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## Amenia Strong to make a stand in the Republican Primary

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — It's always fascinating when a new political party enters the fray, and this year, in the town of Amenia, that's exactly what has occurred. As an independent political party putting its own slate of candidates forward in the Tuesday, June 22, New York Republican Primary Election, the local Amenia Strong party has formed to elect three candidates to the Amenia Town Board in 2021: Julie Doran as town supervisor and Jamie Vitiello and Brad Rebillard as town councilmen.

Because the three newcomers are also running as Republicans in the primary, they are guaranteed a spot in the November General Election, which is not the case for all of their opponents. Incumbent town Supervisor Victoria Perotti, who is seeking her fifth two-year term, is running on the Republican and the Conservative lines, so she will be guaranteed a spot on the November ballot. But incumbent Councilmembers James Morris and Michele Somogyi, who are both seeking a second four-year term, are only running on the Republican party line. That means if they lose to their Amenia Strong opponents next week, they're out of the race.

#### Amenia Strong, a closer look

So just what is Amenia Strong all about, and who are the candidates this new party has put forward to lead the town of Amenia? The creation of

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## Pine Plains restaurant planning French cuisine stirs strife

### **By KAITLIN LYLE** kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — Whether they stood in full support or staunch opposition to a restaurant backed by local businessman and community advocate Jack Banning, owner of The Platter café; President of The Stissing Center Board of Directors; co-owner of Black Sheep Hill Farm (with his wife, Irene); and President of KTB Properties LLC; more than 40 people tuned in for a virtual Zoom Planning Board public hearing on Wednesday, June 9.

The hearing was focused on a site

plan application from KTB Properties for a restaurant at 2938 Church St., which has turned out to be more controversial than some would have anticipated.

It's the third time KTB has appeared before the Planning Board, according to Banning, the applicant behind the project that entails the re-opening of a restaurant at the former New Age Diner, the last eatery at the site, which opened in August 2018. Others may remember previous incarnations of restaurants there in the last 30 years, including the popular Crumpets, Agriturismo and Tops Diner.

Banning now has plans for KTB to rent the space to former and much loved Stissing House chef/owners Michel and Patricia Jean, "to be operated as a restaurant serving primarily French food for dinner five nights a week and brunch on Sundays."

Along with limited outdoor dining in the backyard, the site plan application includes no new construction, no hazardous materials on site and an on-site septic system with a grease trap.

The Jeans closed Stissing House in January after 15 years of business,

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HOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

From left, Adam Eckstrom nabbed a cold drink and a hamburger hot off the grill to enjoy alongside his daughter Holiday, her friend Pickle Gutierrez and Pickle's mother, Jeanne.

### Amenia Fire Company revives summer tradition

### By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — Though the official start to summer is still a week away, the Amenia Fire Company gathered together all the makings of some summertime fun as it hosted Carnival Food Night on Saturday, June 12.

For more than 80 years, the fire company hosted a carnival, according to Capt. Andy Murphy. Yet as with many wonderful traditions, Murphy said people lost interest as the years went by and it became more and more difficult to organize, given the manpower involved and the costs. He said it took three weeks to do so, with a week set aside for planning and then another week to set up the carnival and rides.

By hosting Carnival Food Night,

## Senior lunches return to the Millerton Friendship Center

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — The Senior Friendship Center located at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex at 28 Century Blvd. rolled out the welcome mat again on Monday, June 7, much to the delight of its many participants who have been isolated throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since March 2020, the sessions, which many seniors see as the best way to stay both active and social, had been suspended, although the all important nutrition program continued. Meals were delivered to eligible seniors who requested them, but personal contact fell by the COVID-19 wayside.

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Keeping cool against the day's heat wave, local seniors sat down for a satisfying lunch among friends and neighbors in the Senior Friendship Center located in the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex for its first day back in service, on Monday afternoon, June 7.



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### Pine Plains thanks medical heroes

After the hardships and heroism that arose in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic this past year, the Pine Plains community paid homage to all of the town's medical volunteers with a lovely reception and celebration on Saturday, June 12. Hosted by residents Penny Wheeler and Victoria LoBrutto, the community enjoyed a beautiful afternoon for the celebration on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Regeneration, at 16 Pine St. Starting at 4 p.m., folks gathered for a delicious picnic, taking the time to let the guests of honor know how much their labors meant to the community in a time of such fear and uncertainty.



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## MILLERTON Millerton Wine & Spirits slides smoothly into summer

### By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON - Millerton Wine & Spirits at 34 Main St. is hoping for a summer of strong sales after making its way through a rather tough initial opening in the midst of a global pandemic, replacing the former Little Gates Wine Merchants last November. And while wine enthusiasts and others in the village welcomed the new business and its comfortable, open environment and discerning selection of wines from around the world, along with its owner, Christopher Jeans, with open arms, a pandemic can make for tough time to build clientele.

It's been slightly different in the world of wine sales, thankfully for Jeans, who has been able to provide an atmosphere that's comfortable for customers to engage in conversation without feeling intimidated while getting great value. Whether a seasoned collector or a newbie, he said he wants his store to be a sanctuary where people can come in and enjoy themselves.

Prior to opening his shop on Main Street, Jeans previously owned Casa Bacchus, a well known wine shop in Litchfield, Conn., for many years. Though Millerton isn't too far from his home in West Cornwall, Conn., he said he visited the village in the fall of 2018 in response to a call from former Little Gates coowner Chris Kennan asking if he could help out one day.

Jeans arrived in Millerton as an employee at Little Gates and worked alongside co-owner William Little (who is also an owner and member of The Lakeville Journal Company, which publishes The Millerton News). When Little decided to close the store after 14 years of business, Jeans said a friend of his, Paul Harney (of the Harney Tea empire), suggested they work on the store together. Harney and Jeans are now business partners at Millerton Wine & Spirits.

Believing "there's an adventure in these four walls where wine should be fun," Jeans said what has gone into the store is "tasting literally a thousand wines to get a few hundred that have made the cut.

"It's a great place for a client to be adventurous here," Jeans said. "We are adventurous in our selections because we want to make sure the right candidates are here. We encourage them to tell us what they're looking for and what they want — we're creating an environment that fosters that."

Indeed, standing out against the ocean blue walls sit shelves upon shelves of carefully curated wines selected from France, Spain, Portugal, California and



Aspiring to create a comfortable atmosphere at Millerton Wine & Spirits, owner Christopher Jeans is ready to engage with his customers, whether they're new to wine or seasoned collectors.

other regions of the globe. Picked from centuries' old traditional vineyards to organic vineyards, there's an odyssey in the details and histories behind each wine choice.

In the rear, near a shelf of gins, bourbons and liquors, sits a space that Jeans anticipates using as a future tasting space. Casting his eyes around the varying sections of wine and other liquors, Jeans said Millerton Wine & Spirits wants to be involved in every occasion.

Jeans also pointed to the many wonderful places in the local region that have provisions that pair beautifully with his wines, including the provisions on display at The Dig and Westerlind Food Pantry and the many local farms. Claiming they're "loco for local," he said he and Harney like



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYL

Millerton Wine & Spirits at 34 Main St. is hoping for a busy summer after slugging its way through the COVID-19 pandemic since opening up last November.

to feature small local spirits and promote the local movement of wines, spirits and ciders.

Offering in-person shopping and curb-side delivery, Millerton Wine & Spirits is open Sundays and Tuesdays from noon to 5 p.m.; Wednesdays from noon to 6 p.m.; Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; the shop is closed on Mondays.

For more information, call 518-789-3899.

### NECC gives virtual update of how it survived the pandemic

**By KAITLIN LYLE** kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Community members interested in learning more about where the North East Community Center (NECC) is headed and how it survived the health crisis were invited to tune in for an exclusive virtual update, Where We Are and Where We Are Going, on Wednesday, May 26.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the conversation was held via Zoom, drawing 57 registrants. NECC Board of Directors Chair Nancy Elting thanked Executive Direcmonths, Sergent spoke about how they got through the pandemic. Before COVID-19 arrived, she said her team had been working hard to build its staff, improve its financial stability, improving its use of technology, develop its emergency protocols and better its methods of program delivery.

This allowed NECC to take all of its operations remotely when the shutdown occurred last March. It also helped the center deliver their programs and continue serving the community while implementing new initiatives to meet emerging the pandemic, providing operational and crisis support that allowed it to modify some program models.

She mentioned the crucial support from the community, funders and donors, which was higher during the past year's pandemic than at any other point in NECC's history.

Considering the new situations that emerged in the last year, Sergent said the community center is continuing to provide COVID-19 vaccination assistance.

She also shared its awareness of the pandemic's impact

### Twilight at the Pond concerts

The NorthEast-Millerton Library's Twilight at the Pond concerts are being held at the Taconic State Park at Rudd Pond, at 59 Rudd Pond Road.

Entrance is free, but there may be a parking fee. State park regulations and normal COVID-19 safety restrictions will apply.

Go to www.nemillertonlibrary.org or call 518-789-3340 for more information and a schedule of performers.

### 2022 Community

MILLERTON IN BRIEF

### Blood drive at Millerton library June 17

The NorthEast-Millerton Library is holding a blood drive on Thursday, June 17, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Help save a life with a blood donation. The Red Cross is seeing the lowest donation turn out since the pandemic started. Donation are urgently needed.

The library is excited to announce that its drive will be participating in the Pint for a Pint. Donors who give blood at the library will receive a coupon for a free pint of Stewart's ice cream Go to www.redcrossblood. org/give.html/find-drive to make an appointment. To find the Millerton blood drive, search for sponsor code NEML or call 518-789-3340 and ask for Library Director Rhiannon Leo-Jameson.

(while supplies last).

June is traditionally a difficult month for donations, let's see if the NorthEast-Millerton Library can meet the need.

The library is located at 75 Main St.

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tor Christine Sergent and the NECC staff for all they managed to do this past year and their response to "a worldwide pandemic that no one was prepared for.

"Frankly, NECC is not the Red Cross — we're not set up to respond to disasters," Elting said. "Our mission is to be here for the long haul, for the day-today, the year-to-year. Much of the work is about offering social and educational programs and services, and yet, with little notice, responding to a disaster is just what Christine and the staff did."

Noticing the diversity among those watching the Zoom presentation — including NECC clients, staff members, donors, business owners, officials and more — Sergent said that evening was "truly representative of the community of people that help NECC do the work that we do. It's very important work and we could not do it without you," Sergent said. "We might not even be here post-pandemic if it weren't for you."

Aided by photos that helped tell some of the community center's story from the last 15 ing needs, such as its food and supplies pantry. Additionally, it helped the center make informed financial decisions while moving through the health crisis with their funders, donors and collaborators.

Because their Farmers Market and transportation programs were considered essential services during the pandemic, Sergent said those services continued after being adapted to COVID-19 safety guidelines.

As for the remaining programs, she said the staff was just as amazing switching to a virtual platform and finding new ways to keep people engaged. Using the Care Calls placed to local households as an example, she shared the ways in which the NECC learned what the current and emerging needs have been for its clients.

In addition to sharing the valuable lessons learned during the pandemic, Sergent addressed the challenges the NECC faced, such as hiring workers and meeting financial obligations. Sergent said the NECC was fortunate to have funders who also pivoted duron mental health, the need for childcare and food insecurity solutions, among other challenges.

Moving forward, Sergent announced the NECC would be reopening its offices on Tuesday June 1, and many of its programs will be resuming in-person with COVID-19 precautions and guidelines in place. The first floor of the community center space will be closed until July to accommodate its food pantry.

After marveling at the NECC's perseverance and the community's during the last 15 months, Sergent opened the conversation up for questions.

For more information on the North East Community Center, go to www.neccmillerton. org, call 518-789-4259 or stop by its main location at 51 South Center St., Millerton.

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**PINE PLAINS/AREA** 

## High School junior Evan Matthews honored as BOCES Student of Distinction, teachers awarded tenure

#### By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Board of Education (BOE) celebrated the achievements of the Pine Plains Central School District's (PPCSD) students and staff on Wednesday, May 19, by congratulating the latest recipient of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative **Educational Services (BOCES)** Student of Distinction Award and awarding tenure to a number of PPCSD educators.

BOE members assembled in the Stissing Mountain Junior/ Senior High School library for the meeting at 7 p.m. and live streamed the meeting to the PPCSD website, www.ppcsd. org

With the Student of Distinction award listed as the meeting's first item of business, Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler reminded both the

BOE and the public that the district is one of the major supporters of the Dutchess County BOCES Career & Technical Institute (CTI), due to the number of students the school district sends and the quality of the students it sends to the CTI.

"Dutchess BOCES, as you well know, can only exist with the support of our component districts," Dutchess BOCES CTI Principal Mitchell Shron said, "and we want everyone to realize that just because a student leaves your high school and comes to our high school half a county away that this is still a shared student and a shared accomplishment."

At Dutchess BOCES CTI, Shron said they have a Go Pro program — which stands for guidance, optimism, professionalism, respect and opportunity - and every year, CTI faculty members are asked to nominate students who represent these

#### attitudes.

A senior at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School and a second-year student with Dutchess BOCES' computer program, Evan Matthews was commended for being a motivated student, among other attributes. In fact, when the CTI shut down last year due to CO-VID-19, Shron said one of the first things Matthews did was reach out to Shron to ask if the program could use the school's 3D printers to make face shields and other personal protective equipment (PPE) pieces for hospitals and first responders in the area.

"The Dutchess BOCES Career & Technical Institute has been a really valuable addition to my high school career," Matthews said. "I have learned to be confident in my abilities from the student-driven and handson teaching that I've experienced in my past two years."

It was through his deep engagement in the BOCES programs, Matthews said, that led to his earning four certifications based around computer hardware, networking, security and ethical hacking.

"If I had not gone to BOCES, I would not be nearly as far as I am today," he said. "I would not be nearly as confident as I am now with my choice to go to the Rochester Institute of Technology and pursue further education in the field of computer science and security."

Matthews gave thanks to his teachers at both Dutchess BO-CES CTI and Stissing Mountain, Shron and the BOE, and Shron presented him with a certificate recognizing his achievement.

"Once again, Evan, we are very proud of your accomplishments," Handler said. "You're the kind of student at the CTI who's making the most of the opportunity and that's all we can ask for."

