

MILLERTON

NECC Chef & Farmer Brunch raises \$210,000-plus

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MILLERTON — When it's for a good cause, a lot of people are willing to donate money for the greater good. That was certainly the case on Sunday, July 24, at the North East Community Center's (NECC) Annual Chef & Farmer Brunch, held this year at Lime Rock Park in Salisbury, Conn. It was NECC's 11th such event, though the first one held in person since the COVID pandemic began. Some of the attendees said they came for the gourmet food, some said they came for the auction prizes, but all agreed they came to help NECC raise money for the important work it does for the community to help meet the needs of so many.

A number of local farms, chefs, restaurants and other purveyors provided the fare for the day, including: Heirloom Fire; The Farmer's Wife; 52 Main; Troutbeck; Lime Rock Park; Ronnybrook Farms; Champetre; LeGamin; Thompson Finch Farm; and the NECC itself.

Chef James Gop of Heirloom Fire cooked all of his dishes outside and the aroma was tantalizing.

Beverages were provided by 52 Main; Berkshire Springs; Chatham Brewery; Harney & Sons Fine Tea; Irving Farm; Ten Mile Distillery; and Lime Rock Park.

NECC Executive Director Christine Sergent remarked from the podium that residents in the Harlem Valley "live in a desert" when it comes to many social services.

"[There's] a desert in the areas of transportation, housing, child care, food and mental health, and it's been more profound since the pandemic," said Sergent.

She went on to thank all who have supported NECC this year and in years past.

"You kept us strong," she said, adding that strength has helped NECC address the services desert and allowed it to offer programs to folks in the local region.

Sergent gave examples of NECC serving more than 6,000 meals and providing transportation to area residents, with more than 3,000 trips made during the past



Joan Osofsky, right, was named Community Leader of the Year at NECC's Chef & Farmer Brunch. She was congratulated by her son, Gregg, and his young daughter.

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two years alone.

NECC honors Osofsky

Joan Osofsky, who owns the design and home goods store Hammertown Barn with locations in Pine Plains, Rhinebeck and Great Bar-

rington, Mass., was awarded as NECC's Community Leader Honoree.

Osofsky has been on the NECC Board since 2018 and has helped organize the Chef & Farmer Brunch for many years. Before the Chef & Farmer Brunch began, Osofsky would hold annual fundraisers for NECC at Hammertown Barn in Pine Plains.

NECC Ambassadors Kim Hausner and Marilyn Gross, a husband-and-wife duo who moved to Millerton in 2015, are avid volunteers the NECC staff admire. Their hard work, positive and fun spirit helped them earn the special recognition at the event on Sunday.

Kim does a lot of handyman work for NECC and they both deliver groceries to local shut-in. They did so throughout the pandemic. In addition



Chef James Gop of Heirloom Fire in Richmond, Mass., was among the many professionals at the NECC Chef & Farmer Brunch. His creations tasted as good as they looked, according to those who enjoyed the fine fare on Sunday, July 24, at Lime Rock Park.

to lending a hand at NECC, the pair also volunteers at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library in Copake.

"The Millerton area captures a real sense of community that I've never known before — and NECC is in so many ways the center of it," said the pair through a joint statement.

Auction

After the ceremony, a live — and lively — auction was held, conducted by C.K. Swett, his expertise honed at Christie's, Phillips and Heritage auction houses. The auction items were impressive, including dinner for eight at the Tamarack Preserve's Turkey Hollow Lodge with four bottles of Chateau Giscours 2009, the winning bid was \$5,000; a stay at an exclusive resort for seven nights got

\$10,000; a case of 12 bottles of Opus One earned \$2,500; and a round of golf for three with a golf pro grabbed \$3,500.

Silent auction items included gourmet dinners; gift baskets; a Tory Burch handbag; gift certificates; and many others. Winners were announced at the end of the event.

To say that auctioneer C.K. Swett was a master of persuasion would be an understatement. The last part of the auction, referred to when people "Raise Your Paddle," left no prizes behind and only donations were made, netting NECC another \$210,000.

The event ended with a riveting performance by Vemilo. Everyone seemed to agree, the 11th Annual Chef & Farmer Brunch was a rousing success.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was provided by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office (DCSO). All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Controlled substance

Saturday, July 9, Deputies responded to 9 Market St. in the Town of Dover for a welfare check on a subject at that location. An investigation resulted in the arrest of Santiago Caal Tiul, age 19, for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the 7th degree.

After arraignment in the Dover town court, the subject was released with an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

Driving while impaired

Sunday, July 3, Deputies arrested Henry G. Whitlow, age 20, for Driving While Ability Impaired (DWAI), subsequent to a traffic stop on Route 22 in the Town of Dover.

After his arraignment in the Dover town court, the

subject was released with tickets returnable to the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

Disturbance in Dover

Sunday, July 3, Deputies responded to a disturbance at 11 Market St., in the Town of Dover. At the scene of the incident, it was determined there was an intoxicated male causing alarm in the area.

The Deputies appraised the scene and the male was subsequently transported by EMS to an area hospital.

Deputies help save life

Saturday, July 2, Deputies responded to Route 343 in the Town of Amenia for a reported overdose where the subject was not breathing, and CPR was in progress. Deputies arrived and administered two doses of Narcan after which the subject began to breathe again.

The patient was transported to Sharon Hospital for further treatment.

Property damage accident

Monday, June 13, Depu-

ties arrested Juan Pablo Purreco, age 31, for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the 2nd degree subsequent to a property damage automobile accident that occurred in the area of 145 Mill Road in the Town of North East.

Pureco issued tickets returnable to the Town of North East court for a later date.

Report crime tips

Anyone with any information relative to the aforementioned criminal cases, or any other suspected criminal activity, should contact the DCSO tip line at 845-605-CLUE (2583) or email dcsotips@gmail.com. All information will be kept confidential.

