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A new life for Thorne Building and Bennett College property

Covering Northeastern Dutchess County And Its Environs

Millbrook Community Partnership unveils its plans

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE judithb@millertonnews.com

MILLBROOK — Drawing an audience of more than 100 in person, and even more via Zoom, the Millbrook Community Partnership, Inc. (MCP) held its first public meeting at the Millbrook firehouse on Thursday, July 29. Chairman Oakleigh Thorne explained the group is capitalizing on a once-in-a-century opportunity to re-imagine two iconic but deteriorating village structures: the Thorne Memorial Building and the Bennett College property.

The Thorne Building Community Center (TBCC) and the Thorne family representing the Bennett Park group originally merged on July 1, promising great things for two of the largest projects in the village.

July 29 public meeting

The presentation certainly drew out the public, which has long awaited

See THORNE & BENNETT, A6



Millbrook Community Partnership, Inc. (MCP) Chairman Oakleigh Thorne spoke to an audience of more than 100, in person, and even more via Zoom, at the Millbrook firehouse on Thursday, July 29, about plans for the Thorne Building Community Center and Bennett Park.

'Uptick' in interest from buyers at Millerton Square Plaza

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

Millerton Square Plaza owner Joseph "Skip" Trotta, despite the rumors, the Route 44 shopping plaza that once housed the Grand Union supermarket has not been sold. However, "there has been an uptick in activity

recently," he said on Thursday, July

Exactly how one should interpret MILLERTON — According to that statement, said the 78-year-old Connecticut businessman who owns properties and businesses in the two states with his brother, Millerton attorney Robert Trotta, is key to understanding the most important part of this story.

"At one time I had three supermarkets, two liquor stores, a travel agency, all at the same time," said Trotta. "My third supermarket was in West Hartford. My supplier wanted me to open two more supermarkets in the West Hartford area to make a group of them, but I said, 'No, I'm

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Durst's Hudson Valley Project holds its final scoping session

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — Further soliciting the public's feedback as to what should be included in the project's scope, the Pine Plains Planning Board welcomed local residents and representatives to the second and final scoping session for the Hudson Valley Project on Saturday, July 31.

The Hudson Valley Project Formerly known as the Durst Proj-

ect, the application was submitted to the Planning Board by The Durst Organization in April, proposing a conservation/cluster residential single-family home subdivision with 237 residential lots on the 2,655 acres of property in Pine Plains at the former Carvel Country Club. The project encompasses 237 residential lots in Pine Plains and 51 residential lots on 445 acres in Milan, totaling 3,100 acres

between the two towns. As lead agency for the project's review, the Pine Plains Planning Board scheduled two public scoping sessions: the first was on Wednesday, July 21, and the second was Saturday at 9 a.m. — both were held in the Stissing Mountain High School auditorium.

Those who were unable to attend in-person will soon be able to watch a recording of the sessions on the Planning Board's YouTube channel, "Pine Plains Planning and Zoning Boards,"

See DURST PROJECT, A6

Thief walks away from bank robbery in Sharon

By HUNTER LYLE Special to The Millerton News

SHARON, Conn. — The Connecticut State Police reported on Monday afternoon, Aug. 2, that they had received a report at about 12:30 p.m. of a bank robbery at the Sharon branch of Salisbury Bank

"The suspect, who is believed to be a white male, wearing blue jeans and a blue sweater, fled the scene on foot," according to a police report sent out at roughly 2 p.m.

"We are asking everyone to

See ROBBERY, A6

Few details regarding Sunday morning shooting in Dover's Oniontown

By WHITNEY JOSEPH editor@millertonnews.com

DOVER — Little has been released about a shooting that has been reported to have taken place in the early morning hours on Sunday, Aug. 1, in the Oniontown section of the town

According to The Mid Hudson News, "A victim at 28 Maple St. reported he was shot at by someone who fled in the area of Oniontown Road."

The New York State Police (NYSP) are in charge of the case, according

to Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Capt. John Watterson, who said on Monday morning, Aug. 2, that the Sheriff's Office is assisting in the in-

'Yes, we did respond to Oniontown for a shooting," stated Watterson. "However, we were in the assist role and the lead agency is the New York State Police, so you'd have to get the specific details from them."

The NYSP Troop K barracks in Salt Point has not released any details about the shooting as of press time on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

Nature Scouts on the hunt at Millerton's Rudd Pond

MILLERTON — Summertime has been both educational and fun for several dozen children between the ages of 3 and 12 who were able to learn more about creatures living in the wild through Nature Scouts at Rudd Pond.

The NorthEast-Millerton Library program, in collaboration with the Taconic State Park-Rudd Pond, the Sharon Audubon Society and the Amenia Free Library, will feature creepy-crawly insects on Thursday, Aug. 5, the pond itself on Friday, Aug. 6, and our feather friends on Thursday, Aug. 12.

All sessions run from 3 to 4 p.m. and begin at the Rudd Pond playground.

Carol Kneeland



During their nature walk on Thursday, July 15, a group of children from the area stopped to inspect a snake skin that had recently been shed near Rudd Pond in Millerton.



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Webutuck graduates thankful for their Irondale Schoolhouse Scholarships

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to The Millerton News

MILLERTON — Two local scholarship winners of the Irondale Schoolhouse Scholarships have simple but important advice for rising seniors who will soon be facing a year of college applications quickly followed by hefty tuition bills — the cost of pursuing their

Both winners said: Think scholarships.

Then apply early and apply

Webutuck graduates Daisy Matus and Liam Lynch were each able to garner at least seven scholarships to help ease the costs they will face as they continue their education at "The Next Level."

Matus, Webutuck's 2021 valedictorian and a self-described procrastinator, said she did work early in the year on scholarship applications but in the end put off writing her essay until shortly before applications were due, something she does not recommend.

"It does take lot of work there's no doubt in that," she acknowledged. "However, most of the scholarships can be a bit repetitive, so you can reuse essays and other material. Getting started is really nice because it gets you motivated knowing that you could possibly earn some money."

When submitting essays, however, it is important to remember that scholarships are often created by groups with special interests and to respond appropriately to

For example, Friends of the Irondale Schoolhouse Board Trustee John Brunese, who created the schoolhouse's scholarship program, noted that while awards are based on academic achievement, community service and financial need, Irondale evaluators are also interested to know how applicants feel their "classwork can relate to early education in a one-room schoolhouse," similar to the historic 1858 Irondale Schoolhouse that sits at the Main Street entrance to the Harlem Valley Rail Trail in Millerton.

As for students for whom graduation is someplace off in the distant future, it's never too early to start building the sort of resume that will eventually impress those in charge of doling out the dollars.

Grades matter, but so does the way time is spent. Both winners of the Irondale Scholarship showed they were willing to help fund themselves by holding down part-time jobs.

Lynch, who will be attending the acclaimed Culinary Institute of America in nearby Hyde Park, has gained experience at the popular Harney's Tea Café on Main Street in Millerton, work he plans to continue as he pursues a fouryear program in Food Business Management.

Thinking "big," he has plans to eventually open his own chain of restaurants after gaining more experience, possibly with a corporate food concern.

In addition to her job at Silamar Farm, also in Millerton, just south of the village on Route 22, Matus was class vice president, a member of student council, mock trials, honor society, yearbook and the music program.

With a slight laugh she noted that even though she doesn't plan to continue the last focus in college, one of the scholarships she received was for music, proving everything students do matters.

Earning too many scholarship to list, including several from the prestigious Rochester Institute of Technology where she will study biomedical engineering, Matus was adamant that students should apply for as many awards as possible, especially local ones such as Irondale's, because she believes the odds of getting those are better.

Lynch's advice is more succinct but equally apt: "Just do it. Do it

Equally important advice: Do it through the school's free guidance office rather than wasting money on fee-based online sources.



Friends of the Irondale Schoolhouse Board Trustee John Brunese, center, congratulated Daisy Matus and Liam Lynch as the recipients of this year's Irondale Schoolhouse Scholarship in front of the one-room schoolhouse at the head of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail in Millerton.

The future of Alzheimer's research, with Scott Small

SALISBURY, Conn. — Dr. Scott Small, director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Columbia University and a resident of Millerton and New York City, will speak on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at noon at Noble Horizons in Salisbury on Zoom.

A specialist in aging and dementia, Small has run a National Institutes of Healthfunded laboratory for nearly 20 years and has published more than 140 studies on memory function and malfunction. His neuroimaging and molecular work has led to seven patents. His research has been covered by The New York Times, The New Yorker and Time and his insight into Alzheimer's disease recently led to the formation of Retromer Therapeutics, a new biotechnology company that he



Scott Small

co-founded.

In addition to directing Columbia University's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center,

Small is the Boris and Rose Katz Professor of Neurology in the Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Ag-

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loss really is a distinct condition from pre-Alzheimer's, offering a hint that what we now consider the normal forgetfulness of old age might eventually be treatable.

More information and registration for this program are at www.noblehorizons.org or 860-435-9851, ext. 190.

Pulver to re-run for Legislature

NORTH EAST -An article ran last week erroneously stating the North East Republican Committee had nominated Gregg Pulver, chairman of the **Dutchess County Leg**islature (District 19), and Ola Nesheiwat Hawatmeh, who lost the 2020 Republican Primary for U.S. Congress (District 19) to Millbrook attorney Kyle Van De Water, to join its committee.

In actuality, the Republican Committee nominated Pulver, a native of Pine Plains who continues to operate his multi-generation family farm in that town, to serve another term in the Legislature.

It also nominated Hawatmeh, a Poughkeespie fashion designer, to run for county comptroller.

Meanwhile, when the North East Democratic Committee caucused, it nominated North East resident Claire Owens to run against Pulver in the legislative race for District 19 come November.

The Democrats also selected incumbent Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois of LaGrange to run for another term; she will face Hawatmeh in that challenge.

All of the nominated candidates will battle it out come the fall when Election Day arrives on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

– Whitney Joseph

The Lodge

Harlem Valley residents invited to tune in for Sharon Hospital update Aug. 5

SHARON, Conn. - Sharon Hospital, part of Nuvance Health, will host its online "Community Update" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 5, via online livestream video.

Members of the surrounding community are invited to join the webinar to hear from hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko. He will discuss the latest hospital developments and updates on the affiliation that created Nuvance Health.

The independent monitor engaged by Nuvance Health will be present to report on its review of compliance with the affiliation agreement issued by Connecticut's Office of Health

A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation. Participants are encouraged to submit questions in advance by emailing sharonhospital@ nuvancehealth.org or calling 845-554-1734 with their name and phone number.

