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Low-risk outdoor arts and entertainment sites, like Innisfree Garden in Millbrook, above, are now open to the public under Governor Andrew Cuomo's phased reopening plan of New York state's economy in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic that had shut down much of the state in mid-March. Innisfree is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays and legal holidays, rain or shine. For details, call 845-677-8000.

On to Phase 4 of reopening the economy

## Mid-Hudson Valley **COVID-19 recovery**

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

HUDSON VALLEY - Governor Andrew Cuomo announced last week that he believes the Mid-Hudson Valley Region of New York would be able to reopen its economy for Phase 4 on Tuesday, July 7. It did just that this week, much to the relief of residents living and working throughout the region, meaning it can now allow higher

education, low-risk outdoor arts and entertainment, low-risk indoor arts and entertainment, media production and professional sports competitions with no fans to operate.

The region entered its first phase of reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic on May 26. But not all businesses fall under the auspices of those allowed to reopen. According to an email

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#### Coronavirus closes typical meal programs

## Keeping children fed this summer isn't easy

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to The Millerton News

HARLEM VALLEY — As school emergency meal programs wind down for the summer, efforts are underway to be certain that youngsters continue to receive the nutrition they need. It's especially tough this year, as many of the programs that typically help feed children through the summer months — at day camp, libraries, Town Halls, community centers, etc. - have been canceled

due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Because many summer meal programs are new, there is some backlog in certain areas, and some changes may be forthcoming, but the following information was available as of press time on Tuesday, July 7.

#### Webutuck

Webutuck School District Business Administrator Robert Farrier wrote on the school's website, "If you would like to receive food through

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To view a list of food pantry resources in the Tri-State Region, go to www.tricornernews.com/food-pantries.

#### County project delayed by pandemic now underway

# \$36.8 million BOCES Salt Point campus redo breaks ground

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

SALT POINT — The Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (DCBOCES) \$36.8 million capital project was due to break ground in April, but was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Last week, on Wednesday, July 1, under sunny skies and with much optimism, a groundbreaking was finally held.

DCBOCES District Superintendent Richard Hooley, in his opening remarks, thanked not only all of the county voters who made it possible by supporting the project, but area school boards, community organizations including Rotary Clubs and all those who gave Dutchess BOCES the platform to promote the project and get it approved.

DCBOCES Board President Edward L. McCormick spoke next.

"BOCES is special," he said. "No one has a mission like ours."

Dutchess BOCES offers students instruction at its alternative high school, its Career and Technical Institute (CTI) and its Salt Point Center for Children.

State Senator Sue Serino (R-41) also spoke at the groundbreaking.

"Our community speaks highly of you because they know how impactful BOCES is to our community," she said.

Support from county taxpayers was key to getting the BOCES capital project approved. In 2009, BOCES sought \$29.65 million to improve its Salt Point campus, but taxpayers voted the measure down at the time.

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro also spoke on July 1. He praised BOCES for providing equal opportunities to students county wide.

"We still have a skills gap between those who graduate and those who employ," he said. "This next step in BO-CES history will help the county grow a work force that is more dynamic, more

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**Board of Cooperative Educational** Services (BOCES) District Superintendent Richard Hooley spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony of the new \$36.8 million Salt Point campus.

# Coronavirus face masks seem to symbolize a cultural divide

By DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS Special to The Millerton News

CONNECTICUT — A lone couple occupied a public bench along Kent's Main Street in neighboring Connecticut on a recent Sunday morning as the town slowly came alive with people walking their dogs, dining outdoors or out for

Unlike most others around them who were sporting facial masks, this couple was bare-faced, and they intend to stay

"It's my choice, and I choose not to wear a mask. I don't have to explain why to anybody," said an adamant Justin Breecher, who was out enjoying a motorcycle ride with his companion through Litchfield County. "I keep my distance."

As he spoke, a passerby who overheard the conversation paused and calmly uttered through his black face covering, "Not cool, dude," and continued on his way.

The brief exchange, while hardly confrontational when compared to some explosive encounters nationwide between front-line workers and mask scofflaws, is indicative of the divisiveness that has erupted over mandatory mask requirements.

On April 20, in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus, Connecticut



PHOTO BY DEBRA A. ALEKSINAS

Two signs outside the Cornwall Country Market alert customers that they must wear masks inside the store.

Gov. Ned Lamont signed an executive order requiring everyone in the state to cover their faces with masks or cloth coverings while out in public where social distancing cannot be maintained.

But the requirement is not a law, which means businesses like grocery and convenience stores, restaurants, bars and gyms are left to enforce those rules despite a lack of guidance from the state on how to do so. Across Connecticut and the nation, masks have become a flash point in the virus culture wars as people resume going out in public while coronavirus cases continue to surge.

Masks are like a vaccine

Recent health reports support wearing cloth facial coverings as a means of

limiting transmission of the coronavirus. Some people choose to wear masks for their safety and the safety of people around them. Others say they feel it is a violation of public liberty, or that the virus poses no danger or that masks are

unattractive or uncomfortable. "Masks are hot, ugly and make you feel stupid. The elastic loop always gets stuck over the arm of your glasses when

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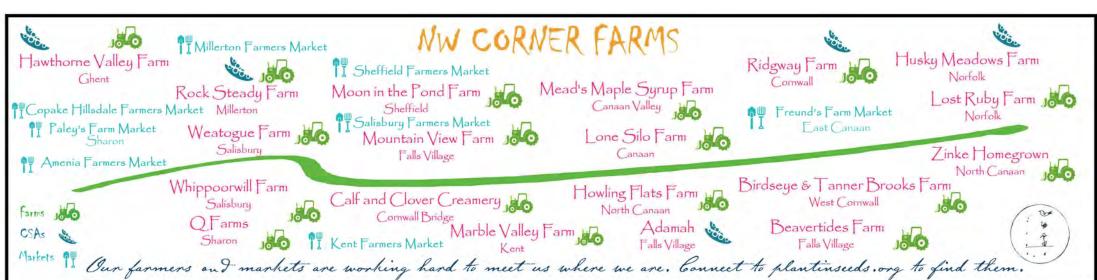


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#### **MILLERTON**

## Fourth-grader Addie Brown rides the Rail Trail for NECC

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — Inspired by the North East Community Center's (NECC) commitment to supporting the local community and encouraged by her teacher to fundraise for a local nonprofit, Addie Brown, 9, decided to ride her beloved bicycle along the Harlem Valley Rail Trail and organize her own bike-a-thon to raise money for NECC.

A resident of Lakeville, Conn., Addie just finished the year as a fourth-grader at Indian Mountain School. As told by her mother, NECC Board of Directors member Shannon Tyree Brown, the idea for the fundraiser was planted by Addie's fourth-grade teacher, Kelly Tieger. On top of their efforts to raise money for a class gift, Brown said Tieger told her students that they could also raise money for a local nonprofit using any form of fundraiser they wished.

While her classmates chose nonprofits such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Foundation and other national charities, Addie decided to focas locally. After overhearing to her mother's last board meeting



A fourth-grader at Indian Mountain School, Addie Brown, 9, celebrated her two-day 42-mile ride on the Harlem Valley Rail Trail to raise money for the North East Community Center (NECC) in Millerton.

call, Addie realized NECC needs help and decided to use her fun-

Combining her love of the draiser to raise money to support Harlem Valley Rail Trail and of work in organizing her own bikea-thon where donors could contribute a certain amount of cents per mile based on four different sponsorship levels. For the bronze level, donors could contribute 5 cents per mile or \$2, while for the silver level, donors could contribute 15 cents per mile or \$6. For the gold level, donors could contribute 25 cents per mile or \$10, while for the platinum level, donors could put forth 50 cents per mile or \$20.

Starting Thursday, May 7, Addie began her ride for a cause down the familiar trail, covering a stretch of 21 miles. Her fundraiser continued on Sunday, May 10, during which time she rode another 21 miles on the trail.

"She has a lot of stamina," Tyree Brown marveled. "She was definitely tired at a point, but she was really motivated by the fact that this money would wind up at the NECC."

Though Addie started her fundraiser by reaching out to her family members in order to keep it small, a post on Tyree Brown's Instagram account expanded the number of donors. While she thought she might raise between \$100 and \$150 overall,

the south side of Main Street.

However, she said she didn't think

the village should take out a line

of credit for any more than what

it might be able to accommodate

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with its fund balance.

riding her bicycle, Addie set to Addie's bike-a-thon raised a total of \$425 in donations, most of which were donated by platinum sponsors. After collecting donations through the mobile payment service Venmo, Tyree Brown sent a check to NECC.

Speaking as both Addie's mother and a member of the NECC Board of Directors, Tyree Brown couldn't have been more touched in seeing a person Addie's age come forward to support the local community.

"I think it's inspiring," she said. "I hope she inspires other children to stand up and rise up to this challenge of helping our communities. I think we're all in a position to help — you can help in small ways by dropping off food or big ways like cycling 42 miles.

"I'm incredibly proud," she continued, "and I think this is how we want to raise our children. Indian Mountain School does a beautiful job of this — they really encourage life through service and they place great emphasis on community, and I think that spills over to their efforts outside of school."

"I definitely did not think I would raise more than \$200," Addie said, excited about her accomplishment.

Reflecting on the experience of creating an original fundraiser to help NECC, she said, "I mean, it was tiring, but it was so worth it — knowing I get to help people makes it worth it."