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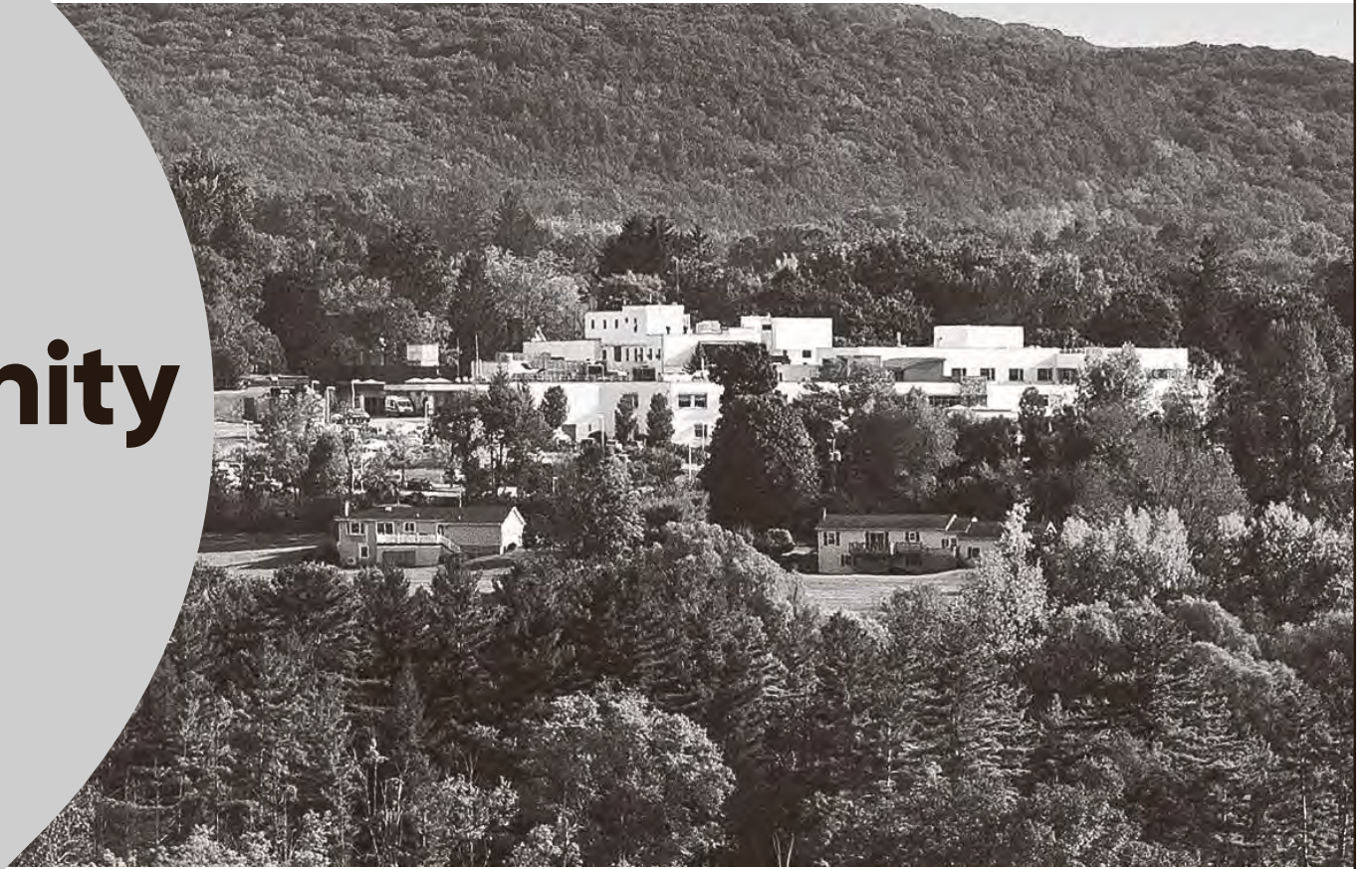
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OBITUARY

William P. Suter

SALISBURY — William P. Suter, 85, passed away peacefully on July 1, 2022, with his family at his side. Bill will be forever missed and remembered for fearlessly following his passions and laughing his way through life at 100 miles an hour. He loved spending time with family and found success within both Wall Street and the theater world.

Bill was the son of the late Joseph and Catherine (Clay) Suter, and brother to Albert and Mary, born in Newark, New Jersey in 1937. He was raised in South Orange, New Jersey. Bill enjoyed playing basketball and summers at the Jersey Shore, primarily in Manasquan and Sea Girt. After attending Brown University and Harvard Business School he led a successful career in finance. He was a numbers guy, passionate about theater, New York City, summers in the Hamptons, betting on games with friends/family, and playing poker (sometimes all night long), tennis and paddle tennis.

Following a 28 year career working on Wall Street, including being named youngest partner at Jesup and Lamont, awarded #1 on Institutional Investor's All American All Star team multiple times, and working 15 years at Merrill Lynch, Bill transitioned into a second career as a Broadway producer. He applied his financial skills

to raise money while having fun enmeshed within the creative theater community. He loved working with actors, directors and playwrights to mold and shape stories, bringing them to life on stage where they could shine. He was so proud to be part of many productions, including Almost an Eagle (1982), Lady and the Clarinet (1983), Pulitzer prize-winning, Tony nominated 'night, Mother (1983), Hurlyburly (1984), MaRainey's Black Bottom (1984), The River (1988), Redwood Curtain (1993), and ART (1998). He was also proud to be a multi-year Tony Voter.

After he settled into Northwest Connecticut he brought his theater skills to his new community as a founding member of TriState Center for the Arts (TriArts), now known as The Sharon Playhouse, once again molding productions and warmly greeting guests and friends at most every show.

Bill is survived by his children, Steve, Cindy, Wendy, and his six grandchildren, Katie, Nick, Emma, Anna, Grace, and Murphy, and all those who affectionately call him 'Uncle Bill.' The family will celebrate Bill's life on October 22 at the Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon. In lieu of flowers, donations are welcome at the Sharon Playhouse, a special place to Bill Suter.



SPORTS

Millbrook repaves tennis courts

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — The Millbrook Village Board was pleased to let residents know that they can once again hit the courts, as the local tennis courts are now fit to play.

The courts were recently repaved thanks to community members in the village of Millbrook and town of Washington, who donated every cent of the \$31,000 it took to renovate the formerly in-poor-condition courts.

Located near Elm Drive Elementary School on Maple Avenue in the village, the tennis courts have always been

a favorite place for locals to gather, practice and play. In recent years, though, the surface had become cracked and in need of repair.

A concerted effort was made by a group of residents, many avid tennis players, and others concerned citizens. They worked with the Village Board to raise awareness throughout the town and village and started a fundraising campaign. Articles and news briefs were published multiple times in this newspaper to aid in the effort.

Village Clerk Sarah Witt also kept the community apprised of the fundraiser's success with a thermometer that showed its progress as the

months rolled along.

On Tuesday, July 19, all the hard work paid off. The revitalized courts were ready for action, said Mayor Tim Collopy.

"We're really happy that the community can come together like this," he said. "It was more than we could ask for — it is really a win/win for all of us."

The mayor added that the next project centered around the tennis courts will be to update its backboards and benches.

Village Trustee Peter Doro and Highway Supervisor Bob Collocola are looking at what that might entail and cost. The backboards need to be resurfaced and painted; they are currently painted green.

In his monthly newsletter, Collopy expressed his appreciation to all who helped make the most recent improvements at the village amenity.

"Thanks to the generous donations of Millbrook Tribute Garden, local businesses and residents," he wrote.

He added while it cost the village more to repair the courts then originally intended, as the "contracted price [increased] due to a fuel surcharge and an additional 125 feet of cracks [that] needed repair," he said a local donor generously made up the difference.

Collopy added the work to resurface and paint the backboards is being planned for the fall; the original bid for that project came in at \$28,000.

OVAL TENNIS of Somers did repaired the surface of the courts after the village awarded the bid in the fall of 2021.

The work was done on both courts and took two weeks to complete. It included "an acrylic color system and an armor crack repair system," stated the mayor.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Bubbles help break the heat

Bubbles filled the front lawn of the Millbrook Library on Saturday, July 23, as new Children's Coordinator Kate Anderson watched from the sidelines. The children seemed to love it, even with the temperatures reaching record highs of 94 degrees that day. The parents clearly seemed to enjoy it all. The fun was taking place on the bright green grass, and the Bubble Bus was parked out in front of the library, doing its best to attract an ever-growing crowd throughout the scorching afternoon.