Questions can also be mailed to Sharon Hospital, Attn: Community Forum, 50 Hospital Hill Road, Sharon, CT 06069.

Instructions on how to join the virtual meeting are posted

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on the hospital's website at www.nuvancehealth.org/CT-Forums. The event will also stream at www.facebook.com/ sharonhospital.

The recorded session and a

copy of the digital presentation will be accessible on the website following the event. To request a physical copy by mail, call 845-554-1734; TTY/Accessibility is 800-842-9710.



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PINE PLAINS/AREA

Town plans celebration for Aug. 8

Pine Plains softball 10u Allstars team misses state title, wins a fine season

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

PINE PLAINS — For all the fight they displayed on the field in this year's state championship tournament, the Pine Plains softball 10 and under (10u) Allstars team came home without a trophy. Although the team didn't win the state title, as they were knocked out of the tournament on Saturday, July 24, they are still winners in the eyes of Pine Plains. Though the girls may be heartbroken by the final outcome, the team played a hard-fought season and had the community's full support all along the way.

When the news broke last month that the Allstars team was headed to states, the Pine Plains community immediately pitched in to help the players get to the tournament. The Stissing Center, a performing arts center in Pine Plains, launched a fundraiser that helped raise an incredible \$10,000

in just a couple of days to help cover the cost of lodging. The players' parents covered all other expenses.

In two days' time, the nonprofit, local businesses and private residents pitched in to donate enough money to help the girls afford their trip to Rochester. All excess funds were directed to the Pine Plains Recreation Department to help fund the construction of new dugouts at the softball team's home field.

The tournament ran from Tuesday, July 20, through Sunday, July 25, in Rochester. The Pine Plains 10u team had its first game against Pine Bush on July 20.

Pine Plains Little League Baseball and Softball Program President Rich Tamburrino said the team's only run in that game came on a solo home run by Peyton Burton. Pitching for Pine Plains, Talia Durant struck out 14 batters. Pine Plains ultimately fell to Pine Bush with a final score of 8-1, marking their first loss of the season.

On Wednesday, July 21, Pine Plains competed against North Bellmore North Merrick, whom Tamburrino described as "the hardest-hitting in the tournament." Tamburrino said Pine Plains always maintained the lead. In the sixth and final inning, he said Pine Plains pulled ahead, 8-6, with help from player Valentina Friedman, who went two for two with a triple hit and a single hit. Winning with "an 8-7 nail biter," Tamburrino said the win was a huge morale booster for the team.

On Friday, July 23, the team went up against Penfield Little League, with Durant going two for two with a single and a triple and striking out 16 batters. After a tight game, Pine Plains prevailed over Penfield, 3-2.

With a record of two wins and one loss, Pine Plains had what Tamburrino described as a "very evenly matched game" against Saint James Smithtown on Satur-

day, July 24. Among the highlights, Grace Wolfmann Whey had some outstanding hitting and batted two for two with a pair of singles.

Tambourine said Burton had a triple hit that landed 2 feet from being a home run, while Durant struck out 11 batters. Yet it was Saint James Smithtown that prevailed in the last inning with a final score of 9-8, adding another loss to Pine Plains' record and marking the team's final game in the tournament.

"It was kind of a heartbreaker," Tamburrino said, "but obviously the girls fought hard all through the game. It was a good game and both sides fought hard; unfortunately, we didn't advance."

A tiebreaker was arranged for the teams that held 2-2 records in the tournament on Saturday morning, July 25. Competing in its Empire Division (which Pine Plains was previously a part of) were teams from Pine Bush and North Bellmore North Merrick while the Mid Island and Fredonia competed in the Liberty Division. Mid Island was ultimately declared champion of this year's tourna-

In spite of the loss, Tamburrino praised his players on the 10u Allstars team for fighting hard all season, adding "this is something that has never been done, especially in

"I think it means a lot for softball in general," he added. "It's a powerful statement made by these girls that softball is important too, that softball takes the spotlight

Come Sunday, Aug. 8, the town of Pine Plains will be hosting a ceremony for the 10u softball Allstars team at The Stissing Center, at 2950 Church St., with a small parade. Tamburrino said the ceremony is planned for noon and the public is welcome to attend.



A young patron of the Roeliff-Jansen Community Library displayed the project he completed at a drop-in auxiliary library program at the Copake-Hillsdale Farmers Market.

Beekeeper will keep kids buzzing Aug. 6

COPAKE — The Roeliff Jansen Community Library and its Children and Youth Services Associate Tia Maggio have scheduled weekly events on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Copake-Hillsdale Farmers Market at the Roe Jan Park, located at 9140 Route 22, Hillsdale. The activities are perfect for young ones looking to stay entertained and engaged during summer weekends.

Also ideal for children is an upcoming presentation at the Roe Jan Library on Friday, Aug. 6, at 10 a.m., when they'll have an opportunity to learn all about

bees and beekeeping from local beekeeper John Jasmin.

Young patrons will be able to watch bees at work in an observation hive, learn about honey and honeycombs and sample some honey — all while learning about how bees grow and work together, the important role that bees play as pollinators and what must be done to protect them.

The Roe Jan Library serves Ancram, Copake and Hillsdale, and is located at 9091 Route 22.

For more information, call 518 325-4101 or go to www.roejanlibrary.org.

- Carol Kneeland



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New offerings this August

Ancram Opera House surveys audiences, looks to future

By CAROL KNEELAND Special to The Millerton News

ANCRAM — "Give the people what they want and they will come" is an old theater adage. So what better way to find out what the people want from the Ancram Opera House (AOH) and Theater than having a survey to check the pulse of some 2,000 members of the community?

Jeff Mousseau, who runs the program with his co-director and co-owner Paul Ricciardi, said the survey showed "there seems to be an appetite for more actual theater productions." And that is precisely what will be included this August following multiple other activities presented throughout the early summer months.

Mousseau said he was pleased with the strong survey response.

"It's about wanting to forge a connection in our rural community of Ancram and the region through the performing arts," he said, "by bringing what we think are really exceptionally talented artists to our theater and presenting them in a very intimate and immediate environment so they have a real connection with the audience."

He said the survey, conducted earlier in the season, was "inspiring."

That's because it showed respondents "really liked our programing mix, the caliber of productions that we are presenting and the events that we present and produce.

"They responded with a lot of enthusiasm about our community outreach programs even if they are not necessarily directly participating with them," Mousseau added. "The overall vibe that people seem to feel when they come to see a show here is welcoming and

Respondents requested more "family-friendly" offerings, something of which Mousseau approves and believes is the result of more families settling in the area.

Hoping to expand its audience, Mousseau said the AOH could do a better job communicating what it does.

"People don't necessarily know the full range of what we're doing, so that's something we have to work on," he said, noting the opera house might want to cast "a wider net" and send expensive direct snail mail to supplement the email blasts that reach its current audience.

"That is not helping us to grow," noted Mousseau, who added the AOH "straddles the surrounding area.

His goal is to garner more patrons from nearby New York towns as well as parts of Massachusetts and Connecticut, since people "seem willing to travel a half-hour or even more to see a



Part of the Ancram Opera House's (AOH) Emergence Col-

lective Play Lab in 2021, these performers were a part of what kept the AOH alive despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

show they're really interested in." He added thanks to Zoom, the

AOH is also working on collaborations with other organizations "in our neck of the woods [to] crack the mold and expand our partner-

Mousseau added he's not reaching out beyond Ancram simply to enlarge the audience; he's also doing so for cast members. While some are local actors, when a particular role can't be filled, auditions — and even some rehearsals — are sometimes moved to New York City, with its huge pool of professionals.

Those chosen often stay in an apartment located in the AOH itself, which allows for plenty of cast bonding and convenient preparations while ensuring that each production has its own identity.

That use is just one of many the building has seen over the years since it was first built as a Grange Hall in the 1920s. Since the 1970s, Mousseau said it has gone through many incarnations. The building has housed a wood working operation, a theater company, music events, readings and even yoga classes.

Mousseau and Ricciardi purchased the building in 2015, formed a nonprofit and offered

their first presentation in the summer of 2016. While COVID-19 shut things down last year and presented some challenges, the 'silver lining" is that it "stretched their creativity."

They've used Zoom and other internet connections to the fullest extent possible to work with collaborators and make special presentations, sometimes working outside in order to take advantage of "this beautiful place we live in." They have even moved productions to various locations, and will do so for upcoming events this August.

Recommended although not necessary, advance ticketing is available at www.ancramoperahouse.org, which also provides descriptions, times and locations of current offerings with more on tap for the fall.

Upcoming productions include 'Real People Real Stories," set for Saturday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. at The Hilltop Barn, Roeliff Jansen Park, 16 Old Route 22, Hillsdale; and live performances of The Plein Air Plays from Thursday, Aug. 12, through Sunday, Aug. 15, with the location TBA.

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14. Small sailboat 15. "Luther" actor

16. Round Dutch cheese

17. Detects underwater objects 18. Harsh, grating noise

19. Steward

21. Fencing sword

22. Painful places on the body 23. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress

Ryan 24. Sodium

25. Engineering degree (abbr.) 28. Small lump

29. African antelope

31. Electronic point of sale

33. Carefully chooses

36. Ringworm 38. Unrefined

39. Drenches

41. Type of pants 44. Son of Noah

45. Spiritual being

46. Upton Sinclair novel 48. Journalist Tarbell

49. Atomic #21 (abbr.)

51. Born of 52. Rich tapestry

54. S. China seaport

56. Being without clothes 60. Surrounded by

61. Remains 62. Away from wind

63. Dried-up

64. One who can see the future

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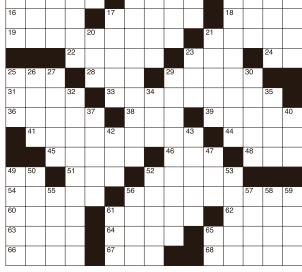
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11. "A Doll's House" playwright 12. "It's a Wonderful Life" director

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21. Chairs

23. Family of regulator genes



25. NY ballplayer

26. Impressive in size or scope

27. Jacques ___, Fr. biologist 29. Manhattanite

30. Genus of lemurs 32. Sings to

34. River in southern Italy 35. Supplemented with difficulty

37. Farewell 40. Senior officer

42. Utah resident 43. Begets

47. Boy 49. Violently break

50. Brief appearance 52. Expressed pleasure

53. A light informal meal

55. Fabric with smooth finish 56. One billionth of a second (abbr.)



57. Ancient Greek City

61. A way to communicate

58. Close tightly

59. Commit

(abbr.)