#### **MILLERTON IN BRIEF**

Live music by Roger & Lenny

Come see Roger & Lenny perform live at the NorthEast-Millerton Library on Saturday, July 11, at 2 p.m. Bring a chair or a blanket and socially distance. Space is limited; call 518-789-3340 to RSVP. The library is at 75 Main St. Masks are required.

The duo plays songs from a golden era of pop music as well as original tunes. Keep up with them at facebook.com/ rogerandlennymusic. Supported by a Grant from Ann and Abe Effron Fund-Donor Advised of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

### Village reviews 'irons in the fire' in terms of grants, funding

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — The Village Board's June workshop meeting held on Monday, June 1, was live streamed to the "Village of Millerton VOM" Facebook page due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with the entire board in attendance as well as Village Clerk Kelly Kilmer and Village Treasurer Stephany Eisermann.

"I think the reason we're actually holding this meeting is to kind of go over what irons we have in the fire, all the grants that we have," Mayor Debbie Middlebrook said.

Eddie Collins Memorial Park Revitalization Committee member Jeanne Vanecko and Village Trustee Alicia Sartori detailed available grant opportunities. Middlebrook praised a worksheet they distributed as a great resource, with all of the information in one place. She added that Sartori had additional updates for the board.

"I want to make sure that everybody is really aware of all the grants we've got going, of all the moving parts, all the things that we have going on right now and what our obligations are, what our time frame is," Middlebrook said.

Middlebrook said Eisermann would talk about the cash flow as well as invoices and reimbursements. On top of Sartori creating a spreadsheet of grant opportunities, the mayor acknowledged the rest of the board's work to stay updated on local projects and grants. Additionally, she recently spoke with Tighe & Bond Senior Project Manager Erin Moore regarding the wastewater project and has been working with Village Engineer Ray Jurkowski on the sidewalk project.

Eisermann reported that she sent out an email with an overview of some grants in progress; which portion of those grants would come from matching funds; and the village's contributions to each grant. She said she also sent out a spreadsheet with that information plus a tab for loan payment estimates.

The treasurer explained that she put in a \$400,000 loan amount since that would be the village's portion of the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant (if it contributes some of what it has in its fund balance). Totaling \$675,600, the village received the WIIA grant from the state's Department of Health (DOH) to repaint the interior and exterior of its water tower: set up a temporary water tank; install shut off valves on all of its fire hydrants; and install water meters in the village. Right now, Eisermann said Millerton has to take out about \$450,000, which doesn't include anything that wasn't built into the grant, such as the issue the village is having with its cell towers.

With the \$400,000 loan amount at 3% interest, Eisermann said, at 10 years, there would be a monthly payment of \$3,862.43, which translates to a yearly payment of \$46,349.16.

"We just want to be mindful," she said. "I know the longer you extend it out, obviously, the lower it is, but we don't want to get into the situation where we're locking up money for so long that here we are, this needs to be done again and we're still paying on the last round — \$46,000 is a very big impact to our budget right now.

"With all the moving parts — I know we talked about maybe lines of credit and other things because we might run into cash flow issues — these are pretty big numbers in a budget that's already, I think, as tight as it's going to get," she added.

Eisermann next explained that the amount the village has committed to expend and be reimbursed for all of the grants it's pursuing is \$1.5 million. It's a little complicated, she added, because the village is trying to execute all of the grants at the same time.

In total, Eisermann said the village has five grants it's hoping to executing at the same time. If

the village were to only expend 15% of the total amount for all the grants at the same time, it would come to \$230,000.

Village Trustee Jennifer Najdek pointed out the ways the grants differentiate from one another and how they might impact the village's cash flow. She also noted unknown factors involved in acquiring the grants and completing the projects.

"I'm not saying it solves all the problems — I'm saying it's a different way to look at it," Najdek said. "I know it's a lot of money, but we're not looking to shell out \$1.5 million over the next year."

As part of its discussion, the board talked about how the cash flow may be impacted by what's going on with the state and other related factors.

"I'm not saying we shouldn't come up with a plan," Eisermann said. "I'm telling you this is what has already been committed to. This is not, 'let's not do any of these things,' this is, 'I think you should be mindful of what else you take on while all this is happening."

Some of the projects may take longer than others, Eisermann said, adding once things get rolling, it will get harder to stop in the middle to wait for a status payment. Additionally, she said the board might want to see which projects it wants to see through and which ones it can get extensions for, so it can plan accordingly.

Middlebrook said the village has a little money in its fund bal-

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ance, some of which has been the schedules and time lines for earmarked to complete the full each project. sidewalk replacement project on Should it get approval from the

state Department of Transportation (DOT), Middlebrook said the village hopes to start the sidewalk replacement project the third or fourth week in August in order to finish by the end of October.

Regarding the WIIA grant, seeing as the water tower won't be painted until next year, she

said whatever expenses the village can expect for this project will go toward paint testing and making arrangements to move its cell towers. She reported the village can't access the funds for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) modifications to the Village Hall building until the town of North East completes its ADA modifications to the North East



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### AMENIA/MILLBROOK



#### Field Club Fireworks

Three sites across Dutchess County were set aglow with colorful bursts of light on Saturday night, in celebration of the Fourth of July. Fireworks were displayed from the **Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck and Dutchess** Stadium in Wappinger, but local residents could witness the spectacle from the Silo Ridge Field Club Equestrian Center on Depot Hill Road in Amenia. At 9:30 p.m., all eyes turned toward the skies for a spectacular display that sparkled for miles. Following the show, a cacophony of cars honking and families cheering capped off the Independence Day celebration.

#### Altice USA franchise agreement

### Residents cite lack of broadband as Amenia considers renewal

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — These past few months, Harlem Valley residents have been relying on the world wide web to stay connected as they navigate life under COVID-19. For Amenia residents, however, securing high-quality internet has been an ongoing struggle. When the Town Board held its required (virtual) public hearing on the town's franchise renewal agreement with Altice USA on Thursday, July 2, several residents tuned in to discuss their concerns and complaints about Altice's services and the difficulties they've had accessing what they consider an essential utility.

Amenia first entered the franchise agreement in 2010 when Altice was previously known as Cablevision Systems Dutchess Corporation. As part of the agreement, the company agreed to provide cable service via a cable system within the town. Since then, Cablevision merged with Altice USA; the town is now looking to

renew the agreement.

At 7 p.m., the entire board met via Zoom (due to COVID-19), with Attorney to the Town Ian Lindars, Roger Connor, a consultant for Altice, and John Dullaghan, the director of government affairs for Altice, in attendance. Dullaghan will be the board's contact for Altice going forward. The meeting was live streamed to the town's YouTube channel, "AmeniaTV," and the public was invited to dial in via Zoom or by telephone.

The need for broadband internet access is Amenia is clear, illustrated by the technical difficulties experienced that night when additional residents tried to join the Zoom meeting, as well as by those at the hearing who mentioned frequently having to borrow their neighbors' WiFi to use the internet.

"It's my sincere hope that my neighbors in front of me... and my neighbors next to me will be able to get broadband because we are severely disenfranchised by the fact that we cannot, and we are all longtime residents," Andrea Walton said.

With no fast internet at her more homes. home. Walton said she either has to drive up the road or go to her neighbors to communicate with others.

"I don't want to change who it is that services me — I simply would like the opportunity to be serviced as I should be," she said.

Emphasizing the importance of online access during the COV-ID-19 pandemic, which has forced people to work from home and students to school online, Barbara Meili said, "It's absolutely essential to living in this town and working in this town to have broadband access. I don't know any other way to say it: It's like air; it is what the telephone meant in the early parts of the 20th century.

"It is impossible to conduct business or having a life in this town without broadband," she continued. "The fact that we don't have service... I find it hard to believe."

Meili asked the board to get a written commitment from Altice to wire the town up in 90 days or else not sign the 10-year renewal agreement.

With the cost of cable service rising, one resident asked if the Town Board has sought competitive bids. Explaining that the franchise agreement is a major source of revenue for the town, town Supervisor Victoria Perotti explained that Amenia is a small market with limited service providers.

Though he agreed the town is a small market, Councilman Damian Gutierrez said, "I 100% agree that it would be in the best interest of the town to have discussions with other service providers."

Connor assured the community that all of the company's franchises are non-exclusive while Dullaghan said that Altice is currently upgrading its system to bring broadband internet into

By 7:54 p.m., the board shifted to assessing written comments submitted by the public regarding the franchise agreement. Submitting his comments as a 40-year subscriber, former town Supervisor Wayne Euvrard expressed his disappointment in the cost of cable service and requested a discount for seniors, members or former members of the military, first responders and healthcare workers. Other written remarks addressed increasing service rates and their not being affordable; the need for more service provider options; and complaints about Altice representatives reportedly hooking up homes with WiFi without any results. Gutierrez reported that he's conducted an informal survey of broadband bills in other locations and learned that, based on the company's own quarterly report, Altice has the highest average revenue per user.

"It would be one thing if you were struggling and hurting," Gutierrez said, "but you guys are clearly making a decent amount of money per user."

Especially during the COV-ID-19 crisis, Gutierrez reiterated how essential broadband internet is and the challenges residents face not being able to afford or pro-

"Understanding that you are essentially in all ways but in name a public utility, I would encourage you guys to think more responsibly about the role you play in this community," he said to the representatives.

