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By JOHN COSTON

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Supreme Court denied a peti-

tion from residents opposed to a

planned 10 megawatt solar farm

ing an appeal in the Appellate Divi-

sion of New York Supreme Court.

nam County Supreme Court found

that the town Planning Board had

Judge Anthony R. Mole of Put-

The residents responded by fil-

at Pulvers Corners.

PINE PLAINS — A New York

COMPASS Snakes in the Catskills; And More **B1-4**

Millbrook & Stissing



Pulvers Corners solar farm

suit dismissed; appeal filed

examined areas of environmental

concern in its determination that the project would not result "in a

significant adver impact to the sur-

Judge Mole issued the order on

The plaintiffs, a group identi-

fied as Preserve Pine Plains, filed

a notice of appeal on Monday, June

10 with the Supreme Court of New

The project was approved by

the town Planning Board on Nov.

York state, Appellate Division.

rounding community."

Wednesday, June 5.

\$65.000 raised to date

\$100,000 Matching Challenge for The Lakeville Journal and The Millerton News; See page A7

28, 2023, following months of re-

view and public hearings. Known

as the Carson Power Solar Project

after the name of the New York

company Carson Power LLC that

proposed the facility at 454 Bean

River Road, the plan calls for a 42-

acre portion of a 172-acre property

ning Board had taken a "hard look"

at the impact of the project. The

Judge Mole found that the Plan-

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to house 24,000 solar panels.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Future site along Rudd Pond Road in North East of an affordable home to be built by Habitat for Humanity.

Nine applicants file to buy affordable home in North East

By COLLEEN FLYNN colleenf@millertonnews.com

NORTH EAST — The Habitat for Humanity Town of North East Homebuying Pilot Program applications closed on June 10 with nine applicants.

Families applied for the threebedroom, single-family home to be built in the Town of North East near Gay Road and Rudd Pond Road.

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County (HHDC) received nine complete and eligible applications that will be considered, a spokesperson for the organization said.

crawlspace foundation due to the high water table. It also will have a septic system.

According to HHDC, there are 6,000 families in need of affordable housing in the county, paying up to or more than 50% of their income on housing.

With the enthusiasm the town brought and how many people were interested in the program, Habitat for Humanity hinted at expanding the program in the future.

Barrett, Cousin compete in June 25 primary election

By JOHN COSTON johnc@millertonnews.com

A primary election will be held Tuesday, June 25 for the 106th Assembly District representing parts of Dutchess and Columbia counties from the Town of Poughkeepsie to New Leganon in the north.

Assemblymember Didi Barrett, who has served in the state Assembly since 2012, is being challenged by Claire Cousin, a Hudson Valley native and member of the Columpaign last year, is co-founder of the Hudson/Catskill Housing Coalition. The community leader has identified top issues that include affordability, climate, housing and education.

Barrett, who chairs the Assembly's Energy Committee and sits on other committees, is well known for her support of nonprofits, community project needs, housing and historical and cultural resources.

Early voting runs through June 23. Polls open on June 25 at 6 a.m. and close at 9 p.m.

Some polling locations listed by the Dutchess County Board of Elections:

-North East, the Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd.

-Pine Plains, Stissing Mountain High School, 2829 Church St. -Millbrook, Cornell Cooperative Center, 2715 Route 44

-Washington, Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front St.

bia County Board of Supervisors. Cousin, who launched her cam-

Summer baseball heats

Habitat for Humanity held information sessions in late May and early June, including making a presentation to the Town Board.

The program allows families to apply for a home at 30% of their household income under an affordable housing initiative. Applicants were required to be below 80% of the current Area Median Income of Dutchess County and needed to be prepared to purchase the home by winter of 2024.

The family whose application will be accepted for the family home, will be announced in July.

The home will be built in the Town of North East on a 1/2 acre lot that was conveyed by the Town. It will be a thiree bedroom, twobath ranch with approximately 1,400 square feet. It will likely be built on a concrete slab or have a



PHOTO BY RILEY KLEIN

Sam Foley pitches for the Amenia Monarchs in a Tri-State Baseball League game against the Tri-Town Trojans on June 15.

up in league's 90th year

By RILEY KLEIN rileyk@lakevillejournal.com

LITCHFIELD, Conn. - The Tri-State Baseball League is back for its 90th year.

Since 1934, when it was called the Interstate Baseball League, teams of players aged 16 and up have faced off in New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Each team is comprised of mostly local players, but four out-of-towners are permitted on each team to balance the rosters.

The Tri-State league of 12 teams includes many retired college athletes, some of whom went on to

be drafted into the Major League. Bold high schoolers and current college players take part as well to stay active in the off-season.

The full nine-inning games are played with wooden bats at town parks and are free for spectators. On Saturday, June 15, the Amenia Monarchs matched up against the Tri-Town Trojans at Community Field in Litchfield.

The Trojans, featuring players from Northwest Connecticut, defeated the Monarchs in decisive fashion with a final score of 22-0.

Sammy Rigolino, a rising senior

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Class in one room

Webutuck Elementary School students visit the Irondale Schoolhouse on Friday, June 14. They listen to a presentation from Diane Price about life as a student attending school in a one-room schoolhouse.

Millerton plans 'Summer Stroll', concert July 13

By COLLEEN FLYNN Colleenf@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON — The Village of Millerton is hosting a concert in Eddie Collins Memorial Park July 13 after the Summer Stroll.

Millerton's Summer Stroll, sponsored by the Millerton Business Alliance, begins at 2 p.m. on Main Street to be followed, at 5 p.m. by a concert at Eddie Collins Memorial Park.

The Northwest Passage Band will perform until 7 p.m.

The concert is made possible with help from the new Recreation Director Crystal McCarthy and a grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

The Northwest Passage Band was born out of a group of northwest Connecticut musicians who share a passion for music. They have been together since 2016, and love to share their music with "fun lovin' folks like you" in restaurants, parties, weddings and much more.

Local organizations showing their support include: Mario and Esperanza's Kitchen and Weezie's Quick Shop offering food throughout the concert. NorthEast-Millerton Library will be leading child friendly games and activities and Townscape will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets and sweet treats throughout the night.

Chef and Farmer Brunch

enable us to innovate, grow,

and succeed in changing

and improving the lives of

our friends and neighbors,"

NECC said in a statement.

NECC's Chef and Farmer Brunch set July 21

The North East Community Center (NECC) will hold its annual Chef and Farmer Brunch on July 21 at Mountain View in Pine Plains.

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The new time is from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mountain View is located at 7685 Route 82 in Pine Plains.

The Chef and Farmer Brunch is a annual celebration with the community and a fundraiser. Local chefs and community members produce an event that helps cover the nonprofit NECC's programs.

"All dollars raised at the

Millerton Climate Smart to promote heat pumps

By COLLEEN FLYNN Colleenf@millertonnews.com

MILLERTON - Climate Smart Community (CSC) is launching a community campaign July 13, at the Summer Stroll on Main Street to inform residents about the benefits of electric heat pumps.

Climate Smart is a New York state program that helps local governments limit their carbon-footprint and reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. North East and Millerton

are each Climate Smart Communities.

During the Summer Stroll, Climate Smart will conduct a campaign about electric heat pumps.

Heat pumps have the lowest known emission of any heating source. They are able to heat and cool buildings more efficiently than propane, oil or other traditional systems. The pumps also do not emit carbon monoxide, making the surrounding areas healthier to the public.

In 2018, the Town of North East and the Village of Millerton signed a pledge to develop ideas to improve sustainability with CSC. The Town of North East was certified a Bronze town in 2022, meaning it has collected over 120 points by taking action to implement climate-smart projects.

Last August, the Amenia Town Hall celebrated nine installments for new heat pumps, which was a significant step towards renewable energy.

Climate Smart has a goal of at least 5 installations in



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Standing next to one of the nine heat pumps installed at the Amenia Town Hall last year, code enforcement officer Mike Segelken described them as split units offering quiet operation.

Millerton, which will then earn the town \$5,000. Installing these new heat pumps will not only give incentives to the town, but also to the residents.

"Award money comes from taxes on everybody's electric bills, so it's not something the state has to allocate...," said Kathy Chow of the Climate Smart Community Task Force. Chow addressed the North East Town Board on Thursday, June 13.

CSC is trying to educate owners of buildings about electric heat pumps and the importance of a greener community.



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Rocko gets off to a good start at the Amenia Library

By LEILA HAWKEN Leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA – A town-wide project to create a community snake to be made of brightly painted rocks got underway at the Amenia Free Library on Wednesday, June 12, as library patrons donned smocks, selected a suitable rock and set about the creative process.

By LEILA HAWKEN

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hensive Plan Committee con-

tinued the work of updating

the town's 2007 comprehen-

sive plan at its regular meeting

on Tuesday, June 11, focusing

on an approach to town goals

and concluding with a broad

discussion of retaining the

rural character of the town

tee reviewed the wording of

the town's goals as listed in

the plan, last updated 17 years

ago, identifying the need for

affordable housing as a goal.

riod spanning 2011 and 2021,

47 building permits were is-

sued, and two applications

were filed for subdivisions in

2022 and 2023. There are now

156 apartments throughout

Amenia, with monthly rent

running between \$1,500 and

three generations ahead," said

committee chairman Ken

Topolsky, noting the current

aging population and remind-

ing committee members to

think of who will move into ex-

We have to look two or

\$2,500 per month.