65. Heavy metal

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William Grant Bill' Curtis Sr.

of Gulf Breeze, Fla., passed away peacefully at home on July 23, 2021, after a lengthy illness.

Bill was born on Feb. 26, 1938, in North Canaan to the late Louis G. and Margaret Curtiss.

He proudly served in the United States Air Force for 20 years from August 1955 to August 1975 and was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Throughout his life, Bill enjoyed travel, camping, NASCAR, golfing, working in his yard and flower gardens, and "playing" in the casino with family and

He also loved spending time with his family and his precious Yorkie, "Louie."

He is survived by his wife, Nancy A. Curtis; his sisters, Mary Logerwell and Margaret Canevari; a brother, James D. Curtiss; his five children from his first marriage, Denise A. Curtis, Lynne H. Crosby and her husband, Ken Crosby, William G. Curtis Jr. and his wife, Stephanie Curtis, Lori K. Mitch-

NORTH CANAAN - Wil- ell and her husband, David liam Grant "Bill" Curtis Sr., 83, Mitchell, and Jeffrey P. Curtis

and his wife, Cindy Curtis; 17 grandchildren; 19 (number 20 on the way) greatgrandchildren; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by five siblings, Shirley Smith, Johnny

Curtiss Sr., Edith J. Thomen, Joseph Curtiss and Louis G. Curtiss.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Ronald Mc-Donald House, www.rmhc.org.

Visitation and memorial service will take place at Rose Lawn Funeral Home in Gulf Breeze on Aug. 6. Visitation will be from 9 to 10 a.m. and the memorial service will be at 10 a.m. followed by Military Memorial Burial Service at Barrancas National Cemetery

in Pensacola. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of TSgt. William "Bill" Grant Curtis Sr., USAF (ret.), go to the floral store for Rose Lawn Funeral Home & Cemetery.

Jan N. Gilmor

MILLERTON — Jan N. Gilmor, 68, a 21-year resident of Millerton and formerly of Pine Plains, died Monday, July 26, 2021 at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan.

Mrs. Gilmor co-owned and operated Gilmor Glass Works in Pine Plains with her late husband, John, prior to moving their studio and beautiful showroom to Main Street in Millerton in 2000.

Jan was instrumental in selecting and approving the creative design work and color pallet for a wide array of artisanal glass products that were produced at Gilmor Glass for nearly four decades. Her attention to detail and exquisite taste along with John's unmatched ability to transform billions of grains of sand into elegant works of art put Gilmor Glass at the forefront of their profession and led to a very successful business serving clients all over the world. Jan retired from Gilmor Glass in 2019.

Born Nov. 11, 1952, in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Phyllis (Silverstadt) and Donald Niederlitz. Following high school, Jan attended college and on Dec. 31, 1977, at Pine Plains Presbyterian Church she married John David Gilmor.

The Gilmors were married 43 years when John unexpectedly died on June 12, 2021.

Ian and John enjoyed traveling in their spare time and raising Labrador retrievers. Over the course of many years they raised 10 litters together.

Jan was known for her ability

to strike up a conversation with anyone and she loved a good, energized discussion.

She was also a founding member and supporter of TownScape, a revitalization initiative established many years ago by a group of caring business owners and citizens of the Village of Millerton and the Town of North East. Annual holiday decorations, sitting benches, signage, seasonal floral décor and business district enhancement projects are just some of the tasks that Town-Scape continues to provide and has perfected with great success. Jan will be dearly missed by all.

Jan is survived by her brotherin-law, Stephen J. Musso of Manhattan; her sisters-in-law, Mary Gilmor of New Windsor, N.Y., and Susan Gilmor on Winston-Salem, N.C.; two stepsisters, Lynn and Diane; a stepbrother, Rick; and many dear friends. In addition to her beloved husband, John, and her parents, Jan was predeceased by her loving sister, Kay Niederlitz.

There are no calling hours. A memorial service for John and Jan will take place at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home in Millerton.

Memorial donations may be made to TownScape, P.O. Box 835, Millerton, NY 12546 or North East Community Center, P.O. Box 35, Millerton, NY

To send an online condolence to the family or plant a tree in Jan's memory, go to www.conklinfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES

Thomas William Butts

AMENIA — Thomas William Butts, 64, a lifelong resident of Amenia, died July 29, 2021, at

Mr. Butts was a former sanitation worker for Welsh Sanitation in Amenia for several years.

Born on Nov. 1, 1956, in Sharon, he was the son of the late William Butts and Marilyn (Murtaugh) Butts of Amenia.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his son, Thomas W. Butts and his wife, Jennifer, of Chatham, N.Y.; his daughter, Marilyn Wynne and her husband, William, of Conshohocken, Pa.; a sister, Linda Butts of Amenia; a brother, Robert Butts of Amenia; and two grandchildren, Annaleigh and Robert Butts.

Graveside services and burial will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 301 Manchester Road, Suite 105, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

To send the family an online condolence, go to www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Therese Forsyth Hare

SALISBURY — Therese Forsyth Hare, 68, died July 17, 2021, peacefully surrounded by her family at Smilow Cancer Hospital in New Haven.

Terry was born April 27, 1953, in New York City to William H. Forsyth and Agnes M. (Mitchell) Forsyth. The Forsyths and Mc-Clintocks have lived on Prospect Mountain Road in Salisbury for 70 years, and Salisbury was Terry's favorite place to be.

She was educated at The Chapin School, Rosemary Hall, Westminster Choir College, Ithaca College, where she received a B.M.E., and Central Michigan University, where she received an M.A. in choral conducting.

After Ithaca College, she lived with her husband, John, in Bethlehem, Pa., Grand Rapids, Mich., and New Haven. In Pennsylvania, she taught cello privately; she was the Instrumental Director at Moravian Academy; and she played with the Reading Symphony Orchestra, the Pennsylvania Sinfonia, and the Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra, among others. She Capella Singers. In Michigan, she taught cello privately and at Grand Rapids Community structor of Viola da Gamba at the Westshore Symphony Orchestra, the Ash Grove String Trio, among others. She also sang with the Bach Chorale. She directed the choir of Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church, where she was also a deacon. In New Haven, she played bass and treble viol with various ensembles, sang with the Yale Collegium, and directed the choir of St. John's Episcopal Church, where she was a member of the pastoral care team. She also founded and directed the St. John's Youth Choir.

Terry was a person who spread joy to those around her. She saw the good in the people she was with, and drew the good out of them. She was a person of deep Christian faith, and she showed this in the love she gave to her family and to people that she met, sharing deeply in their joy and suffering. She had an exuberance for life that she delighted in sharing with others; she brought light and joy to what could otherwise have been mundane experiences, routinely spinning straw into gold. She had a way of welcoming and disarming everybody, making connections with new people, and turning duties into adventures. Life will not be the same without her in it. She will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her husband, John; her son Thomas, and her son Andrew and his wife, Lindsy, and their child, Rory; her brother, Bill, and his wife, Lesleigh; and her sister, Caroline; her cousins, Mary and Lucy and their families; and her many nephews and nieces, Lydia, Verena, Henry "Hank," Chris, Rebecca, David, Gilbert, Edward "Teddy" and their families.

The funeral was at St. John's Episcopal Church in New Haven on July 31. Celentano Funeral Home had charge of the arrangements.

Memorial gifts should be given to Rivendell Institute, 291 Edwards St., New Haven, CT 06511 (www.rivendellinstitute.

Memorial service: William J. Schrenk Jr.

FALLS VILLAGE — A memorial service for William Schrenk (who died on Jan. 23, 2021) will be held on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the

Cornwall Congregational Church, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall. The service will be at 2 p.m. and will be followed by a reception.

For another obituary, see Page B3

Find Bleacher Views online

Our sports columnist Theodore Kneeland questions how much college athletes should earn — if they should be earning anything at all — before they make it to the big leagues, in this week's Bleacher Views. The witty and wise sports column can be found online this week, at www.tricornernews.com.

For an update on how the Pine Plains Allstars 10u team did at the state softball championships in Rochester, turn to Page A3.

co-founded the Bethlehem A College, and she was the In-Calvin College. She played with Quartet, and the Terzina Piano

Nancy Lewis Smith

LAKEVILLE — Nancy Lewis Smith, 97, of Lakeville, died July 25, 2021, at Noble Ho-

rizons.

Nancy was born in Waterbury on July 30, 1923, daughter of the late Octavia (Hickcox) and Justin Smith.

She was a graduate of Great Barrington School for Girls in Great Barrington, Mass., Endicott Col-

lege in Beverly, Mass., and received her degree in teaching from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa.

After college, she worked at House of Industry in Philadelphia, a settlement house dedicated to the relief and employment of destitute immigrants.

She then returned to Connecticut, settled in Lakeville, and began her decades-long career teaching at Salisbury Central School.

Nancy had an affinity for nature. She enjoyed painting and photography and would often use photos she had taken as inspiration for her paintings.

She had a great interest in world travel and was an active

member of the Salisbury Congregational Church, where she was very involved in the Ladies' Upkeep Society.

Nancy leaves her brother, Justin L. Smith and his wife Jean (Vey) Smith of Boothbay Harbor, Maine; and eight nieces and

nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her sisters, Octavia Smith Cobb and Patricia Smith Brown. A memorial service was held

Wed., Aug. 4, at the Salisbury Congregational Church. Burial is private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial

donations in Nancy's name may be made to Save the Children, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, CT 06825.

For additional information or to leave an online message of condolence, go to www.hickcoxfuneralhome.com.



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860-824-1340 allsaintsofamerica.us

Memorial service: David A. Brammer

LAKEVILLE — There will be a celebration of life luncheon for David A. Brammer (who died on Feb. 13, 2021) on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the firehouse in Lakeville.

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AMENIA

Wastewater still an important sticking point for affordable housing

Amenia Housing Board continues to polish plans for listening session

By KAITLIN LYLE kaitlinl@millertonnews.com

AMENIA — Gathering over Microsoft Teams for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 13, the Amenia Housing Board (AHB) fine tuned its plans for an upcoming community listening session and stayed up-to-date on developments in the local region.

The meeting came to order at 5:30 p.m., and Leo Blackman initiated the discussion by asking if anyone had any thoughts about the listening session. At its previous meeting on June 8, he reminded the board it decided to hold the listening session in the fall, since people might be away on vacation during the summer.