The virtual public hearing on the franchise renewal agreement will continue on Thursday, July 16, at 7 p.m. In the meantime, the board has asked residents without internet access to send their names and addresses to Town Hall so it can send the information to Altice.

#### Thorne Building Community Center

### Architect hired, focus shifts to fundraising

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — After a period of relative quiet, the Thorne Building Committee (TBC) recently announced that architect Michael Sloan and his firm, Michael Sloan B.C., of Millbrook, has been retained as the architect who will develop the long-awaited plans to turn the Thorne Memorial Building, formerly the local high school in the village, into the hopefully thriving, all-purpose

Thorne Building Community

Center (TBCC). Sloan established his business in Millbrook in 1997 and reportedly has an excellent reputation for working closely with clients and providing innovative answers to their needs. Not only that, but his great-great-grandfather, William Thorne, was one of the original donors of the Thorne Building, and Sloan has "always viewed the Thorne Building as one of the village's anchors," believing "it's so important that the building remain community-based," according to a statement released by the TBC.

There have been multiple meetings over the past two year to discuss the future of the Thorne Building, at least three of which were open to the public. The future of the Thorne Building — a beloved and familiar piece of Millbrook architecture — was discussed in detail, with residents from teens to senior citizens offering suggestions.

One major step was establishing the Thorne Building Committee. It's headed by Charles Pierce and assisted by other committee members, such as Ann Gifford, Oakleigh Thorne and George Whalen III. Their work has been hard and tedious, but is described by its members as a labor of love.

Before anything could begin, however, a reverter clause had to be dealt with by the village. This was because there was a stipulation in the original granting of the building to the village of Millbrook in the late 1800s that if the building ever stopped being used as an educational facility, it would revert back the Thorne family. Those involved in the matter said there were more than 100 family members to be notified, who had to agree to release any claim to the property; family members were scattered far and wide across the country and it took some time to locate them.

However, in January of 2020, the Supreme Court of Dutchess County issued a judgment eliminating the reverter clause, allowing the village to transfer ownership to whomever it desired.

Pans for the building include creating an auditorium and large meeting space, which would accommodate a variety of programs, including theatrical, cultural and educational programs. There would be a music studio, with space for rehearsals, podcasts, an exhibition gallery and other technology. Many of these ideas were generated by the public at open meetings. There would also be smart classrooms and seminar rooms, shared offices and space for after-school activities. Outdoor spaces would include a new a band shell and a garden for picnicking. Most impressive, perhaps, are the plans for a kitchen that could be used for catering events, cooking classes or as a small café area.

A time frame for construction has not yet been set, but some of the initial exterior work will likely take place this summer. The hope is plans will be finalized by fall.

The TBCC is now placing its focus on fundraising. The TBCC is a nonprofit, 501(C)3 entity; while some money has been set aside for construction, the majority of the funds still needs to be raised.

The committee is currently researching operating and maintenance costs and ways to produce revenue, including possibly renting the building out for weddings, concerts and other cultural or educational events.

"This could also be an economic magnet," said Pierce, "bringing people from all over to shop in our stores, eat in our restaurants and enjoy the life we live in Millbrook."

The Thorne Building was originally donated as a school in 1895, and was the reason Millbrook became incorporated as a village; it served as the high school until 1961.



The Thorne Building, at the entrance to the village of Millbrook, has stood at the head of Franklin Avenue for well over 100 years, and will soon be renovated as a community center.

The community met multiple times to plan for the project, often with Millbrook Mayor Rodney Brown, Washington town Supervisor Gary Ciferri, local clergy, Village and Town Board members and local residents. Community liaison Carole Martin was hired by the TBC to conduct surveys with various groups to discover what the community wanted to do with the site. Now that plans are starting to materialize, the challenging part will be the fundraising, said Pierce.

"We hope that everyone will have the opportunity to give at a level that is comfortable for them,"

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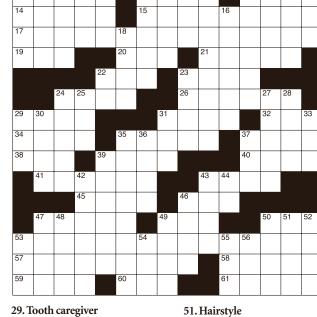
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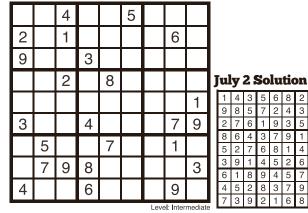
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#### PINE PLAINS/AREA

# U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado tours dairy as farmers seek additional COVID-19 support

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

ANCRAMDALE — Though already well aware of the challenges local farmers have endured in keeping their farms operating during the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19) toured Ronnybrook Farms recently to gain a greater understanding of the support farmers across New York need to remain

Aligning with June's celebration of National Dairy Month, Delgado visited Ronnybrook's

dairy processing facility, located at 310 Prospect Hill Road in Ancramdale, on Monday, June 22. Following his arrival, the congressman struck up a conversation with farm founder Rick Osofsky, his nephew, Daniel, his son, Peter, and his daughter, Kate, to give the congressman an idea of how Ronnybrook has been working to stay in business during such uncertain

The Osofskys then led Delgado on a tour of the farm's dairy processing plant, showing Delgado how the dairy's popular products ranging from milk and chocolate milk to yogurt and half and half to butter and ice cream — are produced.

Throughout the tour, Delgado and the Osofskys discussed the importance of supporting family farms as well as keeping local dairy in area schools. They also talked about the experiences some New York farmers have had with both the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Impact Disaster Loan Program, both of which were designed to provide small businesses economic support during the pandemic.

"Our family farmers are essen-

tial to our upstate way of life and they have experienced extreme challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic," Delgado said in the statement from his office about the tour. "As Congress negotiated the CARES Act, I worked to include direct disaster assistance for our small farmers, led the push to make farmers eligible for small business loans programs and have continued to meet with our agriculture operators to make sure they have the tools needed to get through this difficult time."

The CARES Act, which stands for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, was drafted in March to provide relief for Americans dealing with economic hardship due to the coronavirus.

Looking ahead, Delgado said he'll keep working for farmers like the Osofskys in Congress. The Osofskys, for their part, said they appreciate the efforts.

"We had a very good conversation; I've been a supporter of his efforts in terms of the dairy industry generally over the last two years that he's served," said Rick Osofsky. "We had a good dialogue on the state of affairs as it relates to dairy."



left, and his father, Ronnybrook Farm founder Rick Osofsky.

U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (NY-D-19), in center, toured Ronnybrook Farm's dairy processing facility with Peter Osofsky,

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# **BOE** ratifies election results, makes appointments and dedicates books

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

PINE PLAINS — Once the results of this year's district vote and school board election had been officially ratified, the Pine Plains Board of Education (BOE) moved forward with its agenda at its virtual BOE meeting on Wednesday,

Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler brought the annual book dedication tradition for the district's retirees to the board's attention. Each year, the BOE, administration, faculty and staff express their gratitude and appreciation to those employees who have reached retirement by purchasing books and donating them to the district's libraries in honor of the retirees. A list of the retirees and their donations was read and entered into the record.

Moving forward with the district budget vote and BOE results that were tallied on Tuesday, June 16, the BOE unanimously approved a motion to ratify the results. As was discussed by the board at the meeting, BOE President Chip Couse remarked on a later date that while more than 2,100 people voted by mail this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the percentage by which the district vote and election passed remained "generally the same as when we had smaller

Going off of that observation, Couse said fewer than 400 voters voted in-person in the last district budget vote and school board election last spring. In spite of this year's changes, he said "the percentage of yes-no votes" remained the same, at a ratio of 2:1. Couse said one of the BOE's goals this year was to increase voter participation.

Under the agenda's new personnel business, the BOE approved the non-represented employees' salary schedule and agreement for the 2020-21 school year, as recommended by the district's Compensation Committee. Included in the list of non-represented employees, the BOE approved Secretary to the Superintendent Patricia Audenino's new salary of \$58,896.04, followed by Account Clerk Mary Fetzko's new salary of \$48,438 and Microcomputer System Director Richard Harlin's new salary of \$104,952.64. As typist and secretary to the district assistant superintendent, Maria Hutman, was appointed a salary of \$38,750.40 while Microcomputer Network Specialist Jed Nye was appointed a salary of \$81,458 and District Treasurer Laura Rafferty was appointed a salary of \$78,738.66. The BOE approved a \$53,265.50 salary for Personnel Assistant Julia Tomaine; a \$40,903.20 salary for Payroll Clerk Aileen Waltke; and a

\$44,679.44 salary for Typist Linda

Westpfal.

Renee Rundall was granted tenure in the special education area, which will come into effect on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Director of Pupil Personnel Services Janine Babcock was appointed as the summer school remote learning supervisor at a rate of \$100 per day up to 30 days. Tonya Sauca, Emily Elsasser, Catherine Sellick and Alana Garnica were appointed to this year's summer school staff at a rate of \$100 per day. This year's summer school program will be held remotely, the program began Monday, July 6, and runs through Friday, Aug. 14.

Francis Karalak was appointed as a microcomputer/network probationary period at a \$58,000 salary, effective Wednesday, July 1. Peggy Bonneville was appointed as a mentor for the coming school year with a \$500 stipend.

