

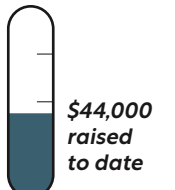


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Getting to know each other — and the sheep — at a sheep showmanship workshop station at the 'A-Fair to Remember' event at Wilcox Memorial park in Stanfordsville on Sunday, June 2.

Local 4-H fair helps club members get ready for County Fair

By GAVIN MARR
Special to The Millerton News

STANFORDVILLE — Dutchess County 4-H held its 'A-Fair to Remember' event at Wilcox Memorial Park on Sunday, June 2.

Community members of all ages gathered to support 4-H club

members who are preparing for the upcoming Dutchess County Fair, which is scheduled for Aug. 20 to 25.

Vendors representing the many clubs associated with the organization spread across the lawn. They

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Migdale Castle located off Route 44 was sold at auction for \$8,000,000 plus a buyer's premium of 12%. It was most recently listed for sale in April for \$14,000,000.

Iconic Migdale Castle goes for \$8 million at auction

By CHRISTINE BATES
Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Migdale, the Tudor estate built by Andrew Carnegie's daughter in 1927, was sold on Thursday, May 30 at Sotheby's

Concierge Auction in London.

One of the Hudson Valley's most iconic properties, the expansive, renovated stone estate of four stories, 34,000 square feet, and 29

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2024 ELECTIONS

Didi Barrett faces primary challenge in June 25 election

By JOHN COSTON
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HUDSON — Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) is facing a primary challenge on June 25, a first for this legislator who has served in the Assembly since 2012 when she won the seat in a special election.

Barrett, 73, was elected then to finish the term of Marc Molinaro, who was elected to serve as Dutchess County Executive, a post he then held for three terms before his election to Congress.

Barrett was the first Democrat and the first woman to be elected in the District, which covers parts

of Dutchess and Columbia counties from the Town of Poughkeepsie to New Lebanon in the north.

Chair of the Assembly's Energy Committee, she also serves on committees on agriculture, environmental conservation and tourism, arts and sports development. Barrett has been active in Albany and is a well known in her District for her support of nonprofits, community project needs, housing as well as historical and cultural resources.

"I've been immersed for over a decade in understanding and being part of the issues in the commu-

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Didi Barrett

Challenger Claire Cousin focuses campaign on issues

By JOHN COSTON
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HUDSON — Claire Cousin, a 31-year old Hudson Valley native focused on community advocacy and social justice, has mounted a primary challenge to six-term Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106).

Cousin, who is co-founder of the Hudson/Catskill Housing Coalition and a member of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors, launched her campaign last year at the urging of the Working Families Party, which endorses her along with more than a dozen

other organizations in the primary to be held on June 25.

Cousin said the top issues she wants to address in the Assembly include affordability, climate, housing and education.

"What I'm bringing to the Assembly is the strong quality of an organizer. I'm bringing the tact that it takes to work across party lines to get things done on behalf of constituents," Cousin said during an interview with The Millerton News.

"I think my experience as a biracial child growing up in this

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PHOTO PROVIDED

Claire Cousin

Three candidates run for seats on Village Board in June 18 vote

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — Three candidates are running for two upcoming seats on the Village Board in the June 18 election.

Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori, who has served three two-year terms, is not running. In 2022 Sar-

tori, a Democrat, also ran on the Republican party line.

Matt Hartzog, an incumbent in the 2022 election, is up for reelection and has been endorsed by a Democratic caucus.

Kelly Kilmer, a former Village clerk with a Republican endorsement, is running for the Village Board. Last year, Kilmer un-

successfully challenged mayoral incumbent Mayor Jenn Najdek.

Matt Soleau, a member of the Planning Board, also is on the ballot seeking a Board seat. He is cross-endorsed by Democrats and Republicans.

Voting will take place from noon to 9 p.m. at the Village Hall, 5933-59 North Elm Ave., Millerton.



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OUR TOWNS



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Webutuck welcomes nine to NHS

The Webutuck Chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed nine new members at its annual induction ceremony in the Webutuck High School auditorium on May 30. From left to right are Hailey Brennan, Emma Sprague, Madelyn Rowe, Corbn Shambo, Sidney Surdam, Alex Caldiero, Lucas Vallely, Sebastian Melchor-Agustin and Jayden Jaya.

Amenia Free Library craft event yields feeders for hummingbirds

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Ensuring that local hummingbirds will spend the summer fat and happy, the Amenia Free Library held an event for patrons of all ages to assemble charming hummingbird feeders from recyclable materials on Wednesday, May 29.

Leading the event was the library's new programming assistant, Hope Bruzzi, completing her first month of being on the job.

"I made it to look like a little garden," Bruzzi said, showing her model finished product made of a small plastic water bottle, cutouts of flowers from plastic plates, and short lengths of orange plastic straws. Hangers were made from twine. Colored markers would add artistic touches, like green stems for the flower cutouts.

During the 90-minute crafting period, patrons of all ages came along and set about making their feeders under Bruzzi's guidance. Little Emma Steed, 3 (almost 4), of Amenia, was the youngest, and intent upon coloring her feeder effectively to catch the



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

eye of hummingbirds. **Intent upon adding the right artistic touches to attract hummingbirds, Emma Steed, 3 (almost 4), was a serious participant in the Amenia Free Library's crafting event held on Wednesday, May 29, to create hummingbird feeders from recyclable materials.**

eye of hummingbirds.

"We are working toward passing the torch," said Beth Hale of the library's programming staff who, after serving the library for almost three years, will move soon to Vermont. She said that during her time at the library, she has learned a lot, particularly about how to reach out and bring people in to experience the library and all it offers.

During the transition,

Bruzzi is assuming Hale's responsibilities. Hale noted that the library is actively seeking a program assistant to work with Bruzzi.

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LEGAL NOTICE Village of Millerton 2024 Elections

The polling place for the 2024 General Village Election to be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, will be at the Village of Millerton located at 5933 N. Elm Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546

Polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m. Names and addresses of candidates, offices, and term nominated for are listed below:

Name of Candidate -Matthew Hartzog
Address of Candidate-18 N. Maple Ave, Millerton, NY 12546

Title of Office-Trustee, two-year term

Kelly Kilmer- 15 Barton Street, Millerton, NY 12546

Trustee, two-year term
MattSoleau-30Wakeman Road, Millerton, NY 12546

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY at 7:40 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of Rangrig Yeshe Inc. (Buddhafield) for Site Plan Approval for Phase IV Residence on Tax Parcel #7269-00-183763 located at Cooper Road, Millerton, NY in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

The above application is open for inspection at the Town Hall or via email. Please request a copy by emailing the Planning Board office at pb@townofnortheastny.gov or calling 518-789-3300, Ext. 608.

Persons wishing to appear at such hearing may do so in person or by attorney or other representative. Communications in writing relating thereto may be filed with the Board prior to such hearing. Dated: May 23, 2024.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Town of North East on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at the North East Town Hall, 19 N. Maple Ave., Millerton, NY at 7:35 PM or as soon thereafter as possible on the application of Robert & Leah Sprague for a Minor Subdivision on Tax Parcel #7272-00-117632 located at 43 Old Post Road #3, Millerton, NY in the A5A Zoning District of the Town of North East.

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Town, Village review Comprehensive Plan status

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — Progress made by the Town of North East and the Village of Millerton to achieve the goals of the 2019 Comprehensive Plan was reviewed at a special meeting of the Town Board on Thursday, May 30.

The North East Town Board, Village Mayor Jenn Najdek and members of the Town's Zoning Review Committee and residents collaborated in a discussion that evaluated actions taken since the Comprehensive Plan was adopted 4 1/2 years ago.

The plan was created with involvement of residents, business leaders and elected and appointed officials as a policy document to guide future decisions about growth, regulations and capital improvements. The overarching goal was to prioritize "economic and environmental resiliency" in a time of climate disruption.

"It's a good time to look back at the plan, and its contents and goals, and to see what we have done and if it's consistent or not," said Town Supervisor Chris Kennan.

The plan lists actions that the Town and the Village could take over a decade or more, and categorized them as short-, medium- and long-term initiatives.

Edie Greenwood, chair of the Town's Zoning Review Committee, which currently is completing a review of zoning in the Town's commercial district, said the Comprehensive Plan guided the committee in its work.

