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Millerton will offer a summer camp for children ages 5-13 from the Village and Town of North East starting July 1.

Millerton appoints recreation director, plans summer camp

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — This summer will mark the return of a recreation program aimed at providing children with a six-week program at Eddie Collins Park.

The Village of Millerton, with support from the Town of North East, will run a program from July 1 to Aug. 9.

The Village has hired Crystal McCarthy, a Millerton resident, as a part-time Recreation Director. The summer camp will be run by Sebastian Bauer, who will collaborate with McCarthy.

"The goal is to bring more events with more community orientation to the park," said Mayor Jenn Najdek. The mayor also said that programs in the park would be aimed at all age groups — from young children to seniors and including organizations.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Crystal McCarthy

McCarthy, who has worked as a nuclear medicine technologist at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City and at Nuvance Health, among others, also is a triathlete and avid cyclist.

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Bulk trash day and swap shop

MILLERTON — Bulk trash day and 'swap shop' will be held Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the town garage, corner of Fish and So. Center Street.

Large bulky items, metal, lawn mowers, tools, furniture and carpeting as well as junk refrigerators

and air conditioners will be accepted. Tires (not large truck tires) and tires on rims will be accepted.

Fees will be based on vehicle size and type of bulk items. To see fee schedule: www.townofnortheastny.gov/bulk-trash-day-may-18th-9-noon/

Habitat for Humanity to build home in North East

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — At least one customer for an affordable home is going to be able purchase a three-bedroom, two-bath ranch home this year in the Town of North East.

The price will be based on what the customer can afford at the time of purchase and the expectation is that the sale can be completed by the end of the year.

Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County (HHDC) currently is accepting applications for a homebuying pilot program in the Town of North East with a deadline for completed applica-

tions of June 10.

On Thursday, May 9, HHDC held an open house at the North-East-Millerton Library Annex to explain the program and field questions.

Another information sessions is planned for June 3 at the Annex from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Information tables will be set up on May 22 at the NorthEast-Millerton Library, 75 Main St., and on June 8 at the Millerton Farmer's Market on Dutchess Avenue.

Four families were in attendance at the May 9 event, expressing interest in becoming homeowners. One man said he lives in nice home now, but the landlord keeps rais-

ing the rent beyond affordability. Another couple, who came with their baby in arms, hopes to become first-time homebuyers.

The home will be built in the Town of North East on a 1/2 acre lot. It will be a 3 bedroom, two-bath ranch with approximately 1,400 square feet. It will likely be built on a concrete slab or have a crawlspace foundation due to the high water table. It also will have a septic system.

The building site has been confirmed but has yet to be made public, but it definitely will be in the Webutuck Central School District.

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School District voting set May 21 for '24-25 budgets and board seats

District school budgets will be up for a vote on Tuesday, May 21 all across New York along with school board candidates.

Webutuck Central School District, Millbrook Central School District and Pine Plains Central School District will hold a vote on their proposed budgets.

All three school budgets show modest increases in total expendi-

tures from 1.7% in Millbrook to 4.2% in Webutuck. Spending per student ranges from a low of \$38,704 in Webutuck to \$46,936 in Pine Plains. In addition to the budget each school district will separately ask approval of various propositions.

There are no contested seats on the seven-member school boards, although write-in candidates are permitted and have even won in

past elections.

— Webutuck voting will take place in the high school gym from noon to 9 p.m.

— Millbrook voting will be held from noon to 9 p.m. at the Middle School auditorium.

— Voting in Pine Plains will take place at Stissing Mountain Junior/Senior High School from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Quarry rescue saves Rippy

By RILEY KLEIN
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NORTH CANAAN — Rippy the terrier mix was found deep in Minerals Technologies' quarry on Lower Road Tuesday, May 7.

After getting spooked on a Saturday afternoon walk, Rippy dashed away from his handler and was lost. Animal Control Officer Lyndsay Burr was notified Monday by a pedestrian who heard barking coming from the quarry.



PHOTO BY LYNDSEY BURR

See RESCUE, PAGE A8 Volunteers rappelled into the quarry to save Rippy.



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OUR TOWNS

North East Board lauds Habitat's plan for affordable home; town garage move set

By JOHN COSTON
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MILLERTON — Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County (HHDC) gave the Town of North East board a progress report on plans to complete construction of a new affordable home in the town by year end.

Maureen Lashlee, chief executive officer of HHDC, began a report by thanking the board for conveying a property in the town so that the organization can build a three-bedroom, two-bath home with a mortgage that will be set at 30% of gross income. (See story, Page A1)

Jennifer Radicone, chief operating officer, also answered board questions about the project, which is expected to close with a sale by year's end.

Lashlee said that the pace of construction is possible due to modular construction by Manorwood Homes of Emlenton, Pennsylvania. She answered questions from the board about how the program works, how much is expected from new homeowners as their volunteer non-monetary contribution and how many potential applicants have expressed interest.

Board member Meg Winkler, who gave a Housing Committee report, applauded HHDC for its work. "It's wonderful that the price is set based on what they can afford at the time," she said.

Highway garage move

The Board heard from Highway Supt. Robert Stevens that the new highway garage with offices for staff that is being built on Route 22 is nearly finished, with a possible move from the old highway garage into the new space during the first week of June.

Supervisor Christopher Kennan reported that bids for remodeling and reconstruction of the former Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Route 22 will be opened on May 16. The building, at 5603 Route 22, will replace the current Town Hall.

Kennan also reported that preliminary engineering is nearly complete for a joint wastewater district with the Village of Millerton. He said funding remains the issue. The Town and the Village will apply for grants. Kennan noted that a grant in the amount of \$900,000 was received by the Village with help from U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan (D-18). Efforts will be made to reach out to New York Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D) and Chuck Schumer (D), for additional funding.

In his report, Kennan also praised Chris Virtuoso for his tireless work to scan all the analog Planning Board and



PHOTOS BY JOHN COSTON

Old highway garage on South Center Street.

Zoning Board of Appeal files that currently fill the basement of the building.

Edie Greenwood, chair of the Zoning Review Committee, reported that the group, which is updating the zoning code for the Town's commercial districts, plans to present a final version of its draft regulations to the Board by

the June meeting.

The Board heard a presentation from Joel Friedman of NYCLASS, a short-term investment fund for municipalities in New York State that prioritizes safety, liquidity and yield.

"It's a money-market fund for municipalities in New York State," Friedman said.



New facility on Route 22 is nearly finished. Plans call for moving into the new building in the first week of June.

More than 300 municipalities, including Rhinebeck and Amenia, have opted to use NYCLASS, which stands for New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System. The fund is Triple-A rated by Standard & Poors.

Kennan said the Board would evaluate the fund and consider using it as a short-

term investment fund. He asked Town Attorney Warren Replansky to review a possible resolution to be considered at a future Board meeting.

In other action, the Board voted Rich Stalzer and Kathy Chow to two-year terms on the Conservation Advisory Council, effective May 1.



PHOTO BY JOHN COSTON

Millerton Farmer's Market opens Saturday, May 18

The Millerton Farmer's Market will open Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Methodist Church on Dutchess Avenue in Millerton.

The North East Community Center in Millerton sponsors the market. In its May newsletter, NECC noted applications to be a vendor and for organizations to use the weekly community table are still being accepted. Reach out to via email paul@necc-millerton.org to request more information.

Roeliff Jansen Library plans gala fundraiser June 8

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

COPAKE — Fun, food, music and a wide range of auction items will be the main features at the Roeliff Jansen Community Library's annual fund raising gala to be held on Saturday, June 8 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Catamount Lodge at 78 Catamount Road in Hillsdale.

Library Director Tammy Gaskell is hoping for "a big response" as it is the library's major fundraiser for the year with the proceeds going to supplement the general budget, only 30 percent of which is provided through town taxes.

A tradition for more than a decade, with the last three events at Catamount, Gaskell is hopeful the weather will again co-operate, allowing guests to take advantage of the ample space inside and "gorgeous view" outside. While the event is still known by its traditional "gala" designation, Gaskell says dress for the event will be "casual."

Catamount will be supplying the buffet which she says will include BBQ, Mediterranean, Asian and vegetarian choices, local craft beer and wine, and Prosecco, with ice cream, coffee and tea.

Throughout the evening, The Luke Franco Trio will fill the air with jazz.

A highlight of the evening will be expanded silent and live auctions conducted by Copake auctioneer Steven

Chickery.

A sampling of the items from the live auction include a fly-fishing adventure for two, a tree delivered and installed, a party for 20 at Vanderbilt Lakeside in Philmont, a lunch prepared by New York Times bestselling cookbook author and food personality and influencer Dan Pelosi, and 18 holes of golf at the Copake Lake Country Club.

A more complete listing of both the live and silent offerings will be available at roejanlibrary.org/fundraising-events.

Individual tickets for the evening are \$125 each for

regular tickets and \$275 for host tickets with those host patrons being listed in the gala program.

Rather than having paper tickets, all attendees names will be listed at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the library, through a PayPal link on the above website, or send a check to: Roe Jan Community Library, PO Box 669, Hillsdale, NY 12529.

Gaskell says that donations are also always welcome. The website notes those contributions as well as the tickets are tax deductible.

For more information, call 518-325-4101.



PHOTO BY B. DOKTOR

A June 8 fundraiser at Catamount will continue the Roeliff Jansen Community tradition of funding the library largely through private donations. A prime example of community support came when longtime patron Charlotte Shutts' will provided funds to pay off the mortgage of this building when she died in 2022.

