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Pine Plains Fire Company

Voters give the OK to bond for new pumper

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PINE PLAINS — Inclined to support entities dedicated to protecting the community, local voters backed the Pine Plains Fire Company's need to purchase a new pumper by dropping by the Pine Plains fire station on Tuesday, Aug. 11, to cast their vote in a special election.

Designed to draw water from any available resource, a pumper is an indispensable piece of equipment for fire personnel. For the members of the Pine Plains Fire Company, pumpers, or fire trucks, play a vital role in extinguishing fires, especially given that "there are no hydrants at most of the outlying homes in the area," according to Pine Plains town Supervisor Darrah Cloud, who explained the hardships the town's volunteer fire-fighting crew faces in a newsletter last month. Additionally, the department uses its pumper as a second-due en-

gine to ensure its water supply when fighting fires and as its mutual aid fire truck when responding to calls not only in Pine Plains, but in neighboring municipalities such as Millerton, Ancram, Milan, Stanfordville or any others in need.

As it stands, the department's current pumper has been more of a hindrance than a help seeing as the department has reportedly spent a great deal of money on repairs. Since the fire company plans for a new piece of apparatus in its budget every five years, now seemed like the perfect time for the department to purchase a new pumper, according to Fire Chief Brian Walsh.

Examining their options for a new pumper, the department expressed an interest in purchasing a 2021 Class A Pumper at a maximum estimated cost of \$375,000. In addition to using \$100,000 from its savings, the depart-

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Trevor Zoo reopens with new babies, new masks and new rules in place

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MILLBROOK — When the Trevor Zoo at Millbrook School closed down on March 15 due to COVID-19, no one knew when it would be able to reopen. That didn't mean that life there stopped; in fact, the zoo and the staff have remained busy, even amid the global health pandemic. Typically, the zoo is open to the public 365 days a year, even on Christmas.

Nobody knows if the animals who live there realized they had no visitors watching their every move recently, because even for animals, life goes on. Maybe some of them knew they still had an audience, as cameras and new technology kept an eye on their movements.

As with most businesses, adjustments had to be made; zoos can't just stop operating — there are feedings, cleanings, sicknesses, births, and so on and so on. Dan Cohen, the zoo's director of media, shared that it is a source of pride that the zoo has always remained open; this was the first time in its history that it was necessary to close the zoo to the public.

There were, of course the addition-



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Trevor Zoo Director Alan Tousignant models the new red panda mask available at the zoo's gift shop, which also sells wolf and otter masks.

al problems: Interns from the Millbrook School were mostly not able to help out. The students, who work in the zoo as a public service with the exclusive private school, went home during the pandemic, so there has

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PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Marking the third phase in the construction of the joint town and village highway garage on Route 22, construction for the salt and sand shed is currently underway with its completion anticipated for the end of September.

Shared North East/Millerton Highway Department update

Third phase of joint highway garage expected to be done by September

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MILLERTON — Having engaged in countless discussions about shared services between the town of North East and the village of Millerton, town and village officials are now waiting patiently as the four key components of the much-anticipated shared town and

village highway garage come together along Route 22.

With two phases of the project completed, one underway and another anticipated for next year, both municipalities are on their way to having new and improved garage space for their trucks and highway equipment.

Discussions regarding the need for a new highway garage have been going

on for years, according to North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan, given that both North East's and Millerton's respective garages are aging and inadequate. As of this time, the town's Highway Department at 11 South Center St. in Millerton, adjacent to the Webatuck Creek, is falling apart, while the

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How COVID's impact on the AT has affected small businesses along the trail

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HARLEM VALLEY — With all the strains and sorrows the COVID-19 pandemic has placed on the country's shoulders these last few months, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) was heartened by the perseverance

and adaptability of small businesses in these trying times. To shed a light on the creative ways small businesses have used to stay open, the ATC invited four businesses to share their stories for the webinar, "Plan and Adapt: Stories of Resilience from AT Communities" on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