Blackman said he recently learned the affordable housing group focused on Millerton, Pine Plains and Amenia called the Tri-Town Coalition received a grant of \$100,000 from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. The grant is to train housing ambassadors in the three towns. The training is to assist with outreach and help ambassadors speak with community members about the need for affordable housing

Thinking such training would be helpful before the AHB's listening session, Blackman said the training is a set of three, two-hour sessions done with the Regional Planning Association.

For the fall listening session, Blackman said the AHB still must select its format. Having sent the board an attachment regarding the visual presentation outline, he invited members to make suggestions for the presentation format.

As the board talked about what information should be included in the visual presentation, Blackman said he was advised by the Tri-Town Coalition that it makes sense to have facilitators work with attendees in small groups and to ask a couple of leading questions.

Board members considered the value of breaking into groups, but only if they have specific goals. They also considered separating attendees randomly, having a defined amount of time to talk about topics and having Housing Board members circulate around the sessions.

Blackman suggested conversing with Hudson River Housing Director of Strategic Initiatives

Elizabeth Druback-Celaya as

Some AHB members said they visualized the listening session and what components should be included. Reviewing their progress toward future goals, Blackman said he thought affordable housing units should be kept on the table, and that the board should look at the town's expansion plan and think about major changes in its zoning code to make affordable housing easier to build in Amenia.

He asked for ideas in contacting non-for-profit developers to discuss available real estate.

Highlighting some properties he's been looking at in the local region, AHB member Jeff Barnett-Winsby shared the holistic approach he hopes to take and said he's curious about the status of Amenia's Wastewater Committee and how it's defining sewer districts in town.

Blackman reported the Town Board has not been able to come up with the money to hire wastewater engineers thus far. He shared his hopes that the town will use the money the federal government recently awarded the

local municipalities to begin that hiring process. He also shared his frustrations of not being able to get answers about the town's wastewater status.

As an idea, Barnett-Winsby said he thought about taking the properties he's been looking at and try to do something that's "green and dense and passive and affordable."

He shared his understanding of the challenges involved in ensuring he can get "the right amount of septic" and the wells needed to service the area.

Since the town would ideally like to have a healthy mix of affordable housing options, Barnett-Winsby said he started thinking about what it'd be like to go to the Town Board and the Wastewater Committee and suggest making one of the properties be within the town's first sewer district.

Though he admitted it was "a bit of a pipe dream" and he would rather use the property for density and other like reasons, Barnett-Winsby said it might be a catalyst for the next step in creating a sewer solution for the town.



Having "oohed" and "aahed" at the snake, the children who attended the Animal Menagerie program hosted by the Amenia Free Library were allowed to pet the ball python with guidance from Sharon Audubon Center Volunteer Coordinator and Naturalist Bethany Sheffer.

Animal menagerie entertains and educates

AMENIA — Drawn by the Center Volunteer Coordinator promise of an animal menagerie, the Amenia Free Library drew an enthusiastic crowd of young readers at an Animal Menagerie with the Sharon Audubon Center.

It was the library's last program at the Amenia-Wassaic Community Outreach Summer Program, on Thursday, July 29.

Beginning at noon, the program was held inside the Maplebrook School Student Union, located at 24 Shane Drive in Amenia.

Led by Sharon Audubon

and Naturalist Bethany Sheffer, the group of children was introduced to a variety of live animals from the wildlife center — including a cockroach, a Vietnamese walking stick, a box turtle, a ball python and

Observing all Sheffer had

SHERIFF'S REPORT

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

Dual arrests for assault and criminal mischief

Saturday, July 31, Deputies responded to Morse Hill Road in the Town of North East for a disturbance.

An investigation resulted in the arrest of Brittney Ferris, 29, for Assault in the Third Degree.

Ferris was released on her own recognizance and is to appear at the Town of North East Court at a later date.

The investigation also resulted in the arrest of Richard Wikane, 30, for two counts of Criminal Mischief.

Wikane is also to appear in the Town of North East Court at a later date.

Multiple larcenies from vehicles

Saturday, July 24, the DCSO investigated multiple larcenies from parked vehicles that occurred late Friday night, July 23, and into the early morning hours of Saturday, in the latest report of cars being broken

The vehicles that were targeted were parked in residential driveways on South Parliman Road, Darren Road, Oakbrook Lane, Brookside Lane and Rose Court in the Town of Union Vale. Most of the vehicles were unlocked and the perpetrator(s) stole wallets, cash and other valuables from inside the vehicles.

The DCSO strongly urges everyone throughout Dutchess County to lock their vehicle doors and avoid leaving keys, key fobs, wallets, money, credit cards or any other valuable items inside vehicles.

The Sheriff's Office is also interested in any home security camera footage that may have captured a theft, attempted theft, suspicious person(s) or suspicious vehicle(s).

Neighbor dispute

Monday, July 12, Deputies responded to 22 Maple Lane in the Town of Dover for a report of a disturbance.

The investigation revealed a neighbor dispute occurred on the property. The matter was resolved without incident.

Neighbor dispute

Monday, July 12, Deputies responded to 18 Aldrich Road in Dover for another reported neighbor dispute.

The investigation resulted in appearance tickets returnable to the Town of Dover Court being issued to Julie Tuz and Julie Rodriguez for Harassment in the Second Degree.

Criminal contempt charges

Monday, July 12, Deputies responded to Mill Street in the Town of Dover for a reported disturbance

The investigation resulted in the arrest of David Guzman, 33, of Dover Plains. Guzman was charged with Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree and Criminal Mischief the Fourth Degree.

The subject was remanded to the Dutchess County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash over \$20,000 bail/bond.

Possible violation of Order of Protection

Tuesday, July 13, Deputies responded to Clearview Road in the Town of Dover for a report of a possible Order of Protection violation.

Stephen J. Extance, 64, was later arrested for Contempt in the First Degree and Aggravated Family Offense. Extance was arraigned and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bail or \$60,000 bond.

DWI arrest

Wednesday, July 14, Deputies investigated a minor onecar automobile accident in the area of 404 Leedsville Road.

The operator of the vehicle was identified as Shawn M. Hutton, 51, of Amenia. Hutton was subsequently charged with driving while intoxicated. He was later released and was to appear in the Town of Amenia court on later dater.

Disturbance at Cumbie's

Sunday, July 4, Deputies along with units from the New York State Police responded to the Cumberland Farms at 3205 Route 22 in Amenia for a disturbance involving 10 to 15 individuals. The group was dispersed without further incident.

Vehicles broken into

Friday, July 2, Deputies took several complaints of vehicles broken into that occurred overnight on Stone Avenue in the Town of North East.

An out-of-state crime ring has been operating in eastern Dutchess County and nearby Connecticut and is believed to be connected to some of the recent car thefts and also reports of stolen items from vehicles in the area. The Sheriff's Office is continuing its investigation.

Again, residents are reminded to not leave any valuables in their vehicles and to lock their vehicles, even when they are parked right outside of their homes or businesses.

Another car larceny

Wednesday, June 30, Deputies investigated a vehicle break in that occurred during the overnight hours at 18 Highland St. in the Village of Millerton.

The investigation is ongoing. Residents are reminded to

not leave any valuables in their vehicles and to lock their vehicles at all times. Report crime tips

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

or email dcsotips@gmail.com.

The Millerton News will publish the outcome of police charges. Contact us by mail at P.O. Box 625, Millerton, NY 12546, Attn: Police Blotter, or send an email, with "police blotter" in the subject line, to editor@millertonnews.

to teach them, the children learned about the animals' unique characteristics and were even allowed to briefly pet a few of them after receiving instructions on the proper way to handle them.

- Kaitlin Lyle

Goods, good music, good food at Kent sale days

KENT, Conn. — The Kent Sidewalk Sale Days combine two fun activities: shopping and being outdoors.

a.m. to 5 p.m. and continues through Sunday, Aug. 8. It's sponsored by the Kent Chamber of Commerce, and most of the stores in town (including several new businesses) will have special sales and

other enticements. The St. Andrews church Tag Sale returns, and as is the case with most of this year's tag sales, expect to find a larger-than-normal selection (people stockpiled their goods for a year because of the COVID-19 quarantine last summer).

Also overflowing with interesting second-hand goods is the summer-long Kent Memorial Library Outdoor Book Sale (while you're there you

can purchase a raffle ticket to win a 2013 Mini Cooper Convertible).

Food options include full This year's festival begins meals at restaurants or grab-Thursday, Aug. 5, from 10 and-go options from Davis IGA and the new Sophie's Bakery. The Kent Farmers Market will be on Friday, Aug. 6, from 3 to 6 p.m. in its usual spot at 9 South Main, just south of the traffic light.

Kent Yoga and Bodyworks will offer half-price in-person or online Namastream classes on Friday and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.; reservations are required. Mention "sidewalk sales" at Lore's Nail Spa for

10% off any service. The 2021 Summer Concert Series will present its final free concert on Thursday, Aug. 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., featuring the always-popular Joint Chiefs. The concert will take place at the Kent Land Trust Field on Route 7. On

11:30am-2:30pm - Free Admission



The Kent Sidewalk Sale Days return this weekend, with concerts, special sales and food from Aug. 5 to 8.

Saturday, Aug. 7, Glori Wilder will perform a free outdoor concert at the Shops at 31 North Main from 3 to 5 p.m.

For information on these and other activities, go to www.kentct.com.

— Cynthia Hochswender



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SQUARE PLAZA Continued from Page A1

done, they cost too much money to operate."

Which is why, when the Hannaford supermarket chain considered Millerton as a potential site for a store a number of years ago, the Maine based company had to assess whether it would be profitable. After all, the community is within a town — North East — with a population of 3,031, according to the last Census count on record (2010) and a village - Millerton — with a population count of 958, according to the 2010

Trotta broke down how difficult it can be for a supermarket to be profitable in a rural area like Millerton.

"The populations in our

area are sparse," he said. "These companies want 50,000 people within a couple of miles of the store. If you go up 20 miles you can pick up 30,000 people. Go up to Hillsdale to North Kent, maybe to Canaan, Ancram, and you can come up with 30-35,000 people. They look at the fringes; we don't draw heavily from the fringe."

He added that despite "not drawing from the fringe," the Trotta family's supermarket business, which was started years earlier by Skip's father, the late Joseph Anthony Trotta Jr., was always strong.