The group reviewed the status of certain goals that were considered high priority in 2019.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Main Street gets new sidewalks on Monday, June 3, a project identified as a goal of the Comprehensive Plan.

Community Calendar

The consensus regarding this goal was to collaborate with the Village and the NorthEast-Millerton Library "to see what we can do to create a community calendar," Kennan said.

Form new committees

One of the Plan's goal is to form new committees as outlined in the plan. The group endorsed this strategy but also commented on the challenge finding people who are willing to volunteer.

Town/Village meeting

Mayor Najdek and Supervisor Kennan were fully open to holding a joint public meeting in the future and to make it an interactive event. "I'm all for it," Najdek said.

Communication goals

Kennan, noting that no single mode of communication to reach a community can succeed, pointed to updated websites, especially for the Village, and the Town's newsletter, which is sent to 350 email addresses.

Recreation, events

Mayor Najdek said the Village's new recreation director will help organize events and activities, including a summer program for children at the park set to start in July.

Townscape also was mentioned, along with the North East Community Center, the library and the Millerton Business Alliance as contributing to meeting the Plan's goals.

Major strides

Kennan lauded the work completed to date on engineering studies for the wastewater project and said that while financing remains to be achieved, the Village and the Town have made significant progress.

"The engineering work completed already moves us farther than many other communities I've talked to," Kennan said.

The 2019 plan calls for improvements to the downtown sidewalks, and Mayor Najdek noted that with one side of Main Street completed, work was scheduled to begin this week on the north side of Main from Dutchess Avenue to the crosswalk in front of the library.

The Comprehensive Plan calls for ongoing improvements at Eddie Collins Park. Phase I was completed in 2022 after a \$2.2 million renovation, and Phase II is designed to include a pool, bathhouse and community room.

"Five years ago we established the goals for Eddie Collins Park, for sewers and for sidewalk upgrades," Kennan said. "That's another check mark."

The Plan is a large document that covers a range of topics from 5G wireless installation to parking-lot planning, along with housing, including affordable housing, zoning, agricultural matters such as "right to farm," climate matters, and viewsheds, to name a few.

Kennan pointed to the plaque on the wall in the back of the Town Hall meeting room signifying Climate Smart Bronze certification, thanks to the North East/Millerton Climate Smart Communities task force.

One observation from the group was an assumption that many residents probably are unaware of the Comprehensive Plan.

Kathleen Spahn, who recently moved to the Village, told the group, "As a newcomer to town, I have to say that I was doing research on where to land and one of the things that I noticed in Millerton and North East was the existence of both the Comprehensive Plan and the climate task force, so I think that they're big selling points for the area."

In New York, the state legislature first enacted statutes that gave definition to

Comprehensive Plans. "The comprehensive plan identifies what the community looks like now, what it should look like in the future (goals, objectives, principles), how the community intends to get there (regulatory standards, devices and legal instruments) and why it should be done (protection, preservation, conservation, enhancement, growth and development)," according to a legal memorandum issued by New York's Department of State.

The Comprehensive Plan can be found at: www.townofnortheastny.gov/comprehensive-plan-2019.

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We will discuss and answer questions from the community following the presentation.

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OBITUARIES

Kimberly S. Middlebrook

SHARON — Kimberly Middlebrook, aged 67, passed away Tuesday, April 30, at her home in Hendersonville, Tennessee. Kim was born in Sharon, on May 15, 1956, to the late Alanson J. and Juanita Valyou Middlebrook.



Kim was full of life with a great deal of love and compassion to share. She always lent a helping hand when needed. Following college, Kim spent several years working as a dietitian but her love for animals led her down a new path.

As an avid animal lover, she fostered numerous pets which led her to establish her own pet sitting service. Kim was also a passionate self-taught

nature photographer and utilized the numerous parks in middle Tennessee to capture images of rare and beautiful birds. Kim had recently become a grandmother and derived a great deal of joy from this new role.

Kim is survived by her daughter, Alicia Hope Middlebrook and granddaughter, Sophia Ellise Middlebrook of Castalian Springs, Tennessee, brother, Lance Middlebrook of Millerton, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers Keith Middlebrook of Sharon, and Todd Middlebrook of Winchester, Connecticut.

A celebration of life will be held in the fall.

Linda Mae Silvernail

CANAAN — Linda Mae "Lynn" Silvernail, 69, of 132 Quinn St., died Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.

She was born Feb. 6, 1955, in Great Barrington, daughter of the late Clifford and Maxellene (Murphy) Silvernail.

Lynn worked as a nurse's

aide throughout the Northwest Corner. Her last employment was at Timberlynn Heights. She is survived by her two children and her sisters.

Funeral services will be private. Arrangements are under the care of the Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main St. Canaan, CT 06018.

AMENIA — After 94 years of life well-lived, Carol Donovan Hulst passed peacefully away. Born in Chicago to Florence and Elmer Donovan, Carol spent most of her childhood in South Addison, Maine, with her dear older brother Raymond. As with many children of the Depression, she did not have an easy childhood, but it did teach her to value hard work and to save everything.

Reading and education were of great importance to her. She graduated high school at 16 and entered college at the University of Connecticut. After two years she left to marry Leland Hulst, Jr., a young veteran back from World War II. While raising their 5 children in Amenia, Carol finished college by going part-time for many years. She went on to earn her master's degree and taught reading for the remainder of her career. She loved reading to children and instilled a love

and respect for books and education in all of those she touched.

Carol weathered many storms with grace and good faith. She survived the Hartford Circus Fire of 1944, and endured divorce and the sudden loss of her eldest son Lee in 2022. Her youngest son, Curt, was diagnosed with two kinds of leukemia as a teenager, defining a pivotal time in both of their lives. Through many long and determined months together at Sloan-Kettering Hospital, Curt beat his less-than-1% odds. They remained very close and Curt would call her every day.

After retirement, Carol had the joy of taking many trips to Europe, staying in senior hostels. She also enjoyed riding a bike, cross-country skiing, and swimming in the frigid

Maine ocean. Carol moved from New York to Cumberland in 1999, where she spent many happy years. She later lived in her independent-living apartment at 75 State Street in Portland, Maine, right around the corner from her oldest son Lee's house.



Carol loved family gatherings. Her favorite part might have been going through the checkout line at the grocery store with a giant turkey and more than enough food to feed an army. She loved telling the cashier that she had a big gang coming and a lot of cooking to do. One of her last phrases, out of the blue, was saying she was lucky she had 5 great kids. "Gram" is very loved, and her family is so grateful to have shared a life with such a special person. She had a life well-lived and will always be well-loved.

Carol was predeceased

by her son, Leland Hulst III; ex-husband Leland Hulst, Jr.; and son-in-law Joseph Murphy. She is survived by her children, Peter Hulst (Ann), Janice Hulst-Murphy, Curtis Hulst, Cheryl Hulst-Benoit (Vance); son-in-law, Mitch Ledford; nieces, Deb Page (Ken), Rindy Higgins (Jon) and Dee Dee Mandino (Rob). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kathryn Hulst (Ryan Albert), Evan Hulst, Ashley Davis (Blake), Shannon Hulst, Dylan Murphy, Jack Benoit, Charlotte Benoit, and Lillian Benoit; as well as her great-grandchildren, Adelyn and Amelia.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. on June 14 at the Congregational Church in Cumberland UCC, 282 Main St, Cumberland Center, Maine. Arrangements are under direction of the Conroy-Tully Walker Funeral Home of Portland, Maine. To view Carol's memorial page, or to share an online condolence, please visit www.ConroyTullyWalker.com

Memorial Service

Alex Taylor III

SHARON — A memorial service for Alex Taylor III will be held on June 15 at the Congregational Church of Salisbury at 11 a.m. A reception will follow the service at the Sharon Country Club.

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

OUR TOWNS

Stanford Free Library — a community center

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

STANFORD — Nearly five years after its doors were first opened in August 2019, The Stanford Free Library continues to be an oasis of culture and activity for the citizen volunteers who helped to bring it to life.

Citing the coming anniversary, Director Christa Cerul still delights in what she terms the "shiny and new" facility which "has something for everyone."

Following through on the hopes of the creators, the library is very much a community center.

