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MILLERTON

Heat helps corn grow tall and sweet at Daisey Hill Farm

MILLERTON — The silky stalks of bi-color corn are starting to climb ever taller at Daisey Hill Farm at 438 Indian Lake Road in Millerton, according to farm worker Karen Connors, who gave The Millerton News an updated corn report on Monday morning, July 26.

Connors said that thanks to all of the scorching summer heat and the slight drop off in rainfall in the past few days, the sweet corn has been starting to bring strong yields as of last week.

“Now it’s less sporadic and more is coming in,” she said. “The heat is helping and the ears are getting there. They’re a little young, but this week they’re maturing more fully and they’re more voluptuous.”

Thankfully, she said, the farm hasn’t had any issues with pests this season, “knock on wood.”

The bi-color corn is 75 cents an ear at Daisey Hill Farm or \$8 a dozen.

Soon, Connor said, the farm will have its crop of white corn ready for harvest.

For more on this local seasonal favorite or any other farm fresh produce at Daisey Hill Farm, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 518-789-3393.

— Whitney Joseph



Stopping by Daisey Hill Farm in Millerton on Monday afternoon, July 26, Millerton resident Bob McGhee Jr. was drawn to the supply of bi-color sweet corn available at the farm.

North East Dems, GOP hold caucuses

By KAITLIN LYLE
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NORTH EAST — The North East Republican and Democratic Committees recently sought candidates to fill the town justice seat and the two North East Town Board seats that will be open during the upcoming November General Election, whether through a formal caucus or by circulating petitions.

If elected on Tuesday, Nov. 2, candidates running for either town justice or Town Board will serve a four-year term in office.

The North East Democratic Caucus was held on Saturday, July 10, at 10 a.m. in the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex, located at 28 Century Blvd. in Millerton.

According to Chair of the North East Democratic Committee Jon Arnason, North East Town Justice Casey McCabe was nominated to serve another term while Councilman Ralph Fedele was also nominated to return to office. Newcomer Griffin Cooper was nominated to join Fedele at the

Town Board table. All three candidates are registered Democrats.

As part of the Republican nominating process, North East Republican Committee Chair Edie Greenwood said the committee circulated nomination petitions this spring.

Because it could not find candidates interested in running for office, Greenwood reported the committee has “put forth no candidates for town council or for the town justice.”

However, in addition to circulating petitions for the open town positions, Greenwood said the North East Republican Committee circulated petitions for its membership.

Greenwood said both Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver (R-19), a resident of Pine Plains, and Ola Nesheiwat Hawatmeh (a Poughkeepsie fashion designer who lost the 2020 Republican Primary for Congress, D-19, to Millbrook attorney Kyle Van De Water) expressed an interest in running for the committee.

First-ever library fundraiser at Undermountain Patrons of Millerton and Amenia libraries to tee off for a good cause

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE — Local golfers are invited to pick up their clubs and head to the Undermountain Golf Course in Copake at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 13, to do battle in the first-ever Millerton vs. Amenia Golf Tournament Library Fundraiser.

NorthEast-Millerton Library (NEML) Director Rhianon Leo-Jameson noted that while prizes — including gift certificates for the club’s pro shop — will be awarded, the most important result will be “bragging rights” for the victors and their towns.

Leo-Jameson said what could be a friendly but hotly contested competition came about in the simplest of ways. The mild manner librarian and her counterpart, Amenia Free Library Director Victoria Herow, were discussing ways in which the two libraries might cooperate on yet another project — an outgrowth of a successful joint venture during the COVID-19 health crisis.

They hit upon the idea of combining the great outdoors and their many patrons’ love of golf to boost the organizations’ budgets. Both libraries have become somewhat strained financially by the conditions imposed by the pandemic itself (the libraries were closed for many months, during which they couldn’t collect fees or donations, nor could they run their programs, etc.).

While neither of the women are themselves golfers, they recognized that among their loyal supporters are a number

of those addicted to what has sometimes been called, “a good walk spoiled.” The comment is often attributed to Mark Twain but actually was first noted in a 1905 book by Leon Wilson, centuries after the modern sport originated in the 1500s in Scotland.

A quick check on the feasibility of the project brought an enthusiastic “yes” from Trish MacArthur, owner and general manager of the popular golf course at 274 Under Mountain Road in nearby Copake.

No stranger to the idea of closing down the course to allow nonprofits to benefit from a few hours on the links, MacArthur said she was happy to support the two local libraries.

“We do sometimes do two fundraisers a month for all kinds of local causes — fire companies, baseball teams, libraries and the Salisbury Youth Ski Jumping,” she said, noting the next event on Sunday, Aug. 8, will benefit the Ancram Fire Department.

MacArthur said that while golfers must be registered by Tuesday, Aug. 10, with a \$50 per player fee, they may do so either as singles or with partners. Because it is a town versus town event, however, friends from the opposing municipalities may ask to hit the links in the same group, but they will not be partnered together lest the final scores result in a shared victory, thereby negating the whole idea of bragging rights.

Tournament registration for the two-team, nine-hole scramble includes fees for the green and a hamburger and hot dog meal following the round.

The top three winners will be determined by combining the lowest scores from each side for the overall results with other prizes given for special competitions, such as closest to the pin and longest drive.

Leo-Jameson said she envisions golfers making it through the upcoming dark winter days remembering that they were the victors of this inaugural golf tourney. She added she is hopeful the tournament will become a cherished tradition shared by the two libraries, which are cherished institutions in their own right.

Giving a nod to MacArthur for her help with the project, Leo-Jameson said, “It’s a learning experience for us because we’ve never run anything like this before, but people think it sounds like a fun event, and we hope to continue it.”

She is also hoping the two libraries will plan further cooperative efforts to offer “a wider range of programming” in the future for their patrons, as it can make great use of their shared resources.

To register for the tournament or for more information, call the club at 518-329-4444, the NEML at 518-789-3340; or the Amenia Free Library at 845-373-8273; or go to www.undermountaingolf.com, www.nemillertonlibrary.org or www.amenialibrary.org.

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AMENIA

Democrats circulate petitions to select candidates for Nov. 2 elections

By KAITLIN LYLE
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AMENIA — Between the Republican primary in June and the Democrats circulating nomination petitions, not to mention an independent candidate who has thrown her hat into the ring, the town of Amenia now has its full lineup of candidates — both incumbents and those new to the ballot — running for office in the 2021 General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Among the positions up for election, voters will be able to cast their ballots for town supervisor and town clerk as well as well as for two members on

the Town Board. The town supervisor position holds a two-year term while the Town Board seats and the town clerk post each hold four-year terms.

Democratic candidates

After circulating petitions for the November ballot, the Amenia Democratic Committee nominated long-time Democratic Town Clerk Dawn Marie Klingner to run for another term this year. Klingner will run uncontested for the key municipal position.

For the two positions on the Town Board, the Democrats nominated party members Leo Blackman, a Planning Board member, and newcomer Cath-

erine Lee to be their candidates come November.

Independent candidate

Also running for Town Board is newcomer Stacy Mantel, who said she decided to withdraw from the Democratic Party and instead run on the Working Families party line.

Republican recap

The Amenia Republican Primary was held on Tuesday, June 22, at the Wassaic firehouse. Incumbent town Supervisor Victoria Perotti (R, C) won over newcomer Julie Doran, who also ran on the independent Amenia Strong ticket, which means she will still have a place on the ballot in the General Election.

For the two open seats on the Town Board, incumbent Councilman James Morris came out ahead, with newcomer Brad Rebillard earning second place. Rebillard also ran on the Amenia Strong ticket. The pair will be the Republican nominees come November.

Newcomer Jamie Vitiello, another Amenia Strong candidate, and current Councilmember Michele Somogyi, who ran solely as a Republican, placed in third and fourth place, respectively, in the race for Town Board.

Like his fellow Amenia Strong running mates, Vitiello will be on the ballot on Nov. 2.



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Celebrating her 30th anniversary in the Hudson Valley this year, Jackie Reynolds — best known to families and children as Bee Bee the Clown — will soon be embarking on a multi-stop tour around the region for International Clown Week, starting Sunday, Aug. 1, through Saturday, Aug. 7.

Bee Bee the Clown celebrates 30 years

By KAITLIN LYLE
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HUDSON VALLEY — It's been 30 years since she first donned that red nose, and Jackie Reynolds — best known as "Bee Bee the Clown" — said she's been blessed and honored to have a career spanning three decades that's brought happiness to so many throughout the Hudson Valley.

From Sunday, Aug. 1, through Saturday, Aug. 7, area residents will be seeing even more of Bee Bee, as she embarks on a multi-stop tour around the region to celebrate both her anniversary and International Clown Week.

A resident of Milan, Reynolds left her career as a chemical engineer at Polaroid and was staying at home with her three small children when the idea for Bee Bee first developed.

As her children grew, Reynolds said she wanted a job that balanced the responsibilities of motherhood and was fun. At the time, she was volunteering on the Milan Recreation Committee, hosting Easter, Christmas and Halloween parties.

Between her committee work, her organizational and communication skills, Reynolds said she realized as an entertainer she could have control of her schedule. As surprising as it seemed, she said becoming a clown was a natural choice for her — thus, Bee Bee was born.

"I always think that Bee Bee the Clown is just a little bit more of who I am," Reynolds said, "because I don't change my own personality but I have the liberty of just being, I'd say, more exuberant or more of who I am because it's not different from who I am... I think it gives me the liberty to be brave in approaching life."

Throughout the last three decades, Reynolds has entertained countless children — and their parents — with her clowning around, magic tricks, ventriloquism and balloon artistry.

Much of that time was spent at the Amenia Free Library, where she entertained hundreds of young children over the years. Former Library Director Miriam Devine was an ardent supporter who often engaged Bee Bee in her programming.

"Miriam was very instrumental in my work in the Amenia area," remembered Reynolds.

Asked how she keeps her act fresh after 30 years, she said her secret is being authentic.

"Even if I've done the same performance material, each time [I] present it, it's new," she said.

She also learns new skills for her acts. Just recently, she learned to juggle clubs for a funny drop routine she wants to try.