During the two-year pe-

One by one, the commit-

for future generations.

AMENIA - The Compre-

the Amenia Parks and Recreation Department and the library, the project took place on the outdoor patio with plenty of acrylic paints and brushes at the ready. "Mine is a rainbow snake,"

exclaimed Murphy Hale, 4, as he applied finishing touches to his marbleized approach to rock painting.

Noting that all of the A joint venture between rocks were home-grown,

Comprehensive plan committee

focuses on updating Amenia's goals

found locally throughout the town with many coming from Beekman Park, Parks and Recreation Director Katie Sterk-Grassi spoke of the preparation that involved finding the many rocks of varying sizes and then the work of scrubbing each one clean. Most with smooth surfaces were granite, some with jagged edges were quartz.

"We'll see how the snake

grows," said Sterk-Grassi. We'll keep adding to it." Her own creation was the snake's head, the size of a small pumpkin, painted bright green, with an accompanying red tongue.

To be named Rocko, the snake will be displayed in front of the Town Hall where residents are invited to add their own painted rocks. The hope is that the snake will grow to an impressive length.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Rocko, the rock snake, began to take shape at the Amenia Library on Wednesday, June 12. Applying bright colors to local rocks were Cooper Hale, 7, in the foreground, and his brother Murphy, 4. The all-important head of the snake was to be the work of Parks and Recreation Director Katie Sterk-Grassi, diligently engaged at the far end of the table.

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History and tea at Smithfield Church June 20

By LEILA HAWKEN leilah@millertonnews.com

cals wanting to know more about Smithfield history, the isting properties in the future. Discussion sought to define how to gather and present relevant information to each of the town's committees to assist them with considering their own goals and how

to achieve them. "Anything we say should be open to interpretation," Topolsky said.

Committee member Tony Robustelli said he had worked on the 2007 plan without input from town committees, terming it a grassroots effort.

Discussion turned to preserving farmland and open space. The committee noted that its work is not to change zoning regulations.

"We are trying to give guidance for the future," Topolsky noted

Climate smart measures, sustainability and aquifer protection were goals discussed by committee member Michael Peek as a means of promoting a healthy, safe community. He also spoke of growth bringing the need for alternate means of transportation.

Grant funding was a subject raised by committee member Vicki Doyle who reported that a Dutchess County planning official had indicated that if grant funding is to be applied for, then specific wording needs to be incorporated into the final plan.

Measures to alleviate local food insecurity were seen as a goal to be included in the comprehensive plan.

Topolsky said that the needs of seniors and the Hispanic population should be accommodated in the plan. Committee member Nina Peek felt that those interests are included within other goals.

Committee member Bill Flood suggested that if any future improvements are proposed for Freshtown Plaza, then sidewalk extension to reach the plaza should be required for safe pedestrian access

Gentrification came under discussion

"It takes very little to create gentrification," Topolsky said. "Anyone who moves into the community wants to be the last person who ever moved to the community."

Following discussion, member Nina Peek arrived at a goal structure to present to each town committee. First,

the committee would define its broadest goal. Then the goal would be broken into necessary objectives to support the goal. And finally, each objective would enumerate strategies recommended to achieve a measure of progress.

For example, she explained, a goal might be to promote agriculture. An objective might be to support farming, and a strategy might be to start a farmers' market.

During public comment, resident George Bistransin spoke of the value of protecting large parcels of farm acreage and to find a way to discourage breaking large parcels into smaller lots. He also suggested establishing maximum footprints for structures.

Active discussion ensued, including Nina Peek's view that if the town pursued a policy to promote such large expensive parcels, there would need to be a balanced approach to allow for areas of higher density, perhaps in the town commercial center. If that system were to be a reality, Peek said, then greater infrastructure would be needed to support the higher density.



AMENIA – For area lo-

Thursday, June 20, beginning at 4 p.m.

Included in the program will be a brief history of The Smithfield Church by poet Kevin T. McEneaney, who

Riemer describing the church building's unique historic features. Capping off the program will be Robert Riemer presenting information about the Smithfield Cemetery.

Millbrook Historical Society is holding its Annual Tea at

serves as Clerk of the Church Council, followed by a short The Smithfield Church on talk by local architect Darlene

A reception in the Fellowship Room will follow the program.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley Area Activity Report

6/7 – Deputies responded to McKinney and Doyle Café at 10 Charles Coleman Blvd. in Pawling for a stolen vehicle complaint. The caller states she parked her vehicle in front of the Café after which it must have been stolen. Investigation revealed the vehicle's owner was extremely intoxicated and lost the parking location of her vehicle. Vehicle was finally located and left in its spot for the evening.

6/8 — Deputies responded to Quaker Hill Road near Reservoir Road in the Town of Pawling for report of a Property Damage Automobile Accident. Investigation resulted in the arrest of Nelson Taveras (age 24) for DWI. Taveras to appear in the Town of Pawling court at a later date.

6/9 — Deputies report the arrest of Devin J. O'Rourke (age 36) for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the third degree subsequent to a traffic stop on Route 22 in Amenia. O'Rourke was set appear in the Town of Amenia Court at a later date.

6/9 – Deputies responded to 5 Old Post Rd. in North East for an ex-boyfriend vs girlfriend domestic dispute. Matter resolved without further police intervention.

6/12 — Deputies respond-

ed to 80 Reservoir Road in the Town of Pawling for a larceny complaint. Caller report tools taken from a shed on property, Investigation ongoing at this time.



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OBITUARIES

Doris May Benedict

NORFOLK – Doris May In addition to her loving Benedict, 84, a longtime resihusband, Mrs. Benedict is

dent of Norfolk, passed away on Friday, June 13, 2024, at Waterbury Hospital in Waterbury.

Born on Nov. 11, 1939, in East Canaan, Connecticut, she was the daughter of the late Kenneth M. and Edna

(Reid) Ford. Mrs. Benedict was a graduate of Housatonic Valley Regional High School class of 1957. On Jan. 24, 1957, in Ancramdale, New York, she married Orson N. Benedict who survives at home.

Mrs. Benedict dedicated her life to raising her family and church. She was a longtime member, former choir member and Sunday School Teacher, of the North Canaan Congregational Church in East Canaan. Mrs. Benedict was a genealogist and member of the Berkshire Family History Society and Connecticut Society of Genealogy. She was also a member of the Eastern Star and loved to tend to her garden.

survived by four daughters, Melissa Sweeney, Virginia Halsted, Frances Benedict and Sally LaChance. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Patrick and Kelly Sweeney, Michael, Benja-

min Lannen, Molly Seitz, and Michelle and Christopher Benedict and eight greatgrandchildren. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by a son, Orson N. Benedict, Jr.; a granddaughter, Gabrielle Noel LaChance; a brother, George Ford and two sisters Cathy Musselman and Judith Ford

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at the North Canaan Congregational Church, 172 Lower Road, East Canaan, CT. Burial followed at Hillside Cemetery in East Canaan, CT. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Newkirk-Palmer Funeral Home, 118 Main Street, Canaan, CT 06018.

Peter Charles Nilsen

NIANTIC, Conn. - Peter Charles Nilsen 85 of Niantic, Connecticut, died at home surrounded by family on Tuesday May 28, 2024, nineteen days before his 86th birthday.

Born on June 16, 1938, in Sharon he was the son of Bjarne and Gertrude Nilsen of Lakeville. He was a proud graduate of Salisbury School for Boys class of 1956. He attended Wesleyan University and graduated with a MBA the from the University of Hartford. He was employed by Aetna Insurance as a VP of Bond Investments before retiring. He loved spending time with family, reading, skiing and traveling in his retirement.

Peter is survived by his wife Susan Nilsen of Niantic, his two daughters Wendy Millesen and Beth (Stephen) Miller and his stepchildren Kris Deary, Cari Jacobsen and Mike Deary. He is also survived by his grandchildren Ben Millesen, Amy Millesen, Tucker Miller, Jennie Miller, William Miller and Andrew Jacobsen. He is also survived by his sister Ruth (George) Keeler and sister-in-law Sue Nilsen and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Peter was predeceased by his sister Rita Coats, his brother Joseph Nilsen and his nephew Eugene Wright.

All services were private.

SHARON — Eliza Kellogg Klose, died on June 12, 2024, at Noble Horizons after a long battle with dementia. She was 83 years old.

Eliza attended Potomac School in McLean, Virginia, acquiring her love of music both from her conservatorytrained mother, Celina Robbins Kellogg, and also from her Potomac school days with music teacher John Langstaff, with whom she later performed in Spring and Christmas Revels productions in Washington, DC (1974) and Hanover, New Hampshire (1982).

Eliza graduated from Milton Academy in Milton, Massachusetts, where she was valedictorian of the Class of 1958, and Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, earning a BA in English Literature, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1962.

After college, Eliza taught English at Bard College in Red Hook, New York, and at schools in Washington DC before marrying Kevin Klose in 1964. As mother of Cornelia (Nina, 1967), Kevin Brennan (Brennan, 1968) and Chandler (1972), she studied towards a Master's in Early Childhood Education, as well as participating in progressive movements such as early efforts at racial integration and community participation through Columbia Road Children's Center, the Community Playgroup movement, natural birth, and La Leche League. She taught creative music and movement at Columbia Road and also in the Six School Complex when her children joined one of the 6 schools, Horace Mann.

