

Rhinebeck starts Village Compost to battle food waste

by Curtis Schmidt

Village of Rhinebeck residents and businesses have the opportunity to take part in a municipal compost pilot program, which is currently conducting a sign-up effort. The deadline to apply for “Village Compost” is Feb. 4, with food scrap drop-off starting March 1 and running for six months through August. If a handful of businesses join the 100 households being sought, an estimated 1.7 tons of food scraps will be composted, rather than sent to the landfill. Mayor Gary Bassett and the Village Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of the pilot at the Dec. 14 meeting. Village Compost is organized by Climate Smart Rhinebeck, a task force of volunteers working with Village Trustee Vanessa Bertozzi. With residents and members of the task force showing longstanding enthusiasm for the topic, they organized a Compost Subcommittee and got to work. “We do NY State’s Climate Smart Communities program and ‘organics management’ has a whole host of actions,” said Bertozzi. “I have a task force of volunteers who were really enthusiastic about getting this started with me. Village residents have been asking for this. Mayor Bassett has been extremely supportive, as has the whole board.”

Bertozzi and the Compost Subcommittee designed the pilot to focus on getting into the habit of food waste collection and building a wait-list to gauge demand. The Village will partner with The O Zone, an independently owned sustainability center based in Red Hook. Initially 100 households will pay a small monthly fee, subsidized through the municipality. Participating households will receive

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Schools trying to cope with COVID-19 surges

by Rich Thomaselli

Local school districts are finding themselves in the same position they were in for the last two winters. Hope for the best. Prepare for the worst. As the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus continues its rapid surge and record-setting positive cases across the world – less medically severe than the original COVID but more transmissible – schools are wrestling with whether to continue in-person learning, go strictly remote, or have a hybrid of both for the thousands of students in Dutchess County. “We are currently dealing with the post (holiday) vacation COVID surge, so every day is a new challenge,” said Dr. Martin Handler, Superintendent of the Pine Plains Central School District. “We will not go remote unless we are not able to staff either the buildings and/or the buses. So far so good, but it has been close. We have alerted the parents that we might have to do a short-term remote with very little notice.” That’s what happened at Millbrook, Dover and Arlington last week. Omicron decimated teaching staff, support staff and transportation workers – not to mention students – and those three



Schools in the Hyde Park Central School District have approved plans for remote instruction with immediate turnaround time. Schools in the district are open for in-person instruction at this time. Courtesy photo

Dutchess County schools shifted to remote. Millbrook was out all week starting Jan. 3 and was scheduled to return to in-person on Monday the 10th. Dover was remote for the first three days of the week and returned to in-person on Thursday, Jan. 6. And Arlington needed to go remote on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 6 and 7, due to a shortage of bus drivers. Arlington was also scheduled to go

back to in-person on Monday, Jan. 10. Millbrook was especially hit hard as one of the smallest districts in the county. “As noted in past communications, in order to continue in-person learning we need to take a community approach to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We cannot stress enough the importance of following proper protocols for attendance

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COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

As home testing increases, positivity rate less meaningful

by Kate Goldsmith

Exacerbated by the highly transmissible Omicron variant, COVID-19 infections continue to climb, along with hospitalization rates and deaths, albeit at a slower pace. One particular data point, however, is losing its relevance and is skewing the picture: the percentage of positive test results, which is calculated by dividing the number of those who test positive by the number of total tests performed on any given day. At his Jan. 7 Facebook Town Hall, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro explained why this number (23.31 percent as of this writing) doesn’t

present an accurate portrayal of how COVID-19 is spreading, as an increase in the use of at-home test kits is only revealing those who test positive. “If you’re withdrawing the negative tests, the positivity rate will jump, [because] we’re only going to be seeing positive cases that are reported,” he said. “It becomes a less meaningful number when we don’t go through the formal testing process [at a testing site] ... If you’re self reporting, [this] data point on the dashboard becomes less and less meaningful.” Still, other data indicate that the exponential increase attributed to the holidays continues. On Jan. 7, Molinaro noted the

county had 5,683 active cases; on Jan. 9, that number reached 8,329. In that same time period, hospitalizations rose from 147 to 155. While Molinaro said it was cause for concern because it “puts significant stress on the medical system in the Mid-Hudson Valley,” he noted the rate was lower than last year at this time, when there were 172 hospitalized. Of those hospitalized, 62 percent are partially or not vaccinated and 38 percent are fully vaccinated; the latter number has “ticked up a bit,” Molinaro said. Those age 65 and older account for more than half (56.5 percent) of the hospitalizations. The number of COVID-related deaths

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(547 since the start of the pandemic) has not increased proportionately to infections, seeming to confirm the belief that omicron produces milder symptoms.

“The variant doesn’t present itself as severe [as previous ones]; the symptoms are [more] like the common cold,” Molinaro said. “[It’s] more transmissible, but not necessarily as severe.”

The largest number of new cases are in the 20-29 and 30-39 age groups.

In Dutchess County, 83.4 percent of the 18+ population, and 74.38 percent of the county’s total population, has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The number of Dutchess residents who have completed their vaccine series is at 66.36 percent.

The highest vaccination rate is for ages 55 and older, ranging from 90 to 99 percent.

Decline in contract tracing shifts responsibility to individuals

With increased case loads, state and county government have diverted resources from contact tracing to focus on testing, Molinaro said. He encouraged residents who test positive to alert family, friends and others with whom they’ve recently been in contact, so they may monitor for symptoms and isolate as needed.

The protocols for isolation have also changed, depending on vaccination status and whether an individual is symptomatic. With Omicron’s shortened incubation period, the isolation protocol is now a minimum of five days. Those who are asymptomatic after five days, or whose symptoms are resolving within that time frame, can end quarantine but should wear a well-fitting mask around others for the next five days. If symptoms haven’t abated after five days, individuals should continue isolation for the next five days.

Fully vaccinated individuals who have been exposed to someone who tested positive are not required to quarantine unless they have symptoms, but are asked to wear a mask and monitor symptoms for 10 days, with testing at Day 5 if possible. If symptoms develop, follow isolation protocol.

Unvaccinated individuals who have been exposed to someone who tested positive should follow the protocols for

isolation listed above.

Visit dutchessny.gov/coronavirus for more information.

Testing, boosters available at county site

Molinaro noted that the county averaged 3,221 tests daily over the seven-day period ending on Jan. 7. In December alone, more than 86,000 approved tests were done in Dutchess County.