When fixed line meets big fish

The last few years I have spent more and more time using the telescoping, fixed line, no reel fly rods that come under the umbrella term "Tenkara."

Devotees spend hours arguing the nuances and nomenclature for different kinds of fixed line rods, and since few of them speak Japanese I suspect they are still missing something.

For our purposes, I will stick with "fixed line."

This is not the same as a cane pole. Even the cheapest fixed line rod is a surgical instrument compared to a cane pole. And you can't collapse a cane pole and stick it in your pack or pannier.

Last August, while fishing a private lake that contains largemouth bass, pickerel, crappie, assorted panfish and the occasional lobster, I decided to get a couple of fixed line rods that are designed for carp fishing.

One is 18-feet long and the other 15 and change.

From a seated position in a pontoon boat, the 18-footer proved to be too much.

Why? Because an 18-foot rod with a 15-foot line plus

TANGLED LINES

Patrick L. Sullivan

another couple of feet of sturdy tippet is a lot more than a medium-sized angler who wears a 33-inch sleeve in dress shirts can deal with when bringing a 4 pound, irritated fish to the 38-inch net.

If that's too much math, let me put it this way: I'd need another yard's worth of arm to net this fish.

With the 15-foot rod, I put on a 12-foot furled line with a sinking tip and about 2 feet of 1X tippet.

To that I tied a heavy streamer called the Bass Vampire. It sinks fast, is about 2-inches long and is a violent shade of purple, with yellow eyes. Think Minnesota Vikings color scheme.

From the pontoon boat, which is basically a floating chair powered by oars and/or swim fins, I lobbed the Vampire in and around



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Introducing Mongo, a largemouth bass caught last year with a fixed line rod. For perspective, the object in the fish's mouth is about 2-inches long.

a line of boulders that provide cover for sun-shy bass.

Then there was one of those "Darn it, I'm hung up" moments, closely followed by "No, that's a fish!"

Unlike their smallmouth counterparts, largemouth bass give up fairly easily. This one put up a bit of a fuss, enough to bend the rod to the point where I was glad it only cost 30 bucks.

Then it very sportingly leaped out of the water and

hung there long enough to see that this was a pretty impressive specimen.

Then and there, I named it "Mongo."

The acrobatics took the right out of Mongo, and I was able to haul him in — by handlining — without incident. (This is where I miss having a reel.)

He obligingly stayed still in the water by the boat, giving me a reproachful look while I fumbled with the camera.

Mission accomplished, I removed the Vampire from his jaw, noticing that if I wanted to I could have stuck my fist in his mouth without encountering tissue.

This was a big fish.

Mongo swam off and I resumed the hunt.

My perseverance paid off a few minutes later when I hooked Mongo's kid brother Mingo.

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Week of July 31, 2022

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Wassaic Charcoal Kilns could be gifted to town

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AMENIA — The Town Board opened its public hearing concerning the renewal of a helipad permit for private property shortly after it began its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 21.

Helicopter permit OK'd
The permit was requested by a private party later identified as Bel Air Farm, after being re-issued for many years.

The board agreed there seemed no reason to deny its renewal and there were no public comments. Town Supervisor Victoria Perotti closed the hearing.

The issue was addressed later in the meeting along with other resolutions; it was agreed the applicant had never abused the privilege and the board voted to renew the permit.

NYSEG presentation
Returning to the regular meeting, New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) representative Dylan Miyoshi spoke of the Smart Meters currently being installed by NYSEG.

"We're dedicated to meeting the energy needs of our customers and taking steps to build a smarter energy infrastructure, including the installation of smart meters offering you convenience, more control and expanded choice in understanding and managing your energy use."

Some of the wireless components have been installed already in homes and businesses in town. More details about the energy saving program are on the NYSEG website, www.nyseg.com.

County grants
Dutchess County Legislator Deirdre Houston (R-25) then spoke about the county's Learn, Play, Create grants recently announced by County Executive Marc Molinaro. She called them "a success," adding the next grants will be directed toward veterans groups, including local American Legions and VFWs, which lost a great amount of revenue during the COVID pandemic as they could not rent out their facilities. Both groups, she said, get most of their income from those rentals. Houston said the new round of grants will be around \$15,000.

Volunteers needed
Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner reported that Wastewater Committee Chair James Wright tendered his resignation; the board accepted it with regret.

Klingner mentioned the town is in need of volunteers for many boards and committees. Anyone wishing to volunteer may e-mail her at townclerk@ameniany.gov.

She also noted the town's Annual Senior Trip and BBQ will be held in the fall.

CAC update
Councilwoman Vicki Doyle reported Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) met via Zoom. CAC member Stacy Mantel was named a Champion for the Climate Smart Task Force, said Doyle, which will

be of great help to the group and its mission.

Doyle added the town needs to obtain credit with the state's Climate Smart Communities program for some of the energy-saving conversions it's already done to help it obtain certification through the program. The town also plans to review new projects on Aug. 9. There are two open seats on the CAC right now.

Affordable housing
Councilman Leo Blackwell reported that on July 31 the Amenia Housing Board will hold a meeting at Town Hall to address the local affordable housing shortage. He said Hudson River Housing had purchased land and had hoped it would be able to create some affordable housing in town, but it didn't work out.

Blackman said the Waste Water Committee wants to review the feasibility study and make a presentation at its next meeting on the issue.

Police, highway
Two part-time constables were hired at a salary of \$15.50 per hour. The constables will start Aug. 1; the board approved the hires unanimously.

A bid for a Highway Garage Feasibility Study was voted on; a new garage is to be built on Route 22, south of the main hamlet. The low bid went to LaBella, for \$19,000. Once the new garage is built, the existing garage in Wassaic will be used for storage.

Kilns could be gifted
A discussion was held about the Wassaic Charcoal Kilns property possibly being gifted to the town. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is responsible for the required maintenance.

The Amenia Historical Society's Jerry Strauss said work has been done during the past month on the kilns' property by the estate manager. Strauss said he thinks the transfer would be a positive move, and said the kilns are an integral part of Amenia's history.

The kilns were used to make charcoal, necessary to manufacture iron. He noted that they are beehive kilns, which were part of the Salisbury Iron District and are unique to the U.S. The kilns were used prior to the Revolutionary War up until after the Civil War. The town attorney will look into the possible transfer of the kilns to the town.

The meeting ended just before 9 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 18, at Amenia Town Hall, at 7 p.m.



Richard Saja, an artist based out of Catskill, whose work is featured in A Tournament of Lies, held a workshop for children and adults alike, in which they helped make feathers for a burlap owl tapestry.



PHOTOS BY HUNTER O. LYLE

The tour of A Tournament of Lies, the newest art installation at The Wassaic Project, culminated with an abstract room filled with anthropomorphic dogs in various poses.

Art and music at annual block party

By HUNTER O. LYLE
Special to The Millerton News

WASSAIC — Despite the oppressive heat, art-minded individuals turned out for the annual July block party, a summer-time tradition thrown by The Wassaic Project that celebrates artists of all

mediums and their creations.