When husband Kevin was appointed Moscow Bureau Chief for The Washington Post in 1977-1981, Eliza learned Russian fluently, and became a guiding light for the family in navigating the challenges of life in the USSR. She helped Kevin conduct interviews (he hadn't learned the

Eliza Kellogg Klose

language nearly as well) and national Crane Foundation, supported the three kids in traveling in the Russian and

attending Soviet schools and learning fluent Russian. Both Eliza and Kevin became fascinated by the Soviet Dissident movement, coming to know and support the families of Dmitri Sakharov

and Elena Bonner, Lidia Chukovskaya, Lev Kopelev, Vasily Aksyonov, Vladimir Voinovich, the Donetsk, Ukraine coal miner activist Alexei Nikitin and many others from the Soviet intelligentsia. From Moscow, the family

moved to Pomfret, Vermont, for two years while Kevin wrote an account of the Soviet dissident movement, and then to Chicago for four, during Kevin's stint as Midwest & Canada Bureau Chief for the Post. During this time Eliza translated and published works by activist and writer Lidia Chukovskaya, and also taught writing at Midwest Talent Search, Northwestern University's program for gifted youth.

Back in Washington, DC in 1989, Eliza joined and later became Executive Director of the small non-profit, the Institute for Soviet-American Relations (ISAR). As the Iron Curtain opened, ISAR expanded from public diplomacy efforts as a clearinghouse for Soviet-American civilian exchange to making seed grants to a wide network of NGOs within the former USSR. Under Eliza's leadership, ISAR distributed over \$15 million in USAID funding to support citizen environmental groups through nine offices from Moscow to Almaty, Kyiv, Tbilisi and Baku.

Eliza divorced Kevin in 2006, the same year she retired from ISAR. Three years later she moved to Sharon, to marry Harding Bancroft. After retiring from ISAR she sat on the board of the Inter-

Asian Far East to learn about and support the Foundation's conservation work to preserve endangered crane populations. In Sharon, besides creating and maintaining an extensive garden, Eliza joined and then co-chaired

the Sharon Garden Club, Sharon Women's Club, and volunteered at the Sharon Historical Society. Eliza and Harding travelled extensively, enjoying tours in Europe, Former USSR, Egypt, Jordan, Norwegian fjords, the Galapagos, and glaciers in Tierra del Fuego.

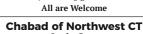
Eliza battled dementia for eight years; in 2022, she and Harding moved to Noble Horizons. Throughout her battle with dementia, Eliza continued to astound and touch us all with her grace and acceptance of her condition. She received the skilled and devoted care of the team at Noble Horizons. Until her final hours, though she could no longer speak or move her body, she was able to communicate her love and gentle spirit with all who knew her.

She is mourned by her husband, Harding Bancroft, her children, Nina Klose (London, England); Brennan Klose (Washington, DC); and Chandler Klose (Northampton, Massachusetts); eight grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren, as well as four stepchildren, eight stepgrandchildren, and many other loving family and friends.

Worship Services Week of June 23, 2023 Call ahead or visit websites for updates on remote or in-person services. **Christ Church Episcopal** The Congregational in Sharon Church of Salisbury, U.C.C. 9 South Main, Sharon CT 30 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, Sunday Holy Eucharist at 9:00 A.M Transitioning through prayer All welcome to join us you are welcome here! Worship, Sundays at 10 am, 860-364-5260 www.christchurchsharon.org in-person and streaming www.salisburyucc.org Sharing God's shalom: St. John's Episcopal Church Wholeness, harmony, justice, and joy! 12 Main Street, Salisbury, CT Rev. Paul Christopherson SUNDAY SERVICE (860) 435-2442 **Trinity Episcopal Church** 10:00 a.m. Eucharist with music (Rite II) In-Person and on You-Tube **484 Lime Rock Rd. Lakeville** Offering companionship along the Way Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. www.stjohnssalisbury.org 860-435-9290 Livestream at 10:30 found at www.trinitylimerock.org Misa en español al mediodía (12 pm) North Canaan Congregational Church, UCC el último sábado de m Joyfully opening our hearts The Revs. Heidi Truax & Felix Rivera and doors to all God's people trinity@trinitylimerock.org 172 Lower Rd/Rt. 44, East Canaan CT Worship services Sundays at 10 am (860) 435-2627 **Unitarian Fellowship** www.Facebook.com/ northcanaancongregational of NW CT 860-824-7232 Cobble Living Room, Noble Horizons FISHES & LOAVES FOOD PANTRY. The next meeting will be A MISSION OF OUR CHURCH Sunday, July 14 at 10:30 a.m. is at Pilgrim House, For information, contact Jo Loi at jokiauloi@gmail.com 30 Granite Ave., Canaar Tuesday 4-6 pm & Thursday 12-2 pm

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OUR TOWNS

Two-vehicle fatal crash in Wingdale at Routes 22 and 55 under investigation

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DOVER — The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on Thursday, June 13 at the intersection of Route 22 and Route 55 in the hamlet of Wingdale.

The two-vehicle incident occurred at approximately 3:45 p.m. and involved a 2010 Chevrolet pickup driven by Joseph W. Hogan, 74, of Sherman, Connecticut, and an unloaded 2020 Kenworth tractor-trailer.

Hogan was later pronounced dead at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie. The Sheriff's Office reported that the accident occurred at the southernmost intersection of the two state

routes, south of the Mobil Station.

According to the report, the pickup was preparing to enter traffic on Route 22 and entered the path of the northbound tractor-trailer.

The operator of the tractor-trailer was transported to Vassar Hospital with non-lifethreatening injuries.

Both operators were the sole occupants of their respective vehicles.

At this time no charges have been filed and the primary factor in the crash appears to be failure to yield the right of way on the part of the pickup's driver.

The investigation is continuing.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

Disposability & planned obsolescence

ackaging is a nightmare for landfills and every household in America. Whilst General Mills and Nabisco reduced the volume of cereal boxes, they never changed the size of the box – the top ¼ is empty. When you ask them why, they use the simple excuse, "settling of product." The pleasure you have, as a consumer, is that your garbage can gets just as full, actually quicker, since you have to buy more than one box to get the same amount of food.

Plastic is a nightmare for the environment. Every fish bought and caught has, on inspection, micro particles of plastic in its gut. Similarly, crows, all sorts of scavengers like cats and covotes, who are dissected are found to be riddled with plastic particles. The volume of plastic bottles in America goes up every year. In 1960 we wasted only 390,000 tons of plastic. Ten years later it was 2,900,000 tons. By 1990 it was 13,780,000 tons, by 2010 it had risen to 24,370,000 tons and by 2020 it reached 31,260,000 tons. That's 62,520,000,000 pounds of plastic thrown away in the USA alone. That's 189 pounds for every single American per year now. Last year the USA bought and discarded 29,000,000,000 plastic bottles which required 86,310 barrels of crude oil, each containing 42 gallons, making a total of 3,625,020 gallons of the black-brown ooze

All that ended up in the ocean, landfills, local dumps, and nature.

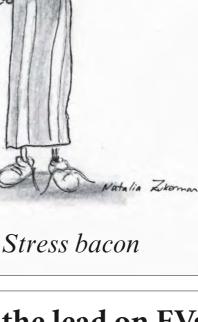
Another nightmare is planned obsolescence. When you make, for example, a refrigerator, if you know a component inside will wear out in the likely time of, say, 15 years, there is no point in making the rest of the fridge

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE Peter Riva

the compressor likely to last just about 15 years, the rubber gaskets begin to fail about then too. All this is planned. All this is deliberate. Instead of seeing that one or more components will not last past 15 years - making extra parts and warehousing them for that 15 year expiry date - the manufacturers instead reduce the warranty, claim that 15 years was a good life for an appliance and quickly create a cultural and advertising beatthe-Jones model of buy new, feel rejuvenated, shopping is the American way!

The list of nightmare products - from cars to phones, from computers to TV sets, from shoes to sheets, from cookware to shovels - all have planned obsolescence or disposability in their manufacture profiles. You can buy a shovel that will last a lifetime, but it will be twice as expensive; not because it cost much more to make, but because they will only sell one and make the profit once instead of maybe 5 or 6 in a lifetime of buying cheaply made ones, likely from China.

And yet you can find -American made - products designed to last a lifetime. Toilets, bathtubs, houses, car wheels, filing cabinets, windows, doors, Christmas ornaments... there are thousands of things made in America that are designed, in fact must, last a lifetime. Next time you go to buy something, ask yourself if you want it to last. Chances are it'll be made in the USA and will be both durable and become a familiar part of your life, not merely discardable in all too short a time.



Taking the lead on EVs

Dear EarthTalk: Which countries are leading the shift from internal combustion engine automobiles to EVs?

-Mike B., Austin, Texas

Electric vehicles (EVs) are powered by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery that can be charged from an external source. No exhaust is emitted from a tailpipe, and there are no fuel tanks or other liquid fuel components. Globally, China is leading the transition to EVs in terms of sheer numbers. But other countries are further ahead in terms of per capita shifting to EVs.