Testing is offered upstairs at the former JCPenney site at the Poughkeepsie Galleria. Residents who are being tested should enter on the second floor, nearest to Best Buy. Testing hours have been expanded to five days a week: Tuesdays through Fridays from 1 to 7 p.m.; and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Over the next few weeks, the county also expects to get regular deliveries of the over-the-counter tests, which they will distribute to the municipalities based on population. These tests go quickly, and residents should check their municipality’s website for availability, or call for more information.

At the end of 2021, the state provided more than 36,000 test kits to the county specifically for distribution to school districts; with the help of volunteers these kits were delivered to school districts over the New Year’s weekend, in line with the test-to-stay program touted by Molinaro which the state recently adapted.

As the eligibility for boosters has expanded, the county is offering longer hours of operation at the former JCPenney site on Thursdays and Saturdays, and has added Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments are recommended; residents must bring their CDC vaccination card so that it can be updated with the booster information.

“Our focus had been to provide surveillance testing and to keep kids in school,” Molinaro said.

Visit dutchessny.gov/covidvaccine for more information.

Serino expects to receive testing kits; will distribute to nursing home visitors

With Gov. Kathy Hochul now requiring visitors to New York’s nursing homes to test negative for COVID-19 within 24 hours of their visit, Sen. Sue Serino announced that she will use her state allotment of COVID-19 test kits to ensure local residents are able to continue visiting their loved ones.

On Jan. 7, all members of the State Senate were notified they would receive 1,000 test kits from the state to distribute in their local communities. Serino plans to prioritize providing to nursing homes in Senate District 41 who express a need to continue safe visitation.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has been a powerful reminder of how dangerous isolation can be for all of us, but especially for our seniors living in nursing homes and residential healthcare facilities,” said Serino. “We must do all that we can to ensure safe visitation can continue, and that starts by ensuring these facilities have priority access to the tests they need to keep COVID out, while allowing loved ones in.”

With the tests expected to be delivered in the coming days, Serino will announce a plan for distribution following their arrival.

Continue mitigation steps

Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado,

Department of Behavioral & Community Health Commissioner, reminds residents to use multi-layered prevention efforts to protect themselves and to prevent the spread of COVID including:

- Get vaccinated;
- Get a booster shot if already vaccinated;
- Wear a mask in indoor public settings;
- Physically distance when possible;
- Wash hands and avoid touching face including nose and eyes;
- STAY HOME WHEN SICK OR HAVE SYMPTOMS to prevent spread of viruses, including COVID-19 and flu;
- Adhere to protocols if you test ositive.

For comprehensive information about COVID-19, including testing, vaccinations, prevention and more, visit www.DutchessNY.gov/Coronavirus or call the COVID information line at (845) 486-3555.

Delgado announces grant to develop upstate agriculture workforce training program

U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (NY-19) recently announced a \$500,000 workforce training grant for the SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill. The funding, allocated through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, will help students work in collaboration with large, multi-location agricultural equipment dealerships in New York State to develop and deliver an agricultural power machinery workforce training program.

“With ongoing labor shortages across the country, it is critical that we invest in upstate New Yorkers and give them the tools they need to succeed,” said

Delgado. “This grant will develop a training program and provide community members and students with the skills and industry-accepted credentials necessary to gain full-time employment. I am proud to announce this funding and will keep pushing for programs and policies to grow New York’s workforce.”

The training program will offer industry-recognized credentials and certificates in agriculture equipment focused on hydraulics, electrical systems, air conditioning, safety, diesel engines and transmissions. The training program will also provide stipends to students selected by dealerships for work-based learning experiences.

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a small lidded bucket, and will be responsible for dumping their food scraps into larger bins at the center of the Village. The O Zone will then haul the scraps on a weekly basis to Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA). Finished compost will be available to participants at the end of the pilot.

“Many people have been composting in their backyard for forever, but there’s a new awareness with the public, what with climate change, about how to live a lower impact lifestyle,” said Bertozzi. “Diverting food scraps from the landfill is good for the garden and lessens your greenhouse gas footprint, and it can drastically reduce the amount of waste you produce with less trips to the transfer station and small bin/less frequent for your garbage hauler to pick up.”

“It’s about cutting down on waste. The average American household’s garbage contains about 30 percent compostable material,” said Mary Burns, member of the Compost Subcommittee, citing a feasibility study the team did with the Pollution Prevention Institute at Rochester Institute for Technology in 2021.

Bertozzi said her group will make a selection of the final 100 households by Feb 11.

“It’s not first-come-first-serve, because we want to have a mix of household sizes,” she said.

Accepted participants will be instructed to set up their six-month subscription payment via a special web page on The O Zone’s website. The residents will be given a 5-gallon lidded bucket and some



tips for how to get started.

“They can start dumping their waste into larger collection bins, in a central Village location, starting March first, running for six months through August. The O Zone, our hauling partner, will bring these collection bins to UCRRA weekly,” said Bertozzi.

Village-based businesses are also invited with a commercial rate. So far Samuel’s Sweet Shop and Sunflower Market have agreed to participate.

Village Compost will work with community groups to spread the word, such as the Rotary Club, Interact Club, and Dirty Gaia.

“We’d love to get youth involved, as this is a project that can have a direct impact on where they live and their future on this planet. There are opportunities for youth leaders to then share this model with other communities,” said Dorna Schroeter, member of the Compost Subcommittee.



A Bank for the Next Generation

To George Whalen IV, relationships are what build community, and lending is a tool that helps people make things happen. He’s seen it his whole life, the Bank of Millbrook working together with people like you, in this area that’s thrived from his great grandfather’s generation to his son’s.

George T. Whalen IV
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Astor Services expands offerings with health services for adults

Responding to an identified need in the communities it already serves, Astor Services for Children & Families has announced that a new Adult Care Management program is now available to residents 18 and older within New York's Dutchess, Ulster and Orange counties.

These services are free to individuals with Medicaid insurance and provide comprehensive coordination of all those involved in an individual's health and wellness, including medical and behavioral health experts from the clinical and non-clinical sides.

"Astor has been providing high-quality care to children across nine counties in New York State and we wanted to offer that same quality of care for adults," said Joe Pettignano, care management supervisor at Astor Services for Children & Families. "We've seen an increase in mental health concerns brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic and a heightened need in the community to support adults in managing communication with their many providers."

The program is flexible, with in-person and phone-based services, depending on the individual's preferences. Spanish speaking service providers are also available. The program is open to individuals with qualifying conditions.

Anyone can make a referral to the program, including the individual themselves. To learn more, contact Joe Pettignano at jpettignano@astorservices.org or (84) -943-1288.

Legislature re-elects Pulver as Chairman

At the Jan. 4 Organizational Meeting of the Dutchess County Legislature, Gregg Pulver (Pine Plains) was re-elected as Chairman by his colleagues. This will be Pulver's fifth one-year term as Chairman.

