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Copake holds 4th Annual Cupcake Celebration

By **JOHN COSTON**
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COPAKE — Sugar filled the air at the Fourth Annual Copake Cupcake Celebration on Sunday, June 23 at the Copage Grange Hall.

Starting at 11 a.m. cars began to line Empire Road as the Copake Grange was transformed into the

“Cupcake Grange” fundraiser organized by the Friends of the Copake Grange.

One thousand cupcakes! That’s how many of the hand-sized delights were prepared this year by 46 bakers organized by the Grange’s Paulette Bonano.

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PHOTO BY JANET MACKIN

Winner of the kids’ competition at the 4th Annual Cupcake Celebration was Lyra Cochrane, 9, with Kate Lanphear, a judge.

Hartzog, Soleau win Millerton Village trustee election

By **COLLEEN FLYNN**
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MILLERTON — Matthew Hartzog and Matt Soleau were elected to two-year terms on the Village Board in an election held Tuesday, June 18.

Hartzog was running as an incumbent, and received 78 votes. Soleau, a member of the Planning Board, received 79 votes.

Kelly Kilmer, a former Village Clerk, was running for a seat on a Republican endorsement. Kilmer received 57 votes.

Village Clerk Lisa Cope reported that 123 Village residents voted, with six absentee ballots, one spoiled ballot and six write-in votes.

Hartzog was endorsed by a

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GRADUATION



PHOTO BY GAVIN MARR

Valedictorian Hannah Ross wins applause at Millbrook High School commencement June 21.

Millbrook graduates: ‘Poised, confident, and articulate’

By **GAVIN MARR**
Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — Due to poor weather forecasts, spirited friends and family of the Millbrook High School graduating class gathered indoors for the commencement ceremony on Friday, June 21.

Principal Eric Seipp began the ceremony by demonstrating his reluctance to move the event into the school’s auditorium.

“I know many of you are extremely disappointed with the

decision to have our ceremony inside. Please know that this decision did not come lightly,” said Seipp.

Shortly after, Seipp’s remarks sparked laughter across the crowd after sharing some words of wisdom, “Be the person your dog thinks you are.” Seipp recognized and reinforced the graduates’ most notable attributes, “... poised, confident and articulate.”

Next on stage was Caroline Hernandez Pidila, Superintendent of Schools. She addressed

the class as “the resilient class of 2024.” Pidila acknowledged a theme of uncertainty through their time, and their growth because of it.

In her message to the graduates, Colett Alonge-Watz, chemistry Instructor and Class of 2024 Co-advisor, celebrated cherished memories of several graduates. From eventful trips to Universal, to minute kind gestures, the class had an apparent and positive im-

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Stissing Mountain’s 2024 class

By **GAVIN MARR**
Special to The Millerton News

PINE PLAINS — Fifty-eight Stissing Mountain High School graduates and families gathered for Commencement on Saturday, June 22.

After playing of the Star Spangled Banner, the event began with remarks from Amie Fredericks, the Board of Education president. Her creative use of song lyrics intended to blueprint a successful future, “... to me music is the one language

that touches everyone regardless of what type of music we listen to. So I’m hoping that by stating these song lyrics they stick with you.”

Next, Superintendent Brian Timm, addressed the graduating class of 2024, commending them for their intelligence, athleticism, leadership, and service-oriented skills. He encouraged the graduates to embrace challenges using a mental model from Peter Senge’s “The Fifth Discipline,” emphasizing the importance of defining current reality and future visions.

Salutarian Nicholas McPherson pointed out the potential present in the small yet mighty graduating class during his speech. “We have future medical professionals, engineers, collegiate athletes, therapists, cosmetologists, electricians, world travelers, police officers, lawyers, and of course, teachers.”

The final speech came from the Valedictorian Elizabeth Hieter. Hieter set forth her perspective on

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OUR TOWNS

Millerton summer camp draws 32 young campers

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — The Village of Millerton's summer camp will begin on Monday, July 1, continuing until Aug. 9.

Since the beginning of the month, 32 kids have signed up for the six-week program. The camp will have many different activities.

Every week, the summer camp will take trips to Lake Taghkanic and Spins Bowling. They will also take the kids on several local trips, including the Music Cellar to cre-

ate music and ride bikes, the MovieHouse to see Despicable Me 4, and two library trips. However, the fun does not end there. Kids will have the opportunity to go to two water parks, Zoome Flume and Quassy Amusement Park.

With recent sign-ups, Sebastian Bauer, the camp director, is excited to see even more kids register until camp begins.

Sebastian said, "Since moving here I started working with several of the local schools running onsite programming. In regards to the games at camp my focus is to bring the same activities

that help with communication, anti-bullying and team ship."

Despite one of Amenia's summer camps being canceled, so far, only one kid outside of Millerton has signed up; the rest are residents. In addition, they have taken in one camp counselor from Amenia to work at the Millerton summer camp.

Sign-ups are still open, yet there is a \$10 late fee now. For more information, Sebastian Bauer can be reached at camp-summercamp@villageofmillerton-ny.gov

Lori Barker's artistry on display at NEML

By COLLEEN FLYNN
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MILLERTON — North-East-Millerton Library is hosting an exhibit of the work by artist Lori Barker.

Barker's artwork consists of layering different paper, paint, wood, fabric, metals, and images. Though, her first work was creating machine-embroidered house portraits and baby quilts to sell at local stores.

At the library, Barker's work ranges from portraits to flowers. It is individually listed and priced from \$30 to \$300.

Lori is a former elementary school art teacher from Goshen, Connecticut. She graduated from Southern Connecticut State University and studied at Savannah College of Art and Design, Bennington College, and Omega Institute.

Barker said, "After teaching elementary art for a few years, I became a stay-at-home mom. My creative mind was and is always active, so I started showing my art at local fairs and shops."

Barker has won prizes at many different art galleries and events for her work. Including awards from the Essex Art Association, Norwich Arts,



PHOTO BY COLLEEN FLYNN

Lori Barker's work ranges from portraits to flowers.

Milford Fine Arts show, Hillsdale festival, Hartford Riverfest and Danbury Arts Fest. In 2009 Barker received the Museum of Contemporary Impressionism's award of excellence.

"Knowing that others valued my creativity spurred me on to create what I loved doing," said Barker.

