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Amenia's decision to litigate with Kent Hollow Mine triggers petitions

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WASSAIC — Those who live near the Kent Hollow Mine on South Amenia Road in Wassaic presumed that after the gravel mine applied to restart operations a number of years ago and were shot down by the town, the issue had been put to bed. However, resident Diane Zahler said while fiddling around on the internet around the end of March, she noticed the Town Board's agenda for its March 16 meeting online.

"[It] included a discussion of the Kent Hollow mining project. I had thought that project had more or less disappeared; we hadn't heard anything about it for at least two years," said Zahler. "As our property directly adjoins Kent Hollow's, we were alarmed by this, so I went to Town Hall to speak to Supervisor Victoria Perotti."

Zahler said she asked Perotti what the board discussed at the March board meeting. Zahler said the town supervisor replied "that the town and Kent Hollow were working on a settlement."

When Zahler asked what the settlement might include, Perotti said she couldn't give any specific information, but she said that Kent Hollow 'agreed' to be put in the Soil Mining Overlay District, indicating that rather than just reopening under their grandfathered permit, they would be mining far more gravel far more frequently.

"Ms. Perotti assured me that the mining would not be a '24/7' operation, and that the town would be able to control the days and hours on which mining took place," said Zahler.

When asked on Friday, April 29, Perotti told this newspaper that

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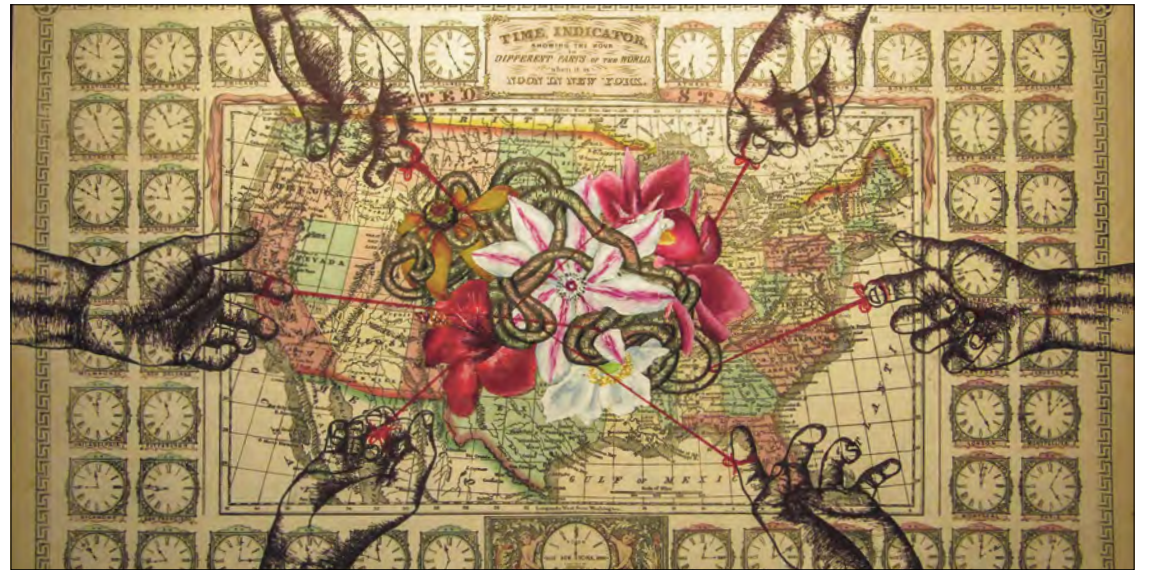


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Taking inspiration from the words and observations of Black writers and activists, Hotchkiss School students created works of art that were displayed in Troutbeck's gallery as part of the Troutbeck Symposium.

Troutbeck Symposium

Students create blueprint for region's cultural renaissance

By **KAITLIN LYLE**
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AMENIA — Honored to be stewards of the region's hidden histories, area students presented their historical research into the early narratives of the Civil Rights

Movement, the Harlem Renaissance, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and their connections to Troutbeck and the local region as part of the Troutbeck Symposium.

Over the past few months, the symposium's participating students have collaborated in group research, creative workshops and other means to shed a light on these stories. Among the nine participating organizations, the Troutbeck Symposium welcomed

art exhibitions, documentaries, conversations and displays from the North East (Webutuck) Central School District (CSD); Millbrook CSD; Pine Plains CSD; The Wassaic Project; Salisbury School in Salisbury, Conn.; Housatonic Valley Regional High School (HVRHS) in Falls Village, Conn.; Indian Mountain School and Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn.; Marvelwood School in Kent, Conn.; and Sharon Center School in Sharon, Conn..

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Honoring Pine Plains' own Shannon M. Kent

Celebrating her life, legacy and love of country, area residents and representatives joined together on Saturday, April 30, to commemorate Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent at the post office dedication ceremony in her honor. A graduate of Stissing Mountain High School, Kent was killed in Manbij, Syria on Jan. 16, 2019 by an improvised explosive device detonated by a suicide bomber.

Guests gathered in solemn solidarity at 11 a.m. in the Stissing Mountain High School auditorium. Following welcoming remarks by Pine Plains Postmaster Nicholas Gregson, the ceremony featured a presentation of colors by the American Legion Post 426, an invocation by American Legion Post 426 Chaplain George Keeler, remarks by Congressman Antonio Delgado (NY-19) and dedication remarks by United States Postal Service (USPS) NY-3 District Manager Marcellina Del Pizzo.

"We are here to honor the life of an incredibly special individual:



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Congressman Antonio Delgado (NY-19), above, delivered heartfelt remarks as a memorial to Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent's life at the Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon M. Kent Post Office Dedication. At right is the plaque that will be installed at the Pine Plains Post Office.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent," Delgado said in his remarks. "I know time doesn't heal wounds like this. What time has given us is an opportunity to bask in the glory of Shannon's legacy."



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With Kent's family present, USPS representatives and Delgado joined in unveiling a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion.

— *Kaitlin Lyle*

Planner Nan Stolzenburg earns national honor

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WRIGHT, N.Y. — Those who live in the Harlem Valley, take an interest in how their communities will develop in the next decade and beyond and have attended a meeting of their local Town Board, Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals or Comprehensive Plan Committee, very possibly know the name Nan Stolzenburg.

That's because for the past two decades, Stolzenburg has had a hand in helping almost all of the communities in the Harlem Valley and many throughout the Hudson Valley, not to mention the Catskills

and Adirondacks, Sullivan, Schoharie and Washington counties, eastern New York and the Capital District, in Saratoga and Rochester — she's basically covered most of the Empire State. Her full client list may be found on her website, www.planningbetterplaces.com; the company itself is called Community Planning & Environmental Associates.

The reason for her extensive client list is evident from the fact that Stolzenburg is the go-to planner for municipalities in need of any number of important tasks, from creating or updating their Compre-

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MILLERTON

Town and village seek county grants for wastewater and fencing

By WHITNEY JOSEPH
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NORTH EAST — Members of the North East Town Board had a lot to discuss at their 7 p.m. meeting on April 14, including to approve joining forces with the Millerton Village Board as co-applicants for two county grants.