In his remarks thanking his colleagues, Pulver said, "When we come to the Chambers, we come to unite and move our County forward. We will continue to govern together. We don't pass budgets or bonding authority without a consensus and support from both parties. It's not the Republican way or the Democrat way - it's the Dutchess County way. I thank my colleagues for their support and let's have a great 2022."

Legislator Michael Polasek (LaGrange) nominated Pulver saying, "Gregg is genuine, compassionate and cares very much for his community and the 300,000 people that call Dutchess County home. He has demonstrated characteristics of being a servant leader. I am proud to work alongside Gregg and enthusiastically nominate him for Chair of this body."

County Executive Marc Molinaro said, "Dutchess County is a broad and diverse community, one made up of residents of every background imaginable, whose voices and philosophies comprise the rich tapestry that makes our county unique. The 25 members of the Dutchess County Legislature similarly represent the various segments of this County's population - be they farmers, small business owners, educators, parents - drawn together by their shared commitment to serve their nearly 300,000 Dutchess County neighbors. Whether these legislators return to begin their second or third term, or have just been elected to their new post two months ago, I thank them all for their dedication to Dutchess County and the people who are proud to call this community home."

"As I have since taking office in 2012,



Gregg Pulver

I look forward to working with legislators to ensure Dutchess County residents enjoy the most efficient government possible, delivering the high-quality programs and services they deserve. I congratulate my friend, Gregg Pulver, on again being elected the Legislature's chairman. Gregg's vision and leadership have helped this body reach heights never before attained, and his eagerness to work on the behalf of Dutchess County residents is unparalleled. Gregg has been a tremendous partner in governing since first becoming Chairman, and I value his insight and years of experience as we continue to guide Dutchess County through this pandemic.

"As our 25 legislators begin their new team, I congratulate them all, and I'm eager to collaborate with them all, continuing our collective mission of serving the residents of Dutchess County."

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so that we can keep each other safe and healthy," Millbrook Superintendent Laura Mitchell said in an email to parents. "If your child presents one or more of the COVID-19 related symptoms, they may not attend school until they obtain a Negative COVID-19 diagnostic test result or an acceptable alternate diagnosis, have symptom improvement, and are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. If a COVID-19 test is refused, your child may not return to school for a minimum of 10 days."

In the Wappingers Central School District, the second-biggest in Dutchess County, Superintendent Dr. Dwight Bonk said the Test-to-Stay program for school districts that began in early November has been a big boost for tempering the number of cases in the district. The program allows the district to provide testing to students and staff identified as a close and proximate contact to a COVID positive individual, with the ability to "test to stay" in school.

Identified students or staff have the option to test with either an NAAT PCR and/or antigen (rapid) test on each school day for seven days after exposure. The testing is done at the District Office for two hours every morning. As long as the individual tests negative, they will be able to maintain their in-person school attendance; however, if the individual begins to show signs and symptoms of COVID, they will be excluded from school, per current Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health guidance.

"This program has significantly reduced the number of students and staff required to quarantine by enabling over 400 students to remain in the classroom after testing negative that would have been subject to quarantine based on the prior New York State guidance," Bonk said, noting that the district has used over 2,000 testing kits through the program. "Staffing challenges continue, but fortunately to this point, we have been able to adapt on a regular basis that has allowed us to continue to provide regular in-person instruction throughout our 15 schools."

Just as the school districts worked together to come up with the 50-plus page plan to go remote two years ago,

they all have contingencies to go back to remote if needed.

"We are looking to maintain in-person learning with the evolving protocols," Red Hook Superintendent Janet Warden said. "We have a remote learning plan ready to implement quickly, if necessary."

Aviva Kafka, Superintendent of the Hyde Park Central School District, said she has a similar way to pivot if needed.

"We do have approved plans for remote instruction with immediate turnaround time. We asked students and staff to bring home their devices prior to winter break, but thankfully we were able to open for in-person instruction this week," she said.

Back at Arlington, Superintendent Dave Moyer is hopeful and optimistic.

"We have a plan for remote and we did caution people to make sure that are bringing their devices home," he said. "We are only anticipating localized or short-term periods of remote, so currently we are not providing meals, but we would plan differently if we had a long-term remote learning situation."



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AFD lacks spending controls

To the editor:

The Arlington Fire District, in the Town of Poughkeepsie, has exceeded their overtime budget for the second year in a row according to their November financial report. The \$2 million overtime budget is nearly 10 percent of the overall 2021 budget, which was \$300,000 higher than the previous year.

Board actions have largely caused this out-of-control overtime. A key factor is the sweetheart labor contract for the union firefighters that the board gave away, in 2020, 18 months before the prior contract would have expired.

The new contract was like adding rocket fuel to the spending. That contract, coupled with a lack of management, has been explosive for overtime.

AFD taxpayers got a 10-percent tax increase over two budgets since the new labor contract was approved by the board. Over the same two budgets, \$778,000 has been added to overtime. An additional \$478,000 was added to the 2022 overtime budget. The added overtime boosts up total compensation which will also increase, at minimum, pension and workers compensation costs.

Commissioners Chiumento and Griffing were on the Finance Committee in both years that led to this accelerated spending increase, 2020 and 2021. Griffing has been voted out of office. He was trounced in the election. But the damage remains, and so do commissioners Chiumento, Valdez, Longi and Dore, who have all contributed to this abusive spending burden with their affirmative votes and apparent disinterest in spending control.

Residents in the Arlington Fire District pay more in fire taxes than we do in town or county taxes. With the uncontrolled spending and lack of fiduciary responsibility from the board, this abusive burden on the taxpayers will continue.

Jim Beretta
Poughkeepsie

Thanks to all for helping with 'Trees for Troops'

To the editor:

Trees for Troops provides free, farm grown Christmas trees to the U.S. armed force members in all branches of the military. Thanks to the following businesses for their participation in this program in 2021:

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Hahn Farm is the drop-off collection point for Dutchess County. The trees are then picked up by Federal Express and delivered to the location from where over 600 trees were distributed to the military families.

Jeff Cady and Tom Hahn
Trees for Troops
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Positive test results are only 'cases' or 'active infections' in bureaucrat-speak

To the editor:

Some simple facts that some local news outlets, politicians and bureaucrats seem to not be aware of as they work to push COVID hysteria and accompanying restrictions to new heights.

1. A positive test result on a COVID test does not mean illness, hospitalization or death. Indeed many people who've tested "positive for COVID" report no or very mild symptoms.