The webinar was held on Zoom,

and participants asked questions via a chat box. ATC Education and Outreach Coordinator Kathryn Herndon-Powell acknowledged how most of the small business had to "make some very sad choices" this spring and ask hikers to stay away from the Appalachian Trail

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Local children's author Diane Zahler offers Hetty Free Library to entertain and educate

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WASSAIC — Children's author Diane Zahler is accustomed to using the written word as a means to inform and entertain others. After all, she's been a writer for nearly 35 years, having written text books early in her career (and

continuing to do so) and then penning half a dozen children's novels, with two more coming out next year. Now she and her 28 year old son, Ben, who works in publishing and lived in the Bronx before moving back with his mom and dad during the coronavirus pandemic, have taken on a new project.

It should be no surprise, considering the literary bent of this family, that it has to do with books. The two have set up a Little Library at the end of their home's rather long driveway, to share their treasure trove of books with the community during this es-

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From left, Natalie Pere, James Schultz, Katja and Jackson Schultz and Raquel Madar invited customers to check out the inventory on display at The Dig with help from Charlotte and Alivia Schultz (in front, from left).

Discovering great finds, from eggs to tea to jam, at The Dig

By KAITLIN LYLE
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MILLERTON — Like many Millerton residents, Katja and James Schultz were all-too-familiar with the community's need for a thriving market. Teaming up with longtime friend Raquel Madar, the couple took it upon themselves to fulfill that need by opening The Dig this summer and stocking the market with carefully curated local products.

Given how integral a grocery market is to life in the local region, Katja said they were excited when the Millerton Mercantile opened for business last summer, only to find themselves without the market by the following year. Eager to fill the gap at 3 Main St. where the Millerton Mercantile was previously located, the couple launched The Dig, opening for business on Sunday, Aug. 2. Sharing co-ownership with Katja and James is Madar, the market's supervisor and a friend of Katja's since studying speech language pathology together at grad school at SUNY New Paltz.

Passing through the main door, customers are enveloped by the market space and its awe-inspiring inventory of local products, including meat sourced from Pine Plains; tea from Harney & Sons; fresh baked goods from Freund's Farm Market in East Canaan, Conn.; coffee from Omar Coffee Company in Newington, Conn., and Lucy Jo's Coffee Roastery in Salem, N.Y.; and much more. A stalwart believer in the importance of working with other community businesses, Katja said they've been trying to integrate other local markets into their store. The Dig also has a selection of dairy-free, gluten-free and peanut-free options for their customers to choose from.

Traveling to the back of the

business, customers will find a relaxing outdoor space where they can lay their picnic blankets or settle into the space's comfy lounge chairs.

At its heart, Katja said The Dig aims to create a welcoming atmosphere for people to socialize and have a good time while fulfilling their basic food needs.

"Honestly, I think the goal of it is to essentially bring everybody together using food," James said. "I mean, if you think about it, if I sell somebody's local food, we are sponsoring that person... We're not in this to be millionaires — we're in this to bring people together and have a great time."

"It's really amazing to share a dream with your family and to me, it's about a shared future, something we can contribute to and be a part of," said Natalie Pere, Katja's mother and the chef responsible for the sweet and savory crepes sold at The Dig and at the Millerton Farmers Market.

As they continue nurturing The Dig's roots on Main Street, the owners anticipate hosting community events and specials to draw customers of all ages, such as wine and cheese nights, Friday Wing Nights, snow cones on Saturdays and crepes on Sundays. Always looking to expand their inventory, Katja said people can email The Dig directly at the-digonmain@gmail.com or visit the market with their ideas for what they'd like to see on display, adding, "The more we can offer, the better."

Open seven days a week, The Dig's hours run from 6 to 11 a.m. Along with offering delivery to Millerton residents and curbside pickup, The Dig provides bundles that include essential goods (such as bread, eggs and fresh produce) at a reasonable price. To place an order, call 518-592-1142 or go to www.thedigonmain.com.

Herrington's helps fills the local need for Plexiglas safety shields

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — As area residents slowly make their way back to their favorite establishments following the months-long shut down caused by the coronavirus pandemic, they may find themselves safer from COVID-19 infection thanks in part to area Plexiglas suppliers such as Herrington's.