While the July block party, which took place on Saturday, July 23, lasted most of the day, starting officially at noon and ending in the late evening, the events of the celebration took place in stages. It all started with a tour of the gallery at Maxon Mills, a seven-floor former grain elevator stationed in the center of the hamlet of Wassaic.

To start off the day, Maxon Mills, now a progressive art gallery located that draws artists from near and far, invited guests to tour its newest exhibition, A Tournament of Lies. The show was named after a line from the popular band R.E.M.'s 1987 hit, "It's the End of the World as We Know It."

The gallery was open from noon to 8 p.m. and featured discussions and a Q&A session with some of the artists. It was filled with colorful, imaginative and abstract works from artists both local and from elsewhere.

"It was a wonderful, massive, vertical labyrinth, and every time you turned a corner it was a different vi-

sual pocket," said Shlomi Ravi, who works in the art scene in Brooklyn and had never been to The Wassaic Project before. "It kind of felt like you walked into someone else's dream."

After the hour-long tour, Richard Saja, an artist from Catskill, whose needle-point artwork was featured in A Tournament of Lies, led an embroidery workshop for children and adults alike.

Starting at 1 p.m., guests worked with Saja to make feathers for a burlap owl tapestry. The workshop lasted

until 4 p.m., overlapping with an open tour of the Luthier Barn, site of The Wassaic Project's art residency studio; that session ran from 3 to 4 p.m.

From 2 to 8:45 p.m., attendees of the block party were invited to the Lantern Inn for refreshments. The popular establishment would also be the location for the culmination of the day, a live performance from the Brooklyn-based band, Social Creatures, which took the stage at 7:30 p.m.

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tax dollars, the lack of activity at the historic site did no favors to the integrity of the structure or any of its mechanical features, either.

Those are just a few reasons why merchants were so pleased to welcome one of the new investors to the most recent Millerton Business Alliance (MBA) meeting on Wednesday, July 24. Richard Lamberston of Sharon, Conn., introduced himself to the MBA and shared some of his ideas for the building.

The investors

Lamberston is a designer with an impressive pedigree; he’s designed for Geoffrey Beene, Gucci and Bergdorf Goodman. He has a home in Sharon, Conn., and currently co-owns the antiques shop Privet House, in New Preston, Conn., with his business partner Suzanne Cassano.

The other two investors in 42 Main St. are Jason Jobson and Christophe Pourny. Like their partner, they both have long resumes boasting high-profile clients in the fashion and design industry.

Jobson is vice president and co-owner of the Christophe Pourny Studio as well as founder and editor of the fashion blog, www.aLIFEofSTYLE.com. He’s spent more than two decades in the luxury goods sector.

Pourny is a French master furniture restorer and author of “The Furniture Bible.” The how-to book offers tips and techniques for those restoring antique furniture with a foreword penned by Martha Stewart.

Local reaction

Days after the MBA meeting, Bee spoke with The Millerton News about his enthu-

siasm upon learning of the purchase, noting it should be a positive move for Main Street.

“Well, we’re always excited when a new business comes to town,” said Bee. “And I know that the building is sort of iconic, and the goal is to keep its integrity, so I think people are always happy about that.”

Oblong Books owner Dick Hermans said he, too, is excited about the future of the Terni’s building and what it could mean for the village.

“Oh, it’s great. Richard was at our merchants’ meeting and that in and of itself is a positive sign,” he said. “He has two partners, and it sounds like their priority is to get the building into shape. It’s wonderful to have that happening to that building; it was built in 1909.”

Hermans added Lamberston seems eager to get to work as soon as all of the required permits are in order.

“He’s excited to be involved with it,” he said. “And it’s going to be retail, so it will fit in with the village quite nicely. It won’t be the Terni’s of old, but he did mention that they will have some of the product lines that Phil carried at his store, so there will be some connection with that.”

While Jobson informed this newspaper via email the three investors are not quite ready to go public with their plans, as “they just acquired the building” and don’t have “news at this time,” he did end his statement with encouraging words for our readers.

“Our first focus is on the building, which is a 100-plus-year-old gem and we’d like to make her shine,” wrote Jobson, adding, “We love Millerton!”

afoot.

“It doesn’t matter, because severe storms are severe storms, whether they are caused by climate change or not, and we have to deal with it,” she said, adding many in the community have come up and expressed their appreciation to her for the Task Force’s work. “They say thank you; [it feels] like it’s worthwhile.”

The new bronze certification from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will enable the town to score points with the state when applying for those essential grant dollars, added Chow.

Only the town of North East received the recognition at the moment; the village of Millerton is still working on getting certified and hopes are the designation will come through some time in 2023.

Back history

Chow explained that in 2018, both the town and village signed separate pledges with the state, as did hundreds of other municipalities in New York “to develop community-wide climate mitigation strategies and improve sustainability.”

Doing so allowed the dual community to form a joint Climate Smart Task Force, which began to initiate projects to complete a set of actions on the state’s checklist.

According to Kennan, the Task Force went above and beyond in meeting the state’s metrics. He said bronze certification was nothing less than what he would have expected for the amount of work everyone has put into the project.

“I was delighted, but not surprised, to hear that the state had given us the bronze

certification,” said Kennan. “Our Climate Smart Task Force, headed by Kathy Chow, did an amazing amount of work over the past two years to complete enough actions to give us 150 potential points towards this certification. We only needed 120, but that shows you how much actually got done.”

The Task Force was given a clue this spring the bronze certification would be forthcoming, but Chow said she didn’t consider anything final until the plaque was in hand. The anticipation of waiting until the official word was released by the DEC, which happened on Friday, July 8, would have been torturous, she said, had it not been for the carrot at the end of the stick.

State announces July 8

When that DEC press release announced North East’s accomplishment, it grouped the towns of Wawarsing and Yorktown alongside it, with the reasons for their recognition.

“These municipalities demonstrated climate leadership through actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve community resilience to climate change, earning them all bronze-level certification. The town of North East’s actions included launching waste reduction and climate change education programs to inform and inspire the public,” stated the DEC.

Ancram also certified

The DEC announced six new Certified Climate Smart Communities in total on July 8, including nearby Ancram.

“The town of Ancram achieved bronze level certi-

fication in part by installing solar panels and an electric vehicle [EV] charging station at Town Hall, and increasing access to renewable energy for residents and local businesses by streamlining the permitting process for rooftop solar and running a community solar campaign,” added the DEC release.

‘Meaningful steps’ mean improved quality of life

NYSDEC Commissioner Basil Seggos noted the program will help bolster local efforts to meet economic, social and environmental challenges brought on by climate change.

He added the communities awarded the bronze certification all took “meaningful steps to mitigate and adapt to climate change.” Doing so will become more vital with each passing day in order to improve “quality of life and advance the State’s climate goals,” said Seggos.

Numerous benefits

The interagency Climate Smart Communities program began in 2019. It’s quickly caught on with municipalities throughout the Empire State. Kennan stressed how critical it is for seeking state funding, adding there are other benefits, too.

“First of all, it gives us a higher priority for obtaining grants from New York State,” he said. “It also helped us get a better idea of some of the vulnerabilities of our community. For instance, one of the actions we completed was a survey of all of the culverts and roads/stream crossings in the town.”