When asked if she has a fa-

vorite type of crowd, Reynolds said she enjoys when audience members are of "a cynical age" — which can range from children age 10 up to grandfathers — and she appreciates those who consider her act a success.

One of her proudest moments occurred when both her sons invited her to entertain them and their friends at college.

With International Clown Week on the horizon, Reynolds will be touring the Hudson Valley — including Milan, Red Hook, Germantown, Pine Plains and Poughkeepsie. She's also traveling to Maryland. She's ordered more than 100 dozen clown noses to give away on her stops, which can be found online at www.beebeetheclown.com.

As she takes part in this celebration, Reynolds will gather fan photos to create a memory album. The album will be submitted for the "best album" honor, also known as the Clowns Have A Real Love in Everyone (CHARLIE) Award, which will be awarded by Clowns of America International next year.

"It's sort of a surprise blessing," Reynolds said of her lengthy career. "I did not grow up to be a clown. I did not expect that this was what I was going to do, but I am more than blessed and honored that this is what I am doing... It's an intangible career but incredibly valuable in the joy that it brings."

WASSAIC — The Wassaic Fire Company Auxiliary fed the local community while raising money to support its organization at a submarine sandwich drive-thru on Saturday, July 17.

The night before the drive-thru, the Auxiliary counted 117 hungry diners who signed up to purchase subs, though a few more tickets were sold after that count was taken.

Running from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wassaic firehouse at 27 Firehouse Road, Auxiliary members worked together to prepare the subs and deliver the tasty bagged lunches to the supportive customers who arrived in their vehicles, ready for a tasty meal.

Each lunch included a choice of a ham or turkey sub with cheese, lettuce and tomato, along with chips, macaroni salad, cookies for dessert, plus water.

Wassaic Fire Company Auxiliary President Clarice Murphy said the money raised from the event came to roughly \$1,100, plus some additional donations. She also extended "a huge thank you to Freshtown, who donated so many things to help our fundraiser be such a success."

— Kaitlin Lyle



PHOTO BY KAITLIN LYLE

Members of the Wassaic Fire Company Auxiliary worked together to prepare and sell ham and turkey subs to hungry customers at their sub drive-thru at the Wassaic firehouse July 17.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on May 13, 2021, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of North East, Dutchess County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was subject to permissive referendum. The period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum, and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed in connection with such resolution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Millerton, New York,

July 22, 2021

Gail J. Wheeler, North East Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 13, 2021.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE 3 OF THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST HIGHWAY GARAGE FACILITY WITH FUEL DEPOT ON A TOWN OWNED PARCEL OF LAND ON ROUTE 22 IN MILLERTON, NEW YORK, IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF NORTH EAST, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$3,224,000,

AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2,929,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose: Construction of highway garage facility and fuel depot on Route 22 in Millerton, New York (Phase 3)

Period of probable usefulness: Thirty years, subject to permissive referendum

Maximum Estimated Cost: \$3,224,000

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$2,929,000 serial bonds (to be reduced by any grants-in-aid received)

Current Available Funds: \$295,000

SEQRA status: Unlisted Action. Negative Declaration. SEQRA compliance documentations on file in Office of the Town Clerk where it may be inspected during regular office hours.

07-29-21

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 2022:

1.) Bituminous asphalt (various sizes) including cold mix asphalt using the most current posted price index.

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.

stone and asphalt materials shall come from NYSDOT approved plant. Bid prices on all of the above materials per ton, with the exception of asphalt should be for both F.O.B. and delivered. 4.) Liquid calcium chloride for summer and winter. 5.) diesel fuel. 6.) #2 Heating oil for garage, winter mix December through February for heating oil only. 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 13, 2021 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 as required by Section 103D of the Municipal Law:

Non-Collusive Bidding Certificate

Certificate of Insurance Naming Town of Pine Plains as Certificate Holder

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes with the following information on the outside:

1. Materials Bids 2022

2. August 13, 2021, 12:00PM

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 Superintendent, Heather M. Emerich at (518) 398-6662.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Pine Plains

Judy S. Harpp
Town Clerk
07-29-21

Legal Notice

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a special meeting Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Held in the Planning Board Meeting Room.

John T. Metcalfe
ZBA Chair
07-29-21

The deadline for legal notices is Friday at 4 p.m. for publication the following Thursday.

Notices can be emailed to legals@lakevillejournal.com or mailed to The Lakeville Journal, ATTN: Legal Notices, PO Box 1688, Lakeville, CT 06039

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Consigli Construction is requesting pricing for the Hotchkiss Library restoration and addition project at 10 Upper Main Street, Sharon, CT.

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The project includes interior/exterior restoration and a new building addition. Restoration: millwork, masonry, windows, interior finishes and MEP upgrades. New addition: concrete foundation, wood framing, cast-stone/glass façade, metal roof, and fit-out with site improvements.

Submit bid responses to the email below by 8/5/21.

If you have any specific questions, please contact Javier Contreras at jcontreras@consigli.com

OBITUARIES

Joanna Dennett

CORNWALL — Joanna Dennett, 93, of Acworth, N.H., died June 1, 2021, at the home of her daughter, Wendy Pomeroy, in Kittery Point, Maine.

Joanna was born May 5, 1928, to Devon and Marie Dennett of Woodside, Queens, N.Y. She attended the North Country School in Lake Placid, N.Y., as one of its first four students. The school’s dedication to nature, experiential learning and the arts formed the foundation of her adult life.

Her struggle with dyslexia complicated her formal education but Joanna more than made up for it through her limitless interest in all aspects of nature. Sharply observant and fascinated by anything from microbes to astronomy, she saw phenomena others would miss. Animals held a particular fascination: She once welcomed and studied a large barn spider when it took up residence in her dining room, and a flying squirrel she rescued was only one of the wild animals that owed their lives to her care.

She developed her considerable creative talents at the San Francisco School of Art, where she studied metalwork and jewelry.

Among her beautiful handmade nature-inspired designs, her Adam and Eve earrings found wide popularity.

Joanna was fascinated by skeletons, from cows and deer, to mice and hummingbirds. Joining science and art, she collected their bones, cleaned and bleached them, then displayed them where their sculptural qualities could be appreciated, and often incorporated them into her jewelry.

Along with her jewelry career, she taught “Rhythms,” a form of dance, privately in West Cornwall and at the Orchard School in Alstead, N.H.

Joanna studied Anthroposophy, a system of spiritual dis-

covery, and was active in the world peace movement. As an animal activist, she hosted “Save the Whales” parties. She built a house with a room large enough to host political meetings, local art shows and music performances. This room doubled as a gym, featuring a trapeze and pair of rings hanging from the ceiling, to the delight of her grandchildren and other adventurous types.

She was an avid recycler, making many trips to the dump with her clean and organized trash. She expanded the idea by bringing almost as many things home to repair, reuse or give away.

Over her lifetime, Joanna called several places home, among them New York City, Cornwall and Langdon and Acworth, N.H. She was impossible to pigeon-hole; her interests, talents and friendships were wide and unlimited. She leaves countless friends and admirers in many places.

She is survived by her daughters, Sera Lindholm Daemi and her husband, Saïid Daemi, and Wendy Pomeroy and her husband, Deane Rykerson; a son, Aron Lindholm; and her grandchildren, Arianna, Neeka and Roya Daemi, Olivia Pomeroy, and Leif and Ariel Lindholm.

Joanna was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Sally; her son Toby Dennett; and former husbands Fred Mulders, Tony Pomeroy and Einar Lindholm.

A celebration of Joanna’s life will be held at the Second Congregational Church, North Road, East Alstead, N.H., on Sunday, Aug. 15, at 1 p.m. Potluck lunch will follow at Chase’s Mill, one mile west on Route 123.

In lieu of flowers, you are invited to send a donation to Chase’s Mill, or spend time appreciating some small aspect of nature.

Geoffrey Louis Rossano

FALLS VILLAGE — It is with great sadness that the family of Geoffrey Louis Rossano of Falls Village announces his death Friday, July 23, 2021, at the age of 72.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Louis and Margaret Rossano, and raised on Long Island, Rossano received his bachelor’s degree from Tufts University in Medford, Mass., and his master’s and PhD degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He taught at Margaret McTernan School, worked as a New York State Senate staffer, and as a vice president for the Urban Development Corporation. In 1982 he returned to teaching at Salisbury School. With a focus on place-based history, his teaching style helped many Salisbury students realize history wasn’t just memorizing names and dates. He retired from the classroom in 2018, to serve as Salisbury School’s archivist and historian.

Throughout his teaching career, Rossano continued to work as a historian, working for the Connecticut State Historic Preservation office for whom he wrote “Built to Serve: Connecticut’s National Guard Armories.” He is the author of many articles on 18th-century Long Island, and the co-author, with Robert McKay, of “Between Ocean and Empire, An Illustrated History of Long Island.” Editor for “Historic Cherry Hill’s Creating a Dignified Past,” he subsequently edited the diaries of World War I aviators Kenneth MacLeish and David Ingalls, “The Price of Honor” (Naval Institute Press) and “Hero of an Angry Sky” (Ohio University Press) respectively. In 2010 he published “Stalking the U-Boat” (University Press of Florida), which won the 2010 Roosevelt Prize in Naval History. He also received the 2013 Arthur Radford Award for Excellence in Naval Aviation History and Literature. In 2014 he served as historian for the award-winning documen-

tary “The Millionaire’s Unit” by Darroch Greer and Ron King.

A passionate lacrosse player, coach and scorekeeper, Rossano also loved sailing, particularly in his boat the Kennebec.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Rossano; his aunt, Laine Wayne; and his brother Mark Rossano.

He is survived by his wife, Joan H. Baldwin; and two daughters, Margaret H. Rossano of South Royalton, Vt., and Chloe M. Rossano of Mancos, Colo.; his brother George Rossano and sister Lyn Rossano.

A memorial service will take place at Salisbury School in the fall.

Donations in his memory may be made to the annual fund designated for financial aid at Salisbury School, 251 Canaan Road, Salisbury, CT 06068 (www.salisburyschool.org/donate).

SHARON — Salvatore “Sal” F. Accardo of Sharon died on July 19, 2021. He was the loving husband of Janet (How) Accardo.