"The fact is when I ran that store [Trotta's grocery in Millerton], we were doing an incredible business. We had about

9,000 customers a week. And our sales today, if you take 1.9%, which was in '93 when I sold the business, if I take 1.9%, the flat number of years on my sales, it would match what Stop and Shop is doing today in North Canaan what we were doing in

To be clear for anyone who needs clarification, North East town Supervisor Chris Kennan confirmed later that Thursday, "No, the plaza has not been

Hannaford history

In early 2011, Southern Realty developer John Joseph submitted a detailed site plan and all of the required paperwork, including in-depth environmental reviews and engineering plans, to the North East Planning Board on behalf of Hannaford. Following an extremely thorough review — which included testing for the endangered and elusive Bog turtle — the Planning Board granted final approval.

In the meantime, a group of 10 grocery store owners from around the Tri-state region was organized by Sharon Kroeger, owner of a small shop in Wassaic called Calsi's Market. They aggressively protested the Hannaford application. To fight the application in court, though, a Millerton or North East resident was needed to give the case legal standing, as Kroeger lived in Amenia.

That's when Kroeger enlisted the help of the late Anne Vet-

eran, a former Millerton Village Board trustee who claimed the construction of the new supermarket would cause property damage and flooding to her home. Kroeger and Veteran filed an injunction to put the brakes on the application.

Although the court ultimately ruled in favor of the Planning Board and gave the application the go-ahead, it took so long and cost so much that Hannaford ultimately pulled out of the project — leaving Millerton without a supermarket.

At the time, the Department of Justice determined Hannaford was becoming too big, and that the company needed to sell off some of its stores. Hannaford did so; it also merged with Stop and Shop in North Canaan, Conn., to bring its goods to the region. The move made the need for a Millerton store even less essential in the eyes of many grocery companies, according to both the Trotta brothers and members of the North East Town Board, all of whom have been trying to lure another grocer to replace Hannaford since it withdrew its application.

Hannaford wanted to be at the plaza

And that is where this story picks up, according to Trotta.

Back in 2011, when Joseph was hoping to bring Hannaford to Millerton, there were two proposals the developer was considering, not knowing which would come to fruition.

The first was to refurbish the former Grand Union supermarket at the Millerton Square Plaza, where "they wanted to spend \$6 to \$7 million," according to Trotta. He added Hannaford "never wanted to build."

The second option was exactly that, "to build" anew at the Thompson Plaza, just a mile or so east on Route 44 toward the Connecticut border. Plans had been etched out for a large, brand-new store next to the plaza owned by Ken Thompson, who was in full support of the project. That site plan was a part of the application that won approval from the Planning Board, but by no means the developer's or Hannaford's first choice, said

After the courts ordered Hannaford and Stop and Shop to merge, the Stop and Shop in North Canaan opened and has since become a popular destination for residents throughout the Tri-state region. For those in Millerton without transpor-

tation, though, it remains a faroff grocery mirage, along with other supermarkets in the area that may be near, but are still too far out of reach for many.

Hannaford returns to the plaza in 2021

Trotta said that was why he was extremely pleased when Hannaford reached out to him this January, to revisit the Millerton Square Plaza as it was reconsidering locating a grocery store there. Unfortunately, he said, after the visit negotiations were prevented from progress-

"Hannaford did come around and Stop and Shop stepped on it," said Trotta. "They didn't want to compete with themselves in Millerton. Those are two facts I can tell you... Now Stop and Shop is in control; they are the majority in the merger and don't want to compete with themselves. They already have our business from Millerton."

There's still hope

So while the plaza has not been sold as of this moment, and Hannaford is not moving into the former Grand Union site (which was most recently the Millerton Fresh Market, which closed in 2019), Trotta said there is an "uptick" in interest in commercial property, including in Millerton.

"There have been people knocking on the door looking at the plaza," he said.

McDonald's update

Meanwhile, there are plans in store for the former McDonald's at the plaza, which closed in 2015. The stand-alone building has been drawing a lot of curious glances in recent months from local residents due to all of the activity taking place, including some construction and painting. The site had been sitting vacant since McDonald's departed, with large "For Rent" signs on its walls and many wondering when a tenant would finally move in.

What was once a Burger King before becoming the Golden Arches has been leased from Trotta by Liz and Eric Macaire, a couple from Salisbury, Conn. The pair has been renovating the space since earlier this year.

According to Eric, there have been some delays in the project, but he said on Monday, Aug. 2, the plan is to open a restaurant serving fried chicken, sandwiches, barbecue and doughnuts in the former fast food restaurant space. He added that there is no date set for the opening as of the present moment.

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a solution for what many have called "problems" rather than "projects." Residents have often asked village leaders what they planned to do with, on one end of Franklin Avenue, the old, vacant Thorne Building, at the other end of the village, where routes 82 and 343 meet, the mass of ghostly, rotting and most likely dangerous buildings where Bennett College once operated.

Work to start ASAP

Now MCP, a nonprofit, is offering solutions. It made its plans known at the July 29 public meeting. Thorne said he's hopeful some work can begin as early as Monday, Aug. 2.

That's when he said demolition at the aging Bennett College is scheduled to begin. MCP said that will pave the way to creating a 32-acre park on the Bennett property.

Meanwhile, renovations on the Thorne Building are also scheduled to begin shortly. The Thorne Building is set to become a multi-purpose community center. It is located just minutes away from the Bennett properties at the other end of the village on Franklin Avenue.

Funding

In his opening remarks Thursday evening, Thorne said that the Tribute Garden and the Thorne family have offered to raise the \$20 million needed to complete both projects. They will also oversee the development and the operations of the two facilities.

The complete renovation of the theater at the Thorne **Building Community Center** is expected to cost another \$1 million to bring it up to professional standards; \$8 million has already been raised, \$3 million has been donated by private families and \$5 million has been

donated by the Tribute Garden. As of now, said Thorne, the

fundraising campaign has not gone public. That phase will come in time, he noted, and may be done with possible raffles, fundraisers and other creative Health and safety auditing

Thorne introduced Kevin Seise, the project manager of Vertex, a New Jersey company that deals with environmental health and safety auditing, industrial hygiene, site remediation and training services. Seise explained in detail how the demolition of the decaying Bennett buildings will take place and what safety measures will be employed.

This was especially pertinent information to those who live closest to the area, namely those who live at the Bennett Commons condominiums.

Residents weigh in

Mary and Stan Morse, who have resided at Bennett Commons for the past 36 years, are glad that the demolition and subsequent development is getting underway.

"We feel very good about the process," Morse stated. "We have been a part of the process for more than five years."

Like many other residents, they are pleased they have been kept informed about what's taking place, and feel that Thorne and others involved in the planning have listened to their ideas, fears and needs.

A little history

One hold-up over the years was a land swap that had to take place, allowing the Bennett Commons pool and tennis courts to go to the condo owners, while a different plot went to the college properties.

Thorne purchased the prop-

erty in 2014, when it was about to be foreclosed on by the parties who owned it at that time. When he did so the community was largely pleased, as his doing so kept its ownership in local hands and away from outside developers, and locals were fearful it would be exploited.

The architect & his plans

Michael Sloan, of Sloan Architects P.C., has been hired to do the architectural work for the project. He has a personal interest in the assignment as his great-great-grandfather, William Sloan, was from the family that originally made the Thorne Building possible. The building was donated — to be used for educational purposes only — to the newly incorporated Village of Millbrook in 1895.

After ensuring the audience the removal of asbestos and some lead paint would be done according to rigorous state standards, Sloan gave a detailed description of the plans for the Thorne Building Community Center. Those include a central elevator that will go to all floors; a kitchen in the basement that can be used for catering, teaching and other uses; and the renovation of the auditorium stage to professional standards. It could also be used for private parties, as could a large area on the second floor.

Plans for the second floor include a film projection room. Throughout the center there will be studios, offices, classrooms and bathrooms. It will be high tech, with a focus on providing space for computers and media, with plenty of access for public

The main entrance will be refurbished; the back entrance near the theater will also be completely revamped. The

The dormer windows need to be replaced, but the lower windows The playground that is cur-

chimneys have to be replaced,

but the roof is in good shape.

rently on site at the Thorne Building will be moved closer to the church. A bike path and a walkway that is safe for children may be constructed connecting Bennett Park to the Thorne Building, for easier access.

The Band Shell adjacent to the Thorne Building will be moved and turned around for better acoustics and viewing. There may be a second Band Shell constructed at a later time for Bennett Park.

All of this is hoped to add to the quality of life in Millbrook, and to possibly attract new families to move into the area. It is expected to also provide local restaurants and businesses with more customers and to draw more visitors to the business district.

Questions & concerns

Sloan and Seise both took questions; most were about the safety of the demolitions and asbestos abatement, one was about the water table, which Sloan said would not be affected.

Much of the heating and other electric elements will be underground, old boilers and heating elements will be removed. A question about the current state of poor broadband service came up when Sloan talked about the capabilities of so many hi-tech features; he noted that there are currently cable and other providers who may be updating services.

The only discordant moment came at the very end of the meeting, when Millbrook Historical Society President Robert McHugh asked Thorne if any thought had been put into allotting a space for the Historical Society at the community center; it is currently housed in the basement of Village Hall.

The space is small, it's not climate controlled and it's difficult to reach. The society has an important collection of artifacts, and McHugh said the Thorne Building is an integral part of Millbrook's history. Thorne said his group is always willing to work with other nonprofits, but didn't make a commitment to the society at the meeting.

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avoid the area between Route 41, Route 4 and Hiltop Road as troopers search for the suspect."

This is not the first time a robber has fled on foot from a Sharon bank. David K. Olsen was arrested and convicted in 1999 of robbing the New Milford Savings Bank in Sharon in 1997. That bank is in the shopping plaza; the Salisbury Bank and Trust bank is across the street (Route 41).

According to a report in The Lakeville Journal, Olsen had walked into the bank at 8:15 a.m. with a plastic handgun, took \$1,450 and fled on foot.

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and on the town website, www. pineplains-ny.gov.

Second scoping session

Similar to the first session, the public was given the opportunity to review plans, maps and other information in the lobby outside the auditorium and to pick up a copy of the scoping document before filing into the auditorium for the presentation. About 40 people were seated in the auditorium by 10 a.m.

Frank Fish, a planner with town consultants BFJ Planning, ascribed scoping as "the table of contents for the environmental impact statement [EIS]" and as "a comment on what you think is important to be in the scope and... what should not be in the scope."

Explaining why scoping matters in the required State **Environmental Quality Review** Act (SEQRA) process, he emphasized "the key to this is no agency can take any action, at all, in terms of land use approvals until they make the SEQRA findings."