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL **ELECTION** PINE PLAINS FIRE DISTRICT TOWN OF PINE PLAINS, **DUTCHESS COUNTY,**

**NEW YORK** NOTICEISHEREBYGIVEN that, pursuant to Section 38.00 of the Local Finance Law and Section 179 of the Town Law, a special election of the qualified voters of the Pine Plains Fire District in the Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York, will be held on August 11, 2020, at the Pine Plains Fire District Station, 7 Lake Road, Pine Plains, New York, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock P.M., and 9:00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of voting by ballot on the adoption or rejection of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$275,000.00 BONDSOFTHEPINEPLAINS FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS, **DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW** YORK, TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF A 2021 CLASS A PUMPER, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$375,000.00,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pine Plains Fire District in the Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York (the "Fire District"), as follows:

Section 1. The purchase of a 2021 Class A Pumper is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$375,000.00.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing of such specific purchase is by the issuance of \$275,000.00 bonds of said Fire District, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby further determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific purpose is twenty (20) years, pursuant to subdivision 27 of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Local

said Pine Plains Fire District in the Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York, is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Fire District, a tax without limitation as to rate or amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the

same become due and payable. Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Fire District Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Fire District Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local

Finance Law. Section 6. Such bonds shall be in fully registered form and shall be signed in the name of the Pine Plains Fire District in the Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York, by the manual or facsimile signature of the Fire District Treasurer and a facsimile of its corporate seal shall be imprinted or impressed thereon and may be attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Fire District Secretary.

Section 7. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, including private sale of the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Fire District Treasurer, who shall advertise such bonds for sale,

Section 4. The faith and credit bonds in such manner as she be in such form and contain shall deem best for the interests such recitals in addition to those of the Fire District; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, she shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Fire District Treasurer shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 8. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Fire District by the facsimile signature of its Fire District Treasurer, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Fire District), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Fire District Treasurer. It is hereby determined that it is to the financial advantage of the Fire District not to impose and collect from registered owners of such serial bonds any charges for mailing, shipping and insuring bonds transferred or exchanged by the fiscal agent, and, accordingly, pursuant to paragraph c of Section 70.00 of the Local Finance Law, no such charges shall be so collected by the fiscal agent. Such bonds shall

contain substantially the recital

of validity clause provided for

in section 52.00 of the Local

conduct the sale, and award the Finance Law and shall otherwise entitled: required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Fire District Treasurer shall

determine. Section 9. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if: 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Fire District is not authorized to expend money, or

2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Section 11. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in full in an official newspaper of said Fire District for such purpose, together with a notice of the Fire District Secretary in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 12. This resolution is adopted subject to approval at a special election of said Fire District to be held on August 11, 2020. The polls will be kept open for the purpose of voting during the aforesaid hours and the proposition will be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

> PROPOSITION Shall the bond resolution

JUNE 16,2020. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$275,000 BONDSOFTHEPINEPLAINS FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF PINE PLAINS, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO FINANCE THE COSTOFTHEPURCHASEOF A 2021 CLASS A PUMPER, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$375,000.00, INCLUDING INCIDENTAL **EXPENSES IN CONNECTION** THEREWITH," duly adopted by theBoardofFireCommissioners of said Fire District on June 16, 2020, be approved? Dated:

Pine Plains, New York, June 16,

By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Pine Plains District, Dutchess County, New York

Heather Lamont Fire District Secretary 07-09-20

#### Notice to Bidders **Invitation to Bid**

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pine Plains Fire District, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York hereby solicits sealed bids for a 2021 Class A Pumper.

Separatesealedbidswithnoncollusion bidding certificates will be received by the Board of Fire Commissioners at the Pine Plains Fire District Offices, 7 Lake Drive, Pine Plains, New York, until 7:00 p.m. On August 18, 2020, after which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after that time will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Information for bidders, specifications and contract documents may be examined or obtained at the Pine Plains Fire District Firehouse, 7 Lake Drive, Pine Plains, New York, on Mondays between the hours of 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm or by contacting Brian Walsh at 518-488-2750.

A cashier's check, or an acceptable bidder's bond payable to the Pine Plains Fire

District in an amount not less RESOLUTION DATED than 10 percent (10%) of the largest possible total for the bid amount must accompany the bid.

> A performance bond for one hundred (100%) of the contract price will be required.

The Board of Fire Commissioners, hereinafter called the board, reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any formality or technicality in any bid in the interest of the board and, in the case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stated bid amounts, to accept the most advantageous construction to the board or to reject the bid.

Bidders shall be required to execute the non-collusion bidding certificate included in the contract documents pursuant to section 103d of the general municipal law of the State of New York.

Bidders shall also be required to comply with the Provisions of Section 291-299 of the executive law of the State of New York.

The Pine Plains Fire District hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for any award.

Any bid accepted shall be contingent upon the approval of a permissive or mandatory referendum of the district voters.

No bid, once delivered to the owner, may be withdrawn until the expiration of 45 days from the date the bids are opened. Dated: June 16, 2020

Board of Fire Commissioners Pine Plains Fire District 07-09-20

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Joan E. 'Nanny' (Liner) Strattman

"Nanny" (Liner) Strattman, 84, passed on surrounded by her family on the morning of July 1, 2020, at her home after a long illness. Joan was the widow of Lee D. Strattman Sr.

She was born Feb. 25, 1936, in Sharon, daughter of the late Leota (Weaver) and Edward Liner.

For nearly 40 years, Joan was employed at the former Kilbourne School in Southfield, Mass.

She used her special talents assisting the students there on the night shift.

An avid Red Sox fan, Joan also enjoyed flowers, gardening, and watching and taking care of the many birds that graced her home.

Indeed, Joan's true passion was her dedication and devotion to her entire family.

Joan leaves behind her four sons, Lee D. "Chip" Strattman Jr. and his wife, Barbara, of East Canaan, Christopher Strattman and his wife, Diane, of North Canaan, Thomas "Otis" Stratt-

EAST CANAAN — Joan E. man Sr. of East Canaan and Larry Strattman and his wife, Juliana, of Ashley Falls; her son-in-law, Brian Naventi of Lebanon, N.Y.; her grandchildren including Melissa and spouse Bobby, Thomas Jr., Cayla, Chad, Rebecca and spouse Colby, Jessie and spouse Jeremiah, Karrie, Chris Jr. and Lindsay; her great-grandchildren, Chloe, Nicholas, Lydia, Jillian Grace Leigh, Hayden, Finn, Allicia, Payton, Amelia and Mason.

Joan was predeceased by her daughter, Jill; son, Joel; and brother, Lawrence.

Funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family.

The family would like to thank Joan's wonderful caregivers, Chrissy Reid and Patty Mac-

Memorial donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society Central New England Region, 59 Bobala Road, Holyoke,

Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home in North Canaan.

#### Memorial service:

#### Helen Hintz

Saying good-bye is never easy, even more so in these times. An outside, properly socially distanced, Celebration of the Life of Helen Hintz, a Noble Horizons resident for over 7 years, will be held on Sunday, July 12, at her daughter, Noreen Driscoll's havenfarmct@gmail.com.

home at 40 High St./ Route 7 South, North Canaan. Gathering begins around 1 p.m., the remembrances and music will be around 2 p.m., with a picnic luncheon afterward. An RSVP would be appreciated at sweet-

Email obituaries to cynthiah@lakevillejournal.com

#### Doris 'Meme' Miller

GREAT BARRINGTON — Doris "Meme" Miller, 80, passed away on June 26, 2020, at her home in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Born on Dec. 12, 1939, in Great Barrington, she was the first child of the late John A. De-Land Sr. and Luella (Markham) DeLand.

She attended Roeliff Jansen Central School in Copake, N.Y., and then Mount Everett High School in Sheffield.

Doris wore many different hats when she was in the workforce, all while balancing family life. In her early years, she was a Nursing Assistant at The Pines Nursing Home; Packaging Operator at Becton Dickinson; Assembly Lineworker at Bicron Electronics; Dietary Supervisor at Noble Horizons; Supervisor at The Lakeville Journal; Private a lawn mowing business with she wasn't watching NASCAR, her husband up until her retirement.

She married her husband, the late Kenneth Miller, on Aug. 8,

1996, in Niagara Falls.

In 2012, she retired and moved to Florida with her husband fulltime after selling their home in Copake Falls. Although she lived in

Florida full-time, she would still visit family during the holidays and attended special milestones. She also could not go back to her home in Florida until she made her infamous spaghetti and homemade sauce.

She loved spending time with her family, especially time with her grandchildren

she enjoyed camping throughout the United States, crafting, knitting and crocheting.

One of her favorite sayings was "What's that noise?" and we are beginning to understand what a treasure that truly is. She leaves two chil-

dren, Melissa Waldron of North Canaan and Patrick McGuire and his wife, Beth, of North Canaan; four siblings, John A. DeLand Jr., and his wife, Penny, of Housatonic, Mass., Stephen DeLand Sr. and his wife, Hisae, of Japan, Brian DeLand and his companion,

Andrea Eichstedt, of Sheffield

Duty Caregiver; and she owned and great-grandchildren. When and Karen DeLand and her companion, Michael Murphy, of Alford, Mass.; five grandchildren, Amy Kuhn and her husband, Joshua, of San Antonio, Texas, Adam Waldron and his wife, Michele, of North Canaan, Heather Tatro, and her husband, Christopher, of San Antonio and Hannah McGuire and Connor McGuire, both of North Canaan; and two greatgrandchildren and one on the way, Kennedy Kuhn, Addison Waldron and Olivia Tatro.

