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Alleged teen arson destroys defunct Victory Mills

Two juveniles were charged with arson in Saturday's fire that destroyed the defunct Victory Mills factory building in the village of Victory Mills, just southwest of Schuylerville. **The Times-Union said the youths charged were a boy and girl, both 14.** A decision had been made to raze the building after many failed years of trying to revive or reuse it. The five-story mill is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It closed in 2000. Its oldest part opened in 1848. One writer noted that the mill is why the village of Victory Mills even formed. **Fort Edward Fire Department photo**

Mayor chat got feisty

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

More than 100 people turned out for a 90-minute Chronicle Conversation with the Candidates for Mayor, Bill Collins and Diana Palmer, Monday evening, June 2, at Crandall Public Library. Chronicle editor Mark Frost moderated.

A "conversation" it was: Lively, sometimes heated back-and-forth between two distinctly different candidates. Audience members from both camps occasionally erupted into applause, shouts for fairness, and

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LG Music Fest CEO Alex Lombard: Put 'transformative' Performing Arts Center at Waterslide site

To the Editor:

Lake George's tourism model leans heavily on short-term events and conventions — fireworks, car shows, motorcycle rallies, for example and seasonal attractions.

While these create temporary excitement, they don't build year-round value.

The early success of Americade has skewed our perspective, leading us to chase its unrepeatable model instead of

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I am trans in GF; most are kind to my face; hostility online

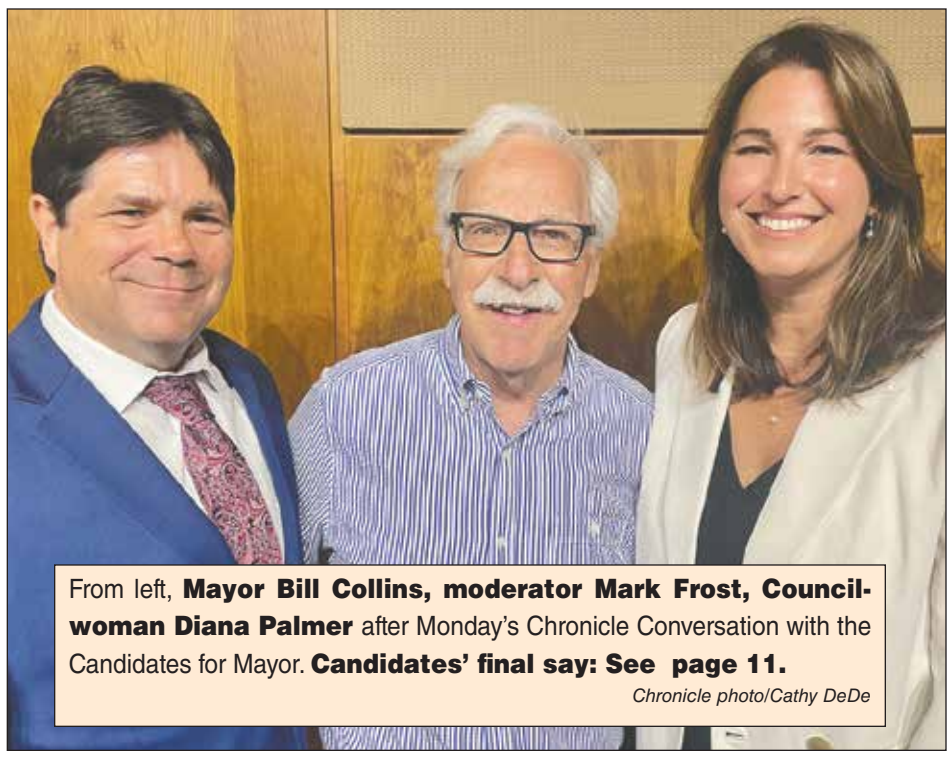
To the Editor:

As Pride Month begins, I'm writing as a trans person, a parent to two small children, and an active member of this community — someone you've likely seen at the farmers market, school events, or downtown gatherings.

In person, I've experienced nothing but kindness. But online, the tone is very different.

Local Facebook groups have become hostile places for anything related to the LGBTQ+ community. Posts get flooded with sarcasm, mockery, and

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From left, **Mayor Bill Collins, moderator Mark Frost, Councilwoman Diana Palmer** after Monday's Chronicle Conversation with the Candidates for Mayor. **Candidates' final say: See page 11.**

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