In 2012, Lori and her husband opened the Artists' Path Gallery in Bantam, Connecticut, where they showed work for three years. Their gallery

featured over 40 artisans' works and won Yankee Magazine's Best Small Gallery in Connecticut.

"For those starting out in any artistic realm, make sure you are being true to yourself. Don't get discouraged with rejections. Even though I've been a working artist since 1970, I still get a few!"

Barker's work will be on display and available to buy at the NorthEast-Millerton Library until June 29.

OBITUARIES

Earl Robert Johnson

LAKEVILLE — Earl Robert Johnson 94, of 21 Furnace Road, died peacefully at his home on June 18, 2024. He was the husband of Laura (Holmes) Johnson. Earl and Laura were married for 71 years. Earl was born in Brooklyn, New York, on March 14, 1930, son of the late Theodore Ralph and Emma (Letterman) Johnson.

After attending high school Earl enlisted in the U.S. Air Force Feb. 14, 1950.

He remained in the Air Force until his discharge on Feb. 13, 1956. After leaving the Air Force Earl became a carpet mechanic. He began his career with the Housatonic Valley Rug Shop and later established his own business.

In addition to his wife, Laura, Earl is survived by his son Eric Johnson of Sheffield, Massachusetts, and his daughter Elisa MacKendree of Winsted. He is also survived by his granddaughter Arielle

MacKendree of Vass, North Carolina.

Earl was predeceased by his son Earl Robert Johnson, Jr., his fraternal twin brother Theodore R. Johnson, Jr. and his sister Cynthia DeProdcini.

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

For more obituaries, see page A4

Send obituaries to johnc@lakevillejournal.com

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Notice of Filing Completed Assessment Roll with Clerk

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Pine Plains in the County of Dutchess for the year 2024 has been completed by the undersigned assessor, and a certified copy is filed in the office of the town clerk on the 1st day of July, 2024, where the same will remain open for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours.

Assessor for the Town of Pine Plains
Sara Foglia
06-27-24

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment roll for the TOWN OF AMENIA, COUNTY OF DUTCHESS for the year 2024 has been completed by the undersigned Assessor, and a certified copy is filed in the office of the Town Clerk at Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, NY on the first day of July, 2024, where it will be open for public inspection. A copy of such will also be available online at ameniany.gov. Dated this 1st day of July 2024.

Donna Dipippo
Assessor for
Town of Amenia
06-27-24

TOWN OF AMENIA PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapters 105 and 121 of the Code of the Town of Amenia and NYS Town Law Article 16, public hearings will be convened by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on July 10, 2024 to consider applications submitted by Lakeside 27 LLC for Subdivision and Site Plan Review approvals to authorize the merger of Tax

Parcel # 132000-7066-02-782702-0000 and 132000-7066-02-788715-0000 located at 300 Wood Duck Road, Town of Amenia, Dutchess County, and to construct a single family dwelling on the merged lot (the "Applications") as an amendment to the approval granted by the Planning Board of the Silo Ridge Field Club on July 29, 2015 by Resolution #12 for 2015.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Applications are on file in the Planning and Zoning Office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours by appointment only. The Applications can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at www.ameniany.gov.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Planning Board will hear all persons interested in the Applications at the public hearings noticed herein. All persons may appear at the hearings in person or by agent and may also submit written comments to the Planning Board at or prior to such hearings by emailing comments to Planning Board Secretary Judy Westfall at jwestfall@ameniany.gov.

Robert Boyles, Jr.,
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Code of the Town of Amenia and NYS Town Law Article 16, a public hearing will be convened by the Town of Amenia Planning Board at 7:00 p.m. on July 10, 2024 to consider the application of Troutbeck Holdings LP for Site Plan Review approval to authorize Phases 2 and 6 of its adaptive reuse plan

for a 43.5 acre parcel located at 515 Leedsville Road, Town of Amenia, Dutchess County (Tax Parcel # 132000-7267-00-227675) (the "Application").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Application is on file in the Planning and Zoning Office for public viewing and inspection during normal business hours by appointment only. The Application can also be viewed and downloaded from the Town's official website at www.ameniany.gov.

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Notice is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of North East, County of Dutchess, has completed the final assessment roll for the year 2024. A certified copy will be filed with the Town Clerk at North East Town Hall, 19 North Maple Avenue, Millerton, N.Y., by the 1st day of July, 2024. It will also be available on our website https://townofnortheastny.gov/.

Katherine Johnson
Assessor
06-27-24

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OUR TOWNS

Amenia reverses decision, proceeds on grant application



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Honored with an official proclamation at the Town Board meeting on Thursday, June 20, were members of the Amenia Fire Company and the Ropes Rescue Team, all Amenia residents. Left to right are First Lt. Rescue Christopher Klingner; Former Chief Aaron Howard, Jr.; First Lt. Richie Howard, Jr.; Town Supervisor Leo Blackman holding the proclamation; Fire Chief Christopher Howard; Second Lt. Zachary Klingner; Former Chief Richard Howard; and Willie Ford.

Amenia Fire Co., Ropes Rescue Team honored by town

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — During the Town Board meeting on Thursday, June 20, an official Proclamation was presented to the Amenia Fire Company and the Amenia Ropes Rescue Team, honoring their vital volunteer service to the town, its residents and the surrounding region.

Presenting the Proclamation signed by each member of the Town Council was Town Supervisor Leo Blackman, citing four technical rescues performed during May and June requiring extraordinary dedication and skill.

Included in the Proclamation is recognition of the ser-

vice of both the Fire Company and the Ropes Rescue Team, the latter formed five years ago and comprised of nine fire company members. In cooperation with Connecticut and Massachusetts departments, they are part of the Northwest Regional Ropes Rescue Team, attending monthly meetings and responding as called.

One of the four rescues involved rapid response to challenging terrain and attracted national notice. Particularly mentioned was the heroic quarry rescue of Rippy, a 30-pound terrier that had fallen 30 feet and clung precariously to a small rock ledge, beyond the reach of standard fire department truck ladders.

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Following lengthy discussion, the Town Board voted 3-2 at its regular meeting on Thursday, June 20, to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to proceed with completing a grant application, permission that it had denied, also by a vote of 3-2, at its previous meeting on Thursday, June 6.