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The CTDEEP website has an excellent section on how to deal with either nuisance or distressed wildlife. People new to the country may wonder what to do with bats in the belfry, squirrels in the attic, bears in the house and all other possible situations with wildlife that one may encounter here in the NW corner. What I found interesting is that raccoons and skunks cannot be live trapped and relocated due to the possibility that they may be carrying rabies. For more information, please visit: portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/nuisance-and-distressed-wildlife



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Serino calls for nominations to recognize teacher excellence

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

POUGHKEEPSIE — County Executive Susan Serino joined others throughout the area in celebrating last teacher appreciation week from (May 6 to 10), and is asking students and families to nominate teachers for an award in recognition of the difference they have made for children in Dutchess County schools.

In a press release from her office, Serino announced a “Classroom Champion” Award saying: “Our teachers continue to go above and beyond to find innovative and creative ways to educate our local students, and we are so grateful for the work they do...Whether they are finding new ways to keep students engaged in the classroom, coaching a school sport, or serving as a mentor, the role educators play in the lives of

their students is invaluable. I am thrilled to be able to recognize them through our ‘Classroom Champion’ award and look forward to hearing directly from students and families on the positive impact their teacher has made.” Webutuck School Supt. Roy Castellani said he appreciates that Serino is making the effort to “recognize our staff and teachers” who “put in countless hours” and provide students with so much

love while aiming to “bring success to all students.”

Noting that while he has worked for many years at multiple locations, he has never before seen such exceptional efforts and is hoping they will be acknowledged.

The simple nomination forms, to be submitted online by Friday, May 17 are available at dutchessny.gov/teacher. For more information, call 845-486-2000 or email CountyExec@dutchessny.gov.



PHOTO BY LEILA HAWKEN

Millbrook’s new Chief of Police Keith Dworkin was administered the oath of office at the Village Trustees’ meeting on Wednesday, May 8.

Millbrook police chief to start June 1

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — Beginning June 1, the Village of Millbrook will have a new Chief of Police. At the Village Trustees’ meeting on Wednesday, May 8, Chief Keith Dworkin was officially sworn in to his new post.

“I’m looking forward to it,” Chief Dworkin said following the ceremony. “I welcome the challenge and will enjoy working with the board, the officers and the department,” he added.

Attending the ceremony were family members including Chief Dworkin’s wife, Mary, and daughter, Hannah.

Chief Dworkin is coming to Millbrook from Fishkill, having served there as Chief of Police since 2020. A Fishkill native, he had begun his service in the East Fishkill Police Department in 1991.

When serving Fishkill, Chief Dworkin used a collaborative leadership style with a community-oriented philosophy, building trust and support throughout the town.

Open call for volunteer town positions

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — Communities count on volunteers who offer time and talent to support boards and committees, making life better for everyone who lives there.

Amenia is no exception. A recent public announce-

ment invites residents to serve on town committees needing new membership, including the Recreation Commission, Water District and Wastewater Committees.

The Recreation Commission plans for town-offered recreational opportunities, overseeing and enhancing

the town parks, summer programs, free public concerts, and year-round special events.

The Water District Committee looks after the interests of the residents served by community wells and mains and advises on upgrades and quarterly fees.

The Wastewater Commit-

tee is engaged with planning for installation of a wastewater system to serve the town’s commercial center and surrounding homes.

Residents interested in consideration for a volunteer position should send a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk’s office before the May 31 deadline.

Amenia Ethics Board holds organizational meeting

By LEILA HAWKEN
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AMENIA — A newly organized 5-member Amenia Ethics Board met for its initial meeting on Tuesday, May 7, with the immediate assigned task of updating the 2001 regulations guiding ethical responsibilities and procedures

for town employees.

Serving on the board are chairwoman Nadine Macura, whose term will expire in 2027; Jeff Barnett-Winsby, expiration in 2024; Damian Gutierrez, expiration in 2025; Diane Rivera, expiration in 2026; and Alan Gamble, expiration in 2028. All terms will expire on December 31 of their

respective years. Councilwoman Rosanna Hamm serves as the liaison to the Town Board.

Discussing their role, chairwoman Macura explained that the Ethics Board is advisory to the town boards, as needed. If an employee requires clarification of an issue, the matter could be referred to the Ethics Board for guid-

ance, but all actions begin with the Town Board.

The Ethics Board will meet quarterly, with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 6. In the interim, each Ethics Board member will review the 2001 Code and note suggested changes for discussion in August and subsequent meetings.

Millbrook names engineers for wastewater plant upgrade

By LEILA HAWKEN
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MILLBROOK — Following a brief discussion, the Village Trustees named the engineering firm Tighe and Bond of Rhinebeck, New York to design an upgrade for the village wastewater treatment plant. The decision was unanimously approved at the regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8.

The present wastewater treatment system is now 50 years old and is plagued by overflow problems needing correction. The trustees have noted at past meetings that there is an opportunity for the town to upgrade the facility and make it resilient to serve the community into the future.

Village officials will next meet with Tighe and Bond personnel to work out details of the project agreement. The engineering work is expected to be done within the next two months.

Later in the meeting, Scott Osborn of VRI water utility

services for Millbrook’s water and wastewater systems, reported on ongoing maintenance work at the wastewater treatment plant. Workers are cleaning the sludge grinders now, and it takes six months for the sludge to dry at the present plant.

Instances of residents discharging water, plowed snow or property debris onto town roadways came under discussion.

Town counsel Ian MacDonald advised that the vil-

lage should consider tightening existing code. At present, he explained, residents are prevented from discharging water from their own property onto someone else’s.

Mayor Tim Collopy suggested an update to code to keep residents from negatively impacting roads, although present regulations mandate that residents keep sidewalks clear and roads in front of their homes free of debris.

The sidewalk project is

nearly completed, Trustee Mike Herzog reported, and later added that he will report next month on possible installation of LED streetlights.

Poultry will be discussed at a future trustees meeting. Deputy Major Peter Doro reported that several village residents have spoken with

him about their wish to keep chickens. At present, he noted, chickens and roosters are not

permitted. He will research further and report at a future meeting.

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In light of the presence of hydrilla and other invasives in local lakes, and there being no efficient and acceptable method for eradicating them, Mount Riga Inc. will keep the Ostrander Guest Beach and all campsites closed for the summer 2024 season.

In consultation with limnologists at North East Aquatic Research (NEAR), Mount Riga will take this summer season to create a long-term lake management plan and develop protocols to mitigate the risk of exposure to these harmful weeds.

The Mount Riga community realizes this decision might be disappointing to those who use the Ostrander Guest Beach and regret any inconvenience the closures may cause the residents of Salisbury. It is our expectation that taking these measures now will ensure healthy lakes and waterways in the future. Mount Riga is hopeful that everyone respects our passion and dedication to keep the lakes pristine for the health of our community and environment. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

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Brothers Paul and John Stefanopoulos at the Four Brothers Drive-In in Amenia, NY

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Little Guild breaks ground for future animal shelter

By JENNIFER ALMQUIST
Special to The Millerton News

CORNWALL, Conn. — The Little Guild of Saint Francis for the Welfare of Animals held a groundbreaking ceremony Saturday, May 11, to celebrate the beginning of construction of its 8,000 square foot facility at 285 Sharon-Goshen Turnpike in West Cornwall.

The mission of the Little Guild is to rescue, love, and heal homeless cats and dogs and help them find homes. Friends from surrounding communities, board members of the Little Guild, staff members, donors, and animal lovers gathered on the site of the future shelter.

Board member, and chair of development, Priscilla McCord greeted everyone and thanked the many donors who raised \$3.5 million for this project. Cornwall First Selectman Gordon Ridgway extended a welcome from the Town of Cornwall.

The morning sunshine streamed through the surrounding pine trees as the designated team donned their green construction helmets, bearing the Little Guild logo, picked up their nine gold shovels, and together dug their spades into the rocky soil.

Executive Director Jenny Langendoerfer, from Norfolk, expressed joy at the realization of this longtime dream: “We are so incredibly fortunate for all of the fantastic community support that allowed a new animal shelter for the Little Guild to happen. It is going to make a tremendous difference to the animals we care for and the community we serve. It’s really going to be something very special.”

For three decades the Little Guild has been functioning in a residential house not designed to handle the normal wear and tear of an animal shelter, which made maintenance and repair difficult.

In 2023, 6.5 million companion animals entered U.S. animal shelters. According to the ASPCA, each year approximately 920,000 sheltered animals are euthanized, and 4.8 million shelter animals are adopted. There are 14,429 animal shelters in America. During Covid, 23 million Americans adopted a pet and over 90% of dogs adopted during the pandemic remain with their families.

The Little Guild, founded in 1957 by Muriel Alvord Ward and Eleanora Kleinschmidt, is now the largest no-kill animal shelter in Northwest Connecticut. The 501(c) 3 organization boasts a 99% save rate, one of the highest in the nation. They provide programs that “strengthen the bonds between pets and people, and partner with local organizations to support pet owners in the community.”

Christopher Nardi, from Hamden-based design firm Silver, Petrucelli & Associates is the chief architect for the project. He attended the ceremony with his young family. Their boy Everett eagerly participated in the digging. Architect Nardi said that designing animal shelters is his specialty, so the plans are well-researched and incorporate important considerations such as quarantine and noise reduction, strategic placement of animals, with des-



Architect Christopher Nardi and his son Everett break ground for the new home of The Little Guild in West Cornwall.

ignated areas for adoption meet and greets, and animal socializing. Everyone at the event was invited to view renderings of the proposed building and ask the architect questions.

After the symbolic breaking of ground, the speeches and applause, everyone was offered refreshments supplied by the staff, including cat and dog shaped cookies baked by Susan Boucher of Norfolk, who is also the assistant manager of the Little Guild.

This entire project has been funded by the generous donations of dedicated Little Guild supporters, as well as many community foundations including the Robert R. Rosenheim Foundation, the John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation, the William and Mary Greve Foundation, the Draper Foundation, the Kathleen Bradford Foundation, the Seherr-Thoss Foundation, the Torrington Savings Bank Foundation, and the Town of Cornwall.