Chow added the program “provides guidance and technical support to local govern-

ments to take locally-driven climate action,” which has helped her in myriad ways already, including getting the Task Force’s extremely informative and easy-to-navigate website, www.climatesmartmillerton.org, up and running. She credited group members Rich Stalzer and Tom Parrett for designing the website, adding member Andrew Stayman also contributed greatly, helping with “benchmarking and doing technical, analytic stuff.”

Praise for program

Kennan spoke of why the program is so worthwhile.

“I think this is important work for our community to be focused on; it’s a voluntary state program — it’s not a mandate — but it’s something that we have been happy to participate in,” he said. “It’s a way of addressing all of the climate challenges that we have in the town. We share the concern of many scientists and experts about the increase in global warming and the role of greenhouse gas emissions in that, and one of the very central things we did was to find out what our greenhouse gas emissions actually were. And if we want to reduce them it gives us a starting point, and that’s one way in which our very small community is helping the world address climate change.”

“Our contribution is microscopic, but if every town did the same thing the contribution would be significant.”

“Everybody is a conservationist,” added Chow. “And this is all about keeping what we have and what we love and what we value and protecting it. Everybody agrees with that.”

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he said, made his assimilation back into society impossible — just as he charges it’s done for all sex offenders.

The COMPAS tool

Kelsey told this newspaper in a recent telephone interview that Dutchess County relies on a program known as COMPAS, which stands for Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions.

It’s a widely used algorithm in the U.S. criminal justice system that’s been adopted by many states, including New York. COMPAS is defined as “a case management and decision support tool.” The courts use it to assess how likely a defendant is to commit a crime.

Kelsey said the tier classification is dependant on behavior “inside the walls,” for instance if one participates in classes, therapy, if a prisoner has a strong support system, dependency issues and other factors. That’s how he came to be classified as Tier 1, as he met all the metrics.

Lawsuits, grievances

That’s also why he’s suing Machado in the State of New York Supreme Court in Dutchess County, he said.

Kelsey filed the Article 78 lawsuit against Machado “individually, and in his official capacity as New York State DOCCS bureau chief,” according to the document. While he lost his license to practice law due to his conviction, Kelsey is representing himself in the lawsuit filings.

Kelsey said New York prisons “put you through a risk assessment,” but because they don’t make use of the outcomes of those assessments they are violating ex-cons’ civil rights, in his opinion.

DOCCS responds

DOCCS Spokesperson Nicole Sheremeta responded by saying that “Mandatory sex offender supervision cases are assigned to and supervised on

a 25:1 case load status. You can refer to Directive #8500 in regards to guidelines and procedures to identify the strategies for conducting the supervision status of a sex offender.”

That directive states that “The instrument compiles criminogenic need scales inclusive of risk of felony violence, arrest risk, and risk of absconding, criminal involvement, history of violence, prison misconduct, re-entry substance abuse, negative social cognitions, low self-efficacy/optimism, low family support, re-entry financial and re-entry employment expectations. It also summarizes the releasee’s criminogenic profile and delineates their strengths and weaknesses to be used together with professional judgment to reach supervision classification decisions and guide supervision activities.”

It continues that “Supervision Status is the outcome of the assessment tool which assists in determining the intensity of supervision and management of the criminogenic and stabilization needs,” adding there are four supervi-

sion status levels, with 1 being “the most intensive” and “4 being the least intensive.”

That appears to conflict with what Kelsey said he was told about the tier system, which is part of the basis of his lawsuit against Machado.

Church restrictions

One of Kelsey’s complaints stated he was told he couldn’t go to church, and that when he was given permission to attend, he was told he must sit in the front pew and use the same bathroom as the priests.

“I think they’re treating sex offenders like pariahs and telling us that we can’t participate with the community,” he said. “A church community is one of the places that they’re accepting of ex-cons. I won’t say I’m surprised. There is a wide stigma attached to both ex-cons and specifically sex offenders.

“There are laws and legislation that treat sex offenders as more dangerous than they are, and we do live in culture that sees sex offenders as icky,” he added, “so I’m not surprised by this treatment; it’s not right.”

After this newspaper con-

tacted the DOCCS, Kelsey heard back from Machado.

“Please be advised that everyone under the supervision of DOCCS should be expected to be treated with respect, dignity and according to DOCCS directives,” Machado wrote on July 20. “I have investigated the matter and find that you are in your complete right to advocate for your rights.”

The bureau chief added he’s reviewing the grievances and discussed the issue with PO Miller; he said he’ll make a determination shortly.

“If you have not done so, you can resume attending services at your place of worship,” added Machado. “I will be reviewing the special conditions imposed on you by PO Miller and if there are any findings that they have been improperly imposed they will be removed.”

“I believe their change in tone and permission for me to attend church is because of the pressure that your phone

calls have put on them,” stated Kelsey in a July 23 email. “I just hope that the issues I raise that result in changes to my parole also leads to policy changes for those who lack the courage or knowledge to advocate for themselves.”

Other restrictions

Kelsey’s complaints also included objections to being barred from visiting with his niece and nephews, who visited him while in prison.

“The position I’m advocating is supervised contact; I’m not saying anybody with a sex offense should have unlimited contact with a kid,” he said. “I’m not comfortable being alone with kids, just because of what I went through. I get that, we need to protect them; I’m for that... But we don’t do that with the rapist who rapes a woman, and say you can’t have contact with women.

“My point is DOCCS’ policy is no contact with kids. That’s not what the courts have said and I think that’s

unreasonable; we’ve been released from prison because we’ve been rehabilitated. If the goal is to reintegrate into society, we can’t do that if there’s no contact.”

Payback?

Lastly, Kelsey expressed concerns about facing retaliation for the grievances he’s filed. Sheremeta said that’s an issue for which the DOCCS has already taken preventative steps to avoid.

“Prior to the formalization of the parolee grievance program and issuance of Department Directive 9402, an individual on parole could file a formal complaint with their parole officer or through the chain of command for their reporting office,” she said. “Community Supervision has successfully been awarded accreditation prior to 2017, and through the accreditation process has been able to improve the collection of and response to grievances by those under supervision.”



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FILM: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Come Along for the Ride on Aug. 12 with 'Paper Moon'

The Boondocks Film Society (BFS) is a curious little family, one that has no apparent roots but has enormous love — for the diverse members of its film-fan community and for the cult films that those members love to watch, together.

Founders Jeff Palfini and Cindy Heslin choose offbeat productions, most of which celebrate the quirkiness of adults and teens who live slightly on the outside edges of normal society.

For the screening locations, they select outdoor venues that fit the theme or feel of the featured film. There are always movie-appropriate food and drinks available at the pre-show party.

The August Boondocks film is Peter Bogdanovich's 1973 comedy, "Paper Moon," starring Ryan O'Neal and his 10-year-old real-life daughter, Tatum — who won the Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Addie Loggins.

Addie is the gritty young temporary ward of O'Neal, a con man



PHOTO FROM IMDB

Ryan and Tatum O'Neal bicker their way across Kansas and Missouri in the 1973 film, "Paper Moon."

traveling through the Midwest during the Depression. Her mother has died; it's up to Moses Pray to get her safely to the home of relatives in Kansas.

