

Community awards given out in Bloomingburg

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BY SHARON MACGREGOR



Left to right: Bob Speziale, Carol Gillen, Kevin Moore, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, Linda Lou Bartle, Stosh Zamonsky, Kathy LaBuda and Jack Weise at Sunday's award ceremony.

BLOOMINGBURG — Former Sullivan County Legislator Kathleen LaBuda was the Master of Ceremonies at the Mamakating Democratic Committee's award ceremony and brunch at the Eagle's Nest on Sunday.

Honorees included Linda Lou Bartle, recipient of the Bald Eagle Environmental Award, the Phillipsport Community Center received the Historic Preservation Award, Carol Gillen was presented the Wurtz Award for Business Development. The Chairperson's Award for Excellence in Government was given to Stosh Zamonsky, and Patricia "Tish" Moore was recognized posthumously with a Lifetime Achievement Award which was presented to her husband Kevin.

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, numerous Mamakating board and committee members, local dignitaries,

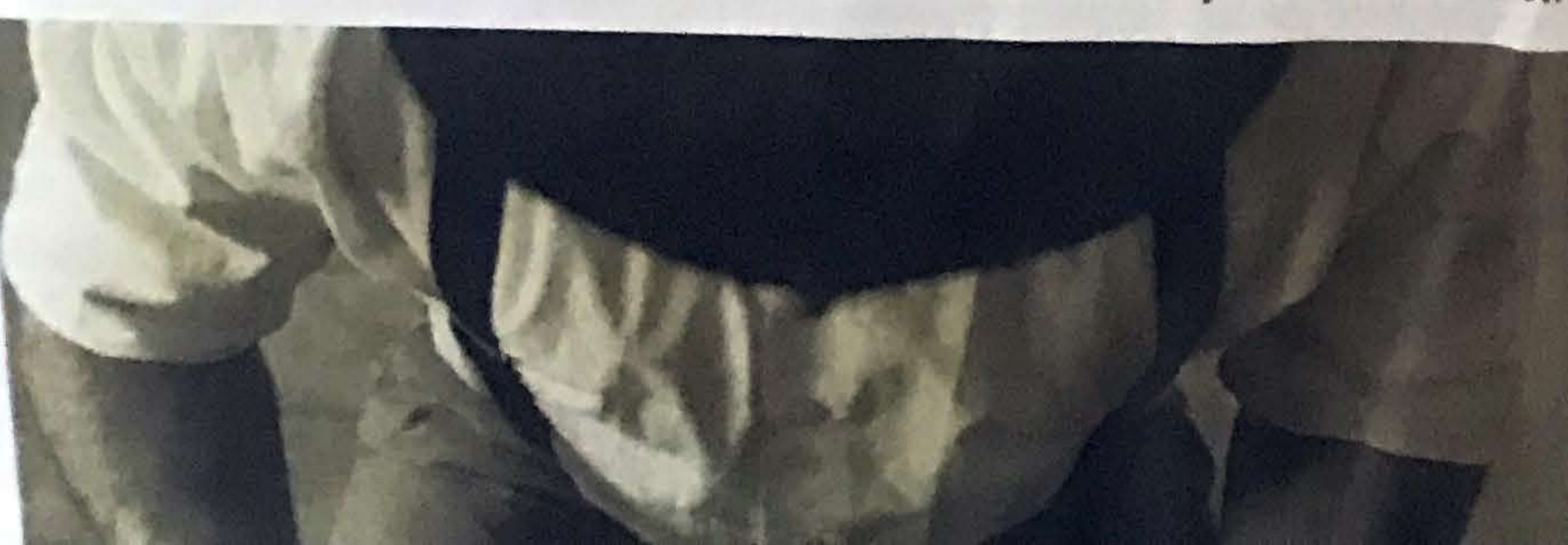
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WEATHER

Tue 4/5	Wed 4/6	Thu 4/7	Fri 4/8	Sat 4/9
36/16	44/36	54/33	43/24	36/20
Sunny skies. High 36F. Winds NNW at 10 to 20 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the mid 30s.	Rain. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Cloudy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	Windy, and mainly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low 20s.
Sunrise: 6:22 AM Sunset: 7:28 PM	Sunrise: 6:32 AM Sunset: 7:30 PM	Sunrise: 6:30 AM Sunset: 7:31 PM	Sunrise: 6:28 AM Sunset: 7:32 PM	Sunrise: 6:27 AM Sunset: 7:33 PM



disabilities, to Weil for his construction improvements, the Mamakating Insurance Agency for underwriting damage suffered to the roof as the result of a storm, Sullivan Renaissance for their recognition and support, and ultimately, Anna Budd. Budd was a graduate of the original one-room school house and later worked to ensure the abandoned building was bought for the community at the price of \$1.00 allowing the space to become the cherished site it is today.

Matt Taylor, Mamakating Board Member, provided an overview of the Wurtz Award for Business Development's recipient, Carol Gillen who is known for her work with the Wurtsboro Board of Trade, the organization behind Winterfest and the Street Fair in July. As the owner of Jerry's Collision, Gillen explained the many hurdles she and her husband faced when launching their business including the struggle to obtain proper financial partnership. Gillen said, "We will be celebrating our 10 year anniversary in June and I can say you have to make many connections to have a successful Main Street business today. Looking back, we faced many challenges. It could have fallen apart many times. It takes mutual effort and the cooperative, collaborative work of many people. It

is important for all of us to help each other." Chairman of the Mamakating Planning Board, Stosh Zamonsky, received the Excellence in Government award from Mamakating Councilwoman Janet Lybolt, who recognized Zamonsky for his various contributions since he became a member of the Planning Board in 2014 and added, "He makes sure our little town is well represented." Patricia "Tish" Moore was remembered by both Weil and Mary Allison for her strong contributions and instrumental role in opposing the Yuki-guni Maitake mushroom plant. Additionally, Moore was cited for her compassionate, caring work as a healthcare advocate and affectionately referred to as the "community case manager." Professionally, Moore was a nurse for 30 years, but as Allison explained, "It was the combination of her skills, education, personality, intelligence and questioning attitude," which all contributed to her charm.