The Little Guild’s new building will be named in honor of Robert R. Rosenheim. “The Robert R. Rosenheim Foundation has been our partner in building this much needed new animal shelter from day one, we could not have gotten here without their abundant support every step of the way over the last three and a half years. We are honored to be a part of Mr. Rosenheim’s legacy of love and dedication to animals, said Little Guild’s Langendoerfer.

Tiffany Lemelin of Winstead is Little Guild kennel manager and gave a tour of the temporary facility in Foote Field on Furnace Brook Road in Cornwall Bridge, which opened two weeks ago and will serve as headquarters during construction. There are two large trailers, one housing cats, another their offices. They also purchased a large dog kennel. The dogs and cats currently sheltered at the Little Guild seem perfectly comfortable in their new digs. The staff said they have what they need to get through the next year. They were putting up a large tent to give shade to the dog run and situating a blue wading pool for the dogs to stay cool.



The new temporary home of the Little Guild at Foote Field on Furnace Brook Road in Cornwall.



Alex Echavarría, canine behaviorist at The Little Guild, holding Cookie who would love a home.

Alex Echevarria, from Torrington, is a canine behaviorist who trains dogs and teaches humans how to communicate with their dogs. He introduced each dog currently sheltering in the temporary housing and expressed optimism that a small wiry mutt named Cherry might find her forever home that day.

Director Langendoerfer explained, “The support of the Little Guild Board of Directors through this time of transition has been incredible. In keeping our operations running while the new facility is being built, they have enabled our dedicated staff to continue rescuing, loving and healing homeless cats and dogs, and to continue to serve the community.”

The Guild runs the Pet Pantry which supplies pet food and supplies to families in need through area food pantries, Animal Welfare Education taught by Echevarria, the annual No Cost Vaccination, neutering and spaying program in Coe Park in Torrington. The Guild also sup-

ports the Susan B. Anthony Foundation in Torrington and Project Sage in Lakeville by offering care for the pets of women suffering relationship violence.

This summer don’t miss the Great Country Mutt Show at Lime Rock Park on Sunday, June 9. It’s free and your dogs are welcome to register to compete in categories such as “Best Lap Dog Over 40 Pounds” or “Looks Most Like Owner.”

Langendoerfer, who has galvanized the Little Guild with her leadership for the past four years summed it up, “The capabilities of the new facility will have far reaching results, allowing us to aid more animals and pet owners in the community in the best of all possible ways. The calm and healing environment, quarantine capabilities and designated areas for adopters and volunteers to meet and socialize with the animals is going to have a major impact, decreasing the length of stay and increasing the number of animals we can help.”

PHOTOS BY JENNIFER ALMQUIST

OBITUARIES

Memorial Service

**Lester
Hoysradt**

A memorial service will be celebrated on Saturday, May 18, for Lester Hoysradt, 90, of Salisbury, at the Salisbury Congregational Church at 11 a.m.

The Kenny Funeral Home, 41 Main Street in Sharon, has care of arrangements.

Celebration of Life

**Paul Robert
“Bob” Moeller**

A celebration of life will be held for Paul Robert “Bob” Moeller on Saturday, June 1, at 11 a.m. The service will take place at Sharon United Methodist Church at 112 Upper Main Street in Sharon. A reception will follow the service in the church basement.

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— James H. Clark, CEO/Publisher

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our representatives failed us — it's time for change

A few weeks ago the New York state Assembly passed the 2024-25 budget and in the process missed a major opportunity to clean up New York's climate emissions and help New Yorkers deal with high energy bills.

A critical bill known as the NY HEAT Act didn't make it through the Assembly's highly secretive budgeting process. The HEAT Act would have cut subsidies to gas utilities while helping New Yorkers with their utility bills by cap-

ping costs at 6% of household income. The New York state Senate passed the bill in March, but it was torpedoed by Assembly members who rely on utility and fuel industry donations to fund their campaigns.

I'm particularly disappointed that our assembly member, Didi Barrett did nothing to advance the HEAT act. Barrett was appointed the chair of the assembly's powerful energy committee in 2023, where she began advancing

the utility industry's agenda and blocking implementation of climate legislation. As energy chair, Barrett's co-sponsorship of the HEAT act would have helped assure its passage, but her endorsement was conspicuously absent. Over \$10,000 of gas and utility industry donations to her campaign since 2022 may have had something to do with this.

Because I believe strongly that we must take action to minimize the worst impacts

of climate change and to ensure that New Yorkers aren't forced to pay for the gas industry's mess, I've decided to support Claire Cousin in her bid to replace Didi Barrett in the June Democratic primary. Claire has vowed to refuse gas industry donations and to hold polluters accountable. We know where Didi's loyalties lie, I'm betting on Clair to be part of a new generation in Albany.

Bill Kish

Millerton

Amenia Fire Co. assists in dramatic dog rescue

In a heartwarming display of community cooperation and swift action, the Amenia Fire Company played a pivotal role in the rescue of a small dog named Rippy from a perilous situation in the North Canaan area.

The North Canaan Animal Control received a distressing voicemail around 6:00 p.m. on Monday May 6th, reporting the sound of a dog barking near Lower Road, close to the quarry. Promptly responding to the call, personnel from North Canaan Animal Control, alongside quarry workers John and Bobby Foley, initiated efforts to locate the stranded animal. Despite hearing the barking,

initial attempts to locate the dog were unsuccessful.

Subsequent to a Facebook post alerting the community about a missing dog, believed to be in the vicinity, further collaborative efforts ensued. Brian Ohler, the First Selectman of North Canaan, demonstrating unwavering commitment, deployed his drone to survey the area, although no heat signatures indicative of the dog were detected.

Undeterred, the search intensified the following day, with the dog's owner providing crucial information about the missing pet. An observation by Bobby Foley during the lunch break revealed the dog's persistent barking from

the same area. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, coordinated efforts were made involving the safety and plant managers of Specialty Minerals, culminating in the dispatch of Northwest Rope Rescue Teams, The Amenia Fire Company, North Canaan Fire Company, and North Canaan Ambulance.

Harnessing their expertise, the Rope Rescue Team descended approximately 50 feet down the cliff to reach Rippy, who had fallen and become trapped. Miraculously, the resilient terrier mix was safely retrieved and reunited with his owner.

Amenia Fire Chief Christopher Howard, along with members of the Amenia Fire Company, including Lt. Richard Howard Jr., Lt. Zach Klingner, Rescue Lt. Christopher Klingner, Past Chief Richard Howard Sr, Firefighter Tony Maillet, Past Chief Aaron Howard Jr., and Probationary Firefighter Jason De Addio, played an instrumental role in the successful rescue operation.

The strong relationship

between the Amenia Fire Company and the Northwest Rope Rescue Team is fundamental to providing effective emergency response in Eastern Dutchess County and the Northwest corner of Connecticut. Through regular joint training exercises and coordinated response efforts, these teams ensure rapid and efficient assistance in challenging situations, such as Rippy's rescue.

"We are immensely proud of our team's swift response and collaboration with other agencies, resulting in the safe rescue of Rippy," stated Chief Christopher Howard. "This heartwarming outcome underscores the importance of community solidarity in times of crisis."

Expressing gratitude to all involved parties, Rippy's owner extended heartfelt appreciation, acknowledging the invaluable role played by each participant in ensuring Rippy's safe return home.

Aaron Howard Jr. Public Information Officer Amenia Fire Co. Amenia

Auto safety glass, pregnant cows and hot housing

The following excerpts from The Millerton News were compiled by Kathleen Spahn, Vivian Sukenik, Nancy Vialpando and Rhiannon Leo-Jameson of the North East-Millerton Library.

91 years ago: May 18, 1933

Safety Glass Required on Automobiles: Laws applies to Buses, January 1, to All Cars in 1935. A new law effective in part Jan. 1 next and in full a year later requires that safety glass must be used in the windshields, doors and windows of all automobiles operated in this State.

Measles Close Schools in Millerton: High School Students Rebel at Enforced Vacation. An epidemic of measles, which to date has produced 114 cases out of 280 pupils, has caused the closing of both the high and grade schools of Millerton this week. Not only has the spread of the epidemic been very rapid and very wide, but many of the cases are extremely severe, several of the sufferers having had temperatures of 104.

[...] In the Fall there were many cases of chicken pox [sic], a slight scarlet fever scare came in January and February and, during the Winter, there were an unusual number of colds.

Realizing that the work

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of the school year could not be satisfactorily completed under these conditions, Principal Francis E. Wood closed school on Friday [...]

50 years ago: May 16, 1974

Millerton Personals: Mr. and Mrs. Adam Snyder celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary on Saturday, May 11, with dinner [...] Enjoying the occasion with the Snyders were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Conklin, Mr. and Mrs. Allan [sic] Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, Lydia Crawford, Lloyd Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Synder, Joy Snyder, Carol Anderson, and Richard Finkle.

Mr. Snyder presented his wife with a beautiful orchid. All joined in singing "Happy Anniversary" to the guest of honor. [...]

Health Officials Reject Webutuck Septic Systems: The Dutchess County Department of Health has rejected the entire area of the present septic system at Webutuck Central School for sewage disposal.

[...] The septic system, located under the girls' athletic field, has been flooding since last year and will not be able to serve the 800 people expected at the school next September. [Mr. Rindsberg] said that the decision was not unfair considering the results of the latest digging by the engineers.

25 years ago: May 20, 1999

Hairy Ride for Six Pregnant Cows: North East – A one-car accident on McGhee Hill Road Monday afternoon left two men shaken up and six pregnant cows wandering the hillside before being captured by their owners. Along with passenger Bruce Chase, driver James Perotti was heading east on McGhee Hill on a mission to deliver the cows to the Booth Farm, whose pastures Mr. Perotti's brother, John, rents.