The matter was reintroduced to the agenda for the June 20 meeting, when Recreation Commission Secretary Peter McCaffrey offered comments to the board in advance of the vote that would reverse the June 6 decision. The single councilmember who changed in the interim was Nicole Ahearn who voted on June 20 to proceed with the funding application.

Repeating their vote against the proposal were Town Supervisor Leo Blackman and councilmember Rosanna Hamm.

The grant application is through the Environmental Protection Fund within the Parks Preservation and Heritage program, a state-administered program. If the grant is awarded and accepted by the town, the funding would support the Amenia Green project to enhance the property around the Town Hall for

recreational uses.

“We’ve developed a plan,” said McCaffrey of the multi-phased Master Plan for recreation enhancement. There is no all or nothing. You get the money and then you consider what parts of the plan to complete.”

“This isn’t how this usually works,” said Blackman.

Losing permanent control over the town-owned parcel and general fiscal responsibility continued to be of concern to Blackman.

Councilwoman Rosanna Hamm voiced her continuing concern about a number of major projects facing the town in the near future, some requiring bond issues, including the new Town Garage construction. She also noted that the town has a number of parks and recreation opportunities, such as the Webutuck School grounds and Beekman Park.

“We have no recreational programs that will use Amenia Green,” Hamm said.

Councilman Brad Rebillard remarked on the importance of preserving the land for public use, noting the discussion at the previous meeting of using a portion of the land for affordable housing, while he favored the value of a walking track included in the plan.

“There are five walking

tracks in town,” Blackman noted.

“I don’t have a problem with the plan,” said Hamm, recognizing the positions of Rebillard and Winters wanting to preserve the town hall land for public use.

Hamm added that she has heard from residents concerned about major projects coming up and their costs.

“I’m just against doing it all

at once,” Hamm said.

Winters pointed out that the present planning is Step 2 of a design phase.

“We have presented an overall idea, a multi-phased Master Plan,” Winters said.

Rebillard commented that applying for the grant does not lock the town into anything. If awarded, the town board would still need to vote on whether to accept it.

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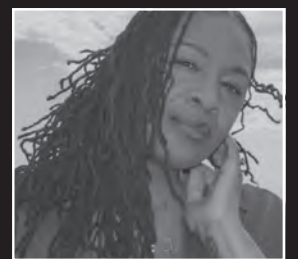


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THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

Reducing our residential food waste

As a small boy disdainfully eyeing my unfinished dinner I remember my visiting aunt begging me to eat the rest of my meal saying “remember all the starving children in China...” At the time her appeal struck me as inane but I still remember it. And today it seems to make sense.

While China these days seems to have enough food, many places all over the world do not. Malnutrition is common throughout the world with conditions in Gaza, parts of Africa and the Middle East being desperate right now. As an act of war, Russia has been intentionally destroying Ukraine’s agricultural land, in the process diminishing Europe’s food supply. As global warming and famine increase, food scarcity will worsen. Wasting food, therefore, is more and more becoming a global problem.

Nearly a third of our country’s vegetable produce is not eaten but thrown away or otherwise wasted and is the largest volume of material sent to our landfills and incinerators. When uneaten food decomposes in landfills it produces enormous quantities of methane and other polluting greenhouse gases.

For various reasons, 20% of American grown food is lost at the farm. Stores, restaurants and industrial kitchens throw out food that doesn’t sell. And in homes, many people discard food that’s still safe to eat, in part because “best by” labels can be confusing and don’t necessarily indicate when food is spoiled.

Reducing food waste for most of us might begin at the grocery store. Americans now consume more meat per capita than any other people. Probably the most effective way to reduce food waste would be to consume less meat and dairy products, especially beef. When we consider residential “food waste”, we need to think beyond just the food in our kitchens but

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also all the waste involved in producing and getting it there including the land, water, handling and transportation.

The World Resources Council reports that the average American family could save \$1,800 a year were they to reduce their food waste by 20%. Making a shopping list may help in determining what and how much of various foods you actually need. Also, keeping the freezer and refrigerator at the optimum temperatures will help preserve leftovers longer. Growing your own food crops, where possible will reduce waste and may save money.

Northwest Corner residents who have dogs, cats and other pets might save themselves some money by cutting back on packaged pet food and feeding their animals the family’s dinner table scraps, thereby cutting their food waste to nearly nothing. Standard “kibble” could supplement the “people food” when necessary to assure their pets high quality meals.

A home compost pile is possible but requires some regular effort to turn the pile so as to ventilate the material to speed the decomposition and avoid producing methane. For those with ample outdoor space, regular scattering of small amounts of vegetable waste in field grass, weeds or the woods works well during the warmer months; during the winter it still works but discarded material may be more visible for a while. Yes, it may attract hungry animals but they will leave behind their own wastes which will help enrich the soil. Scattered handfuls of corn husks are not likely to attract bear.

Architect and landscape designer Mac Gordon lives in Lakeville.

On the Grasshopper and the Cricket

The poetry of earth is never dead:

When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run
From hedge to hedge about the new-mown mead;
That is the Grasshopper’s – he takes the lead

In summer luxury, – he has never done
With his delights; for when tired out with fun
He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed.

The poetry of earth is ceasing never:

On a lone winter evening, when the frost
Has wrought a silence, from the stove there shrills
The Cricket’s song, in warmth increasing ever,
And seems to one in drowsiness half lost,
The Grasshopper’s among some grassy hills.

– John Keats (1795-1821)



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Beating the heat?

Screen star news; July 4th postponed; dairy woes

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 22, 1933

‘Screen Star Opens House on Mountain’: The summer home of Miss Grayce Hampton, screen actress, is being made ready for her arrival later in the month. The housekeeper, Mrs. Neilson, has already come on from California. Mrs. Dodeworth, as she is known to her friends in town, has not been here for several years.

‘Fourth Fiesta is Postponed to Labor Day’: Alas and alack! The best laid plans — and so forth and so on. The monster celebration planned by five organizations of Millerton for the fourth of July has been postponed to Labor Day.

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The reasons are two: First, the Millerton Fire Department has planned a field day for the September holiday with a big parade, masses and masses of visiting firemen from other towns and all sorts of fixings, so it was finally decided that the entire civic effort of the village should be concentrated, this year, on the event.