China has an EV sales share of 29 percent and an impressive number of publicly available fast-charging stations. There are 760,000 charging stations country-wide-almost six times more than all the combined charging stations in other countries! In June 2024, China unveiled a \$73.65 billion package of tax breaks over four years to incentivize Chinese citizens to buy EVs and other greener cars. Sweden has a higher share of EV sales than China (54 percent) but less publicly available charging stations (2,600). People with battery EVs in Sweden pay the least road tax and are exempt from ownership tax for five years. Norway has the highest share of EV sales (88 percent) and many publicly available charging stations (9,100). However, the annual increase in EV sales in Norway was about 36 percent from 2021-2022. Compare that to China (about 63 percent) and Sweden (about 68 percent).

EARTHTALK Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss

tries produce the most EV batteries. The supply chain for batteries starts in the mines, where raw materials containing the needed components are extracted. These materials have to be processed and refined, then made into battery cells, assembled into modules and then sold to automakers. Most EVs use lithium-ion batteries since they have a high power-to-weight ratio and long life. China holds 62.5 percent of global lithium-ion manufacturing capacity, Germany 11.3 percent, and the United States 6.3 percent.

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OPINION Lighting up at 2,500 feet

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 8, 1933

'Judge Daniel J. Gleason of Millerton Endorsed for The Supreme Court Bench': Intense interest is being displayed in Millerton in the news that Daniel J. Gleason, a Millerton man and surrogate of Dutchess County for twenty years has been unanimously endorsed by the county Republican executive committee for nomination to the Supreme Court Bench to succeed Justice Morsehauser....

'About Millerton': Ray Goetchius, the national parachute champion, on Sunday leaped from a plane at an altitude of 5,000 feet, and landed in the center of the field. Goetchius showed his usual ability during his jump by coolly lighting a cigarette at about 2,500 feet from the ground when he was dropping at the rate of 30 miles per hour. He landed at a rate of speed that was judged by the bystanders as being about one-tenth the speed that he was descending the first 2,000 feet. Goetchius later jumped from an aerplane [sic] over the Columbia County Airport at 6 P.M. at an altitude of about 7,00 feet.

'Will Vote on Sale of Beer Next Tuesday': Mt. Washington, June 7- The polls for the special election to be held June 13 will be open from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. At this election the delegates to the state [sic] convention to consider the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment will be elected....

June 13, 1974

Young Men Organize for Community Service': A group of young men are organizing a Jaycees chapter in Millerton. "We want to better our community any way we can," said Robert McGhee, one of the organizers.

FROM THE ARCHIVES *The Millerton News*

Promises Sweet Fun for All': Amenia – This town will again be bustling with activity when it holds its annual Strawberry Fair Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Started a quarter of a century ago by the Amenia United Presbyterian Church, the fair has evolved from a one-stand operation to a major event that attracts people from several surrounding towns.

When church member Etta Rockwell first sold strawberries and ice cream in 1973 on the lawn in front of her Route 22 house, she probably never dreamed it would result in a town-wide celebration involving dozens of local businesses and organizations.

This year at the church, there will be plenty of strawberries – by the quart or atop a dish of ice cream - along with a variety of lunch items, including nachos, hot dogs, hamburgers and chili. In addition, there will be numerous vendors' tables with arts and crafts, tag sales, home-baked goods, as well as a silent auction and a Chinese auction. At around 11 a.m., magician Bruce Hafford will arrive at the church to entertain the many children expected to attend the fair..

'Historical Society Plans House Tour': Millerton – Planning has begun for the second annual North East Historical Society House Tour to be held in August. Currently three homes are on the agenda and the society needs one more. Anyone willing to have their home on the tour is asked to get in touch with Project Chairman Henry Quinn.

'Artist Valyou Showing Works at Manna Dew Café': Millerton – David Valyou, a well-known local artist who is also a cook at Broadway Pizza, is branching into new territory.

Mr. Valyou, who works in

any better. Engineers, provoked by the cost savings demanded by the bosses, make the fridge metal thinner, make

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

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China, Sweden and Norway are clear leaders in EV adoption, but it is also interesting to note which coun-

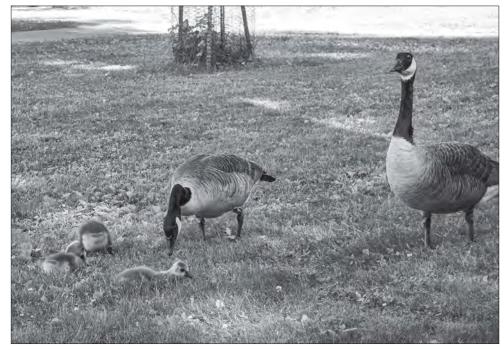


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Still other countries lead in EV vehicle production after batteries reach automakers. China is the top country for car production, followed by Japan and India. Some carmakers have formed partnerships with battery makers to produce their own batteries. NIO, the equivalent of Tesla in China, is one such example.

EVs are gaining momentum in Africa, too. About two years ago, the Ethiopian government introduced incentives for Ethiopians to adopt EVs, including exemption from several kinds of taxes. People were further incentivized by increased restrictions on internal combustion imports, which are set to be banned entirely in the near future. Ethiopia originally set a goal to have 150,000 electric cars on the roads by 2030. Since 100,000 has already been surpassed, the target has been moved closer to 500,000! By buying an electric ve-

By buying an electric vehicle, you can support the global effort to transition from gasoline-powered vehicles to EVs. Educate yourself on rebates, tax incentives and other programs in your state to make the switch to an EV easier.

EarthTalk[®] is produced by Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss for the 501(c)3 nonprofit EarthTalk. See more at www.emagazine. com. 'Class Makes Tuna Recipe': Tuna Chow Mein...Cook onion in butter for two minutes. Add flour, salt and pepper. Stir until smooth, add water, bouillon cubes and milk; bring to a boil stirring constantly. Add tuna, celery and carrot. Cook over medium heat for 10 to 20 minutes...Serve tuna mixture over rice. Serves four; 30 cents a serving.

June 10, 1999

'Strawberry Fair Saturday

a number of mixed media, will have his work on display starting July 1, at Manna Dew Café in Railroad Plaza...

Mr. Valyou said he liked the café setting for his art, in contrast to gallery showings. "It's an ambush to the unaware,' he explained. "It brings people in who would not normally go to a gallery."

"I think it would be a great asset to the village to have a regular show," Mr. Valyou added, "Gina's got a good place for it."

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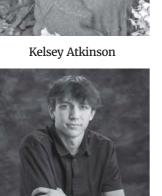
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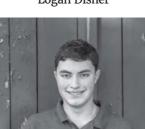


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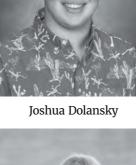




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From The Millerton News

Gabriel Palmer

OUR TOWNS

Pat Murphy becomes **Millbrook Deputy Mayor**

By GAVIN MARR Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK – Mayor Tim Collopy began the Village Trustee meeting on Wednesday, June 12 by announcing that Pat Murphy is the new Deputy Mayor.

In other business, representatives from the fire department announced the addition of 7 new members. Mayor Collopy congratulated them, prompting all the trustees to show appreciation.

Fire Chief Dominic Boscardin raised concerns about new proposed OSHA guidelines that would require double the training of new

recruits as well as expensive gear requirements.

Every member would be required to have two sets of in-date turnout gear, which would complicate their financial standing. Chief Boscardin urged Mayor Collopy to prepare letters as concerns are being brought to the state legislature.

Newly appointed Police Chief Keith Dworkin announced the department was awarded a \$129,000 Law Enforcement Technology Grant after their initial application in December 2023.

"That money will be used for improvements and upgrades to the department's infrastructure, including computers and computer servers," said Dworkin.

Since Arbor Day the Shade Tree Committee led by Trustee Mike Herzog has planted 14 trees around the village. Herzog also pointed out that village members can inquire with the committee about having a tree planted in their own yard.

A proposal to switch street light bulbs with LEDs was made by Herzog.

Despite hesitation about the brightness and color temperature of the proposed lights the trustees agreed to a changeover, noting that electric bill savings would cover the cost of the project in three years.



Riley Klein, Lakeville Journal managing editor, works with Simon Markow, 2024 intern.

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April and May Copake real estate sales

By CHRISTINE BATES Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE - April and May sales in Copake include a wide range of "recreational" real estate from an unfinished ski cabin to a home with an attached "guest motel" that was sold for \$1,200,000.

Affordable, year-round homes can also be found in this town of lakes, state parks, water falls, farms, and winter sports. Currently there are 16 properties listed for sale in Copake including four land parcels, the historic Babe Ruth frequented Taconic Wayside Inn, and 7 homes under one million dollars.

25 Nicholson Road: 620 square foot ski cabin under construction on .29 acres sold on April 5 for \$137,400

80 Island Drive: 3 bedroom/2bath 1,008 square feet sold on April 18 for \$299,500

1676 Route 7A: Mixed use building of 3,648 square feet with parking lot sold on April 26 for \$360,000

218 County Route 7A: 5 bed-



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This mixed used building at 1676 Route 7A near the Copake Clock Tower has two apartments upstairs and commercial space below which previously was the home of Kneller Insurance. It sold for \$360,000.

room/2 bath home on .45 acres sold on April 29 for \$240,000

4 Pioneer Drive: 4 acre building lot within Lake Rhoda HOA sold on May 10 for \$140,000

38 Catamount Road: 8 bedroom/9 bath includes guest house motel on 4.2 acres sold for \$1,200,000 on May 15, 2024

145 Snyder Pond Road: 3 bedroom/2 bath home on

3.88 acres sold on May 31 for \$695,028

*Town of Copake residential real estate sales for May are closing date sales as presented in Multiple Listing Services and do not include private transactions that are not publicly listed. Compiled by Christine Bates, Real Estate Salesperson with William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, Licensed in CT and NY.