But when James Perotti got to the top of the hill, he found his brakes were not operable. So his pickup truck and cattle trailer continued down the incline. After traveling several hundred feet, James Perotti realized that he had to do something to stop the vehicle before the incline on McGhee Hill Road got so steep that he couldn't possibly maintain control.

"He told the other kid (Mr. Chase), 'Hold on, because

we're taking the bank,'" said John Perotti[...]. The truck and trailer turned over and knocked down the pole, but somehow the wires did not snap or become entangled, resulting in no immediate power loss to surrounding homes, according to Nancy Herman of Central Hudson.

The two occupants of the truck were slightly injured and taken to Sharon Hospital by the Millerton Rescue Squad. Meanwhile, the cows were thrown on top of each other, but somehow were uninjured.

Real Estate Market Area Booming: The real estate market in the northeast Dutchess County and northwest Connecticut area is booming. Houses at the low end, in the middle and at the high end of the market are selling. Ron Steed in Millerton and Brad Rebillard at Dutchess Country Realty agree the market is good, but are a little unhappy with their inventories, which they call "very low."

Mr. Rebillard, who concentrates on Millerton and North East, said it is an area "that is being discovered."

"Land has done a real turnaround here," he said. "People are coming for the peace and beauty. And, even in town, I have seen houses go for more than the asking price recently."

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OUR TOWNS

Millbrook Library holds drop-in tea hour on May 18 — and new pet adoption event

By CAROL KNEELAND
Special to The Millerton News

MILLBROOK — The happy sounds of animals looking for forever homes will be mingling with clicking tea cups and conversation on Saturday, May 18 at the Millbrook Library at 3 Friendly Lane with a newly instituted Pet Adoption Event and a Community Tea.

The monthly tea will serve as an opportunity for area residents to drop in, sit down and meet others in the community. This month's event which will feature Mayor Tim Collopy and follows on an introductory April session which spotlighted fire fighters.

Millbrook Librarian Courtney Tsahalís said they began the Community Tea because "we've noticed there's a real need for social connection, even this long after COVID, where people just need this opportunity to meet each other and just kind of get to know each other a little better and not feel pressured like in a workshop or anything. So we're giving it a shot."

The second of the morning events, which will run from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will feature pets of all shapes and sizes. Applications for adoptions can be submitted to the individual organizations sponsoring the animals where they will be vetted before adoptions are permitted.

Tsahalís said, "really cute small animals" will be presented by My Hopes in You and will be joined by dogs and "many cats" from Compassionate Animal Rescue of Dutchess County and the Stray Cat Network.

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Millbrook firefighter Second Lt. Kelly Tomasulo shared time with residents during the Millbrook Library's first ever Community Tea on April 20. Mayor Tim Collopy will be the featured guest at the next drop-in tea on Saturday, May 18 from 10:30 to noon.

South Amenia Church Roast Beef Dinner May 18

By LEILA HAWKEN
leilah@lakevillejournal.com

AMENIA — Tuck your napkins under your chins. The South Amenia Presbyterian Church has announced that its traditional Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 18. This year it will be take-out only.

Dinners will include salad, rolls, mashed potato & gravy, green beans and even home-made dessert. Pick-up will be from the church parish hall between 3 and 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$16.00 for each dinner ordered. Dinners must be ordered in advance. To place an order, phone 845-789-1206, 845-877-3939, or 845-373-9757.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Harlem Valley Area Activity Report 5/01 through 5/09

5/03 — Deputies responded to Route 22 in North East for a fraud complaint. Caller reports being called by a Central Hudson representative, who threatened to turn his power off if he didn't pay \$1,400.

5/04 — Deputies responded to the area of Canoe Hill Road and SR 82 in the Town of Washington for a reported intoxicated female stumbling about the roadway. The female was found and given a courtesy transport to another location.

5/05 — Deputies were assigned an erratic vehicle poll in area of Boyce Park on

Route 55 in Dover, which led to the arrest of Catherine L. Fontana (age 61) for Driving While Intoxicated. Fontana to appear in the Town of Dover Court at a later date.

NOTE: All subjects arrested and charged are alleged to have committed the crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty and are to appear in local courts later.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the North East Central School District, Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on the Budget in the High School Library at the Webutuck High School Building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York, on Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:30 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2024-2025 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the budget for the 2024-2025 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours, between 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., prevailing time, at the Webutuck Elementary School, Eugene Brooks Intermediate School, Webutuck High School and at the District Administrative Office between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing

time, effective April 30, 2024, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays. Copies of the Budget will also be available at the Northeast-Millerton Library and the Amenia Free Library. A report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value of the final assessment roll or rolls used in that budgetary process is exempt from taxation, shall be annexed to the budget document.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election of Members of the Board of Education and Vote on the Budget of the qualified voters of the North East Central School District, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the Webutuck High School gym, Haight Road, Amenia, New York, between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect two (2) members to the Board of Education: one seat (1) is for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027 to fill the vacant seat of incumbent board member Joanne Boyd; one (1) is to fill the vacant seat that was occupied by Rick Keller Coffey (who resigned 1/22/24) commencing on May 21, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

B. 2024-2025 Northeast (Webutuck) CSD Budget

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2024-2025 Webutuck School Budget in the amount of \$27,054,075 with anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$8,622,784 and the amount to be raised through taxes of

\$18,431,291.

C. 2024 - 2025 Transportation Vehicle Purchase

SHALL the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire two (2) 2024 Chevy Type A 20- passenger school buses and one (1) 2024 Chevy Silverado 2500 transportation vehicle, at a cost not to exceed \$222,238, which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$222,238, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

D. Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$4,500,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to finance the cost of installation of air conditioning in the classrooms of Eugene Brooks Intermediate School and Webutuck High School?

The election and budget vote shall be by machine, early voting or absentee ballot. The hours during which the poll shall be kept open shall be from 12:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place

at 9:00 P.M. to cast their ballots.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote in said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen (18) years of age or older, and (3) resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that early mail ballots and absentee ballots will be available for this Election and Vote. Applications for early mail and absentee ballots for the School District Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk at the Webutuck High School building, Haight Road, Amenia, New York on school days during school hours, or on the district's website at www.webutuckschools.org beginning March 1, 2024 but may not be returned to the District clerk any earlier than April 21, 2024, and must be returned to the District Clerk by May 14, 2024 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, May 20, 2024, if the ballot is to be delivered personally

to the voter. Early mail and absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the Election and Vote, May 21, 2024.

The Education Law makes special provisions for absentee voting by "permanently disabled" voters of the District and any questions regarding these should be directed to the District Clerk.

A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots and absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District at the said District Administrative Offices during regular office hours, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, including the day of the Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list, by making his/her challenge and reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls. A challenge to an early mail voter may not be made on the basis that the voter should have applied for an absentee ballot.

The Education Law also makes special provisions for absentee voting for "military" voters of the District. Specifically, the law provides a unique procedure for "military ballots" in school district votes. Whereas absentee ballot applications and absentee ballots must be received by the voter by mail, a military voter may elect to receive his/her absentee ballot application and absentee ballot by mail, email or facsimile. The military voter must, however, return his/her original military ballot application and military ballot by mail or in person.

The Clerk of the Board shall transmit the military voter's military ballot in accord with the military voter's preferred method of transmission, or if no preferred method is identified by mail, not later than twenty-five (25) days before the vote, April 26, 2024. The Clerk of the Board must then receive the military voter's military ballot by mail or in person not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with Education Law §§ 2035, 2008, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with and directed to the District Clerk at the District Office, on or before April 22, 2024; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of the candidate, and the name and residence of each signer. However, the Board of Education will not entertain or place before the voters any petition or any proposition if its purpose is beyond the power of the voters or is illegal, or any proposition requiring the expenditure of monies which fails to include specific appropriations for all such expenditures required by the proposition.

Therese M. Trotter
Clerk of the Board
Northeast (Webutuck)
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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN...

Jamie Murphy is bringing back the old school in his new barbershop in the space at the rear of Salisbury General Store on Main Street.

Shear nostalgia at Salisbury's new barber

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

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SALISBURY, Conn. — Remember going to the barber shop? Remember getting the hot shaving cream and straight razor on the back of the neck treatment as the grand finale of the haircut? Remember leaving, wreathed in the unmistakable fumes of Clubman aftershave?

This is no longer an exercise in nostalgia. Jamie Murphy, a Lakeville resident, has set up shop in the space at the rear of the Salisbury General Store.

Murphy is dedicated to the old-fashioned men's haircut. Not that he can't provide

something more contemporary than the gent's "short back and sides."

It's more about the atmosphere, right down to the barber pole fixture outside.

Murphy said he's been cutting hair for seven years.

Since he started cutting hair professionally, "I became obsessed with the old school craft. It really appealed to me."

A 20-year resident of Lakeville, where he lives with wife Darlene Murphy, who is a paraprofessional at Salisbury Central School, and their daughter Jillian, who attends SCS, Murphy has been thinking about opening a barber shop in Salisbury or Lakeville for some time.

When the space at the Gen-

eral Store became available, he decided the time was right.

The shop's been open about three weeks so far, and business has been steady.

It is geared primarily toward men. Murphy said he has some experience cutting women's hair, "But not enough."

"I would lose sleep over a haircut."

Murphy has a day job managing an estate in New York state, so he is open Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., by appointment although walk-ins are welcome.

He left a reporter with this thought: "The difference between a good and a bad haircut is about a month."

Annual Master Gardener plant sale opens May 17

By LEILA HAWKEN

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MILLBROOK — A sure sign of the spring planting season is the annual Master Gardener plant sale held at the Dutchess County Farm and Home Center. This year's sale will be held Friday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

and continuing on Saturday, May 18, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Early birds will be asked to wait until the sale opens.

This is the 31st year of the traditional fundraising sale when the Master Gardener Volunteer program fills the front lawn of the Farm and Home Center with an array

of healthy annuals, perennials, vegetables and herbs. The plants have been raised by the volunteers, who will be present to make recommendations, help with the selection process and offer tips.