Second, both Sharon and Pine Plains, it was discovered, had already made arrangements for celebrations of the fourth and it was felt that three big celebrations in a small geographical triangle might result in spoiling all three, thus, with characteristic

chivalry, the Millerton organizations decided to give way.

June 27, 1974

‘Higher Production Costs Threaten Area Dairymen’: Area dairymen, now caught in a major struggle with higher production costs and low milk prices, say the outcome will determine for many whether or not they continue working their farms.

“It’s a lot tougher than it looks from the outside,” said Lakeville dairy farmer Henry Belter. “Milk prices are low,” Amenia dairyman Ray McEnroe III commented, “and grain prices are high. Unless something is done about it a lot of farmers are going to be in a lot of trouble.”

June 24, 1999

‘Resident Decries BC Mining Plan’: North East — At the Town Board meeting last

Thursday, Boston Corner resident Henry Klimowicz publicly denounced a proposal to the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) by Fortunato Palumbo for a 72-acre gravel mine in the nearby town of Ancram.

“We’re looking at a 72-acre mine over 25 years for cement block and future construction and demolition waste reclamation,” he told the Town Board. “I’m opposed to both.”

He warned against the influx of garbage from New York City.

“We should be leery of digging holes,” he said...

The mine would be parallel to future sections of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail, and the aesthetic impact could be greater in North East, since the mine would be located in an isolated area of Ancram.

A DEC public hearing is expected to be held in mid July...

New York’s farmer’s nutrition program for seniors

GOLDEN LIVING Todd N. Tancredi

How to apply for SFMNP coupons.

SFMNP booklets will be distributed at the OFA main office only on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4 p.m., starting on Monday, July 1.

Distribution hours at OFA Friendship Centers are available on request. OFA Friendship Centers are in Beacon, East Fishkill, Millerton, Pawling, Pleasant Valley (Tritown), Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, and South Amenia/Wassaic.

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Distribution will continue throughout the 2024 growing season for as long as supplies last. SFMNP checks can be used until Nov. 30 or a participating market closes for

the season, whichever comes first. Leftover checks from 2023 or earlier years are no longer valid.

For the latest county-by-county list of participating local markets, go to www.agriculture.ny.gov/farmers-markets. New markets often enter the program in the summer and fall, so check back regularly.

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chased with SFMNP benefits.

The July harvest

While every farm’s harvest season is a little different, here’s an overview of fruit that’s typically harvested in Dutchess County starting by July: apples, blueberries, sweet and tart cherries, peaches, plums, and raspberries. Vegetables being harvested locally include snap beans, beets and beet greens, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, collard greens, cucumbers, garlic, mustard greens, onions, peppers, radishes, summer squash, swiss chard, tomatoes, and zucchini.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, Todd N. Tancredi, director. Email him at ofa@dutchessny.gov.

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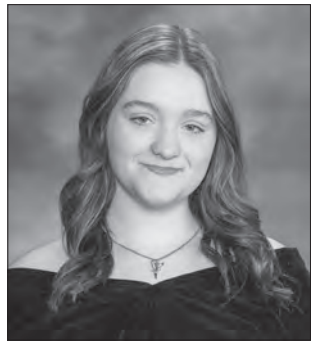
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Hillsdale real estate sales in May

Easy to reach off the Taconic Parkway or the Massachusetts Turnpike, revived Hillsdale had an active May month with six properties selling. Like many other towns May activity had many more closings than April or March proving that interest in buying homes accelerates in the spring as closings typically occur 45 to 60 days after contracts are signed. At the end of June another 11 properties were listed as pending or under contract so expect even more "solds" in June.

150 Harder Road: 3 bedroom/1 bath sold on May 30

for \$425,000

60 River Road: 4 bedroom/4 bath home on 21.8 acres sold on May 23 for \$1,300,000

4 Nobletown Road: 2 bedroom/3 bath house sold on May 17 for \$380,000

42 Catamount Resort Road: 16 bedroom/17 bath included 16 units plus 4-bedroom guest house sold on May 14 for \$1,200,000

10394 Route 22: 4 bedroom/4 bath home sold on May 10 for \$700,000

217 Anthony Street: 3 bedroom/2 bath total rehab home sold on May 3 for \$55,000



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

This 3-bedroom home on one acre close to the center of action in Hillsdale sits on the border with neighboring Copake. The interior has been exposed to determine a rehab plan for the 2,000+ square foot home which was sold for \$55,000 after being listed for \$58,000 in June of 2023.

Amenia adopts Climate Action Plan

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — By unanimous vote, the Town Board adopted a local Government Operations Climate Smart action plan recommended by the Climate Smart Task Force at its regular meeting on Thursday, June 20.

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The action followed a presentation by Michael Peek of the local task force serving also as a volunteer with the Dutchess Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI). Peek reviewed the highlights of an extensive report developed from research conducted by the local volunteer Climate Smart Task Force to measure current emissions problem areas, and to develop goals and strategies to meet those goals.

"We're interested in a sustainable future for Amenia," councilman Paul Winters said, adding that he is a supporter of protecting the climate.

The final report was developed in cooperation with CAPI, as part of a process that

may result in the town being named a Climate Smart Community.

Seeking to mitigate the effects of climate change, local governments are supporting programs that will reduce greenhouse gas emission levels (carbon dioxide) computed as a "carbon footprint."

A local survey completed in 2023 identified three problem areas within the town that should be addressed. Solid waste emissions levels from the former town landfill were the most significant pollution factor in town operations, followed by town buildings and facilities, and then the town's fleet of vehicles.

Winters urged the Conservation Advisory Council

to confer with the Highway Department about any plans to shift to all-electric vehicles.

Councilwoman Nicole Ahern noted that the Climate Smart Communities program carries built-in funding opportunities, an incentive for participating towns.

The report also looked to the future, setting out to reduce emissions from local government operations by one-third below 2019 measurements, and to achieve that goal by 2030, six years from today.