Allison also said Moore, "could not be pushed around. She was able to shift energy and was an effective catalyst for change." The Lifetime Achievement Award for Moore was presented to her husband, Kevin who said, "I wish she was here to accept this for herself." The event was described as a mission statement, "A Partnership for Mamakating's Future: Community and Government Working Together."

volunteers from a number of critical organizations including the Basha Kill Area Association (BKAA), as well as guests of the honorees were in attendance and the multi-talented Legislator Catherine Owens performed as the event pianist.

Mamakating Councilwoman Christine Saward provided an overview of Linda Lou Bartle's path as a former Montgomery resident to her increased involvement over the past four years with the Basha Kill Area Association (BKAA). Bartle began as a volunteer before becoming an administrator for the group's social media page, writing for the Guardian and eventually joining the BKAA Board.

Andrew Weil spoke of the many reasons the Phillipsport Community Center (PCC) was

being honored with the Historic Preservation Award in the year of their 60th anniversary. "We host a monthly music night, have a nationally recognized Little Free Library, offer meaningful movie nights and lectures, as well as donate to a number of charities and host a Meet the Candidates night," said Weil.

Jack Weiser, a 40+ year member of the PCC and official archivist was joined by Vice-President, Bob Speziale to receive the Mamakating Democratic Committee's honor. The gentleman both expressed gratitude toward many other individuals and agencies for allowing the success of the Center to flourish beginning with Assemblywoman Gunther's assistance in ensuring the restroom was suitable for use by those with

Dollar General in Manor up for public review

BY DAN HUST

LIVINGSTON MANOR — Dollar General is coming to Livingston Manor, and the Rockland Planning Board is soliciting public comment on its site plan proposal.

According to Rockland Code Enforcement Officer Glenn Gabbard, the latest branch of the aggressively expanding chain will be 9,100 square feet, located along County Route 149 (Main Street/Shandeleer Road), near the Manor library, ambulance corps and Rockland Town Hall.

A final conceptual sketch is not yet available, as architectural firm Mercurio-Norton-Tarolli-Marshall Engineering of Pine Bush is making changes requested by the planning board.

However, the various color schemes of what is expected to be a relatively unique Dollar General will be on display

at an upcoming public hearing on April 6 at 7 p.m. at the town hall.

"The board has done a great job of review and plan adjustment requests, with the applicant, to better match the proposed building's appearance and siting with the rural, small-town character of the hamlet," said Gabbard.

CORRECTION

In the Friday, April 1 edition, an article titled "A successful fundraiser for Carter" (Page 1A) stated that Carter Brischler's brother Peyton is younger. Peyton is actually Carter's older brother. Also, Carter is currently blind, deaf and non-verbal. Seizures, immobility and trouble swallow-

ing are other known symptoms that will eventually occur. Monies raised at the event are earmarked for expenses associated with Carter's illness, which include the loss of work for Carter's

parents, possible medicines/treatments that insurance won't cover, home modifications, making memories for the family, and the struggles with day to day life. We regret the errors.

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MEETINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

- Liberty Planning Board mtg., 7 p.m., Town Hall, Liberty.
- Thompson Town Board mtg., 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, Monticello.
- Village of Monticello Board of Trustees mtg., 7 p.m., Village Hall, Monticello.
- Mamakating Town Board mtg., 6 p.m., Town Hall, Wurtsboro.
- Cochecton Youth Commission mtg., 7 p.m., Town Hall, Lake Huntington.
- Highland Town Board workshop mtg., 7 p.m., Town Hall, Eldred.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

- Rockland Planning Board mtg., 7 p.m., Town Hall, Livingston Manor.
- Highland Planning Board public hearing, 7 p.m., Town Hall, Eldred.
- Lumberland Town Board workshop mtg., 7 p.m., Municipal Bldg., Glen Spey.
- North Branch Fire District Board of Commissioners mtg., 7 p.m., North Branch Firehouse.
- Monticello Joint Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners mtg., 7 p.m., Monticello Firehouse.
- Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners mtg., 7 p.m., Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Firehouse.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

- Sullivan County Legislature: Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee mtg., 9:15 a.m., Government Services Committee mtg., 10:30 a.m., Community and Economic Development Committee mtg., 11:30 a.m., Personnel Committee mtg., 12:15 p.m., special Legislative mtg., 12:55 p.m., Veterans Committee mtg., 1 p.m., Planning, Environmental Management and Real Property Committee mtg., 2 p.m. Legislative Chambers, Sullivan County Gov't Ctr., Monticello.
- Fallsburg Town Board public hearing, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, South Fallsburg.
- Upper Delaware Council mtg., 7 p.m., UDC Office, Narrowsburg.
- Rockland Town Board mtg., 7 p.m., Town Hall, Livingston Manor.
- Fallsburg Architectural Review Board mtg., 7 p.m., South Fallsburg Community Center.