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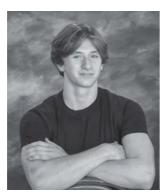
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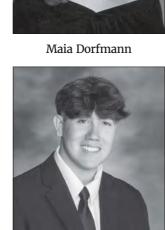
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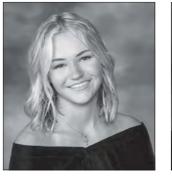
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Copake Grange readies 1,000 Cupcake Celebration

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE – Copake Grange members throughout the hamlet are baking up a storm as they prepare for what Grange secretary Rita Jakubowski says is "the most fun activity of the year," The Fourth Annual Cupcake Celebration to be held at the Grange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 23.

Jakubowski says a record setting 1,000 cupcakes are expected for the fundraising event with everyone earning a prize as bakers - both amateur and professional – vie to win the title "Ultimate Copake Cupcake.

The event is just one of a number held throughout the year as members work to provide the dollars required to make needed repairs on the historic 1903 building whose poor condition, she believes, was in part responsible for a collapse in membership some half dozen years ago.

With only seven members, the group failed to reach a quorum for meetings. That, in turn nearly led to the loss of the charter which would have caused the building to be ceded to the Grange parent organization which actually owns the building.

Determined to keep the structure, which is listed on the National Register of Historic

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Places, Jakubowski reported, "That group got together and they started recruiting new people and built it up to 20 to 25 members."

She said people joined because they "began to realize it's a badly needed community organization that also happens to have building with a stage. It's a place where people could gather socially and for entertainment and education and general community gathering."

Despite a slow down when the Grange was closed in response to COVID, the nonpartisan, non-political organization continued to grow and now boasts nearly 150 members.

The calendar of events,

most of which are free and open to the public, features dances, plays, open mic nights and more including Copake Bicentential talks spotlighting "The Copake Pharmacy," "Life on a Copake Farm," and "Copake Falls and Copake Lake:A Retrospective."

'It's a place where people could gather socially and for entertainment and education and general community gathering.

In addition to time honored favorites, the organization actively works to be responsive to the community's needs and desires, even posting online a form for suggestions for future events.

The most recent example of innovation took place on Sunday, June 8, when a small group joined together for the first ever family meetup.

The gathering was brought about as many activities typically are by what Grange secretary Jakubowski labeled as an "organic" effort. As a member of the membership committee, she had a traditional welcome coffee with a young mother and professional woman who worked from home.

Jakubowski said the new Grange member mentioned that the town did seem to lack a place for children to gather and play and hoped the group might add some programming for the youngest residents.

Jakubowski encouraged her to submit a proposal for a new program with the result being the happy sounds of a few children and their parents gathered for no reason other than to have good time.

She said, "The family meetup is currently a onetime event. Future meetups will depend on local interest and whether enough people participate and continue to organize regular events."

Noting a modest membership fee of \$28 per person per year, Jakubowski emphasized, For more information go to copakegrange.org.



OUR TOWNS

PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Cupcakes will be the order of the day with 1,000 of the goodies at The Fourth Annual Cupcake Celebation at the Copake Grange on Sunday, June 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Appeal filed in decision allowing ridgeline site in Amenia

By JOHN COSTON johnc@millertonnews.com

AMENIA - A local farming family has filed an appeal to a New York State Supreme Court judge's decision to allow construction of a house on scenic Westerly Ridge.

The Amenia Planning Board granted site plan approval to Cameron O. Smith and Liza Vann Smith on Oct. 25, 2023, granting a waiver of the town code.

The Smiths purchased the property at 108 Westerly Ridge Drive in Amenia

in 2005. It consists of 27 acres and is located in part on a scenic ridgeline that is largely surrounded by active farmland

Judge Thomas R. Davis of Dutchess County Supreme Court denied the petition of Barbara Meile, Joerge Meili and Arrowhead Hills Partners that sought to annul the Planning Board's approval. The judge's order was issued on May 14. The petitioners filed their appeal with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on May 23.

Court records show that

the Smiths purchased the property for \$850,000. It currently is listed for sale by Compass for \$1,249,000.

In 2007 Amenia enacted a section of Town Code called "Scenic Protection Overlay District" (SPO) for the purpose of providing protection for scenic road corridors.

Judge Davis concluded that the Planning Board's approvals and granting of a waiver of a 40-foot crestline limitation were reasonable. Town code states that site plan approval must meet a standard that is 40 feet below the crestline of

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any ridge and doesn't disturb "the continuity of the treeline when viewed from a publicly accessible place." In a 2019 review of the project, the town's visual consultant commented "while the proposed project will be visible on the ridge, it will not substantially change the character of the viewpoints studied."

Davis additionally wrote: "This is a recognition that the SPO's stated purpose is not to ensure or require that there never be anything visible in scenic areas except the natural surroundings but rather that

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steps be taken to ensure that the character of the viewshed in scenic areas not be substantially changed by proposed projects that come within the SPD's boundaries."

"Lastly, there is nothing in the Code's provisions...that would support the petitioners' contention that the Planning Board was required to take into account the visibility of lights at night in determining whether to approve the Smith's application for site plan approval and a waiver of the 40-foot ridge line construction provision."

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Amenia sets hearings for major **Troutbeck, Silo Ridge applications**

By LEILA HAWKEN leilah@millertonnews.com

AMENIA – Continuing to gather information on two major applications, the Planning Board heard from representatives of Troutbeck and Silo Ridge at its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 12.

Troutbeck's request for a one-year extension to the approval of its re-use special permit earned the Planning Board's unanimous quick approval. Attorney Joshua Mackay of Mackay, Butts and Whalen represented Troutbeck for that portion of the meeting.

A second Troutbeck matter brought project engineer Rich Rennia forward to describe revisions to Phases 2 and 6 of the eight-phase project. Revisions to Phase 6 involve reduction in project scope.

Rennia's review of Phase 2 described the plan to adjust the service entrance and enlarge the conservatory dining room by a 100 square foot expansion onto an existing patio, to reconfigure employee parking and to add a connection between the manor house and the service road with egress onto Leedsville Road. Those elements remain unchanged. That phase would also introduce the screening plantings requested along the Route 343 property border that will mask from view the meadow and orchard.

Changes to Phase 6 were described as a "reduction in impact." Rather than converting the Delamater House to restaurant use, Rennia said that instead the historic home will become a two-suite cabin. As a result, water demand will be reduced by 2,200 gallons and parking will be reduced by 23 vehicles.

In response to residents' concerns voiced at previous hearings, Rennia said that the reductions will also serve to reduce noise and cooking odors. Septic impact would also be reduced by 78%, due to elimination of the restaurant.

Town Engineer John Andrews asked for a plan demonstrating an adequate provision for trucks needing a turning radius.

Following Planning Board Attorney Paul Van Cott's suggestion, the board set Wednesday, July 10, as a date for a public hearing on the changes

Silo Ridge

A revised plan for a merging of two lots within the Silo Ridge development was discussed by the Planning Board, with Andrews noting that the plan still needs a subdivision map, although he acknowledged that the developer has worked on a site plan.

Andrews noted that plans call for a 12-bedroom home with additional staff quarters, with an overall footprint of 12,956 square feet.

"It's a rather large home to be built on the two lots," Andrews said, adding that an internal review by the Silo

Ridge community remains to be completed.

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Because of the size of the project, two public hearings will be needed, Andrews explained, adding that because the lots are internal within the development, the only visual impact is within Silo Ridge.

Silo Ridge has signed off on the aesthetics and the plan complies with all regulations, Andrews reported, as he recommended moving ahead with scheduling the two public hearings.

"Single family homes need site plan approval," planning board member Nina Peek said.

"All the single-family homes were approved unless they have exceeded the building envelope," Andrews responded, feeling that the plan complies with regulations and is situated in the Lakeside Village neighborhood within Silo Ridge.

After continued discussion, the planning board agreed to schedule a public hearing for its next meeting on Wednesday, July 10, and to schedule a site visit in advance

Appearing at the meeting in support of the application was Project Manager Amanda Repp of Stoneleaf Construction and on the phone was Manhattan attorney Martin Jajan, representing the lots' owner who is seeking to merge and build.

at Pine Plans High School,

The Amenia Monarchs date back to the 1890s and were once a semi-pro team. Future and former big leaguers played over the years, including Jim Bouton, who played for several MLB teams between 1962 at 1970. He re-

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Amenia Planning Board hears comments on apartment plans

By LEILA HAWKEN Leilah@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK – Public hearings were held on two plans that would create apartments at the regular meeting of the Planning Board on Monday, June 10.

One was for a proposed accessory apartment at a Maple Avenue home and the other was for a two-phase project to create additional apartments on the second floor of and behind the Reardon-Briggs hardware store on Franklin Avenue.