The grants are through Dutchess County's Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) Program, which typically awards funding on a competitive basis to entities with taxing authority, like municipal governments, and fire districts.

According to the county's guidance and program overview for 2022, its funding is geared toward local initiatives focused on "community improvements for municipalities, fire and rescue agencies, and residents... as well as nonprofit... and water and wastewater public authorities."

The overview stated the MIG Program "will continue to fund general shared services that result in cost savings, with a focus on redevelopment and improvements to existing municipal parks and recreation areas, Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA]-accessibility improvements at public facilities, construction of new sidewalks and connector trails, critical improvements to infrastructure and facilities, and enhancements to agency capacity and capability to respond to fire and rescue operations."

The two MIG grants the Town Board approved on April 14 that it will apply for along with the village are for further engineering work for a planned wastewater system and for a fence around the shared town and village highway garage.

"There's an enormous amount of engineering work that goes into a wastewater system, this is why any opportunity to get grant funding for that is wonderful," said town Supervisor Chris Kennan on Friday, April 22, noting that the engineering, design, planning and environmental consulting firm that is already working with the village on its wastewater project will "get into the whole design of the system."

The town is simultane-

ously planning for its own wastewater system in its Boulevard District along Route 44.

"In terms of the town, our plan is to form a wastewater district, which encompasses the Boulevard District of Route 44, which would be very important to any businesses that are there or which would like to be there," said Kennan, explaining further how it would work with the village and the town each having their own districts. "The wastewater district idea is we each form a district and then they get connected."

The Village Board likewise discussed the MIG application at its board meeting on Monday, April 19.

Mayor Jenn Najdek said the village application, which has the town's support, would be specifically for the design and engineering costs of a wastewater system and that the village would apply for the maximum amount of \$200,000. With the application due Wednesday, May 4, Najdek said the Village Board will hold a workshop on Monday, May 2, to approve the MIG application.

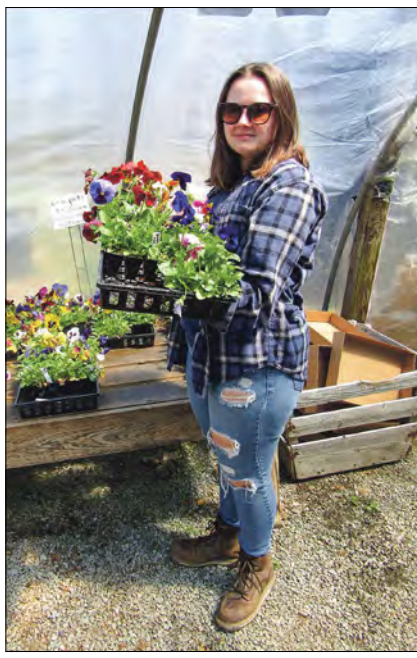
Later on the 19th, the mayor and her board passed a resolution for the preparation of a map and planning report to aid in the creation of a potential wastewater system in Millerton.

Meanwhile, at the Town Board's meeting on the 14th, Kennan said it applied separately for an MIG grant with the village's backing for fencing of the new shared highway garage on Route 22.

The town asked for \$150,000 from the county to complete the fencing around the site.

"So we have two applications," said Kennan. "One is for the village for wastewater and one is for the town for fencing, but we are each supporting each other's applications, which makes it a little complicated."

He stressed the town is "also moving forward with our wastewater district, so we want to continue with that. Engineering work is being done on each, the Boulevard District and in the village wastewater district. This is a vitally important project; there is no more important project before us."



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Daisey Hill Farm employee Amber Valyou checked out the perennials on display inside the farm's greenhouse.



Opening for the 2022 season on Monday, April 25, Daisey Hill Farm has started its season by putting perennials, pansies, hanging baskets and vegetable plants on display inside its greenhouse.

Millerton farms embrace spring by opening for 2022 season

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MILLERTON — Now that spring can be seen blossoming across the village of Millerton, local farms have been setting their perennials on display and prepping their produce for the coming months as they open for the 2022 season.

Located at 438 Indian Lake Road, Daisey Hill Farm opened for the season on Monday, April 25, and will be open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Halloween.

Embracing the spring season, Daisey Hill Farm owner Jessica Cookingham said the farm usually starts with perennials, pansies and hanging baskets as well as vegetable plants. While it's still too early and chilly to put too many items on display, she said the farm will be bringing shrubs and more perennials in next week. Depending on the weather and how everything works out, the farm will start bringing out vegetables around July.

Asked what her expecta-

tions are for the 2022 season, Cookingham said, "I would encourage people to garden more, for sure. It's a difficult time we're going through with the prices of everything going up — everything has gone up for us."

That being said, Cookingham believes the farm offers reasonable prices to customers looking to brighten their gardens with fresh flowers and vegetables.

"I just hope that people are still wanting to be outside and work on their home gardens," she said. "I hope the weather cooperates with us and we're all able to be outside and do the things we love to do."

Located at 5409 Route 22 in Millerton, McEnroe Organic Farm Market & Eatery is open on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and on Sundays from 9 a.m.

to 6 p.m. For more information on the farm's products and upcoming events, visit the McEnroe Organic Farm website at www.mcenroeorganicfarm.com.

Though its 2022 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) season isn't due to start until June, Rock Steady Farm (located at 41 Kaye Road) already has staff working the fields, tending to the farm's plants in preparation for the season, which will begin in June.

Rock Steady Farm farmer and co-owner Maggie Cheney said Rock Steady Farm has already sold out its memberships for the coming CSA season, though community members are invited to go online to the farm's website, www.rocksteadyfarm.com, and sign up for the CSA waitlist.

Community members are also invited to learn more

about Rock Steady Farm's practices and meet the farm team by participating in the six Community Workdays scheduled for the next few months. The farm's first Community Workday will be held on Saturday, May 21.

For more information on upcoming events and opportunities at Rock Steady Farm, visit www.rocksteadyfarm.com.

Millerton farms are invited to reach out to The Millerton News at kaitlin@millertonnews.com to let the community know what's happening at their farms and what residents can expect this season.

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Farmers Market seeks summer vendors

The 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.

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Tri-Town Coalition illuminates housing situation

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AMENIA — Hoping to enlighten their fellow residents about the current state of affordable housing in Dutchess County and how to help expand access in the future, the Tri-Town Coalition (TTC) housing group held its third Regional Convening on Housing Affordability on Saturday, April 9.

The TTC covers Amenia, Pine Plains and Millerton/North East. The April 9 meeting was held from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Amenia Town Hall gymnasium; more than 30 residents and leaders from the three communities attended.

Along with sharing the work the TTC and groups like the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton have done to address affordable housing, Hudson River Housing (HRH) Director of Strategic Initiatives Elizabeth Druback-Celaya talked about HRH's work and its recent partnership with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation to secure grants for the TTC.