Proceeds of the sale support educational efforts within the Community Horticulture Program.

Pine Plains February recorded real estate sales

During the month of February Dutchess County recorded only four real estate transactions in Pine Plains — two residential, one mobile home and a restaurant. The sale of Lia's Mountain House Restaurant was finally recorded at \$625,000. The new owners plan on launching it as a catering and event venue. One of the first parties planned will be the iconic NECC Chef and Farmer Brunch on Sunday, July 21.

The median sold price for single family homes in Pine Plains is now trending upward with April's median price of \$375,000 the highest since January 2023. Currently there are eight houses listed for sale beginning at \$249,900, and half of these homes are listed below \$400,000.

February recorded sales
63 Birch Drive — 3 bedroom/1 bath single family home sold for \$265,000

7 Finkle Road — 3 bedroom/2 bath home on 2.75 acres sold for \$385,000

1 Harrington Drive — a 1970 mobile home on .28 acres sold for \$125,000

7685 Route 82 — a 4,258 square feet restaurant situated on 3.1 acres sold for \$625,000



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE BATES

Lia's Mountain House with over 4,200 square feet, a 900 square foot kitchen, 56 space paved parking lot and a panoramic view of the Catskills was sold in February for \$625,000.

* Town of Pine Plains real estate sales recorded as sold between February 1, 2024 and February 29, 2024 sourced from Dutchess County Real Property Tax Service Agency with property details from Dutchess

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HHDC *Continued from Page A1*

Three representatives from HHDC explained how the program works.

Jenn Radicone, HHDC chief of operations, gave an overview of the program and some detail about the home that will be offered.

The minimum income for applicants to the pilot program is \$55,000. The maximum income is 80% of the average median income in Dutchess County based on family size.

Radicone, along with Jennifer Buitrago, a housing and financial counselor with HHDC, explained that prospective homeowners will be expected to contribute in a non-monetary way toward the purchase of the home.

A buyer will be expected to participate with up to 200 hours of work and/or educational time toward the purchase of the home.

Radicone noted that in Dutchess County there are 6,000 families in need of affordable housing, paying up to or more than 50% of their income on housing.

Buitrago emphasized the value of learning about

homebuying, and discussed a summer homebuying readiness program that would provide support and information needed to be able to purchase a home.

"There's a general lack of understanding about the homebuying process," she said.

Arlette Murrain, who manages a program to advance Black homeownership, also discussed how Habitat for Humanity is working to advance Black homeownership in the United States, where white family homeownership stands at 72% compared to 43% among Black families, according to the 2020 U.S. Census.

HHDC was established in 1986 and has since built or repaired 300 homes in the county. It also has programs for home repair for veterans, seniors and mobile homes.

The family for HHDC's first Millerton home will be selected on July 17.

"We hope it will be the first of many," said Radicone.

To schedule a video chat about the pilot program, visit www.habitatdutchess.org

CAMP *Continued from Page A1*

"My goal is to utilize the park at its fullest potential throughout the year," McCarthy said in an interview. "I'm very excited."

"I want to bring the community together, and that includes the children, retirees and visitors to Millerton," she said. McCarthy also envisions bringing charity events to Eddie Collins Park, including those promoting cancer research and including the United Way.

The Recreation Director is a paid part-time position in the Village budget. Najdek, who has been involved in recreation programs at the park since she was 15 years old and then as a lifeguard at age 16, said she doesn't recall when Millerton ever having an actual paid position for Recreation Director.

The six-week program marks the return of a camp at Eddie Collins since pre-pandemic days. Najdek said Bauer still is working out details about the program. It is expected to run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the age group 5 to 13.

In 2010, the cost for a summer camp program for parents was \$85. The price for this summer's program is expected to be \$100 per resident child.

Residents of the Village and the Town of North East can participate in the program.

Some consideration is being made for early dropoff for working parents, but details aren't yet established.

Najdek said McCarthy will be the "the point person to

be creative and think out of the box" for ways to expand and enhance recreation in the park, including concert, and possible athletic leagues for soccer and basketball, both of which already are popular uses of the park with impromptu games.

Eddie Collins Memorial Park is undergoing a phased renovation. In 2016, with the leadership of Stephen Waite, a committee was formed to revitalize the park. Significant funding has been raised

to date. A next phase calls for a swimming pool, and in coming months — as a result of donations — lights will be added to the ball field that also has been rejuvenated.

At the Town of North East Board meeting on Thursday, May 9, Deputy Supervisor Lana Morrison reported that she had met with Najdek about new program and communicated that it would be open to all Town of North East residents.

RESCUE *Continued from Page A1*



PHOTO BY ASHLEY BURR

The team of volunteers that rescued Rippy.

"I went out there as soon as I could," said Burr, who confirmed barking coming from within the quarry but could not locate Rippy. "My heart was racing."

She contacted First Selectman Brian Ohler, who promptly arrived with a drone fashioned with an infrared camera. It is believed the dog was seeking shelter in a crevice, as he was not detected by the drone.

The next day, MinTech crews heard barking and the search resumed. The dog was spotted on a rocky ledge about 30-feet below ground level.

Unable to reach Rippy, workers called Canaan Fire Company for help. The tower ladder proved to be too short

so the searchers turned to the Northwest Regional Rope Rescue Team (a team of firefighters from across the Northwest Corner who participate in rope rescues).

The climbers rappelled into the quarry, secured Rippy in a crate, and lifted him back to the surface. The dog was reported to be dehydrated, hungry and traumatized. He appeared to have an injured leg but was otherwise unharmed.

"He went home and got cleaned up," said Burr. "He was happy to be back with his mom."

Burr said in her six years as ACO she has never experienced a situation like Rippy's. "It was a learning experience for sure."

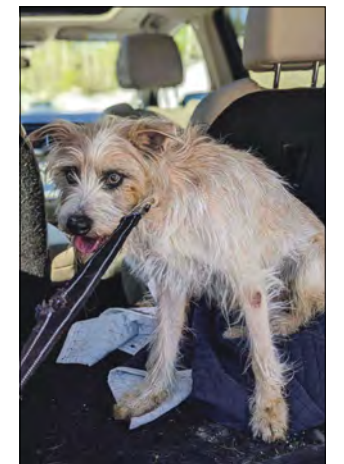
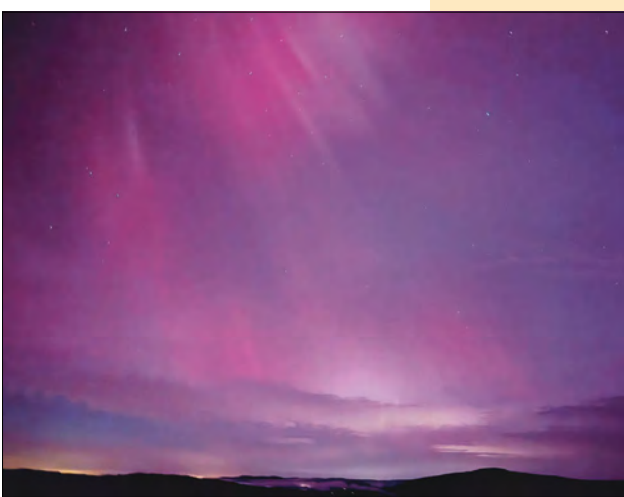


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Rippy was happy to go home.

Volunteer responders from North Canaan, Norfolk, Sharon, Salisbury, Riverton and Amenia, all contributed to Rippy's rescue. (See letter to the editor from Amenia Fire Co. on Page A5.)



PHOTOS BY ANNE DAY

Dancing lights

The night sky was illuminated May 10 and 11 as the northern lights stretched down to the continental United States. Powerful solar storms caused brilliant displays in Lakeville, Conn., as seen above near Long Pond Road, and beyond. Reports indicated the lights reached as far south as Florida.

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Serino plan addresses county homelessness

POUGHKEEPSIE — Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino last week announced a \$13 million New York state grant will target homelessness in the county.

In April, the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Insurance awarded a grant to the county for capital costs to retrofit the 26 Oakley Street property in Poughkeepsie. The grant is part of the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP).

The new facility will provide temporary housing and services in one location and will make it possible for the county to close the existing PODS at the former Dutchess County Jail that have served as emergency housing since the start of the pandemic.

"We are honored by New York State's embrace of Dutchess County's new

model to address homelessness — it is a thoughtful, evidence-based plan that will completely change how we address homelessness in Dutchess County," Serino stated in a press release.

Several administrations have sought to open a new emergency housing facility over the past few years.

Serino took office this year, and has met with Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers, state officials, Poughkeepsie representatives and housing advocates to address next steps in combatting homelessness.

"\$13 million is a transformational amount of money that allows us the opportunity to truly give people a leg up in changing their lives," Serino said in a statement.

The \$13 million award is one of the largest HHAP grant awards made since the program's inception in 2021.

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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

ART: NATALIA ZUKERMAN

Inspiring artistic inspiration at the Art Nest in Wassaic

The Wassaic Art Project offers a free, weekly drop-in art class for kids aged K-12 and their families every Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. The Art Nest, as it's called, is a light, airy, welcoming space perched on the floor of the windy old mill building where weekly offerings in a variety of different media lead by professional artists offer children the chance for exploration and expression. Here, children of all ages and their families are invited to immerse themselves in the creative process while fostering community, igniting imaginations, and forging connections.

Emi Night began as the Lead Educator at The Art Nest in January 2024. She studied painting at Indiana University and songwriting at Goddard College in Vermont and is both a visual artist and the lead songwriter and singer in a band called Strawberry Runners.

Night sources her ideas for projects "from all over," she said. "Sometimes we'll pull ideas from artists in the shows [at The Wassaic Project] and if there's something that seems like it would be fun for the kids, we'll create a project around it."

Night emphasized that the Art Nest is a drop-in opportunity as opposed to a drop-off class.