In that spirit, Artisans and fixers of various sorts will provide free help for broken items of all sorts at a Repair Cafe on Saturday, July 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. Previous Cafes which Cerul says becomes a big social event as "people come and visit," have included "welders, jewelers, seamstresses and people who fix lamps and bikes and chairs." She says, "If in doubt, bring it. If they can fix it, they will."

Sharing is key in the library with local talent always welcome. On Saturday, June 8 at 1 p.m., Milan author and historian Jack Kelly, winner of the DAR History medal, will present a discussion of his work, "God Save Benedict Arnold — The True Story of America's Most Hated Man." Although once a hero



PHOTO PROVIDED

Stanford Free Library

in the American revolution Arnold is best known for his treasonous actions some 60 miles away at West Point. Reservations are required for the discussion.

Also front and center this month are the paintings of popular repeat exhibitor local artist Lynda Youman (Oak). Cerul says current pieces are "neat" as various images from still life paintings to portraits are set in "old fashioned frames."

That exhibit follows on the heels of the previous exhibit which spotlighted the art of all fifty plus first grade students of the Cold Spring Early Learning Center of the Pine Plains Central School District. Lasting four months, their work overflowed the usual bounds of the display area spilling though out the building.

Delighted with the chil-

dren's involvement, Cerul said, "They had a little art opening, and everything. It was so cute. The kids came all dressed up and their families came and we had refreshments. It was so sweet."

Art and sharing is also the focus on the first, third and fifth Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. when Susan Galaska organizes a longtime watercolor workshop. Working quietly together, artists bring their own supplies and projects with Galaska sometimes providing an "inspiration picture for them to copy."

The theme continues as

music provides a pleasant background while patrons browse or sit and watch on the fourth Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. to noon when local pianist Walt Otto plays a variety of selections.

Library offerings are constantly changing amid staples such as children's programs, a cook book club, Game Time, Mah Jong, chair and standard Yoga, and free classes in meditation and for English Language learners.

Go to stanfordlibrary.org or call 845-868-1341 for more information on the library at 6035 Rt. 82, Stanfordville.

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Stanford Grange to host strawberry festival June 15

STANFORD — Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 15, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, at 5 p.m. Dinners will be Take Out only!

The menu will include traditional picnic fare of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs (let us know which one you would like), potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, and

homemade strawberry shortcake for dessert made with hand-picked local strawberries and homemade ice cream and biscuits. Donation is \$17 per dinner.

Drive to the back of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner, get your food through your car window. For reservations (which are a must as we will run out of dinners), call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

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National Dairy Month

June is National Dairy Month, a special time for me, a time to celebrate the way of life that has been in my blood for six generations. My father was a dairy farmer, and we made our living milking cows. Growing up, it was a life I loved and was passionate about.

I admired what my dad did and was thrilled at the opportunity to follow in his footsteps.

I married a dairy farmer and continued the legacy of dairy farming. Every day, I help improve our herd's health through responsible nutrition, reproduction, and management. I play an intricate part in our operation, and working alongside my family is a joy.

I am proud of our accomplishments and always look forward to applying the knowledge I have gained over the years to help others in the industry.

Dairy farmers' commitment to ensuring high-quality milk begins with taking good care of our cows and treating them with respect. I adore my girls — cows and daughters alike! Most people think that as a farmer, the passion is about the food, but for me, it's all about dairy farming and my cows. It's been my passion since I was a little girl.

In our line of work, every day brings new challenges and rewards. Dairy farming is a labor of love and a team effort. There's a profound sense of satisfaction in knowing that our hard work contributes to the production of nutritious, wholesome milk and dairy products that families enjoy across New England.

During National Dairy Month, I invite you to take a moment to appreciate the

GUEST COMMENTARY

Holly Aragi

dedication and hard work of dairy farmers. Our commitment goes beyond just providing milk; it's about ensuring the highest standards of animal care, sustainability, and milk quality.

Dairy farmers want to do good and are dedicated to protecting our natural resources. When you enjoy a cold glass of milk or a slice of cheese, know that it comes from a dairy farmer's love and commitment to providing a safe and wholesome product.

Dairy farmers work 365 days a year, so you can have access to healthy, affordable products like milk, cheese, and yogurt in the grocery store. Dairy farmers are the root of your favorite dairy foods that are present at the most special moments in one's life. Consumers have a lot of choices, and dairy is essential for many culinary experiences.

As we celebrate National Dairy Month, please raise a glass of milk to the dairy farmers who provide healthy, high-quality products as they strive to accomplish nothing short of the best. Here's to the cows, the land, and the generations of farmers who have made dairy farming their life's passion.

Holly Aragi is a third-generation dairy farmer at Pine Island Farm in Sheffield, Massachusetts. As a member of Dairy Farmers of America, Holly milks over 1,500 cows alongside her husband, Louis, and their three daughters.



"Pee- yew, honey! Have you been eating stink bugs again?"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for Barrett, 'good friend of Millerton'

Didi Barrett, our NY State Assembly representative, has been a good friend of Millerton. Now in her sixth term in the Assembly, she has for the first time a challenger in the Democratic primary. Her service and dedication to Millerton and the Town of North East have been outstanding; she visits our town frequently and knows the community.

She has delivered a re-

markable amount of funding to Millerton and North East.

Didi Barrett is a thoughtful, experienced, and caring public servant.

When other friends and peers of hers are enjoying life in retirement, traveling the world or just plain old relaxing, Didi has chosen to dig into work, and to devote herself to the people and communities of her district. She listens. And she

understands the challenges of people with a wide variety of backgrounds.

Assemblymember Barrett has worked to support our public libraries, boost regenerative agriculture, and get affordable and healthy food to people facing food insecurity. She has brought people together around a variety of affordable, energy efficient housing initiatives. And she has been a champion

of women's and reproductive rights.

Lastly, she understands the difference between pie-in-the-sky and a deliverable. As a town official, I appreciate deliverables. She deserves re-election. I urge Democrats to support her in the primary election on June 25.

Chris Kennan
Supervisor,

Town of North East

Millerton

Cast vote for Didi Barrett in June 25 election

Didi Barrett has been our New York Assembly member since 2012. During her time in office, Didi has secured extraordinary and transformative support for projects that have contributed significantly to our lives in Millerton and North East. She procured well over \$2.5 million of NYS tax dollars for our communities:

- \$125,000 for handicap-accessible bleachers for Eddie Collins Park's Little League field
- \$125,000 for renovations at the Millerton Library
- \$125,000 for the solar-powered crosswalk signs on Main Street
- More than \$100,000 for programs of the North East Community Center

• \$125,000 for repaving the rail trail from Undermountain Road to Copake Falls (just outside of the Town but enjoyed by many of our residents)

- \$1,500,000 to Hudson River Housing for affordable housing projects across the region
- \$500,000 for the new Town garage

This year, for the first time, Didi has a challenger in the Democratic Primary. We need an Assemblymember who knows our community, who can be effective in Albany, and who can deliver results that impact our town and village in meaningful ways. Didi cares for our community and it shows.

We urge you to vote for Didi in the primary election either on June 25 at the Library Annex or during early voting that begins June 15. Early voting details are at the Dutchess Board of Elections — www.elections.dutchessny.gov

Wendy Curtis, Debbie Middlebrook, Jennifer Dowley, Rich Stalzer
Millerton

Measles, Junior Prom Queen and King, and more Black bears

The following excerpts from The Millerton News were compiled by Kathleen Spahn, Vivian Sukenik, Nancy Vialpando and Rhiannon Leo-Jameson of the North East-Millerton Library.

June 1, 1933

'School Was Hard Hit by the Measles':... last month was a record month in many respects. First, the Millerton school had the lowest monthly average that it has had in three years. Second, the yearly average is the lowest it has been in three years. Third, the first and second grades hit the lowest point that has been reached by any room in the past three years...The figures for the past month show how Old Man Measles laid the school low, and had it not been that it was closed for a week by the board of health, there is no telling where the monthly percentage would have been...

'Goetchius to Make Double Appearance': Ray Goetchius, of Millerton, national champion parachute jumper, will appear next Sunday at both Millerton and the Columbia County Airport near Hudson. At 2 o'clock he will give the performance postponed from Memorial Day at Spencer's Corners near Millerton and at 5:30 will make a leap at the Columbia County Airport.

June 6, 1974

'Canevari Cited as Top

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Millerton News

June 3, 1999

'Player': Dan Canevari, the son of Mr. Mrs. Charles Canevari of Millerton, has been a top ballplayer this season for the Webutuck Warriors.