Describing the project's decade-plus long history and multiple incarnations, planner Stuart Mesinger from engineering firm, The Chazen Companies, said the current plan is "an as-of-right plan" that complies with residential zoning in both

Pine Plains and Milan. Along with having most of the developments clustered around

Lake Carvel, he highlighted the amenities for homeowners, the connective open space, the robust network of trails and other project amenities.

Public comments

As the first to speak, Pine Plains Superintendent of Schools Martin Handler voiced his support for the project as "an economic development engine" he believes will benefit local residents. He said he saw "only a positive impact of the economic development of this project relative to our school system."

Drawing from the Pine Plains' updated Comprehensive Plan, which focuses on the preservation of its rural small town character, town Supervisor Darrah Cloud asked for a study of the sustainability of said rural character.

"How do we keep being a small place with lots of freedoms?" she asked. "How do we prepare for the impact of so many people coming in, and in that, could there be a guide to us so that we can go forward, beginning soon, to prepare for something like this and keep our

small rural character?" Concerned about the environmental impact, Pine Plains Councilwoman Sarah Jones suggested expanding a section in the scoping document to include a discussion of greenhouse gases; an assessment of CO2 capacity; and a discussion of mitigation

measures to reduce greenhouse gases during the project's construction and after the development begins to operate.

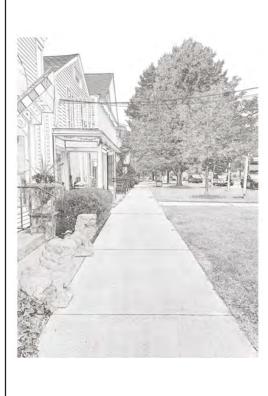
Among the other comments and concerns, Gregg Salisbury voiced concerns about CO2 emissions through the construction of new homes while Brett Gold shared concerns about having the intersection of Mount Ross Road and Route 199 as an entrance.

By 11:07 a.m., the second scoping session concluded.

Comments can still be sent

Now that the scoping sessions are over, the public has until Tuesday, Aug. 10, to submit additional written comments either by email, to planningboard@pineplains-ny.gov or by mail, to Tricia Devine, Planning Board Secretary, Pine Plains Town Hall, P.O. Box 955, Pine Plains, NY 12567.

Residents may find the project description and map, notice of scoping procedures and a proposed Draft Scope for the DEIS on the Town of Pine Plains website, www.pineplains-ny.gov. Paper copies of the draft scope and project map may be found at the Pine Plains Town Hall front desk, located at 3284 Route 199, and at the Pine Plains Free Library, located at 7775 South Main St. (Route 83). Contact Devine via email or at 518-398-8600, ext. 3, for more information.



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Your Guide to Tri-State Arts & Entertainment

The Art of Brewing Beer at NRM

▼he Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Mass., will host the third annual Art of Brewing Festival on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 1 to

In addition to craft beers there will be regional foods from truck vendors, plus music and lawn games. Inside the museum there will be show of beer can illustrations.

About a dozen regional craft breweries are participating, including Brewery Ommegang and Berkshire Brewing Company.

For \$35 (\$20 for museum members), participants receive 10 sample pours and



Norman Rockwell Museum offers much more than just art, including a screening of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" with Berkshire County's Karen Allen, above.

a souvenir Norman Rockwell Museum beer glass.

Also at the museum is the summer-long exhibition of fantasy art and illustration, with special artist talks.

Unrelated but still fun: There will be a screening on Wednesday, Aug. 25, at 6 p.m. of "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

A special guest at the screening will be one of the film's stars, Karen Allen, who is a Berkshire County resident.

Tickets for the outdoor screening are \$125 for the reception and film, or \$20 for the film only.

The museum is at 9 Glendale Road/Route 183 in Stockbridge and online at www.nrm.org.

— Cynthia Hochswender



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rolling lawn and steps away from the venerable Old Inn on the Green.

This tiny corner of Berkshire County (about a 30-minute drive from Lakeville, Conn.) looks like a sleepy New England village center, something out of an old movie. But it's pumping with life, thanks to the interesting people who inhabit this part of the world, and the cultural activities they come up with.

One such activity is the annual summertime talks with notable media figures. The talk featuring the at-that-time recently disgraced Garrison Keillor in 2019 sparked a furious conversation on social media about whether the writer/ radio personality should be invited to a public forum in the village. Keillor did in fact come, and every seat in the former

church was full. But the angry feelings sparked in that debate continue to this day.

This year's speakers are (apparently) less controversial. Bill McKibben, who writes extensively about the planet and climate change, and his wife, the author Sue Halpern, will speak on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 4:30 p.m. about our world, its past and its future. The title of their talk, ominously, is "The Future You Don't Want."

Tickets are \$20 (free for those under 21); order them at www.eventbrite. com/e/bill-mckibben-and-sue-halpern-on-climate-the-environment-and-technology-tickets-158748249287.

The New Marlborough Meeting House is at 154 Hartsville New Marlborough Road in New Marlborough, Mass. Learn more about the Meeting House at www. nmmeetinghouse.org.

> — Cynthia Hochswender



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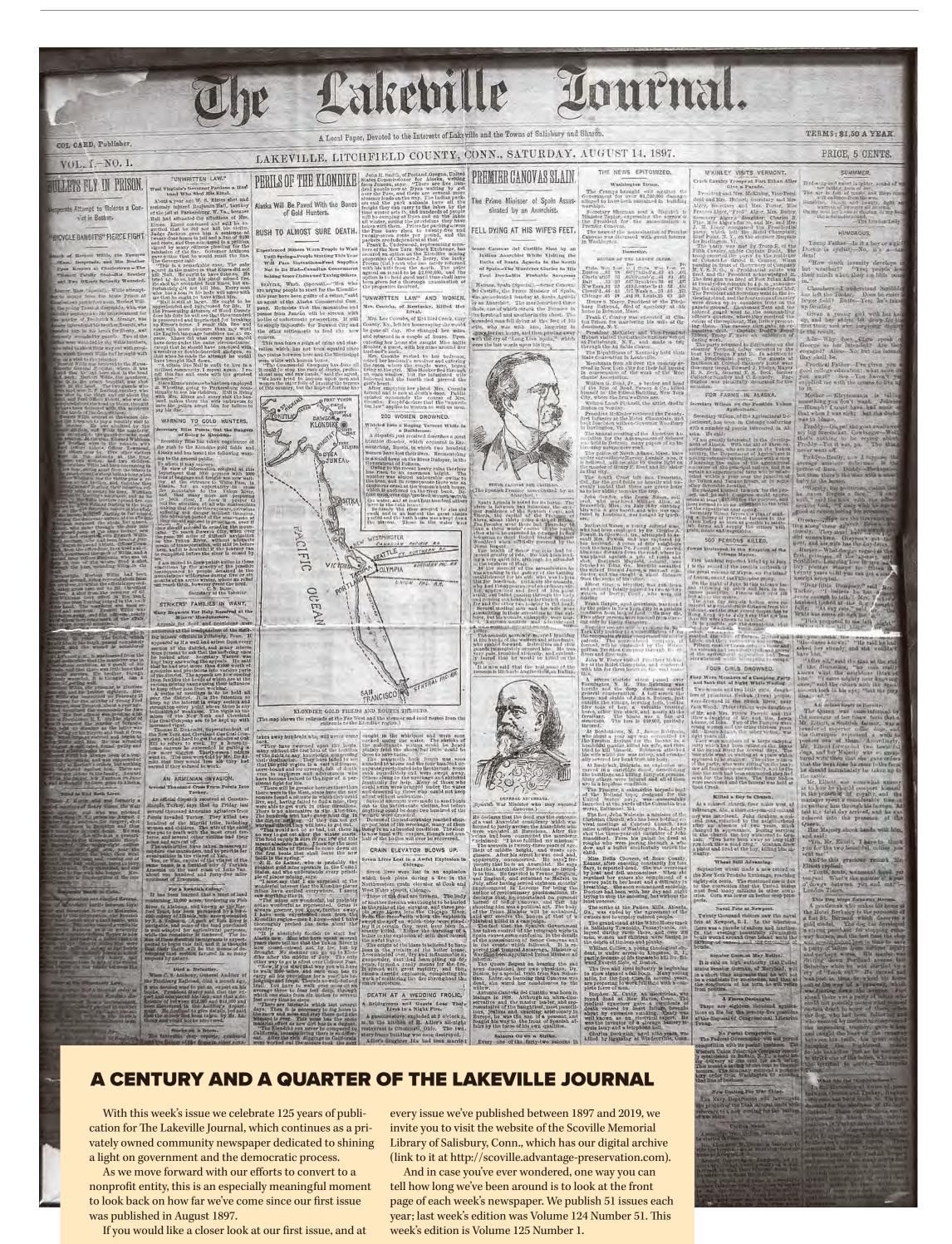
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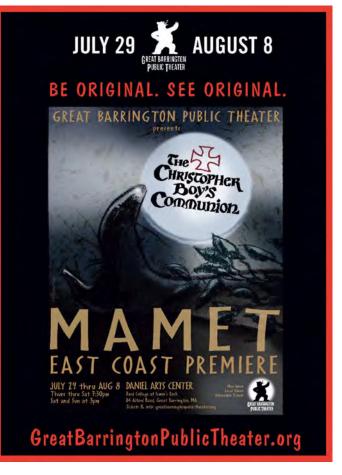


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MILLBROOK

Village announces HBO to film, gives updates on tennis court and sidewalks

By JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

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MILLBROOK — The Village Board met on Wednesday, July 14, at the Millbrook firehouse, the first in-person meeting in more than a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was held at the firehouse instead of Village Hall to maintain social distancing.

It was aired on Cable Channel 22 and taped to go on the village website at a later date. It was proposed that future Village Board meetings be held at the firehouse because it's more specious.

Speeding concerns, parking

The board said it needed feedback on driver safety and the speeding problem on Franklin Avenue — always an issue. It is considering posting signs that display the speed of drivers, staking police at speed zones to issue tickets and if it does so, whether those spots should vary over time.

Continued support for local restaurants was discussed as far as parking on Church Street. It was proposed that there be timed parking restrictions, two minutes for the Millbrook Deli, two minutes for Nooch's and three minutes for Le Beaux.

Outdoor dining is featured on Church Street, but the time

restrictions would be for patrons to pickup to-go orders, and would also affect Barbaro and Babette's Kitchen, both on Franklin Avenue.

"No parking" will also be painted on some parking spaces along Church Street and marked by cones, to help facilitate outdoor dining. The Millbrook Business Association (MBA) offered to help absorb the costs.