According to Robert Runge, location manager at the hardware store's Millerton location, the long-time business has always carried Plexiglas, but since the economy has been reopening, Herrington's has sold more Plexiglas than ever as workers have cut sheets to size for "quite a few businesses." Although it's not donating the material to local businesses, as it still needs to make a profit — especially during such difficult economic times — Herrington's is selling the much-sought-after material at a reduced price if the customer



PHOTO BY RHIANNON LEO-JAMESON

Sharon Simmons of Ancramdale worked at a public access computer at the North-East Millerton Library recently, where, though tough to see in this photograph, she took advantage of the security afforded by a large Plexiglas barrier installed as part of its safety system during the coronavirus pandemic. Library Assistant Louis Tomaino spent approximately a day installing the material, which was provided at a reduced cost by Herrington's.

asks and indicates it is being purchased for protection purposes.

Runge added that constructing the shields improves the shopping experience for businesses cautiously reopening in New York state, as it allows both patrons and workers to feel safe while being able to be closer than the otherwise recommended 6 feet.

Because Herrington's was considered an "essential business" by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, it wasn't required to shut down during the height of the COVID-19 outbreak, though it was limited to curbside service until the first part of April. That's when it opened its doors again to the public, and became the first Millerton commercial enterprise to use a Plexiglas shield.

Runge said while things were a bit slow at first with customers being nervous to shop in person, he said now, "It's loosening up. It's not as bad as it was. Everybody's happy to come in," he said, adding, "Just wear a mask."

Millerton chiropractor Ron Hayes keeps active patients on the straight and narrow

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — For 34 years, Ron W. Hayes, Doctor of Chiropractic, has been watching as patients have "come in crooked and walked out straight." The chiropractor said the years in business have fulfilled his main goal, which is "just to make people feel better."

Hayes, who has seen "many thousands" of patients, began his career

with seven years at the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, named after the founder of the practice who first discovered the benefits of the treatment around 1895. In that time, Hayes took "many of the same courses as medical doctors," which he has followed up with numerous seminars.

He explained that chiropractic is "an adjustment of the spine and/or extremities to improve the nervous system and thus the immune system

also. About 95% of adjustments are done to the spine to relieve pain and nerve pressure. We also relieve muscle spasm. We treat sciatica, migraine headaches, pinched nerves in the arms or pinched nerves in the spine, which can cause pain in the arms and legs."

Initial exams may begin with X-rays or an MRI at the hospital, and if he feels he cannot help, he refers patients to other specialists.

Sessions may include therapies such as "electro-muscular stimulation, hydrocollator therapy, which is a hot pack therapy — moist heat — and a very powerful massage be-

fore and after an adjustment that also helps to relax the muscle," said Hayes.

"I have a lot of patients that can't afford treatment, but I still will treat them or treat them at a discount. I have stopped taking insurance... but I adjust my fee schedule so it makes it more affordable for patients to come in."

While COVID-19 issues continue, Hayes has reduced his normal five-day practice to sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, with no referrals necessary.

To contact Dr. Hayes, call 518-789-3355.



PHOTO BY AMY HAYES

Ron W. Hayes has been a chiropractor in Millerton for 34 years. His practice is on Route 44, and remains open during the coronavirus pandemic, though with limited hours. An initial work-up starts at \$100 with subsequent visits costing between \$50 and \$63.

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Webutuck 'split four ways down the middle' on re-entry plans

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WEBUTUCK — Though their minds were preoccupied with thoughts about the district's re-entry plan for the 2020-21 school year following the statewide shut-down in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, members of the Webutuck Board of Education (BOE) reviewed the latest updates from the North East (Webutuck) Central School District at its meeting held via videoconference on Thursday, July 30, at 7 p.m.

Sharing "a bit of levity during this very challenging time," Director of Student Services/Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer Eraca commended summer school teachers for doing an outstanding job in engaging the stu-

dents and "making the best out of a very challenging time.