> She was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth Miller, in October 2017. She was also predeceased by one brother, Charles DeLand, in January 2016.

Due to COVID-19, a private memorial service will be held at a later date.

#### Calvin Patrick Valyou

COPAKE - Calvin Patrick Valyou, 44, of Copake, N.Y., passed away on July 2, 2020. He was born on June 9, 1976, in Sharon, the son of Shirley Valyou and the late Louis Valyou.

Calvin, aka "Butter," began his career as a teenager as a very talented mason. For the past eight years he worked at Pondside Nursery, where he was able to pursue his passion with his craftsmanship.

Among being an incredibly hard worker, Calvin was an avid hunter, fisherman, cook and storyteller. He had the amazing ability to light up a room and make everyone laugh with his stories.

He was a very generous man who was well-liked by all in the community. He was a loving son, brother, uncle, life partner, father and friend. His biggest passion in life was being a devoted father to his four children.

Calvin is survived by his partner, Chrystal Albright, and their twins, Aubrey and Layla Lou Valyou; his former wife, Megan Valyou, and their two children, Patrick and Claire Valyou; his mother, Shirley Valyou-Tucker; his siblings, John, Theresa, Dawn and Donny and their significant others; as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and many close friends.

A visitation will be held at Peck & Peck Funeral Home in Copake on Saturday, July 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. Those attending are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing for the safety of all. Maximum occupancy guidelines will be enforced.

A Celebration of Life will follow at a later date.

Calvin, when we meet again we will be greeted with the infamous, "Hey, what's up?"

To send an online condolence, go to www.peckandpeck.net.

#### **Worship Services**

Week of July 12, 2020

#### Services are canceled or being held online. Call ahead or visit websites for updates.

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SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Said 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290

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#### **The Sharon United Methodist Church**

Pastor Henry A. Prause

518-789-4840

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#### **Canaan United Methodist Church**

2 Church St., Rte 44, Canaan, CT 11 a.m. Worship Service "Open Hearts – Open Minds – Open Doors' Rev. Lee Gangaware 860-824-5534 canaanct-umc.com canaanctumc@gmail.com

#### **Promised Land Baptist Church**

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#### The Smithfield **Presbyterian Church** 656 Smithfield Valley Rd. Route 83. Amenia, NY

Services every Sunday 10 a.m. www.thesmithfieldchurch.org 21st Century Theology in an Historic Building

#### **Sharon Congregational** Church

25 Main Street, Sharon, CT Visit our website sharoncongregationalchurch.org for current online sermons

Bible Study Guides also available by request: info@sharoncongregationalchurch.org Or contact us at 860-364-5002

#### Falls Village

**Congregational Church** 16 Beebe Hill Road, Falls Village 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour A Friendly Church with a warm welcome to all!! 860-824-0194

#### **Christ Church Episcopal** in Sharon

9 South Main, Sharon CT Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 AM Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker All welcome to join us 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org

#### **Greenwoods Community Church** 355 Clayton Road, Ashley Falls, MA

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#### St. Thomas **Episcopal Church** 40 Leedsville Road Amenia Union, NY

WORSHIP 10:30 Please go to www.stthomasamenia.com to log on. Followed by a virtual coffee hour **Rev. AJ Stack** www.stthomasamenia.com

VIRTUAL SUNDAY

#### 845-373-9161 **Trinity Episcopal Church** 484 Lime Rock Rd., Lime Rock

Virtual Sunday service 10:30 AM Trinity Lime Rock Facebook page Virtual Coffee Hour & Bible Study Rev. Heidi Truax trinity@trinitylimerock.org (860) 435-2627 www.trinitylimerock.org

#### **Unitarian Fellowship** of NW CT

The format for our Unitarian Fellowship has changed to Zoom. "Being a high school senior in the time of COVID" Sunday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m. Contact Jo Loi for the Zoom link at 860-435-2319 All are Welcome

#### The Lakeville United **Methodist Church**

319 Main St., Lakeville, CT 06039 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors The Rev. Margaret Laemmel 860-435-9496 Lakevillemethodist@snet.net

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#### **UCC in CORNWALL**

Worship Sunday, 10 am Cornwall Village Meeting House 8 Bolton Hill Rd. Cornwall Outstanding Church School (10 am) Mission Opportunities Warm Fellowship following Worship 860-672-6840 FB - UCC in Cornwall Rev. Micki Nunn-Miller, Minister

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The Churches of Sacred Heart, Kent St. Bernard, Sharon MASS SCHEDULE 9 AM - St. Bridget (indoors) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & First Friday SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM - St. Bridget (outdoors) SUNDAY MASSES 8 AM - St. Bernard (indoors) 10 AM - St. Bridget (outdoors) Face masks required Limited attendance indoors

# An encouraging sign: COVID PODs decommissioned

POUGHKEEPSIE — With a capacity of up to 100 individuals, the previously vacant temporary housing units (also known as PODs) at the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center in Poughkeepsie were repurposed by Dutchess County as emergency shelters for those in need when the coronavirus struck

in March. Partnering with Hudson River Housing and Mental Health America, the county started operating one of the two-module, dormitory-style building as an emergency shelter, with plans to open a second POD as an alternate care

facility if needed. Additionally, the county, in cooperation with Nuvance Health and MidHudson Regional Hospital, worked with Dutchess Community College in Fairview to create a recovery facility for COVID-19 patients, thereby allowing for more space at the region's hospitals for residents in need of hospitalization.

However, the regional hospital capacity remained steady during the COVID-19 crisis, and the dorms at Dutchess Community College therefore weren't needed. The county recently decommissioned the recovery facility set up at the college, deeming it no longer

— Kaitlin Lyle



Since March, the PODs at the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center in Poughkeepsie have been available for use to house homeless individuals during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. They were recently decommissioned as they were no longer being used.

### **LEGAL NOTICES**

NOTICE OF FILING OF **ARTICLES OF** ORGANIZATION IN **NEW YORK BY A LIMITED** LIABILITY COMPANY

Name: Reckess AMR, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 6/25/20. Office location: Dutchess County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 32 Pine Tree Dr, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 07-09-20

> 07-16-20 07-23-20 07-30-20 08-06-20 08-13-20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING VIA TELECONFERENCE TOWN OF AMENIA** PLANNING BOARD **APPLICATION FOR** AMENDED SPECIAL USE **PERMIT AND** SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR TAMARACK

**PRESERVE** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Town of Amenia Code, Sections 274-a Town Law, and New York State Executive Order No. 202.1 issued on March 13, 2020, as amended, a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Amenia, New York, on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 7 pm via Teleconference on the following matter:

Application by Tamarack Preserve, a membership club, for an amended special use permit and site plan approval to expand the existing clubhouse building at 4754 Route 44 in the Town of Amenia, New York by the addition of 1,806 square feet and related improvements including the addition of a covered porch, new wastewater disposal system, relocation of an existing shed and an improved parking area. The property consists of approximately 800.94 +/- acres and is located in the Rural Agricultural (RA) Zoning District and the Aquifer Overlay District (AQO) and Aquifer overlay zoning district. The proposed expansion constitutes a major project under Section 121-60(C)(1)(C) of the Town of Amenia Zoning Code and

requires site plan approval. A copy of the application is on file in the Amenia Planning office and may be viewed

and b of the New York State Town's official website at www. ameniany.gov. Any member of the public

who desires to call into this public hearing may do so by dialing the following number: Call-in Number: 866-238-

Conference Room ID Number: 955756836

At the public hearing noticed herein, the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the application. Persons may call into the hearing in person or by agent, and may also submit written comments to the Planning Board prior to such hearing by emailing comments to Planning Board Secretary Judy Westfall at jwestfall@ amenia.ny.gov.

Dated: July 9, 2020. Robert Boyles, Jr., Chairman Town of Amenia Planning Board

07-09-20

NOTICE OF **DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL ENROLLED DEMOCRATIC VOTERS** OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, NEW YORK

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Town Council Member -One-year term (remainder of term of a Council Member elected in 2017) and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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> Democratic Committee Town of North East Jon Arnason, Chair 07-09-20

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#### **EDITORIAL**

### NY dealt with COVID crisis well, but isn't out of the woods just yet

ust as New York's Mid-Hudson Valley Region enters Phase 4 of reopening, much of the rest of the country seems to be shutting down again, as many states in the U.S. unwisely reopened way too quickly while still in the thick of the COVID-19 pandemic. But humans being humans just couldn't seem to wait to drink that frosty margarita at their local bar, or head to their beauty parlor to get those annoying bangs trimmed or those fast-growing roots dyed, or maybe they had to hear their favorite rock 'n roll band belt out that hit tune — or possibly they were just hankering for a juicy bacon-double cheeseburger with all the fixin's, fries on the side.

Whatever the case may be, people just had to leave their homes and venture out despite dire warnings from top health officials from around the world — infectious disease specialists — doctors who know a whole heck of a lot more than the average Joe sitting at home complaining about being stuck inside with nothing to do, nothing to eat, nothing to watch, etc. But apparently they knew better than the experts, it seems, and didn't feel it necessary to wear masks, or social distance or simply act prudently. Why not, one may ask? Well, some folks, perhaps, felt emboldened by the words and actions of their mayors, their governors, even their

Look where it's gotten us. As of Sunday, July 5, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that nearly 130,000 Americans have died from COVID-19 and more than 2.8 million people have been infected. And there's been an unmistakable surge in this country in recent weeks and days.