Handler also mentioned the PPCSD's plans to increase the number of students at the CTI next year "as we see this as a very valuable option for students to go and get programs that we can't provide here."

### Tenure

Proceeding with the evening's tenure appointments, BOE President Chip Couse said, "Tonight, we have the responsibility and the privilege of recognizing a long-term partnership between these deserving teachers and our school district community. In their probationary terms, they have shown themselves to be highly qualified educators and committed to the Pine Plains Central School District. It's now our turn to demonstrate our commitment to their careers and their continued excellence with our students."



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Dutchess Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BO-**CES)** Career & Technical Institute Principal Mitchell Shron presented high school junior Evan Matthews, a student of both Dutchess BOCES and the Pine Plains Central School District, with the BOCES Student of Distinction award at the Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, May 19.

The first tenure was awarded area; Susan Poole-DiSalvo and to Erin Curnan in the library Courtney Reichelt were both media specialist tenure area, awarded tenure in the elemenfollowed by Kimberly Pugtary tenure area; and Steven lisi in the reading and special Sandman was awarded tenure education tenure areas. Ryan in the secondary science tenure. Carney was awarded tenure in With each tenure award, the

BOE offered its congratulations and unanimous approval. Handler offered a few words on each educator's work in the school district and the public offered its applause.

### **SHERIFF'S REPORT**

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO). All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Property **Damage Auto Accident**  Between the lunch catered by Moose on the Loose and the music provided by Strings Attached, Pine Plains seniors relished their time with friends and neighbors at the town of Pine Plains' first Senior Luncheon in more than a year and a half on Wednesday, June 9.

### Senior Luncheons return

seniors found a way to keep cool against the heat wave while enjoying a bite to eat sic performed by the band, among friends at the town of Pine Plains' first Senior Luncheon since the COVID-19 pandemic hit last March, on Wednesday, June 9. Starting at noon in the Community Room above the Pine Plains Free Library, the free luncheon drew a large turnout of senior citizens from the area who dined on a lunch of deli sandwiches catered by the popular Moose on the Loose, located at 7711 South Main St., along with pasta, potato and Greek salads and plenty of refreshing iced tea and water to drink.

PINE PLAINS — Local neighbors and spouses, the seniors were entertained by a lively repertoire of mu-Strings Attached.

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the guidance counselor tenure area, while Erin Essery was awarded tenure in the art tenure area. Meanwhile, Ryan Orton was awarded tenure in the secondary social studies tenure

**Brain Teasers** CLUES ACROSS 1. "Sleepless In Seattle" actress Ryan 4. One of Santa's reindeer 10. Before the present 11. Type of butter 12. Location of White House 14. Motion 15. Tree part 16. Regions around the North Pole 18. Fits on a boat's gunwale 22. Discuss after it's happened 23. Milk substitute for coffee 24. Describes one who believes in

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Monday, May 31, Deputies responded to Route 22 in the area of Fenwood Drive in the town of Pawling for a report of a Property Damage Auto Accident, from which the operator fled the scene.

The operator was not located and the investigation is ongoing. Abandoned vehicle

Tuesday, June 1, Deputies responded to Winchell Mountain Road in the town of North East for a single vehicle crash.

The vehicle was found unoccupied and efforts to find the operator of the Subaru are ongoing.

#### **DWI** arrest

Friday, June 4, Deputies arrested Ramiro S. Alvardo (age 28) for Driving while Intoxicated in the town of Amenia.

The subject is to appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

#### **Report crime tips**

Anyone with any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity, should contact the DCSO tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

The Millerton News will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 625, Millerton, NY 12546, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to editor@millertonnews.com.

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As they ate among friends,

"We're getting back to our normal Wednesday routine," said Pine Plains Assistant to the Supervisor Alice Hanback-Nuccio as she watched the seniors savor this longawaited social event.

Hanback-Nuccio also noted the town will host the potluck lunches on the second Wednesday of every month in the Community Room above the library at noon. Everyone over 60 years of age is welcome to enjoy lunch, courtesy of the town.

— Kaitlin Lyle



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### Memorial service:

### Roland H. Chinatti Sr.

FALLS VILLAGE — Coach (under the tent in front of the Chinatti, Roland H. Chinatti school).

Sr. of Falls Village, loving and devoted husband of the late Dorothy Louise (Atterbury) Chinatti, died Nov. 10, 2020. Memorial ser-

vices for Roland will be celebrated at Housatonic Valley

Warren Tpke., Falls Village,

Relatives and friends are invited to gather under the tent, prior to the service, between noon and 1 p.m. At a later date, Roland will be interred with the love of his life, Dor-

othy, at Grassy Hill Regional High School, 246 Cemetery, Falls Village. The burial will be private and at on Saturday, June 19, at 1 p.m. the convenience of the family.

### Robert F. Couse Sr.

PINE PLAINS - Robert F. Plains Sportsman Association. Couse Sr., 88, of Pine Plains,

passed away peacefully on June 3, 2021, at his residence.

Born on Nov. 15, 1932, in Livingston, N.Y., he was the son of the late Grace (Smith) and Adrian Couse. Mr. Couse retired from IBM after 36 years and also retired after

34 years as a police officer for the Town of Pine Plains. He was a United States Army Veteran having served in Korea during hostilities.

He served the Town of Pine Plains for a total of 58 years: 16 as chairman of Town Recreation, 34 years as police officer, 16 of which he was the chief of police, and 12 years as Town Councilman.

Robert was also a member of the Pine Plains Legion, life member of the Pine Plains Hose Company, founder of the Days Gone Bye Motor Club, member of the national Chiefs of Police, life member of the Dutchess County Chiefs of Police Association and an honorary member of the Pine

### Memorial service: Sister Mary Schaefer

You are cordially invited to the Celebration of Sister Mary Schaefer's life on Friday, June 25, at 11 a.m.

Sister Mary entered into God's embrace on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020. Our Liturgy will be celebrated in Mary's home He was also very active in sports, having played

in various softball and basketball leagues for 25 years. His wife, Joan, predeceased him in April 2011. His brother Fred

and sisters Mary and Virginia also predeceased him. Robert is survived

by his son, Robert F. Couse Jr.; one daughter, Lisa Couse; three granddaughters, Alexis Reilly, Rebecca Churton and Bobbie Schlein; five great-grandchildren Aiden, Adison and Axton Reilly, Giacomo Meccariello and Lincoln Schlein; his brother James Smith; and his sister, Margaret Smith.

Graveside services will be held in Evergreen Cemetery privately at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to the Pine Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 100, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

Arrangements are under the care of Peck and Peck Dapson Chestney Funeral Home.

parish, St. Joseph Church, 4 E.

Our celebration will be fol-

Main St., North Canaan.

### **OBITUARIES**

### Bruno Joseph Piretti

EAST CANAAN - Bruno Ukiah, Calif., in 2006 to be clos-Joseph Piretti died at his Brookside Senior Residence home on April 29, 2021. He was 100 years old and was able to embrace life fully up until his

passing. He was an avid gardener, sports fan (especially the Syracuse Orangemen), and follower of politics and current events and a life-long Democrat.

Bruno was born in East Canaan on July 26, 1920, to Frederico Piretti and Delfina Minacci, both from the Piedmont region of Italy. As someone who was raised in the Depression Era he took nothing for granted and found meaning and value in everyday life.

He was the second to the youngest of seven children and the first to graduate from high school.

He served as a staff sergeant during World War II in the United States Marine Corp and enjoyed attending the local Veterans Day gathering each year at the Elks Club.

His time served in China opened him to different philosophies. He would often quote Confucius sayings such as "Mind like a parachute, functions best when it is open."

He married his wife, Lillian "Lonnie" Col, in 1949 after returning from the war. They raised a family of three girls while living in upstate New York

He worked as a sales manager and in industrial sales for the Fuller Brush Company until his retirement.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Parkinson's Support Group of Utica, N.Y. He believed laughter was the best medicine and put this into practice by employing his wit. He and Lonnie moved to

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### grandmother passed peacefully on June 11, 2021, in Portland, Conn., at the age of 85 after a long battle Born in Middleport, N.Y., Kave was

Kaye Overbye

Wife of late husband Donald A. Overbye and the loving partner of the late Joe Radziewicz, Kaye is survived by her sister, Carol Hussey; nine children, Mark, Michael, Mitchel, Laurie, Jay, Jill, Christopher, Kim and Krista; 16 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

A funeral service was held June 15 at the Congregational Church of South Glastonbury. Burial followed in Green Cemetery in Glastonbury.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that you donate to the Alzheimer's Association.

For online condolences, go to www.mulryanfh.com.



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#### SHARON - Kaye Over- field, Mass., with her husband, bye, beloved wife, mother and Donald, where six of her seven children graduated.

Besides her dedication to husband and children, Kaye was known as the always reliable and benevolent neighborhood Mom as "Mrs. O" opened her doors to all from neighbors' children, at risk inner city children and un-



He loved to challenge his grandchildren to a game of bocce ball and would manage to win even when using a walker. In his later years he participated in the local Human Race, walking a mile to raise

funds for worthy causes as well as making bag lunches for the

needy through Kol Ha'Emek. He leaves behind his three daughters, Sheila and her husband, Shawn Imanverdi, Delfina Piretti and Karen and her husband, Norman Rosen; his grandchildren, Atash and Armon Imanverdi, Haley Myer and Elena and Ari and his wife, Dawnelise, Rosen; his greatgrandchildren, Serafina and

Emanuel Rosen; a brother-inlaw, Bob Darr of Oneonta, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

He was predeceased by his wife; his brothers, Bert and Peter Piretti; and his sisters, Catherine Cantele, Elizabeth Stineford, Jennie Emprimo and Olga Darr.

Donations in his honor may be made to the Arbor Day Foundation. Wounded Warrior Project, or the Unity Church of Ukiah.



lowed by interment at St. Joseph cemetery, after which we hope all will join us for refreshments at the home of Francis and Dolores Schaefer Perotti.

at family gatherings and sing, including his rousing with Alzheimer's. rendition of Happy Birthday. Both he and his wife enjoyed participating in church services and activities at

er to family. He loved to dance

friendships with other

members.

Bruno in his 90s would grow

In his younger years he

plants and hold a plant sale

each year to raise funds for the

played on sports teams and

participated in ski and golf

church.

competitions.

the daughter of Lloyd and Ruth Annable. the Unity of Ukiah and developed warm

#### Growing up in Johnson's Creek, N.Y., Kaye attended Royalton Hartland High School, where she was a standout cheerleader, and graduated from

Alfred State College and later received her B.S. in Nursing from Dutchess Community College.

A natural, inspiring and gifted caregiver, she worked as a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., before working at Sharon Hospital and later at Hartford Hospital.

While having an illustrious nursing career, Kaye selflessly raised seven children in Pleasant Valley, N.Y., before moving to Berkshire School in Shef-



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### Pine Plains wrestlers hold fundraiser

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Wrestling Team had some fun while getting a little wet at the Pine Plains firehouse recently.

Wrestling Coach Tom Strudwick said now that pandemic restrictions are lifting, he's looking forward to when his team can start holding tournaments again.

Currently, Strudwick has a coed inter-generational team with 17 members. As the team is just winding down for the summer, he's looking for new members for next year when practice resumes.

The team just held a carwash at the firehouse on May 22, and donated 50% of the proceeds to Colton's XXXtraordinarY Cause, a nonprofit for children with rare disorders. The car wash raised roughly \$1,200.

To read the full story, go to www.tricornernews.com



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Jackson Kilmer, 7, worked together with his teammates on the Pine Plains Wrestling Team to scrub down cars at the car wash hosted at the Pine Plains firehouse on Saturday, May 22.

#### **Bleacher Views**

Read Theodore Kneeland's Bleacher Views column online this week, at www.tricornernews.com.

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### AMENIA

### Amenia Strong: the issues, the candidates

**By WHITNEY JOSEPH** editor@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — The three candidates running on the independent Amenia Strong ticket in the Tuesday, June 22, New York Republican Primary understandably want to focus on issues other than Silo Ridge and assessments - they want to focus on the town and what they believe they can do better than those they are hoping to replace. All newcomers to the political game, Julie Doran is looking to unseat longtime town Supervisor Victoria Perotti, who is seeking her fifth two-year term leading the town, while Jamie Vitiello and Brad Rebillard are hoping to replace Councilmembers James Morris and Michele Somogyi, both of whom are seeking a second go-around at their four-year positions.

#### Julie Doran

Doran, a single mother of two, said she has a strong business background and has always "kept a close eye on the town's budget, school taxes and always paid attention and had a hand on the pulse of what's going on, but it wasn't until I became so concerned with the mismanagement of the town's money that I had to [get involved]. I was guilty of turning my head, but now I'm trying to participate."

While never serving on any town boards or committees, she does serve on groups like the private Amenia/Wassaic Coalition, which was founded by Silo Ridge and tries to bolster local organizations.

When asked to talk about specifics that she would focus on as town supervisor, Doran replied, "How about eliminating things from the budget? Like the youth program. From 2019 to 2020, the budget went down in one year \$40,000. It eliminated two summer programs completely, when it wiped out Little League, sadly enough. It doesn't make any sense, why are we cutting youth programs, but we can afford to spend \$1.1 million on a heating system for Town Hall?'

She added, "We are one of the richest towns in Dutchess County. We should be able to build a septic system and a new firehouse. Let's move forward."

live in Silo Ridge.

"I feel like I am in a once in a 100-year opportunity," he said. "Amenia has to decide what it wants to be... it's complicated to fulfill what it can be. It needs affordable housing, it needs workforce housing. That ties a little to potentially needing some semblance of a wastewater system downtown. I don't see it on a trend to synthesize right now as it's currently being driven. I think that could be a hugely missed opportunity, but it's loaded with potential."

He added there's a divide between the Silo Ridge community, which pays about "\$70,000 per house in real estate taxes a year with no tax breaks... and taxes have gone up." Vitiello added the developers have "an ultimate vision to have 245 C/Os [Certificates of Occupancy], or doorbells, which could be condos or houses," which would add significantly to the tax base.