On the mound he has compiled an impressive 1.86 E.R.A., posting a 4-2 record. In 56-one-third innings he struck out 75 batters and walked seven.

Dan has often played right field when not pitching, since his solid .400 bat has been quite an asset to the offense.

'Her Highness': Jane Crawford was crowned Junior Prom Queen at Webutuck High School by last year's queen.

'His Majesty': Dave Runge, Webutuck High School's Junior Prom King, is crowned by last year's king, Jay Kain.

'Merwin Chairs Bicentennial School Group': Lori Merwin of Millerton, a sophomore at Webutuck High School, Amenia, has been chosen as chairman of high school activities throughout the county for the American Revolution bicentennial parades, fireworks and festivities committee.

Miss Merwin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Merwin, Airport Rd, has an interest in history, but is majoring in

mathematics at Webutuck in preparation for being a special education teacher...

'It's Bears, Bears Everywhere — Millerton': A wandering bear was spotted last week off Rudd Pond Road in the town of North East, just at the edge of the village.

Todd Kitchen, his wife Martha and their children Hannah and Jacob were heading south on Rudd Pond Road May 24 around 7:45 p.m. The black bear darted in front of their car in a westerly direction somewhere between Belgo and Gay roads....

After about 15 minutes from the original sighting, the bear was seen by passersby walking down Stone Avenue, off Beilke Road. The bear trotted into a field and into someone's backyard, before disappearing.

He said a friend who also saw the bear estimated it weighed about 250 pounds: "It was a big bear."

But he was not afraid of the wild animal.

"He looked harmless," Mr. Kitchen recalled.

Bear sightings in our area are becoming more commonplace. According to Dick Henry a big game biologist with

the state Department of environmental Conservation... "It's not uncommon to have them show up in Dutchess County," he said....

"People react out of fear, because they don't know bears. They are vegetarians by and large," he explained. "They are not a threat to people."

'Circus Will Be In Millerton Saturday': The Russia Cossack Riders will be among those performers featured by the 1999 edition of Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus, which is coming to Millerton, Saturday, June 5. There will be performances at 2 pm. And 4:15 p.m. The red and white striped big top will be set up for the day at Eddie Collins Field, Route 22 in Millerton. The circus is one of the major fund-raisers for the year for the Millerton Lions Club....

Other feature acts with Vidbel's Circus include hilarious clowns, trained goats, aerialists, horses, jugglers, a comedy dog review, and much more during the nearly two-hour performance.

'Fund-raiser to Benefit Boston School Trip': The fourth-grade class is having a Tupperware fund-raiser to build funds for next year's trip to Boston. The students all

look forward to this trip and need your help to get there. If anyone is interesting [sic] in buying Tupperware products or booking a Tupperware party, please call the Webutuck Elementary School.

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Town Board considers next steps for Amenia Green

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Seeking to understand more fully the next design phase along with fundraising strategies planned for the Amenia Green project, the Town Board held a special meeting on Thursday, May 30, inviting members of the Recreation Commission to join the conversation.

An important part of the process is the development of resolutions to be voted upon by the Town Board authorizing

action regarding the project that envisions enhancing the green space around the Town Hall for recreational uses. A significant annual grant application deadline is two months off.

In response to the urgency, Town Attorney Ian Lindars will create resolutions to be considered by the Town Board at their next meeting on Thursday, June 6.

Landscape architect Jane Didona of Didona Associates, New Fairfield, Conn., has done extensive conceptual design

work based on input from the Recreation committee and public hearings that invited residents to offer comments and amendments as she developed concept plans.

Now in preparation for making an application for grant funding this summer, the conceptual designs need to become more formalized, not yet construction drawings, but more detailed than the conceptual designs. These more detailed designs must be submitted as part of any grant application. A New York State

Parks grant application is due by July 31, leading to the Recreation Commission's urgent request for Town Board action.

Residents offering public comment at the meeting expressed concern about the number of large town improvement projects on the horizon, including plans for a new town garage, wastewater project, municipal water system upgrade, and improvements at Beekman Park.

Another resident asked that Lake Amenia Road be added to the Recreation Commission's plans and the town's downtown revitalization planning.

Town Supervisor Leo Blackman asked for a discussion of the phases involved in the Amenia Green project being undertaken through the Recreation Commission.

Councilman Paul Winters noted that a Master Plan for recreational enhancements was created two years ago. The first phase is to be the Amenia Green project.

The Town Board is being asked to accept a recent donation from the Amenia Wasa Community Organization (AWCO) of \$74,500, on behalf

of the Recreation Commission.

The grant program through the New York State Parks Department and the application deadline of July 31 was discussed at length, including the requirement of the grant, if awarded, that would require a 25% match.

"What if you can't raise the match," Councilwoman Rosanna Hamm asked, adding her concerns about costs of maintenance of the park area.

A rising water table adjacent to the town hall was also a concern as the land grows increasingly wet.

"It's not complicated. We need to raise the land," Winters responded. Blackman questioned the wisdom of elevating the land before getting state approval.

About the AWCO donation, Attorney Lindars stressed that the Town Board needs to accept it and then provide the funds to the Recreation Commission.

Before the next Town Board meeting, Lindars said that he would create resolutions for vote by the board. If approved, the resolutions will approve the conceptual

planning, authorize proceeding with the grant application, and then accept the AWCO donation.

Concerned about the NY State Parks application, Blackman said that an issue is whether the designated land must remain a park forever and the wisdom of turning the entire parcel over to recreational uses when it is adjacent to the commercial center of the town.

"I understand the intent, but it is not the only need the town has," Blackman said. "If the whole property becomes a park in the eyes of the state," Blackman added, "then the town is limited." He said that there might be buildable spots on the land once the wet areas are identified.

"We need to remain flexible," Blackman said. "The planned walking track might not be the best use of the land."

Recreation Commission member Peter McCaffrey favored the walking track.

Blackman and Hamm felt that another public hearing to gather current residents' input could be a useful step in approving or refining the design.

Webutuck Elementary School students visit one-room Indian Rock Schoolhouse

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Eager to experience the supreme authority of the schoolmarm and the possible embarrassment of a dunce cap, students from Webutuck Elementary School's Grades 2 and 3 paid their annual visit to the Indian Rock Schoolhouse in Amenia on Friday, May 31.

First came the third graders to settle into hard wooden benches, after bowing or curtsying to the schoolmarm. They sat up straight, faced forward and paid attention to schoolmarm Elizabeth Murphy, Webutuck librarian, who provided facts about daily life and lessons in a one-room schoolhouse.

Murphy serves as school librarian and is also a past president of the Indian Rock Schoolhouse Association that was formed in 2001. Her goal as schoolmarm for the day was to show the students what school was like in the 1850s, she said.

"I'm the only one left from the beginning of the project to save the schoolhouse and establish it as a local historic landmark," Murphy said, as she prepared to greet the two classes. The schoolhouse continued in use until 1927.

With schoolmarm Murphy in charge, a few children were



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

The 19th-century one-room school experience came alive for Third Grade students from Webutuck Elementary School during their annual visit to the Indian Rock Schoolhouse in Amenia on Friday, May 31. Webutuck librarian Elizabeth Murphy authentically portrayed the schoolmarm.

selected to sit on the dunce stool and wear the traditional cap, probably with broader smiles than would have been characteristic of their counterparts in times past.

Children were invited to imagine school with no running water, drinking water scooped from the nearby brook, no electricity, light from a single kerosene lamp, no transportation, neither books nor paper, but slates and chalk, and strictly disciplined behavior.

Murphy explained that schoolmarms in the 19th century would not have been allowed to be married. If they were married, their place would have been at home helping with the farm and raising the children who would have

attended the school.

Following the schoolhouse experience, students were released to the outdoors to enjoy historic games and help with planting flowers to beautify the site for the summer.

The second graders would arrive at noon.

In order to be called a museum, the Indian Rock Schoolhouse must be used by children at least once a year. This annual visit serves the purpose and provides an enriching experience for the Webutuck students.

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Winding up the mound

Ella Middleton, 10, pitched on Saturday, June 1 for the Webutuck Little League softball Ed Herrington, Inc., team in a game at Beekman Park in Amenia against Storm King from Lagrange.