To call positive test results "cases" "active cases" or "infections," equate them with illness, and then pile on the hysteria with phrases like "cases surging" is a misuse of language. It's time for this unjustified and alarmist language to stop.

2. It has been clear for well over a year who is and who is not at risk of COVID. The CDC's own published data shows over 50 percent of people who are counted as COVID fatalities had one or more of these pre-existing conditions: hypertension, diabetes, dementia, and/or sepsis, the last of which has long been a leading cause of death in hospitals.

Other common co-morbidities in COVID deaths are influenza and pneumonia, - 48.9 percent. (3) Before the Age of COVID hysteria, pneumonia alone put 1,000,000 people in the hospital annually and kills approximately 50,000 each year. (4)Influenza, of course, is what we call the

flu.(3)[cdc.gov/nchs/covid19/mortality-overview.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/covid19/mortality-overview.htm)(4)thoracic.org/patients/patient-resources/resources/top-pneumonia-facts.pdf3. It's been clear for weeks, and now it's documented that the so-called "omicron variant" is the functional equivalent of the common cold as far as symptoms are concerned (5).(5)[youtube.com/watch?v=1avXjzr1xnc&t=1s4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1avXjzr1xnc&t=1s4). As Vinay Prasad MD, MPH, Associate Professor epidemiology and biostatistics of at the medical school of UC-San Francisco reports, the risk to young men for developing myocarditis or perocarditis as an adverse reaction to the COVID vaccines run 1 in 2,700 in the 12-17 age group and 1 in 1,900 in the 18-24 age group.(6)(6)[youtube.com/watch?v=_df67JdhGB85](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_df67JdhGB85). Related to this, the issue of forcing young men to receive a vaccine for an illness they stand nearly zero chance of having a negative outcome from as a condition for employment or receiving an education deserves critical attention.

It's a simple principle of common sense, not to mention medical ethics, that you do not coerce people into receiving invasive medical procedures unless: 1) there is a clear medical need, 2) the procedure is known to be effective, and 3) the risks are known and stated clearly to the prospective recipient.

Ken McCarthy
Tivoli

More to abortion than simply a choice

To the editor:

I would like to take an opportunity to respond to Mr. Nagel's letter in the Dec. 29, 2021-Jan. 4, 2022 issue. Mr. Nagel touched briefly on a number of subjects, but I will limit my response to the particular topic of abortion.

Mr. Nagel is clearly a supporter of abortion, or choice as he might prefer to say, and uses the argument that if someone is against abortion, they simply shouldn't get one rather than making it illegal to have one. The logic is faulty and can be used in many other areas to justify other "choices" such as if you are against slavery, don't own one.

That aside, support for abortion is problematic because it circumvents the most basic question about who is in the womb. If we see that this is indeed a human being in the womb, abortion is taking the life of a pre-born innocent human being. This is not grasping the thinking of "mean spirited holy fanatics" but it has the base of science found in embryology and ultrasound technology for its support.

Apparently, in the society at large, there is a lack of knowledge of what occurs during an abortion. I would highly recommend to Mr. Nagel and others who should get additional information two released-to-theatre movies, "Unplanned" and "Gosnell." Both are based on actual events. In particular, for those unfamiliar with third trimester abortions, "Gosnell" will provide information without being graphic.

For those who are living in fear that Roe v. Wade will be overturned by cases currently in the hands of the Supreme Court, New York State has taken the steps to legalize abortion up to the time of birth. This is unfortunate, and there is much work to be done to reverse it. Ideas have consequences and bad ideas have victims. In this case, there are two victims, the innocent pre-born human being and the woman who is pressured to abort, was given misinformation about the abortion and/or suffers long-term mental health issues because of the loss. Children are a gift and blessing from God; we have forgotten that.

Rex S. Bridges
Rhinebeck

Remember to follow the Bible's teachings

To the editor:

Recently, a painfully ill-informed letter in the Northern Dutchess News was very critical of fellow Americans who rely on the Bible to inform their response to prevailing national dialogue, despite the fact that:

(1) President George Washington warned a fledgling nation in his 1796 Farewell Address - "... reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

(2) friezes of Moses holding the Ten Commandments adorn both the inside and outside of the U.S. Supreme Court building in Washington, DC.

Analyzing Scripture involves an approach which considers the Hebrew and Greek language, as well as the historical/cultural backdrop against which the Biblical authors wrote.

Sans this approach, some zany conclusions are bound to be drawn - such as condemning the existence of modern Israel through comparison with God's hyperbolic command to King David concerning ancient Israel's war with the Amalekites (1 Samuel 15:3). The Amalekites were notorious guerillas who sustained their tribal life by plundering other tribes. They practiced child sacrifice along with the litany of carnal passions recorded in Leviticus 18. Their doom was a fulfillment of prophecy (Numbers 24:20).

Fast forward to 2022. During the past 50 years, the USA (under the banner of "progress") has regressed back to the ancient paganism of child sacrifice (read abortion) and unbridled sensuality (read LGBTQ+).

President Washington's words were prescient. Studious

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Comptroller Lois sworn in for second term in office



Judge Christi Acker administers the oath of office to Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois. At the right is Lois' husband, Dale. *Courtesy photo*

Joined by her family, Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois paused from her work at the County Office Building to take her oath of office for her second term as Dutchess County Comptroller. Due to COVID restrictions, the ceremony was held in the Dutchess County Courthouse with the oath of office administered by The Honorable Christi Acker, Supreme Court Justice for the 9th Judicial District. “I am proud of the work we have done and accomplishments we have achieved during my first term, but there is still much more to do,” said Lois. “I am honored to have been chosen by the people of Dutchess County to serve another four years as their Comptroller, and I look forward to building upon our office’s great work of protecting taxpayer dollars.” “Comptroller Robin Lois has spent the last four years affirming what a great choice she was for the voters of Dutchess County,” said New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli. “She has consistently done her job professionally, putting her constituents over politics and striving to maintain the independence of this important office. And she continues

to be a great partner to me in maintaining accountability and transparency to the taxpayers of Dutchess County. I look forward to working with her in the years ahead.” “I am delighted to congratulate Robin Lois, my friend and colleague in public service, on being sworn in for a second term as Dutchess County Comptroller,” said NYS Assemblymember Didi Barrett. “Her dynamic leadership and attention to detail are tremendous assets that benefit the residents of Dutchess County. I look forward to continuing to work together on the shared issues that impact our beloved Hudson Valley region. Congratulations Robin!” “Congratulations to Robin Lois and to the residents of Dutchess County for having re-elected an extremely competent and conscientious Comptroller,” said NYS Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson. “During her first term in office, Robin Lois proved herself to be a careful overseer of county spending. As a public servant of the highest integrity, Robin will continue to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and well.”