Druback-Celaya said attendees would divide into four groups to tackle hurdles



PHOTOS BY KAITLIN LYLE

Equipped to discuss housing after learning more about the current state of housing in Dutchess County, the attendees at the Tri-Town Coalition's community conversation broke into four smaller groups to discuss housing through different angles.

in creating local affordable housing. These groups were assigned to talk about changing the narrative around housing; meeting with planning and zoning boards and local government; bringing the housing message to the state level; and interacting with developers, builders and homeowners to inform them about local needs and how to work with them.

Attending the meeting virtually was U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19).

"The work the Tri-Town

Coalition is doing for quality affordable housing is so important," he said. "We must keep doing the work to support this effort... and make sure everyone in the community has access to affordable housing."

In addition to Delgado, representatives from the offices of State Senator Sue Serino (R-41), Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) and other local leaders attended.

Senior Planner Heather LaVarnway from the Dutchess County Department of Plan-



New York State Homes and Community Renewal Upstate East Director of Development Darren Scott gave a talk on his agency's work in addressing housing needs and funding affordable housing development at the Tri-Town Coalition's community conversation on Saturday, April 9.

ning and Development (DCD-PD) was there to illuminate the current state of housing. She noted potential solutions in the 2022 Dutchess County Housing Needs Assessment, which can be viewed online at www.dutchessny.gov.

LaVarnway said the DCD-PD hired consultants to look at the shrinking size of households; the aging population; the increasing cost burdens; how income growth has lagged compared to housing costs; and how widening income gaps have influenced the housing market.

Consultants were asked to conduct a gap analysis for homes that were owned versus homes that were rented by income; LaVarnway said they found a deficit of units for homeowners and rent-

ers at the higher end of the household income bracket and a surplus of units in the middle income bracket.

In looking at future housing projects, LaVarnway said the consultants suggested focusing on rental households earning less than \$50,000 as a target group and recommended establishing goals to address housing needs. By the consultants' calculations, it will take 2,155 interventions to resolve the county's existing cost burden and 108 interventions per year going forward to address existing and future housing needs.

Along with developing and using a diverse toolkit, the consultants advised creating a Dutchess County Housing Trust Fund to help pay for these additional interventions

and to leverage other public and private resources.

In addition to the trust fund, this diverse toolkit may include local site identification and land use updates for new construction; a rehabilitation program for existing rentals; local inclusionary and tax exemption policies; and subsidies for inclusive units in new, mixed-income developments.

Next, New York State Homes and Community Renewal Upstate East Director of Development Darren Scott gave a talk on his agency's work to address housing needs and to fund affordable housing development.

"We all needs housing," Scott said. "We, as a community, need affordable housing, and we need to provide it in different price points and different configurations."

Talking about the various housing programs available in New York State, Scott said his agency offers a menu of affordable housing options based on the communities' needs. As well as touching on the financial and capacity elements for housing projects, he shed a light on housing development options for rural communities.

Equipped with a richer understanding of housing situation and options, attendees were invited to divide into smaller groups to talk further and use their conversation groups to discuss the barriers of housing through their conversation lens.

Webutuck BOE adopts 2022-23 school district budget

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WEBUTUCK — With one month left until the North East (Webutuck) Central School District's annual district budget and Board of Education (BOE) election, the Webutuck BOE put its meeting time to excellent use on Monday, April 18, by adopting the 2022-23 proposed district budget.

The BOE met at 7 p.m. over Zoom. Recognizing the meeting as the night of the district budget's adoption, Webutuck Business Administrator Robert Farrier gave one last presentation on the proposed budget.

Keeping the BOE informed about what's happening in New York State, Farrier said the state budget was passed, resulting in a couple small tweaks to his presentation with the addition of the state budget numbers. He also said not a tremendous amount had changed from his previous presentation.

Displaying the 2021-22 budget as a starting point from which he worked on next year's budget, Farrier said the 2022-23 proposed budget goals \$25,039,114 with a 1% (or \$240,311) budget-to-budget increase from last year.

Out of that total budget amount, salaries is a major component totaling \$349,359, while the district's debt service and inter-fund transfers totaled a reduction of \$397,275. Employment benefits totaled \$234,628 while

special education (including out-of-district placements) totaled \$201,839. Next year's Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) costs includes a reduction of \$126,995 while transportation will be seeing a reduction of \$80,714.

Farrier said the allowable maximum tax cap is 4.9% and includes the exclusions allowed based on capital project payments and transportation payments. The proposed tax cap the district's working towards is 4.7% with a proposed tax levy of \$16,973,699.

Delivering the budget-revenue breakdown, Farrier said state aid was calculated at \$5,963,415 out of the total 2022-23 budget. Other revenue numbers — including the Medicare Assistance Program, interest and penalty on taxes and BOCES refund — were estimates based on previous years' receipts. Farrier said they are looking to use \$1.9 million for the appropriated fund balance, which gives the district \$16,973,699 in total to fund the budget.

Based on the 2021-22 final tax roll, Farrier said the estimated 2022-23 tax rate for a

\$16,973,699 levy is \$11.48 per \$1,000. He explained the initial estimated tax rolls will be released Sunday, May 1 and the final tax rolls won't be released until after the district vote, meaning the tax rate could change. As for the estimated tax calculation for homeowners, Farrier said, based on the 2021-22 final tax roll, there would be an annual increase of \$0.51 per \$1,000. For a \$100,000 assessed value home, this would mean an annual increase of \$51; for a \$200,000 assessed value home, there'd be an annual increase of \$102.

An annual public budget hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 9. On Tuesday, May 17, the district will hold its annual district budget vote from 12 to 9 p.m. in the Webutuck High School gym.

BOE members unanimously voted to approve the proposed 2022-23 budget later that evening.

"I want to thank Ray and Robert and everyone else who worked so hard on this," said Webutuck BOE President Judy Moran. "We always try to do our best and there's a lot of exciting things in there."

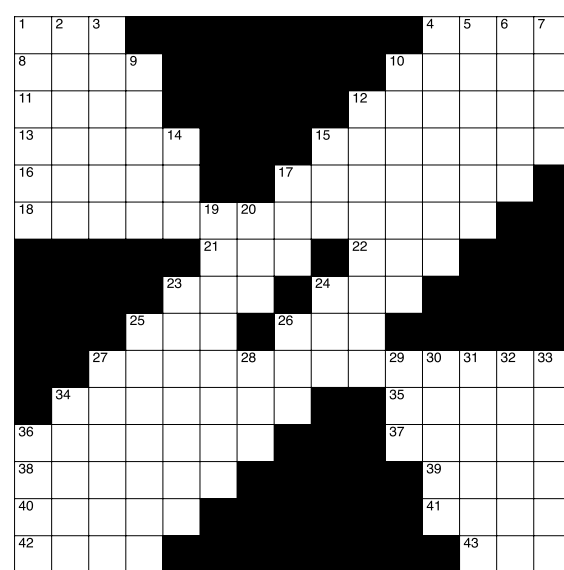
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1. A power of perception
4. Slotted hinged metal plate
8. Popular crop
10. Siamese fighting fish
11. Larval crabs
12. South American mammal
13. Occur as a result of
15. Slavic language
16. An electric underground railway
17. Transporting
18. A direction
21. Opposite of start
22. Mock
23. People love and hate it (abbr.)
24. A people of Myanmar
25. A Queens ballplayer
26. Southern Thailand indigenous person
27. Famed actress
34. Thin strips
35. Bluish greens
36. Ridiculed
37. Having the shape of a cube
38. Came down
39. Indian religious god
40. "Bewitched" actress Moorehead
41. Leak through slowly
42. Buzzing insects
43. Midway between south and southeast