The plan may be viewed on the Town website under "Town News and Information." Residents are encouraged to send comments to mpeek@ameniany.gov

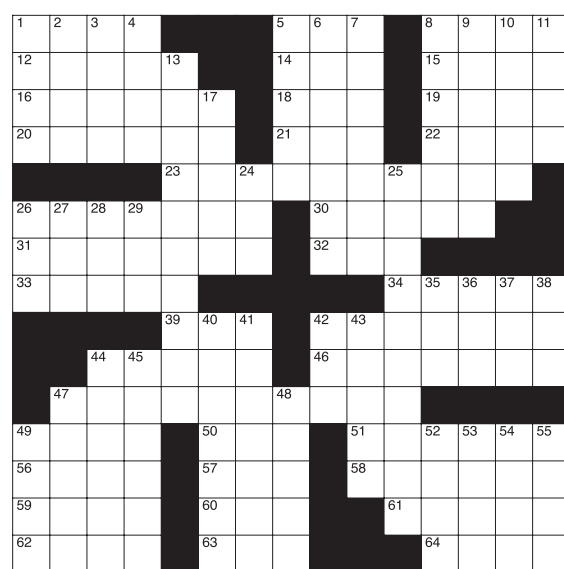
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- Cash machine
- Title of various Muslim rulers
- Indian hand clash cymbals
- Scarf
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- Cry
- Financial term
- Reactive structure in organic chemistry (abbr.)
- Clean out a riverbed
- Seaport (abbr.)
- English seascape painter
- Bring back again
- Subtracted from
- Related on the mother's side
- Mooches
- Commotion
- Boer War general
- Silklike nylon fabric
- CNN's founder
- Sarcastic in a bitter way
- Minute reproductive unit
- Nourishment
- Large predatory tropical fish
- Small, rich sponge cake
- Drink a small amount
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- Norse personification of old age
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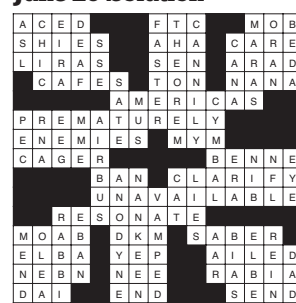
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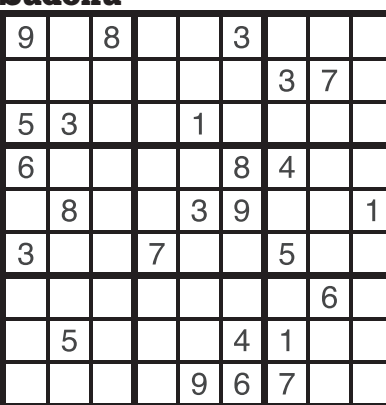


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- New Hampshire city
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- Northeastern institution of higher learning (abbr.)
- A doctrine
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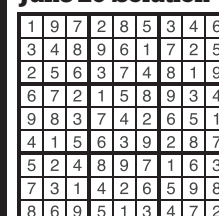
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MILLBROOK *Continued from Page A1*

pact on Alonge-Watz. Salutatorian Natalie Fox took to the podium to reflect on her years at Millbrook High School. Fox highlighted the class' journey from virtual classrooms to in-person celebrations, including memories of winning state championships.

In the last speech of the day, Valedictorian Hannah Ross shared a quote, "If you want to go across the ocean, you first have to build a boat. You haven't built the boat yet, you haven't put in the ground work that's needed. Without that you're not going anywhere." Ross' narrative on

the navigation of the life she believes her peers can lead is certain to resonate. Before caps flew, Principal Seipp along with Board of Education President Perry Hartswick and Superintendent Pidila presented diplomas to the 64 graduates of the class of 2024.

STISSING *Continued from Page A1*



PHOTO BY GAVIN MARR

Fifty-eight Stissing Mountain graduates received diplomas on June 22.

service and how she thinks it should be dealt with. "We should serve the community because the people we serve have value. So the next time

we volunteer at a food pantry how about we don't tell anyone about it," she said. Following the choir's performance of The Beatles'

"Here Comes the Sun," the presentation of diplomas was initiated by Principal Christopher Boyd along with Fredericks and Timm.

CUPCAKES *Continued from Page A1*

"Copake rhymes with cupcake," said Janet Mackin, "This is my dream come true."

"It's always sold out," Mackin said as she recalled that at last year's event 716 cupcakes were sold at the going rate: \$1 per.

Veronica McTiernan, president of the Friends of the Copake Grange, handled ticket sales and barely had time to answer questions as a steady stream poured into the hall.

Cupcake lovers of all ages crowded up to the tables, exchanging their \$1 tickets for the sweets that they placed very carefully into cardboard containers. The confectionary congregants were entertained by Harry Hussey and Lenny Bardham of the House Band.

Children milled, seemingly agog at the display of rows and rows of cupcakes, and parents and grandparents seemed to be mostly in charge of the selection process. Some tried their luck at the Wheel of Fortune supervised by Vicki Sander and Liz Fenamore.

Judges — Caden Cochrane, Kate Lanphear and Seung Suh— stood by in the mix,

carefully tasting and examining entries.

Stephanie Rabin was winner of "The Ultimate Copake Cupcake" with a gluten and dairy free "Put the Lime in the Coconut" cupcake, a reference to the Harry Nilsson song. The People's Choice award went to Madeline Silverman for a "Blueberry Crumb Cupcake."

Lyra Cochrane, 9, won the Children's Award. Last year's winner was Natalia Coleman, 8, of San Diego, California, who was visiting with grandparents Steve and Dana Coleman of Copake and making a cameo appearance on the floor, but not competing.

Sylvia McLaughlin of Copake had her arms full with 1 1/2 year old Jackson hoisted on one arm and a fistful of tickets and a cardboard container in the other. It wasn't clear how she would proceed.

Sylvia McLaughlin, right, with son Jackson. Below, cupcakes filled the Copake Grange Hall.

ELECTION *Continued from Page A1*

Democratic caucus. Soleau was cross-endorsed by Democrats and Republicans.

Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori, who has served three two-year terms, did not run for reelection. Polls were open from noon to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18.

The terms of office for Hartzog and Soleau will begin on July 1.



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PHOTO BY JANET MACKIN



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Above, The Ultimate Copake Cupcake "Put the Lime in the Coconut." Left, Caden Cochrane (judge), Kate Lanphear (judge), Winner Stephanie Rabin (The Ultimate Copake Cupcake), Madeline Silverman (People's Choice Award) and Seung Suh (judge).