"They are fully contributing," he said of Silo residents. "This year, Silo Ridge made up almost 40% of the tax base of the entire town of Amenia, with roughly 50 houses that have C/Os with a town that has 1,600 houses. It's stunning actually."

He also addressed claims Silo Ridge did not live up to its commitment when it came to town to do things for the community, like build a wastewater system. He recounted what he was told by the partners at Silo, adding he didn't know the information first hand.

"The investors behind Silo purchased property, and still own it, 6 acres specifically for a wastewater plant, and offered to fully service a 25-year bond for the plant, but the town turned them down," said Vitiello. "The town only wanted to do it if Silo gave them the money all up front. It's so frustrating."

Perotti, though, said at the time the town's Wastewater Committee had garnered a \$3 million matching grant, and Silo refused to come up with the matching \$1.5 million. She also noted Silo fell flat on other commitments, "like installing a sound system in the auditorium of Town Hall and fixing the bathrooms in the back of the auditorium; the only thing they did was paint the auditorium. All the things they promised never happened." But Vitiello said Silo Ridge does contribute to the community, and gave a prime example. It's a "significant contributor; we just formed a Silo Ridge foundation exclusive for the purpose to raise money from Silo members to contribute to the community, called the Amenia/Wassaic Coalition," he said. "When the pandemic began, County Executive Marc Molinaro called me and said the food banks are in serious trouble, and the county doesn't have a budgetary way to restock them. Can you guys raise money from Silo Ridge? We raised \$90,000 in like three days." Which led Vitiello to address a question about his relationship with Molinaro, a close friend. He was even Molinaro's best man at his wedding. Some have raised concerns that the outgoing

county exec, leaving due to term limits, cherry picked his friend to sit on the Town Board so he and the rest of the Amenia Strong candidates, if victorious, would have a 3-5 majority and could appoint a new assessor when Boyrk's term expires - ensuring Silo Ridge a new assessment — and the town and county many millions in future tax dollars.

"I hadn't heard that. I absolutely acknowledge Marc is my dear friend," Vitiello said. "That friendship is born of the both of us really caring about Dutchess County, of public service, and that continues to be the basis of our friendship - we love this place. We want what's good for it. I can't think of a single reason why it benefits Marcus for me to be on the Town Board... there's no upside to him... I've never run for public office, so I may pick his brain and that may aggravate him. There's no subplot here around a benefit as to me being on the Town Board."

As to whether Amenia Strong is "just a shill for Silo Ridge," and if an Amenia Strong victory would turn Amenia into a company town, Vitiello said absolutely not.

"I would be running for Town Board even if I lived outside of Silo," he said. "This is important."

#### **Brad Rebillard**

Rebillard, born and raised in Amenia and the longtime owner of Dutchess Country Realty in Millerton, has a lengthy record of community service. Not only has he served on the now defunct Millerton Lions Club for many years (he once served as its president), he's now a member of the Amenia Lions Club; he's also served with many other local organizations and is a member of both the Amenia Wastewater Committee and an alternate on the town's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

His wife, Jeanne, is running for one of two seats on the Dutchess County Republican Committee in the primary; she has her own public relations firm and currently does public relations for Silo Ridge. She is not running on the Amenia Strong ticket.

Like his running mates, Rebillard tried to distance Amenia Strong from Silo Ridge and its lawsuit against the town.

and moneys weren't put back, even though we knew we could see light at the end of the tunnel with COVID vaccinations."

Rebillard called Amenia a "pass-thru town," and said that its government should do more to encourage economic growth. He cited Four Brothers as one example of a business with "innovative ideas" that should be encouraged by the town.

"Enhancing community awareness, and the development of a positive vision of downtown Amenia is something that needs to be encouraged by our boards," he said, adding the closure of businesses like Monte's Local Kitchen and Tap Room was a missed opportunity for the town.

Perotti noted, however, that the town has been dealing with unique challenges, added expenses and dwindling revenue - all thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet somehow it still managed to welcome nine new businesses to open downtown in the last year, something she is especially pleased to mention.

"We have a wonderful town." she said.

**Primary Election details** 

According to the Dutchess County Board of Elections, there are 2,442 registered voters in the town of Amenia, which has a population of 4,314, according to the 2010 Census (the last on record); 723 of them are Republican (including 335 women and 388 men) — versus 835 Democrats - those registered Republicans are qualified to vote in the June 22 primary.

Qualified voters are instructed to head to the Wassaic firehouse, at 27 Firehouse Road, for the Republican Primary, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Wassaic firehouse will be the sole polling place in the town of Amenia for the primary.

To read profiles on all of the candidates running in the June 22 Amenia Republican Primary, go to www.tricornernews.com.

To read all about Amenia Strong, turn to this week's front page.

> WASSAIC **IN BRIEF** South Amenia **Church** sale



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### Trail blazers

With spring now almost over, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail has been welcoming a steady stream of local residents, area visitors, families and outdoor enthusiasts during the past couple of weeks. Whether they've been blazing across the trail on foot, on bicycles, on skateboards or on roller blades, chances are trailgoers have caught a glimpse of the region's resident wildlife that live along the trail while getting their exercise, some fresh air and hopefully relaxing along the way.



If they were to take a closer look at the ponds that border the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, trail enthusiasts heading from Coleman Station in Sharon, Conn., to Amenia Station in Amenia, might find a swan or two taking a leisurely swim.



It's worth noting that the governor had issued a number of Executive Orders during the pandemic limiting many youth activities, as children weren't yet vaccinated and COVID numbers were raging. The town plans to reinstate many of its summer recreation programs, including baseball, according to Perotti, in the 2022 budget.

#### Jamie Vitiello

Running mate Vitiello agrees Amenia has a lot to offer, and thinks he can help.

Currently he's the deputy civil defense coordinator with the Department of Emergency Response, an unpaid position similar to the many governmental roles he's held over the years.

Vitiello recently sold Vitech Systems Group, a tech company he founded and ran for 24 years. He also moved to Amenia with his wife and two children; they

"I don't think any of the lawsuits are tied to just Silo Ridge," he said, stressing he wants to remain positive and look forward. "Even without the numbers, where's the money going, even though we have all this revenue?"

This is Rebillard's first time running for political office; he said he was drawn to the Amenia Strong slate because he's concerned with the town's lack of communication and "unaccountable spending," adding "I feel like it's my time to serve the community and the town that I call my home."

Rebillard added, "We need to stimulate community involvement and identify community needs and community awareness and develop a communitywide vision and plan and path to implement it. That's not in the works that I've seen. They've cut the recreation budget in 2020,

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The sale will be on Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Parish Hall, 229 South Amenia Road, Wassaic. Food will be available.

including baked goods.

Outside vendors of crafts and other items will also be welcome. Tables will be available for individual tag sales at \$20 per table.

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the party happened swiftly, and with little publicity. Now residents want to know exactly who is behind the party and the people who may helm their Town Board for the next few years.

According to a joint statement released by the three candidates, "Once elected, we will be laser focused on reducing the town's expenses. Our elected officials must share our values and stretch each and every tax dollar to ensure it is utilized properly. Our team is looking to end out-of-control spending; while supporting programs for our youth and seniors. We must prioritize the health and welfare of our residents, support our small businesses, fire departments, schools and local nonprofits."

However, some residents have expressed concern that Amenia Strong seems to be getting its support mainly from the Silo Ridge Field Club, and that the political party is entangled in Silo Ridge's challenge to the town's community-wide reassessment in 2019, which included raising the luxury development's assessment by \$300 million, which the Town Board later agreed to reduce by \$90 million

The tangled web of Silo Ridge

Now, after the town reduced Silo Ridge's assessment by nearly \$1 million, Silo (a Discovery Land Companies luxurious housing community) continued to request the town reduce its assessment, as evidenced by an email sent from Assessor Christopher Boryk to the Town Board on April 13, 2020.

"Attached please find a proposal from Silo Ridge requesting major reductions in their assessments," wrote Boryk. "As the letter from Discovery indicates they are struggling and may pull out of the project. The PDF presentation equates to roughly a 55%

reduction in the single family lots. There are no sales to support this claim. I believe that the request for 55% reduction is excessive. I also believe that because of the pandemic, there is a real chance that Discovery will pull out."

Those concerns were expressed after Silo had agreed to an arrangement with the town that lowered its assessment by \$90 million. The PDF Boyrk referenced sent from Silo stated the following:

"Until such time as 38 of the above Lots are sold as evidenced by the date of the filed deed [the 'First Threshold'], the Assessed Value for each of Lots set forth in the previous analysis should be discounted by 50%."

#### A changing of the guard

Boyrk came to the Assessors Office after Assessor Ron Gazzoli passed away and was replaced by former town Supervisor Wayne Euvrard, who was elected to fill Gazzoli's unexpired term from 2015 to 2017. It was Euvrard who Perotti charged had "greatly undervalued all the properties in Silo and overvalued everybody else's."

Perotti added that Euvrard never completed the courses he needed to be certified as an assessor, so when his term ended, the town didn't have anyone to fill the position. That's when it found Boryk, who was appointed assessor on March 18, 2018 for a one-year term; he was then reappointed for a six-term set to expire on Sept. 30, 2025.

#### Two lawsuits filed

According to Perotti and other fans of Boyrk, he is highly qualified with 28 years of experience and has been awarded the Excellence in Equity Award for the last 17 years. Supporters say he justly brought Silo's assessment up to fair market value.

After he did so, Silo Ridge

### **SENIOR LUNCHES** Continued from Page A1

According to Todd Tancredi, director of the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA), with numbers of COVID cases diminishing and vaccines being delivered to a good portion of the county's senior population, the decision was made to re-open the senior centers, which follow the newly relaxed protocols.

On re-opening day, as she

bring out the puzzles and games that are staples of the center. But by the second day, they were back in action, with many of the regulars hooking needles, knitting and crocheting, another constant activity.

paperwork and catching up to

Although the original Millerton Nutrition Center at Village Hall on Dutchess Avenue

filed a lawsuit against the town of Amenia, in the matter of the Application of Silo Ridge Condominium I against the Board of Assessors and/or the Assessor of the Town of Amenia and the Board of Assessment Review, filed on June 7, 2020, Index Number 2020-51739. That's lawsuit number one, filed by the Silo Ridge development.

Those on the Amenia Strong team, however, claim the lawsuits against the town are not connected to Silo Ridge.

Vitiello, who lives in Silo Ridge but said he doesn't speak on its behalf, clarified the issue for his campaign.

"I don't think for Amenia Strong the assessment of Silo Ridge is an issue, that's not our issue, it is an issue for individual homeowners of Silo," he said. "It is an issue for investors of Silo, but that isn't something we're running on... but to not see the town's budget to continue to increase, to the point where it needs to continue to really over-assess to fill a budget [is wrong]. The reality of Silo Ridge is it's hiding a really poorly run town. Without Silo Ridge this town would be defined as economically distressed.

"These assessments need to be done properly and thoughtfully or they'll cause big problems down road," he added, pointing to higher school taxes and possible loss of state and federal funding. "What's really going to happen when you have a bad assessment, and I think you have a bad assessment and a bad assessor... it puts a tax burden on the area; what you really do is risk tremendous budgetary turmoil down the road."

The Silo Ridge lawsuit is pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Dutchess, along with a second lawsuit against the assessor, the Board of Assessment Review, the Town Clerk, the Town of Amenia and the Amenia Town Board, filed by Juan Torres, Julie Doran and Peter Doran on Oct. 19, 2020; the Index Number for that case is 2020-53511

The petitioner is the same Julie Doran who is running for town supervisor; she is also the office manager and sometime project manager for Silo Ridge. Peter is her husband, from whom she is separated, although they continue to live in separate quarters at the same home. Torres is a principal of Stoneleaf Construction LLC, partner to Silo Ridge Ventures LLC.

The lawsuits are reportedly due in court at the end of June.

Doran flatly denied Silo is actually suing the town. As far as her lawsuit, she said it won't interfere with her being town supervisor if she wins.

"I filed long before any aspirations to go into office," she said. "And it's not Silo Ridge suing, it's three residents from Amenia who filed on behalf of all taxpaying residents. We filed two years ago before I decided to run, to challenge the entire tax roll due to inequitable assessments. We FOILed for information from

#### **RESTAURANT** Continued from Page A1

much to the disappointment of many in the Tri-state region, hitting both the local culinary scene and economy hard. The proposal for their new restaurant, to be named Champetre, received an outpouring of support with more than 70 letters in its favor submitted to the Planning Board.

"Their new project will be a great addition to Pine Plains, and the wonderful cultural birth that is slowly growing in the area," wrote Pine Plains residents Guillaume and Andrea Cuvelier. "Although some neighbors may be disheartened by the development of Pine Plains, allowing certain businesses in dents and neighbors Bill and KTB's request needed to be considered a new application.

cerns were a lack of setbacks, landscape screening, sound screening or light screening listed on the application – all of which directly impacts them

Given how close their property is to the restaurant's backyard, Patti Hollick later said they

Amenia, and asked what was going on with all inequitable assessments in town, but the town denied us. We had no choice but to subpena and go on a fact-finding mission to get them to open their books."

Doran said she doesn't see a conflict of interest in suing the town while serving it, and would recuse herself from any discussions about either the lawsuit or Silo Ridge. She would also step back from her duties at Silo, if necessary, although she said she still has to "pay her mortgage."

Perotti said the lawsuits simply want "more favorable assessments," and "show complete disrespect for the townspeople."

So far, they have cost town taxpayers roughly \$75,000 in legal fees.

For more on the Amenia Strong candidates, turn to Page A5. See the June 10 Millerton News or go to www.tricornernews.com for additional candidate profiles.

#### **CARNIVAL** Continued from Page A1

Murphy said it's much easier for the fire company to have "a one-day event versus having to work a whole week with a carnival and rides." Considering how well-received its last few drive-thru barbecues have been, he was hopeful about how Saturday's event would turn out.

"It's good for us to keep out there in the community and have people come out and support us," Murphy said.

Indeed, smiles abounded last Saturday afternoon as area residents reconnected with friends they hadn't seen in many months to enjoy some much-anticipated fun at the firehouse on Mechanic Street.