According to data collected by The Washington Post, the U.S. reported 55,220 new COVID cases on Thursday, July 2, surpassing Wednesday's record of 52,789, which was previously the largest single-day total since the start of the health crisis.

That day, Florida reported more than 10,000 new cases, setting another record and exceeding the July 1 caseload by nearly 4,000. It was the 25th consecutive day the sunshine state set a record high in its "seven-day rolling average," according to The Washington Post. On Friday, July 3, Florida reported more than 8,900

And according to NPR, in addition to Florida, which reported 11,443 new cases on Saturday, July 4, and on Sunday, July 5, reported another 9,999 new cases, Texas also reported its biggest daily spike in newly confirmed cases this past weekend. On Saturday, Texas reported a record 8,258 new cases while on Sunday, it reported 3,449 new cases. Meanwhile, California reported 5,410 new COVID cases on Sunday and 3,536 new cases were reported on Sunday in Arizona.

That's just one sliver of an overall look at how the country is faring. And it's not good. It's also not a second wave, according to those in the know, which could hit us in the fall or winter. Rather, it's been described as a substantial peak in the first wave.

Then there are reports to consider from news outlets like CNN, of downright disturbing behavior. It seems last week young people in places like Alabama held parties where they invited people infected with COVID-19 and then offered cash payouts to the first person to get infected. That's according to local officials who said they confirmed the reports. Last week the Alabama Health Department reported about 39,000 confirmed COVID cases and nearly 1,000 deaths.

OK, perhaps some people don't value their own lives. With behavior like that, one can understand why. But at least they should respect the lives of others who could be endangered by such cavalier actions.

As Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, said, there's "a societal responsibility" for social distancing and wearing a mask and, well, not acting like an idiot (our words,

"If we don't extinguish the outbreak, sooner or later, even ones that are doing well are going to be vulnerable to the spread," Dr. Fauci said at last week's White House coronavirus task force meeting, the first in nearly two months.

Look, Governor Andrew Cuomo has been extremely cautious reopening New York. Slow and steady has been his mantra, and it seems to be working. But you better believe he's keeping a close eye on the rest of the country, much of which has been experiencing disturbing setbacks, to avoid such setbacks here.

We have to do our part to avoid any such catastrophes. Masking up, social distancing, washing our hands often and following proper hygiene, staying home as much as possible — it will all help keep us safe. It's been a difficult few months. We have lost loved ones. We have lost time together. We have lost income. We have lost businesses. We have lost homes. Let's do our part to ensure we don't lose anything more to that which we can't

If you need an example of what not to do, just look at the rest of the country. Dr. Fauci summed it up pretty succinctly on YouTube last week: "I think it's pretty obvious that we are not going in the right direction," he said.

Dire words from a man in the know.



### The national debt — get ready!

That, exactly, is the national debt? U.S. federal debt is basically two parts: one held by the public and the other intra-governmental debt (mostly Social Security's money, which the government has always borrowed against and then claimed that Social Security is going broke because they borrowed all the money at near zero interest rate).

As of May, total debt held by the public was \$19.8 trillion, and intra-governmental debt was another \$6 trillion. In the media and politicians' utterances, these two amounts are lumped together, but they should be treated separately. The interest paid on debt held by the public is paid by the Treasury in the form of real interest to the owners of that debt. The interest paid on intra-governmental debt money the federal government pays itself and doesn't ever really refund Social Security.

The combination of trillions more in federal debt from higher spending and lower tax receipts this year and next (think COVID-19) and the probability that there will be future federal spending to better prepare for pandemics raise my blood pressure. Governments have, traditionally, only ever repaid debt by bringing back inflation. Basically, it goes like this: I borrow \$100 from you at 5% interest. If I bring back inflation that \$100 is now worth less and also with inflation everyone needs more income (pay) so salaries rise and people pay more dollars in tax — even if the dollars are worth less. I then can pay you back \$100, which may now only be worth the buying power of \$50. Nixon did this, Reagan+Bush did this, Clinton took the credit... and on and on.

Look, this is not complicated. A house is a house, right? A house off Park Avenue on 95th Street cost \$1,200 to buy in 1935, \$35,000 to buy in 1950, \$1,200,000 in 1990 and \$3,000,000-plus this year. A house in upper New York state cost \$3,500 in 1975, \$35,000 in 1989 and \$650,000 in 2007. The property didn't change; the value of the dollar did with inflation.

In the defense industry they are worried that their future money needs won't be met. "Flat" was already the new budget "up," but "flat" now may be a budget that does not keep pace with annual inflation. Their fears are well

#### A VIEW FROM THE EDGE

founded that defense spending will decline in the 2020s after a couple of good years of largess from pre-2019 Congress and the White House.

Ah, but, people say, there is a silver lining to this cloud: The interest rate on the federal debt is low. The Federal Reserve's aggressive lowering of interest rates makes federal debt more affordable, just the same as a lower interest rate on a home mortgage can make a place to live more affordable. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) keeps the figures on all this and projected, in February, the interest would only add about \$300,000,000,000 to the debt next year. COVID has chucked all those projections out

The outcome of the pandemic will be to make all OMB expectations more sensitive to interest rate expectations. With rising debt and interest rates set to increase to more "normal" levels, the unthinkable "inflation" is already appearing on long-term projections — especially in the defense world. And, remember, any one major military conflict, or huge natural disaster or another economic contraction (which Wall Street is expecting) could further add to federal debt in the 2020s.

The rate on a 90-day treasury bill is currently 0.13%. On a fiveyear note, it is 0.33%, and on the 10-year note, 0.69%. The 30-year note rate is 1.4%. Already the OMB and the administration are hinting that next year's budget (March 2021) will reflect probably higher interest rates and a cap, certainly, on defense spending. Once the interest rates climb, you will see inflation return and, given six-plus years, the debt can miraculously be paid down. Of course, none of that has anything to do with real prosperity for the working woman and man — in fact, quite the opposite since there's always a gap in real value from income when inflation returns.

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

Peter Riva

# In response to Bruce Valen-

I think the cartoon was not only funny, but accurate. The

being stupid. If one chooses to be in a

When our inept, petulant, narcissistic, demagogue/dictator refuses to embrace and believe in

When his base believes the Carny Barker, instead of believing the scientists who are experts

The majority of Americans are left baffled and confused as to how and why his base is not perceptive enough to see that this Orange Fraud is nothing more than a lying white supremacist who is only interested in himself and cares naught about your health, welfare and safe being. Continuing to support him is stupid.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks, NECC

I am writing to thank the North East Community Center (NECC) and spotlight their amazing work within our community. My son has attended their after-school program at Webutuck Elementary School for the last few years and enjoys the program so much he wants to go every day. The staff that work at the after-school program are the kindest and most caring individuals. They know the kids and their needs so well and have always gone above and beyond to teach and engage them.

When COVID caused the shut down of the school buildings, they continued to meet weekly with "their kids" at no cost to families, providing hours of social interaction and well-planned activities that my guy looked forward to every week. In addition, they reset all of the balances for after-school care to zero, allowing families to use that money toward bills that needed to be paid during this difficult time for many.

This summer, they are providing virtual summer camp, which I'm sure will be fun and engaging just as everything else they have done. They have also taken over the food program from the Webutuck School District and are providing meals to families for the summer. Those are only some of the many services they provide our communities with.

It is always easy to point out things that our small towns lack, but it is even more important to recognize the value of something as amazing as the NECC. Thank you for being such an outstanding resource for our community. And to the staff...you are all amazing. I appreciate you! (And you also get a special shout out from Jack...he loves you all so much!)

If you would like to donate or get involved, please visit their webpage at www.neccmillerton.

Jessica Elliott Amenia

### Cartoon was funny and accurate

tine's "Careful who you call 'stupid" piece that was in the June 25 Letters to the Editor, commenting on the "Herd Stupidity" comic in the June 18 issue, Mr. Valentine states that he "would think the local papers would be smart enough not to label American citizens as 'stupid."He goes on to say that the cartoon should have depicted rioters, looters and the anti-police

paper did not label American citizens as stupid. The paper was labeling Trump supporters as being stupid, or to be more accurate, Trump supporters' behavior as

crowded space, and on top of that not wear a mask, the nicest thing one can say is, "That is stupid."

science, that is stupid.

in their field, that is stupid.

This Russian supporting, un- Pine Plains

American, selfish, weak, thinskinned, irresponsible, rapacious failure has made this country an embarrassment and joke to the rest of the world. World leaders look upon him and think, "He's

The only thing this Dumpster Fire has done for this country is create division, spread hate and promote moral corruption, grow his bank accounts for himself and his kids and erode our democracy. Continuing to support and believe in him is stupid.

Although rioting and looting are never OK, imagine the frustration, rage and hopelessness that must be felt to behave in that way. The Loser has done nothing to try and calm that rage or attempt to show any empathy or provide any assurance that he will support any positive changes. That is stupid.

With respect to anti-police mobs being stupid, I have not seen any anti-police mobs on TV or social media. I have seen many peaceful protests, which are not stupid, and per our Constitution, they are legal and I believe they are necessary. They are just as necessary today as they were in the 60's when white and Black kids protested the Vietnam War and supported the Civil Rights movement, all for a better society based around unity.