An overview of plans for the hardware store property,

Neighbor to the Merritt Avenue structure, resident Arthur Kascsak was concerned about the new building and its potential impact on his home.

"The new structure will change the character of the village," Kascsak said, indicating that the new building would block the view of all six windows on one side of his home. He was concerned about privacy, a decrease in value, outdoor lighting, trash handling and parking for between four and eight cars.

"Does the village really need these new apartments,"

Kascsak asked. "Of course we need more

Redl indicated that the applicant will take into account the concerns voiced by residents at the hearing and that the first phase of the project, the hardware store apartments, will be reviewed by the Planning Board at its next

other resident said.

meeting on Monday, July 8. The Planning Board noted that the second phase will be the subject of a separate public hearing at a future meeting. Accessory Apartment

An application to create an accessory apartment at a Maple Avenue home was the subject of a public hearing where neighbors spoke in favor of the plan. The application by Katherine Fitta would repurpose one bay of a generous two-car garage to create a 586 square foot apartment to accommodate a family member. One resident expressed reservations about the plan, asking how the apartment might be used in future years. Redl commented that the plan does not call for expanding the building. The application will be reviewed by the Planning Board at its July 8 meeting.

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PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Central Hudson Gas & Electric station at Route 199 in Pine Plains near proposed access for Carson Power's planned 10 megawatt solar project.

residents' group claimed the Board failed to take a "hard look" at "significant adverse impacts" with respect to community character and town planning documents. It also claims the Planning Board failed to take a "hard look" at the project's impacts on plants and animals and on aesthetic resources and "ignored iden-

The case, known as an Article 78 proceeding that puts the action of an official or agency under review by

concerns."

a court, was transferred to Judge Mole following recusal of all Supreme Court Justices in Dutchess County for various reasons, and by the subsequent recusal by another

Putnam County justice.

tified areas of environmental

started the game on the mound for the Monarchs. The youngest player on the team, Rigolino got reps in against top talent in the region.

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owned by Dawn Carolei, was presented by architect Steven Hackbarth of Clinton Corners. Although the public hearing was to focus on the first phase, apartments on the second floor of the hardware store, the second phase that would create four more apartments on Merritt Avenue soon became part of the discussion.

The second phase drawing the most attention would demolish an existing garage at 4 Merritt Ave. housing a modest rented apartment and replace it with a new structure containing four one-bedroom apartments. From the outside the new structure would appear to be a home with a single front entrance. The apartments would have interior entrances.

But the June 10 hearing was intended only to consider plans for the second floor of the hardware store, where two apartments are now situated adjacent to underutilized storage and inactive office space. Architect Hackbarth's plans envision completely gutting the second floor and renovating to create one two-bedroom apartment and an additional one-bedroom apartment.

Planning board chairman Frank Redl asked about the status of the current tenants.

"They will not be able to live there," Hackbarth replied, citing the extent of the planned renovation.

Residents' comments continued to focus more on plans for the second phase than concerns about the hardware store apartments.

housing," local architect Roger Bennett observed, asking about any thought given to working with the existing garage structure.

"The property could be fixed up rather than demolished," the current tenant commented.

Another resident asked whether numerous one-bedroom apartments are really necessary in the village.

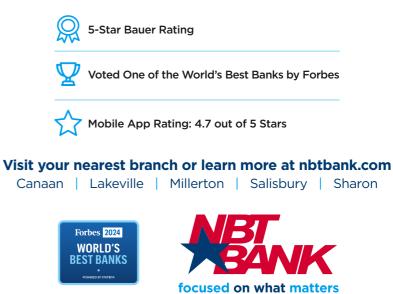
"Millbrook needs more apartments. The people who work in Millbrook should be able to live in Millbrook," an-





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PHOTO BY JOHN VANEK

The Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in collaboration with the Catskill Science Collaborative, presented "Snakes in the Catskills: A Primer," the latest in its lecture series, on June 5. Presenter John Vanek, is a zoologist at the New York Natural Heritage Program in Syracuse, NY. The snake above is a harmless Northern Brown Snake. They are known as a "gardener's friend" because they eat snails, slugs, and worms.

NATURE: ROBIN RORABACK

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There are thirteen kinds of snakes in the Catskills. Only two are venomous. Vanek defined the Catskills area as including the counties of Greene, Delaware, Ulster, Sullivan, and Dutchess.

John Vanek said, "Snakes are just amazing creatures. They are very misunderstood." He added, "The more are more common in the Hudson River Valley. Vanek said water snakes "have a temper," and will nip you touch them. They are not venomous.

The Black Rat Snake grows to five to six feet long and lives on a diet of small mammals and birds. They love to climb trees and live on cliffs and ledges at the eastern edge of the Catskills. Met on a trail, they stand their ground and may rear up and hiss.

The Eastern Milk Snake hunts mice, small mammals, and other snakes.

They were mistakenly believed to drink milk from cows. They are in meadows and farms and are nocturnal.

The Northern Ring-

The Smooth Green snake lives in meadows and bogs. It eats caterpillars,

spiders, and other insects. It is about ten to twelve inches in length. Its

numbers have declined due to insecticides and habitat loss.

The Eastern Hog Nosed Snake burrows in the ground and favors toads for

its meals. There are a wide variety of colors. It can grow to three to four

feet. It can puff up its neck in a "bluff display" which makes it look like a cobra which causes people to kill it out of fear. There are no cobras in the United States.

The Copperhead is one of two venomous

sit along a scent trail, often a log, with their head up, waiting up to three weeks for a small mammal. Once they inject venom, they wait for the animals to die, follow its scent trail, and eat it, "with no fuss," said Vanek.

"Fangs are like hypodermic needles and super fragile," said Vanek. If fangs are broken, they won't be able to hunt. "Rattlesnakes don't want to bite us. Biting is a last resort."

Vanek then mentioned safety measures if you are out walking in the woods.

"Leave snakes alone." He emphasized. "Don't pick up a snake."

Do not step over logs because a rattlesnake



PHOTO BY LOREN PENMANN Natalia Zukerman playing for a group of school children at the Autism Nature Trail.

LIFESTYLE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

All kinds of minds at Autism Nature Trail

t Letchworth State Park in Castile, N.Y. the trees have a secret: they whisper to those who listen closely, especially to those who might hear the world differently. This is where you can find the Autism Nature Trail, or ANT, the first of its kind in this country, perhaps in the world. Designed for visitors on the autism spectrum, the ANT is a one-mile looped trail with eight stations at various intervals, little moments strung together, allowing visitors to experience everything from stillness to wild adventure.

The idea for the ANT was born from a conversation in 2014 between Loren Penman, a retired teacher and administrator, and her neighbor. The two women were discussing the new nature center at calmed her grandchild. What was it about this special place that soothed the spirit?

According to the research of Michael Terman, PhD, a professor of clinical psychiatry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, a concentration of negative ions produces a positive effect on human beings' general well-being.

Letchworth Park is roughly 17 miles long, following the course of the Genesee River as it flows north through a deep gorge and over several large waterfalls. Full of these tiny, invisible particles, it's like a natural prescription to help humans feel better, happier, and calmer. Armed with this research and many personal observations, Penman and two friends, Susan Herrnstein and Gail Serventi, reached out to Temple Grandin, a famous voice for autism and neurodiversity. Grandin replied almost immediately and became a consultant in the creation of the ANT which opened to the public on October 1, 2021. Fast forward to October 2023. Penman reached out to me to see if I would write a song, an original "ANThem" for the trail. Penman and I met in 2010 when I was playing at a venue in Buffalo, New York. We've stayed in touch. She was working on securing a grant that would pay

we understand about them, the more we can explain to our friends, you don't have to kill them every time you see them." He said humans have an "ingrained fear of snakes," which he tries to help with education about snakes, starting with children.

He went on to say about snakes, "They can think. They have personalities that you can measure. They form kinships with other snakes and some snakes are good mothers."

Of the thirteen kinds of snakes, the most common are Garter snakes. He said the females are bigger than the males as with many snakes who give birth to live young. They eat worms, small amphibians, and mammals.

Garter snakes have two yellow stripes and come in a variety of colors.

They can grow to two to three feet long and live in meadows, wetlands, and woods.

The Northern Water Snake can grow to three to four feet and live in streams and rivers. They eat fish and frogs. They Necked Snake has a ring on its neck and a bright yellow belly. It grows to about ten to twelve inches. They eat salamanders and baby snakes. They live in moist, rocky areas.

The Northern Brown Snake can grow to twelve inches. "They are known as "the gardener's friend" said Vanek because they eat slugs, snails, and worms. There has been a decline in their numbers for unknown reasons.

The Black Racer is a shiny black snake that eats other snakes. Its numbers are declining in the Catskills. It grows to three to five feet.

Another garden helper is the Northern Red Bellied Snake. It is a small snake ten to twelve inches long. It eats slugs and snails. Its habitat is woods and meadows. To escape predators, it "flips over to show its red belly," hopefully scaring them, and zips away.

The Eastern Ribbon Snake lives on the edges of wetlands. It can grow to be two to three feet and about as "thick as string cheese." It eats salamanders and

frogs.

snakes in the Catskills and can grow to two to three feet long and can be as thick as a golf ball. They are uncommon but can be localized. They camouflage well in leaves or on trees and are hard to spot. They eat frogs, small mammals, and cicadas. They like rocky outcrops and forests.