"I think they're learning a great bit about what's working and what's not in terms of remote learning," Eraca said.

Additionally, Eraca said she's been looking at examining and implementing Orton-Gillingham training for next year. According to the Orton-Gillingham Academy website at www.ortonacademy.org, the approach for teaching entails a structured method of teaching literacy to those who struggle with reading, writing and spelling, such as those with dyslexia. Local families may recognize this approach as the cornerstone for teaching at the former Kildonan School in Amenia. This opportunity for training was presented to the Webutuck district

this past February, Eraca reminded the BOE, and will be hosted this year by the Wappingers Central School District. She reported that she is looking to send about five Webutuck teachers to that program through various grants that the district has been awarded.

Following Eraca's updates on the district's participation in the Harvard study on rural education strategies, Business Administrator Robert Farrier informed the BOE that the septic system component of its capital improvement project is moving along and that a building conditions survey conducted by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) identified a couple of general items that need to be addressed in the district, such as cracked cinder blocks and items in his bus garage.

Under his report, Superintendent of Schools Raymond Castellani explained that while the district is set to discuss reopening plans, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) have allowed for all school districts, if they would like, to delay one week. Having said that, he said the district would like to take a little more time "to cross some t's and dot some i's" and that there were still two meetings scheduled to get the plan "as fool-proof as possible knowing it can change in a split second." Because the district is waiting to see if there is any more information from the state, he reported that Webutuck was granted a one-week extension from NYSED to submit its re-entry plan.

Delivering an overview of the re-entry planning process, Castellani shared the results of the re-entry survey distributed to Webutuck families. Shocked by how the survey was "legitimately split four ways down the middle," he reported that, among the results, 27% of the survey's respondents said they weren't going to send their children back to school while 22% of the respondents said they were going to send their children back to school and 26% of the respondents said they were going to send their children back as long as certain qualifications were in place.

"We have the unknowns," Castellani said, "and no matter what radio station you listen to, what newspapers you read or what television station you watch, there

are different feelings about what's going on in the world... What we try to do is have our students and faculty and staff safe and deliver an education."

Members of the public spoke up with their thoughts and questions about the re-entry plan.

"I'm actually relieved to hear that we are receiving extensions to the district's reopening plan," Webutuck teacher Tammy Nethercott said. "It will provide the opportunity to better develop a comprehensive plan, which will address our district safety and learning needs and I think we really truly need the time to be able to do that... This is not a time to make mistakes and then correct them; we've got to have things up and running as efficiently and safely as possible."

Many months later, Citizen of the Year remains surprised by honor

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

AMENIA — With so much changed by the COVID-19 New York State on PAUSE Executive Order issued by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in mid-March, one thing has remained the same: the heart of gold of the Amenia Citizen of the Year, Edward "Eddie" or "Edwardo" DeLaPena, who hasn't given up on what brought the award to him at the end of 2019, despite the difficulties involved.

During the shut-down caused by the coronavirus pandemic, neighbors all across the country are being encouraged to check on their neighbors, but that behavior is nothing new for DeLaPena who, according to Amenia town Supervisor Victoria Perotti, received the designation last December. Although it may seem a little late to do a story on the long-time Amenia resident now, months after the honor was awarded, it was through a number of communications to this paper, in-



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Amenia Citizen of the Year Edward DeLaPena proudly displayed the certificate the town awarded him some 54 years after he first joined the community.

cluding a heartfelt letter to the editor, praising DeLaPena and his frequent community service for others — and the desire to see that good-hearted helpfulness recognized — that led to this article.

"This man is so deserving of some basic noteworthy recognition, I can't tell you enough!" proclaimed Amenia resident Bob Riemer, just one of DeLaPena's fans.

Another Amenia resident, Harry J. Jenkins, said the Citizen of the Year recognition given to DeLaPena was "a well-deserved award."

DeLaPena said the award was a "huge surprise" as it was presented to him at his house, when he had already changed into his pajamas and was all ready for bed.

Despite that unusual circumstance, he was delighted to receive the recognition because he felt it "exonerates" some of the difficult times he had growing up in New York City, saying there is so much to his story "you could almost write a book

on it when I really get talking."