Born Dec. 30, 1937, in Newark, N.J., Sal was the son of Settimo and Theresa Mineo Accardo of Bloomfield, N.J. After graduating from Bloomfield High School, he earned a B.S. and A.B.E.E. Masters of Advanced Engineering degree from Cornell University (1961), where he was a member and president of the Seal and Serpent fraternity.

Following college, Sal earned an M.B.A from New York University’s Stern School of Business (1963). He was in the Air Force during the Pueblo crisis, followed by the Reserves for five years. He joined General Electric for five years, going through their marketing training program.

In 1969, Sal started his career on Wall Street as an institutional sell-side analyst in high tech with William D. Witter, Inc. He had similar research positions at Drexel Burnham Lambert, Kidder Peabody, and Shearson/American Express. Sal was named to the Institutional Investor Magazine All-American Research Team for three years as one of the top-ranked electronics analysts. The work suited Sal’s inquisitive mind, his fascination with high-tech, and

his extroverted personality.

From 1983-91 he moved to the investment management side starting with Manufacturers Hanover Bank’s (JP Morgan Chase) institutional division, which was subsequently sold to Paine Webber’s (UBS) Mitchell Hutchins subsidiary. There he eventually ran a venture capital partnership. From 1991 to 1993 Sal conceived and established a joint venture between Chancellor Capital Management (money management arm of Citibank) and a European fund-of-funds. From 1994-2006 Sal worked as a Sr. V.P. at Melhado Flynn; from 2007-10 as Managing Director at IQ Venture Advisors; and from 2010 to retirement in 2016 as V.P. at Source Capital Group.

In 2016, Sal and his wife, Janet, moved full time to Sharon, after having been weekenders since the 1980s. Sal loved the beauty of the Northwest Corner of Connecticut and its many cultural offerings.

Sal had a lifelong love of music. A trumpet player, Sal was part of high school and college dance bands as well as the Cornell University Marching Band. For many years, Sal was a member and frequent attendee of the Metropolitan Opera Club, en-



joying many Met productions. Sal also had a love of Broadway music and during his many years as member of the University Club in New York City he served on the Musical Affairs committee and produced two popular musical events for the Club.

Once in Connecticut, Sal joined the Board of Music Mountain in Falls Village. He had a love for the organization and, during the summers, one could find him hanging up posters or handing out flyers around the Northwest Corner.

A lifelong learner, a fan of history and nonfiction, an information gatherer, and a news junkie, Sal read The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal daily. While reading one book, he always had a stack of others to read nearby. The Taconic Learning Center and Salisbury Forum were two sources for courses and lectures to which he subscribed.

Another great source of pleasure for Sal was his 1967 Buick Electra, which he enjoyed driv-

ing around the Northwest Corner on beautiful summer days while listening to classical music. He loved to drive veterans in the Buick for the Salisbury Memorial Day parade.

In Connecticut Sal belonged to the Congregational Church of Salisbury and the Sharon Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Janet, of 34 years; his stepdaughter, Elizabeth Sorem and her husband, John Lussier; and his grandchildren, Leo and Sigrid Lussier. He was predeceased by his two brothers, Carmine and Joseph. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Accardo and Roseann Accardi; four nephews, Joseph, Paul, Carmen and Andrew; and two nieces, Arianna and Treza, and their spouses and children.

A celebration of Sal’s life will be held at the Salisbury Congregational Church on Saturday, Aug. 7, at 1 p.m.

Contributions in Sal’s memory may be made to Music Mountain, P.O. Box 738, Lakeville, CT 06039.

Arrangements are under the care of the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon.

Lewis William ‘Sonny’ Lindsay

MILLERTON — A chapter completed, a page turned, a life well lived, and a rest well earned. Lewis William “Sonny” Lindsay, 94, a lifelong area resident died Friday, July 23, 2021, at The Pines at Poughkeepsie, Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Mr. Lindsay worked as a therapy aide at the former Harlem Valley Psychiatric Center in Wingdale, N.Y., from 1949 to 1983.

He was also a police officer for the Village of Millerton Police Department and served as Town Justice for the Town of North East for 22 years.

Born April 16, 1927, in Germantown, N.Y., he was the son of the late Bertha L. (Jackson) and Lewis W. Lindsay Sr.

After graduating from Millerton High School, he served in the United States Navy from 1945 to 1946.

On June 23, 1947, in Millbrook, he married Clara Reed, a marriage that lasted more than 58 years. Mrs. Lindsay died on July 10, 2005.

Mr. Lindsay became a lifetime member of the following organizations throughout his life: Nimrod Lodge No. 96 of the Free and Accepted Masons, Dutchess County Police Benevolent Association, Millerton American Legion Post No. 178, AARP, Millerton Baptist Church and Central Baptist Church in Washington Hollow.

He sponsored many local



softball teams over the years and loved socializing and spending time with his beloved family and dear friends. He was also an avid deer hunter and fisherman in his spare time.

Mr. Lindsay is survived by three children, Lorraine B. Melton and her husband, Donald, of Poughkeepsie, Carol D. Cappillet and her husband, Ernest, of Maryland and Alan L. Lindsay of Dover Plains; two grandchildren, Vachon Lyons and Jannel Wallace; six great-grandchildren, Jared, Justin, Jada, Ameena and Najae and Lanaeya; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was also predeceased by a grandson, Dwayne Melton in 2020; and four siblings, Betty Branche, Alaise Fowlkes, Ethel Harmon and Elmer Lindsay.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, July 31, from noon to 1 p.m. at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton. A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial with Naval Military Honors will follow at Irontdale Cemetery in Millerton.

Memorial donations may be made to Millerton Legion Post No. 178, 155 Route 44, Millerton, NY 12546; or Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546.

To send an online condolence or floral tribute, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

Bleacher Views online, Horse Trials inside

This week’s Bleacher Views can be found online, at www.tricornernews.com. Sports columnist Theodore Kneeland tackles how stoicism serves competitive athletes on the world stage. Also, make sure to read about the return of the popular equestrian event, the Millbrook Horse Trials, on Thursday, Aug. 5, though Sunday, Aug. 8, after a year’s absence due to the coronavirus pandemic. Readers can find that story in this week’s issue on Page B4, along with details of how to register.

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PINE PLAINS/AREA

Democratic and Republican committees caucus for 2021 election

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — With the 2021 General Election just a few months away, the Pine Plains Democratic and Republican committees organized their respective caucuses this summer to nominate candidates for office.

Among the positions up for election, local voters will have the opportunity to elect their town supervisor, town justice, town assessor, town clerk and two seats on the Pine Plains Town Board. The election is on Tuesday, Nov. 2. The town supervisor will serve a two-year

term while all of the remaining positions are for four-year terms.

Democrats

The Pine Plains Democratic Committee held its caucus on Sunday afternoon, June 13, while the Pine Plains Republican Committee held its caucus on Monday evening, July 19. Both caucuses were held at the Pine Plains Lions Club Pavilion on Beach Road.

Because long-time and much-loved Town Clerk Judy Harpp had not announced her plans to retire after 30 years of service at the time of the June Democratic caucus, the Democrats did not nominate a candidate for that

position.

However, the Democratic Committee did nominate current town Supervisor Darrah Cloud to run for re-election. Having previously campaigned for town supervisor under the Independent party line, Cloud, a registered Democrat, has decided to run on the Democratic party line this year.

The committee also nominated Diana Woolis, a registered Democrat, and current Councilman Matthew Zick, who is registered with No Official Party (NOP), to run for the two seats that will be open on the Town Board.

It also cross-endorsed current Town Justice David Humeston, a Republican, to run for another term; and current Assessor Lynda Wisdo (NOP) to run for another term in the Assessors' Office.

Republicans

Meanwhile, the Pine Plains Republican Committee nominated Brian Walsh for town supervisor; Zick and Robert Ambrose for the Town Board; Humeston for town justice; Wisdo for assessor; and Madelin Chase for town clerk.

Like Wisdo and Zick, Chase is registered as NOP, while Humeston, Walsh and Ambrose are all registered Republicans.



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Following a hike with the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC), concert-goers pulled up their seats to watch Americana funk band Twisted Pine perform some toe-tapping funkadelic music on Saturday, July 17.

Twisted Pine plays among the trees

ANCRAM — The scenic Ancram Overmountain Conservation Area was alive with the sound of funk as the Columbia Land Conservancy (CLC) partnered with Sustain Music and Nature to offer local residents a hike and concert with the Americana funk band, Twisted Pine, on a rather soggy Saturday afternoon, July 17.

For the hike portion of the event, the CLC led the hearty hikers on a heart-pumping but beautiful walk around the Overmountain Conservation Area, located at 503 Carson Road in Ancram, at 2 p.m.

An acoustic concert starring Twisted Pine followed at 3 p.m., giving attendees enough time to catch their breath and pull up a seat on the grass as they listened to some homegrown music after an invigorating hike.

— Kaitlin Lyle

Top financial administrator retires from Pine Plains Central School District

By KAITLIN LYLE
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PINE PLAINS — On Thursday, July 1, the Pine Plains Central School District (PPCSD) said a fond farewell to a steadfast member of its administrative team as Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Michael Goldbeck retired after 15 years of service.

The public was first made aware of Goldbeck's plans to retire during a Board of Education (BOE) meeting last December. It was with regret and appreciation that the board announced his retirement.

"This one's a little painful — we worked with Michael for a very long time and he certainly deserves to retire," BOE President Chip Couse said at the time, "but Michael, I have to say for myself — and we'll have plenty of time to give you kudos before you go — it has been an absolute pleasure to work with you."

Goldbeck's career as the district's number two marked his first job in education. Before joining the PPCSD, he was studying in SUNY New Paltz's education administration program. When this position became available, he interviewed and then started the job in February 2006.

Goldbeck has been a vital member of the PPCSD, assisting both the administration and the BOE in a number of ways throughout the district.

Goldbeck said Pine Plains now has the strongest business office in terms of staffing since he's been involved with the district.

He also outlined the num-



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Michael Goldbeck

ber of construction projects that have been completed over the years — including the energy performance project and the renovation of the Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School auditorium — and he stressed the district is still without any debt.