Recent real estate sales in Milan

By **CHRISTINE BATES**
Special to The Millerton News

Milan straddles the Taconic Parkway and sends students to three school districts: Rhinebeck, Pine Plains and Red Hook. It does not have its own post office or commercial center and on-line listings in the town can be difficult to identify. In the last 90 days seven single family residences were sold in the Town of Milan - all for less than \$700,000. At the moment there are 12 single family residences on the market with seven of them over \$900,000 and 7 parcels of land ranging from .82 to 123 acres.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

The address of this house at 750 Salisbury Turnpike is listed as Rhinebeck in online real estate postings; however, it is located in the Town of Milan and within the Red Hook School District. The 1932 three-bedroom house on over 5 acres was sold for \$395,000.

in 2023 sold for \$685,000 on Feb. 29

Shookville Road: a Dutch barn on 10.1 acres sold for \$325,000 on April 12

750 Salisbury Turnpike: a 4 bedroom/2 bath house sold for \$395,000 on March 1

Town of Milan real estate sales for the last 90 days are

closing date sales on single family homes as presented in Multiple Listing Services and do not include private transactions that are not publicly listed or commercial sales. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Spring Pops at Smithfield Church

The Smithfield Church Chamber Orchestra performed its traditional Spring Pops Concert on Saturday, June 1. Director Matt Finley organized the event as part of the Bang Family Concert Series. The 14-member ensemble wowed the audience with a rousing varied program.

Single Family Residences Sold Recently in Milan

1145 Willow Brook Road: "An as is" 3 bedroom/2bath home distressed sale on 5.1 acres sold for \$322,000 on March 4.

800 Spring Lake: a 2 bedroom/1.5 bath home on 3.96b acres sold for \$438,000 on April 8

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nity," she said, noting support in terms of financial capital and operational financing.

"I have been a significant supporter of the North East Community Center from the very beginning," she said, referencing the food pantry and the child care center.

"We secured \$500,000 for the new highway garage for the Town of North East."

Barrett also cited the funding that was provided for the accessible bleachers at Millerton's Eddie Collins Field, and for the capital and operational support for the NorthEast-Millerton Library.

Among some recent accomplishments, Barrett cited her part in securing \$3 million for two nonprofit housing organizations: Hudson River Columbia-Greene Habitat for Humanity.

This spring, Barrett and Sen. Michelle Hinchey (D-41) secured \$250,000 through state grants to help replace the South Millbrook Wastewater Pump Station.

Last year, Barrett introduced, along with Hinchey, the Smart Integrative Tools for Energy Development (SITED) Act, which was signed into law by Gov. Hochul earlier this year. The law promotes a requirement to help communities identify lands best suited for siting of renewable energy projects.

Barrett also sponsored a bill that passed the Assembly last month to establish a plan for fast-charging of electric vehicles.

The longtime Hudson Valley resident criss-crosses the District in a hybrid vehicle, and enjoys holding office in diners and coffee houses, including Irving Farm in Millerton.

Charging for EVs

"That's been a challenge and certainly in areas like ours that are more rural where people are very worried, you know, that 'range anxiety.'"

On the legislative front, Albany has focused on goals related to the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which was signed into law in 2019 and stands as one of the most ambitious climate laws in the nation.

The CLCPA goals include greenhouse gas emission reductions of 40 percent by 2030. There are other energy initiatives: a grid modernization program to upgrade an aging infrastructure, a requirement that all future buildings be electric, and that school buses on the road be zero-emission by 2035.

"We now are charged with how we implement and reach those goals, but also, how do we pay for them and you know affordability is one of the major focuses right now for me," Barrett said.

"I feel so honored and privileged to be representing (this District) because it really is an extraordinary and very beautiful part of New York state.

"I feel like I have been able to be a really strong voice and a unique voice that understands the diversity of the district, the complexity of the district," she said.

When asked how she felt about facing a primary challenge, Barrett said, "I know that it's a free country and people are entitled to run.

"I feel there is so much to be done. I personally would rather be raising money and fighting for the November races."

COUSIN *Continued from Page A1*

area...in order for people to hear what my experience truly was it took a certain amount of tact to have that conversation.

"It took a level of listening and it took a level of articulation to get people to meet me in the middle and hear that my experience was real," she said, "and that has carried over with me into politics."

Cousin said that one of her first priorities if elected would be to sign on for the NY Heat Act, which won Senate approval this spring but was left out of the final state budget. Among its provisions is a goal to protect low-to-moderate income customers from energy costs that exceed 6% of their income.

Cousin also said that she wants to support the New York climate Change Superfund Act, which would require emitters to help pay for the impact of climate change and which, like the NY Heat Act, didn't make it into the final budget.

"I don't want people to think that my goal is to go in and reinvent the wheel," Cousin said.

Calling climate, housing and affordability her three top priorities, Cousin said, "I think that climate and housing fall under the umbrella of affordability."

"Anywhere from subsidized housing to home ownership, there is a conversation to be had around what affordable housing looks like in these communities," she said, noting that gentrification is happening throughout the entire state, and that rural communities are struggling with affordability.

On the impact of climate change on farmers in Dutchess and Columbia counties, Cousin said it's important to realize the goals of

the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

"I've spoken to farmers," she said, "who say, you know, it's possible but it's expensive."

Or, she said, they comment the transition is going to take time, and "I am sympathetic to that."

Cousin considers that upfront subsidies to farmers make sense to help them with the transition.

"But also I'm not a farmer," she said. "So having open dialogue with what is the broad need across the district. What other supports they might be looking for."

Cousin said she would look forward to working with Sen. Michelle Hinchey (D-41), who is chair of the Agriculture Committee.

"I'm also thinking of having a partner in Michelle... she's done a lot on agriculture."

Cousin said she's "not ashamed to have conversations with people with more knowledge than me, and you know, put it all together and come up with viable solutions for the District."

She also said she would be interested in supporting legislation promoted by Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha (D-103) and Sen. Hinchey that would create a publicly owned utility to replace Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp.

On running for the legislature as mother of three, Cousin said, "I'm young enough that this is the right time to establish a precedent in my household of what a stable career looks like and feels like, and also provide an example for my kids, about, you know, if it's important enough for you, you find a way to make it happen."

Early voting starts June 15 and runs through June 23.

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stocked tables with arts and crafts, games and 4-H gear. A few chickens even got into the mix.

The park buzzed with excitement as children skipped from tent to tent.

Despite being a fundraiser, entry to the event was free. Food trucks lined the back of the parking lot and live music could be heard throughout the park.

Event organizer Emma Kron talked about the importance of the fundraiser.

"All of our kids exhibit at the fair, so we're raising money to support them. But then we also provide tickets for immigrant families to come to the fair so they can experience agriculture," she said. The organization is still accepting donations and sponsorships.

In previous years, 4-H has worked with Northeast

Dutchess Immigrant Services to provide this opportunity. They have now started working with Wingdale and Webutuck schools, which include a significant immigration population, to continue this program.

The American Legion from Millerton donated and serve food to the 4-H kids throughout the day.

The Dutchess Land Conservancy held a booth in support of 4-H in addition to its event sponsorship. Representatives were available to answer questions about their many conservation efforts in the area.

"We're here to support 4-H, which is our future farmers, future homeowners, and people who are going to care about the land," said Julie Hart, Director of Education at the Dutchess Land Conservancy.

MIGDALE *Continued from Page A1*

rooms, achieved a sale price of \$8.96 million in cooperation with co-listing agent Heather Croner of Heather Croner Real Estate Sotheby's International Realty.

Located at 3872-3874 Route 44, the property was purchased by the art dealer and horse breeder Guy Wildenstein in 2020 for \$5,290,000 and then underwent an extensive four-year renovation that was rumored to cost \$20,000,000.

The estate on 68 acres includes twelve fireplaces, ten bedrooms, 17 bathrooms, an indoor pool, a 5,000-bottle wine cellar, a tennis court and a billiard room. There's also a 5,000 square foot gate house and an additional 10,000 square foot staff house with 6 guest apartments.

The identity of the purchaser has not been revealed nor

whether the buyer will exercise the first right to purchase the additional adjoining 129 acres with walking trails, orchards and fields.