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

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FOOD: LEILA HAWKEN

New Restaurant: Panacea is coming to Amenia

Residents of greater Amenia and a wide radius beyond have a penchant for world-class food served in country ambiance, a reason that Serevan, hosted by Chef Serge Madikians, became a destination for so many. In recent months, Madikians decided it was time to retire and the important restaurant closed.

Before long, new owners saw the potential and purchased the restaurant. So much about it was right. The new owners from Manhattan would open a new restaurant to be named "Panacea."

The enthusiastic new owners are Chef Jacob Somers and his fiancée Khendum Namgyal. Pausing the hard work of preparing to open a restaurant, Somers took the time to provide some details on Wednesday, June 12, just days following the purchase. The couple will be married

soon, and at that point, the two will co-own Panacea, Somers said.

One of Namgyal's talents is fresh house-made pasta, although her duties will be varied, as needed to align with her talents.

The couple met in 2019, serving as chefs at Union Square Café, the landmark spot in Manhattan. Somers said that Namgyal will run the front-of-house operations in addition to kitchen work.

"In short, we'll both be doing a lot of everything," Somers said.

Eager to open, Somers said they are aware that this is peak season, both for diners and for garden-fresh produce. Namgyal has past tenure at Natoora, a Brooklyn-based distributor of seasonal produce from local farms directly to restaurants. Seasonality is a key word indicating that the freshest of ingredients will drive the



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Serevan, the restaurant in Amenia has been sold recently by Serge Madikians to new owners, Chef Jacob Somers and his fiancée Khendum Namgyal. The restaurant located along Route 44 West, is targeting an opening date in early July. Its new name is Panacea.

menu.

Asked to categorize the Panacea cuisine, Somers resisted a broad label because the emphasis will be on season-

ality.

"If I had to generalize, it would be 'New-fare, eclectic, Americana Continental cuisine,'" Somers said, adding, "similar to

Union Square Cafe."

"I've been cooking professionally in NYC for around 14 years now," Somers said. He began as a line cook at Clinton Street Baking Company on the Lower East Side and moved on to a few other spots before traveling to Alsace, France for an internship that was life changing.

Returning to Manhattan, he worked for Chef David Burke and then the Hudson Clearwater where he immersed in seasonality. From there he moved on to the Union Square Café, gaining lifelong friends, colleagues, and fellow chef, Khendum.

"I am so excited to become part of Amenia," Somers said, having first visited the area in late October and been drawn to it. Then he saw the Serevan property in Amenia.

"My jaw dropped," Somers said. "It looked so similar to my Alsace

experience. I knew from the moment I laid my eyes on the property that I had to make it a reality."

Clearly, there is a love story embedded, as Somers said, love of cooking well, love of the setting, and the love he has for Khendum, all coming together in Panacea.

On to the present, Somers reported that he and Khendum are unpacking, repairing and getting ready to open Panacea's doors to diners, probably in July, maybe by July 4.

Somers was delighted to report phone calls from people already seeking reservations but they are not quite ready yet.

The property was listed for \$890,000 and sold on June 6 for \$800,000. Listed for sale in July of 2023 according to First Key MLS. 7 acres with restaurant equipment and 2,645 square foot building.

ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Between myth and reality: Catherine Haggarty and Dan Gunn at Geary

Catherine Haggarty and Dan Gunn's joint exhibition at Geary Contemporary in Millerton opened with a reception on Saturday, June 15. The work offers a compelling exploration of contemporary themes through distinctly personal and artistic lenses. Both artists, each with their unique backgrounds and approaches, create a dialogue that is both introspective and engaging.

Catherine Haggarty, born in 1984 and currently residing in Brooklyn, has had her work on the pages of Bomb Magazine, Artnet, Hyperallergic, and other beacons of cultural resonance. She is a visionary force behind NYC Crit Club and The Canopy Program where she channels her artistry into mentoring the next wave of creative voices. The NYC Crit Club is an alternative, education-based platform that offers inclusive, low-cost courses in critique, connection, and community, fostering growth without financial stress. "We built a program for people who want to be connected to the New York

art world while avoiding the system that's really difficult to gain entry to," said Haggarty. "The program helps bridge the gap between ageist, classist opportunities for people that are interested in being artists"

Jack and Dolly Geary, the owners of Geary Contemporary, have been working with Haggarty since 2022. "We'd known about Catherine through the Crit Club and then Dolly and I both did a studio visit and we've been working with her ever since," said Jack Geary.

In Haggarty's pieces entitled "Just Drawing,"

abstract and figurative elements dance together, creating narratives that blur the line between reality and dreams. Drawing is at the heart of her practice, and her playful experimentation with light, planes, and textures invites viewers into a world that is both whimsical and deeply introspective. Through the use of repetition, there is an added layer of engagement that creates an immersive experience.

"I think you have to make something for it to teach you something,"

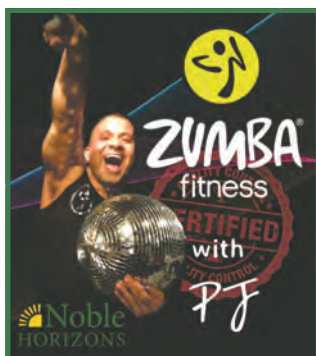
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Catherine Haggarty and Dan Gunn at Geary Contemporary.

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MUSIC: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Down County Jump returns for year two

The second Down County Jump Music Festival will take place at Race Brook Lodge in Sheffield on June 28 and 29 and promises to be two days of jubilant, spirit-lifting, feet-tapping fun.

Musical worlds will collide, cultures will meet and merge, and roots that are tangled and intertwined will be unearthed in the most beautiful patchwork of sound. Imagine New Orleans Funk dancing cheek-to-cheek with Old Time Crooning, or early jazz forms sharing a secret with traditional Hawaiian music. It's like finding a letter in a bottle that's traveled the world before it reached your hands.

"The Jump is a patchwork quilt of musical

styles that all have one thing in common; they are forms of culture-based music that are rooted in some kind of blending/evolutionary process," said artistic programmer, Alex Harvey. "Sure, we call this all roots music, but the roots are all intermingled, often in ways that are shocking and revelatory."