The event ran from 4 to 9 p.m.; food was available at the pavilion or for takeout. From steak sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage and pepper sandwiches to French fries, fried dough and fried Oreos, the aroma of sizzling carnival-style fare hot off the grill caused mouths to water. Volunteers could be heard calling out food orders to each other, providing customers with their orders in a matter of minutes.

Kids, meanwhile, played kickball, soccer and wiffleball on the grass while adults took their chances at the 50/50 raffle and perfected their aim at the many corn hole stations, later competing in a corn hole contest.

Providing the soundtrack for the pre-summertime fun, DJ Justin from Outsiders Entertainment streamed everything from classic rock to Motown. Behind the firehouse pavilion sat a large stack of cut wood in anticipation of the evening's bonfire, which set the sky ablaze and helped bring the night to a satisfying end.

Patti Hollick issued the complaint through their attorney, Wayne Thompson. Thompson submitted two letters opposing the project on behalf of his clients; he said because the last restaurant shut down in 2019,

Among the Hollicks' conas neighbors.

"There are people in our town who need work," Low said. "COVID has been extraordinarily difficult for a lot of us and especially people who work in the restaurant business... and your objection to this is holding up the work for these people's livelihoods."

Drawing from the difficulties he encountered earlier this year with moving a site plan application forward, Nelson Zayas, cofounder of Willow Roots food pantry, said he hopes Banning can get a clear answer on what must be done to get approval.

Having worked as the bartender at The Stissing House, Tracie Hermann said she formed

the former guests the Jeans' last restaurant in the last six years and was touched and humbled by the support the couple received pursuing this new venture. She said she remains loyal to the pair "she loves," and hopes to return to work for them at their new restaurant.

Reviewing the site plan, Planning Board members talked with Banning about different components described in the project narrative and what measures could be taken to resolve issues surrounding the Hollicks' concerns.

The public hearing adjourned at 9:34 p.m. with plans to continue the matter on Wednesday,

hustled about preparing coffee and organizing the room, Site Manager Marion McGhee could barely contain her excitement. She appreciated the return to normal.

"It's as though the past year and a half never happened," she said. "I want to have everything just the way it was when people left."

As local seniors arrived McGhee said, "We've just been waiting and waiting, and now things can open up again. There is conversation and laughter everywhere. Everyone is just so happy to be back."

She was able to deliver the good news of the re-opening to seniors who had been receiving home delivery of meals throughout the center's closure and called others at home to pass on the good word.

Amenia resident Ynes Killmer had been a faithful attendee at the Millerton Friendship Center until its closing. She said she had missed the interaction and was thrilled to receive the news of its opening up again.

"As soon as Marion called, I heard the excitement in her voice, and I knew it was good news," said Killmer.

Often one of the first to arrive and do what she can to help set up the site, the Amenia senior said she makes a point of being there "bright and early, first thing in the morning." And it is early, as the center opens with its regular hours of operation between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., every Monday through Thursday.

"We're all glad to be back," Killmer said of the first day reunion.

She noted that while a number of the participants had kept in contact, mainly through phone calls, it was "really good to have a chance to sit down with old friends again."

During that first day, she said the group was too busy filling out has been closed for a while, as the Village Hall is closed while the Village Board considers what to do with the aging and decaying building, The Annex is being used in its stead. It was also used throughout the pandemic to ensure seniors in the area still received nutritional meals, prepared at the county's central location and then delivered to The Annex, from where volunteer drivers took them to homebound seniors.

Tancredi noted that the requirements for home delivery had been eased by the state during the pandemic, with the change nearly doubling those eligible and raising the number served to approximately 1,000 countywide. He noted that the increase was managed thanks to the help of numerous volunteers, including teachers and others who were out of work at the time.

The OFA director added that although the meals are a significant part of maintaining the health of seniors, social interaction is equally important.

"The relationship part is really key," he said. "We still provided food and we tried to be in touch on a weekly basis, but there's nothing like face to face contact. And now the seniors can come in and be with their friends again and maybe make some new friends. That's really a big part of what they need in their lives, and we can help with that."

The program, including hot lunches and supplemental meals for evenings and weekends, is free, although seniors are invited to make donations.

In addition to the Millerton Center, the South Amenia Center at the Presbyterian Church at 229 South Amenia Road, Wassaic, has also re-opened.

For more information or to register for one of the OFA's Senior Friendship Centers, call 845-486-2555.

the downtown district will be beneficial for the entire community."

Noting the restaurant would also serve visitors of the adjacent Stissing Center, a performing arts center that draws from the entire Tri-state region, Pine Plains resident Janet Zimmerman likewise supported the venture.

"Now that COVID is on the wane, dining and theater going will be a boon to Pine Plains' economy, employ local residents and entice visitors to the central business district in Pine Plains," she stated.

Banning asked the Planning Board for authorization to continue "what is a use for this property since roughly 1994 as a restaurant."

At a Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, May 26, Banning said KTB requested an extension for a non-conforming use, only to learn later it wasn't a continuation of a non-conforming use since a restaurant had not operated there for more than a year, largely due to the pandemic.

Banning said the landlord tried to rent it during that period, and while the building was vacant, it wasn't abandoned in any way as "the attempt was to continue to have someone take it over as a restaurant."

Banning bought the property and submitted a site plan application to the board, which was deemed acceptable according to the Environmental Impact Statement done under the required State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

But a neighboring property owner objected, and the public hearing was postponed.

Since then, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) approved the site to seat 23 and approved the septic; minor alterations and some interior work were also completed. Longtime Pine Plains resiwon't have privacy in their yard. She added the couple can see, hear and smell everything going on in the restaurant's backyard and vice versa for the restaurant's clientele.

Meanwhile, her husband questioned why the Planning Board isn't following local zoning laws.

"The zoning laws are not being followed; it's a non-conforming lot, a non-conforming use," he said. "We should be reimbursed for our legal fees because you are not following the zoning laws."

Though he empathized with the Hollicks, Pine Plains resident John Henry Low, who submitted a letter in support of the project, said the couple purchased their property in 1999 and knew what they were getting into because they previously rented the property in question.

many strong relationships with June 23, at 7:45 p.m.



In this current market, some homes will be offered for sale in "as is" condition. For a buyer, this may present an opportunity with regards to a better price, but there is also a higher degree of risk. While the owner still has to disclose any known defects per Ct State law, the buyer absolutely should have the right to perform inspections of the property. The buyer also should have the ability to walk away if not satisfied with the inspections. An excellent primer on the pros and cons of buying "as is" properties can be found in the website of realtor.com at: www.realtor.com/ advice/buy/what-does-as-is-mean/.



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### **TRIBUTES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

## Why We Love Live 'Tribute' Shows (And, Of Course, ABBA)

t seems that this summer there are more "tribute" shows than ever in the Tristate region. Maybe it has something to do with the COVID-19 pandemic, and ongoing uncertainty about when/ where/how we can all gather in public venues.

Or maybe we all just really love to hear old tunes played live in the style that sounds familiar to our ears. One of the joys of music subscription services such as Spotify and You-Tube is that you can do a search for "covers" of songs you love; the fun there is that you can often hear wildly different versions of great songs (vintage as well as recent).

Tribute shows, on the other hand, are meant to recreate your favorite songs in the way they were originally performed by your favorite bands.

Take the Swedish pop super group ABBA as an example. The band's biggest hits are covered extensively, in part because they've been performed onstage and onscreen in the films and plays of "Mamma Mia" — and of course, "Mamma Mia 2," in which the band's most



PHOTO COURTESY DANCING DREAM

Dancing Dream, a tribute band for Swedish super group ABBA, is one of several tribute acts performing in the region this summer. Their show will be July 10 at Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn.

home with my friend Divya every year.

This year, however, I will most certainly be attending the Sharon Playhouse ABBA tribute show that, curiously, is scheduled for the actual night of my birthday, which is Saturday, July 10.

Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., has a pretty packed roster of summer entertainment with perthe details at www.sharonplayhouse.org/drive-instage.

Infinity Hall, the lovely and historic gem of a theater in the center of Norfolk, Conn., relies particularly heavily on tribute shows. There's been quite a bit of schedule shuffling caused by COVID-19, but this summer look for shows that bring back the magic of Fleetwood Led Zep tribute band), the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, N.Y., has The PreZence which is an "authentic Led Zeppelin tribute experience," on July 3.

Other tribute acts there this summer include Gratefully Yours (Grateful Dead) and a YES tribute show. In autumn, look for The American Pink Floyd Show.



PHOTOS COURTESY CORNWALL LIBRARY Michael Trapp, an internationally acclaimed garden designer, opens his Cornwall garden this year for visitors to the town's Books and Blooms tour.

### **BOOKS & BLOOMS TOUR & TALKS, JUNE 18 TO 20**

Books & Blooms to Benefit The Cornwall Library in Cornwall, Conn., will be held this year on Friday, June 18, and Sunday, June 20.

On Friday at 5 p.m. there will be a Zoom talk with George Schoellkopf about Hollister House Garden in Washington Depot (a tour of the garden will be offered from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 20). On Saturday, from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a tour of the Cornwall gardens of John and Juliet Hubbard, Bart and Debby Jones, Roxana Laughlin and Michael Trapp.

There will also be a sale at the Cornwall Library of new and out-of-print gardening books; tea towels with the Books & Blooms signature design; and cut flowers arranged and donated by members of the Cornwall Garden Club.

famous songs are covered by the immortal Cher (who released her own album of ABBA covers when "Mamma Mia 2" came out; it's great).

I certainly have an appreciation for higher-quality music of the classical, pop, rock and jazz varieties, but I do love me some ABBA. Somehow, my annual birthday ritual has come to include watching "Mamma Mia" at formers from the region and from New York City.

However, there are also several tribute shows on the schedule. In addition to ABBA, look for shows featuring Electric Light Orchestra (yes, I like them too; so sue me); the music of the Rat Pack; the music of Motown; tunes in the style of the Andrews Sisters, tunes in the style of Buddy Holly and the Crickets and more. Get all

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Mac and the epic album, "Tusk;" Jim Morrison and the Doors; the Beatles in "Beatlemania;" and Kashmir: The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Tribute Band (yes, the ultimate!).

The band love continues all the way into autumn, with plans for tributes to Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young; and Chicago. Look for schedules and ticket information at www.infinityhall.com/Events.

For those who deeply love Led Zeppelin and aren't satisfied with just Kashmir (the Ultimate For details, and for information on performances by non-tribute awesome acts including Steve Forbert, Iris Dement and Sloane Wainwright, go to www.townecrier.com.

And to all the tribute bands that recreate our favorite song experiences: We salute you!

### **BOOKS: ROB BUCCINO**



The garden of former New York Botanical Garden plant curator Juliet Hubbard and her husband, John, is on this year's Books and Blooms tour in Cornwall, Conn.

## **Gladwell Dives into History Of Targeted Military Bombing**

s aerial bombing a strategic weapon or an instrument of terror? Malcolm Gladwell's new book, "The Bomber Mafia," tells the story of how American military aviation thinking transformed from aiming to dismantle enemy industrial capability to delivering wholesale slaughter of civilians ... and how the pendulum now has swung back.

Master storyteller that he is, Gladwell brings alive charismatic historical figures who played key roles in the transition, especially Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, who in later years earned opprobrium for suggesting that North Vietnam could be bombed "into the Stone Age."

LeMay's personal courage and pragmatism, as well as his dedication to excellence among the pilots and crews he led, somewhat redeem his reputation in Gladwell's retelling.

Also depicted in depth is the more sympathetic character of Gen. Haywood Hansell, from whom LeMay took over command of bombing of Japan and who saw his more ethical strategy of targeting only military sites replaced by LeMay's approach of mass destruction, culminating in atomic warfare.

The book does particularly well in limning the interpersonal dynamics of the mostly young, ambitious and competitive officers who formed the group to which the book's title refers.

Gladwell makes a compelling case that LeMay was right and that proponents of precision bombing were wrong, at least in terms of bringing the war to an end.

The accuracy in proving-ground tests of the legendary Norden bombsight had led a cabal of American Army aviation leaders — there was no Air Force then — to believe that precision bombing could cripple the manufacture of strategically crucial ball bearings and synthetic fuels. Such bombing required daylight missions, exposing fliers and crews to accurate enemy artillery and fighter planes.

Many lives and aircraft later, it became apparent that, under combat conditions, very few bombs were actually hitting their targets, and the damage done

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The July 3 Hillsdale, N.Y., flea is one of three major markets happening nearby this summer.

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## Household Hunting and Gathering At Three Famous Flea Markets

ag sales are just fine for most of us, but for the true fan of finding glorious vintage rustic home decorations there is nothing like a giant flea market.

Of course the famous such markets are in Paris and New York City but think about it: You're here in The Country. Old adorable things are closer to their original owners here. And perhaps there will be a larger-than-average supply of amazing finds; there were no sales last year, of course, because of the COVID-19 quarantine.

I wish I could say that there is less sharp-elbowed savvy competition at these sales but that would be a lie. There will be war perhaps over a McCoy vase or some bits of delicious silver flatware, unmatched but enticing (I want!). Hey, a little competition builds character and gets the blood racing.

The big market of the East Coast, and one of the most famous markets in America, is the venerable Brimfield Market in Sturbridge, Mass., which is actually an amalgam of several smaller markets with thousands (yes, thousands) of dealers and an estimated 50,000 visitors.

Three Brimfield markets have been scheduled for this year. The first was May 11 to 16. The second will be July 13 to 18 and the final sale of 2021 will be Sept. 7 to 12.

The hours vary but when aficionados talk about shopping at Brimfield, they invariably describe using a flashlight in the wee dark hours of the morning. Get excellent details at www.brimfieldantiquefleamarket.com.

On a somewhat smaller scale is the Elephant's Truck flea market in New Milford, Conn., which is held every Sunday from April through December. With food trucks and other entertainment, the Elephant's Trunk is almost like an ag fair for vintage furnishing fans. Instead of cows, there are couches.

You can buy tickets for early entry online at www. etflea.com. Early Buyers can enter at 5:30 a.m.; Prepaid Buyers enter between 7 and 8 a.m.

General Admission is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; these tickets can only be purchased at the gate. A seasoned campaigner of Elephant's Trunk sales confided to me that the best time to go is 7 a.m. If you go during the Early Buyer slot, she said, many of the buyers are not at their booths because they're off looking at the wares of other dealers.