Previous to the London auction New York restaurateur Will Guidara, perhaps inspired by the success of estates turned into resorts like Blantyre in Lenox, Massachusetts, was purported to have a \$20,000,000 deal to purchase the property. The sale was contingent on Town of Washington approval of a zoning change that would permit "a world-class getaway" luxury resort called Second Mountain with a hotel, spa treatments, two restaurants, cottages and glamping.

Local residents, quickly mobilized to oppose the project, and Guidara withdrew his application.

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ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Art sale to support new nonprofit

It has been said that living well is an art. For Keavy Bedell and Craig Davis, that art form doesn't end in the so-called Golden years. The two Lakeville residents have created a new nonprofit organization called East Mountain House that will help make end-of-life kinder and gentler.

Bedell has been active in the community, providing access to all levels of assistance to people who are finding it hard to do the essential tasks and activities that bring meaning and joy to their lives. She is trained in contemplative care and is a certified end of life doula.

Davis is a contemplative care trained hospice volunteer who provided care for his late wife, Sandy Dennis, during her long struggle with cancer.

Both agree that there

are many excellent organizations in this region that offer quality care at end of life; but they wanted to offer a special kind of care that includes warmth, kindness, and care of the spirit as well as the body.

East Mountain House will provide a residence and care for a small group of people, probably no more than three at any time, at a home in Lakeville. The home will also provide bereavement and caregiver support groups, as well as support and guidance with advance directives and living wills. To help raise funds and bring awareness to their mission, Keavy and Craig have teamed up with the extremely dynamic duo of Liz Macaire and Simon Kristoph for a weekend-long art sale at The White Hart Inn in Salisbury from June 14 to 16, with an opening

party on Friday, June 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Macaire and Kristoph are partners in the new Macaire Kristoph Studio, which they describe as "specializing in interior design, staging, and event production as well as estate services."

Their retail estate consignment store is part of the new Ivy's Collective, at the intersection of Routes 4 and 7 in Sharon at the Cornwall Bridge border (right next to the modern bridge, not the West Cornwall Covered Bridge).

Both Macaire and Kristoph have degrees in art history and experience with merchandising and design.

They also seem to know everyone in three counties, including many of the talented artists who make this region their home. For the fundraising weekend, which they've dubbed the Arty

Party, they've put together a collection of works by more than 20 area artists, with prices ranging from \$40,000 for a large

canvas by Sharon's Tom Goldenberg, to small loose pieces that will sell for under \$200 (the artists will receive 50% of sales of their work).

The sale at The White Hart Inn begins on June 14 with a barbecue and live DJ on the Green in front of the inn, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited, donations are accepted but there is no entry fee. Space is limited, so anyone planning to attend is asked to

send an RSVP to www.macairekristoph.com (where you can also preview and pre-purchase artwork).

The sale continues on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (and the work will remain on display throughout the weekend).

Learn more about East Mountain House during the weekend-long Arty Party; or go online to www.eastmountainhouse.org.



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"Galactic Dance," a 90-by-72-inch work by painter Tom Goldenberg of Sharon, is one of about 20 works featured in a fundraising art sale at The White Hart Inn from June 14 to 16.

HISTORY: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

A Heroine's tale at Hunt Library

On Thursday, June 20 at 2 p.m., the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, in collaboration with the Falls Village Equity Project, will host "Honoring a Heroine: The MumBet Story." This event features storyteller and museum educator Tammy Denease, who will bring to life the inspiring true story of Elizabeth "MumBet" Freeman.

Elizabeth Freeman, also known as MumBet, was an enslaved African nurse, midwife, and herbalist. Born around 1744 in Claverack, New York, she spent 30 years enslaved in the household of Colonel John Ashley in Sheffield, Massachusetts. Ashley was one of the creators of the 1773 Sheffield Declaration which stated that "Mankind in a state of nature are equal, free, and independent of each other, and have a right to the undisturbed enjoyment of their lives, their liberty and property."

This same language was used in the United States Declaration of Independence of 1776 and in the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780. Evidence suggests that MumBet overheard these ideas

when Colonel Ashley held events in his home and when the documents were read aloud in the public square. Seeking freedom, she turned to Theodore Sedgwick, a prominent attorney who helped draft the Sheffield Declaration with Colonel Ashley. MumBet, along with an enslaved man named Brom, began the process of fighting for their freedom. Historians note that Sedgwick, along with many of the lawyers in the area, decided to use the case as a "test case" to determine if slavery was constitutional under the new Massachusetts Constitution.

After gaining her freedom, MumBet took the name Elizabeth Freeman and worked as a nurse, healer, and midwife for the Sedgwick family. Her courageous legal battle and subsequent life story are testaments to her resilience and determination.

This all-ages program is free and open to the public. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about an important figure in American history and her lasting impact on the fight for freedom and equality.



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Knees creak by wee creeks

This spring I have spent more time than usual creeping around the “little blue lines,” those streams that show up on good maps as, yes, little blue lines.

This is where to find wild trout. Often brook trout, occasionally browns or rainbows.

The first thing to do is get used to kneeling. The fish are generally aggressive, but they are also incredibly spooky.

Once they catch sight of an angler, or even a rod going back and forth, they will zoom off to their hidey holes and sulk.

If you don't believe me, go to one of these streams and wade right on in. Watch as the little dark shapes whizz around.

When I was a callow youth of 45, kneeling was no big deal. At my advanced age, I have gone to knee pads, as worn by roofers and the fellows who restock potato chips at the grocery store. (It was one of the latter who kindly took his pads off and showed them to me.)

Reading the water is more important than ever in this context. What you want is “soft water.”

Imagine a pool that has a chute or plume of water coming in from above. As the faster-moving water enters the pool, it creates white water. On either side of the chute, there is calmer water. That's soft water.

You'll read about finding the seam. The seam is the line between slower and faster moving currents, or white water and soft water.

Trout like to hang around somewhere that offers protection from predators, not too much current to battle against, and adjacent to faster current, which brings food.

Finding the balance of these elements is what trout do all day, except once a year, when they have what passes for sex in the fish world.

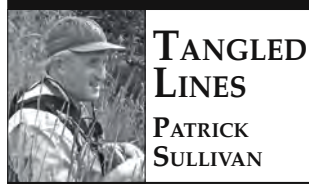
It's a depressing prospect for an ambitious fish, so don't dwell on it.

So when approaching a likely pool, identify the different currents, areas of soft water, and the seams. Do this from a kneeling or crouching position, of course.

Now you have figured out where to stick the fly. Pausing briefly to savor the lower back pain, try a dry fly first. A bushy dry fly that floats well and that you can see.

Park it in the soft water. It will bounce around. Don't let it sit more than a second or two. Flick it in, wait and flick it out.

Sometimes they'll whack it right away. Oth-



TANGLED LINES
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Right, first brookie of the day in hand. Below, soft water flows down the little blue line.



er times they will want to see it a few times.

Next hit the seam. Sometimes it will disappear in the foam. Maybe it will sink. Don't worry about it. Keep flicking.

When you do this often enough, you'll get good at making miniscule adjustments from cast to cast. On big water, this is a matter of feet or a few inches. On a little blue line, it's an inch or two tops.

None of these casts are going to be long. Use water loads, bow-and-arrow casts, even roll casts if you're good at them. (I am not.)

You're probably not going to be rearing back with a standard fore-hand cast too often. Not enough room, and no point to it either, since you're sneaking around in kneepads and peering around boulders.

Whatever you do, don't get stuck at one pool just because the big one flashed your fly but did not take it.

A good rule of thumb is: Show the fly to them six times. After that assume you are boring them, and move on.

When do you go subsurface? As usual, it depends.

One of my favorite tactics is to use a Chubby Chernobyl or any foam-bodied dry fly, really. It serves as an indicator 90% of the time.

I tie a piece of fluorocarbon tippet, usually 4X, to the bend of the dry fly hook with a clinch knot. The tippet piece is usually between one and two feet.

I start with a wet fly or an unweighted nymph. If that doesn't work, I go to a brass beadhead nymph, which sinks some. And if that's a bust, I go to a nymph with a tungsten bead that really sinks.

And if all that fails I cuss a bit and chuck a Woolly Bugger in there, just to show them who's boss.

What rod to use?

I have a number of small stream rods, ranging in length from five and a half feet to eight feet, and in line weights from one to five.

More often than not I grab a Cabelas CGR six and a half foot four weight. It's a slow action fiberglass rod, quite inexpensive. I have a discontinued CGR click and pawl reel for it, and a double tapered line.