Shade Tree Committee

The Shade Tree Committee consists of three members: Public Works Supervisor Bob Collocola, Deputy Mayor Mike Herzog and former Trustee Kevin McGrane. Herzog asked that the three be officially appointed by the mayor; Collacola for a two-year term, McGrane and Herzog for one-year terms.

Their duties include examining trees in the village to ensure they are safe, deciding what trees need to be taken down, where to plant new trees and what types of trees to plant.

They must also inform residents if and when trees need to be removed or planted, verbally and in writing.

Herzog also asked that two vacant positions on the tree committee be filled. Anyone interested in volunteering for the positions is asked to send letters of interest to Village Clerk Sarah Witt at the Village Hall, 35 Merrit Ave., Millbrook,

NY 12545

Several resolutions were discussed and adopted by the board. One related to a new water/sewer connection for a home on Maple Avenue that had been approved years ago by former Mayor Laura Hurley.

Trustee and Department reports

Trustee Leslie Anson reported she spoke to Millbrook Central School District Assistant Superintendent for Finance Brian Fried. She said he acknowledged the gazebo located by the tennis courts does belong to the school district, so the district is responsible for its upkeep and repairs.

Collopy noted that the village had \$166,000 in Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) money; \$100,999 was spent, with \$20,000 going toward a new plow and \$6,500 going toward a plow for a highway department truck, leaving a balance of \$40,000.

He said he would like to spend what is left on paving and would supplement that with funds from the COVID American Rescue Plan.

Collopy asked that money be put in a long-standing escrow fund, which no one has made a claim for and amounts to \$2,295. He would like that transferred to the General Fund, which the board agreed

Tennis court update

The tennis court repaving project effort has raised \$23,410 thus far. The work will not take place until next year, said the board. It was originally expected to cost \$25,000 but may run as high as \$30,000. The village will get three quotes and select the best price when the time comes. The board expressed its gratitude to the public for each and every donation.

Sidewalks

Engineer Rich Rennia consulted about reconditioning the village sidewalks; he has submitted a formal proposal. He will also submit a figure and a schedule for the work. The initial cost for surveying and planning will cost \$10,500.

The board voted that this sum will be paid from the combined trust accounts. Once there is a final figure in place, the village will search for a grant to help finance the much-needed work.

HBO to film near diner

Collopy reminded all that HBO will be filming near the Millbrook Diner on Tuesday, Aug. 24. Set-up will be on Wednesday, the 23rd, and breakdown will be Thursday, Aug. 25. Crews will be parking three very large trucks and will utilize space at Millbrook High School, but the mayor is expecting minimal disruption.

HBO has acquired a public assembly permit, but no details were shared on the name of the production.

Thorne Building transfer

The transfer of the Thorne Building from the village to the Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP), formerly the Thorne Building Community Center, has taken place. The papers are signed and the long-awaited transfer is now complete.

Public hearings

The next regular Village Board meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m. at the Millbrook firehouse will include several public hearings. They will address the repeal of traffic violations; Bingo and games of chance; the need to charge fees at entertainment venues on a yearly basis; and solid waste.

The code regarding residency requirements to be a village justice is to be repealed as there is no longer a Justice Court in the village. An outdated ethics code revised in 2013 will also be discussed.

For more information on upcoming meetings, go to www.villageofmillbrookny.org.



PHOTO BY JUDITH O'HARA BALFE

An appreciative audience listened on the lawn of the Millbrook Library to a concert on Friday evening, July 30, as musicians performed. From left are keyboardist Joe Vincent Tranchina, vocalist Elli Fordyce, bassist Robert Kopek, and not pictured, drummer John Devine.

Library turns lawn into outdoor jazz hall

MILLBROOK — A happy audience of more than 25 jazz enthusiasts gathered on the front lawn of the Millbrook Library on Friday night, July 30, to listen to local jazz singer Elli Fordyce and her trio, consisting of Joe Vincent Tranchina on the electric keyboard, Robert Kopek on the upright bass and John Devine on drums.

Fordyce is a long-time local favorite and her trio of musicians are all well-know jazz musicians in their own right.

With seating provided by the library, a slight breeze blowing courtesy of Mother Nature and the music flowing thanks to the talented musicians, it was a real summer treat.

The concert was one of many brought to the community courtesy of the library's summer programing. Adult Event Coordinator Kristen Perkins originally scheduled the concert for June 29, but the weather had other plans and the library had to reschedule the night of jazz for its rain date on July 30, which proved to be the perfect evening.

The musical selections that evening were mostly from the American Song Book, and were a welcome respite from today's chaotic world, according to those in the audience.

For more on future programs at the library, check out its website, www.millbrooklibrary.org.

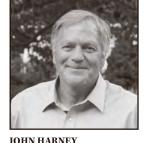
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is a lively discussion in most towns here in the NW corner. I have to admit that I am trying to learn what they are and their purpose in protecting our lakes and wetlands. Fortunately, the CTDEEP has put out a pamphlet on this very subject called Guidelines for Upland Review Area Regulations for the Connecticut's Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Act. This can be found either at portal.ct.gov/-/ media/DEEP/water/wetlands/ uplandreviewdocumentjune1997PDF. PDF or happy to email a copy to you.

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OBITUARY

Daniel Charles Wright Jr.

SHARON — Daniel Charles Wright Jr., 93, passed away peacefully at his home in Sharon in the early hours of Wednesday, July 28, 2021. His wife of 67 years, Ann Wright, was at his bedside, along with children and grandchildren.

Dan was born on June 8, 1928, and grew up in Springfield, Mass. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 toward the end of World War II and was trained as a Corpsman. Honorably discharged, he attended the Munson Academy in Wilbraham, Mass., on the GI Bill, and upon graduation, moved to Boston to attend the Leland Powers School of Television and Radio.

While in Boston, in 1952 Dan was reintroduced to an acquaintance from Springfield named Mary Ann Callahan who was attending Boston University. They commenced a lifelong love story.

They married in 1953 and settled in NYC to pursue careers in the entertainment industry. He worked in many different areas of the business, starting out as an actor in live television, and working on production crews for live TV and TV commercials. He transitioned to talent representation and

worked with Ann for decades as a Theatrical Agent, a Sports Agent, representing successful athletes in the endorsement and commercials arena, and then as a Literary Agent representing screenwriters.

The essence of Dan as a person is not found in a recitation of his career achievements. Dan was an artist in his core being. He was an observer of human behavior which he strived all his life to translate primarily through his painting, and a lifestyle of do-it-yourself decorative arts, furniture refinishing, and always an appreciation of the common man.

His salt-of-the-earth New England values informed his personal style. His aesthetic vision is everywhere evidenced in hundreds of oil paintings on canvas, watercolors, acrylic, charcoal, and pen and ink drawings. His annual handdrawn Christmas card was a sought-after keepsake. The Sharon house is floor to ceiling Dan art. He showed his work from time to time in NYC, and more recently at the Kent Art Association, Trinity Gallery at Lime Rock, Housatonic Valley Art League, Town Hall Gallery in Sharon and the Litchfield Jazz Festival, where his popular collection of "Jazz Greats" portraits were displayed. Dan loved his family, with

particular unwavering love for Ann, which he stated loudly for all to hear every morning.

Dan was predeceased by son Patrick Xavier Wright of Ridgefield, Conn.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Wright of Sharon; his children, Christopher Wright of Los Angeles, Calif., Susan Wright of Sharon, and Michael Wright of Sandy Hook, Conn.; his daughters-in-law, Laurie Ledoux Wright of Sandy Hook and Holly Powell-Wright of Paso Robles, Calif.; and his grandchildren in order of age, Ryan Wright of Menlo Park, Calif., Nicholas Tripodi of Canaan, Alex Tripodi of Sharon and Jerusha Wright of Sandy Hook.

Family visitation hours will be held at the Kenny Funeral Home in Sharon on Thursday, Aug. 12, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary's Church in Ridgefield on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 10 a.m.

For more obituaries, turn to Page A4

LEGAL NOTICES

PINE PLAINS TOWN BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Pine Plains Town Board shall conduct a public hearing on Local Law No. A of 2021 entitled: "A Local law Amending Certain Portions of Chapter 271 and Other Sections of the Town Code Relating to Zoning" on August 19, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. at the Pine Plains Town Hall, located 3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York. The purpose of this Local Law is to adopt certain textual changes to the Town Code with regard to zoning in accordance with the recommendations of the Town's Zoning Review Committee and consulting planners. A copy of this Local Law is available for public inspection at the Pine Plains Town Clerk's office during regular hours. A copy of the

said Local Law has also been provided at the Town's public library located at 7775 South Main Street, Pine Plains, New York and will be posted on the

Town's website and official board. Any person desiring to be heard on this Local Law shall be permitted to do so

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July 15, 2021 .
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Judy Harpp
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08-05-21

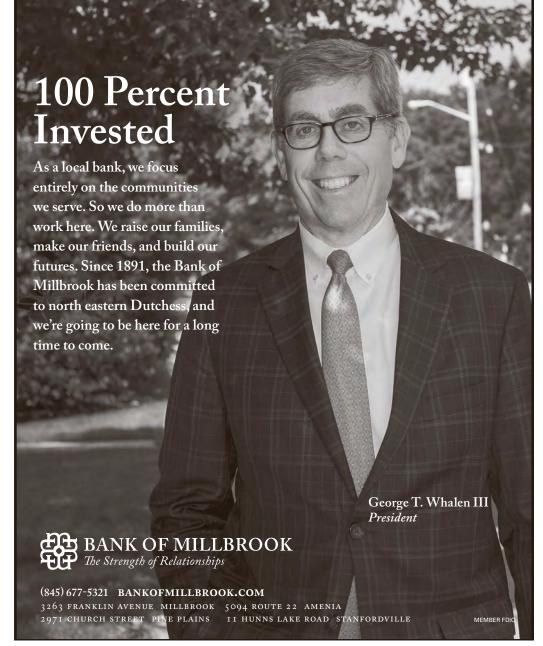
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3284 Route 199, Pine Plains, New York, for the purpose of hearing all persons for or against the area variance application submitted by Tyson Klay for property located at 31 Maple Street, Town of Pine Plains, Dutchess County, Tax Map ID #134200-6872-14-467308.

All interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard with regard to the proposed action requesting the maximum rear yard setback for a proposed shed to be 3 feet in lieu of the required maximum of 40 feet. The application is available for review at the Pine Plains Town Hall during regular business hours.