"Some families come in that are new in the area and don't have a lot of parent friends," Night said. "And they meet people here and develop a network. It's a

really cool space for that, and art is a great way to bring people together."

Jill Winsby-Fein, Education Coordinator at The Wassaic Project also emphasized the community aspect of the offering. "We ask families to stay together, and that results in family art making that's actually really special."

Depending on the day, there can be up to 20 children and their families in the space. "Most days we have five or six kids at a time," said Night.

The summer exhibition, "Tall Shadows in Short Order," opens

May 18 and the teachers expect an increase in attendance. The Wassaic Project has partnered with the Intern Project through the NECC (North East Community Center) and Luna Reynolds, a student at Webutuck Central School, is "our intern extraordinaire," said Winsby-Fein.

"The projects I plan are geared toward kids ages four and up," said Night, "but they are always adaptable to engage younger artists in sensory play and fine motor skill development. The average age range of attendees since I started working here in January has been three to 12. We do have materials and equipment more appropriate for teens like sewing and embroidery machines, jewelry and wire sculpture tools,

button/pin-makers, and we'd love to have more teen artists working in the space."

The program is funded through the Wassaic Project, which relies on grants, individual and donor funding, and artwork sales. Winsby-Fein is currently in the process of applying for various education grants to help fund the program.

"We have kids who walk from nearby and come every week," she said. "A lot of the feedback I've gotten from families is about the community aspect."

Families seeking to explore the world of art through The Art Nest are invited to drop by on Saturday afternoons. Visit www.wassaicproject.org for more information.



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Left to right: Emi Night (Lead Educator), Luna Reynolds (Intern), Jill Winsby-Fein (Education Coordinator).



PHOTOS BY ALEXANDER WILBURN

A detail from a fabric-crafted wall mural by Carlos Biernnay at the annual Kent Arts Association fiber arts show.

ART: ALEXANDER WILBURN

Weaving and stitching at Kent Arts Association

The Kent Arts Association, which last summer celebrated 100 years since its founding, unveiled its newest group show on Friday, May 11. Titled "Working the Angles," the exhibition gathers the work of textile artists who have presented fiber-based quilts, landscapes, abstracts, and mural-sized illustrations. The most prominently displayed installation of fiber art takes up the majority of the association's first floor on South Main Street.

Bridgeport-based artist Carlos Biernnay was born in Chile under the rule of the late military dictator Augusto Pinochet, but his large-scale work is imbued with fantasy instead of suffering. His mix of influences seems to include Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's popular German libretto "The Magic Flute" — specifically The Queen of the Night — as well as Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland," The Tudor Court, tantalizing mermaids and exotic flora.

Upstairs, Litchfield-based fiber artist Karen Griska's large quilts take inspiration from African tradition, although she has also worked in the styles of Amish quilting as well as the Black American tradition of Gee's Bend, which began in an Alabama town of the same name.

For more on "Working the Angles" and Kent Art Association exhibition viewing hours go to www.kentart.org



A quilt by Litchfield-based artist Karen Griska.

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Let there be Night: How light pollution harms migrating birds

If last month's solar eclipse taught me anything, it's that we all still love seeing cool stuff in the sky. I don't think we realize how fast astronomical wonders are fading out of sight: studies show that our night skies grow about 10% brighter every year, and the number of visible stars plummets as a result. At this rate, someone born 18 years ago to a sky with 250 visible stars would now find only 100 remaining.

Vanishing stars may feel like just a poetic tragedy, but as I crouch over yet another dead Wood Thrush on my morning commute, the consequences of light pollution feel very real. Wincing, I snap a photo of the tawny feathers played around his broken neck on the asphalt.

It's not the only such photo I'll take this year. The building whose towering windows took this thrush's life is infamous; like many other passers-by, I pay close attention to the ground around such spots to record any victims. We upload our morbid photography to iNaturalist, an app usually reserved for more cheerful records and identifications of flora and fauna, where they automatically join several citizen science projects focused on bird-window collisions.

Why the macabre gallery? These collections provide concrete evidence of just how many birds windows kill. Ideally, that information encourages tactics to reduce casualties, like lobbying homeowners and institutions to add decals or screens to their glass.

Though such measures are critical for limiting window strikes during the day, we often overlook the damage our windows cause at night. Remarkably, most bird migration actually oc-

curs by moonlight; if you stand under the stars and listen during migration — which began in earnest last week — an audible chorus of chirps and buzzes overhead indicates a sky full of birds.

Birds evolved to fly under the cover of darkness for many reasons. Nightly travel means they can spend the bright, bug-filled days gathering food. Darkness helps migrants avoid predators, and the lower turbulence and cooler temperatures of nighttime skies allows for more energetically efficient flights.

Though the specifics of nocturnal navigation are a longstanding ornithological mystery, that navigation is undoubtedly disrupted by the growing brightness of the night sky. Bright lights disorient the birds' sense of direction and attract them towards the light sources themselves. In that state of confusion, nocturnal window strikes skyrocket.

In the U.S., one billion birds die each year by flying into windows. Distinct behavioral changes around brightly lit structures are the main cause of mortality: the usual conversation of nocturnal flight calls grows into a confused cacophony. Those that avoid collisions face different risks: the energy they waste investigating unfamiliar lights means they'll have a harder time avoiding predators, catching enough food, and reaching their final destinations.

The harm caused by light pollution is not limited to birds. Even in rural areas, many nocturnal animals struggle to adapt to brightening nighttime environments: bats can't fly efficiently, amphibians can't reproduce normally, and insects can't forage effectively.

Humans aren't im-

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ALISON ROBEY

mune either. Brighter nights disrupt our sleep cycles — something I can personally attest to, as someone who grew up in Kent and now struggles nightly with the brightness of New Haven — and are associated with a slew of negative health effects. And though people widely associate more lights with greater safety, evidence of this is mixed.

Despite the repercussions, the reach and severity of light pollution keeps growing. Electricity usage in the U.S. is on the rise again; while much of that energy has more intensive uses, the U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates that 6% of residential and 17% of commercial energy is all for lighting.

As disheartened as I am by increasing energy usage and vanishing stars, by unnecessary lights glaring from empty sports fields or barren storage facilities, and by dead songbirds on my morning commute, there is a silver lining to this story. Fixing most pollution problems — microplastics, oil spills, atmospheric CO2 — requires complex, intractable solutions. Light pollution, on the other hand, is completely, immediately, effectively reversible.

This is a critical time of year to make that change. The transition from April to May brings spring rains, bursting tree buds, and a deluge of migrating birds: cheerful songs of Yellow Warblers, gleaming feathers of Scarlet Tanagers, playful flights of American Redstarts. You can watch these migrants gather above your home



PHOTO BY ALISON ROBEY

like a rising storm using BirdCast, Cornell Lab of Ornithology's avian version of a weather radar.

The closer that storm comes, the more important it is to flip those light switches off. Simple steps, like limiting the use of aesthetic lighting,

keeping the beams of necessary lights targeted, dim, and warmly colored, or curtaining bright windows, make all the difference to our birds. Participating in darkening the skies this spring will help keep these little travelers

aloft — and maybe bring some stars back into view, too.

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PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Chloe Crofut-Brittingham, left, and Dana Rohn at the Montage antique sale.

LIFESTYLE: PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Fresh finds at artisan market

Those in search of the rare, the beautiful and the funky had several options in Salisbury on Saturday, May 11.

The Salisbury Handmade group of artisans had 21 vendors set up on the lawn in front of the White Hart Inn.

One newcomer to the group, Cheryl Markin, a graphic designer from Long Island by day, offered her "Upcycled Earrings," made from bits of Super-8 movie film, floppy disk components, and 45 RPM record adapters.

One set, made from Schaefer beer bottle caps, stood out. The caps had a cork ring inside them.

Markin said she fig-

ured they were probably the only extant bottle caps of their kind anywhere.

She said the earrings started as a hobby and a fun gift for friends. During the COVID-19 pandemic, it became a business.

Another newcomer, Sara Collazo Romay, who hails from Spain and currently operates out of Kingston, N.Y., offered colorful handwoven pillows, towel and placemats.

Romay said she has been in the artisan business for about four years. This is her first market season.

She has also worked as a fashion designer and for the TJ Maxx discount clothing chain.

A veteran of these shows, Roger McKee, had his wooden keepsake boxes for sale, along with cutting boards shaped like fish and his own nature-themed artworks.

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Another day, another struggle with notorious big smallies

Gary Dodson and I went to the Salmon River in Pulaski, N.Y. April 30 to May 1, to see if we could catch the tail end of the steelhead run and maybe annoy some smallmouth bass.

I've only been once before, 20 years ago, and I forgot that the name of the town is pronounced "Pulask-eye," NOT "Pulask-ee." Yes, this would come as news to the Polish general whose name adorns the landscape in at least 17 places in the U.S.

We stayed and fished the Douglaston Salmon Run, where we had a nice little house to ourselves.

We dined on successive evenings at the bar of the Tailwater Lodge in nearby Altmar, where I continued my study of the American cheeseburger platter. While I still maintain that the World's Greatest Restaurant is Mizza's in Lakeville and the runner-up is the Roscoe Diner, I can report that the best cheeseburger platter yet is at the Tailwater Lodge. At 18 smackers, it is also the most expensive, but only by a few bucks.

Gary said there was another, earthier option with excellent chow, but the last time he went there it was Lynrd Skynyrd Karaoke Night, and the peril was too great to risk another visit. Personally, I thought it sounded amusing, and was willing to brave the peril, but Gary said no, it was too perilous.

Day One: After leaving Lakeville at 4 a.m. and driving to Gary's in East Jewett, N.Y., arriving at 6 a.m., the result was predictable. I forgot several key items when transferring my gear to Gary's truck.

TANGLED LINES

PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

This is called "Paging Dr. Boing-Boing."