"I think the overall financial condition of the district is very strong," Goldbeck said, "and I share a lot of credit for that with past and present superintendents and past and present Boards of Education. I think it's important for school districts to be in good financial shape. I'm leaving things in a very good state, and I'm very happy about that."

When asked about the unforeseen challenges during his last full year — particularly with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic — Goldbeck said he thought it was mostly difficult for educators and stu-

dents rather than for himself. Though he spent quite a number of days working from home and had to switch from in-person to remote work, Goldbeck's focus concerned issues educators faced teaching students remotely versus what he had to deal with.

Asked whether he felt melancholy about his retirement or excited about leaving, Goldbeck was thoughtful.

"I think both," he said. "It felt like the right time to go, but there's a lot that I'll miss. Mostly it's the people I've had the privilege and honor of working with over these last 15-plus years."

Nevertheless, Goldbeck shared his confidence in his successor, Monica LaClair, who was first introduced to the public at the BOE meeting on March 17.

Equipped with a professional school district business certificate and 16 years' worth of experience in school business offices, LaClair was appointed assistant

superintendent of business and finance for a three-year probationary term due to her prior tenure appointment for administrative tenure in another New York State school district. Her probationary term began Monday, June 21, and will continue through June 20, 2024.

"I couldn't be happier to be leaving the district in Monica's competent hands," Goldbeck said. "She's got a wide range of experience and is very knowledgeable, and the best part of leaving is knowing that I'm leaving things in very capable hands."

Now that he's officially retired from the PPCSD, Goldbeck said he will start making plans for his future, adding that he'll be taking some time to figure out what his next steps might be.

"It's been a joy and an honor to work for the district and the community," Goldbeck said, "and that means a lot. I'll always hold that very dear."

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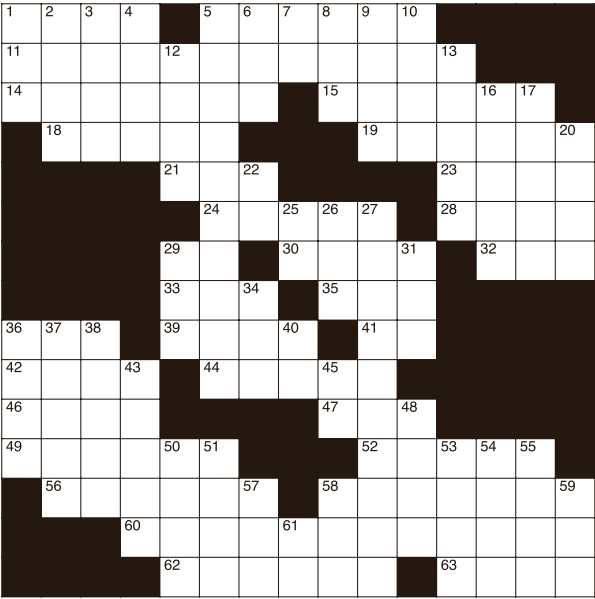
Food distribution drive thru Aug. 1

On Friday, Aug. 1, there will be a food distribution drive thru held at Our Lady of Hope, located at 8074 State Route 22, in Copake Falls.

The free food distribution will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., for all who need the support.

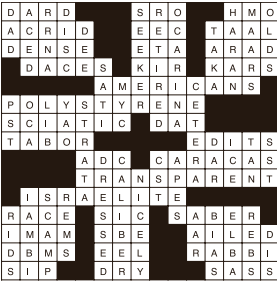
Brain Teasers

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Absence of difficulty
 - 5. Preserve a dead body
 - 11. Gratitude
 - 14. The act of coming together again
 - 15. More cushy
 - 18. Visionaries
 - 19. Fish-eating bird
 - 21. Indicates near
 - 23. NY Mets legend Tommie
 - 24. Icelandic poems
 - 28. Pop
 - 29. Hammer is one
 - 30. Senses of self-esteem
 - 32. Trigraph
 - 33. Not around
 - 35. Electronic data processing
 - 36. Driver's licenses and passports
 - 39. Snakelike fishes
 - 41. Military flyers
 - 42. Raincoats
 - 44. Type of community
 - 46. Feature of worm's anatomy
 - 47. In the center
 - 49. Laid back
 - 52. Jewelled headdress
 - 56. In slow tempo
 - 58. ___ Falls
 - 60. Saying things again
 - 62. Periods in history
 - 63. Hyphen
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Body part
 - 2. Mimics
 - 3. Expel or eject
 - 4. Sea eagle
 - 5. Subdivision of cenospecies
 - 6. Dialect of Chinese
 - 7. Mr. T's character on "The A-Team"
 - 8. Consumed
 - 9. Chinese dynasty
 - 10. NFL great Randy
 - 12. Ireland
 - 13. Palm trees
 - 16. Fungal disease
 - 17. Willis and Jerry are two
 - 20. Affirmative!
 - 22. Potato state
 - 25. "The First State"
 - 26. A way to develop
 - 27. Associations

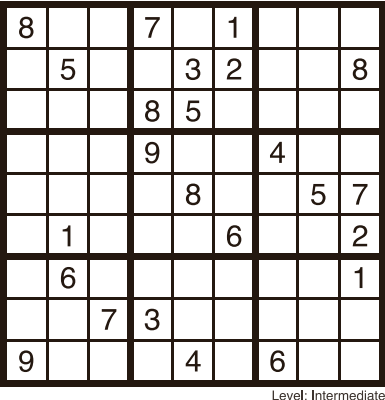


- 29. Woman (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Mosque prayer leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Jr.'s father
- 43. Scad genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Length of a straight line (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small thin bunch
- 53. Worn by exposure to the weather
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Of the ears
- 58. "To the ___ degree"
- 59. Residue
- 61. It keeps you cool

July 22 Solution

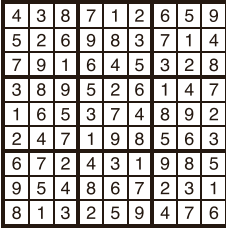


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July 22 Solution



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LAWSUITS *Continued from Page A1*

are not settled and the attorneys’ fees are just going to be building. We already did a settlement once in 2019, and they’re still suing. I think it shows that they did not agree to the settlement in good faith, and they really don’t care about how it affects the local taxpayer because they want what they want.”

A bit of history
In fact, in 2019, Silo Ridge challenged the town’s community-wide reassessment, which included raising the luxury development’s assessment by \$300 million. The Town Board later agreed to reduce that figure by \$90 million, and yet the development returned with another plea for a lower value. It emailed Assessor Christopher Boryk on April 13, 2020 with the request, which he forwarded to the Town Board shortly afterward.
“Attached please find a proposal from Silo Ridge requesting major reductions in their assessments,” Boryk wrote. “As the letter from Discovery indicates they are struggling and may pull out of the project. The PDF presentation equates to roughly a 55% reduction in the single family lots. There are no sales to support this claim. I believe that the request for 55% reduction is excessive.”
According to Perotti, Boryk

doesn’t think Silo Ridge or its residents have a leg to stand on.
“Actually, the assessor went through every property and did an evaluation of every property and we’re at 100% valuation, so every property has been looked at,” she said. “That’s exactly what we’re trying to do; that’s why this Town Board has dug in its heels and has been adamant about defending Amenia against the outrageous claims. In order to protect all the local residents, the Amenia Town Board declined to renegotiate a lower settlement.”
A statement from Silo Ridge
Juan Torres, a partner with Silo Ridge Ventures LLC and a principal for Stone Leaf Construction, the builder behind Silo, stressed the development itself is not suing the town. He made the following comment about the lawsuits that were recently re-filed by Silo residents.
“I have not filed any cases for Silo Ridge, although I am aware of many that have been filed by owners who believe they are over-assessed,” said Torres. “I do not know the status of those cases but assume they will work their way through the judicial process. While Silo Ridge as developer cannot comment on individual owners’ views about pending tax appeals, it is our understanding

that, by law, the basis for local taxation is limited to the value of real estate alone...”
Initial lawsuits
The tension of the June 22 Amenia Republican Primary and the birth of the new independent party that was formed for the 2021 election season, Amenia Strong, highlighted the assessment issue and an original set of lawsuits against the town. Amenia Strong was heavily backed by Silo Ridge and put forth candidates with deep Silo connections. Both the Silo Ridge Field Club and three individual residents (two of whom work for and with Silo, including Torres) have filed lawsuits against the town.
The first lawsuit that was filed was the matter of the Application of Silo Ridge Condominium I, Petitioner, against the Board of Assessors and/or the Assessor of the Town of Amenia and the Board of Assessment Review, Respondents, filed on June 7, 2020, Index Number 2020-51739. It was filed by the Silo Ridge development.
Torres said Silo wasn’t suing the town but rather filed a “legal challenge” against Amenia. Filing a legal challenge is typically the first step in filing a lawsuit.
The second lawsuit was the filed by Juan Torres, Julie Doran

and her estranged husband, Peter Doran, for a Judgment Pursuant to Article 78 of the Civil Practice of Law and Rules against the Christopher Boryk, Assessor of the Town of Amenia, Town of Amenia Board of Assessment Review, Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk/Records Access Officer, Town of Amenia and Town Board, Town of Amenia, Respondents. It was filed on Oct. 19, 2020; the Index Number for that case is 2020-53511.
Both Torres and Julie Doran, who also happens to be an Amenia Strong candidate for town supervisor (she lost the Republican primary to Perotti, 120 to 109, but as an independent candidate secured a spot on the November ballot), told this newspaper the suit was filed on behalf of all town residents to appeal what they believed was an unfair assessment process.
“Any system of assessment should ensure fairness,” said Torres. “I don’t believe what Amenia does is fair. On top of that, when I have asked Amenia for information through FOIL [Freedom of Information Law], the town largely ignored the requests. This shows a complete lack of transparency. Government should work for its citizens, not the other way around.”
Torres went on to state that “I filed a tax case for my personal

home in Amenia, where I live. In addition, I and others filed a case challenging the entire system of assessment. I am convinced that the system is unlawful, because it picks ‘winners’ and ‘losers’ based on no system at all across the entire town. A court will decide if I am correct or incorrect. Filing such cases is the right of any property owner and, you will see if you look, I am not alone in thinking that our town officials have not addressed a serious problem.”
When asked for clarification on his statement, Torres, who lives on Route 22 and not inside the Silo Ridge development, expanded.
“Across the entire town, constituents are being over-assessed or under-assessed without rhyme or reason,” he said. “So some people are overpaying and others are underpaying.”
Lawsuit status
Currently the Article 78 lawsuit filed by the three co-litigants is in the Supreme Court of the State of New York County of Dutchess.
According to Warren J. Wheeler, executive director of the New York State Assessors Association in Liverpool, N.Y., the only way to challenge a grieved assessment is through the courts; only a judge can reverse a BAR’s decision.