By order of: Scott Chase Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals 08-05-21



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021

EDITORIAL

MCP draws a crowd for Thorne and Bennett projects talk

The Millbrook Community Partnership (MCP), which held its inaugural public meeting on Thursday, July 29, for plans it has to revive properties at both the Bennett College site and of the actual Thorne Building itself, should be extremely pleased with itself.

MCP drew a crowd of more than 100 curious and concerned mostly village of Millbrook and town of Washington residents and business people, in person — and who knows how many more via Zoom — to the well-publicized meeting held at the Millbrook firehouse last Thursday evening.

It also elicited a good number of comments from those who attended about the park the nonprofit organization is planning to create at the former Bennett College property. That's where routes 82 and 343 meet and welcome most to the popular and highly-regarded high-end shopping destination. But before visitors can enter Millbrook via Franklin Avenue from the south end, they must first pass the almost haunted looking relic of the old Bennett College, once a leading girls college in the Hudson Valley; it closed in 1978 after going co-ed in 1974. Now all that's left are the wood and stone skeletal remains of the school, slowly disintegrating into dust and surely as much a danger as it is an eyesore.

MCP Chairman Oakleigh Thorne told the audience on July 29 that if all goes according to plan, demolition on the Bennett buildings may begin as soon as Monday, Aug. 2, which would pave the way for a 32-acre park on what really is a lovely

Meanwhile, Thorne also shared plans about the Thorne Building, which was donated by his family in 1895 to the village of Millbrook before it was officially a formal village. The donation of the building, which was given to be used solely for the purposes of education, is what prompted the village to

Thorne said at last week's meeting that renovations on the building, which is also in a dire state of neglect, will soon be ready to begin. Once completed, it will become the multipurpose Thorne Building Community Center (TBCC). (For details on what's planned for the community center, read this week's front page.) It was once the local high school and sits at the other end of the village, at the northern entrance of

The Thorne Building Community Center and the Bennett Park group, represented by the Thorne family, merged quite recently, on July 1. We think that merger will bring great things to the Millbrook community, as it will sharpen the focus on two projects that have been extremely near and dear to both the center of the village and to its many residents and merchants for a very long time.

It also ties in entities with which the Thorne family are connected, including the Tribute Garden, which together with the Thorne family has offered to raise the \$20 million needed to complete the pair of projects. The two will also oversee the development and the operations of both the new community

We are incredibly impressed that MCP reached out so successfully to community members at this early stage. It has included the public in its vision of these two critical local projects; introduced the community to its architect (it's worth mentioning he's a local Millbrook architect) as well as the environmental manager who will focus on health and safety conditions; it has provided a rough sketch of the projects' time lines and details; and it opened the floor to hear the public's concerns and questions — all of which shows how deeply MCP has the interest of the community at heart.

We would like to thank those at the Millbrook Community Partnership for their commitment to improving the village, and to encourage them to continue with such public outreach efforts as they move forward. It will only serve to strengthen the final results, and greaten the satisfaction of those who make use of both Bennett Park and the Thorne Building Community Center in the future. From all indications, once done both projects promise to make Millbrook shine even more brightly than ever before.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

One more reason why we need a grocery store

There is an additional climate crisis in Millerton: the climate of fear we allow to take root in our hearts. How much more could we achieve if we cultivated a climate of forgiveness, grace and faith?

Can we change the climate of fear by sharing a home-cooked meal with someone? Another reason Millerton needs a grocery store.

Rowena Fenstermacher Millerton

Major phone carriers and scam prevention

key deadline in the fight against phone scams passed on June 30, but you might not have noticed it unless you've noticed that your phone seems to be ringing a lot less than it used to.

The three major carriers — AT&T, T-Mobile and Verizon have met the June 30th Federal Communications Commission (FCC) deadline to implement the FCC's new anti-spoofing protocol. Some smaller carriers were given an extension of the deadline until 2023, but FCC leaders propose significantly shortening the time smaller carriers will have to comply.

In the world of phone calls, "spoofing" is defined as the act of disguising the source of a call. Spoofing can be used legally or illegally. As a rule, the FCC considers spoofing to be legal when done within its rules; and illegal when done with the intent to defraud, cause harm or wrongfully obtain anything of value.

In other words, if the number on vour phone's screen correctly represents the name of the party making the call, and the displayed number is available for callback, then the spoofing is legal. It's illegal, though, when a scammer calls you pretending to represent a business or government. It's that second category of calls

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the FCC's new rules are aimed at stopping.

Will the new rules work? From what we can observe, it's so far, so good — but if scammers are good at one thing, it's adapting to changing circumstances. A scam that disappears in one form is likely to arise again elsewhere.

Consumer tips from the FCC

- · Don't answer calls from unknown numbers. Let them go to voicemail. Many scammers will disconnect at that
- If the caller claims to be from a legitimate company or organization, hang up and call them back using a valid number found on their website, or on your latest bill if you do business with them.
- If you answer and the caller (often a recording) asks you to press a button to stop receiving calls, or asks you to say "yes" in response to a question, just hang up. Scammers often use these tricks to identify, and then target, live respondents, or to use your "yes" to apply unauthorized charges on your bill.
- · Caller ID showing a "local" number does not mean it is necessarily a local caller.
- If you answer and the caller asks for payment using a gift card, it's likely a scam. Legitimate organizations will not ask for payment with a gift card.
- · If you have lost money because of a scam call, contact local law enforcement and your financial institution(s) for assistance.
- Consider registering your telephone numbers in the National Do Not Call Registry. Lawful telemarketers use this list to avoid calling consumers on the list.

A Scam Prevention Resources worksheet is available in the Summer 2021 issue of our Spotlight on Seniors newsletter, available while supplies last at libraries countywide, and at www.dutchessny.gov/ aging.

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It's time to see the **COVID-19 reality**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state health departments are busy trying to get you to vaccinate, wear protective masks and generally stop this pandemic. With all the tools they are offering, you would think people would wise up and get protected, if only to save their neighbors and family. But, when you listen to actual numbers from around the world, perspective on why the vaccinations are vital and the only way forward for the economy and health institutions becomes crystal clear. As more and more countries lift restrictions, real numbers may be helpful for you to judge how safe and free you can be...

You see, no one has told the coronavirus that this is a good time to go without protection. And in case you missed it, we're clearly into a third wave of the virus with the Delta variant, possibly with the Lambda variant yet to come.

At the peak of the first wave, more than 20,000 people a day were being hospitalized in the USA, 4,000 a day in Britain and 2,000 a day in the Netherlands. All of Europe had the same rates. Of those, one in every 20 persons in the hospital (who contracted COVID-19 without a vaccination) died. The second wave last January was about the same; 1 in 20 died in the hospital — that's how deadly this virus is, remember that. To date, 612,000 Americans have died from COVID-19.

This current wave with the Delta variant is seeing an increase in hospitalization at a much faster and greater rate than the first wave. How come? Well, the Delta variant is much more infectious and the hospitalization rate here is based on those not vaccinated, not on every person as before.

And the in-hospital death rate? Even with better treatment and no shortage of ventilators, those unvaccinated patients are dying at a rate slightly higher than before.

The truth is, the decision to lives in New Mexico.

A VIEW FROM THE EDGE Peter Riva

open the economy is a gamble based on a race to vaccinate. The more people vaccinated, the lower the death rate, maybe not lowering the rate of infection for the unvaccinated, especially as we now know that vaccinated people can transmit the virus, especially to kids. If we had opened up last January, the death rate would have been maybe 10 times as bad because there were so many unvaccinated. As the USA is looking at 750,000 total dead by the end of this year — that's one in every 440 people — the race to vaccinate becomes even more clear because, without at least 80% coverage, that death rate of the unvaccinated will be higher, especially with the youngest.

What can you do? Think of this as one scientist in Britain did. Image we're at the top of a very steep mountain. You want to get to the bottom safely. Isolating is like wearing good climbing shoes, helping you to be safe as you slowly pick your path down. Wearing the mask out in public is like using a walking stick keeping you from falling. Getting the vaccine is like walking with others, going carefully but more assuredly. Now, when we're getting near the safety of the bottom, it is shrouded in mist. Do you discard the safety measures you've taken, does the nation? That last bit of the mountain might be only 2 feet, or it could be 30... do you take the risk after all your careful, hard work and jump? No, you should proceed cautiously until you reach the bottom.

Wear a mask, get vaccinated. Stay safe, we're not out off the mountain yet.

Writer Peter Riva, a former resident of Amenia Union, now



Summer's for moving at a snail's pace

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GPS driver apps get mixed reviews

Dear EarthTalk: What are the environmental pros and cons of so many of us relying on GPS apps (Waze, Google Maps, etc.) to get around these days?

— B. Rogers, Newark, N.J.

It's hard to measure whether having GPS apps on our smartphones is positive or negative for the planet, but some environmentalists are skeptical. Indeed, the rise of Waze, Google Maps, Inrix and other apps that respond to live traffic data to reroute driv $ers\,accordingly-not\,to\,mention$ the concomitant proliferation of app-following Uber and Lyft drivers — has turned millions of formerly main-route-following drivers into sneaky shortcut seekers. Formerly quiet peaceful neighborhoods may never be the same again.

On the plus side, the widespread use of these apps saves drivers some time and may slightly reduce the amount of time we spend burning extra fuel idling in congested traffic.

EARTHTALK Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss

But the data on this is mixed and warrants further research.

While you may have gotten to work 3 minutes faster this morning, what was the cost? Neighborhoods everywhere are miffed at the proliferation of cars racing through formerly quiet back streets to circumvent traffic.

Research out of the University of California's Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS) concludes while GPS apps are helping rivers get from point A to B faster, they are also making congestion worse overall. ITS's traffic simulations show how freeway flow changes in response to an accident when no drivers use GPS apps versus when 20% of drivers use them. With more app-using drivers, congestion builds up at off-ramps and traffic on the highway slows. "The situation then gets much worse because

hundreds of people want to go on side streets, which were never designed to handle the traffic," says ITS Director Alexandre Bayen. Critics of these apps blame the

software designers — not us consumers trying to get to and from work or the grocery store — for the negative effects on traffic flows and neighborhood peace. To wit, later this year Google Maps will start routing drivers to the most fuel-efficient route not necessarily the fastest to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save drivers money in fuel costs. If the greener route is significantly slower than another way, the app will give users the option to choose for themselves, but at least this move is a nod to how much greenhouse gas busting power a little bit of code on your phone can have to help save

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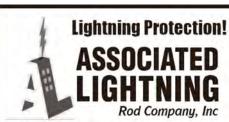
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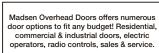
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