Racebrook will be partnering with Brooklyn's historic Jalopy Theatre for this event, a venue known for its authentic approach to music programming. "Jalopy is a performance venue, record label and school that prizes the handmade, the analog, the authentic face to face experience of participatory musical traditions transmitted across gen-

erations," said Harvey. This year's highlight includes a Sacred Harp Singing event led by Tim Eriksen, famed for his contributions to the "Cold Mountain" soundtrack. This antique form of open-throated singing, known as shape note singing, will be an open community sound installation under the pavilion on the river from 2 to 4 p.m. on June 29. Guests are invited to witness or participate in this unique musical experience.

The name "Down County Jump" has its own serendipitous story. Dave Rothstein, the original visionary of Racebrook Lodge, coined "Down County" to capture the essence of the area's vibrant music scene. Matt Downing,



PHOTO BY KIP BEACCO

Rosy and the Bros at the Down County Jump, Sept. 30, 2023.

Kip Beacco, and Alex Harvey, brought together by a shared love of dance music and a whimsical nod to Mark Twain's celebrated jumping frog, knew "Jump" was the perfect fit. It's a name that invites movement, joy, and a bit of whimsy.

So, pack your curiosity and your dancing shoes. Let yourself be swept away by Gypsy Waltz, Swamp-Pop, Son Jarocho, Olde Time Rags, Hawaiian Hapa Haole, post-war New Orleans R&B, and more. The Down County Jump Music Festival is

where you'll find some of the most danceable shuffles, where every beat tells a story, and every step is a leap into the unknown. For a complete schedule and to purchase tickets, visit: https://www.viewcy.com/e/down_county_jump_2024

ART: MAUD DOYLE

Berkshire Botanical series embraces power of nature

For the last three years, in an old Cornwall farmhouse, Peter Gerakaris has been developing "Microcosms," his show dedicated to endangered species and their habitats. His kaleidoscopic icons and mosaics, psychedelic "tondos" (paintings in the round), and vivid origami sculptures—"I love color," he says, and you can tell—are on view at the Berkshire Botanical Society's Leonhardt Galleries in Sheffield, Mass. through August 4.

It is the icons that are, perhaps, the most arresting. Traditional icons are venerated Christian images, typically paintings of Christ or the Madonna, that serve worshippers as an opening into the realm of the sacred unseen. Gerakaris began making icons of endangered species shortly after a 2017 trip to Rome delivered him to a Byzantine basilica in Trastevere, where he was struck by the power of the form.

As an art student in Rome, he had learned the traditional technique, using egg tempera and gold leaf to paint a Madonna and Child icon, which his Greek grandmother later had consecrated. In 2017, he had recently begun to work with depictions of endangered species, he said, "and I thought of this crazy parallel—these ancient art forms of iconography are almost as endangered as these animals. What better way to reinforce the contemporary scarcity of these creatures than by using this very rare, sacred, time-honored but kind of endangered process?" The resulting paintings reframe these animals and their endangered

habitats as windows into the sacred, and demand that we look these rare beings in the eyes.

"There's a pygmy owl painting in the show. Pygmy owls are endangered and threatened in American southwest because their habitats are being destroyed, due to many reasons but mostly because of brush fires. The figure of the owl is a static silhouette, but in patterning the internal plumage, I allow myself to just kind of cut loose. I found myself painting—and this just

kind of came out—if you were to crop that and forget about the rest of the painting, it could be an abstraction of fire and smoke," Gerakaris said. "I'm deeply humbled by the natural world. For me personally, walking in the forest is my own version of going to a cathedral. I experience a sense of wonder that makes me realize there is some power out there far greater and transcendent than us mere mortals. For me painting is a matter of evoking that feeling."



A piece on display in Gerakaris' new exhibit.



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Research and Development continues

Saturday, June 15 was clear and blessedly cool, ahead of what the weather ninnies assured me is a massive unprecedented disastrous heat wave.

I had one main item on the agenda, the angler's flea market in Riverton.

So I figured I would prowl Sandy Brook beforehand.

Sandy Brook in Colebrook is a secondary tributary of the West Branch of the Farmington. I know this because I am a highly trained observer, and because I found a United States Geological Survey map that says so.

I am happy to report that getting the map from the USGS website was simple. Go to usgs.gov and look for The National Map, which is exactly what it says it is.

The state stocks Sandy Brook, twice this spring. With what exactly I do not know.

I've fooled around in this stream a couple times before, with minimal results. But I always came at it moving upstream, off Route 8.

This time, coming downstream on Sandy Brook Road (another triumph of clarity in labeling) I saw the stream and a couple of pull-offs with DEEP signs regarding creel limits and so on.

So I pulled off and suited up.

Water temperature at 8 a.m. was 63 in a shallow spot next to the bank. Not ideal, perhaps, but not terrible either.

I noticed the stream running roughly north-south, was almost completely shaded over at that hour, with the sun just starting to get through the canopy from the east.

This is good. Streams that have an east-west flow get the full brunt of the sun during the course of the day. In the summer, this means warmer water.

The first thing I noticed was this bucolic, babbling brook is misnamed. It should be called "Super Slippery Brook." It's a lot of rock shelf and getting around is like the proverbial tap-dancing on ball bearings dipped in motor oil. Some actual sand would have been nice.

Next time I will wear felt soled boots with studs.

I deployed an eight-foot nine-inch four weight rod. There was plenty of room for casting and the four weight allowed for turning over a dry-dropper rig while not making a huge splash.

The rig was a Chubby Chernobyl on top and a size 16 Zug Bug, tied on a jig hook and with a heavy tungsten beadhead, on what started as two feet of 4X fluoro tippet tied to the hook

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of the Chubby with an improved clinch knot. (And don't ask what an unimproved clinch knot is because I have no idea.)

This produced an immediate hangup and I lost the Zug. So I shortened the dropper to about 14 inches and put on another Zug.

This produced two immediate hookups of brook trout in the eight-to-10-inch range.

So far, so good. I clambered downstream, because it looked slightly less slippery than upstream.

It wasn't. I found one cleft running into a deep, wide slot that just had to have fish in it. I worked it hard for 30 minutes, abandoning the dry-dropper and chucking the heavy artillery into the depths: Big Bread and Butter nymph, a Walt's Worm, which has more lead than a .22 short, and Joe's Weenie.

Bupkis. Infuriating. Then I went back to the Chubby-Zug Bug rig and proceeded to catch a dozen more fish, including some browns and one lone rainbow.