Additionally, Wheeler said cases like the 42 lawsuits that have been re-filed by the Silo residents are often seen by the courts as “frivolous.” Many of those lawsuits are seeking their property values be reduced from the multi-millions of dollars down to the hundreds of thousands of dollars.
In one instance, a homeowner is suing the town for his home to be revalued from \$3,050,000 to \$305,000 and in another pair of homeowners are suing for their house to be reappraised from \$4,499,800 to \$449,980. Those are just two among many very similar examples.
“Courts do not look lovingly upon litigants who profess that kind of damage,” said Wheeler. “When the BAR makes their decisions, in almost all instances they are upheld by courts. It wouldn’t be unusual for someone to say they should have been 10% lower, but for something like this, it is looked upon as being frivolous.”
Dollars and cents
At last count, the two initial lawsuits had cost town taxpayers roughly \$75,000 in legal fees, and that was only as of June. By mid-July, more attorneys fees had added up for the town, including another \$30,560.35 worth.

Reporter Carol Kneeland contributed to this article.

SCOPING SESSION *Continued from Page A1*



On Wednesday, July 21, local residents were given the opportunity to review plans for the proposed Hudson Valley Project (formerly known as the Durst Project) outside of the Stissing Mountain High School auditorium as part of the first of two scoping sessions.

the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS).
While the majority of the project is sited in Pine Plains, he said a significant part of the project is in Milan. As lead agency, the board is responsible for evaluating all parts of the plan, including those in Milan.
What is a scoping document?
Describing scoping as a required component of SEQRA, planner Sarah Yackel from town planning consultants BfJ Planning, said their goal that night was to frame the scope of issues they want analyzed as part of the environmental review and hear from the public about the components it would like included in the analysis.
She said scoping is the process to develop a written document that outlines the topics and analyses of potential environmental impacts that will be studied in the DEIS.
Emphasizing the town is in the beginning phases, Yackel explained the objectives of scoping are to focus the environmental document on relevant environmental impacts; eliminate irrelevant impacts or issues that don’t apply to the project; and to define reasonable alternatives while looking at potential mitigation measures.
Following the two scoping sessions and the end of the written comment period, Yackel said BfJ will consider all public comments and work with the Planning Board to revise the scope, incorporate what they heard at the sessions and create a final scoping document that “ultimately becomes the document of the lead agency.”
The details
Pointing to a projected map of the project, the applicant’s planner, Stuart Mesinger from engineering firm The Chazen Companies, gave details of the project. He highlighting Durst’s previous applications — which began more than a decade ago — leading up to the current development and amenities.
Mesinger outlined the con-

nectivity between the public open space and the project site; the new water and sewer infrastructure that will service the lots; the proposal to rebuild the Carvel Dam and move it a bit north; and other project aspects. Because one of the EIS’s objectives is to consider project alternatives, Mesinger said the DEIS includes a resort in Pine Plains as an alternative.
Public comment
Former Planning Board member Jane Waters asked about impacts on wildlife, particularly the various species that are prevalent on the property.
Naming eagles as an example, Waters said, “It would be sad to lose a population like that which didn’t exist in the area 10 years ago.”
Waters also raised the potential financial impacts of the project on the town and school district, saying it’ll be important to do a serious study of them.
Speaking as a member of the Antlers Club Association — whose mission statement is to enjoy the environment and recreation as a group — and the Stissing Lake Association, Sara Miller said, “I just hope any development allows us to continue to enjoy the environment of Stissing Lake and recreate.”
Susan Hechet shared her interest in learning more about how much actual forestry is going to be cleared for the project. In addition to creating new opportunities for commercial space and asking how much of that space would be available to those who don’t own property in the development, she asked how much tax revenue is expected for the town from the project and about its environmental impact on the town.
The Hudson Valley Project’s potential environmental impact was a recurring theme among the public comments. Audience member David Cohen asked about a study of increased WiFi usage and its potential impact on wildlife and pollinators, while Steven Neil asked about any studies done on the impact

of the increase of light pollution as a result of the development. Stan Hirson posed a question about the economic and fiscal assessment and his concerns about the cost-benefit analysis in terms of who pays for and who benefits from the project.
Send in public comments
In addition to attending the next scoping session, the public can submit comments in writing until Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 4 p.m., either by email, to planningboard@pineplains-ny.gov or by mail, to Planning Board Secretary Tricia Devine, Pine Plains Town Hall, P.O. Box 955, Pine Plains, NY 12567.
Residents may find the project description and map, notice of the scoping sessions and a proposed Draft Scope for the DEIS on the Town of Pine Plains website, www.pineplains-ny.gov. Paper copies of the Draft Scope and project map may also be found at the Pine Plains Town Hall front desk, located at 3284 Route 199, and at the Pine Plains Free Library, located at 7775 South Main St. (Route 82). Email Devine at the above address or call her at 518-398-8600, ext. 3 for more information.

COVID OUTBREAK *Continued from Page A1*

weekend of July 24 and 25.
Calls made and emails sent to Camp Pontiac for comment on the results of those tests, how the campers are feeling and if any new cases have been reported were not returned by press time.
Other Columbia cases
Last Tuesday, July 20, news came of six additional cases.
“This spike is definitely a real thing,” said Mabb, after those COVID-19 cases were announced.
Apparently two of the four patients were vaccinated, according to the DOH director, who worried the recent increase in COVID cases in the U.S. could reach the Harlem Valley.
As of Monday, July 26, there was one hospitalization, 16 mandatory quarantines; 22 active cases; 4,313 total cases; and 96 deaths reported to date in Columbia County; with 10 new cases since July 23, according to the DOH. One county resident in their 20s was said to be “pretty sick” last week, according to Mabb.
What lies ahead
A vaccine for children 12 and younger has not yet been approved — which is frightening for parents as the highly infectious delta variant continues to spread and now accounts for more than half of all of the COVID cases in the country. New York, along with the rest of the world, is trying to figure how to keep kids safe for the remainder of the summer and how to protect them come fall when schools plan to reopen.
In nearby Ulster County, a 13-year-old Brooklyn girl attending a Hasidic summer camp died soon after returning home, according to county officials who are still looking into the cause of death.
There have been other COVID outbreaks at summer camps in Florida, a COVID hotspot, as

well as in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Texas.
New York camps, for the most part, have managed to keep their campers relatively healthy. And Mabb is hoping it will stay that way, but he’s mindful that it will be a challenge. He is asking parents to vaccinate their children as soon as it’s possible. He said a vaccine for children 12 and younger may be ready as early as August or September, according to the chatter that he’s hearing.
Columbia County stats
Just more than half of Columbia County’s 12-and-older population has been fully vaccinated (57%), besting the state average of 56% by one as of last week.
As of Monday, July 19, the Columbia County DOH has administered 10,817 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Second doses numbered 9,355 as of that date. The county has administered Pfizer, Moderna and the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccines.
According to its figures, 33,901 county residents have

completed the vaccine series; 36,535 have received at least one dose, or 61% of the county’s 59,916 population; while 70.4% of the county’s over-18 population has received at least one shot.
Vaccination clinics
Every Tuesday and Thursday between 1 and 3:30 p.m., the Columbia County DOH offers COVID-19 vaccinations at its 325 Columbia St., Hudson, location. Every third Tuesday of the month, the immunization clinic runs from 1 to 6 p.m.
On Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m., the county DOH offers vaccinations (weather permitting) at the family-friendly Waterfront Wednesdays program on the Hudson waterfront.
Call Center assistance
Columbia County seniors, homebound residents or others in need of assistance getting registered for the COVID-19 vaccine may call 518-697-5560 Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
For details, go to www.columbia-countynyhealth.com.



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CELEBRITY CRUSHES: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

A Sneak Peek at a New Play by Treat Williams About U.S. Grant

The actor Treat Williams is known for starring roles in diverse films that range from “Hair” (yes, that’s him with the flowing locks and the sweet tenor voice); “Once Upon a Time in America;” and “Prince of the City.” He anchored the television series “Everwood,” and he’s performed on Broadway in “Grease,” “The Pirates of Penzance” and “Stephen Sondheim’s Follies.” And he’s been in a Dolly Parton holiday special!

What an interesting guy!

Best of all, he starred in one of my favorite films, a title so minor that it isn’t included in the long resumé sent out with the announcement of a new play he’s writing and producing (yes, we’ll talk about that in a minute). I just loved him in the film “The Pursuit of DB Cooper,” about the famous bank robber who jumped out of an airplane and has eluded capture to this day.

Even though this film is very obscure, it’s possible that it’s as important to the actor as it is to me — even though this is a film in

which he hijacks a plane. Williams, it turns out, is as dedicated to aviation as he is to acting and in fact has been named “A Living Legend of Aviation” for his contributions to general aviation in America. According to his CV, “A commercial pilot and flight instructor with over ten thousand hours in the cockpit, Mr. Williams has been flying airplanes and helicopters of all shapes and sizes for over 40 years.”

So, again: interesting guy.

Williams, who lives in Vermont, is friends with Jim Frangione, who is the artistic director of the Great Barrington Public Theater.

Because of their connection, Williams has chosen to debut a play he is writing as part of the GB Public Theater’s Wet Ink series of readings of plays in progress.