The always hilarious Madeline Kahn comes along for part of the ride, and Randy Quaid makes a brief appearance.

The black-and-white

photography by Laszlo Kovacs ("Easy Rider," "Five Easy Pieces") is both bleak and gorgeous. The script was adapted by Alvin Sargent (who wrote "Ordinary People") from a novel called "Addie Pray."

The setting chosen for this Boondocks screening is South Farms in Morris, Conn., which is

near the county seat in Litchfield. The barn at the center of this wedding and party venue is vast and white and feels like a super-glamorous version of an old-time Midwestern barn.

For the pre-screening happy hour there will be a band playing 1930s jazz; film-inspired food; and movie-themed craft cocktails. It's hard to imagine what food will match up to "Paper Moon." One can only assume that wheat will be involved.

The screening itself will begin around 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 12 — but come at 7:15 p.m. for food, fun and music. Admission is \$20; there is an additional cost for food and drinks.

Buy tickets at www.boondocksfilmsociety.org.



PHOTO FROM JEWISH PARTISANS FILM

Berkshire International Film Festival will show "Four Winters: A Story of Jewish Partisan Resistance & Bravery During World War II" on Aug. 2.

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The Berkshire International Film Festival (BIFF) and New Moon Films will offer the New England premiere of the award-winning "Four Winters: A Story of Jewish Partisan Resistance & Bravery During World War II."

Partisan Michael Stoll, whose powerful story is featured in the film, will be in attendance for

a post-screening discussion with the film's director, Julia Mintz.

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The film is a recipient of Steven Spielberg's Jewish Story Partners Grant and was awarded Best Documentary at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival 2022.

The film will be shown on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 4 p.m. at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center in Great Barrington, Mass.

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The walk will last a little less than one hour and is less than a half mile in length.

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THE UNGARDENER: DEE SALOMON

Too Much of a Good Thing? Probably, Yes

Last word, for now at least, on the spongy moths; my friend Spencer asked if the open tree canopy created by the caterpillar destruction had caused a plant growth spike here. Well, yes, I had noticed that the trees had grown vastly taller than in years past. That leaves were larger — wild strawberry leaves the size of my hand. And that there was barely a bare patch of earth. But I had done such a thorough job with the dastardly caterpillars, scraping off the egg sacs all fall and winter and spraying the BT from the moment they hatched, that the damage was minimal except to the tallest oaks (no small thing); the tree canopy was largely intact.

I have a different hypothesis to make sense of this year’s explosive plant growth and, while I have not heard or read anything similar, I believe it may be true.

Last year we had a massive infestation of Asian jumping worms. They were crawling everywhere and devoured almost every inch of topsoil on our property (for the full disgusting story, read “Don’t Look Down” in the February 2022 issue of the Cornwall Chronicle at www.



PHOTO BY DEE SALOMON

While the spongy moths have stopped destroying the tree canopy for this year, it’s a banner year for Red Actea or baneberry. Collect the seeds to sow in the woods for future flowers.

cornwallchronicle.org/wp-content/uploads/February_2022.pdf). In the digestive process, the worms had released way more nitrogen than the soil would in its normal decomposition. This — that Asian jumping worms release nitrogen in the soil — I can verify with standard Google searches.

For plants, nitrogen is the key to growth. So it makes sense that, with

the release of nitrogen into the soil, I am seeing extravagant growth this year. Other vital nutrients have been depleted by the worms, so the impact remains to be seen. And another factor is also at play: The worms have churned up seed

that had been buried underground for years and, all of sudden, could germinate. Areas that had been meticulously weeded for years now are carpets of both native and non-native plants. While the Trillium are 3x last year, the narrowleaf bitter-cress are 8x. As I sit on the woodland floor to pull the bittercress I become aware of something that is not here : the culprits themselves! Where have the jumping worms gone? I thought at first that this had to do with the bone-dry soil, but after the rains last weekend I pulled bittersweet and burning bush on at least 10 different areas and still found not a single one. It is still too early to tell, but could it be that, having sucked everything nutritious from the soil, they are not able to make a go of it this year? NB: Two days after writing this, I found two worms, each about 3 inches long, while weeding in the near woods. At least where I am situated, in Litchfield County on the shores of the Housatonic, it is a

banner year for Actaea Rubra — the baneberry that boasts bright red berries on upright stems. On our property, I am picking the berries, not to eat, as they are poisonous, but to sow back into the woods. I have been harvesting and planting this seed for years; it is easy to do and works well. Same for Actaea Pachypoda, the doll’s eye or white baneberry that is a bit rarer and whose seed matures later in the season. I always leave a few berries on the plant for the birds and mammals that eat them; soak

and separate the seed from their fruit using a colander and my fingers (some people are sensitive, so gloves are a good idea). In the fall I will spread the seed in the woods. It takes a year or two to germinate; the result is glorious. A spare, horizontal set of leaves and an elegant vertical spike that ends with a white filigree of flower. The flowers become bright red berries that gracefully arch the stem. Look out for them ... Dee Salomon “un-gardens” in Litchfield County.

SALE AND SHOW OF WORKS BY AREA ARTISTS

The Summer Show” of Gallery SHS of the Sharon Historical Society & Museum in Sharon, Conn., opened July 16 and remains on display through Aug. 26. This is a juried exhibition and sale of works by local artists in a variety of media and depicting many subjects. A portion of all sales supports the Sharon

Historical Society & Museum’s mission. Gallery SHS is at the Sharon Historical Society & Museum, 18 Main St., in Sharon. The gallery and museum are open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 860-364-5688 or go to www.sharonhist.org.

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Page Dickey, historian and watercolorist Adam Van Doren and Thoreau expert Ben Shattuck. Other local favorites include Mark Scarbrough and Laurie Lisle and race car drive/sports commentator/painter Sam Posey. Admission is \$40 and includes beer, wine and hors d’oeuvres. Books will be available for purchase; all proceeds from the event support the programs and services of the nonprofit library. Four festive author dinners will follow at patron homes in Sharon. Dinner tickets are \$175 per person. All book signing and author dinner attendees must be fully vaccinated and masks are strongly encouraged. Dinners may be held indoors; the dinner hosts request that all dinner guests test negative for COVID-19 on Aug. 5 (policy subject to revision). To learn more and to buy tickets, go to hotchkisslibraryofsharon.org/book-signing-2022.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Pieter Lefferts of Sharon, Conn., will be among the 30 authors and illustrators to sign copies of their latest work at the 24th Annual Hotchkiss Library of Sharon Summer Book Signing.

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MILLBROOK

Four Millbrook artists join the Upstate Art Weekend

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Several Millbrook-based artists took part in the third edition of the popular Upstate Art Weekend, which ran from Friday, July 22, through Sunday, July 24. It was the first time there has ever been any one from the Millbrook community participating in the multi-county art tour that includes more than 100 exhibitions.

The Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) announced the new additions earlier this month. According to the artists who participated, the turnout was tremendous. The four local artists all said they enjoyed a steady stream of visitors, with many on Saturday and even more on Sunday, the two days the village participated.