Unfortunately, our unfit snowflake president does not support unity in any way, shape or form, and that's stupid.

**Andrew Stayman** 

"Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it..."

Russell Baker

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#### Where bees come from and where they live ollination occurs when pol-**GUEST** len from the flower's anther (male part) is deposited on

the pistil (female part) of another flower. The pollen travels down to the ovules and fertilizes them, producing fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds. Bees and other pollinators are key to this process by depositing pollen attached to their "hairy" bodies onto the pistil of other flowers. Native bees are the most effective of all the pollinators. There are 4,000 native bee species. They pollinate 80% of the flowering plants.

Bees descended from wasps,

**COLUMN** Mary Lynn Kalogeras

most of which are carnivores, eating other insects and spiders. When the first flowering plants evolved about 125 million years ago, wasps began to harvest pollen, very high in protein, from these flowers. After all, this was a much easier process than fighting with another insect/spider for their sustenance. The wasps needed adaptations to gather the pollen so they developed into bees.

Most native bees are solitary, meaning they do not live in colonies. The exception is the bumble bee, which is social. The queen builds a nest, collects food and lays eggs. The female workers feed and care for the young. The process is cyclical and begins anew in the spring when queen bees mate. Other native bees are solitary, building their nests underground, or in holes in wood or hollow stems. Females of solitary bees deposit a mixture of pollen, nectar and saliva in a single cell or hole, lay an egg and seal up the hole. This is called "mass provisioning" and is all the larva will need to become an adult.

Thanks to Bee Basics for the information.

Mary Lynn Kalogeras lives in the  $town\ of\ North\ East-in\ Dutchess$ County's beautiful "chimney." Her connection to nature began in childhood when she roamed the fields and woods behind her home.

from Millerton Moviehouse Co-Founder and Owner Carol Sadlon sent to her patrons on Friday, July 3, the indoor theater is not included in the governor's Phase 4 reopening plan.

"We received the disappointing news that we will not be opening The Moviehouse this month," Sadlon wrote, "but our theater and staff are ready and looking forward to welcoming you all back when the time is right."

Cuomo's Phase 4 Guidance is listed online at www.forward. ny.gov, including activities that can reopen this week, like higher education, which "must develop and submit a plan for reopening and operating for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency."

Low-risk outdoor arts and entertainment, meanwhile, refers to "outdoor zoos, botanical gardens, nature parks, grounds of historic sites and cultural institutions, outdoor museums, outdoor agritourism, local agricultural demonstrations and exhibitions; and other similar institutions/activi-

Low-risk indoor arts and entertainment, meanwhile, "apply to all indoor museums, historical sites, aquariums and other related institutions or activities," according to the governor's website.

The website also defines "media production businesses/activities in regions of New York that have been permitted to reopen" as those that "encompass all activities undertaken in motion picture, music, television and streaming productions on set, on location or at any production or recording

The state regulations for professional sports competitions is a little more detailed. It specifies that the guidelines "apply to all activities undertaken in preparation for professional sports competitions, as well as the conduct of such competitions, at an appropriate venue for professional sports competitions, such as a stadium or arena... professional sports are defined as any sporting event at which participants are paid by a league or team. This guidance does not apply to collegiate sports; it also does not apply to horse racing or auto racing, which are addressed in separate guidance documents."

The governor's office made special mention that "no live audience, fans or spectators" are allowed at said sporting events.

According to the Dutchess Business Notification Network, "Regions in Phase 4 are also permitted to hold social gatherings of up to 50 people; and indoor religious gatherings will be allowed at up to 33% of the indoor site's capacity."

But even though restrictions are lifting, that doesn't mean New Yorkers are out of the woods yet, according to North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan, who addressed the Phase 4 reopening in his latest email sent to community members on Thursday,

"The town has consistently had the lowest rates of recorded infections in Dutchess County," wrote Kennan. "But all one has to do is look around the country to see that this pandemic is very much around and not in control. It could easily re-emerge in the county and in our own community, especially as some restrictions on gatherings, including indoor restaurant dining, have been lifted. Dutchess County will enter Phase 4 of re-opening on Tuesday of next week, and the more that we can exercise personal responsibility, practice social distancing, wash our hands, wear a face covering when in public and avoid crowded places, the better we will all be. This is especially true for people who are more vulnerable, our seniors and those with underlying medical issues. Let's all work at keeping each other safe."

Kennan added that the months' long shut down has been tough on local businesses - many just starting to open after Cuomo issued the New York State on PAUSE Executive Order in mid-March.

"The economy of our community has been battered by the pandemic," stated Kennan. "People have lost jobs and income, and some of our stores and restaurants may never re-open. In a small and fragile local economy like ours, this is a really serious

The town supervisor said pragmatically that COVID-19 "will have a large adverse impact on state, county and municipal budgets." He noted "the federal government has pumped in some short-term relief, and has just extended the Paycheck Protection Program program," noting he doesn't know how much longer it

will continue to do so, but adding

That's why he joined County Executive Marc Molinaro and the majority of other town supervisors throughout the county in penning a letter to Congressional

he's hopeful it will.

leaders requesting more federal

On Saturday, July 4, the president signed legsislation approved by both houses of Congress extending the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) deadline for small businesses; it was due to expire Tuesday, June 30. There was \$130 billion left of the \$660 billion that had been allocated. Businesses now have until Aug. 8 to apply for assistance.

Molinaro, for his part, spoke highly of how well Dutchess County has responded to the health crisis in a prepared statement issued on Thursday, July 2. "I am exceptionally proud of

the things we've accomplished over the past four months," he stated. "Our community was thrown headfirst into a public health crisis the likes of which we haven't seen in generations, and we responded with professionalism, love and strength."

As of July 2, Dutchess County reported 4,213 total confirmed COVID-19 cases; 60,652 tests completed; 179 current active cases; seven current hospitalizations; 151 deaths; and 3,883 recov-

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able, more capable and more connected to the jobs we hope to grow."

BOCES has been at the Salt Point location for 25 years. Hooley recalled that it has been nearly 60 years since a capital improvement project has been undertaken by DCBOCES.

BOCES hopes to add to the CTI building as well as another new structure. All 13 school districts in Dutchess County will contribute equally to the project.

the North East Community

Center's (NECC) Summer Food

program, please email parent/

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School District serves students

who live in both the towns of

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their surrounding communi-

Sergent said the details of the

program are in development

but notes that volunteer drivers

using their own vehicles will be needed, potentially between 10

a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday and

Wednesday. Sign up through

**Pine Plains** 

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Central

Each of the districts has students who use the BOCES facilities.

The project will do away with some of the current rental fees at some of the BOCES sites, as well as extra busing costs.

Architect Russel A. Davidson of KG and D Architects said he's been working with BOCES for more than 10 years.

"It's great to see the community support this effort," he said. "The building will last from 50 to 100 years or more and was designed to be sustainable and can be repurposed."

Also attending the ceremony were 2020 Alternative High School Council President Robert Jackson, of Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School, and 2020 CTI Valedictorian Thomas Belchert, of Rhinebeck High

The event was limited to less than 25 people, all of whom wore masks and socially distanced due to COVID-19.

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you remove them to wipe off the condensation and you look even more stupid. Plus they're un-American," said Sharon epidemiologist Dr. James Shepherd, an infectious disease consultant at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Masks, said Shepherd, who has worn them for decades, are no one's favorite item.

"Nonetheless," he said, "that fragment of material that covers your nose and mouth is like a cutprice vaccine."

And here's why: "A seasonal flu vaccine doesn't protect you from flu 100%. In fact it is only about 50% effective in a good year."

But 50% is still better than nothing, and, Shepherd said, "If you do get infected it also reduces the likelihood of you passing the flu virus on to someone else."

A mask, he said, does exactly the same for the coronavirus.

"By wearing it you reduce the chances that infected viral droplets will be inhaled into your airway. In return, if you are infected your droplets will be trapped."

Masks also seem to have a "significant effect" on reducing the efficiency of viral transmission, they allow us to "open up" safely again, and communities that have adhered to mask wearing among other things seem to be much safer than communities that haven't, said Shepherd.

"It seems like a small price to pay."

Jody Diaz, a customer at the Kent Mobil convenience store, echoed Shepherd's sentiment.

"I don't love wearing it," she said referring to her fashionable bumble bee-themed mask. "Of course it's uncomfortable. I look at it this way: Worst-case scenario is if I don't wear it and somebody

"That doesn't seem like such a big sacrifice if I can keep people healthy," said the Southbury, Conn., resident.

Pointing to a sign on the door of Kent Mobil advising customers to wear a mask, Diaz said she is also concerned about the burden resting on business owners to enforce mask policies that are a requirement rather than a law.

"It's not something they signed up for when they opened their business. Many are also trying to deal with having just reopened after being shut down."

#### 'I can't enforce it'

Inside Kent Mobil, store manager Nee Maddumage said if a customer refuses to cover his or her face at his establishment, there is little he can do.

"I can't judge. I don't know if they have asthma or something. I can't enforce it. The only thing I can say is 'be supportive, wear

Maddumage estimated that about 98% of customers don masks, and that the scofflaws are few and far between.

"This community is so supportive," he said, noting that several customers have donated large supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) to store employees, including surgical masks and protective gloves, which he and his cashier were wearing.