Coming up on Independence Day weekend, the town of Hillsdale, N.Y., will hold its annual flea market on Saturday, July 3, at Hamlet Park (at the intersection of Routes 22 and 23). The market opens at 8 a.m. for early birds with a \$10 admission fee; admission from 9 a.m. until the end of the shopping day, at 3 p.m., is free.

This sale has clothing in addition to home furnishings. And if you'd like to participate as a vendor, there are some spaces available (contact Steven Tiger at stiger@taconic.net or 518-938-1404).

### **STREAMING: ED FERMAN**

## Great Literature Made Even Better, on HBO

y wife sometimes glances over from her book and says, "You're watching too much TV." I sometimes respond, "I'm watching an adaptation of a literary masterwork." This is occasionally true. Here are a few prestige shows guaranteed to dignify the most uninspired watch list:

Philip Roth's "The Plot Against America" is, like most of his work, partly autobiographical. Unlike most of his work, its plot is electrifying: a chilling alternative history in which Charles Lindbergh has been elected president in 1940 and the U.S. is becoming increasingly fascist and anti-Semitic. Roth's 2004 novel was made into a six-episode HBO miniseries in 2020.

The story centers on a family that mirrors Roth's own: Herman Levin (Morgan Spector), his wife, Bess, 10-year-old Philip and his older brother, Sandy. Winona Ryder plays Bess's sister, Evelyn, who falls for a Lindbergh crony, the odious Rabbi Bengelsdorf (John Turturro).

The Levins' lives are disrupted by a series of increasingly oppressive and violent anti-Semitic incidents supported by the Lindbergh administration.

This is a powerful family drama along with Roth's warning about the impact is too complex to summarize easily in this space, but a number of cults have evolved, notably The Guilty Remnant, a weird group of chain-smoking nihilists.

Although the show won critical acclaim, the audience was small, perhaps because of its somewhat surreal tone. I do not mean to suggest that watching is slow or difficult. This is a riveting and suspenseful story with some unforgettable characters, especially Carrie Coon's Nora. In my view, this is one of the two best shows of the decade (along with "Breaking Bad"). Three seasons on HBO Max.

Although I admire both the above novels, the TV treatments are superior, partly because they extend the scope of the books. Both have high-concept or "what if" story lines. High-concept work often veers into science fiction — e.g. the Roth book has a plot similar to Philip K. Dick's "The Man In the High Castle" — but this is not always the case. The ultimate high-concept work may be "Snakes on a Plane."

If you prefer a character-driven story, I have to send you again to the HBO library to watch "My Brilliant Friend," the adaptation of the novel by the mysterious Elena Ferrante.

To the list of great female friendships Gertrude Stein & Alice B. Toklas, Thelma & Louise, Betty & Veronica — we must add Lenu & Lila, who grow up together in Naples in the 1950s. There is no plot here other than the enduring one of Coming of Age, but if you have a fondness for Italy, you will enjoy this gorgeously photographed show featuring remarkable performances by two lovely actresses. Margherita Mazzucco plays Lenu, and Gaia Girace plays Lila. Neither had any previous acting experience and were chosen from more than 9,000 children and teenagers in the Neapolitan region.



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was minimal compared to the human cost.

Night-time incendiary raids aimed at homes of factory workers (and their families), however, could halt production of materiel effectively.

Gladwell describes how cities such as Dresden in Germany and Tokyo in Japan were turned to furnaces and cinders as pilots and crews watched in dismay.

Gladwell also takes readers to today's world, where lasers and computers make the precision attacks strategists once dreamed of a practical reality, even as nations retain vast arsenals of weapons of mass destruction.

As with all Gladwell's books, I found "The Bomber Mafia" a compelling and vivid read, though not on a par with "The Tipping Point" or "David and Goliath."

Partly to blame is that those books yielded sur-

prising revelations, often counter-intuitive, where this story is much more straightforward and unremarkable.

But I also felt that Gladwell skimmed over much that could have enriched the book. Nowhere does he mention how German, Japanese, Italian and Russian bombing strategists rationalized their own decisions to intentionally strike civilian targets.

And Gladwell occasionally gets basic facts wrong: for example, he refers to a lack of a tailwind to help a heavily laden bomber take off, when a headwind is what aerodynamics demands.

There's also a looseness, an informality at times, to his descriptions, as if he's chatting with the reader, that can be jarring at times.

Overall, though, like the bombers he writes vividly about, Gladwell delivers the goods.

### SHERMAN PLAYERS RETURN TO STAGE

The Sherman Players in Sherman, Conn., will open its 2021 season of live performances on July 9, 10, 16 and 17 with "Durang Outdoors," an evening of Christopher Durang one act plays under the stars.

The two comic oneacts are "The Actor's Nightmare" and "For Whom The Southern Belle Tolls."

Durang is an American playwrite known for absurd and entertaining dramas. He won the Tony Award for Best Play in 2013 and won the Obie Award for Best Playwright for his first play, "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You," in 1980.

All performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$23 and can be purchased at www. shermanplayhouse.org. Bring chairs and a picnic. The grounds open about one hour before show time.

of far-right "America First' nativism promoted by Lindbergh and, recently, by Donald Trump.

"The Leftovers" is based on Tom Perrotta's novel of the same name. It takes place a few years after the Sudden Departure — the mysterious disappearance of 2% of the world's population.

It is told largely through the eyes of Kevin Garvey (Justin Theroux), police chief of a town in New York; and Nora Durst (Carrie Coon), who has lost her entire family in the Departure.

The sweeping story line

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### **MILLBROOK**



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Local author and member of the Millbrook community, Bryan Bunch, has a new book on the topic of STEM subjects on sale at Merritt Bookstore, Amazon and elsewhere.

## Local author Bryan Bunch adds to his extensive collection

#### By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK - Bryan Bunch is a prolific author, and what he writes about is astounding, because his books cover such a wide range of topics. His first love is math and the history of math, but the subject of his other books include science, gardening, people and current and past events.

Bunch also loves to recount facts and figures, taking readers on a fascinating journey that when written by other authors could easily have been dull.

One of the many reasons why Bunch's books are so interesting to read may be because his own interests are so varied. He also has a delightful sense of humor. Here are some surprising facts about him: He received his B.A. in English, not math or science. He admits to spending a year after graduation writing poetry. He began his career as a copy editor in publishing in Manhattan.

So why did he change course? Well, the realization that the Unit-

This project kept Bunch busy for another 25 years. Retirement followed, so he said, but did it really?

Bunch has stayed busy writing and doing extensive research on the subjects he loves best: math and science.

He's written 20 books and shows no signs of slowing down. His devoted readers are happy for that. His latest book seems to have cultivated a whole new audience, as well as pleased his faithful fans.

That book, "STEM Chronology," published this March, is an engaging tome consisting of approximately 10,000 chronological reports from 3,400,000 BCE through 2018. With contributions from Alexander Hellemans, it tells of the main contributions made to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) for each year. If it sounds tedious, it's not. But it is interesting.

Based on his 2004 edition of "The History of Science and Technology," this revised edition is current and includes 182 short essays on special topics of interest and the abbreviated biographies

## Summer lunch program, pre-k, graduation addressed by BOE

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MILLBROOK - With the 2021 school year drawing to a close, the Millbrook Central School District (MCSD) Board of Education (BOE) met on Tuesday, June 1, to discuss the upcoming summer lunch program, hires and resignations, and the first-ever start of pre-k classes.

Following the opening of the meeting by BOE President Perry Hartswick, an application for a charter school, Little Water Prep School, was opposed to by Superintendent Laura Mitchell.

School Nurse Allison Wuster was approved for a probationary period of 26 weeks, starting Sept. 1. Also approved, for a period of four years, from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, 2025, was living envi-

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE ronment teacher Samantha Cas- cesses, and while not back to sata. Collette Alonge-Watz was approved for required summer training.

> Letters of resignation were accepted from part-time teacher aide Giovanna Mugrace-Taylor, effective May 31. Also accepted was a letter of resignation from middle school teacher Dana Bo, who is leaving this area.

> Plans are moving forward for the start of the pre-k program starting in fall. Elm Drive Elementary School will have two pre-k classes with 15 children in each, with one teacher and one para-professional assistant. Elm Drive special area teachers will also teach pre-k students. If more than 30 students register, a lottery will be used to choose the students.

> The district is moving forward with the moving-up pro-

### MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

### Innisfree Curator's Tour June 19

Innisfree Garden at 362 Tyrrel Road will offer a Curator's Tour on Saturday, June 19, at 10 a.m. with landscape curator Kate Kerin, who will lead a tour exploring the garden known as one of the world's 10 best gardens and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The 185-acre public garden is maintained with only a small seasonal staff. Be prepared to walk while learning simple yet powerful ideas that home and professional gardeners can adopt.

Go to www.innisfreeegarden.org for more information and to register.

### **MAG Summer Concert Series**

The Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) is offering free family-friendly concerts at the Millbrook bandshell for the community on Saturdays, from June 26 through Aug.

#### Tails and Tales The Millbrook Library

at 3 Friendly Lane is kicking off its Summer Reading Program this month. It will have activities and prizes for all ages (including adults!).

The official kickoff date is Friday, June 18; patrons may stop in anytime during the 18th to get started with the program.

The library will end the day with a special outdoor movie screening of "Finding Nemo" for the community to enjoy.

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

### **Farmers Market** open for the season

The 24th year of the Millbrook Farmers Market has begun, with jams, jellies, poultry, seafood, meats, cheeses, plants, produce and much more.

Every Saturday, rain or shine, through Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the pre-pandemic mode, it's making progress. The fifth grade plans to visit the Millbrook Middle School.

The assistant superintendent for business, finance & operations stated that the cafeteria operated well this year and was in the black by \$40,000. He congratulated Cafeteria Manager Holly Heady and her staff for their hard work.

He also discussed the summer lunch program, which was very successful last summer, in the middle of the pandemic. This ensures that students are being adequately fed while school is not in session, he said.

Hartswick said he wasn't sure if the program would be something that would come to be expected of the district regularly, and asked what if at some time in the future meals could no longer be provided yet students depended on them. The BOE said it would discuss the issue in the future, and continue the program for now.

Board members were reminded that high school graduation will be on Friday, June 25, at 7 p.m. at the Athletic Field with a rain date of Saturday, June 26.

The Moving-Up Ceremony for the middle school will be on Thursday, June 24, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the middle school.

Hartswick congratulated new BOE members David La-Varnway and Chris LaBelle, inviting them to sit in at the board's next meeting, held on Tuesday, June 15, the day this paper went to press; look for coverage of what happened at that meeting in a future issue of The Millerton News.

### **NEW YORK STATE POLICE REPORT**

The following information was provided by the New York State Police (NYSP) Troop K in Salt Point. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

#### **Felony charges** of child abuse

On Saturday, June 12, the New York State Police Troop K from the Livingston barracks in conjunction with the Columbia County Child Protective Services, arrested Duane McCaul, age 38, and Nellie McCaul, age 39, both of Copake, for one count each of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor, Unlawful Imprisonment 2nd, a class A misdemeanor and Reckless Endangerment 1st, a class D felony.

The investigation revealed that both McCaul and Brown handcuffed an 8-year-old child to a bed frame on several occasions and engaged in additional forms of child abuse.

If anyone has further information in reference to these crimes, they are asked to contact the NYSP at 845-677-7300.

Both subjects were arraigned at the Town of Copake Court and were ordered to appear back at the Copake court on June 14, at 5 p.m.

The Millerton News will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 625, Millerton, NY 12546, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to editor@millertonnews.com.



ed States might lose the space race to the Soviet Union was a catalyst. It prompted him to return to his earlier love of math and resume graduate studies with a concentration in foundations and logic.

That led to a career change. Bunch also switched interests, from reference books to text books, becoming a mathematics editor and spending the next 20 years in the field, and becoming an editor-in-chief in the math and science departments.

When he left the business of editing, it was to become a freelance editor and consultant. He later submitted a book proposal, which was then published in 1982. The book was "Mathematical Fallacies and Paradoxes." This led to his joining The Hudson Group of Writers and making another career move to working on reference books.

Going out on his own, Bunch started Scientific Publishing, Inc., a venture that led to focusing on the use of computers in publishing books about scientific subjects, including current science, science history and medicine.

of 200 scientists.

Bunch also uses important events in all four categories, explaining each and their significance to the world in layman's terms.

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In his other, private life, Bunch is a much respected and fondly regarded member of the Millbrook community. He's an active member of the Millbrook Rotary Club. A native of Illinois, Bunch and his wife, Marianne, have lived in neighboring Pleasant Valley for many years, and are integral parts of the both that town and Millbrook.

Also a bookseller, Bunch stays plenty busy. His own books are available at Merritt Bookstore in Millbrook and on Amazon, as well as at other stores.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021

### **EDITORIAL** Glad to see senior lunches programs back up and running

here were many elements to the coronavirus pandemic that were difficult to witness - the worldwide death toll that, while it has thankfully slowed, continues to inch upward. As of Tuesday, June 15, it had reached 3,829,463 across the globe; in the U.S. the number of Americans who have died as a result of COVID-19 had reached a tragic 615,247 as of the 15th. It's been heartbreaking to watch families slowly lose children, parents, grandparents, spouses... and to watch communities similarly break down as they lose neighbors, local leaders, business-owners, workers.

All across the world, the country, the state and in our very own region, we've seen people struggle through the past year and a half to come out on the other side of the pandemic. For one group it's been especially difficult: our seniors.

Many of our senior citizens have been isolated from their friends and family for fear of the deadly respiratory virus infecting their already fragile systems. Out of wanting to protect them, most states, including New York, quarantined the elderly who were living in nursing homes and senior living facilities, not allowing any visitors, including families or loved ones. And senior centers, like the Nutrition and Friendship Centers run by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA), were temporarily shut down.

We understand why such strict precautions were taken. After all, the health and safety of our most valued and vulnerable New Yorkers needed to be protected.

Yet the emotional and psychological toll it must have taken on those seniors, who went from seeing their friends and neighbors at those centers on a regular basis to not seeing anyone, in some cases, for almost 15 months, must have been devastating. Think about it. Many went from gathering four or five days a week for games and gossip, exercise and excitement, crafts and crocheting, meals and mahjong to being alone in their homes, surrounded by four walls and in absolute isolation, with no one to talk to, no one to connect with, no one to remind them that they are a part of the world. Think about how lonesome you would feel in their place.

