Germans felt that way, but then the Nazi party didn't need all Germans, just about 40% in their Make-Germany-great-again party who were willing to go to absolute ends. For Germany, the 40% started with authoritarian fixers, judges, politicians, duped common people and rich media backers. It ended with 104,812 U.S. soldiers dying to stop the Nazis in Europe alone. Total dead from the Nazis? It was 40 million to 50 million in Europe alone.

We know there are 40% here in the USA who seem determined to strip liberty from citizens they disagree with, who see many of their fellow citizens as unworthy to be real Americans either by race, creed, color or sexual orientation. This 40% power base uses religious non-scientific beliefs on pregnancy as weapons to whip up impassioned support for the one issue, using it as a Trojan Horse for their real aims of control. Many

of their party speak openly of wanting to remove constitutional rights for marriage (interracial and inter-sexual), force identification of "real" Americans for voting rights, restrict poor regions from equal voting access, claim that our Republic should only allow states to set their own laws, not federally, and, never least, claim that Washington is "apart from the real America" all the while using democratic laws and the D.C. power base to further their aims to wrest control from the People for their own ends.

Does all of this sound familiar? History always repeats unless educated people prevent the same errors reoccurring. The Roe v. Wade greater issue is not about pregnancy or abortion, it is about a fight for our Constitution, liberty and individual rights. To fail now to defend the Constitution turns the clock back to 1938, only this time it is our nation's corruption that could lead us down a very dark path.

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



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The ripple effect

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Memorial Weekend is a time to celebrate our country and our citizens who have served in the military. While most of us will be enjoying the parades and barbecues, some will not. For example, USMC Corporal George William Clark, born in 1950 in Lakeville and who graduated from SCS and Housy, died in an ambush on Go Noi Island in Vietnam on May 24th, 1968. George can be found in our cemetery with an American flag marking his grave or at the Vietnam Memorial in DC at Panel 67E/Line 8. It may be good to pause to remember George. Many of his classmates are still in town, or speak with his teacher at SCS, Fred Romeo... his memories of George are of a young man with a sense of humor and a tremendous athlete who gave his life for his country.

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MILLBROOK

Voters elect a write-in and two incumbents to BOE

By **JUDITH O'HARA BALFE**
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Central School District (MCS D) Board of Education (BOE) election and 2022-23 budget vote was held on Tuesday, May 17.

Election results showed two incumbents, former BOE President Perry Hartswick and BOE member Jennifer Carnecchia were both re-elected. The only newcomer, write-in candidate Dena Ghobashy, was also elected.

The \$32,656,404 budget passed as presented to voters,

with 290 votes cast. As Superintendent of Schools Laura Mitchell recently informed district taxpayers in the Millbrook Messenger newsletter, "This budget results in a 1.83% tax levy increase from the current school year, which is below the maximum allowable tax cap levy limit of 2.97%."

Mitchell encouraged voters to support the budget and to vote in the BOE election on the 17th. District residents appeared to do so on both accounts.

The final numbers showed that 227 votes were cast in favor of the budget and just 63 votes were cast against it. One

ballot, which only contained a vote for a school board candidate and not a vote either for or against the budget, is not among the 290 vote counts mentioned here. For more, see front page.

According to the superintendent, the goal of both the BOE and the administration in drafting and getting the 2022-23 budget passed was multi-fold.

Budget objectives included, wrote Mitchell, "Ensuring we support programs that meet the needs of ALL students; supporting the social-emotional needs of our students and staff; sup-

porting professional learning and growth of our staff; addressing facilities needs and supporting capital projects; supporting the goals of the BOE; and remaining fiscally responsible and in compliance with the allowable tax levy."

In addition to the new BOE members, others currently on the school board include BOE Vice President Howard Shapiro; and members Chris Rosenbergen; Chris LaBelle; and David LaVarway.

BOE members serve three year terms. The newest terms shall begin on July 1 and run through June 20, 2025.



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Millbrook Central School District (MCS D) Board of Education (BOE) member-elect Dena Ghobashy ran for the BOE as a write-in candidate. She was the only candidate to do so. Ghobashy, pictured above with her two children, was elected along with returning BOE members Perry Hartswick and Jennifer Carnecchia. The MCS D held its election and budget vote on Tuesday, May 17.

Open House planned for May 28 at Thorne Building Community Center

MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP) is inviting community members to an Open House at the Thorne Building Community Center (TBCC) on Saturday, May 28, from 9 a.m. to noon. Those who attend may tour the historic building and see the progress made thus far in the renovation and revitalization of the iconic Millbrook property.

There will be children's activities near the bandshell next door to give parents time to explore the soon-to-be community center.