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believers depend on the Bible’s timeless wisdom for virtuous living, because without God’s moral imperatives, civil society collapses.

Linda Cebrian
Rhinebeck

Time to return to church and family

To the editor:
Time. It’s time for America to return to our Judeo-Christian roots; time we take back our culture and our politics; time we stopped bowing to the leftist agenda. It’s time loyalty and sacrifice, duty and honor, hard work and devotion be returned to our American lexicon. It’s time we go back to church and we return to God; time for humility and prayer, gratitude and thankfulness. It’s time to return to the nuclear family where the father is respected and stay-at-home moms are honored. It’s time we take back our schools, the curriculum and the sciences. It’s time we stopped letting liberals dictate to us their values and started promoting God’s. It’s time we expose the lies and the indoctrination imposed on our children. Time we stopped teaching sex to children and concentrate on building their character and their academic acumen. It’s time we stopped letting the left divide us into blacks, Hispanics, whites and every other label of ignorance. These false labels must be rebuffed for we share in common much more than that which divides us. It’s time to return to the dinner table; time for husbands to love their families and begin each day on our knees and in the Word. It’s time to begin Sundays at church. It’s time we reject pseudo-progressive propaganda, which is progressively immoral, progressively vulgar, progressively intolerant, progressively divisive, and progressively oppressive. It’s time to remember our Creator, and the Spirit which guides and sustains us as a nation. It’s long, long past time.

Jeffrey Mahoney
Hyde Park

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Local representatives react to Gov. Hochul's State of the State address

Gov. Kathy Hochul delivered her 2022 State of the State Address on Wednesday, Jan. 5, outlining her plan for "A New Era for New York."

In the address, Hochul outlined nine key components of her agenda:

- rebuilding New York's healthcare economy;
- protecting public safety and taking strong action against gun violence;
- investing in New York's people;
- investing in New York's communities;
- making New York's housing system more affordable, equitable and stable;
- making New York a national leader in climate action and green jobs;
- rebuilding New York's teacher workforce and re-imagining higher education;
- advancing New York's place as a national equity model;
- and making critical reforms to restore New Yorkers' faith in their government.

Gov. Hochul's "New Era for New York" agenda includes 228 initiatives to kick-start the state's comeback from COVID-19, including a \$10 billion healthcare plan to rebuild and grow the healthcare workforce and deliver direct payments to healthcare workers.

She also plans major ethics reforms to limit statewide elected officials to two terms, ban outside income and replace JCOPE (Joint Commission on Public Ethics) with a new Independent Ethics Agency.

Hochul said her "Billion Dollar Rescue Plan" will help small businesses come back, and she plans middle class tax relief to "lift up millions of New Yorkers."

She also plans infrastructure investments to expand transit in New York City and lead the nation in climate action.

Here is reaction to Hochul's address from local officials on the state level.

• State Sen. Sue Serino: "Every day I hear from residents who are fed up with one party control and the rising costs, increases in crime, and government overreach that comes with it. With hundreds of thousands fleeing the state just last year, New Yorkers are voting with their feet, and it is clear the state cannot afford to turn a blind eye to the very real crises we face."

"I was heartened to hear that Gov. Hochul shares some of the priorities that I have been pushing - including a commitment to bolster support for small businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic, a desire to increase access to mental health services, a drive to expand

the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Program statewide, a push to increase access to childcare, and a need to improve aging services in the state.

"However, the devil is in the details, and today's presentation offered few. I was incredibly disappointed to hear the Governor acknowledge New York's public safety crisis, yet offer no concrete solutions and no mention of the clear need to rollback New York's dangerous bail 'reform' measures.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us to stop the out-migration, get our state back on track, restore freedom, and really move forward from the pains of the pandemic. As we begin this Legislative Session, I am committed to ensuring the voices of our neighbors are heard."

• Assembly member Didi Barrett: "Today's speech was a breath of fresh air, and touched upon many of the issues I've been working to address for years. From our caregiving crisis to affordable/energy efficient housing, to broadband access, to supporting New York State's veterans' and their families, I look forward to tackling these critical issues in the upcoming session and am pleased that the Governor's vision for the state includes the following:

"Expanding the Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Program to every county in New York State. Since I became Chair of the Assembly Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I have fought to expand funding and statewide access to this lifesaving peer support program. I am delighted to see that the Governor recognizes how impactful this program has been, and I again urge her to fund Dwyer in the Executive Budget and expand it to serve veterans in every county of New York State.

"Rebuilding and growing our healthcare workforce. While our heroic front-line workers across the state have been working tirelessly to combat this unprecedented pandemic, here in the Hudson Valley, we have also seen an alarming reduction in both primary and specialty healthcare, including a severe shortage of mental health providers and shutting down maternity and delivery services. We must ensure that rural communities get our fair share of any additional healthcare workforce.

"Supporting New York State's farmers and farm-workers. This is the first State of the State I can recall that acknowledges the importance of our small and mid-sized farmers who feed all our families. I am pleased to see that Governor



Gov. Kathy Hochul delivers the 2022 State of the State Address on Jan. 5. *Courtesy photo*

Hochul understands the hardship many local farmers face, and am ready to partner with her to ensure that New York State provides the incentives and policies to grow and support the next generation of New York farmers."

• Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson specifically called attention to Hochul's proposals on roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure, middle-class income and property tax relief, workforce development programs, gun violence prevention initiatives, increasing renewable energy generation and improving college affordability - particularly for part-time students

Jacobson said, "I began my political career on the Newburgh City Council, campaigning to 'fix all the potholes,' so I appreciate that Governor Hochul also believes that reliable infrastructure is critical to good quality of life."

"Of course, I was pleased to hear that the State will move swiftly to enact \$1.2 billion in tax cuts for middle-class New Yorkers and another \$1 billion in property tax relief for middle-class homeowners. The double-whammy of the pandemic and inflation has unfairly impacted too many working families. Now, these taxpayers know that help is on the way.

"Workforce development is an issue I am particularly interested in," Jacobson added. "So I was also impressed by the broad range of initiatives discussed, from healthcare to construction and beyond. I am grateful the Governor is considering the needs of part-time students. Her proposal echoes a bill I introduced in 2019 to expand the State's Excelsior Scholarship program to part-time students. Many students who need help most cannot afford to attend full-time, so it makes no sense to lock them out of financial assistance."

Schools start restricting fans at sporting events

by Rich Thomaselli

With the Omicron variant setting a record amount of positive COVID-19 cases, some local high schools have begun restricting the number of fans it is allowing inside gymnasiums this winter to watch teams play.