The play is called “Grant: An Evening With the General.” It’s not clear what Williams’ take will be on the hero of the Civil War, who was in the past often presented as having

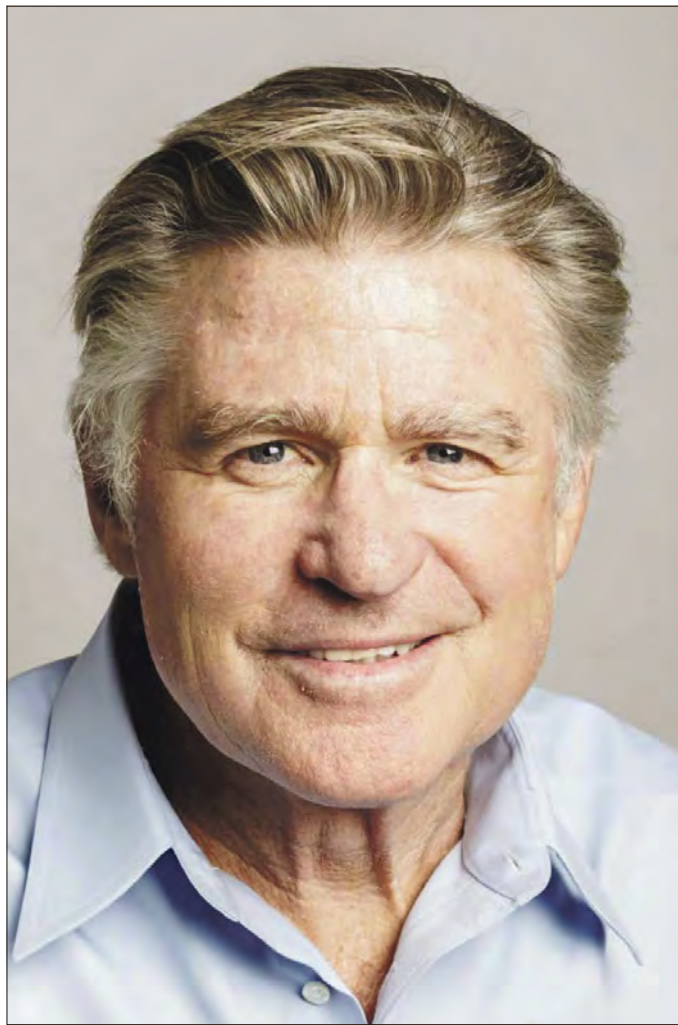


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Treat Williams has written a play about Gen. U.S. Grant, which he will present in a reading at the Great Barrington Public Theater on Aug. 2 and 3.

botched the job in his time in the White House — an interpretation that Grant biographer Ron Chernow seems to disagree with.

The Great Barrington Public Theater describes the embryo play in fairly vague terms, calling it “an intimate exploration into the life, spirit, character and candor of iconic Ulysses S. Grant, performed by Williams in the persona of Grant himself.”

If you’ve read the Chernow biography; if you’re a fan of Treat Williams; if you’d like to learn more about America’s 18th pres-

ident; if you’re intrigued by a man who seemed to be a failure for most of his life and then rose spectacularly to meet the challenges of the Civil War, then come see “Grant: An Evening With the General.”

It will be performed by Williams on Monday, Aug. 2, and Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the McConnell Theater at Bard College at Simon’s Rock in Great Barrington, Mass.

Tickets are \$10 and can be ordered at www.great-barringtonpublictheater.org/wet-ink or by calling 413-707-2901.

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SHARON PLAYHOUSE’S VERY OWN ELO LASER EXPERIENCE!

Big errors are humbling but also an opportunity to learn. Such was the case last week when the Compass touted an upcoming laser show at Sharon Playhouse in Sharon, Conn., and incorrectly said that one of the Electric Light Orchestra (ELO) tribute bands would be onstage.

This was, as it turns out, not the case. This is not a presentation of a preexisting show; this is an all-new laser experience created by the Playhouse team in association with DNR Laboratories of Watertown, Conn.

Which is super cool. So, fans of the British band known as ELO are invited to Sharon Playhouse on Friday, Aug. 27, and Saturday, Aug. 28, at 8:30 p.m.

Artistic Director Alan M-L Wager said

that, “Due to the success of the Pink Floyd Laser Experience last year, we’re excited to present this all-new original Laser Spectacular featuring the music of the legendary rock band Electric Light Orchestra.

“Hear your favorite hits including ‘Sweet Talkin’ Woman,’ ‘Telephone Line,’ ‘Don’t Bring Me Down,’ ‘All Over The World,’ ‘Evil Woman’ and more while viewing the astounding Laser Encounter all around you in the Drive-In Stage parking lot at the Sharon Playhouse.”

Order tickets at www.triarts.secure.force.com/ticket/PatronTicket_PublicTicketApp#/events/a0S6e0000dVZEXEA4 and get information on the remaining shows this season at www.sharonplayhouse.org.

FISHING BOOKS:
PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

The Author of ‘Cod’ Takes on Fly-Fishing

We caught up with author and angler Mark Kurlansky on Thursday, July 15, before he disappeared into the Alaskan wilds for a week’s fishing.

Kurlansky will be at House of Books in Kent, Conn., on Thursday, Aug. 12, 6 p.m. to talk about his new book, “The Unreasonable Virtue of Fly-Fishing.”

He said the book is “a bit personal,” addressing the fundamental question: “Why fly-fish?”

“It’s the most difficult method,” he mused. “You’re starting with the odds against you.”

Fooling a fish with a fly designed to imitate an insect represents “an intimate involvement with the natural order.”

“You have to convince a fish that this is really an insect.”

The book covers his own fishing journey and the history of fly-fishing, and the development of tackle. Kurlansky said he grew up

in New England and did a lot of surfcasting in salt water.

He began his fly-fishing career in upstate New York, and has since fished around the world — including Scotland, Kamchatka and the Basque country in Spain.

He said he’s perfectly willing to chase salmon and other species, but when push comes to shove, he’s usually after trout.

He confessed he has never caught a brook trout. The interviewer let that one sit for a moment, then casually mentioned he might be able to help.

He also admitted to being a dry fly enthusiast. (A dry fly, as the name suggests, floats on the surface, and the angler sees in addition to feeling the strike.)

“With a dry fly you see the whole process,” he said.

“It’s quite remarkable, having this dialogue with this fish.”

ROSE ALGRANT SHOW WILL BE AUGUST 6-8

The 2021 Rose Algrant show (an exhibit of works in all media by artists from Cornwall over the age of 18) will be held Aug. 6 to 8 at Cornwall Consolidated School in West Cornwall.

The show hours are Friday, Aug. 6, 2 to 6 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 8, 10 a.m. to noon.

There will not be an opening reception. Masks and social distancing will be required for all artists and visitors.

Artwork can be picked up by customers and artists on Sunday, Aug. 8, between noon and 3 p.m.

The growing list of artists can be seen at www.rosealgrantartshow.org. Some well-known local names include Robert Adzema, Dan Algrant, Tom Brown, David Colbert, Valorie Fisher, Richard Griggs, Lazlo Gyorsok, Duncan Hannah, Gail Jacobson, Danielle Mailer, Robert Andrew Parker and Tim Prentice.



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PHOTO COURTESY WEEKEND IN NORFOLK

Norfolk, Conn., has it all, from dancing in the streets to chamber music, from hiking to boating to farming. It will all be open for public consumption during the Weekend in Norfolk, July 30 to Aug. 1.

NORFOLK: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER

Norfolk Shares its Bounty Of Fun During WIN Weekend

The annual summertime Weekend in Norfolk, Conn., (also known cheerfully as WIN) will be held from Friday, July 30, to Sunday, Aug. 1. Small but mighty, Norfolk is bubbling over with an astonishingly diverse array of activities, from hiking and boating to classical music to dance music to visual arts to farming (and of course eating). Originally, it was a winter WIN (Winter in Norfolk!). This is the summer edition, which will include self-guided tours of some notable architecture in town, including the Norfolk Library, the 1868 Soldiers Monument, the Romanesque Battell Chapel and the Battell

Fountain. The Freedom Trail is another self-guided tour, which leads to the grave of slave James Mars (1790-1880), who fought for the rights of enslaved Blacks. He is buried in the Center Cemetery on Old Colony Road. Beside his grave is that of his father, Jupiter Mars, who served in the American Revolution. A different kind of self-guided outdoor walk is the Hike the Peaks Challenge: The dare is to hike all six of the Norfolk Land Trust peaks: Pine Mountain, East Summit Ridge, Beech Hill, Dennis Hill Gazebo Pavilion, and Haystack Mountain. There are guided tours as well, including one of the village Green, on

Friday from 4 to 5 p.m. or Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m.; and an Historic Postcard Walk on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. All tours begin at the Norfolk Historical Society Museum. Warm up your leg muscles before your hikes with some dancing at Station Place on Friday starting at 5 p.m. with the Grantville Dawgs. The dancing continues on Saturday with Michael Cobb; he and his group will perform at Station Place. There will also be chamber music performances. Sunday is Farm Day with open days at Norfolk's four farms: Husky Meadows, a certified organic farm will offer tours from 9 a.m. to noon; Autumn Harvest Orchard will

welcome visitors from 2 to 4 p.m.; Lost Ruby Farm, a micro goat dairy creamery, is open to from 3 to 5 p.m.; and Broad Field Farm will allow peeks into the greenhouses where organic heirloom tomatoes and other produce are grown. There is much more on the schedule, including fly-fishing, electric bike demonstrations and stained glass workshops; to get details, go to www.weekendinnorfolk.org. And for those who can't think of Norfolk in summer without thinking of the exceptionally good book sale at the town's library, it will be held this year from Aug. 27 to 29. The hours are Friday, noon to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — and after 2 p.m. on Sunday, the remaining books are free for anyone who wants them. There are often many, many volumes remaining at the end of the sale and the library appreciates having them taken to loving homes by bibliophiles.