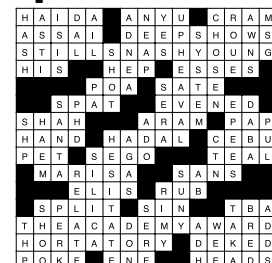


14. The longest division of geological time
15. Car mechanics group
17. A barrel of liquid (abbr.)
19. Bound to do
20. Explosive
23. Ridicules
24. Adult male
25. Military personnel
26. French and Belgian river
27. Found in the sea
28. A share lost in default (abbr.)
29. Type of medication (abbr.)
30. City on the Rhine
31. Animal disease

32. They're in martinis
33. Get away
34. Wampum
36. Lacking brightness

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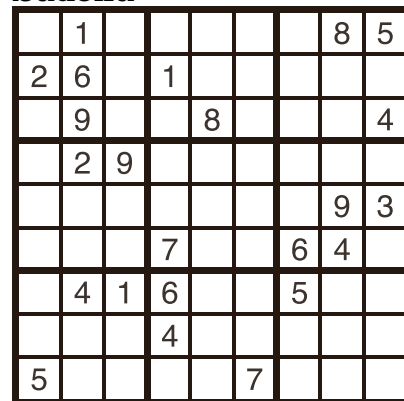
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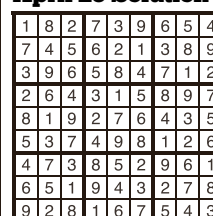
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2. Earlier
3. Right away
4. Vomiting
5. Go to
6. "The Police" frontman
7. Bullfighting maneuver
9. Pacific island
10. A system of algebraic notation
12. A room used for the activities of a group

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We are listening: please reach out to SharonHospital@NuvanceHealth.org with any questions.



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COMPASS

Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Work by Hermine Ford Premieres at Furnace Art on Paper Archive

If you need more than an espresso shot to jump start your sense of motivation, take some inspiration from Hermine Ford. The 83-year-old artist is ready to unveil a show of bold new abstract paintings created in the last year. Now entering her seventh decade as a working artist, Ford is a New York City native who is still charging forward and charting new artistic exploration in her TriBeCa studio. Last seen at the New York Studio School in 2019, a new series of work that Ford painted during the pandemic will be unveiled at Furnace Art on Paper Archive in Falls Village, Conn., on Saturday, May 7.

"Hermine Ford: Normally Invisible" will be the debut show of Furnace Art on Paper Archive's 2022 season, marking the gallery's return after finishing its first year.



Abstract artist Hermine Ford, seen in her studio in New York City's TriBeCa neighborhood, will debut new work at Furnace Art on Paper Archive.

PHOTO BY KATHLEEN KUCKA

Launched by downtown New York City painter and curator Kathleen Kucka in 2021, the thoroughly modern gallery on Falls Village's Main Street was conceived as Kucka made the small Litchfield County town her full-time residence.

Located next to the new Falls Village Café

and across the street from famed designer Bunny Williams' 100 Main decor shop, Furnace has been a key piece to the recent commercial revival of downtown Falls Village. With its fresh, minimalist space Furnace has shown large-scale abstract work from contemporary painters

like Stephen Maine, Bettina Blohm and Marilla Palmer.

Kucka described the work Hermine Ford will be showing as "the best of her career" as well as an "exciting opportunity to bring this level of art and history to Falls Village."

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GARDENS: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Plant Sales Begin As Garden Season Approaches

Mid to late May is generally considered the safest time to plant vegetables and more delicate flowers outdoors in the Tristate region. In anticipation of the beginning of summer gardens, several organizations are holding their annual plant sales. The libraries are a good source for plants divided out of successful home gardens; they also usually offer "starts" of edibles such as tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers.

Freund's Farm Market in East Canaan, Conn., is offering hanging baskets at the Douglas Library of North Canaan, Conn., sale on Saturday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Sweet Haven Farm in North Canaan has donated flower arrangements for the sale.

Anyone who is dividing their perennials is invited to bring them in containers for the sale. Call the library at 860-824-7863 for information or send an email to douglaslibrary@com-cast.net.

The D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., will hold its annual sale on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Plants will include tomatoes, vegetables, annuals and perennials, and houseplants including geraniums from Housatonic Valley Regional High School in pots and hanging baskets.

Proceeds benefit the library and the high school. For more information, or to donate plants and pots, call the library at 860-824-7424 or go to www.huntlibrary.org. Drop-off for donations is Friday, May 20, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Perennials, annuals, houseplants, decorative pots and garden accessories are welcome. Early drop-offs may be placed by the library's back door near the faucet. Label all plants with their name.

Weatogue Farm in Salisbury, Conn., will begin its annual sale of vegetables, flowers and herbs on Friday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily into the first week of June.

Call Elvia with questions at 860-435-0345. The farm is at 78 Weatogue Road in Salisbury, near the border with North

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EVA CHEN IN CORNWALL ON MAY 7

Eva Chen is a first-generation Chinese-American who grew up in New York City. Since 2020, the New York Times best-selling author and her family have been settled in Litchfield County, Conn. Chen released her eighth children's book, "I Am Golden," earlier this year.

On Saturday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m., Chen will sit down with young patrons and their caregivers at the Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., to read her latest work. The reading

will be followed by an audience-led Q&A, light refreshments and a crafting project.

This event is co-sponsored with the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, Conn.

Attendance is limited; register by calling Sam Saliter at 860-364-5041, emailing ssaliter@hotchkisslibrary.org or at <https://hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/event/golden/#rsvp-now>. Chen has had a long career in media and is currently the head of fashion partnerships at Instagram.

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Canaan, Conn. In Stockbridge, Mass., the Berkshire Botanical Garden's annual Plants-and-Answers Plant Sale is scheduled for Mother's Day weekend, May 6 and 7, with regionally appropriate plants hand-picked by the Garden's horticulturists.

The sale is open to the public Friday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, May 8, from 9 to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

And the Trade Secrets Rare Plant and Garden Antiques Sale, which draws gardeners from all across the U.S. and supports Women's Support Services in Salisbury, Conn., will be held this year at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury on Saturday, May 14. The next day (Sunday, May 15) is garden tour day, with a mix of public and private gardens open to visitors. For more information, go to www.tradesecretsct.com.



Robert Andrew Parker's work is wide-ranging and diverse — and always quietly quirky, like the artist himself.

CELEBRATING NEARLY A CENTURY OF ART BY ROBERT ANDREW PARKER

The David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn., will host a special exhibition of the art of Robert Andrew Parker of Cornwall, Conn., in honor of his 95th birthday.