The open studio tour is based on the premise that art-lovers and those who are merely curious about what drives artists to create would wander into their studios to learn first-hand how individual artists work. Tour-goers

were able to meet and interact with the artists, view their creations and celebrate the art and culture of the Hudson Valley and the Catskills.

The Millbrook artists opened their studios on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 6 p.m. Among those who participated were Sharon Bates and Paul Akira Miyamoto, a couple who share a house, with her studio downstairs and his upstairs.

Bates was the founding director of the Albany International Airport's Art & Culture Program. Today she is an independent curator who has served on art review committees and has curated visual art and museum exhibitions for more than 30 years.

Miyamoto's work pays tribute to his immigrant grandparents from Japan who worked as itinerant farmers. He said his paintings also reflect barriers to freedom, with the skies reflecting hope for the future. He praised the open tour saying he was glad Millbrook artists could take part.

"This is a good opportunity to get to know the people in



Left, artist Ann Ledy stood alongside of some of her colorful and enigmatic works in her studio during the art tour this past weekend, during which she got a good number of visitors. Right, artist June Glasson discussed some of her drawings and prints with fellow artist Eileen Stodut, who visited from Westchester County during the Art Upstate Weekend. This was the first such event in which Millbrook artists ever participated.



PHOTOS BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

the community," he said eagerly, noting that having moved to Millbrook about six years ago, the COVID pandemic has kept many people from mixing with neighbors and getting to know their fellow residents.

Artist June Glasson de-

scribes herself as "an artist/designer/teacher, whose practice is a marriage of the work I create in solitude in my studio and work that lives in the world and is more collaborative or community-based."

She moved to Millbrook from Wyoming about four years ago and said she saw the open studio tour as a chance to introduce both her art, and herself, to the community.

Artist Ann Ledy may be located in Millbrook, but she is well-known around the world. Ledy said she was excited about the weekend event. "I am an abstractionist," she said simply, adding she has a classical background in

drawing, and spent 25 years as a professor at Parson's School of Design as well as other academic institutions.

Ledy can also be proud of the fact that her post-minimalist works on paper have been collected since the early 1980s and may be found in many art centers and museums across the country.

For those who missed this year's Upstate Art Weekend, be on the lookout for it next year. MAG hopes it will include Millbrook artists showcasing their studios, their artwork and themselves again, as they share their creative process with those interested in learning what how objects of beauty we can all appreciate are made.

Send news and photos to editor@millertonnews.com

Trevor Zoo goes wild over \$20,000 county grant

WASHINGTON — When County Executive Marc Molinaro announced the latest Learn, Play, Create funding awards this summer, the Millbrook School's Trevor Zoo celebrated. It received \$20,000.

Long a favorite place for many local families to visit, as well as those traveling from farther afield, the Trevor Zoo is fully accredited and a wonderful learning experience for Millbrook School students who want to learn about zoology. It's also quite exciting for students who enjoy taking care of and learning about zoo inhabitants.

Among those inhabitants and a special draw at the zoo are the red wolves. There's an effort to help the conservation of the beautiful creatures. The work began in 1993 and the zoo has focused on the magnetic creatures ever since.

In December of 2020, the Trevor Zoo received a Recovery Challenge Award, which was used to help build a new red wolf enclosure at the Millbrook site. There are hopes of fostering a new generation of the endangered animals there. The \$20,000 grant Molinaro announced



PHOTO SUBMITTED

The red wolves at the Trevor Zoo at Millbrook School will hopefully soon have a completed enclosure, thanks to a \$20,000 Learn, Play, Create grant awarded through Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro's office, which was announced at the end of June.

on June 22 will certainly help.

Trevor Zoo is the only zoo located at a high school in the U.S. and depends largely on grants and donations to operate.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit the U.S., foot traffic dropped dramatically, as did donations. According to Trevor Zoo Director of Media Daniel Cohen, the new grant will be used mainly for the wolf enclosure and to aid the red wolf program.

If all goes well, said Cohen, the public may soon get to visit new wolf pups at the

zoo.

Located at 292 Millbrook School Road, the Trevor Zoo is open year round. Animal lovers may also get a peek at the creatures who live there via live-stream video, up close and personal.

There are many species of animals, including some wonderful avian inhabitants, at the Trevor Zoo.

For more information or to book a reservation, go to www.trevorzoo@millbrook.org, call 845-677-3704, or visit them on Facebook.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Please take notice that the Town of Pine Plains Town Board will be accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the following materials for the year 2023:

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2) Crushed stone (all sizes).

3) Ice control sand- all crushed stone shall meet Section 703 of the NYSDOT 'Standard Specifications' and Natural and Processed Sands and Gravels, Crushed Stone, Aggregate, Run of Bank Gravel specifications of County of Dutchess.

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be for both F.O.B. and delivered.

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5) diesel fuel.

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7) Mid-Grade and Regular no lead gasoline.

8) Liquid Propane for garage and library.

All bids should use the Albany OPIS for the Friday immediately preceding the bid opening date.

Bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon Friday August 12, 2022 at the Town Clerks Office,

PO Box 955, 3284 Route 199 Pine Plains, NY 12567 at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

In order for your bid to be considered complete, the following must be submitted

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Certificate of Insurance Naming Town of Pine Plains as Certificate Holder

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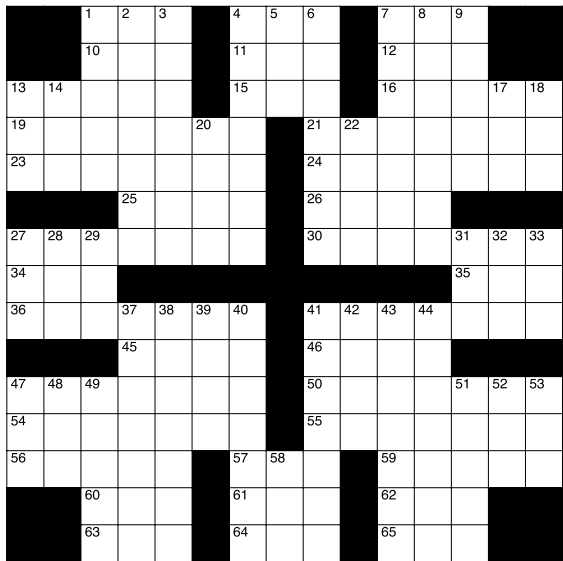
The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The F.O.B. plant price will be analyzed with full consideration given to the distance of the plant to the project location. Any questions should be directed to the Highway Department at (518) 398-6662.