ART: CYNTHIA HOCHSWENDER Little Gems from Litchfield County's Robert Parker

Even before the show opened, works by Tristate area artists were selling briskly from the website for the ArtWall at the D.M. Hunt Library in Falls Village, Conn. — perhaps because there are some extremely yummy pieces, many of them by artists with national reputations. Extremely generous with his work, always, is Cornwall, Conn., illustrator and painter Robert Andrew Parker, whose works in this book-themed show (which is called Book Marks), include illustrations for a Yiddish Lexicon. The show officially opened on July 24 at the library and includes work by 25 artists including Parker, Danielle Mailer, Lori Barker, Megan Berk, Lena Curtis, Richard Griggs, Garth Kobal, KK Kozik, Patty Mullins, Peter Steiner, Judith Wyer, Robert Cronin, Amanda Thackray, Tilly Strauss, Zoe and Sergei Fedorjaczenco and Erika Crofut. Artworks in Book Marks can be seen online and in person; to see/purchase them, and to get information on library hours, go to www.huntlibrary.org. All sales benefit the artists and the library.

TRI-CORNER CALENDAR

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ART

Argazzi Art, 22 Millerton Road, Lakeville, Conn. www.argazziart.com
Victor Mirabelli Without Boundaries Opening Reception, Aug. 28, 2 to 5 p.m.
Berkshire Art Association, Pittsfield, Mass. www.berkshireartassociation.org
Everyone Is a Hero: A Comic and Cartoon Art Tribute to Our Local Heroes, Aug. 6 to 28.
Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane, Kent, Conn. www.kbfa.com
Cool & Collected '21: Gabe Brown, Jill Parisi and Margaret Lanzetta, Through Aug. 8. Mind's Eye: KK Kozik, Through Aug. 8.

Salisbury Family Services, Salisbury, Conn. www.salisburyfamilyservices.org
Clothesline Art Show and Sale, Sept. 18, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

BOOKS

Hotchkiss Library of Sharon, 10 Upper Main St., Sharon, Conn. www.hotchkisslibrary.org
HLS Book Group: The Daughters of Yalta by Catherine Grace Katz, Aug. 3, 7 to 8:30 p.m. (online).
Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn. www.noblehorizons.org
A Book Club with The Hotchkiss School's Carita Gardiner, Wednesdays

through Aug. 18 starting July 28, 7 to 8 p.m.

MUSIC

Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, Goshen Fairgrounds, Goshen, Conn. www.falconridgefolk.com
33rd Annual Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, July 31.
Music Mountain, 225 Music Mountain Road, Falls Village, Conn. www.musicmountain.org
Swing Times Five With Debby Larkin, July 31; Misha Dichter, Piano, Aug. 1; Wolverine Jazz Band, Aug. 7; Ulysses Quartet, Aug. 8.
Sharon Playhouse, 49 Amenia Road, Sharon, Conn. www.sharonplayhouse.org
Swinging with the Rat Pack, Aug. 7, 8 p.m.; The Sounds of Swing & Soul, Aug. 21, 8 p.m.; Laser Encounter, Aug. 27 and 28, 8:30 p.m.

THEATER

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. www.mahaiwe.org
Broadway in the Berkshires with Host Richard Kind: A Benefit Performance, Aug. 2, 7 p.m.; Berkshire Opera Festival: Verdi's Falstaff, Aug. 21, 1 p.m., Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m.
PS21 Chatham, 2980 Route 66, Chatham, N.Y. www.ps21chatham.org
SHE/HER, Aug. 12, 8 to 9:30 p.m.; The Wooster Group Summer Institute Public Performances, Aug. 14, 2 to 4 p.m.

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Camp Pontiac’s COVID-19 outbreak reminds us pandemic isn’t done with us yet

The 31 campers age 12 and younger at Copake’s Camp Pontiac who tested positive for COVID-19 that made national news this past week provided an important reality check. It reminded those of us living and working in the Harlem Valley that we are not out of the woods when it comes to beating the deadly coronavirus.

Yes, it has been a long 17 months since the fatal respiratory virus was officially declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO), echoed by the U.S. government and the State of New York, hopefully conveying the seriousness with which we need to take our public health. In fact, since then, more than 627,039 Americans have perished as a result of the pandemic, with more than 4,187,552 people dying worldwide due to the virus as of Tuesday, July 27.

With such staggering statistics, it’s heartening to know that since March of 2020 the majority of the American public has been following federal and state governmental and health official mandates: wearing face masks, social distancing, following proper hygiene protocols, traveling less often, etc.

Some of those guidances may soon return as virus numbers begin to rise and some states, like California, are requiring both the vaccinated and unvaccinated to once again wear masks. That would be a step back, as in May most states began to ease their COVID restrictions.

Many months earlier, in December of 2020, the highly dominant delta variant was identified in India. Soon after, delta became the predominant strain in Great Britain.

According to Dr. Inci Yildirim, a Yale Medicine pediatric infectious diseases specialist and a vaccinologist who published an article in “Yale Medicine” on June 28 that was updated on July 22, “Delta is spreading 50% faster than Alpha, which was 50% more contagious than the original strain of SARS-CoV-2.”

In other words, the delta variant is “more contagious” than other strains of the COVID virus discovered thus far. The doctor added that unvaccinated people are most at risk.

While we don’t yet know if the campers at Camp Pontiac were exposed to the delta variant (they were reportedly tested for delta during the weekend of July 24 and 25), we do know they were all unvaccinated. That’s because those who fell ill were all 12 or younger. The older campers, camp staff and others at Camp Pontiac who did not get sick were mostly completely vaccinated (for full story, read this week’s front page).

So far the U.S. has not approved vaccinations for children between 5 and 12 years old, although vaccines for that age group are currently in the works.

The U.S. and some other countries have also approved or are in the process of approving vaccines for adolescents, who are highly encouraged to get inoculated in hopes of staying virus-free.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky has called the health crisis “a pandemic of the unvaccinated.” She’s backed by the medical field, which worries people who remain unvaccinated are extremely vulnerable to contracting COVID-19.

Now seems like the perfect moment, therefore, to issue this gentle reminder: All New Yorkers can get free COVID-19 vaccinations — without any questions about their health insurance status or their immigration status.

According to Governor Andrew Cuomo, 74.6% of New York residents 18 or older have received at least one dose of the vaccine, per the CDC, as of 11 a.m. Monday morning, July 26.

“Over the past 24 hours,” said the governor in his Monday email briefing, “22,912 total doses have been administered. To date, New York has administered 22,055,646 total doses with 68% of adult New Yorkers completing their vaccine series.”

Yet Cuomo expressed concern as a quarter of New York adults — roughly 3.5 million people — remain unvaccinated, and “the number of new cases is about five times more than it was just a month ago.” Of those new cases, nearly 72% are the delta variant.

The New York State Department of Health reminds us that those who aren’t vaccinated must still wear a mask when they can’t social distance, per federal CDC guidance.

COVID vaccines are easy to get these days at local pharmacies, doctors’ offices, health departments, clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers and other locations across the state. Simply go to www.vaccines.gov for an appointment, contact your local pharmacy or provider or go to www.covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/. You may also call the New York State COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).



Dreamy skies

Correction

Last week’s editorial addressed the critical need for volunteers to enlist with our local fire departments and rescue squads. It mentioned an open house for recruits that will be held at the Millerton Fire Annex on Century Boulevard, but listed the wrong date. The event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m. We regret the error.



To the supporters and fans of the Millbrook Literary Festival...

We wanted to let you know that we are still here. This past year-and-a-half has been difficult on many levels, but our festival has survived, and a version of it will take place with an alternate format this fall.

In 2020 we were proud to have organized one of our best festivals yet, with diverse literary offerings for all ages, only to find it impossible to host a gathering of people on the planned date in May. While we were saddened to not be able to share this program with you, our hope was that we would be able to simply postpone it until the next spring. That also proved impossible.

With the uncertainty of the pandemic still around us, and the fact that it takes many months to plan our traditional literary festival, we will not be offering our usual author talks

and book sales under the tent this year, but, instead, will host a community read and discussion that will place during Millbrook’s Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 18.

We are happy to be partnering with Merritt Bookstore and Millbrook Library for this unique program that will fulfill the festival’s goals of supporting our community, while promoting literacy.

In this time of healing and self-reflection, we have chosen four short books from Thich Nhat Hahn’s “How To” Collection: “How to Eat,” “How to See,” “How to Fight” and “How to Walk.” Everyone can choose one (or more!) of these books to read, which will be sold at a discounted price at the bookstore and other places in the village.

On Sept. 18, discussions around each book will be held

Former highway super surprised bids rejected, not that garage is still a mess

I read The Millerton News online that was published on July 22 and read that the Town of North East Garage bid was not accepted by the Town Board.

They were in the process of trying to build a new Highway Garage when I went to work for the town’s Highway Department on May 1, 1970, and were still at it when I retired 20 years later. Now it is 51 years later and still, no garage.

In my recent trip to Millerton, I went down to the Town Garage on South Center Street and visited North East Highway Superintendent Bob Stevens and I said to myself, “How much longer is this building going to

remain standing?”

If you like living in a slow-paced place, Millerton and North East are the place to live. I just can’t believe anything could take this long.

Bill Crawford
Crossville, Tenn.

Editor’s note: Mr. Crawford started working for the North East Highway Department in 1970, and continued working there for 20 years, six of which he served as superintendent. He said the garage on South Center Street was in “poor condition” when he started and after a recent trip to Millerton he can attest that “it hasn’t improved.” After residing in the village of Mil-

Somebody, please, pinch me!

Please wake me, I must be dreaming. We have COVID protocols in place discouraging visitors from our Canadian neighbors. Yet we allow thousands to enter our country from the South, with few if any limitations. How does this make sense? Must be COVID isn’t as bad as the government would have us believe. That must be it!

Progressives tout gun control, NYC puts strict enforcement in place when they approved the Sullivan law years ago. Well folks, we know how that’s working, don’t we? If guns are outlawed, only criminals will have guns!

Do we really have the right to bear arms? How about the couple that brandished weapons in defense of their home after crowds broke into a private development? No shots were fired, they never left their property. Yet they were arrested, fined and had to give up their weapons. Perhaps the judge isn’t familiar with the Second Amendment? This alone should make one cringe.

It gets worse. Recently a NYC man shot and killed

another party. After his arrest it was later determined he was out on parole for a similar offense. A NY cop was hit on the head with a bottle that required stitches. That gentlemen had two previous arrests for a similar occurrence. Seems rather obvious what we’re doing isn’t working, unless you’re a progressive, that is. They must walk around with blinders on.