At Stateline Pizza in North Canaan, owner Chris Christodoulou said when a customer comes into his restaurant bare-faced, he offers them a mask. Despite a notice on the front door announcing that masks are required, "If somebody doesn't wear one, I can't be the police, too, especially if it is a longtime customer. I have so many other things to worry about, and the rule is not law, so it's difficult to enforce."

#### **But avoid confrontations**

Bob LaBonne Jr., owner of La-Bonne's Market in Salisbury (with stores in Watertown, Prospect and Woodbury, Conn., as well), has enough on his hands trying to keep his employees and customers safe from COVID-19, so he has directed his employees not to confront mask-less customers for fear of triggering a confrontation.

"In the last three months we've banned more customers than in the last three years," said LaBonne. Employees have been subject to "f-bombs," rude behavior, refusal to wear masks or to have their temperature taken before entering the store, which is the store policy.

"I don't engage with them. I want to be respectful." But respectful only goes so far.

"We had one instance where we had to call the police," said La-Bonne, referring to a customer, a landscaper, in his 30s, who was shouting obscenities and refused to don a mask.

"He gave everybody a hard time" because he was not allowed

to enter the store, said LaBonne. "I told him he was on private property and it was our choice if we chose to make [mask wearing] mandatory." Not wanting to cause a disturbance, workers waited until the customer left and then summoned police. "They warned him not to come back," said the store owner.

LaBonne, who sits on the reopening study committee for the Region One School District, is a staunch believer in the value of face masks in slowing the spread of the coronavirus.

On a recent committee conference call, he said, a physician pointed to a case in Missouri where two hairdressers who did not know they were COVID-19 positive potentially exposed 140 customers and six coworkers to

Face masks, said LaBonne, were credited with preventing transmis-

sion from that exposure. The grocery chain owner has a message for anti-maskers: "One of my best friends spent 90 days at Yale," fighting the coronavirus, said LaBonne. "For three crucial days, in the middle of it, he told me, 'My only job was to breathe."

"In the end, when all of this is said and done," added LaBonne, "we are all going to be judged by our actions."

dle School, Tuesday and Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Lunch and breakfast for seven days a week will be provided.

845-677-4200, ext. 1137, text summer meals to 97779 or email hollyheady@millbrookcsd.org.

For more information, call

### Food Pantry food drive on July 10

LAKEVILLE, Conn. — Community members are invited to help support the increased need of the Corner Food Pantry by donating non-perishable food items and household supplies on Friday, July 10.

The Tri-State Strong Food Drive will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lakeville branch of Salisbury Bank on Bissell Street.

Participants are asked to place their donations in their vehicle's trunk and at the drop-off site, remain in their vehicles while volunteers remove the items from their trunk. Those wishing to donate money can do so by placing checks, made out to The Corner Food Pantry, in a collection box at the drop-off site. Volunteers from Lime Rock Park, Salisbury Bank and members of the Tri-State Chamber of Commerce will collect the donations while wearing masks.

Lime Rock Park's Catering Van will be at the contact-less donation drop-off site at the bank and organizers have made it their mission to fill the van with donations to assist the unprecedented need of the Corner Food Pantry. The pantry serves the entire Tri-State Region and since the pandemic, the need in the region is far greater than before.

The pantry is especially seeking items such as canned tuna, pasta sauce, coffee and juice. In addition, volunteers will accept pet supplies that will be donated to The Little Guild animal shelter in Cornwall.

For more information about the Tri-State Strong Food Drive, go to www.limerock.com/ tristatefooddrive.

#### Please join us for free Zoom programs

Four-time Pulitzer Peace Prize Nominee, Emmy Award-Winning Global Humanitarian, David Ives, July 10, 11:00am

Hamish Lutris: The Nature of America July 13, 11am-12pm

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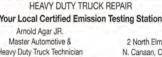
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### The 'Most' of Margo Martindale in Zoom Talk

he trouble with actress Margo Martindale is that there just isn't enough of her.

It's not that she's a tiny slip of a woman; she is, in fact, robust and big-voiced and large-laughed.

It's more that, when she's in a movie or television show, she's always in a supporting part. She slips in and out of the plot and, well, you just wish there was more of her.

Perhaps you were aware of her and perhaps you weren't when you saw her in films such as "Practical Magic" (hard to make yourself the center of a film when it already has Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman, Dianne Wiest, Stockard Channing and the always handsome Aidan Quinn). She's also been memorable but scarce in many other films including "Days of Thunder," "Dead Man Walking" and "Million Dollar Baby."

And then there are the television series, including "The Good Wife" (which seems to have been primarily cast with actors and



PHOTO COURTESY CBS

Margo Martindale, who appeared in "The Good Wife" with, at left, Alan Cumming and Chris Noth, will be the featured speaker in a Kent Memorial Library talk on Wednesday, July 15.

actresses who have homes in Litchfield County) and its sequel, "The Good Fight;" "The Americans," about Russian spies masquerading as American citizens; and a cartoon for which she's famous but is just a voice, "BoJack Horseman."

Always you get a smattering but never quite enough. The Kent Memorial Library in Kent, Conn., this

summer has a series of online talks by interesting folks who live up here, and one of those folks is Margo Martindale.

Perhaps her talk should be titled, "The Most of Margo Martindale," as participants will have the chance to spend an hour (or maybe more!) with the actress on Wednesday, July 15, beginning at 7 p.m.

The talk is part of the sixpart Kent Memorial Library **Masters of Kent Summer** Series. All the talks are free but you must register in advance at www.kentmemoriallibrary.org/mastersof-kent-summer-series.

The Masters of Kent series continues into August; you can get the full list of speakers at the web page, above. Two others that are likely to fill up quickly are "Song Stories" on July 29 with popular Kent singer/songwriter/raconteur George Potts (wellknown as a solo artist as well as part of The Joint Chiefs); and the talk Aug. 5 on creating a brand with a master of the craft, Frank Way, owner of frank.food company, the ultra-popular Main Street restaurant.



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A retrospective show of work by Erica Prud'homme can be seen at the **Cornwall Library until July 15.** 

**ART: ANABELLE BAUM** 

### **Bringing the Natural World to Life**

retrospective show of paintings by Cornwall, Conn., artist Erica Prud'homme had opened at the Cornwall Library on March 7 and then had closed almost immediately after because of the COVID-19 quarantine.

The show has remained on the library walls in the interim, and is now available for viewing again (by appointment) until July 15.

The show includes canvases that Prud'homme chose from the course of her 20 years as a painter.

The works range in size and subject matter but they mostly reflect her interest in the natural world's repetitive patterns, showcased in oil paintings, watercolors, pastels and pencil drawings.

The artist stressed that her source of inspiration varied for each piece in the exhibition. "Sometimes there



PHOTO BY ANABELLE BAUM Erica Prud'homme

is an inspiration, just something I see driving along, and occasionally there is something so beautiful I have to try and reproduce it, like a nasturtium plant and vine.

"But at times, it is purely intellectual for me, like turning a human body into a landscape."

Prud'homme was raised in Pennsylvania and then spent most of her adult life living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. In 1967, she and her husband, Hector, bought a place in Cornwall as a weekend home.

"I grew up in Lumberville in Bucks County, Pa., which was much like Cornwall: green farm fields, the Delaware River, and lots of artists," Prud'homme said.

"Hector and I started our married life in a tiny apartment on East 66th Street, both of us working. I was an exhibition designer at the American Museum of Natural History, Hector worked at a bank.

"When we started to have children, we moved to the West Side, where the rents were cheaper then and the spaces larger."

A few years ago, the couple moved to Cornwall full-time.

When asked how her art has evolved throughout her career, Prud'homme said, "I'm finally learning how to escape from being addicted to realism. I'm not becoming more abstract, but I no longer try to be so accurate, like I'm painting a photograph. Once you begin to paint reality and it's too real, it just becomes dull."

To learn more about the show, go to the library's website at www. cornwalllibrary.org and scroll down to Events/ Programs. To schedule a visit, email director@ cornwalllibrary.org or call the library at 860-672-6874.

#### MASSACHUSETTS MUSEUMS OPEN AGAIN

Three major Berkshire County museums will open to the public again this weekend.

MASS MoCA in North Adams will reopen on Saturday, July 11. Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge will reopen

fri JULY 10<sup>th</sup>

on Sunday, July 12. The Clark Art Institute in Williamstown will reopen its galleries on Sunday, July 12; the museum's grounds have been open throughout the shutdown period.

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In "Cabin B-13," a happy bride heads to Europe for her honeymoon, but her husband disappears after they've settled into their plush ocean liner cabin. The captain, the stewardess and the doctor help her search the ship — but no one has ever seen her husband.

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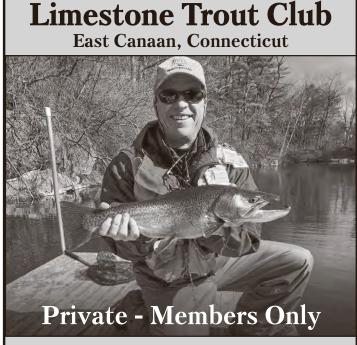
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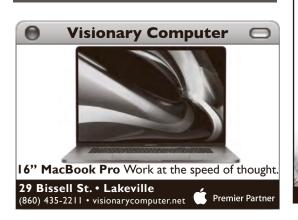
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