That, coupled with the fact that the world itself was on lock-down and everyone was warned to remain inside, must have made for a pretty frightening reality for our seniors. All we can say is that we are so very relieved, and so very thankful that last week a number of our local senior programs resumed, including the OFA's lunch program at the Millerton Senior Friendship Center, located at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex at 28 Century Blvd. in the village of Millerton. (For more, read reporter Carol Kneeland's article on this week's front page.)

Also returning last week was Pine Plains' free Senior Luncheon, a potluck lunch hosted at noon by that town for those 60 and older on the second Wednesday of every month in the Community Room above the Pine Plains Free Library. The town held its first Senior Luncheon since the COVID-19 pandemic hit this past Wednesday, June 9, to restart its long-standing tradition. (For more read reporter Kaitlin Lyle's article on Page A3.)



## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Keep Victoria** Perotti as Amenia's town supervisor

I moved to Amenia a few years ago after looking at the Hudson Valley/Harlem Valley area for nearly three years. I was drawn to Amenia for its beauty, sense of calm and low taxes. After living in Nassau County with every penny going to property tax, this was a much needed respite.

The taxes I pay are low and kept low due mostly to the hardworking town supervisor, Victoria Perotti.

After I settled in I wanted to know more about Amenia. I

### Local HV News slant doesn't give current Amenia board a fair shake

I would like to address some inaccuracies that were published in a letter to the editor last week in the Hudson Valley News Amenia/Wassaic edition written by Wayne Euvrard, former Amenia town supervisor. The letter was extremely critical of the current Amenia Town Board. The tone was vituperative and vitriolic, which I found personally offensive.

As the former chairperson of the Trail to the Train Committee, I need to let your readers know that it was actually Mr. Euvrard's decision not to hire the contractor recommended by our committee that cost the taxpayers \$600,000 more than the bid by the contractor our committee recommended to design the trail, Mark K. Morrison Associates. Morrison's group

was subsequently hired to design most of the rest of the trail going north from Millerton. The large engineering group hired by Mr. Euvrard came up with a much more expensive design, which required a loan and multiple other grants to pay for and took 10 years to build.

Our current Town Board in Amenia has actually done a valiant and responsible job of continuing to handle town business during a difficult pandemic year. Property taxes in Amenia were reassessed and lowered in 2019.

I am concerned about the political future of Amenia being challenged by a group of people whose hidden agenda is mainly to lower taxes even further than they already have been for Silo Ridge, a gated community which represents

### **Prevention key for healthy teens**

Earlier this year, findings were released from the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) 2020 Monitoring the Future survey, which examined drug use and attitudes of eighth-, 10th- and 12th-grade students. One noteworthy takeaway was the increased prevalence of marijuana use among adolescents; it's the most commonly used illicit drug. Marijuana made headlines again this March, when singer Demi Lovato proclaimed she's "California sober," a term used to describe people who abstain from all substances except marijuana.

more if it were legal and, if head to the NDCC's Facebook they hadn't tried it yet, they page. absolutely would. For teens, perception is reality and young people are hearing this: Marijuana isn't so bad. As project coordinator for the Northern Dutchess Community Coalition (NDCC), a local volunteer-led organization dedicated to preventing addiction, fostering recovery and promoting positive choices, I know firsthand the seriousness of making marijuana use a not-so-serious issue. While the state isn't condoning underage use, marijuana use is still a gateway for other risky behaviors and consequences, including lung injuries from black market formulations.

only a minority of Amenia residents.

"Amenia Strong" also has found a dedicated mouthpiece in the new Harlem Valley News Amenia/Wassaic edition. The paper has only promoted the candidates that reflect the political views of its editor without granting equal time for opposing views. Equal time is required by news entities, a requirement which I am sure The Millerton News observes, and yet many residents who have written to the editor have not managed to get their letters published in that paper. A newspaper that publishes only one political viewpoint is not a real newspaper, it is a partisan propaganda platform.

**Tonia Shoumatoff** Wassaic

watched way too many recordings of the Town Board meetings on YouTube. It soon became apparent that Supervisor Perotti worked hard to find funding and grants in order to pay for various things such as sidewalk repair that would normally come out of tax reserves. I appreciated someone that cared enough about how my taxpayer money was spent.

This is why I was very disappointed to learn that the town of Amenia has suffered multiple lawsuits regarding the assessed value of properties associated with the Silo Ridge development. Beginning in 2019, the town reduced Silo Ridge Ventures Property LLC's assessed values for the 2019 tax roll by \$49,774,217 on over 50 single family homes and 20 condos, (per the town's resolution dated July 18, 2019 "authorizing settlement of the tax certiorari proceeding regarding Silo Ridge Ventures Property A LLC"). Silo Ridge Ventures agreed to the settlement, yet still took the town to court. Since 2019, the town has spent approximately \$100,000 defending itself against additional challenges to the assessed values of properties associated with Silo Ridge.

The town reduced 16 different Silo Ridge property owners' assessed values for the 2019 tax roll by over \$90 million, through a series of Town Board resolutions dated July 18, 2019. See www.ameniany.gov, Resolutions #44 to #59 (click Government, Town Board, Town Board Minutes, 2019 folder). And yet, the town is led though an expensive and complex labyrinth of lawsuits.

How many more years will our taxpayer money be spent defending these lawsuits? What does Silo Ridge want? Will their taxes go down and ours go up in light of all this? Obviously money spent on lawsuits cannot go elsewhere no matter how many grants exist. How many programs and services will suffer?

Seniors in both towns said they were so excited to dine with their friends once again, and not just for the vittles, but to see their favorite people across the table for a good chat over a good meal. After all, that really is what those lunches are all about – companionship and community.

For more information about the Senior Friendship Centers or the OFA, go to www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Aging/Office-for-the-Aging or call 845-486-2555.

For more information on the Pine Plains senior lunches, go to www.pineplains-ny.gov or call 518-398-7155.

The news gets better, as the South Amenia Friendship Center is also now open. According to Site Director Lauren Welsh, it was the first OFA site to open in Dutchess County, on Wednesday, June 2, and it's now following its regular schedule, open between 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The center is located at the South Amenia Presbyterian Church at 229 South Amenia Road in Wassaic, and can be reached at 845-373-4305.

The substance stayed in the news in late March when Governor Cuomo signed a law legalizing recreational marijuana use for adults 21 or older.

Looking at all of this, I'm concerned. In the NIH survey, many 12th-graders indicated they would use marijuana

It's up to us, as a caring community, to have critical conversations with teens and young adults.

Not sure where to start? Visit www.ndutchesscc.org or

Northern Dutchess **Community Coalition** Fishkill

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Project Coordinator,

Editor's note: Northern Dutchess Community Coalition has an office in Red Hook and serves all 12 Northern Dutchess communities — Rhinebeck, Red Hook, Millbrook, Pine Plains, Webutuck, Amenia, North East, Millerton, Tivoli, Milan, Clinton and Hyde Park.

Deadline for letters is Monday at 10 a.m. Send to editor@ millertonnews.com. Letters can be no more than 500 words.

A petitioner on one of these lawsuits is now challenging the supervisor in an upcoming primary.

If you live and pay taxes in Amenia, please join me in supporting Victoria Perotti for town supervisor. She has been a loyal advocate for Amenia since 2006 when first elected council member and has continued throughout her supervisor role since 2014.

She's an expert in finding grant money to pay for things that keep the town running. She is tireless on this. This keeps our taxes low. But all these lawsuits cost us, the taxpayer, in the long run.

#### Stacy Mantel

Thursday, June 17, 2021

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### June 15 was World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

very year on June 15th, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEEAD) is observed throughout the United States and around the world, raising awareness about the millions of older adults who experience abuse, financial exploitation and neglect. The federal government's Administration for Community Living defines elder abuse as "any knowing, intentional or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult." It can take the form of physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse; often accompanied by neglect, exploitation and/or abandonment.

In the past, local WEEAD events have taken place in alternating years in Dutchess and Orange Counties, but the CO-VID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of last year's event and shelved plans for a local, in-person 2021 WEEAD event this year. We hope the Office for the Aging can participate in

### GOLDEN LIVING Todd N. Tancredi

a renewed observance in 2022.

In the meantime, we all have a critical role to play in advancing justice for seniors. Elder abuse goes unrecognized in many parts of the world, and tends to go under-reported in the United States. Official estimates of elder abuse show it affects up to 10% of older Americans, but only one case in 14 comes to the attention of authorities. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in May estimated the annual losses to victims of financial abuse as at least \$36.5 billion.

Scams aimed at seniors also fall under the DOJ definition of elder abuse. While scammers are continuously changing their techniques to avoid being caught, many forms of scam remain popular with criminals because, unfortunately, they're effective.

Impostor scams remain widespread. The Social Security scam is a common one aimed at seniors: The scammer calls the prospective victim and falsely claims that the victim's Social Security number has been "suspended" because of suspicious activity, then tricks the victim into giving up their Social Security number. Similar impostor scams involve criminals claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service, Medicare and countless other government agencies. Scammers also impersonate "tech support," concocting stories about computer problems even if you don't have one.

In the highly unlikely event that you were in hot water with any of these agencies or businesses, they would never contact you by phone.

More key information about recognizing and preventing elder abuse is available at www. justice.gov/elderabuse, and from the Bronx-based Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Justice (www.theweinbergcenter.

A regularly updated Scam scam-prevention resources is available at the Office for the Aging's website: www.dutchessny. gov/aging. The flyer is also in the Summer 2021 edition of OFA's Spotlight on Seniors newsletter, due out later this month. The Spotlight will be available at public libraries countywide. It will be emailed to those on the county's Dutchess Delivery OFA mailing list, with physical copies mailed to those on the OFA

www.dutchessny.gov/Dutchess-Delivery; to get on the physical mailing list, call 845-486-2544.

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Dutchess County Office for the Aging Director Todd N. Tancredi. *He can be reached by telephone at* 845-486-2555, by email at ofa@ dutchessny.gov or via the OFA website at www.dutchessny.gov/ aging.

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You will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live and provide your comments in the comments section of Zoom. Comments for the public hearing session can also be sent in advance of the meeting to planningboard@ pineplains-ny.gov or written and sent in to town hall. A dial-in number is also available if you do not have access to a computer. This meeting will be recorded and a transcript will be available at a later date. Join Zoom Meeting

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America's Sweethearts will return to the outdoor stage at Sharon Playhouse this summer — but the stage will be bigger and better and the shows will be (even) grander than before.



### **THEATER: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

## Sharon Playhouse Offers Something for Everyone This Summer

he motto of Sharon Playhouse Artistic Director Alan M-L Wager and Managing Director Robert Levinstein might just be, "That worked well, let's try it again but go even bigger this time!"

And thus the 2021 season of theater and education will be similar to the 2020 season — but bigger (and, of course, even better, although 2020 was pretty great).

COVID-19 kept audiences and performers away from the main stage last summer. But Levinstein and Wager took to heart the classic summer theater motto: We've got a barn, let's put on a show!

The shows actually took place outside the barn, on a stage specially constructed to hold a small number of performances that ranged from live music to film screenings.

Socially distanced parking spaces were created in the parking lot, including a hilltop area at the back where socially distanced tailgate parties offered a fun way for theater patrons to visit with each other before the shows commenced.

This summer, the stage will be larger, and will be covered. The shows themselves, therefore, will have a little more space and the performers can be more expansive. There is also a plan to put a screen behind the stage, so there can be visuals and graphics to enhance the performances.

The stage is the setting for only one portion of this summer's entertainment at the Playhouse: the Drive-In Stage shows (which include tribute shows dedicated to Swedish super group ABBA, the super cool Rat Pack of the 1960s, the Detroit sound of the Motor City aka Motown and more).

For the Drive-In performances, audiences reserve a parking space and arrive in/watch the show in their vehicles (trucks in back, smaller cars up front). Last year, tickets were sold for the Drive-in Stage on a pervehicle basis; this year, tickets will be sold per person.

There will also be more intimate performances on the patio next to the main stage building. Three of the performances are daytime brunch shows; the rest are dinner theater. Meals will be provided by two local restaurants.

Among the shows scheduled for the patio are local favorites Wanda Houston and Michael Whitney Brown; drag artist Cacophony

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Daniels performing show tunes; hearthrob/actor/singer/game show host John Davidson; and the return of a Playhouse favorite, Amanda Lea Lavergne doing a cabaret-style show.

Don't wait to order tickets for the Aug. 6 patio performance starring Hugh Panaro, who has performed multiple times in multiple roles (including the title role) in the Broadway production of "The Phantom of the Opera."

There is also a robust schedule of programming for children, including theater education programs led by Director of Education Michael Baldwin and choreographer Sarah Cuoco (both are Salisbury natives).

The youth programs will culminate in performances of "Frozen Junior," "Seussical Kids" and, for teens, "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The big question for 2021 (and beyond) is of course: When will the main stage open again? The Playhouse team announced on June 3 that they will follow the example of Broadway and open the main building in autumn with a BIG EVENT.

They promise that details will be available soon.

The Sharon Playhouse season begins July 3; tickets went on sale on June 3.

For more information on shows, dates and tickets go to the Sharon Playhouse website at www. sharonplayhouse.org. Keep an eye on the website; new programs and more information are added often.



### **SHOOTING: LANS CHRISTENSEN**

## Bustin' Clays as A Way To Entertain Yourself This Summer

S ummer entertainment doesn't have to involve restaurants or dance parties or going to the theater.

Your favorite sport can be your summer's entertainment. For me, that sport is sporting clays, but for you it might be fly-fishing. Either way, I heartily recommend Orvis Sandanona in Millbrook, N.Y., as a relatively affordable place to pursue or learn to fish and shoot.

As a sporting clay devotee for more than 20 years, I have spent many entertaining, challenging and happy days at Orvis. It is "the oldest permitted shotgun shooting club in the U.S." and their facilities are the equal of any club anywhere, in my opinion. Seasoned wing and clay shooters can try two clays courses, both with a variety of target presentations.