The doctor makes an appearance every time I (or you) forget something, or lose something, or some other issue of fishing logistics comes up.

Dr. Boing-Boing can and will strike at any moment. Eternal vigilance is the only answer.

We found a serviceable wading belt at Fat Nancy's; the single biggest tackle shop I have ever seen. And it was only ten bucks.

Monday afternoon we fished down where the Salmon River widens out into an estuary before it segues into Lake Ontario. I caught the first of several smallmouth bass that were all roughly double the size of the biggest smallie I have ever pulled out of the Housatonic.

It doesn't look so hot in the photo, a combination of giant net and moderate wide-angle lens. So I put the net over my extra-extra large head (I wear a 7 7/8 hat) and Gary took a photo for comparison.

Some necessary context: The stretch of river we were concerned with is only about seven miles or so, from the lake to the hatchery. DSR has 2.5 of those miles locked up; anglers pay a daily fee to fish there. There is also a lot of public access, which gets pretty nuts in the peak salmon and steelhead periods. This was the off-season.

Apart from a small population of resident rainbows, the river is home to migrating fish:

two kinds of salmon, steelhead and smallies.

The salmonids are headed home. Home is the hatchery. I don't know what the smallies are doing.

I had to throw pretty much everything I know about fishing out the window. For starters, almost everybody I saw was using a two-handed fly rod or a center pin rod. My nine-foot eight-weight single hand fly rod was an outlier.

Second, even though I was standing in the middle of some sort of hatch, the fish ignored the bugs as far as I could tell. What they wanted was something large and hairy. The initial smallie took a size 6 conehead olive Woolly Bugger with rubber legs, and Wednesday's steelhead obligingly chomped on a black version of the same.

Tuesday morning began with a Boing-Boing moment, as I managed to sprain my left wrist trying to operate the shower controls. Such is the price of cleanliness.

That ruled out fooling around with the switch rod I brought along, to see if I could puzzle it out.

We fished all day Tuesday, except for a much-needed siesta mid-afternoon. All we encountered were smallies.

Wednesday morning neither one of us could face trudging the mile or so down to the estuary again, so instead we trudged a different mile or so upstream.

I got my steelhead on a different single hand rod, a 10 foot seven weight that fishes better with a number eight line. It was a floating line, with a short leader consisting of about four feet of butt section and two feet of 1X fluoro tippet.

With some coaching from Gary, I managed to land the thing without a net.

In fairness, the steelhead seemed a little out of it. It dove, it tugged, it jumped once. It went this way and that.

But that first smallie put up much more of a fuss. Probably because it hadn't been milked at

the hatchery and wasn't stumbling back to the lake.

Three days in Western N.Y. state was a serious dose of America. Rolling back into Salisbury Wednesday afternoon was like entering a theme park — Disney's "New Englandland" or something.

Back in New Englandland, after disposing of some work chores, I ambled over to the Blackberry on a sunny and almost hot afternoon and had a good time catching a bunch of normal, unexciting regular trout that eat bugs.

This was promising enough that I inveigled a friend to give it a shot the next day.

You know what's coming.

She hopped out of her car, only to discover she had remembered her waders but forgotten her boots.

"Allow me to introduce you to Dr. Boing-Boing," sez I.

Luckily she had a pair of muck boots, which did the trick.

And then, after observing small children training to be Jedi



PHOTO BY GARY DODSON

The author caught his first steelhead on May 1.

knights at a "Star Wars" activity, I made my way up to one of my secret brook trout streams and found that the winter's incessant rains and subsequent high water had reconfigured the brook, mostly for the better. I landed several and tick-

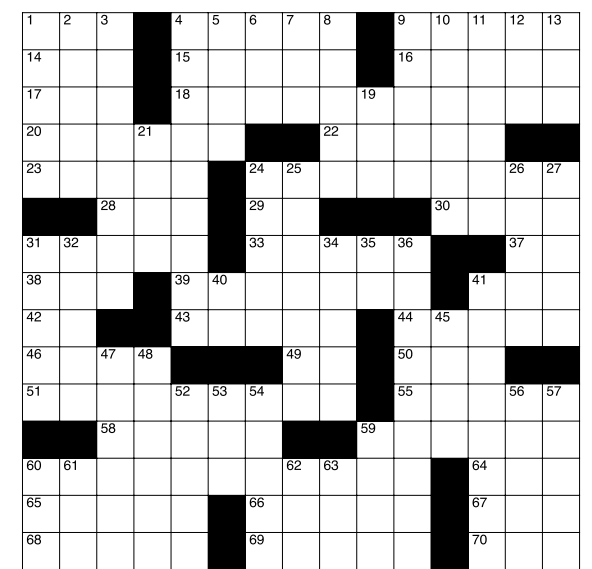
led more wild char, most of them attacking a size 8 Stimulator that was bigger than their heads. Some less ambitious fish hit kebari soft-hackles and the always-reliable Bread and Butter nymph.

There was no sign of Dr. Boing-Boing.

Brain Teasers

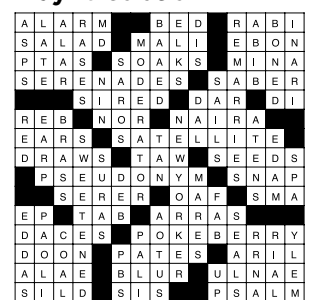
CLUES ACROSS

1. Geological time
4. Ooze
9. A set of eight
14. Obstruction
15. Swiss mathematician
16. Philosophy
17. The night before
18. A timid person
20. Unifies
22. Gangs
23. Alternative name
24. Acumen
28. Cathode-ray tube
29. Tantalum
30. Soluble ribonucleic acid
31. Humiliate
33. Earthy pigment
37. Air Force
38. Adult males
39. Stiff untanned leather
41. Before
42. Atomic #18
43. Beer mug
44. Nostrils
46. Type of chef
49. Midway between north and east
50. They ___
51. Splits
55. Walk in a timid manner
58. Preserved animal skin with hair
59. Popular donut shop item
60. You smear it on bagels
64. Don't know when yet
65. Equal to 10 amperes
66. Synthetic acrylic fiber
67. One point south of due east
68. Of mixed ancestry
69. Home of the Pyramids
70. A way to change color

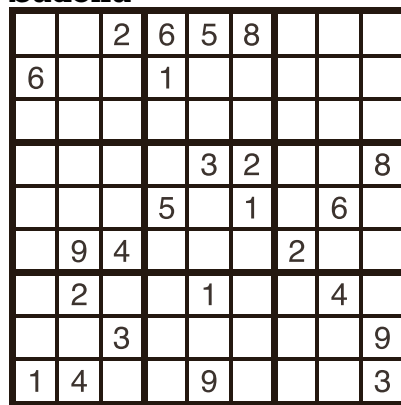


10. Makes a monarch
11. Tormentor
12. Commercials
13. Sprinkle
19. Make a mistake
21. Freshwater fishes
24. Vermont town
25. Man-made device
26. Entrap
27. Places to store important things
31. Accumulate
32. Greek mythological nymph
34. Gregory ___, American dancer
35. Denotes past
36. Becoming popular again
40. Indicates position
41. Came before
45. An extra seed-covering
47. Cheerful
48. Deli sandwich staple
52. Skateboarders love them
53. Mandela's party
54. Sierra lake
56. Nickname for Elizabeth
57. Remove from record
59. Employee stock ownership plan
60. Former NFLer Newton
61. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
62. Work unit
63. Town in Cambridgeshire

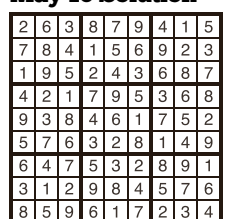
May 16 Solution



Sudoku



May 16 Solution



Level: Intermediate

CLUES DOWN

1. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
2. Untangle
3. One from the U.S.
4. Academic terms
5. San __ Obispo, in California
6. Not healthy
7. Self-assessment questionnaire (abbr.)
8. Arugula genus
9. VIII

...market

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"No canoes this time?" he was asked.

He shook his head, adjusted his kilt and attended to a curious customer.

Meanwhile at the Salisbury Marketplace building on Academy Street (TK Need to doublecheck that name), the proprietors of Montage Antiques in Millerton were having a big sale of recently arrived pieces.

Chloe Crofut-Brittingham said the sale was the contents of a 40-foot container full of items purchased recently in Europe.

Her parents, Dana and Fritz Rohn, are the people behind Montage. Mother and daughter huddled briefly over the fate of a large table before returning to chat about the antiques.

Dana Rohn said the

impetus behind the sale, which they do several times per year, was simple.

"When you get a container, it's a lot of stuff. We've got 6000 soiree feet in Millerton but..."

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MAY 18

Plant Sale

Douglas Library, 108 Main St., North Canaan, Conn. douglaslibrarycanaan.org

Douglas Library of North Canaan will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vegetable plants, annuals, dahlias, geraniums and perennials will be available to name a few. The library welcomes plant donations; please leave any potted donations behind the building near the elevator entrance. Book sales will also be ongoing during this event.

North Canaan Spring Fest

North Canaan, Conn.

The North Canaan Events Committee (NCEC) will host Spring Fest Saturday, May 18. Activities will include a vendor market in the municipal lot, a free movie at the Colonial Theater, a plant sale at Douglas Library, a paint and sip event at the Art Bar & Cafe in Union Station, rock painting with the Recreation Commission, and fun and games for kids.

Noble Horizons Auxiliary Book & Tag Sale

Noble Horizons, 17 Cobble Road, Salisbury, Conn.

The Noble Horizons Auxiliary in Salisbury will hold its semi-annual Book & Tag Sale, Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19 in the Community Room at Noble Horizons from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free on both days; on Friday only, EARLY BIRDS pay \$10 from 8 to 9 a.m.

Donations are needed and appreciated. For where and when to drop off items please call (860) 435-9851.