So far, neither Section 1 nor Section 9, the respective governing bodies of school athletics in Dutchess County, has enacted any area-wide mandates. But some of the schools have taken it upon themselves.

At Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Dutchess County - a Section 1 school based in the Town of Poughkeepsie - the boys basketball victory over Lakeland last week was witnessed only by family members of the players and cheerleaders. The Warriors are temporarily not allowing students or other fans into the gymnasium at the moment.

In Section 9, which includes a handful

of Dutchess County programs in what is primarily an Orange, Ulster and Sullivan county based league, 15 schools have banded together to set new rules about attendance.

Though the Omicron variant is less medically severe than the original virus that hit in March of 2020 or the Delta variant from the late summer of 2021, it is highly transmissible. That's the reasoning for schools to try to create better social distancing in a confined space.

Beacon, Pine Plains, Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Spackenkill are part of the 15 schools that have instituted new restrictions. Beacon is allowing just two spectators per visiting players at basketball games.

Pine Plains, Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Spackenkill all have the same new policy - four family members per athlete at home games, two guests per athlete for visiting teams.

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Annual Robbie Burns celebration moves to Hudson House Distillery

The Hudson Valley’s 13th annual Traditional Robbie Burns Night Supper/Celebration will be held on the banks of the Hudson at the new Hudson House Distillery in West Park on Friday, Jan. 21, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. All current Covid protocols will be followed, and only those fully vaccinated with proof of vaccination will be admitted.

David Archer, principal of DA Associates Public Relations, the organization promoting the event, said “With an increased capacity and an exciting new location, we are further developing this much-anticipated annual Hudson Valley event. We are formalizing the presenting entity into the Robert Burns Scottish Society of the Hudson Valley, creating an annual award to recognize an individual leader in the Hudson Valley Distillery community.”

This year’s honoree is Ralph Erenzo, and part of the net proceeds and contributions from the evening will be used to establish the Robert Burns Scholarship Fund, an annual \$1,000 scholarship supporting the study of distillery sciences, given in memory of Gable Erenzo, in acknowledgment of Gable and Ralph

Erenzo’s contributions to the distilling industry in the Hudson Valley.

Renowned Hudson Valley storyteller Jonathan Kruk will lead the entertainment that will include Master Piper Jeremy Freeman, Swordsman Neil Roberts, plus the Honorable Haggis and whiskey tastings. The dinner features the recitation of Burns’s poetry, a traditional storytelling, songs, and whisky toasts.

The three-course prix fixe menu includes traditional Scottish dishes - cock-a-leekie soup, “neeps and tatties,” a Highland beef stew for what Burns called the “great chieftain o’ the puddin-race,” and lemon curd shortbread. Samplings of Hudson House whiskies, Black Creek Bourbon Rye will also be offered.

“It’s all about the party. It’s about good food, entertainment and good company,” said Archer.

Seating is limited. Reserve online @thehudsonhouseny.square.site or call (845) 834-6007. The \$75 per-person price includes tax & gratuity or \$125 per person for a Donor Ticket, which includes a pre-show Distillery tour and a meet-and-greet photo opportunity with Jonathan Kruk.



Hudson Valley storyteller Jonathan Kruk will headline the entertainment for this year’s Traditional Robbie Burns Night Supper/Celebration. The event will also include a scholarship presentation and prix fixe dinner. *Courtesy photo*

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

United Way offers free transportation for COVID-19 vaccine appointments to Poughkeepsie residents

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is partnering with Lyft to offer free rides to individuals needing transportation to and from COVID-19 vaccine appointments and COVID-19 booster vaccinations. The program covers up to \$50 round trip. The individual must cover any expenses beyond \$50.

The program is open to Dutchess and Orange residents in Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. It cannot be used for drive-thru vaccination sites. Medicaid recipients are not eligible for this program. They can call their Medicaid provider to cover the cost of transportation.

Sign up to receive your unique code by at uwdor.org/vaccinerides and click the “apply” button. You can apply the code to a round trip. Rides can only be used as transportation to and from a vaccine clinic site. Users can apply for a second code to use for transportation to and from a second shot.

Hyde Park offers

Christmas Tree Curbside Pickup

The Town of Hyde Park’s Highway Department will be picking up Christmas trees through Friday, Jan. 14. For more information, call the Highway Department at (845) 229-9416.

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. All dinners are take out only at 5 p.m. The menu will consist of Spaghetti, Homemade Meatballs & Sauce, Salad, Italian Bread, and Homemade Rice Pudding for dessert. Donation is \$17 per dinner. Drive to the back door of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner and get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. All CDC & Governor Hochul’s Health Guidelines will be followed. Call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton for reservations at (845) 868-7869.

Stanford Grange to host events

All CDC & Gov. Hochul’s Health Guidelines will be followed at all events.

Stanford Grange #808 will host an Indoor Tag Sale on Saturday, Jan. 22, and Sunday, Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. All proceeds will benefit the Grange’s continual community service projects and maintenance for the Grange Hall. Donations for this Tag Sale are welcome and will be accepted until Tuesday, Jan. 18; please drop them off at the Grange Hall back porch next to the Food Pantry. Call the Grange Hall at (845) 868-1700 before dropping off donations or to request

more information.

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$38 per person. This course allows New York drivers to receive a 10-percent discount off their collision and auto liability insurance and remove up to 4 points on your license for any violations incurred in the last 18 months. The class includes festive classroom participation and informative movies as well as a delicious homemade lunch served by the Grange Family Activities Committee with a free-will offering asked. For more information or to request an application for the course, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

The new Travel Club of Stissing Mountain Junior - Senior High School in Pine Plains will serve a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Monday, Jan. 31, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville (rescheduled from November). All dinners are take-out only from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu will include spaghetti, meatballs, side salad, roll, and homemade cookies for dessert. Donation is \$12 per dinner. Drive to the back door of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner and get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy! Total proceeds will benefit the Travel Club’s trip to the Galapagos in the Summer of 2022. For more information, contact James Wiley, Travel Club Advisor, at (518) 398-7181 Ext. 1204 or Stanford Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Rhinecliff Fall Soup Sales are back

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Co. and Rhinebeck Grange #896 will hold their Fall Soup Sales on Jan. 27 as well as Feb. 24. From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on those dates, a choice of soup or chili will be available for take-out at the cost of \$10 per quart. To order ahead, email Joe at baerhands@aol.com or call the firehouse at (845) 876-6149 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, on the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard Street in Rhinecliff. Pick up at side window on Orchard.