Believe me readers, the worst is yet to come. Government keeps extending rent forgiveness, it has become fashionable to sit home and collect pumped-up benefits rather than find a job. Nice, as this is somebody who pays. What happens when you run out of other people’s money?

In case you hadn’t guessed, it’s called inflation. Government has a habit of paying back debt with cheaper dollars — that would be your dollar’s, people! For all you seniors out there, not to worry, your social security check will surely reflect the increased cost of living. Food for thought?

John Walters
Millerton

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader supports HVN and the paper’s different perspective

My good friend Andy Durbridge says that the local edition of Jim Langan’s Harlem Valley News is “insulting the intelligence of Amenia and Wassaic residents” and “disregarding media guidelines and basic respect.”

While Andy is of course entitled to his opinion, I respectfully disagree, and cannot for the life of me understand quite how the HVN has gotten under his skin and inspired such a dramatic response. Perhaps the recent local Republican Primary Election in the town of Amenia has inflamed his

passions. Politics does have a way of doing that.

We all have our own points of view. From his writing, Jim Langan is right-leaning, while most other journalists tend to be left-leaning. I appreciate his perspective because it is different, and is communicated in an original and entertaining way.

Most everything that is written says as much about the author as it does about its subject matter. I don’t have any problem with that. What does bother me, however, is when journalistic bias becomes so relentlessly one-sided that readers become overly comfortable with it, and start to lose the ability to appreciate other points of view.

Like others, I began receiving the HVN in the mail, unsolicited, this past winter, and I found its diversity to be refreshing.

While Andy’s criticisms are not very specific, I find no fault in a publication that tends to say nice things about people like Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and State Senator Sue Serino (R-41), because they deserve it (even if they are Republicans!).

We should all welcome diversity, and diverse views, in our community. Among other things, that’s what makes horse races.

If you disagree with Mr. Langan’s point of view, I am sure that he would be more than happy to discuss it with you.

More important than horse races, that’s what also makes a healthy democracy.

Michael Chamberlin
Amenia Union

Offensive banner should go

After many months of passing the offensive Biden banner that hangs on Route 22 in the village of Millerton, I felt compelled to write this letter.

I think that such an unpatriotic sentiment is distasteful especially as it hangs so close to a school. Profanity like that doesn’t belong, especially in a family neighborhood.

What I’m curious to know is whether this same family, if they have children, are considering accepting or rejecting the Biden child tax credit?

I can’t be alone in thinking that it’s time to accept the legitimacy of the 2020 election and take the banner down.

Judith Marbach
Lakeville, Conn.

lerton and town of North East for more than 60 years, he said he has since happily retired to Tennessee.

Thanks, Democratic Committee

I would like to thank the Democratic Committee of the Town of North East for their endorsement to run for another four-year term on the Town Board.

I pledge to continue to serve all of the residents of our town, young and old alike, to continue to improve our quality of life.

Ralph Fedele
North East Councilman
Millerton

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MILLBROOK

The Millbrook Horse Trials are back

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE
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MILLBROOK — Save the date for the 2021 Millbrook Horse Trials (MHT): Thursday, Aug. 5, through Sunday, Aug. 8, back this year and bigger and better than ever. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MBT did not take place in 2020, and the competition was sorely missed by fans. With all health precautions being taken to keep everyone safe this year, the trials will take place in Millbrook as they have for years previously, and they promise to be just as exciting as they always have been. Included in the line up are Trade Fair vendors, pop-up boutiques, food trucks, a petting zoo, tail-gating and water and cross-country viewing. Careful planning by the Hospitality Committee means all safety

precautions are being taken into consideration. The aim is to have all staff and workers vaccinated, and everyone attending is encouraged to get vaccinated if they are able to. Those who have not been vaccinated are asked to please wear a mask when unable to social distance so everyone can enjoy the beautiful countryside and appreciate the thrill of watching competitors and horses displaying their skills. Thursday and Friday spectators can enjoy the pastoral countryside, watch upper level dressage, shop the Trade Fair and enjoy delicious food. Vendors will include Dolly's Tack, Green Spectrum and two favorites, Dubarry of Ireland and Quartararo. Also on hand will be Hannah Daye and Co.; Home Horse; J. Wilder Imports; and Oma's Pride. Local vendors

Reardon Briggs, with QUTE by Stephania; Sit. Stay. Forever.; Stone Hill Designs; Steuben/LM Boots; and Summit Bobcat will also be set up Thursday through Sunday. On Saturday, the upper levels will run their cross-country, which is always very exciting to watch, especially from the comfort of the Yellow Frame Farm Waterview tent. For those who love to shop, other area vendors who will be on-site include Antony Todd, Creeland and Gow, Designs by Georgina, Joie Mason and Juniper, along with LeCaviste, Lionessa, Orangerie Garden & Home and Westerlind. Saturday will be family day and will offer a petting zoo for the little ones. The upper-level show on Sunday will offer jumping, the highlight of the competition.

Patrons who sign up for Sunday can enjoy lunch with their guests while watching top-level equestrians compete in the finals from the comfort of their private ringside tents. Everyone is invited to stay and watch the awards ceremony afterward. Attendees can also enjoy food offerings from Cider Bros. Roadhouse, the Frizzy Filly, Hangar Cafe, Lulu's Kitchen on Wheels, Pizza Vitale and Poke Motion. Admission is free. Donations are being accepted to help support the MHT. To donate, for schedules and more information, go to www.millbrook-horsetrials.com. The trials are being held at 1031 Bangall-Amenia Road in Millbrook. More on the competition schedules, attractions and vendors can be seen at the MHT website.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

Above, Megan Faller-Brandow, 10-month-old Max (the youngest of three sons) and artist Adam Brandow. The image to the left is of Halcyon Hall. The exhibit will be up through August.

Brandow in black-and-white

In the first in-person art event held at the Millbrook Library at 3 Friendly Lane since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the all black-and-white photography is arresting, a little startling at times and very much worth seeing. Millbrook photographer Adam Brandow chose subjects totally unrelated in most cases, and the 12 photographs, simply framed and elegant, beg for further examination. From a long-range shot of the Sphinx, to a close-up of Halcyon Hall at Bennett College, followed by a hauntingly beautiful statue of a woman in a field, each is unique and holds promise of a deeper story.

— Judith O'Hara Balfe

Community input sought at public meeting on Thorne Bennett project set for July 29

MILLBROOK — As plans for creating a park on the former Bennett College property and renovating the Thorne Building proceed, the Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP) is inviting the public to a meeting at the Millbrook firehouse on Thursday, July 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. The event, which will be accessible online as well as in person, promises to be both informational and participatory. MCP President Oakleigh Thorne will provide an overview of the evolution and future of both projects; MCP Treasurer George Whalen will introduce Kevin Seise of Vertex, the firm that has been retained to oversee the Bennett Park project; and architect Michael Sloan will

present his plans for the revitalized Thorne Building Community Center. After each presentation, questions from the public will be encouraged. "We are excited by the prog-

ress we are making with both projects, and we are eager to get the public's input at this early stage," said Thorne. To stay safe, all unvaccinated people who plan to attend the meeting at the firehouse must

wear masks; individuals who are vaccinated may do so if they wish. Those planning to attend virtually can access the Zoom link from the town website, www.washingtonny.org.

MILLBROOK IN BRIEF

MAG Summer Concert Series schedule

The Millbrook Arts Group (MAG) is offering free family-friendly concerts at the Millbrook bandshell for the community on Saturdays through Aug. 28. Saturday, July 31: Long Steel Rail: An infectious blend of Bluegrass, Folk, Classic Country and String Band music.

Saturday, Aug. 14: What It Is: Dance Band Rock, Soul, Pop and Funk. Saturday, Aug. 28: Raquel and The Wild Flowers: Blends the sound of traditional country music with a rock and roll drive. For more details, email info@millbrookartsgroup.org or go to www.millbrookartsgroup.org.

Kid's Yoga July 31

The Millbrook Library at 3 Friendly Lane will hold Kids' Yoga on Saturday, July 31, from 11 a.m. until noon, outdoors. The program is for children ages 5 and older. For a full listing of free programs at the library, go to www.millbrooklibrary.org.

Correction

Last week's article on Millbrook attorney Kyle Van De Water making another run for U.S. Congress erroneously stated that he practices at the Poughkeepsie law firm of Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea, LLP. Mr. Van De Water no longer works there. He now practices in Stanfordville. We regret the error.

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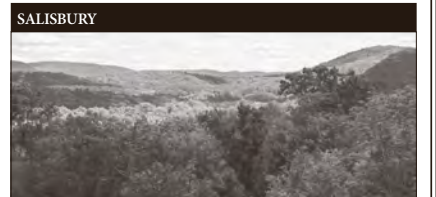
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Millbrook School

Millbrook School is an independent boarding high school located in Millbrook, NY, located just ten miles from the northwest corner of CT. Our school is currently recruiting for the following positions for the upcoming academic year.

SPANISH INSTRUCTOR

The Spanish Instructor will teach Spanish at the beginning level through AP Spanish beginning in the 2021-22 academic year. The Spanish program promotes student language proficiency, and the school is eager for a leader who will embrace its strengths and further its development. Interests in 21st-century pedagogy, integrated performance assessment, and continued professional growth are essential. We seek educators who value creating inclusive classrooms and curriculum. In addition to teaching four sections, this position includes coaching or supervising an afternoon program for two out of three seasons, serving as an advisor for up to six students, and living in a dormitory and/or participating in the residential life program. Housing is provided; salary is competitive. Qualified candidates will hold a bachelor's degree, be proficient in spoken and written Spanish, and be fluent with the Spanish language. Prior coaching and teaching experience preferred. *Interested candidates should submit a brief cover letter, resume, and list of references to Dean of Faculty Jasper Turner at languagefacultyjobs@millbrook.org.*

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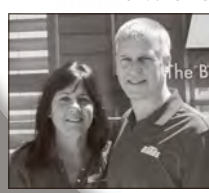


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