He arrived in Amenia at age 18 and over the past years residents have gotten to know him as he worked at a number of locations, including Tri-Wall in Wassauc, Grand Union, Trotta's and the Webutuck Central School District.

Now 72, DeLaPena spends much of his time helping others around town, particularly the elderly, as he provides various forms of assistance such as bringing them their mail and helping them as much as he can. He said he has even made a point of staying in the home of an elderly resident who was then able to fulfill his wishes of drawing "his last breath" with DeLaPena there by his side.

"I do it because my mother was very big on helping people," said the honoree. "I remember the deeds of my mother. Even though times were tough in New York, my mother was my most important person that really motivated me toward helping other people — that and my faith itself. As a person, I be-

lieve that it was necessary to help people. You sleep better at night."

DeLaPena's efforts don't stop with direct service to others as he also feels an obligation to help take care of the planet, which will be passed onto the future generation, including his grandchildren in Texas and Canada.

In normal circumstances, DeLaPena spends part of his time collecting recyclables, a habit he has continued despite the pandemic. Believing it is "good to give back," he normally would turn the items in himself, but lately he has been sharing his booty with others, which recently amounted to about \$500 worth of cans.

This Good Citizen said he does have faith for the future as he hopes that "all our brilliant scientists" will help to bring solutions to all of the problems that need to be addressed, including COVID-19. And he's willing to wait for that to happen, because he believes "all good things take time."

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HISTORY: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Women: Don't Forget To Vote!

At a time when the nation is largely divided along partisan lines and when there is a great deal of anxiety about the upcoming presidential election, it's a wonderful time to celebrate the success of the women's suffrage movement, which secured the vote for women in August 1920.

Historical societies across America have exhibitions this year commemorating the seminal change in how Americans vote. Some can be seen online; some can be visited in person.

In New York and Massachusetts most of the suffrage events were held a year or more ago. You can still find some of their history paths online, such as at the Dutchess County Historical Society site, which has interviews, articles and vintage photos of notable figures and events from upstate New York (the cradle of the suffrage movement) in the fight for the right to vote. Go to www.dchsny.org/wvt-index/#voiceindex.

The Dutchess County Women's Democratic Caucus has an abundance of interesting history at its web page, in the section called 100 Years of Women's Suffrage (www.ddwc.org/100-years-of-womens-suffrage).

And New York State Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106) has put together a booklet with short histories of vital women in the suffrage campaign; find it at www.assembly.state.ny.us/member_files/106/womens_history_hv/pdf/wod_2014_booklet.pdf