I have no idea of the proportion of wild to



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Mike Barker provided a couple of well-crafted crawfish imitations.

stocked here. I can't believe the state stocks eight-inch brookies, but maybe there's some deep fish reason I don't comprehend.

Around 11 a.m. I packed it in and went down to the flea market, which was in the little public space across the street from the post office.

A modest number of vendors were there, including Harold MacMillan who still runs Housatonic River Outfitters in Cornwall, albeit without the brick-and-mortar shop.

We exchanged fishing gossip, and he sold me a

grab bag of bass poppers for an eminently reasonable 10 bucks.

Most of the vendors were selling conventional gear, which doesn't interest me, but I did spot Mike Barker of Ansonia.

Barker is a garage door installer in real life, and ties flies as a side gig. He said it "calms the nerves" after a busy week driving all over the state installing garage doors.

He's been tying and selling for about three years.

He had a couple of poppers the approximate size of Oklahoma, which he said were for getting the attention of big fish.

Like the star of "Jaws." I picked up a couple of beautifully crafted crawfish imitations. I generally make do with a Woolly Bugger for this, but I like to encourage the up-and-comers.

So the Research & Development ratio was nice and balanced. I established that Sandy Brook is not very sandy but has a lot of hungry fish in it, and it probably stays cool enough to be plausible most of the time.

I found a cost-effective way to replenish the bass bug box.

And I contributed in a small way to a young fly tier's craft.



This cleft on Sandy Brook should have been full of fish. It wasn't.

...Geary

said Haggarty. "So, I draw a lot and that's why this show was really important; to make a show just about drawing as a serious medium, not just something that often is used as a preparatory system for making larger things." Cost was also a factor in the decision to have a show of drawings on paper. Haggarty explained, "Drawing for me is incredibly important, and philosophical, and also materially diplomatic. The whole show is just about drawing, which is

enough." In a captivating contrast to Haggarty's introspective drawings, Dan Gunn unveils his series "The Ungrateful Son," (which takes its name from a Brother Grimm fairytale) where larger-than-life stoneware toads, which double as functional floor lamps, merge folk art tradition with contemporary resonance. Drawing inspiration from his suburban Kansas roots and weaving in cultural and political reflections,

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Gunn's amphibious creations delve into themes of masculinity, myth, and intergenerational tales, prompting viewers to reinterpret familiar symbols through a fresh and thought-provoking lens.

Tara Foley, one of the assistants at the Geary Contemporary shared, "I like the mix of the mundane and the mystical, that pull between almost opposites."

The show runs through July 28 at Geary Contemporary (34 Main Street, Millerton).

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JUNE 27

Art Talk - Robert Cronin: Serious Paintings

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

At the David M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, on Thursday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m., Robert Cronin will have an art talk in conjunction with his current exhibition, Serious Paintings, which is on display through July 12.

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 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.

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

Event page, full description: scovillelibrary.libcal.com/event/12318001

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

Sharon Methodist Tag Sale

Sharon Methodist Church, 112 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn.

Sharon Methodist Church is having a tag sale on Sat., June 29, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Vintage Dolls & Doll Clothes, Vintage Books, jewelry, 2 flat screen TV's, new microwave, dishware, flatware, utensils, small appliances, frames, puzzles, huge post card collection, and books.

Summer Concert Series

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

The David M. Hunt 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).

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

Antram Center for the Arts' REAL PEOPLE REAL STORIES Returns for the Summer Season

The Hilltop Barn at Roeliff Jansen Park, 9140 NY Route 22, Hillsdale N.Y.

Antram Center for the Arts announced that its perennial audience favorite REAL PEOPLE REAL STORIES will return to the Hilltop Barn in Roeliff Jansen Park on Saturday, June 29 at 7:30 p.m. REAL PEOPLE REAL STORIES features area residents sharing poignant, humorous, surprising true tales, and has been a signature part of every Antram Center season since 2016.

This production of REAL PEOPLE REAL STORIES is underwritten by

Herrington Fuels. The Hilltop Barn is located at 9140 NY Route 22, Hillsdale, N.Y. 12529.

Tickets can be purchased online at antramcenter.org, or at the door. Price: \$25 general admission, \$15 with student ID. Beer and wine will be available for purchase at the show.

JUNE 30

Drop In Art Making Space

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).

JULY 2

Summer History Talks

South Canaan Meetinghouse, 12 Rt. 63, Falls Village, Conn.

The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society's Summer Talks series will feature Jerry Calabrese, former CEO of Lionel Trains, on Tuesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. in the South Canaan Meetinghouse. The talks are free and open to the public, however, donations are appreciated. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (860) 824-8226.

JULY 5

First Friday Music

Congregational Church of Salisbury, 30 Main St., Salisbury, Conn.

The Congregational Church of Salisbury will present its monthly First Friday Music in the Meeting House on Friday, July 5 at 12 p.m. at 30 Main Street, Salisbury. The Meeting House will open at 11:30 a.m. This month's program will feature guitarist Kevin Dolan, also known as "The Old Guitarist," who will play a varied program. Free to the public.

Let Them Eat Cake: Live Cake Auction and Cocktail Party

Sharon Historical Society and Museum, 18 Main St., Sharon, Conn.

On Friday, July 5, at 5:30 p.m. there will be a live cake auction and cocktail party at the Sharon Historical Society and Museum. Tickets and Sponsorship Opportunities available on our website: sharonhist.org/event/let-them-eat-cake-2024/

JULY 7

Connect to Nature at Trinity Forest Preserve

Trinity Forest Preserve, Dibble Hill Road, Cornwall, Conn. cornwallconservationtrust.org

On Sunday, July 7 at 11 a.m., Mare Rubin will lead an introductory

hike to the Trinity Forest Preserve. The hike will leave from the trailhead on Dibble Hill Road down to a lovely pond where the beavers have assembled a spectacular dam. Mare will lead a short meditation to connect to the sights,

sounds, and touch of the nature and add another 10 minutes of silent meditation as we walk back up the trail, leaving time at the end to share experiences. Mare is a certified yoga and meditation teacher who loves being in the woods.



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Library art

Cornwall Library's current exhibit "Jenny Simont Ireland: A Painter's View" will remain up through July 6. The following day, July 7, Sally Van Doren will host a poetry workshop at the library.

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