For fixed line fishing in small streams my favorite is Dragontail's Kaida, a zoom rod that fishes at nine feet and a bit, and 10 and a half feet. This is considerably longer than the fly rod, but the extra leverage al-

lows me to keep most or all of the line and tippet off the water. The extra length is also helpful if I latch onto one of the little blue line Leviathans.

About that: Little blue line fishing is extra-crazy. You have to accept this.

After all, you are expending considerable energy in difficult terrain, performing a highly technical task, in pursuit of quarry you are not going to kill and eat.

And even if you did, a creel full of six-inch trout will yield only enough meat to cover a few Saltine crackers.

You wouldn't be fishing for dinner, but for hors d'oeuvres.

Sharon receives funding for performing arts scholarship

Principal Carol Tomkalski announced May 28 that funds for a scholarship in honor of the late artist and Sharon resident Tom Levine was given to Sharon Center School.

The Tom Levine Scholarship for Performing Arts is meant to encourage students grades 4 to 8 to experience the broad spectrum of performing arts. Starting this June, the up-to \$500 (per student) scholarship will be awarded annually to two SCS students who show an interest in performing arts and have financial need.

The students will be selected by a commit-

tee comprised of Mrs. Tomkalski, Principal; Mrs. Webb, Administrative Assistant; Mrs. Pace, Library Media Specialist; Mr. McNulty, Music Teacher; and Ms. Patricia Chamberlain, former Superintendent of Schools.

Initiated by the Board of Selectmen, the scholarship is funded by Mr. Levine's Trust. Selectman Lynn Kearcher will be the facilitator between the trust and the school.

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Rendering of the renovated Annex at Ancram Center for the Arts.

ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Ancram Center receives \$50k grant to expand

Ancram Center for the Arts in Ancram, N.Y., has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the renovation and expansion of its facilities. This grant is part of a larger NYSCA initiative, which is distributing over \$32 million to 102 capital projects throughout New York State.

The funding will be used to renovate a recently acquired adjacent building, known as The Annex. The Annex will provide accommodations for theater staff and a community room

for the Center's free classes and workshops. Additionally, the space will be available to other local groups for meetings and small gatherings.

Said Jeffrey Mousseau, co-director of The Ancram Center, "We acquired this house next to us, so we were literally expanding our footprint to include this new building and in a way, creating a min-campus."

In 2023, The Ancram Center produced 90 events, including theatrical productions, concerts, and workshops, serving approximately 1,700 individuals. This grant will help them

expand not only their current space, but also the continuation of their mission to bring innovative, contemporary theater and community programs to Ancram.

The Ancram Center is optimistic that The Annex will be complete by this time next year. The 2024 Season starts Saturday, June 1 with a family-friendly open house.

For more information about the Ancram Center for the Arts, visit www.ancramcenter.org. To learn more about the New York State Council on the Arts, visit www.arts.ny.gov.



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An interior rendering of the renovated Annex.

LIFESTYLE: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Scoville speech yields pro tips for podcasting

Mary O'Neill gave a detailed presentation on how to set up and run a podcast. She spoke at the Scoville Memorial Library Sunday, May 19.

O'Neill and Main Street Magazine's Thorunn Kristjansdottir have run the Main Street Moxie podcast for three years now. The pair interview interesting people throughout the Connecticut-New York-Massachusetts area. The interviews are about 50 minutes, and come out once a month, with a couple of breaks for holidays.

"We tell positive stories about people and places," O'Neill said.

The format is "conversational," she added.

She had the equipment she uses. A directional microphone with a filter over it, to cut out the "p" sounds. Each person gets their own mic to speak into.

An external hard drive.

A digital recorder, at about \$300 the most expensive piece of kit.

And she uses Audacity, a sound editing application, and a hosting service called Buzzsprout.

Sometimes guests are interviewed remotely, and Zoom is used for that.

From soup to nuts, it all adds up to \$600-\$800 or so.

O'Neill said it can be done cheaper. "You can use your phone."

But this is the routine she and Kristjans-



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Mary O'Neill

dottir have settled into.

Other tips: "Batch" your podcast episodes. "People like to binge." She recommended having three episodes ready to go when the podcast starts.

Know your guest. O'Neill said good research ahead of the interview makes for better questions and a smooth interview.

Don't be a perfectionist. O'Neill admitted to being a perfectionist herself, and said it took a while for her to realize that "good

enough" is a perfectly acceptable goal.

O'Neill emphasized that she learned much of what she now knows about podcasting on the fly, from YouTube videos and from experimenting with the equipment and applications.

She also said once a format is determined, "stick with it."

"People are creatures of habit."

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JUNE 6

Why Op-Eds Matter and How to Write One: John Coston in Conversation with Laura van Straaten

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org
On Thursday, June 6, 5:30 to 7 p.m., learn all about newspaper opinion pieces at this evening with John Coston, Editor in Chief of the Lakeville Journal, and Laura van Straaten, a seasoned journalist and a mentor-editor for the Op-Ed Project. Learn about the importance, power, and practice of writing opinion articles. Ask questions, try out your ideas with the experts, and sign up for an op-ed writing workshop. To register, visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

JUNE 7

The Spaghetti Wedding

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. noblehorizons.org
Join Noble Horizons for spaghetti dinner and a show ("The Wedding") Friday, June 7, at 6 p.m. There will be fun and surprises in store. Tickets are \$30 at the door or \$25 in advance. Register on www.noblehorizons.org. This is a PG13 event and seating is limited.

Banned Book Club

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
On Friday, June 7 at 4 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library and the Falls Village Equity Project will host a Banned Book Club. This month we will be discussing the book "Last Night at the Telegraph Club" by Malinda Lo. Copies of the book are available at the library. This group is open to anyone high school aged and older.

JUNE 8

Spongy Moths: An Interpretive Walk

Cary Institute, Millbrook, N.Y.
Have you noticed the boom in spongy moth caterpillars? Are you interested in learning what's going on from an ecological perspective? Join Cary Institute's Clive Jones and Mike Fargione for an interpretive spongy moth walk on the grounds of our Millbrook, NY campus on Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m. Registration required at www.eventbrite.com/e/spongy-moths-an-interpretive-walk-tickets-901506479147

JUNE 9

FFA Chicken BBQ

HVRHS Ag-Ed Center, 246 Warren Tpke., Falls Village, Conn.
The HVRHS FFA Alumni Chicken BBQ returns June 9 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal and support high school students. All proceeds go directly into scholarship funds.

Country Mutt Show

Lime Rock Park, 497 Lime Rock Road, Lakeville, Conn.
The Little Guild's Great Country Mutt Show is an energizing and entertaining spectacular celebration of every dog. A Westminster-style Dog Show that celebrates all breeds and creeds, this annual event will be held rain or shine at Lime Rock Park on Sunday, June 9 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free and open to the public for spectators, the \$20 registration fee allows for you and your dog to compete in two categories and supports the vital animal rescue work of the Little Guild.

Blessing of the Bikes

All Saints of America Orthodox Church, 313 Twin Lakes Rd. Salisbury, Conn.
The annual Blessing of Bikes will be held on June 9 at All Saints of America Orthodox Church at 12:30 p.m. Anyone who has a motorcycle or bicycle is welcome. The church is located at 313 Twin Lakes Rd. Salisbury, CT. Refreshments will be provided.

For move information call 860-435-9632.

JUNE 14

Summer Reading Kick Off Party

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Jump into summer at the David M. Hunt Library's Summer Reading Kickoff Party on June 14 at 2

p.m. Join for ice cream, dancing, and more as we celebrate the beginning of summer and the library's summer programming. Families are invited to bring a blanket or chairs and hang out on the library lawn. Sign-ups for our summer reading program will be available from June through August for kids ages 5 and up.

JUNE 15

Children's Art Workshop

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. douglaslibraryct.org
Artist Erika Crofut will hold a workshop for children on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children will create and paint their own wooden flower for a yard or garden ornament. This event is free and open to children 6 and up.

Sign up is a must since supplies are limited. Please contact the library at (860) 824-7863 or email douglaslibrary@comcast.net

Football Skills and Drills

Great Barrington VFW, 800 Main St., Great Barrington, Mass.
Great Barrington's Annual Skills and Drills event is back. Come have some fun, play some football (no tackle) or learn some cheers. Try it out from 10 a.m. to noon. Ages 7-14. Food to follow. Bring water and dress appropriately (no jeans or crocs).