The Timber Rattlesnake can grow to four to five feet and is as thick as a baseball. They like rocky outcrops and forests. They eat mice, shrews, chipmunks, and other small mammals.

Rattlesnakes will



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could be waiting on the other side, head up, for its prey. Instead step up on a log or rock and look over before putting your foot down.

Stay on trails because there is less risk of meeting a snake. Wear long pants and boots and carry a cell phone with emergency numbers.

If bitten by a snake, the only first aid he recommends is "to get to a

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the park and Penman's neighbor said that her grandson, who loved the park, probably wouldn't be able to enjoy a nature center. He had autism and at age seven was still without language and in a state of almost constant agitation. Her neighbor went on to say, however, that she had observed her grandson finding great calm at Letchworth, a state of being he couldn't achieve almost anywhere else. Speaking to another friend with an autistic grandchild, Penman heard the same sentiment about Letchworth; it completely

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COMPASS **RECIPE: NATALIA ZUKERMAN**

Brunch at Troutbeck: Black Emmer Pancakes

t Troutbeck, every meal is an _experience, but Sundays have taken on a special charm with the highly anticipated return of brunch. Impeccably sourced, plentiful, elegant yet approachable, and immensely satisfying, the brunch menu reflects the essence of Troutbeck's culinary philosophy. Available every Sunday, brunch complements the existing offerings of three meals a day, seven days a week, all open to the public.

The culinary program at Troutbeck is led by **Executive Chef Vincent** Gilberti, who honors the natural landscape through thoughtful and seasonal cuisine. "We launched brunch in February," said Chef Vinny, as he's affectionately known. "It's been a goal of mine to add brunch since returning to Troutbeck as executive chef last year. Before my time here and before the pandemic, we had a bustling and fun brunch program, and while we've all returned to 'normalcy,' brunch was something we wanted to get back in the mix." Chef Vinny hails from the Hudson Valley and brings with him a wealth of experience from some of New York City's most celebrated restaurants, including Pulino's, Battersby, and Dover. After a stint in San Francisco's SPQR, where he honed his pasta-making skills, Chef Vinny has returned

to Troutbeck with a renewed passion for the farm-to-table philosophy.

Troutbeck's brunch celebrates the best of local and seasonal fare in an environment that is both elegant and welcoming. Said Chef Vinny, "We serve both in-house guests and our local community, which is very important to us. We love seeing familiar faces who return week after week." Reservations can be made via the website at troutbeck.com/ eat-drink/or by calling 845-789-1555.

Black Emmer Pancakes by Chef Vincent Gilberti at Troutbeck

(This recipe highlights the local/regional purveyors where they source their ingredients.

Ingredients — Yields 8 to 10 pancakes 1 Cup Black Emmer Flour (Wild Hive Farm) 1 Tablespoon White **Granulated Sugar** ¹/₂ Teaspoon Baking Powder ¹/₂ Teapsoon Baking Soda 1/2 Teaspoon Salt 1/2 Cup Sour Cream

(Ronnybrook Farm) 1/2 Cup Milk (Ronnybrook)

1 Egg (YundWell Pastured Poultry)

4 Teaspoons Melted Butter

Vegaline or PAM cooking spray, as needed **Optional: Maple Syrup** (Laurel & Ash Farm)

Black Emmer Pancakes by Chef Vincent Gilberti at Troutbeck.

batches, add pancake

...Snakes

Seasonal fruits: Strawberries, blueberries, peaches, etc.

Directions:

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine and mix all dry ingredients.

2. In a second large mixing bowl, combine and mix all wet ingredients.

3. Fold in the wet ingredient mix into the dry ingredient mix in three increments (using 1/3 of the wet mix at a time). The batter should have a lumpy consistency.

Let batter rest 4. for 10 minutes.

Heat a non-stick 5. pan over medium heat. Spray with non-stick spray.

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batter (1/2 cup) at a time. Cook until you start to see the batter bubbling (about one and

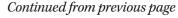
a half minutes) and the bottom is golden brown. 7. Flip the pancake and cook the other side until golden brown, the

and is cooked through. 8. Serve warm with

pancake rises slightly

PHOTO BY JIM HENKENS

Maple Syrup and Fresh seasonal fruit.







...Autism Trail

for the song, my travel, several school group visits to the park, and an evening performance for the public. Having never been to the park, I had my work cut out for me.

Autism diagnoses have soared by 175% since 2000. According to the CDC, the incidence of autism in 2024 is 1 in 36. Theories abound environmental toxins, maternal infections, older parents, the rate of prematurity, and on and on. Little is conclusive, but more and more people are being diagnosed, perhaps due simply to the fact that there is more awareness, and that the "spectrum" is widening.

Throughout my years as a teacher, I have worked with children on the autism spectrum and what I have observed is that they seem almost unbearably alert to the world's wonders and its dangers all at once. Crying is common, but not necessarily for the reasons that have come to be associated

with tears-like sadness. grief, or pain - but more an overwhelm at the connection between joy and sorrow itself. The world is terrifying and mystifying and emoting as a way to try to comprehend it seems necessary. Music can be a great source of relief for children on the spectrum, a way to express the inexpressible, a way to alchemize the experience and mystery of being alive.

Grandin said, "The world needs all types of minds." A slight alteration and "All Kinds of Minds" became the song. I arrived at the ANT early on the morning of June 5 and spent the day with students from Batavia, Mt. Morris, Perry, and Warsaw Schools, teaching them the song. The children ranged in age from kindergarten through elementary school and varied greatly in terms of how they presented on the autism spectrum. Some were nonverbal, using handheld devices that could

"speak" for them. Some kids sang along, some shouted. Some cried, some laughed; all of them seemed intrigued by their surroundings, the guitar, and this new song written just for them. Under a bright blue sky, surrounded by ancient pine trees and waterfalls, we sang the chorus together, again and again:

I don't know why But I feel better by the water

And the deep wood pine

I can take my time Cuz the world needs The world needs All kinds of minds.

To find out more about the ANT and to donate, visit: autismnaturetrail. com/allears/

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John Vanek, is a zoologist at the New York Natural Heritage Program.

hospital." Take a picture of the snake if you can. "The treatment for any snake in New York is the same."

Timber rattlesnakes

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ART: MATTHEW KRETA

Nature-inspired exhibit opens in Sharon

he Sharon Town Hall is currently displaying an art exhibit by Pamela Peeters entitled "No Fear of Flying" until September 3, 2024. The exhibit opened on June 3 to celebrate World Environment Day.

The show displays work by Peeters, Allan Blagden, Zelena Blagden and Jean Saliter. Pamela Peeters has had a decades-long career as an environmental economist, sustainability strategist and ECO consultant, appearing on television and radio, sponsoring and leading environmental education programs globally and is recognized for her various artistic endeavors.

The current exhibit in Sharon Town Hall, featuring photographs by Peeters as the main attraction. contains several works from her "Elements" series, a set of 31 cards that feature photographs, meditative words and questions to reflect on that are meant to be viewed one at a time over the course of a month.

In an interview, Peeters said that a main theme of the exhibit was communication, not just with each other, but with the Earth.

"We have connecting points. We are the same," Peeters said. "The energizing effect that the elements of nature can have on us are profound when one

knows how to connect!" Peeters stated in a press release.

This is Peeters's third exhibit in Town Hall, and she considers it a love letter to life and to the planet.

When asked if she had a specific piece that she felt particularly strongly about, Peeters said she has a deep appreciation for "Core", a part of the "Elements" series and the last card in the work's sequence. "Core" is a photograph of a lotus flower, something Peeters said holds plenty of symbolism for beauty, new beginnings and potential.

"It will take some time to listen to its wisdom and you can start with small steps, but



"Pearl" from the "Elements" series.

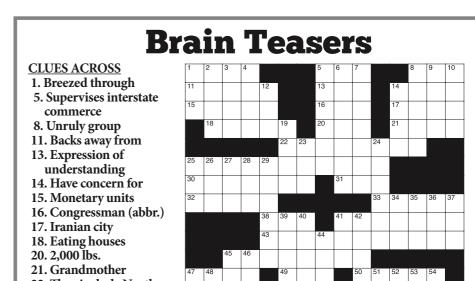
once you get the affirmations that you are on the path of manifestation, you will understand that to be one with your core is to come home," the card says.

Peeters also brought attention to the card "Pearl", which features a detailed photograph of a water droplet. This card focuses on turning something negative into something positive, reminding how it is only through irritation that a pearl is made. "Elements" can be purchased as a set at www.myelementsdeck.com.

Peeters plans to hold a workshop this summer to go with the art exhibit. The idea only came when the artwork began hanging in Town Hall, so there are no definitive dates for it yet. Peeters is excited to work with the community and see the shape that the workshop will take.

When asked for any final remarks to share, Peeters replied, "When people will visit the gallery at the Sharon Town Hall next, they will discover how each of the artist's unique relationship with nature inspired them to create their works. Perhaps that could be a bridge for their own "No Fear of Flying" relationship with the "Elements" that surround them! A journey worthwhile exploring."

"No Fear of Flying" will remain on display during Town Hall hours until September 3, 2024.





Right, Ann Temkins, Chief Curator of Painting and Sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City will speak at the Cornwall Library. Above, Garden 2 in the garden tour features a lower pond and water garden.