Home Grown Plant Sale

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St., Falls Village, Conn. huntlibrary.org

Homegrown Plant Sale on the weekend of May 18 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Falls Village's own growers, gardeners, and CSAs will provide a wide variety of plants, including a large selection of tomatoes, vegetables, annuals and perennials, and houseplants including potted geraniums and hanging baskets from HVRHS. Proceeds benefit the Hunt Library and HVRHS. For more information, or to donate plants and pots, call the library at 860-824-7424

Hike Cornwall

Hare Preserve, Popple Swamp Road, Cornwall, Conn.

Discover Hare Preserve with Terry Burke May 18 at 10 a.m. Enjoy a short hike in a magical wood of mixed forest, a small Brook running into two small ponds, a statue by Monty Hare and his poem for the Preserve. The Hare Preserve is also a very pleasant short walk from the village. Park at the Hare Preserve on Popple Swamp Road.

Wassaic Project '24 Summer Exhibition

Maxon Mills, 37 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic, N.Y.

Tall Shadows in Short Order is the Wassaic Project's 2024 Summer Exhibition. There will be an opening on Saturday, May 18, from 4 to 6 p.m. It will be on view Saturdays and Sundays through September 14.

Paint and Sip

Art Bar & Gallery, Union Station 2nd Floor, 1 Railroad St., North Canaan, Conn.

Paint and Sip at the Art Bar & Gallery in North Canaan Saturday, May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 and include all art supplies plus the first drink of the night. Limited spots are available. Contact Jessie at (860) 671-9818 to reserve a seat.

Book Talk

Cornwall Library, 30 Pine St., Cornwall, Conn. cornwalllibrary.org

On Saturday, May 18, at 6 p.m., The Cornwall Library presents a book talk by Caroline Paul, author of "Tough Broad: From Boogie Boarding to Wing Walking - How Outdoor Adventure Improves Us as We Age," which is already the #1 best-seller in solo travel guides on Amazon. This event is live only (no Zoom). Registration on the library website is required.

MAY 19

Intro to Podcasting with Mary O'Neill

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

Podcasting can be easy, fun, and fulfilling! Join local expert Mary O'Neill, cohost of Main Street Moxie, on Sunday, May 19, 2 to 4 p.m., and learn everything you need to get started, including what a podcast is, why they're so popular, and how to design, record, and edit your own podcast. To register, please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

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MAY 22

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The Center on Main, 103 Main St., Falls Village, Conn.

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MAY 23

Art Workshop with Amber Grey: Demystifying the Moth

Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On Thursday, May 23, 10 a.m. to noon, join artist Amber Grey and create luminous moths using colored chalk on black paper. Explore moths' elegant coloring and anatomy and learn new drawing techniques. Recommended for adults. Materials are provided. To register, please visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

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Scoville Memorial Library, 38 Main St., Salisbury, Conn. scovillelibrary.org

On Thursday, May 23, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., join entomologist Shepherd Myers for a slide show about his experience researching the unique Wekiu bug. To register, visit www.scovillelibrary.org.

MAY 25

Artist Reception

The Souterrain Gallery of The Wish House, 413 Sharon Goshen Tpk, West Cornwall, Conn.

The Souterrain Gallery will be hosting an Artist Reception on May 25, from 3 to 6 p.m., for Joseph Clarke's exhibit titled INCIPIENCE. The exhibit will be running through July 31. Open Thursday to Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Joseph Clarke is a Connecticut based artist living in Litchfield County and working from his Kent studio.

ART: MIKE COBB

Litchfield Art Festival comes to North Canaan

The Litchfield Art Festival will take place at Lawrence Field in North Canaan Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival features painting, sculpture, mixed media, digital art, graphics, drawing, printmaking, photography, ceramics, glass, leather, fiber/paper art, woodworks, metal, and jewelry by artists from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

The Tasty Empanada food truck from Watertown will offer culinary options, and Home-grown Café will serve drinks and desserts from their stand under the pavilion. There will be a raffle as well. The festival is free and open to the public.

The Litchfield Art Festival, now branded as (LAF), their goal is to become the best outdoor juried fine art show in the region.

LAF is organized by The Voice of Art (TVOA), a nonprofit visual art organization founded in 2017 whose mission is "to integrate arts and cultural community-building activities for residents of the Litchfield community."

Director/Artist-in-Residence Hannah Jung founded The Voice of Art in 2017. Born in South Korea, Jung came to the U.S. for graduate study after obtaining her BFA in Painting from Seoul National University in 2000.

Jung has been an exhibiting artist in Connecticut and has taught

at Housatonic Community College, Albertus Magnus College, as well as public and private schools. Her work has been exhibited at the Promenade Gallery at the Bushnell (Hartford), the Korean Embassy (Washington D.C.), Vision Gallery (NYC), and The White Gallery (Lakeville).

She explained the organization's growth and movement, "After two years of operating The Voice of Art Gallery & Studio in Cheshire, we moved to Litchfield in 2020 to be more closely connected to a community with a deep appreciation of the fine arts and artists."

During the pandemic, TVOA started their annual outdoor fine art show to reach a wider and more diverse audience.

"The festival was not really planned until we realized that the pandemic would not go away. I needed to be connected to the community. I've been in the U.S. for 20 years, but never thought about doing a festival until that moment. In a way, the pandemic gave us a great opportunity, and it's been quite successful. I've been able to get to know many professional artists from other states. There are many recurring artists, and we keep growing," Jung said.

"By managing a gallery, I learned that you have to understand both sides, the artists and the community. You have to understand what the community enjoys and why they should support the arts. This kind

of event really connects with the community," she added.

When asked about the decision to hold the festival in Canaan this year, Jung said, "Canaan is great because Route 44 and 7 connect providing easy access to everybody. We have 100 artists and patrons coming from far away. We've been impressed by the great support from the Town of North Canaan. First Selectman Brian Ohler has been actively supportive of our needs as well as many business owners."

Looking toward the future, TVOA is seeking to establish a permanent home in the Tri-State region. Their five-year plan is to secure a property where they can continue to grow through indoor and outdoor art shows as well as studio programs specifically tailored to the residents of this region.

"Through our programs such as art festivals, therapeutic art, workshops, master class series, artist residency programs, and summer camps, TVOA will offer entertaining, educational, and self-healing art experiences. Local arts are critical to everyone's mental and spiritual well-being," Jung said.

In addition, The Voice of Art offers classes, workshops, and health-related studio art programs for seniors during the day. TVOA is hoping their programs can serve as a second act for seniors.

"Canaan provides what we need, so we're very happy to be here," Jung said.



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Forum reconsiders nuclear as energy solution

By PATRICK L. SULLIVAN
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SALISBURY, Conn. — The solution to the problem of providing sufficient energy without burning fossil fuels and increasing already dangerous levels of greenhouse gas emissions is obvious, according to Joshua Goldstein.

That solution is nuclear power.

Goldstein spoke at the Salisbury Forum, held Saturday evening, May 11 at the Salisbury School.

He is the co-author of "A Bright Future" (2019), co-wrote the 2022 Oliver Stone film "Nuclear Now," and is professor emeritus of international relations at American University.

He began by noting he has a two-year old granddaughter, who he expects will live through all of the remainder of the 21st century and possibly into the next.

He said he asks himself how well society is "setting it up" for the child.

The answer: "Not very well."

Goldstein said that attitudes toward nuclear power are based on decades-old beliefs that are simply untrue.

Under "Scary," Goldstein pointed to popular culture, from 1950s monster movies in which seemingly innocuous creatures became city-crushing giants after a dose of radiation, through the 1979 film "The China Syndrome" (released 12 days before the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in Pennsylvania), to the three-eyed fish that makes frequent cameos in "The Simpsons."

Goldstein said that the statistics about accidents at nuclear power facilities "all come from one incident, Chernobyl" (in 1986 in Ukraine, then part of the USSR).

Nuclear power's waste products are regarded as "dirty," Goldstein said in fact the fuel used for nuclear reactors is highly concentrated, and the waste from traditional plants can be and is now being safely stored.

Newer plants produce less radioactive waste than the old models, and some processes even allow the waste to be



PHOTO BY PATRICK L. SULLIVAN

Joshua Goldstein led the May 11 Salisbury Forum.

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He said the waste storage problem is not as bad as it's made out to be. It's not even close.

"The waste from all U.S. nuclear power plants would fit in a Wal-Mart."

Under the heading "dangerous," Goldstein said the primary problem at Chernobyl was the design of the facility did not include containment.

Radiation did indeed spread throughout Europe after the accident, but only the immediate area suffered from deadly levels.

Goldstein said the 2011 accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant,

caused by a tsunami and earthquake, resulted in zero deaths from radiation, but tens of thousands of deaths from the subsequent flooding and destruction, not to mention the "botched evacuation."

Making the situation worse, Japan then shut down all its nuclear plants and switched to burning coal, thus contributing to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

"But we think of it as a nuclear accident."

Nuclear power is criticized as being slow and expensive to deploy, but Goldstein pointed out that France went to a largely nuclear-powered grid in 15 years in the 1970s and 1980s.

"It's the fastest way to get clean energy into the grid."

Goldstein noted that nuclear power is often associated with nuclear weapons, but "they are not connected."

The processes used for nuclear power and nuclear weapons are very different, and having the first does not mean a country can suddenly switch gears and produce the second.

Goldstein said new reactor technology allows for small facilities, or microreactors, to be built quickly and cheaply, requiring two to three years, seven acres of land and less than \$1 billion.

"No scary cooling tower." He likened conventional wisdom about nuclear power to someone who, when confronted with a house fire, hides under the bed.

"We have to come out from under the bed."

The "Nuclear Now" film co-written by Goldstein and Oliver Stone is available on the Salisbury Forum website for free until May 19. Go to www.salisburyforum.org/ for details.



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