Profits will alternate between the two community organizations, beginning with Rhinebeck Grange in October.

Arts Mid-Hudson sets virtual meeting

The Board of Directors of Arts Mid-Hudson invites all to attend its 2022 Annual Meeting virtually on Monday, Jan. 31, at 5 p.m. The 2021 Annual Report and the 2022 Board of Directors will be presented. Register at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E231621&id=274>; contact info@artsmidhudson.org or (845) 454-3222 for more information.

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Now, things are really humming. Even if each club only met once per month, that's 30 meetings! Then there are Public Presentations, Community Service events, Fundraisers, Committee Meetings to plan events like the Dutchess County Fair, and a host of workshops, clinics, and field trips to look forward to.

To find out more about what 4-H has planned check out our website at ccedutchess.org/youth-4h/4-h-club-program and call or email us to join the fun!



Members of Pony Tales and Blooming Kids celebrate together at the Millbrook Parade in December. Courtesy photo

4-H Festive Spirit

Members of 4-H Clubs Pony Tales and Blooming Kids got together and had enormous fun decorating a hay trailer provided by Vern and Krys Schrom of WhyNot Farm, Amenia (Krys is also the Pony Tales Club Leader).

The trailer was decked out with 4-H and American flags, banners, lights, trees, garlands and even a blow up "Santa goat." It was such a success that our plan for 2022 is to start decorating a 4-H float in November and have clubs take turns in using it in their town parades!

Top Dogs bake sale

The Top Dogs 4-H club held a bake sale and social at Cascade Country Corner in Amenia to raise money for their club activities while having fun together. Jane went home with a scrumptious chocolate loaf cake, a lemon poppy seed cake and lots of cookies.



Even 4-H Program Leader Jane Rodd joined Chris Kringle in the Festive Fun. Courtesy photo

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Got Goat Milk! members, leaders enjoy friendship through learning

Lifelong memories and friendships are made through the welcoming, long-running Got Goat Milk! 4-H Club.

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The 4-H'ers work together and share knowledge and experience in caring for their animals. They understand the sacrifice of hard work in all kinds of weather and appreciate the joy and sorrow that accompanies the birth and passing of the goats they love.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed some of their activities, but Got Goat Milk! kids have plans for their goats and their community.

The kids are looking forward to the American Dairy Goat Association National Show in Harrisburg, PA this summer. It will be a lot of work, but they are on the move. And, of course, the 2022 Dutchess County Fair will be a highlight of the year.

In keeping with the 4-H pledge line "Hands to Larger Service" Got Goat Milk! will be supporting their community throughout the year.

Grateful for our beautiful county, the kids will be heading back to Ferncliff Forest for another clean-up in the spring, picking up litter and keeping the forest beautiful.

And cognizant of needs of other animals, the club will be hosting a drive to collect food and supplies for the Dutchess County SPCA.

Want to help? Email Club leader Cristel Clum ccnubian@gmail.com for details of how you can contribute.

The look of joy on the faces of the Got Goat Milk! members at the Dutchess County Fair attests to the lifetime memories and friendships they make through 4-H! Courtesy photo

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Jim Gaffigan returns to Poughkeepsie Feb. 26

Jim Gaffigan will bring his “We All Deserve This Fun” Tour to Poughkeepsie’s NJN Convention Center (formerly the Mid-Hudson Civic Center) on Saturday, Feb. 26.

The last time Gaffigan was in Poughkeepsie, in March 2019, he sold out two shows at the MJN Convention Center.

Gaffigan is a five-time Grammy nominated comedian, actor, writer, producer, two-time New York Times best-selling author, two-time Emmy winning top touring performer, and multi-platinum-selling recording artist. He is known around the world for his unique brand of humor, which largely revolves around his observations on life.

On the silver screen, his many credits include “Three Kings,” “Super Troopers” 1 & 2, and “Chappaquiddick.”

In April 2019, Gaffigan was seen alongside Alec Baldwin and Salma

Hayek in Bron Studios’ “Drunk Parents.” Additionally, Gaffigan recently released his unprecedented seventh stand up special, “Quality Time,” with Amazon Studios making history as their first original comedy special. He also continues to tour around the world.

In addition to two seasons of the critically acclaimed semi-autobiographical “The Jim Gaffigan Show,” which he wrote and produced with his wife Jeannie, and his widely popular stand-up comedy specials, Gaffigan has guest starred on many television comedies and dramas, ranging from “Portlandia” and “Bob’s Burgers” to the HBO cult hit “Flight of the Conchords” to dramatic roles in “Law & Order.”

Gaffigan regularly does humorous commentaries on “CBS Sunday.” He has served as master of ceremony at The Al Smith Memorial dinner. In 2015, Gaffigan had the great honor of perform-



Jim Gaffigan. Courtesy composite photo

ing for Pope Francis and more than 1 million festival attendees at the Festival of Families in Philadelphia.

Gaffigan and his wife currently live in Manhattan with their five loud and expensive children.

Tickets for the show are available through TicketMaster.com and at the NJN Convention Center box office; call (845) 454-5800 or visit in person at 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie.

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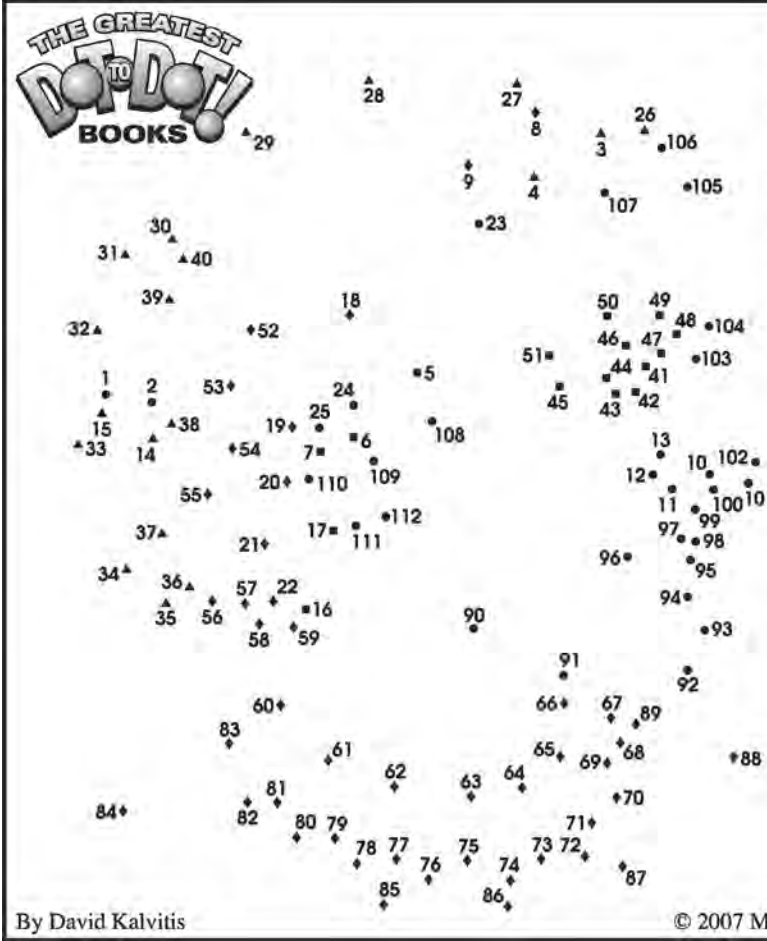
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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



Sets

Stop your line after completing each set, then skip to the next set and start your line again.