A birthday reception will be held on Satur-

day, May 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. for the retrospective showing of Parker's paintings, drawings, etchings and books. The work will be on display through July 2.

For more information, call the library at 860-

824-7424 or go to www.huntlibrary.org/art-wall, where the full exhibition can be seen beginning May 8.

The library is at 63 Main St. in Falls Village, Conn. It is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Robert Andrew Parker, a beloved artist from Cornwall, Conn., celebrates his 95th birthday with an art opening on May 14.

LAUREN AMBROSE BRINGS 'MARIE ANTOINETTE' TO LIFE

Following the success of last month's reading of Kate Hamill's reimagined "The Scarlet Letter," there will be a reading of David Adjmi's comic interpretation of the life of "Marie Antoinette."

The staged reading at the Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., will be on Saturday, May 14, and will star Tony- and Emmy-nominated actress Lauren Ambrose in the title role.

The evening is di-

rected by Sharon Playhouse Associate Artistic Director Michael Kevin Baldwin, who said, "Marie Antoinette' is both outrageously funny and devastatingly poignant. Adjmi uses the tale of the ill-fated French monarch to explore our modern day culture of building up celebrities and then tearing them down."

The staged reading will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Go to www.sharonplayhouse.org.

...Hermine Ford *Continued from previous page*

Ford's decade-spanning career has seen her geometrical designs move through different phases; her latest work — intricate patterns of swirling squares, like tiny mosaic tiles — seems to pull from the artist's extensive time in Rome. The series of paintings in "Normally Invisible" draw to mind excavated pieces from antiquity, but with brilliant jewel tones in circular patterns. Are they ancient sundials or studies of the moon's changing face?

Art runs in the blood of Hermine Ford and

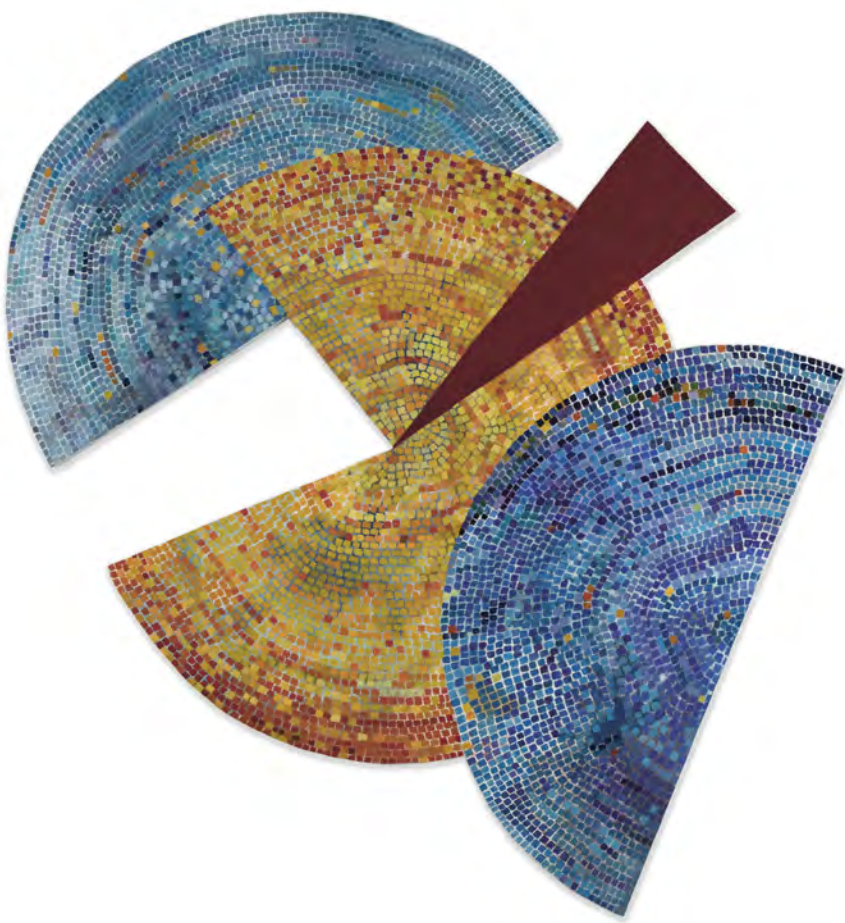
her family. She shares her TriBeCa loft with her husband, fellow New York City native and contemporary painter Robert Moskowitz, whose abstract etchings of human figures in black and white have been showcased at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Her father was the late Polish-born painter Jack Tworzkov, a figurehead of the Abstract Expressionist movement and former chairman of Yale University's art department. His rough, kinetic work that layered vibrant color on

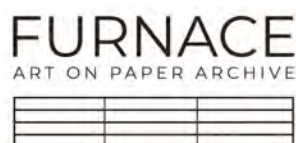
color was highly influential and made him a peer of other avant-garde men in the midcentury "New York School" of painting, including Mark Rothko and Willem de Kooning.

"Hermine Ford: Normally Invisible" will open at Furnace Art on Paper Archive at 107 Main St. in Falls Village, Conn., on Saturday, May 7, with a free reception from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, go to www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com or follow @furnace_artonpaper on Instagram.

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FICTION: KAITLIN LYLE

The Talented Patricia Highsmith — and Why Her Stories Work on Film

Spring feels like an ideal time to get tangled up in a mystery, as the snow melts away to uncover what was buried in the fall.

There's something seductive about cozying up with a spellbinding tale that requires the reader's rapt attention as the characters become entangled in a web of lies.

Often the best of these tales are adapted into films; it's often disappointing to see details lost in translation in the leap from print to picture.

One notable exception is the work of author Patricia Highsmith, famous for the psychological thrillers she wrote mainly in the 1940s and 1950s.

I've yet to be disappointed by any of the big

screen versions of her tales.

'DEEP WATER'
A new one, "Deep Water," was released on Hulu this past March. Watching the tales she crafted unfold on the screen, viewers will likely find Highsmith's brand of suspense magnified and her characters rendered more empathetic. Dangerous games are played where the quickest hand wins, and characters are forced to consider how much they'll compromise to have the stars align in their favor.

'THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY'
Directed by Anthony Minghella, "The Talented Mr. Ripley" from 1999 is, I believe, an underrated masterpiece from start to finish. Like countless stories of suspense, "Ripley" opens on a voiceover narrating the titular

Not all print-to-film adaptations can preserve the hair-raising chills of a great thriller novel, but three adaptations of work by Patricia Highsmith maintain their creepy splendor, even on celluloid, including Hitchcock's "Strangers on a Train," at right.



character's remorse for his mistakes. For Tom Ripley, it starts with a borrowed jacket.

The affluent Greenleafs spot Tom wearing a Princeton jacket during a concert and presume that he knows their son Dickie, a recent Princeton graduate. Rather than admit the truth, Tom plays along. The opening credits are still rolling when Mr. Greenleaf persuades Tom to go find Dickie in Italy and persuade him to come home.

After meticulous preparations for the journey (including listening to Dickie's favorite music), Tom arrives in the fictional town of Mongibello, where Dickie's been living an American playboy's life in Europe. An intense friendship sparks as Tom is invited into Dickie's dazzling world of con-

nections, wealth and freedom.