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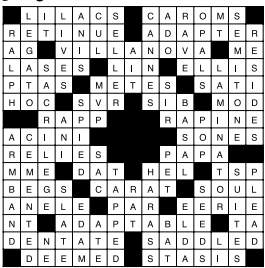
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- 1. America's WW2 President
- 4. Move earth
- 7. Insecticide
- 10. Naturally occurring solid material
- 11. State of fuss
- 12. Bhutanese wine
- 13. Greek island
- 15. Taxi
- 16. Tanzanian ethnic group
- 19. Metrical foot
- 21. Boasted
- 23. Eel-like vertebrate
- 24. Small freshwater lakes
- 25. Morally base
- 26. Not odd
- 27. Where you live
- 30. Fixed in place
- 34. A very large body of water
- 35. Moved quickly
- 36. Winged horse
- 41. Small waterfall
- 45. Hoopster Gasol
- 46. One who mimics
- 47. Tropical plant
- 50. Used of walls
- 54. A citizen of Iran
- 55. Christian hermit
- 56. She marries the groom
- 57. American patriotic society
- 59. Wine grape
- 60. School of Buddhism
- 61. A team's best pitcher
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Time zone
- 64. Part of a company name
- 65. Type of bulb

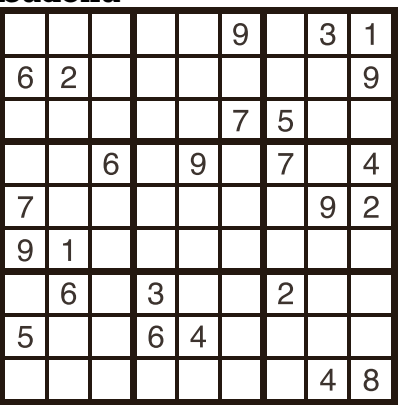


- 13. Chum
- 14. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 17. A room to relax
- 18. Commercials
- 20. Six (Spanish)
- 22. Wild party
- 27. Small European viper
- 28. Baseballer Gordon
- 29. Eccentric person
- 31. A way to save for your future
- 32. Young boy
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Changed
- 38. Prominent
- 39. Genus of seabirds
- 40. Event regarded as wrong
- 41. Skipped in a lively way
- 42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
- 43. A country in W. Africa
- 44. Burn a corpse
- 47. Women's movement
- 48. NHL great Bobby
- 49. Coarse, green material
- 51. Treated with calcium oxide
- 52. When you hope to get there
- 53. "Partridge" actress Susan
- 58. What thespians do

July 21 Solution

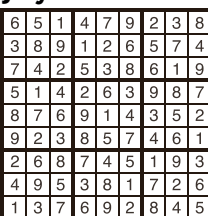


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We also remind readers that the views expressed on this opinion page are not those of The Millerton News and The News does not support or oppose candidates for public office.

Golden Living is prepared by Dutchess County OFA Director Todd N. Tancredi, who can be reached at 845-486-2555, ofa@dutchessny.gov or via the OFA website at www.dutchessny.gov/aging.

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Peter Riva, a former resident of Armenia Union, now resides in New Mexico.



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PINE PLAINS/AREA

Pine Plains residents concerned about Altice franchise renewal

By KAITLIN LYLE
Special to The Millerton News

PINE PLAINS — The Pine Plains Town Board heard comments and concerns about its franchise agreement with Cablevision Systems Dutchess Corporation (best known as Altice) at a public hearing on Thursday, June 16, at Town Hall at 7 p.m., shortly after the meeting opened. In addition to Attorney to the Town Warren Replansky, the board welcomed representatives from Altice.

Replansky explained a franchise agreement was negotiated between the town and Cablevision over a number of months. In that time, he said they went back and forth and made changes to the proposed contract, which was reviewed by the Public Service Commission.

Two Altice representatives then spoke and assured the public their comments would be heard and considered.

Drawing from his 20 years as an independent consultant and documentary filmmaker, town resident Stan Hirson outlined his familiarity with policies regarding universal service. He shared his concerns about the number of providers the town currently has in place and the power system that supports cable.

Hirson added broadband is a major issue given how isolated the community is. He said it shouldn't be con-

sidered a luxury but a necessity. He called Altice's plan, "dense, boiler-plated," and said while it's fine for larger communities like Hyde Park and Poughkeepsie, it needed an explanation "in plain language why [Pine Plains is] not served by fibre... and for the people who can't be served, I think they should be offered some sort of free wireless service in town so you can go someplace and get high speed broadband."

Hirson added, "We're a rural community, we don't need the boilerplate... We need to get out of this isolation that is killing us."

Resident Betsy Zimmerman asked if Altice is related to Cablevision; the representatives replied Altice used to be known as Cablevision. Asked how that would impact service, the representatives explained the infrastructure hasn't changed — just ownership — and that Altice is investing millions of dollars to upgrade its infrastructure.

They said the company's fibre optic trunk lines that were put in 20 years ago are being replaced with all copper truck lines and fibre optics. The result is more reliable service and better signal quality, and a greater capacity for internet, phone and television service.

The objective is to replace the last mile of copper cable and have fibre optics run into homes, replacing copper lines altogether.

While that's still a couple years away from being completed, especially in rural areas like Pine Plains, the Altice reps said it will give customers higher gigabit speeds of data for internet service. As more devices become internet-friendly, infrastructure must expand to handle it, they said.

Matt Finley, a member of the Pine Plains Broadband Committee, said the group formed at the Town Board's request and took no position in the contract's renewal, as it wasn't charged to do so.

Seeing as the contract's non-exclusive, he said the town has nothing to lose by continuing the franchise agreement. While he said there would be chaos if Pine Plains switched servers, Finley advised the Town Board

to beware there are better service options out there, such as Spectrum. Finley said he hoped something is addressed about the contract's timetable.

Replansky said if the Broadband Committee wants to send written comments to him about the contract, he'd be happy to review them with Altice and possibly the Public Service Commission to see if there are any issues the town has the power to address and respond to in the context of the renewal agreement.

The attorney added he would be happy to keep the public hearing open until the town receives those comments. Finley said the committee wanted to make recommendations but had not heard back from the Town Board if it could do so.

PINE PLAINS IN BRIEF

The Stissing Center summer concerts

The Stissing Center performing arts center in Pine Plains, located at 2950 Church St., presents the following shows to be featured through the remainder of the summer.

- Jasperoo, Saturday, Aug. 6, at 6 p.m.
- Dylan Doyle, Satur-

day, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m.
• Sweet Megg, Friday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m.

Doors will be open for all performances 30 minutes before show time.

Tickets are available for all shows at www.thestissingcenter.org. For details, call 518-771-3340.

Email news and photos to editor@millertonnews.com



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Barbara Wiggins was honored for her long service at Noble Horizons' picnic on Tuesday, July 12.

Noble Horizons has 50th anniversary

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
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SALISBURY, Conn. — The community picnic on Tuesday, July 12, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Noble Horizons was well-attended and only slightly marred by a rainstorm.

Noble administrator Bill Pond was warily checking the weather on his smartphone around 4:30 p.m., as the Salisbury Band played and the line for the Lakeville Hose Company's fried chicken got longer.

At 5:09 p.m. Pond stopped the band and recommended that people take shelter indoors for the duration. This prudent advice was almost completely ignored, as the revelers simply squashed in under the tents and continued operations.

"Let the wind blow it away" said one woman. Celeste Shannon had to

scramble a bit to get the raffle prizes away from the small waterfall that developed between tents.

Otherwise the rain had little effect on the festivities.

By 5:30 p.m. the rain was over.

With the public address equipment reconnected, Salisbury First Selectman Curtis Rand read a message from the selectmen. "You give comfort and peace of mind to many people."

Connecticut State Representative Maria Horn (D-64) brought with her two messages of congratulations, one from the state legislature and one from Gov. Ned Lamont (D).

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