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Books & Blooms

n Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22, the ninth annual Books & Blooms event will take place, benefiting the Cornwall Library. This two-day garden-related event has become a cherished highlight, offering an enriching experience for garden enthusiasts and art lovers alike.

Friday evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a presentation by Ann Temkin, the distinguished Marie-Josée and Henry Kravis Chief Curator of Painting and Sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). Temkin will explore the deep connection between Claude Monet's passion for gardening and his renowned paintings of water lilies. Her talk will reveal how Monet's extensive gardens at Giverny were not just a

source of inspiration but a vital part of his artistic process. Despite the current acclaim of the water lilies series, they were initially met with significant criticism in the early 20th century. Temkin will discuss the transformation in public perception that eventually led to their recognition as pioneering works of 20th century art. Ms. Temkin, who was born in Torrington and weekends in Cornwall, is the first woman to hold the premier curatorial position at MoMA. This insightful lecture will be held at the United Church of Christ, 8 Bolton Hill Road in Cornwall Village, and will be followed by a cocktail reception in a nearby private garden.

The event continues Saturday with self-guided tours of four distinctive Cornwall gardens,

beginning at 10 a.m. Each garden offers a unique and enchanting experience, including an unfussy, low-maintenance perennial garden with specimen trees, a garden featuring a waterfall and millpond, a dramatic hillside garden with a plunging ravine, and a charming cottage garden with extensive plantings.

Tickets are priced at \$40 for the Friday talk, \$30 for the Saturday garden tours, or \$65 for both events. Registration and ticket purchases can be made through cornwalllibrary.org/events. Tickets and maps for the garden tours will be available for pickup at the Cornwall Library (30 Pine Street, Cornwall) on Friday, June 21, between noon and 6 p.m., or on Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. on.

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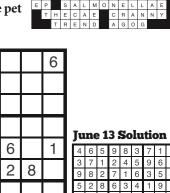
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JUNE 21

Solstice Singing Circle

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

On Friday, June 21, from 7 to 9 p.m., come sing at the Solstice Singing Circle at The Center on Main in Falls Village, Conn.

Studies show that singing can improve both mental and physical health and boost happiness. Come sing with us, and feel free to bring a song to share. This is a group singing circle, not an open mic or talent show. All songs are meant for the group to sing together. If you enjoy singing, this is for you! It is part of worldwide Make Music Day.

Poetry Discussion Group with Mark Scarbrough

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

This summer, starting June 21, on third Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., join Mark Scarbrough on for an informal discussion of three contemporary poetry collections. Deepen your understanding of the craft for this most un-modern road: the contemplative path of poetry.

Registration is requested. To learn more and to register, visit www. scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal. com/event/12343566

Poetry Workshop with Sally Van Doren

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

This intensive, immersive workshop is designed to give writers the time we need to generate new work. Guided by prompts and in-class writing assignments, we will dive deep and emerge transformed.

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 23

30th Anniversary Ice Cream Social

21st Century Fund for HVRHS, 246 Warren Tpke, Falls Village, Conn.

The 21st Century Fund for HVRHS invites Region 1 Community Members to an Ice Cream Social under the graduation tent at HVRHS from 3 to 5 p.m. on June 23 to celebrate its 30th Anniversary. Besides, the sundaes, cones, root beer floats and bananasplits, provided by Freund's Farm Market. There will be music by Lou Haemmerle, class of 2025, and an opportunity to mingle with other community members, teachers and students who have received grants from the 21st Century Fund.

JUNE 25

Berkshire Queer History Project Screening

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

On Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m. the David M. Hunt Library will host a screening of stories from the Berkshire Stonewall Community Coalition's Queer History Project, in celebration of Pride Month. The Queer History Project aims to paint a more vivid picture of a community deeply interwoven into the Berkshires, but long forced into the margins. Stories shared will include:

entrepreneurs, creatives, retirees, and anyone else seeking a change of scenery from your home office or studio! Enjoy the camaraderie of a shared working space while tapping into your individual workflow; wifi and coffee provided. Drop in anytime.

Learn about the Benefits of Hospice Care and the Importance of **Preplanning your Funeral**

SVNA Home Assistance, 30A Salmon Kill Road, Salisbury, Conn

On Wednesday, June 26 at 5 p.m., learn about the benefits of hospice care and the importance of preplanning your funeral. Hosted by SVNA Home Assistance. **RSVP** to Meghan Kenny: mkenny@vnhlc.org

Light refreshments will be served.

Women's Health Lecture Series: Women's Health

The Northeast-Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd. Millerton, N.Y.

On Wednesday, June 26, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Northeast-Millerton Library Annex there will be a talk as a part of the Women's Health Lecture Series: Women's Health 101, presented by Sharon Hospital and hosted by The Northeast-Millerton Library.

JUNE 27

Book Talk with Peter Kaufman

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Thursday, June 27, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., join Peter Kaufman for a discussion of How to Win an Information War: The Propagandist Who Outwitted Hitler, by disinformation expert Peter Pomerantsev. We will discuss

Library and the Falls Village Recreation Committee are excited to offer a summer concert series on the lawn of the David M. Hunt Library. The series kicks off on Saturday, June 29 at 6 p.m. with the Berkshire **Resilience Brass Band.** On July 27 at 6 p.m. the library will host Vance Cannon. The final event on Saturday, August 24 at 6 p.m. will be a community talent show/ open mic night. Pack a picnic, bring chairs or a blanket, and join us on the library lawn for music this summer! These events are free and open to the public.

Book Talk

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

Cornwall Library will host James Traub, author of "True Believer: Hubert Humphrey and the Quest for a More Just America," for a book talk Saturday, June 29, at 5 p.m. Traub recounts Hubert Humphrey's role as twentieth-century American liberalism's most-dedicated defender and its most public and tragic sacrifice. In-person attendance only at the library (no Zoom). **Registration required:** cornwalllibrary.org/ events

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Author Talk

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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. **JUNE 30** The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn

On Sunday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to noon, drop in to our Art Making Space and start or work on an existing creative project in the company of others who are doing the same! All ages welcome; kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. BYOP (project), or use the provided art materials (suggested materials donation: \$10).



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.

Drop In Art Making Space

Registration is requested. To learn more and to register, visit www. scovillelibrary.org.

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal. com/event/11958898

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.

Ed Sederbaum, cis gay man and founder of Rainbow Seniors, reviving his Brooklyn accent to appeal to the gents; Belle Fox-Martin, cis lesbian woman and UCC minister, and her surprisingly idyllic coming out; JV Hampton-VanSant, trans femme nonbinary and national entertainer, and the bad movie you must laugh at to not get dumped by her; Ray Garnett, trans bisexual man and Yellow House Books co-owner, on coming from North Carolina and choosing the family business so he could transition without losing his livelihood.

Snacks and beverages will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

JUNE 26

Coworking on Main

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

On Wednesday, June 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., join us for Coworking on Main.

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Pomerantsev's account of propaganda methods used to undermine German's faith in Nazism and reflect on how such methods might counter disinformation in our own era.

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JUNE 28

Big Talk

The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

On Friday, June 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., venture out of the default small-talk zone with strangers and friends, guided by a facilitator. Equally satisfying for extroverts and introverts, this program provides the opportunity for meaningful connection. Suggested donation of \$10. Non-alcoholic drinks provided. Ages 18+. Space is limited; advanced registration required: www. thecenteronmain.org/ events

JUNE 29

Summer Concert Series

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org The David M. Hunt

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Art at Hunt

A show of Robert Cronin's "Serious Paintings" opened at the David M. Hunt Library Saturday, June 15. The show runs through July 12. The artist will give a talk on Thursday, June 27 at the library.

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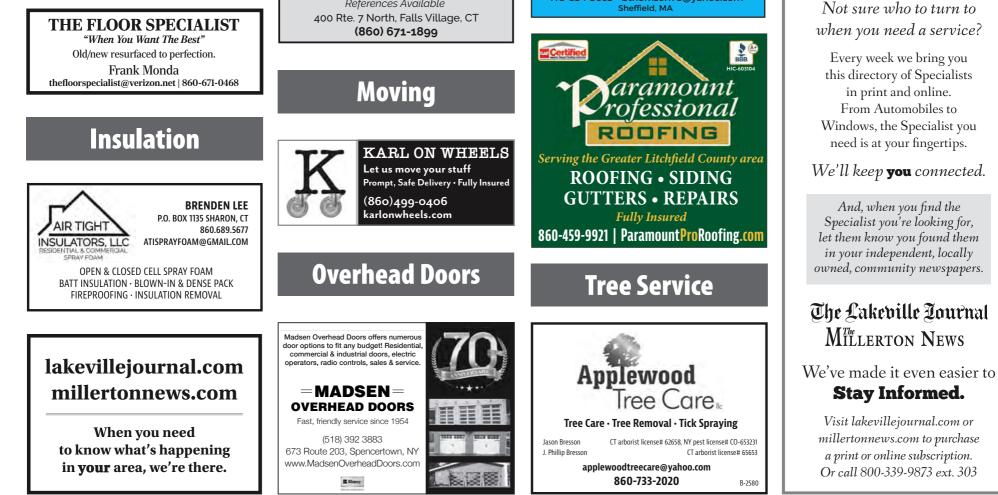
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