Yet while Ripley declares them "brothers," it's not long before Dickie grows weary of Tom's constant presence and makes it clear it's time to move on. One ghastly moment of rage, and Tom finds a new use for his ability to impersonate "practically anybody" as he assumes Dickie's identity.

The film features an all-star cast that exemplifies Highsmith's story under the care of an accomplished director. From the breathtaking view of Italy as it might have looked in the 1950s to the soundtrack that magnifies the story's twists and turns, this film is a favorite at my house. With every viewing, I'm tempted to

tally Ripley's lies, all the while knowing I'd lose count halfway through the film.

'STRANGERS ON A TRAIN'
While "Ripley" focuses on mistaken identities, "Strangers on a Train" (1951) is centered on mistaken intentions.

Adapted from Highsmith's 1950 novel of the same name, director Alfred Hitchcock's highly acclaimed film opens with tennis star Guy Haines riding the train, intent on finalizing his divorce. He strikes up a conversation with a stranger, Bruno Anthony, who's taken an interest in Guy's situation and

offers a solution that might benefit them both.

Having fantasized methods for committing the perfect murder, Bruno suggests the idea of strangers exchanging murders — in their case, Bruno would kill Guy's unfaithful ex-wife while Guy would kill Bruno's overbearing father. Guy evaluates Bruno's idea with amusement before disembarking the train, not knowing Bruno's mistakenly taken his listening as agreement.

Visiting Guy at his girlfriend's home, Bruno reveals he's carried out his end of their exchange, much to Guy's horror. Insisting they planned the exchange on the train, Bruno implies it's Guy's turn to follow through, lest he risk the possibility of being arrested for murder.

Like many of Hitchcock's films, "Strangers on a Train" kept my eyes locked on the screen and, in anticipation of the darkness ahead, distrustful of any light-hearted moments.

The suspense of tracking Bruno's whereabouts is enough to send a shiver down a viewer's spine, and Hitchcock knows how to play with our unease.

CALENDAR

All entries can be found in our full calendar at www.TriCornerNews.com/events-calendar.

ART

Furnace — Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. www.furnace-artonpaperarchive.com
Hermine Ford, Normally Invisible, May 7 to June 12.

MUSIC

Torrington Symphony Orchestra, Torrington, Conn. www.torringtonsymphony.org
Broadway Hits and Classics, May 7.

BOOKS

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. www.noblehorizons.org
Book club: The Hotchkiss School's Keith Moon on "The New Tsar: The Rise and Reign of Vladimir Putin", Wednesdays to May 11, 2 to 3 p.m. (online).

THEATER

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck, N.Y. www.centerforperformingarts.org
Shakespeare in Love, April 22 to May 8.

KIDS

Kent Barns, Kent, Conn. www.kentbarnsct.com
Scribble Art for All Ages Under the Big Maple Tree, May 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MOVIES

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EDITORIAL

Trying to hold in person events a challenge as COVID begins to wane

There are so many parts of our lives that have been changed by COVID-19 and its variants over the past two years. Feel as if you've read that sentence here and elsewhere before? Yes, no doubt you have. But repetition doesn't make it any less true.

One of the most difficult, outside of the direct health implications, has been the inability to gather in person. Whether in school or at work, or in cultural venues, this has made our inner selves suffer as much as our physical selves.

For anyone unfamiliar with the organization, here is the description from their website of their mission: The Salisbury Forum is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to seek positive change in the world by hosting speaker forums that foster deeper understanding of issues that affect our lives globally and locally.

The speaker they hosted Friday night could hardly have been more significant to the issues faced in American society today: Thomas Shapiro, a professor of law and social policy at Brandeis University, spoke on "Toxic Inequality: The Overdue Reckoning of Race and Wealth."

See Managing Editor Patrick Sullivan's story online at www.tricornnews.com this week on the content of Shapiro's talk, to get a sense of the details and data he put across to help us all understand what systemic racism over many generations has done to the financial lives of Black families.

It was still a challenge to bring a large crowd out in person for the Housatonic Valley Regional High School venue in Falls Village, Conn. for this event. If you were interested but decided against going to an in-person event yet, you should not only read Sullivan's story on the talk, but also go to the Salisbury Forum website at www.salisburyforum.org and click on videos.

Keep an eye on the upcoming programs from The Salisbury Forum; no matter where you live in the Tristate region, these programs are worth the drive.

The next one is on June 1 at 7 p.m. again at Housatonic Valley Regional High School, with the speaker Marie Yovanovitch, speaking on "Lessons from the Edge."

She is a career American diplomat, according to the Forum website, the former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, and the author of "Lessons from the Edge: A Memoir."

Let's hope the recent uptick in COVID cases in the area slow down, and we can be more open to gathering in person once again. It will help our mental and emotional health, and therefore help our physical outlook as well.



PHOTO BY JAMES H. CLARK

Ultimate spring



Losing your sense of what's real

Ever had one of those dreams where, on waking, you cannot, for perhaps a few seconds, know if the dream was real or not? People having hypnotherapy sometimes confuse dream memory or fantasies with what really happened.

When I was 10 or so, I saw a movie on Broadway called Smell-O-Vision with a documentary on China. Here's the official description: "Smell-O-Vision was a system that released odor during the projection of a film so that the viewer could 'smell' what was happening in the movie.... The process injected 30 odors into a movie theater's seats when triggered by the film's soundtrack."

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE Peter Riva

The sense of smell is a very powerful prime element in memory. That film's memory impact has stuck with me ever since, all 62 years.

Now, imagine that, instead of watching television or even watching 3-D projections in the movies, you can wear a full headset that places you inside the action depicted on the binocular screen goggles. You have 3-D impressions. The sound is stereo. You can move your hands, feet, you can speak and interact with whatever you are experiencing.

Experiencing, that's the key word here. Not merely watching, but actually experiencing.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for Earth Day support

I would like to acknowledge the following contributors, on behalf of the NE/Millerton Climate Smart Community Task Force, for making Millerton Earth Day 2022 possible:

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Back into the windows of an old Village friend!

Chris Virtuoso NE Millerton Climate Smart Community Task Force ClimateSmartMillerton.org Millerton

riencing.

The gaming goggles of today are like the small B&W TV sets of the 1950's compared to what's coming. People testing the newest goggles and hand gloves have been vomiting, have been almost comatose with sensory saturation after an hour of "play."

Who can then say what memory is real? If the experience inside these virtual worlds impacts the memory centers of the brain, what new memories will be stored, thought of as real? Are they actually real, could they be said to be? And if so, where does reality, truth and fact fit into the human experience.

Now, imagine if they add smell to the experience. Imagine if they add sexual

stimulation to the experience. Imagine if they add true dangers and rewards to the experience? Our minds are perhaps not equipped to sort out the differences between this reality and real reality. Remember that dinosaur dream you had as a kid, being chased? Wasn't that a real memory, didn't it evoke fright and fear? Those emotions are still really part of you, stored as your memories even while you, as an adult, know they are but a dream.