Massachusetts is just

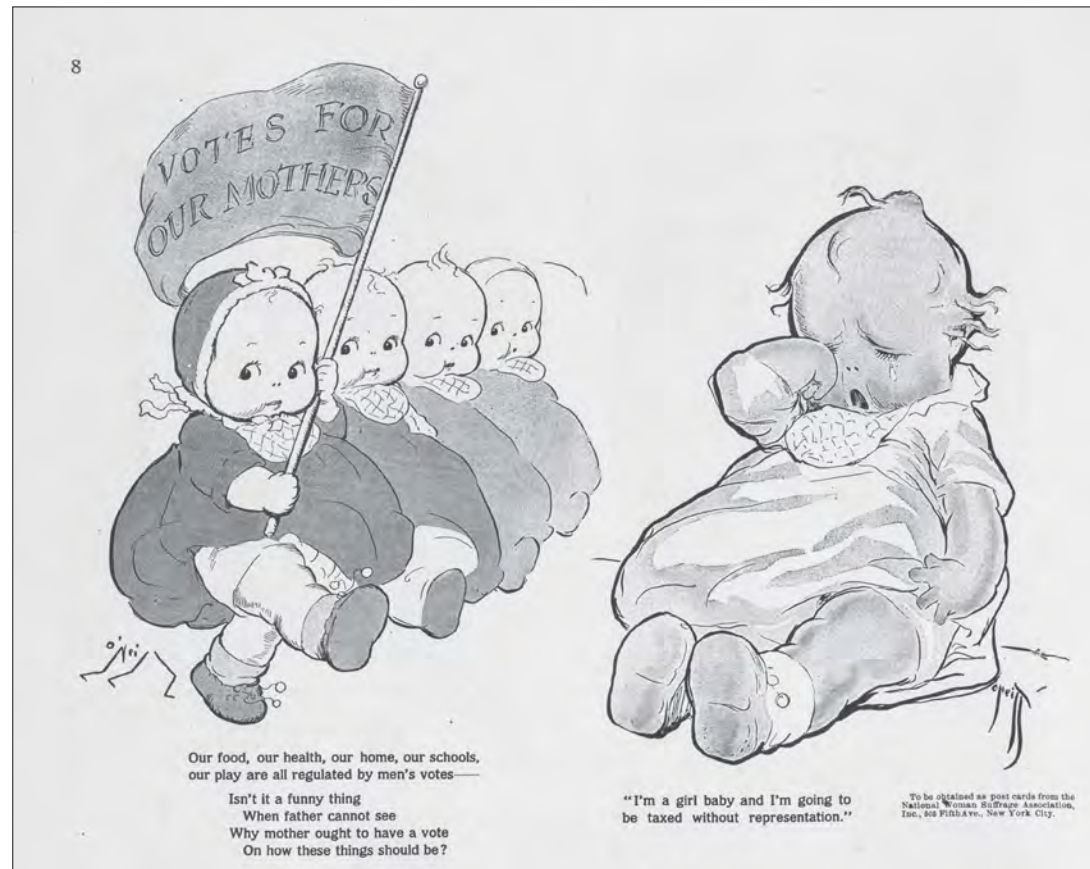


IMAGE FROM THE NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM

The Norman Rockwell Museum celebrates 100 year of suffrage for women with an ongoing exhibit of the work of illustrator Rose O'Neill.

tifiably proud of the part the state played in getting women the right to vote; of particular note, Susan B. Anthony was born in Berkshire County in Adams, Mass. Most of the state's planned suffrage celebrations for this summer were postponed because of the COVID-19 quarantine.

But the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass., has an ongoing show of work by illustrator Rose O'Neill, who lived from 1874 to 1944 and for whom voting rights for women was a particular passion. The show is called "Rose O'Neill: Artist & Suffragette." The museum is now open to the public again with special COVID-19 protocols.

Massachusetts ratified the 19th Amendment on

June 25, 1919. To find out when other states ratified, visit the National Parks Service suffrage web page, with a map of the United States and information on each state, www.nps.gov/gis/storymaps/maptour/v3/index.html?appid=fab-3966cc1b447c0b67e96e6e-bc12470.

At www.votesforwomenct.com, a website dedicated to women's voting rights in Connecticut and sponsored by, among others, Secretary of the State Denise Merrill, there is a gallery of images and ephemera from the fight for and against women's suffrage; and there are biographies of many of the key historical figures involved in the campaign.

The Sharon Historical Society in Sharon, Conn., has an exhibition dedicated to the 19th amendment that will be on view through Nov. 28.

On Saturday, Aug. 29, from 4 to 5 p.m. and again on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 4 to 5 p.m., the society is offering a talk by Heather Munro Prescott

about Seneca Falls, N.Y., and its part in the suffrage movement — and she will talk about efforts made throughout New England that were just as important if not as well publicized. No registration is required; to join the Zoom meeting go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6312716761>.

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

The Cornwall, Conn., Historical Society's exhibition "Stand Up! Speak Out! Fight On! The 19th Amendment @ 100!" opened on July 4 and remains on display until Oct. 17. For information on how to see the exhibition, go to www.cornwallhistoricalsociety.org.

Georgia Exner, a Public History graduate student at Central Connecticut State University, put the Cornwall show together. It talks about the hard work done by women across the nation and it highlights how the women of small, rural Cornwall used their power to effect change.

It also shares the story of the division in Cornwall between women in favor of suffrage and those against it. The exhibit includes a petition against women's suffrage signed by many of Cornwall's best-known families.