In its 127th year, the historic building is undergoing a major renaissance, including exterior restoration and interior renovation of the

structure, and a redesign of its grounds.

The TBCC will serve as Millbrook's cultural anchor, facilitating connections through imaginative programming and state-of-the-art technology.

"The Thorne Building has been emblematic of Millbrook since 1895, when it was gifted to the Village by the Thorne family," according to the MCP. "Until 1962, the three-story Beaux Arts structure served as Millbrook's first public high school. Since then, it has seen only sporadic use. In recent years, it has fallen into disrepair and needs modernization."

The MCP's vision incorporates "the expressed wishes

and concerns of Millbrook residents while conserving this local resource," according to the MCP.

It recently completed asbestos abatement, and is now ready to begin renovations to the exterior and interior.

"While simultaneously optimizing the use of 21st-century technology, a reimagined TBCC will serve as a communal gathering space where multiple groups, from seniors to youth, from full-time residents to weekenders, can connect as a community," stated the TBCC.

The community center will serve the village of Millbrook, the town of Washington and central Dutchess County by offering programs for all ages

— from youngsters to seniors.

The facility will include:

- Performing Arts Center for dramatic arts, dance, music, lectures, film and social events;
- Culinary Center and Instructional Kitchen
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- Video Gaming Room
- Studio for Art Classes
- Music/Recording Studio
- Dance Class Studio
- "Smart" Classrooms
- Shared Office Space
- Exhibition/Gallery Space
- Formal Garden and Ample Parking

The Thorne Building is located at 3323 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. For more information, go to www.Thorne-Building.org.

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

Millbrook Library events to round out the month of May

The Millbrook Library is offering fun events for individuals as well as for the whole family. The below programs are free, but attendees must register to guarantee a spot.

For more information, call 845-677-3611 or go to www.millbrooklibrary.org. The library is located at 3 Friendly Lane.

- Family Movie Night, watch with "Ron Gone Wrong" with the library on Friday, May 27, at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room.

- Closed for Memorial Day, from Saturday, May 28, through Monday May 30.

- Tuesday, May 31, enjoy Out of This World, on National Astronaut Day. Come and make your own fizzing

moon rocks. The library will provide the supplies, including baking soda, vinegar, water and black and silver glitter. For ages 11 through 19.

- Learn how to Treat Yourself on Tuesday, May 31. Stop by the downstairs circulation desk to pick up a booklet of affirmations, tips and tricks for Teen Self Esteem Month. Learn about different ways to treat and take care of yourself. For ages 11 through 19.

- Join in the YOU Community Conversation on Tuesday, May 31, 5:30 p.m. Stop by the Millbrook Library to join a community conversation with representatives from the Youth Opportunity Union as they collect community feedback from Dutchess County residents.
- The Youth Opportunity

Union (YOU) will be a visionary new community center for all Dutchess County youth and families. Serving the entire Dutchess County community, the YOU will be a welcoming and inclusive space, where children can play, learn and grow — from infancy to young adulthood.

The YOU will focus on recreational, educational and healthy opportunities — both physical and mental. It will be a fixture for Dutchess County's Path to Promise initiative that employs strategic ways to ensure all young people in the county have the assets they need to realize their full potential as they grow into young adults.

Contact the library for further details.

MAG Spring Fling

Come enjoy free Spring Fling concerts presented by the Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) on Saturdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Live music will be performed at the bandshell on Franklin Avenue, weather permitting.

June 4: Made in the Shade, with Dixie Land

June 11: The Teresa Broadwell Quartet, Swing

June 18: The Emily Beck Band, Singer and Songwriter

Angels of Light
On Saturday, June 4, Angels of Light will hold its annual fundraiser at Orvis Sandanona.

For more information, go to www.angelsofflight.org.

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Code of the Town of Amenia and NYS Town Law Section 274-a, a public hearing will be convened by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on June 8, 2022, to consider the site plan review application (the "Application") of Deep Hollow Game Preserve, LLC for selective timber harvesting on 25 acres of a 364.68-acre parcel of land located at 253 Deep Hollow Road, Wassaic, NY 12592 (Grid #132000-7065-00-596985) (the "Project Site"). The Project Site is located in the Rural Agricultural zoning district and portions of the Site are in the Stream Corridor Overlay District and Scenic Protection Overlay District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Application is on file in the Town of Amenia Planning and Zoning Office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours. The Application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at www.ameniany.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the Application at the public hearing noticed herein. All persons may appear at the hearing in person or by agent and may also submit written comments to the Planning Board at or prior to such hearing by emailing comments to Planning Board Secretary Judy Westfall at jwestfall@ameniany.gov.

Dated: May 18, 2022.
Robert Boyles, Jr.,
Chairman

Town of Amenia
Planning Board
05-26-22

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