So will the new gaming goggles and controllers and they could take you down a path of never again knowing what is real or what is projected/implanted memory.

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

Will Putin's war finish off the myth-rich Black Sea?

The Black Sea, which recently received in its depths the Russian battleship Moskva, on its way to join the battle against the Ukrainians, was anciently the setting of another Black Sea voyage that did not end well. This was the voyage of the Argo, celebrated in the third century BC epic Argonautica, composed by Apollonius Rhodius. The epic relates the launching of the 50-oar ship, the Argo, manned by 55 Greek heroes and led by Jason, half-brother of the king of Iolous, on the west coast of Italy.

The king hoped that, by sending Jason on a long and dangerous voyage to bring back the golden fleece of a ram from a distant Black Sea kingdom, he would never return - which may remind readers of King Claudius' plot to get rid of Hamlet. The Argo was a magical ship, which, equipped with a prow that, prefiguring modern technology, could both speak and guide the ship on its long journey from the west coast of Greece through the Bosphorus into the Black Sea, then north to the kingdom of Colchis, now the Republic of Georgia. There, with the assistance of the king's witchy daughter, Medea, who falls in love with him, Jason steals the golden fleece and sails for home, with Medea.

What happened upon the return of the Argo is the subject of Euripides' Medea. Composed and performed a century before Apollonius wrote the Argonautica, it describes Medea's rage when Jason deserts the woman whose help has been invaluable in obtaining the golden fleece and, who, once safely home, spurns or ditches his foreign wife and marries the daughter of King Creon of Corinth. Furious, bitter, and

GUEST COMMENTARY Jon Swan

vengeful, Medea murders her two sons by Jason as well as Creon and his daughter, to whom Medea has given a gold diadem which, when donned, releases "a fearful stream of all-devouring fire," killing the young bride. Medea leaves the scene of her crimes in a cart drawn by dragons.

What has happened to the Black Sea* in our time is another tragic story, as reported by the August 5, 2019, press release from DFWatch**, an online newspaper based in Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, and published by Georgian NGO Journalists for the Future. The headline reads: "The Black Sea contains toxic concentrations of several pollutants, a new study has found," the study being a reference to the Joint Black Sea Survey, which the Government of Ukraine was carrying out in accordance with the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement study. Presented in Odessa on July 29, 2019, it found that insecticides, pesticides, biocides, pharmaceuticals, flame retardants, and industrial pollutants were among the major pollutants. The report further states: "124 chemicals dangerous for the sea ecosystem and human health were identified in the study. 83% of the marine litter found in the Black Sea is plastic."

As if that wasn't enough bad news, the report notes: "The cancerous substance benzo(a)pyrene, commonly found in soot, is present in the Black Sea in levels exceeding its toxicity threshold." One can only expect that

Putin's "special operation" in Ukraine will further pollute a sea ringed by Ukraine to the north, Russia and Georgia to the east, Turkey to the south, and Bulgaria and Romania to the west - and finish off whatever aquatic life is left in the Black Sea.

*Black Sea: Google offers a list of possible explanations

for why the sea is called "black."

** The initials stand for Democracy & Freedom Watch, www.dfwatch.net.

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Pine Plains BOE casts votes for BOCES

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PINE PLAINS — Within mere minutes, the Pine Plains Board of Education (BOE) voted on both the 2022-23 Dutchess Board of Co-operative Educational Services (BOCES) Board Member Election and the Dutchess BOCES Administrative Budget in a special meeting on Tuesday, April 26.

Beginning at 7 a.m., BOE members met over video conferencing for their special meeting.

Pine Plains BOE President Anne Arent called for a vote to approve or disapprove the Dutchess BOCES Administrative Budget, totaling \$6,990,000. A motion to approve the budget was made first by Pine Plains BOE member Chip Couse

and seconded by BOE member Joe Kiernan. The BOE voted unanimously to approve the budget.

Turning its attention to the Dutchess BOCES Board Member Election, the BOE noted via resolution there are two vacancies on the BOCES to be filled at the annual election on Tuesday, April 26. Once elected, BOCES BOE members will serve a three-year term, starting Friday, July 1 and ending June 30, 2025.

Arent asked for a motion to vote for Ralph Chiumento, Jr. from the Spackenkill school district and Gully Stanford from the Hyde Park school district. The BOE unanimously approved both candidates' election onto the BOCES BOE.

By 7:02 a.m., the Pine Plains BOE's special meeting was adjourned.



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Tia Maggio is showing new work at Spencertown Academy through May 15.

The art of creating digital art

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE — Tia Maggio, the vibrant and enthusiastic children's and youth services associate for the Roeliff-Jansen Library in Copake, born to the world of art, has seen her universe expanding and has embraced the possibilities presented by digital art.

"I have done art my whole life," she said, explaining her passion. "Both my parents had design jobs, but they also were painters. My brother and I spent many a day at museums growing up in New York. It just was kind of intuitive — kind of in the family."

Over the course of her career, she has presented a number of art shows, with her first local display of her digital art at The Gallery at Spencertown Academy going on now through Sunday, May 15.

While also a tremendous photographer who often shares library patron photos with The Millerton News, for years this former Virginia resident's primary focus has been pastels. That work was featured there when she returned for a show that she titled "Fresh Air," in recognition of landscapes she had done during the pandemic.

Her display at The Academy, however, which will be presented with that of photographer William Bullard and oil painter Gina Occhiogrosso, will consist exclusively of digital images of landscapes, huge vegetables and vibrant Mexican buildings, created on a trip to that country.

Now a fan of the iPad, Maggio said convenience is a real benefit. While she used to always travel with paper and a portable watercolor kit, she is now able to leave those behind as she relies on her digital device, although old habits do die hard as she traveled with both on a recent trip to Africa.

Her current love affair

with that new genre began one day when — for a reason she can't even remember — she just randomly opened "www.procreate.art" one of the many such apps available on what she now refers to as her "Art Pad." She began experimenting.

Maggio committed to doing a sketch every day, and as she progressed, the possibilities opened up to her. She works with different features, including an almost limitless variety of brushes, textures and colors.

Once a digital painting is complete, she sends the image to a firm in Texas, which prints them on her favorite archival paper, Hahnemuehle, which has been produced in Germany since 1584.

Although there is a great deal of tutorial assistance available to anyone online, Maggio said instead of using that, she has enjoyed simply uncovering available elements herself.

"I was always a naysayer about anything new," she said. "That's why I surprised myself. I just did it everyday to try to teach myself. I

started really liking what I was creating."

Satisfied with what she produced, she again went south and "had a big show in Virginia called 'Tia's Gone Digital.' It was a big blast — a one night open house, and it was very well attended and received. It was really fun."

The Spencertown Academy show is only her second art show devoted entirely to her new passion.

For this new exhibit, some of her paintings will be framed, but the rest will not so that viewers can appreciate the exceptional quality of the paper that will be exposed and buyers can frame them as they like.

At this point, Maggio does not include digital art in the library programs because "not everyone has access to an iPad."