Wondering why it's called "suffrage"? Go to the National Archive for a detailed explanation at www.prologue.blogs.archives.gov/2019/05/14/what-is-suffrage.

FOR ROBINSON AND MOORE, A HOMECOMING AND A ZOOM TALK

Authors Honor Moore (formerly of Kent, Conn.) and Roxana Robinson (of Cornwall, Conn.) will talk about their new books in a Zoom talk sponsored by the House of Books in Kent, the Cornwall Library and the Kent Memorial Library.

Robinson describes her book "Dawson's Fall" (published in 2019) as a biographical novel about her father's Southern family, "exploring race, principle and history."

A descendant of the Beecher clan (including author Harriet Beecher Stowe), Robinson said of her connection to Cornwall that, "My family — the Scovilles — came to Cornwall in the 18th century and have lived here more or less ever since. My great-grandfather, Samuel Scoville, married the daughter of Henry Ward Beecher. Beecher and his family — Harriet Beecher Stowe among them — lived in Litchfield.

"The Scovilles have been ministers, farmers and lawyers, and have taken care of the North Cornwall church since it was built in 1812. I live in the house my grandparents built — Samuel Scoville Jr., who was a lawyer and writer."

Moore is the author of "Our Revolution: A

Mother and Daughter at Midcentury," published this year.

"Kent was my primary residence for 17 years," she said. "I owned a house there for about 30 years that my parents had bought in 1950 or so as a summer place. When we moved to Indianapolis in 1957 the house was rented to a local family.

"I took over the house in 1972 as a summer and weekend place and then lived here full-time from 1984 until 2001, when I sold the house. I wrote two books of poems and my first nonfiction book, "The White Blackbird," there. I ran women's writing workshops in my living room in Kent from 1977 or so into the '90s on and off. I think that many women poets in Litchfield County were part of those groups and many of them are still living in Connecticut."

Join the free Zoom talk with Roxana Robinson and Honor Moore on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 5 p.m. For log in information, go to the library websites at www.kentmemoriallibrary.org or www.cornwalllibrary.org; or go to www.houseof-booksct.com.

REVISITING BOB DYLAN'S 'HIGHWAY 61 REVISITED'

This has been a year for the record books, certainly. One of the high points of 2020 is that it is the 55th anniversary of the release of Bob Dylan's "Highway 61 Revisited."

The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is celebrating with a free show at its Bardavon@YouTube site online with new performances of Dylan songs by well-known and newer musicians. Highlights include "It Takes a Lot to Laugh, It Takes a Train to Cry," by Jimmy Vivino, Rich Pagano and John

Sebastian; "From a Buick 6" by blues master Guy Davis; "Ballad of a Thin Man" by author and musician Steve Earle; and "Queen Jane Approximately" by Lucinda Williams.

The performance on Sunday, Aug. 30, begins at 8 p.m. There will be commentary by Bardavon Executive Director Chris Silva.

To register and make a donation (funds from this show go to People's Place in Kingston, N.Y., and Dutchess Outreach in Poughkeepsie) go to www.boxoffice@bardavon.org.

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Historian Edward Kirby will talk about the region's industrial history, including the making of iron in Sharon, Conn. (this photo shows molders in Sharon, holding the tools they used for the compacting of special sand for casting the metal into shapes).

THE REGION'S RICH HISTORY — IN IRON ORE — EXPLAINED

Beloved historian Edward Kirby of Sharon, Conn., will give a Zoom talk in partnership with the Sharon Historical Society and the Hotchkiss Library of Sharon on Friday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m.

Like many Tri-state area towns, Sharon had rich beds of iron ore that were used for everything from cannonballs for the Revolutionary War to train wheels in the early 1800s to mundane items such as irons and other household tools.

Kirby is expert in all the ways the iron was made in the region, how it changed the landscape of the region,

and what happened to put an end to the blazing orange skies from the iron foundries and allowed the area to return to bucolic bliss.