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Instructor Mark Searle, far left, with a fly-fishing class.



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Paula Moore, at right in photo, teaches a first-timer how to shoot sporting clays at Orvis Sandanona.



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### **CINEMA: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

### The Moviehouse Comes Back to Life — With an Elevator and an Ice Machine

he region enjoyed a collective sigh of delight and relief over Memorial Day weekend as the new owners of The Moviehouse in Millerton, N.Y., enjoyed a successful soft opening (showing the films "A Quiet Place 2" and "Dream Horse").

Carol and Robert Sadlon were the creators of The Moviehouse, which opened on Memorial Day weekend in 1978 — which was the reason new owners Chelsea Altman and David Maltby pushed hard to open on the same holiday weekend this year.

After Robert died in 2019, his widow and partner began making plans to turn the theater to new owners and felt very fortunate to have found Maltby and Altman earlier this year.

Ownership changed hands in March; and in a perhaps ironic twist, the COVID-19 pandemic became kind of sort of a good thing. It allowed them to get in quickly with construction crews and do updates to the interior and, of course, add the elevator that theater patrons had been asking for (and making donations toward) in recent years.

"And we have an ice maker now," Altman said in an interview by phone "From an operations perspective, we can open slowly and see how it goes, and not be overwhelmed with four theaters and the bar, all at once."

on May 10. "Apparently that was something people really wanted."

Ice will come in handy for more than soft drinks from the concession stand. Maltby and Altman both have backgrounds in the entertainment and hospitality industries and they will be part of a new trend toward making movie theaters more like entertainment centers.

Of course it will still be possible to come and just see a movie; but there will be options for making it more of a Night Out.

The small upstairs theater that was in recent years a screening room will be available for parties and events. It's possible that patrons will someday be able to enter by a separate door that takes them right upstairs to have a glass of wine, even if they're



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Moviehouse owners David Maltby and Chelsea Altman, left and center, and manager Casey Lehman.

not seeing a film, Altman said. The logistics on that are still being calculated out.

Altman did not expect the upstairs space to be open by Memorial Day weekend — and in fact it wasn't.

"We had wanted to do a soft opening on Memorial Day weekend, with just the two downstairs theaters open," she said.

"There were some construction delays upstairs, it's an old building and this is a big job. And from an operations perspective, we can open slowly and see how it goes, and not be overwhelmed with four theaters and the bar, all at once."

The expected grand opening date will be July 4 weekend.

Altman and Maltby feel fortunate to have found a general manager, Casey Lehman, who moved here from Ohio for this job, which he learned about from an online careers website.

"He wanted to hear about any film job, anywhere, and then he saw this one," Altman said. "He's been the perfect guy for the job, charming and intelligent and knowledgeable about films and also about the service industry. He found a place to live, easily. It feels very Meant To Be."

Changes small and large are in evidence at The Moviehouse, with fresh paint and new carpet and even a new sign outside.

"But we're not changing the name," Altman promised. Nor will she and Maltby swerve dramatically from the high-quality film offerings that area cinema fans have traditionally found and loved at The Moviehouse.

Even the website will remain the same, at www.themoviehouse.net, although the site will get updated and spiffed up this summer. For now because of COVID-19, but possibly on into the future, moviegoers will have to reserve their seats online ahead of time. Tickets will also be sold at the door, but at that point there will likely be fewer seats to choose from.



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PHOTOS BY GARY DODSON **The Esopus Creek in Phoenicia, N.Y., is a dream spot for fly-fishermen.** 

### **ANGLING: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN**

## Why I Fish Where I Fish

Patrick L. Sullivan is The Lakeville Journal Company's award-winning fishing columnist (in addition to being the newspaper's senior reporter). Every year when fishing season begins, Sullivan again journeys to his Prized, Secret A1 Litchfield County angling spots (and no, we won't tell you where they are).

But as summer comes, he begins to disappear to Phoenicia, N.Y., where he fishes in the Esopus Creek.

In this article, he explains the differences between his two favorite destinations.

y trout fishing is centered around the Housatonic watershed in Litchfield County, Conn., and that of the Esopus Creek in Ulster County, N.Y.

These systems have some similari-

ties and some important differences. Both rivers are on the big side and wading can be tricky.

Both rivers have abundant public access.

Both rivers have a good network of tributaries that in turn provide good access to anglers.

And as a general rule, if something's hatching in New York, it's probably hatching in Connecticut, too.

The differences start with water temperature. The Housatonic gets warm in the summer and is full of bass, pike and other warm water species.

The Esopus below the Shandaken Tunnel (aka "The Portal") is a tailwater and has more in common with Connecticut's Farmington River than the Housatonic. A steady flow



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The Esopus has wild trout — rainbows, to be specific. They are known locally as "silver bullets." They are small and fiesty.

And they are about to become the dominant species, because New York state has finally listened to anglers and agreed to stop stocking the Esopus with hatchery browns.

Without these interlopers competing for the same food, the rainbows will thrive.

There will still be brown trout, but they will run up from the reservoir in the fall to spawn. So after a few years Esopus trout of any sort will be, if not wild in the strictest sense, at least wild-ish. What they won't be is fresh from the hatchery.

There are other significant differences.

Phoenicia and environs have far more **Buddhists** than the Region One School District in Connecticut's Northwest Corner. There's a Buddhist retreat center next door to my place,



in fact, and another one downstream in Mount Tremper, N.Y.

**Cell service.** If you think it's spotty in the Tri-state area, consider that it is essentially illegal to build anything like a proper cell tower within the Catskill Park. It's not completely devoid of service, but if you are traveling west on Route 28 it conks out around Boiceville and doesn't return until you get near the Delaware County line, a distance of some 17 miles.

**Hipsters.** Like Marlin Perkins on "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom," I observe from afar, and send Jim in to actually wrestle the alligators or buy the small-batch heritage vintage artisanal whatever. I have concluded that the eastern Catskills have more hipsters than the Northwest Corner.

However, the Northwest Corner has more art galleries and retired investment bankers.

Things have gotten livelier in Ulster County in recent years. The Phoenicia Diner on Route 28 used to be the greasiest of spoons, but the new owners fixed the joint up and it is always packed. With hipsters, but still.

Phoenicia also has not one but two fly shops, which has not been the case for decades.

The Esopus has several prominent hatches. The Hendrickson hatch. The sulfur hatch. The isonychia hatch.

And the rubber hatch.

Because the flow in the 11 miles between the Portal and reservoir can be easily manipulated, the Esopus has for years been home to whitewater events — kayaks, mostly — and to a tubing industry.

The COVID-19 pandemic took out the oldest and most prominent tubing concern, but I have no doubt that sometime this summer I will have to stop fishing and watch as a flotilla of pleasure-seekers bobs by in their rented tubes, intent on sunburn and hypothermia.

The Housatonic's recreational boaters tend more toward the raft, canoe and kayak.

So which watershed do I prefer? The one I have time for.



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A hatchery brown trout

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### **ART: DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS**

## Work Continues On the Epic Ode to American Workers

he lengthy process of assembling and installing the massive mural at the heart of the American Mural Project (AMP) in Winsted, Conn., continues, under the direction of artist Ellen Griesedieck.

The mural, which is about 80% complete, offers a salute to American workers and how they have defined this nation, which is appropriate in scale and topic to the setting it is in.

The 120-foot long, 48-foot high and up to 10-foot-deep three-dimensional painting is so large that two former mill buildings on Whiting Street in Winsted had to be renovated just to house it and the adjacent visitor's center.

After years of effort, with help from artisans, craftsmen and school children, the mural is expected to open to the public in spring of 2022. So far, the artist has traveled to 17 states to create pieces of the mural with groups in each of those states.

Griesedieck still has several large sections of the mural to install, as well as additional three-dimensional pieces and components that will be displayed in the ramp gallery.

As work on the mural continues, AMP staff, including Executive Director Amy Wynn, have been holding Open Mill Tours. To check for an-



Ellen Griesedieck is close to completing the American Mural Project.

nouncements on upcoming dates, go to www.americanmuralproject.org/ open-mill-tours. The tours offer visitors a first-hand sneak peek into the installation process.

In the meantime, programming is being offered for schools, teachers, after-school partnerships, summer enrichment camps and an apprentice-style internship program.

The Summer Enrichment Programs for kids, tweens and teens, ages 7 to 17, run from June 29 through July 30.

Each week features a different theme and runs Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The programs are led by teaching artists and art educators, and each program offers indoor and outdoor music, art, work and play.

Weekly themes include Latin, jazz and Afro-Cuban music; art projects using materials inspired by Robert Smithson's "Spiral Jetty" (water and stone), Maya Lin's "Wavefield" (soil and grass), and Ugo Rondinone's "Seven Magic Mountains" (painted stones); and "dabbling," with freeform projects such as decorating a treehouse, creating a board game, drawing a comic book or writing a poem.

To learn about available programs and to register (available spots fill up quickly), go to www.americanmuralproject.org/summer.



PHOTO COURTESY AME The mural is a larger-than-life tribute to the American worker.



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Imagine, for example, that it's a blistering mid-August and you're shoveling a ton of coal by hand into a steam locomotive's fiery furnace. Think about what hands it took to drill into solid rock using hammer and steel, John Henry-style, in all kinds of weather. You'll start to appreciate how different life was a scant century and a half ago, and the tremendous work it took to link an expanding America's borders.

Because we live where three railroad-pioneering states join together, we're blessed with many opportunities here to marvel at train history. If you or your children are amateur ferro-equinologists (a fancy name for people who study the "iron horse"), one way to slake your curiosity is to start at the North Canaan, Conn., Union Station, first built in 1872.

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Artifacts of bygone railroads pepper the area, from crumbling bridge abutments visible from Salisbury's Weatogue Road and a pergola on a causeway in Twin Lakes to the massive Hoosac Tunnel in North Adams, Mass.

Completed in 1874 after two decades of stop-and-go work, the tunnel was the second-longest in the world at that time. More than 190 men perished building it, earning it the sobriquet "the bloody pit."

It's still the longest active transportation tunnel in the U.S., east of the Rockies. An active freight corridor, it's closed to visitors, but its entrance is visible from the Florida, Mass., end, near Pittsfield. A free museum in a former railroad yard at 115 State St. in North Adams documents the history of the Hoosac Tunnel and related railroad lore.

The North Adams Museum of History and Science at Western Gateway Heritage State Park is temporarily closed because of COVID-19; go online to www.mass. gov/locations/western-gatewayheritage-state-park for information on its reopening.

#### CAMA IN KENT, CONN.

If hands-on contact with steam engines beckons you, a visit to the Connecticut Antique Machinery Association museum in Kent, Conn., might



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You can ride an antique narrow-gauge steam engine train at the CAMA Fall Festival in Kent, Conn.

be what you crave.

Narrow-gauge locomotives and steam machinery there bring the Industrial Revolution to vivid life.

CAMA reopened quietly in May and, for now, will only welcome visitors on weekends. Usually, the best times to visit are the opening and closing weekends, in spring and autumn. There was no reopening weekend this year because of COVID concerns but the Fall Festival is scheduled for Sept. 24 to 26.

During the festival, the massive historic steam engines are powered up; there are swap shops on the lawn, with small bits of antique machinery for sale; and steam engine fans bring their most beloved antiques and either drive them around the grounds or put them on display under tents.

#### RAILROAD AND RAILWAY MUSEUMS

For visiting a treasure trove of full-scale locomotives, passenger cars, freight stock and track utility trains, the Railroad Museum of New England at the 1881-vintage depot in Thomaston, Conn., reopens in July. They occasionally offer excursion rides on the Naugatuck Railroad.

Danbury Railway Museum also has several diesel locomotives, passenger and freight cars, and a 1907 steam engine that once ran on the Boston

#### and Maine line. WALKING THE LINE

No tracks remain on the CNE right of way, but walking trails in Salisbury, Conn., and Farmington, Conn., invite strollers and bicyclists to amble along level pathways where trains once ran.

It's fun to stop by the Poetry Tree on the 1.7-mile Railroad Ramble off Route 44 in Salisbury and peruse what local poets have posted.

A longer (18-mile) path, the Farmington River Trail, follows the former CNE right-of-way, connecting with the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail at Tunxis Meade Park in Farmington and at Drake Hill Road in Simsbury.

In nearby Millerton and Amenia, N.Y., there's easy access to the everexpanding Harlem Valley Rail Trail, now paved from just north of the (stilloperating) Wassaic Metro-North train station all the way to Ancram.

Farther west, the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historical Park lets you enjoy spectacular views as you walk across the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge. When completed in 1889, it was the second-longest bridge span in the world.

There's far more rail history in the area than this article can list, but these sites can give you a place to start. Check internet listings for opening hours and travel directions.



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The Lantern (located at 10 Main St. in the hamlet of Wassaic) is open at 2 p.m. Fridays through Sundays, enticing customers with wood-fired pizzas, homemade pasta and other culinary delights — and a beautiful garden space in which to dine.



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### ARTS AND FOOD: KAITLIN LYLE Summer Arts and Edibles for all Ages

've visited the hamlet Of Wassaic (in the town of Amenia, N.Y.), countless times — both as a reporter for The Millerton News and as cyclist on the Rail Trail.

I've come to love the stories behind the little collection of buildings in the valley behind the Metro-North train station, many of which are part of The Wassaic Project, an arts colony created in 2008 by (at that time) recent college graduates Bowie Zunino, Jeff Barnett-Winsby and Eve Biddle.

The buildings in the center of the hamlet, which is bissected by a stillactive train track, are an important part of the region's agricultural history, the marketplace where farmers would sell their livestock at auctions held in the Luther Barn, which is now home to studios for artists taking part in the Wassaic Project residency program.

The former Maxon grain mill that towers over the hamlet and the train tracks is now a multi-story art gallery.

I tell the tales of these and the other buildings again and again to family and friends and anyone who will listen, about Wassaic's notable buildings, and the many community activities that have helped bring the hamlet back to life after decades of dormancy.

### SUMMER ART

Wassaic Project Executive Co-Director Jeff Barnett-Winsby said two



art exhibitions are in the hamlet this summer.

The first is in the Maxon Mills building and is called, "If You Lived Here You'd Be Home By Now."