However, if anyone is interested in learning more about "app work," Maggio said she will be glad to assist them at the Roe Jan Library at 9091 Route 22, Copake.

For more information on the exhibit at the Arts Center at 790 Route 203, Spencertown, call 518-392-3693.

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On Monday, May 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., a Navigator from the Healthcare Consortium will be available at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library (9091 Route 22 in Hillsdale).

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MILLBROOK

Awards, memorials and good food dished out at Annual Fireman's Installation Dinner

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — With great food catered by Maura's Kitchen, and a full roster of awards to be given out for various services, the Annual Millbrook Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 Installation Dinner promised a festive night out for firemen, the rescue squad, families and guests.

The Reverend Thomas Fiet, of Lyall Memorial Federated Church gave the invocation, thanking the members of the both companies for all that they do for the community. The Rescue Squad is celebrating their 75th year of service to Millbrook and Town of Washington.

The Installation of the Officers is always a proud moment, and with the help of Millbrook's mayor, Tim Collopy, the officers were sworn in. They are; Civil Of-



Fireman Terry Donoghue holds two of the awards he received at the Fireman's Dinner.

ficers, President, Matt Rochfort, Vice President and Acting Secretary, Kara Granger, and Treasurer, Shelley Hol-

lingsworth. Line officers are Chief, Edward "Ted" Bownas; Deputy Chief Dominic Boscardin, Assistant Chief, Ken Walsh. The Captain is Ted Granger, 1st Lieutenant is Roland Burlingame and 2nd Lieutenant is Tim Race, Jr. There are 31 active firefighters on the squad.

Rescue Squad Officers are; Assistant Chief, Laurie Olson, Captain and Acting Secretary Kim Bownas. 1st Lieutenant is Kevin Duncan and Treasurer is Laura Palmer.

The Auxiliary; Jodi Swart, President, Debbie Wheeler, Vice President, Secretary, Lynn Swart and Treasurer is Alison Hults.

The Board of Directors are; Chairperson, Peggy Mulligan; Leo Abbruzza, Allen Meyer, Robin Horan and



From left, Laurie Olson Rescue Squad Assistant Chief presented Rose Galente with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual fireman's dinner on Saturday, April 30.

Jodi Swart.

The awards are always a special part of the evening, and this year was no exception. For years of service, Mickey Prisco, 55 years; 50 years, Leroy Swart and Guy Farrington. For 20 years, Rob Cross, and five years, Corey Santiago.

Auxiliary Awards; 25 years of Service, Debbie Wheeler and 20 Years of Service, Kara Granger and Peggy Mulligan.

The Augustine Rotunno Award for Lifetime Achievement for portraying a positive impact in the enhancement of the overall mission of the MFD was given to Rose Galente.

The Lynn Karn Memorial Award, with the recipient being chosen by the members, is given to an active member

who exemplifies the dedication, tradition and spirit shown by Lynn in his 33 years of service. The vote resulted in a tie. Honored were Terry Donoghue and Dominic Boscardin.

The Bert Roberts Award is given in memory of Roberts for his 33 years as active service as a line officer, a civil officer and active firefighter. This award was presented to Terry Donoghue.

The Millbrook Fire Department honored several people who had passed in 2022, including Kathy Meyers, a Charter Member of the Auxiliary who joined in 1978; Nancy Perkins, a long-time supporter who was made an Honorary Life Member in 2010; and Ed Shaughnessy who joined the Rescue Squad in 1982 and served as 1st Lieutenant from April 1991-January 1993, who passed away recently, on April 2, 2022.

Especially poignant was the memory of Ed Olson, of the East Clinton Fire Department from 1968 until his death on Feb. 10, 2022. He was a Scout Leader for 31 years for Millbrook Troop 31, and among the attendees were six active firefighters who earned their Eagle Scout Badges under the tutelage of Olson.

Looking at the honorees and active members there are many familiar names; they have long served, and

for some it's a family tradition. There is always a need for volunteers, as fire fighters, on the rescue squad and as Auxiliary members. There are far fewer volunteers today than there were even ten years ago, but they are still very much needed.

Donations are also welcomed; as the only fundraiser slated, the much-loved and eagerly awaited Fireman's Carnival lost its home when the Thorne Building became a 501(c)(3) and is currently being renovated in hopes of becoming a community center. Instead, this year look for a Block Party and Parade given by the MFD on Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9 at the firehouse.

The dinner of shrimp, salad, fish and prime rib, side dishes and apple cobbler with ice cream is over, the bar is closed and the awards given out. The celebration and awards are over for this year, but the work these dedicated men and women perform is ongoing.

The Millbrook Fire Department thanked Mutual Aid neighbors Amenia, Dover, East Clinton, Pleasant Valley, Stanfordville, Union Vale and Wassaic. The communities of Millbrook and Town of Washington are ever grateful for the ongoing services provided by the Millbrook Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Auxiliary.

Last winter concert from MAG a big draw

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The third of the Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) sponsored Winter Concert series drew a crowd of about 80 people on Saturday, April 30, at the Millbrook Library. The Sisters of the Strings Concert was an eclectic music mix of flamenco, classical, Latin, and bluegrass.

The duo, out of Albany, consisted of well known guitarist and composer Maria Zemantauski and special guest guitarist/mandolinist, Sten Isachsen. They have performed locally and around the globe, both together and as soloists.

The concerts are free of charge and open to the public. MAG says to stay tuned, as they are currently planning the Summer Concert Series 2022.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Northeast Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on the Budget in the High School Library at the Webutuck High School Building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York, on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2022-2023 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the budget for the 2022-2023 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., prevailing time, at the Webutuck Elementary School, Eugene Brooks Intermediate School, Webutuck High School and at the District Administrative Office between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, effective May 3, 2022, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays. Copies of the Budget will also be available at the Northeast-Millerton Library and the Amenia Free Library.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Vote on the Budget of the qualified voters of the Northeast Central School District, will be held on Tuesday, May 17,

2022 at the Webutuck High School gym, Haight Road, Amenia, New York, between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education, both seats commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2025, to succeed John Merwin and Chris Mayville whose terms expire on June 30, 2022.

B. PROPOSITION I: 2022-2023 Northeast (Webutuck) CSD Budget

Shall the 2022-2023 Budget as adopted by the Board of Education in the amount of \$ 25,039,114, with anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$ 8,065,415 and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$ 16,973,699, be approved?

C. PROPOSITION II: 2022-2023 Transportation Vehicle Purchase

SHALL the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire two (2) transportation vehicles, one (1) wheelchair accessible mini-bus and one (1) utility vehicle at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$170,000; (2) expend such sum

or so much thereof as may be necessary for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid received; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and

notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$170,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

D. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to the Education Law of the State of New York.

The election and budget vote shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the poll shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 9:00 P.M. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that absentee ballots will be available

for this Election and Vote. Applications for absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk at the Webutuck High School building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York on school days during school hour, or on the district's website at www.webutuckschools.org beginning March 1, 2022. The application must be returned to the District Clerk by May 10, 2022 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, May 16, 2022, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the Election and Vote, May 17, 2022.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these should be directed to the District Clerk.

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