Art Exhibition

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org
Opening with a reception on Saturday, June 15, 5 to 7 p.m., David M. Hunt Library (Falls Village, CT) will host an exhibition of abstract paintings by Robert Cronin, Serious Paintings, which will be on display through July 12.

JUNE 21

Claude Monet and the Art of the Garden

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org
A presentation by Ann Temkin, the Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis Chief Curator of Painting and Sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art, at the UCC, followed by a cocktail reception in a private garden. At Cornwall Library, June 21 at 6 p.m.

JUNE 22

Cornwall Town Picnic

Hammond Town Beach, 37 Lake Road, Cornwall, Conn.
Park and Recreation will host the annual Town Picnic Saturday, June 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hammond Beach. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Please bring a side dish or dessert, Hurlburt burgers and Dolan hotdogs will be provided. Ice cream sundaes will be made by the Cornwall Agriculture Commission. Lifeguards will be on duty.

Learn the Art of Block Printing

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. hotchkisslibrary.org
The Hotchkiss Library of Sharon will present the opening of a new exhibition by artist Debra Tyler titled "Earth Scroll: Art Installation, Meditation, and Block Printing" on Saturday,

June 22. Tyler will lead two block printing workshops, one from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and the second from 2:30 to 4 p.m. To register for this free program go to www.hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org

JUNE 29

Author Talk

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org
James Traub is an American journalist. He is a contributing writer for The New York Times Magazine, where he has worked since 1998. From 1994 to 1997, he was a staff writer for The New Yorker. Registration is required for this June 29 event beginning at 6 p.m. cornwalllibrary.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/cornwalllibrary/eventRegistration.jsp?event=1289

Real People, Real Stories by Ancram Center for the Arts

The Hilltop Barn at Roeliff Jansen Park, 9140 NY Route 22, Hillsdale N.Y.
Everyone has a story to tell. With each edition of Real People, local residents recount captivating tales that celebrate community and personal connection. It's an audience favorite and mainstay in Ancram Center's seasonal programming. The RPRS approach involves a series of

storytelling workshops. In these workshops, local residents develop and shape their monologues with guidance from program director Paul Ricciardi. The results are an array of poignant, humorous, and captivating tales that celebrate community and personal connection.

Contact Paul Ricciardi at paul@ancramoperahouse.org. No prior storytelling experience needed; each storyteller receives 5-6 hours of individual training and rehearsal time to craft a compelling narrative and to hone the telling of their story. This event will take place at 7:30 pm on June 29.

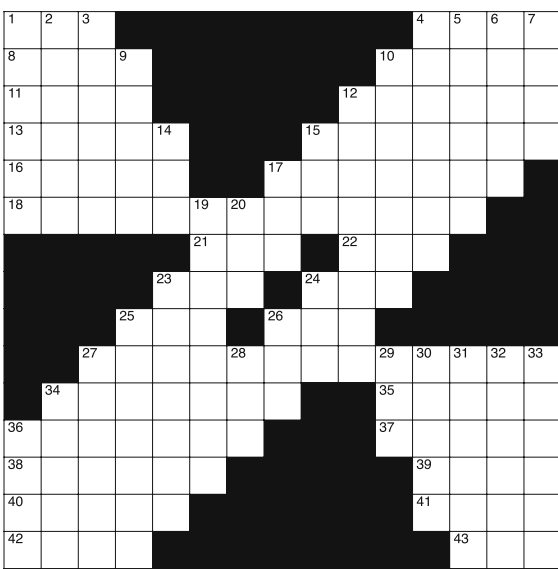
ONGOING

Twelve Moons Coffee House
The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.
Twelve Moons Coffee House builds community through live music, poetry readings and storytelling on the 1st Saturday of each month. Doors open at 6 p.m. with open mic performances beginning at 6:30 p.m. Featured Professional Artists play from 8 to 9 p.m. Guests are welcome to bring their own dinner and beverage or enjoy the venue's light refreshments.

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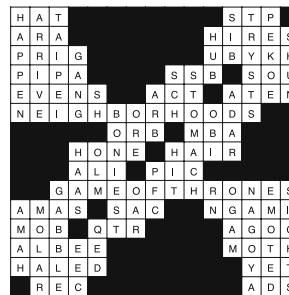
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- Mocked online
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- Body part
- Humor
- Code number
- Your physique
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- "The Blonde Bombshell"
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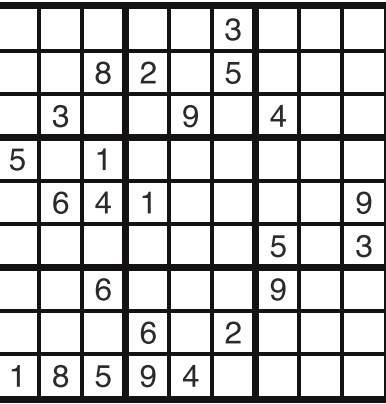


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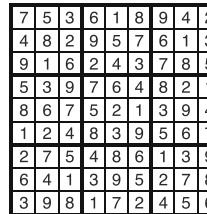
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OUR TOWNS

Copake scores with inaugural pickleball tournament

By JOHN COSTON
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COPAKE — Teams of pickleball players converged in this rural hamlet on Saturday, June 1 for a daylong inaugural tournament.

Organized by the Copake Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC), the tournament drew 64 teams that faced off in morning and afternoon play on four town courts in Copake Memorial Park.

Pickleball has been around for decades, starting with ping pong paddles and a perforated plastic ball in the 1960s, and by the 1990s was being played in all 50 states, according to USA Pickleball, its governing body.

Jayne McLaughlin, a USA Pickleball Volunteer Ambassador, was on hand Saturday to answer questions and advise on rules.

Players came from as far away as Lanesville, Massachusetts, north of Boston.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Sixty-four teams competed on all four pickleball courts at Copake Memorial Park on Saturday, June 1.

Many others drove up to Columbia County from as far south as Poughkeepsie and from across the Hudson in Woodstock.

Pickleball's popularity

continues to grow, and credit is given to communities that support the sport, which also is popular among retirees.

Richard Wolfe, supervisor of the Town of Copake,

pointed to the newly installed four courts the town built.

"In the winter we flood the courts and we have ice-skating," he said.

CEDAC steering committee spokesperson Vicki Sander said 18 volunteers helped organize and manage Saturday's tournament, including other steering committee members Signe Adam, Art Boniati and Rob Lazarus, who thanked CEDAC member Bill Boris-Schacter for helping make the event a success. Ten local businesses also sponsored the event: Broadway Plumbing, Copake Boat and Ski, The

Greens at Copake Country Club, Herrington's Hardware, High Voltage, Inc., Hillsdale House, Key Bank, Kneller Insurance, Moore-Bridger Tree Service and Robert Patterson, CPA.

Strong sun and a light breeze made for a summery feel. Players dinked away and drove home some hard winners as family, friends and other players watched from lawn chairs. An Aloha Tacos truck provided a much needed food break in between matches.

Organizers fielded 32 teams in the morning and 32 in the afternoon.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley area activity report 5/23 through 5/29.

5/23 Deputies responded to 49 S. Quaker Hill Road in the Town of Pawling for a fraud complaint. Caller reports fraudulent use of their credit cards. Matter under investigation at this time.

5/24 Deputies responded to area of 16 Shady Lane T/Dover to assist the New York State Police with report of a fight in progress involving 3-4 intoxicated subjects. Scene was secured.

5/24 Deputies responded to the area of 121 Lake Road in Pine Plains for a report of a vehicle crashing into a telephone pole with three occupants. (1) passenger transported to MHR with non-life-threatening injuries.

5/26 Deputies responded to 22 Birch Terr in the Town of Dover for a reported husband/wife domestic. Matter

resolved without further police intervention.

5/27 Deputies responded 12 West Main St. V/Pawling for an uncle vs. nephew physical domestic disturbance. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

5/29 Deputies responded to 9 Dykeman st in the village of Pawling for a past occurred verbal Boyfriend vs Girlfriend domestic. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

All subjects arrested and charged are alleged to have committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.

If you have any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity please contact the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office tip line at 845 605 CLUE (2583) or Email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

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