The second exhibition will be in the form of a book, "Secret of the Friendly Woods." The new tradition of doing a print publication began last summer, when COVID-19 restrictions kept visitors from seeing art in person. The show is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. until Saturday, Sept. 18.

There will be a limit on the number of people who can see the show at one time. There won't be any reservations, it will be first-come-first served. Find out more at www.wassaicproject.org.

### PARTIES AND OUTDOOR DINING

The Wassaic Project has been notable for its efforts to become part of the surrounding community. Two "Block Parties" are being planned for this summer, plus a party on the Maxon Mills porch on Monday, June 26, with tours of the summer exhibition and a talk by New York magazine art critic Jerry Saltz.

Across the train tracks from the art-dedicated buildings is The Lantern, a bar that was once a popular spot for weekly meetings of area billiards leagues. The Wassaic Project founders have maintained some of the character of the old bar but have added upgrades including an outdoor eating area with picnic tables at which to enjoy the nowfamous wood-fired pizza, fresh pasta, salads and weekly cocktail specials.

The Lantern opens at 2 p.m. on Fridays through Sundays. For now, dining is outdoors or by takeout; check the website to see what the new protocols will be as COVID-19 guidelines change ( www. wassaiclanterninn.com).

#### FOOD PUBLICATIONS (AND FOOD) AT NEWSSTAND Another draw on weekends is the

Newsstand, a tiny structure designed

to look like an actual newsstand by architect Matthew Schnepf. The stand sells food-themed publications and actual food (often including pastries by Ari Paradise, baker at the nearby Troutbeck hotel in Amenia).

Installed by Ten Mile Table last summer, the idea behind the pop-up is to "highlight and support diverse, thought-provoking voices in food/ wine/art print publishing, and makers in food, art and hospitality."

Find the Newsstand schedule (which might include a hamlet-wide clambake) at www.tenmiletable.com/ wassaic-newsstand.

Another draw to the hamlet is the green barn purchased last year by Schnepf and his wife, Munawar Ahmed, which is now home not only to a shop selling everything from maple syrup to sheepskin rugs to furniture made by local artisans; but also a small bike rental shop, for visitors who want to use Wassaic as the stepping off point for cycling on the Rail Trail.

### CHILDREN WELCOME IN WASSAIC

Wassaic is a particularly welcoming destination for families with children. There is an active streetlife in the hamlet now, with many families milling around and visiting with each other on weekends.

The Wassaic Project also offers summer arts programs for children and teens.

Varsity Arts Camp is for rising ninth through 12th graders; a Junior Varsity Arts Camp is for rising fifth through eighth graders; and an Art Scouts program is for rising first through fourth graders.

The arts campers visit the exhibitions at Maxon Mills and work on their own projects, which are shown in a mini-exhibition at the end of the week of their program. The camps are in August, with separate weeks for each age group.

*To find out more, go to www. wassaicproject.org/education.* 







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Live performances, including concerts by the Shanghai Quartet, return to Music Mountain.



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year ago, many arts organizations in our region were staring into the abyss of a COVID year without live audiences or performances, and an uncertain future as a result. Many found creative ways to keep their audiences engaged through virtual means.

Music Mountain, for example, produced a dozen "Live from Music Mountain" livestreamed programs of music and interviews that found a ready audience. Somehow, it emerged stronger and even found the resources — with some help from local friends and businesses — to make some much-needed upgrades to Gordon Hall, its main concert venue.

Now entering its 92nd season, the Falls Village, Conn.-based summer chamber music festival is ready to welcome back live audiences and ensembles for an exciting and eagerly anticipated concert series.

The shortened season will open on July 4 with the Shanghai Quartet, a perennial Music Mountain favorite, playing works by Beethoven, Smetana and Chinese composer Zhou Long.

It concludes on Sept. 5 with the Cassatt String Quartet, joined by pianist Ursula Oppens, featuring works by two women composers, Amy Beach and Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (sister of Romantic-era composer Felix Mendelssohn), as well as a Mozart string quartet.

All of this is part of a season-long emphasis on diversifying the repertoire and combining the lesser known with the more familiar. Works by Florence Price, an African American woman, and William Grant Still, an African American man, will be heard; the Harlem String Quartet, another Music Mountain favorite, will perform a varied program including jazz-infused pieces by Billy Strayhorn, Wynton Marsalis and Dizzy Gillespie.

From the Western "canon," some of the compelling pieces on tap include Janacek's String Quartet #2, titled "Intimate Letters," which, as its name implies, is achingly beautiful and intimate; Dvorak's breezy "American Quartet," composed while he was living in Iowa; and Ravel's Impressionist masterpiece, his String Quartet in F Major, the only quartet he wrote.

This summer, Music Mountain will also be making audience safety its highest priority. While the rapidly evolving easing of restrictions may change the situation, for now plans are being made for limited, socially distanced seating in Gordon Hall, with quiet fans, open doors and other accommodations for extra ventilation.

Outside, for the first time in its history, Music Mountain will formally offer lawn seating, with monitors and speakers. And concerts will continue to be available via livestream for those who feel at too great a risk being in a group.

A series of Saturday "Jazz and More" concerts is still in the planning stages. Announcements will be made on the Music Mountain website, www.MusicMountain.org.

For all of us, the prospect of enjoying live, in-person music again feels like emerging into the light after a long, dark journey.

Music Mountain's chamber music series — 10 concerts from July 4 through Sept. 5 —will take place, as always, on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m., in air-conditioned Gordon Hall, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village. For tickets and schedules, go to www.MusicMountain.org or call 860-824-7126.

### **DANCE: JENNY HANSELL**

### Jacob's Pillow: Live Dance Is Back

The beautiful grounds of the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in Becket, Mass., will be alive with art again this summer, literally: All of the live performances will be held either on the outdoor stage formerly called Inside/Out and now known as the Henry J. Leir Outdoor Stage, or around the grounds in site-specific works.

All last year, the Pillow found ways to keep people connected to dance, through online events, short films and, eventually, COVID-safe residencies for choreographers and companies. Now, an abbreviated season will include some returning favorites, cutting edge innovators and new voices, with a special emphasis on BiPOC creators. Highlights include Dorrance Dance (June 30-July 4), Michelle Dorrance's tap company, which will perform on the outdoor stage in a world premiere featuring jazz trumpeter Keyon Harrold. Dancers will also conduct "tap takeovers" around the grounds.

The Dallas Black Dance Theatre will premiere a new work by Darrell Grand Moultrie, who has worked with Alvin Ailey, Dance Theatre of Harlem and American Ballet Theater (Aug. 4-8).

The post-modern Brian Brooks/ Moving Company performs alongside the wonderful Williamstown-based vocal ensemble Roomful of Teeth (July 21-25.)

In their Pillow debut, Los Angelesbased Contra Tiempo, which per-

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forms work rooted in salsa, Afro-Cuban, hip hop and contemporary dance, will present an evening-length work called joyUS justUS, about making joy the center of a more loving world (July 7-11.)

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Each of the performances will also stream starting about 10 days after the in-person event concludes. Performances by international companies are online-only. The Nrityagram Dance Ensemble, an Indian classical dance company from Bangalore, and the Paris Opera Ballet featuring Crystal Pite, are some of the companies featured online-only.

The Ted Shawn theater will remain closed — it is undergoing significant renovation to be ready for next summer — and the Doris Duke burned in a catastrophic fire in November 2020 (cause undetermined, according to statements from the Pillow).

Seating is planned for 25% capacity and so tickets are very limited. Sales for the general public open on June 1. As of now all patrons are required to wear masks on-site, but check the website, www.jacobspillow.org, before you go, for the latest guidance, as well as for tickets, information on live-streaming, and any schedule changes.

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### **PERFORMANCES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER**

## A Tasting Menu of Uncommon Delights at Bard

L's 40 minutes from my front door in Lakeville, Conn., to Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y., also known as the town of Red Hook (not to be confused with the one in Brooklyn).

It's a bit of a drive, but the ride is exquisite, especially at sunset. The famous Mercato restaurant in Red Hook has closed down, but its chef/ owners Michele and Francesco Buitoni (descendants of award-winning Italian pasta makers) have now opened GioBatta in nearby Tivoli, N.Y.

That might not be enough to tempt you deep into the heart of the scenic Hudson Valley — but then there is Bard SummerScape.

Anyone who thinks of New England and the Hudson River Valley as being home to more traditional Anyone who thinks of New England and the Hudson River Valley as being home to more traditional music hasn't checked out the college's eclectic and experimental summer offerings in theater and music.

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"Eclectic and experimental" might be off putting, but when you combine them with the third E — entertaining! — then you have something worth a 40-minute drive.

There are several stages and venues at Bard including of course the Sosnoff Theater in the undulating, metal-clad Frank Gehry-designed building, which is worth a trip to Annandale-on-Hudson in its own right.

There is also a new stage at Montgomery Place, the historic Hudson Valley estate just down the road from the main campus that was purchased by Bard a few years ago.

Montgomery Place this summer will host some of the younger, kickier events, including three performances from July 15 to 17 by transgender artist Mx. Justin Vivian Bond in "Your Auntie Glam's Midsummer Flutter."

For those who are not connoisseurs of the world of drag: The New Yorker magazine calls Bond "the greatest cabaret artist of this generation."

Other dance and theater programs on the schedule for the summer fall somewhere between Mx. Bond and the more traditional, classical end of the spectrum.

A highlight, for me at least, of this year's SummerScape will be the first fully staged North American production, at the Sosnoff Theater, of one of only three operas composed by Ernest Chasson, called "Le Roi Arthus."

This French-language opera tells the story of King Arthur and his betrayal by his best friend and his wife (and eventually his son, but that's not in the opera).

At the helm for this production (performed between July 25 and Aug. 1) is Bard's president as well as the SummerScape festival founder and artistic director, Leon Botstein. Botstein is eccentric, creative and talented and loves to put on worthwhile shows that are only rarely produced.

Sometimes, of course, there's a reason why no one has ever produced a show before. "Le Roi Arthus" is a very long opera (the Gramophone recording is 2 hours and 47 minutes long). But Botstein is on record as being a huge fan of the opera, which has passages that are described as rich and gorgeous. The whole show might not be outstanding but (and this might be the theme of all SummerScape shows), what is life without a little experimentation.

For those who fear that nearly three hours of an opera they've never heard before might be too much, the production will also be streamed, allowing the viewer to wander in and out.

Also at Bard between Aug. 6 and 15 will be the Summer Music Festival, built around the career of Nadia Boulanger and the musicians who influenced and taught her.

The list is long and, according to the preview statement of the festival, includes "music by her teachers and mentors, including Gabriel Fauré, Louis Vierne and Charles Marie Widor; her Parisian contemporaries, like Claude Debussy, Olivier Messiaen, Francis Poulenc, Maurice Ravel, Erik Satie and expats George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Igor Stravinsky; her male students, including Jean Françaix, Astor Piazzolla, and illustrious Americans Marc Blitzstein, Elliott Carter, Aaron Copland, Philip Glass, Walter Piston and Virgil Thomson; her female students, like Marcelle de Manziarly, Thea Musgrave, Julia Perry and Louise Talma; other women composers, Germaine Taillefaire and Lili Boulanger, Nadia's celebrated sister, among them; and some of the bygone composers whose music she vociferously championed, like Monteverdi, Bach and Brahms."

For full information on Bard SummerScape and the Summer Music Festival, go to www.fishercenter.bard.edu.





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### **CINEMA: CYNTHIA AND KATHARINE HOCHSWENDER**

## **Cult Films and Craft Cocktails with Boondocks**

In the film "Pat and Mike," Spencer Tracy famously if coarsely praised co-star Katharine Hepburn's figure, saying, "There isn't much meat on her but what's there is cherce" (cherce being a colloquial pronunciation of "choice").

Similarly, there aren't a lot of listings on the Boondocks Film Society schedule for this summer, but what's there ... is choice.

Boondocks is a cult film screening/ event programming enterprise run by Cornwall, Conn., residents Jeff Palfini and Cindy Heslin.

Events are scheduled about once every month. They center around a cult film classic, which is screened at a venue that is usually offbeat and/ or unexpected. Usually there is some kind of food or cocktail element to the evening. Often there is some other form of entertainment, sometimes musical.

As the explainer on the Boondocks website says, "We're talking fullfledged events, not just nights out at the movies."

It goes without saying that CO-VID-19 messed with the past year's schedule. But there have already been three 2021 screenings ("On Her Majesty's Secret Service," "Empire Records" and "Serial Mom").

Coming up on Wednesday, June 23, at 7 p.m., the featured film will be "Ghost World," which is a favorite in my household — and which, like "Empire Records," stars a young actress who will soon go from indy star to Hollywood Sensation (Renee Zellweger in "Empire Records" and, in "Ghost World," the young Scarlett Johansson).

But the big draw, for my daughter at least, is star Thora Birch's love interest in the film, the actor Steve Buscemi, playing yet another seedy but kindhearted loser (his specialty). Birch's character and Buscemi meet at a tag sale, where Buscemi is selling vintage vinyl records. Romance and complications ensue.

The screening of "Ghost World" will begin at dusk, at an outdoor art park called Turnpark Art Space in West Stockbridge, Mass. Until the film begins, DJ MAC will spin old records (78 RPM, so in fact quite old).

The food will be provided by SOMA catering. At the pre-film happy hour there will be themed craft cocktails made with Bully Boy spirits and craft beer from Collective Arts Brewing. Tickets are \$16.

The other film on this summer's Boondocks schedule is Sam Shepard's "Paris, Texas," directed by Wim Wenders, and starring Harry Dean Stanton, Dean Stockwell and the very beautiful young Nastassja Kinski, who was possibly one of the most famous starlets in the world at that time.

This very indy film made from Shepard's play will be shown in a fairly conventional venue: the drive-in theater at Four Brothers in Amenia, N.Y.

The evening begins on Thursday, July 15, at 7 p.m. (there will be live music with William Lawrence) and the screening begins at dusk.

For anyone who has not yet been to the drive-in, it is enormous fun and there is usually a great deal of car-tocar socializing before the screenings begin. The ticket price had not been set when this issue went to press, but it's likely to be between \$15 and \$20.

For more details on these Boondocks events, and on future evenings out, go to www.boondocksfilmsociety.org.

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