Kirby is a Sharon native, an expert on local history and a compelling and interesting teacher. A former superintendent of the regional school district, he has also coached and known the area's most successful baseball stars.

The talk by Ed Kirby on Friday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. is free.

To register, go to www.eventbrite.com/o/the-hotchkiss-library-of-sharon-27611407297

DRIVE-IN SCREENINGS OF ROCK 'N' ROLL FILMS

Call it Simon's Rock and Roll for Labor Day weekend as the Great Barrington, Mass., college partners with the nearby Mahaive Theater for a weekend of music-themed films that can be viewed "drive-in style."

The screenings will be at Simon's Rock, at 84 Alford Road, which is just around the corner and up the hill from the theater.

The gates open at 7:15 p.m. each night and the screenings begin at 8:30 p.m. (audience members are asked to arrive no later than 8 p.m.).

The first film (on Thursday, Sept. 3) will be a 2019

documentary called, "Fiddler: A Miracle of Miracles," about the making of the film version of "Fiddler on the Roof."

"Amazing Grace," released in 2018 and featuring a live concert by Aretha Franklin (at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Watts, Los Angeles) in January 1972 will be shown on Friday, Sept. 4.

Martin Scorsese (director of the definitive film about Woodstock, among other cinema classics) made "Shine a Light," during the Rolling Stones' "A Bigger Bang" tour. The documentary history of the band will screen Saturday, Sept. 5.

And on Sept. 6, Mary Wharton's film "Jimmy Carter: Rock & Roll President" explores the part that popular music played in the 1976 election of the plain-spoken president from Plains, Ga. This film is presented in partnership with the Berkshire International Film Festival.

Audience members will watch from their vehicles; audio is transmitted on radio station 104.3 FM. Patrons may only leave vehicles for concessions and restrooms, and must wear masks when outside their vehicle. Portable toilets on-site follow accessibility regulations.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

Beginning this week, look for a calendar of events for children at our website, www.tricornernews.com/events-calendar, which we will also include in our print edition as space allows.

Amenia Library, 3309 Route 343, Amenia, NY, www.amenialibrary.org
Craftersnoon with Ms. Haylee, Aug. 26, noon to 1 p.m. (online)

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck, NY, www.centerforperformingarts.org
"Guys and Dolls Jr.," Aug. 22, 10 a.m. and noon, Aug. 23, 10 a.m.

Fellowship of the Books: Five Libraries. More programs at www.facebook.com/fellowshipofthebooksny
Toddler Jam with Jonny G, Thursdays, 11 to 11:45 a.m. (online); Take A Storywalk every day, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (in person, various venues)

KidsPlay Museum, 61 Main St., Torrington, CT, www.kidsplaymuseum.org
Bilingual Stories in the Meadow, Aug. 26, 10 to 11 a.m.

Norman Rockwell Museum, 9 Glendale Road/Route 183, Stockbridge, MA, www.nrm.org
Around the World with Ted and Betsy Lewin, Sept. 19, 10 to 11:30 a.m. (online)

North East Community Center, 51 South Center St., Millerton NY, www.necmillerton.org
Teen Team Social Justice Book Club, Thursdays (online); Virtual Toddler Program, Mon., 11:30 a.m., Fri., 10:45 a.m. (online)

STARS ALIGN FOR AUG. 22 BSC READING

Jason Alexander (star of stage, screen and "Seinfeld") and Patti Lupone (star of stage, screen and formerly of Kent, Conn.), Tony Award winner Santino Fontana ("Tootsie," on Broadway) and Michael McKean ("This Is Spinal Tap" and "Better Call Saul" among

countless other favorites) are among the dozen actors who will do a staged reading to benefit the Barrington Stage Company in Pittsfield, Mass., and The Actors Fund.

Their performance of "Judgment Day" (written by Rob Ulin, directed by Matthew Penn) pre-

mieres on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 7:30 p.m. and will be available for viewing for 96 hours, through Tuesday, Aug. 25.

To access "Judgment Day," go to www.barringtonstageco.org and make a \$35 donation (click on the card for "Judgment Day").

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