- • 1 thru 2
- • 3 thru 4
- • 5 thru 7
- • 8 thru 9
- • 10 thru 13
- • 14 thru 15
- • 16 thru 17
- • 18 thru 22
- • 23 thru 25
- • 26 thru 40
- • 41 thru 51
- • 52 thru 89
- • 90 thru 112

By David Kalvitis © 2007 Monkeying Around



Shopping with Pop

Confusion in the produce aisle

The other day I went to the grocery store to buy fruit for the restaurant. I needed some strawberries for a dessert I was making. I was in a hurry, so I was walking very fast with my head down. I come around the corner and nearly run into my father, who was shopping for home. Pop looks at me with a big smile.

Pop: "Whea Luigi! I'ma so happy to see you!"

Me: "Hi, Pop!"

Pop: "Listen I need you to pick me up a few things, okay?"

Me: "But Pop im in-"

Pop: "OK. I need 1 1/2 banans"

Me: "What, 1 1/2? What?"

Pop: Yeah, just break it off. I do it all the time.

Me: Pop, you can't do that.

Pop: Why? Youa pay by the pounda, no?

Me: It's not right.

Pop: It'sa OK. Nonja you worry. OK, then getta me 2 apples anda 5 grapes.

Me: What? Huh?

Pop: Whatsa matter for you.

Me: 5 grapes?

Pop: Yeah. You getta five grapes and put them in a little bag. Oh. Maka sure you used double bags. Thisa way I cana put the broccoli di rabe ina the freezer.

Me: What? Huh?!

Pop: Thena I wanta the ... Come si chiama (How is it called) Cachi.

Me: Persimmons?

Pop: Yeah! Geta me 4.

Me: 4? Don't they come in a box of 6?

Pop: Yeah, so? OK, Imma gonna wait right here for you.

So I go over the fruit aisle and I get everything he asked for including the 1 1/2 bananas, double bagged, and I run

back put everything in his cart, give him a kiss goodbye and run out to my car. I zip back the restaurant and run inside and ... DAMN IT!!!!!! I forget the strawberries! That man has a way of confusing you.

At least I can tell you the recipe for the strawberry dessert I was going to make.

Method

1. Preheat the broiler and toast one side of the bread. Remove the bread, add chocolate to each slice and return to the broiler until chocolate is melted.
2. Add diced strawberries, pistachio nuts and sprinkle Grand Marnier.
3. Serve with Espresso

Luigi Coppola is one of five brothers born to Francesca and Antonio Coppola. The Coppola family came to America from Naples, Italy in 1954. Antonio and his brothers opened their first restaurant in Poughkeepsie in 1961. Luigi and his brothers Nick, John, Antonio and Vincent have carried on the family tradition in the way their parents taught them, using classic recipes taught to them at their apron strings. Visit their website at www.coppolas.net.

STRAWBERRY CHOCOLATE BRUSCHETTA

Ingredients

- 6 slices crusty Italian bread
- 10 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
- 10 oz. Strawberries, diced
- 1/2 cup pistachio nuts, coarsely chopped
- 2 oz. Grand Marnier liqueur

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Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Feb. 25:** Featured in the Hallway Art Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be Jim Bennett; and at 12 Vassar St. will be Ada Monica Sperling in the Reception Gallery and Brett Gehrke in the Hancock Gallery. **Receptions:** Friday, Jan. 14, 5–7 p.m., in the Reception Gallery, with another reception in the Hancock Gallery for Gehrke. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to galleries. Visit cunneen-hackett.org for hours and to review the Visitation Safety Protocols.

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Jan. 14-Feb. 6:** "Winter Works," TAG member /artists reflect on process, practice and new work with regard to the specificity of a season. Opening reception: Saturday, Jan. 15, 4-6 p.m., weather permitting. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

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Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

6			4			2		9
	4	9	6			1	5	
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	3			8	9		7	
	6		2	7			9	
				3				
	5	2			8	4	6	
		8			4			5

Suguru

				2	
5		1			
			2		
		3			3

The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

ACROSS

- One who croaks
- Mr. Selleck
- Book by Luke, for short
- "As I ___ and breathe!"
- 10 Down's owner
- Foreign ruler's title
- Sun disk
- Longed
- Long-eared animal
- Spoilsport
- Loony
- Oneself: Fr.
- Tell
- City in Oklahoma
- Many hospital employees: abbr.
- Razed
- Attacker
- Muslim prince: var.
- Party
- Envelope sticker
- Tiny skin opening
- African succulents
- White flower
- Layer
- One whose first name was Edgar
- Indian weight
- Current fashions
- Golf term
- British parent
- Well-to-do person
- Region
- Major appliances
- TV's "American ___"
- Strong taste
- Female relative
- Plumbing problem
- Choir voice
- Adv. degree
- Not crackers

DOWN

- Part of a book cover
- ___ Moreno
- Preposition
- Men
- Whipped cream and chocolate syrup
- Columbus' place
- Large home
- Shade tree
- Lizards with big eyes
- Novel estate
- Cast off
- Fight off
- Astaire's sister
- Days of ___; yesteryear
- Speak enthusiastically
- City in Arizona
- Coptic bishops' titles
- Distributed a deck
- Variety
- Established
- Strange
- Melancholy, to a poet
- "Do You Hear What ___?"
- Word with doll or bag
- Traveler's aid
- Asked "Will you be mine?"
- Part of a wineglass
- Martin, for one
- Workers' group
- 64 years after Columbus' voyage
- Shuteye
- Metal bars
- ___ Hari
- Russia's ___ Mountains
- Move slowly
- Concept
- Reddish animal
- Ms. Sommer
- In the past

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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 15

Flexibility has allowed County Landings to endure dramatic economic change

by Bill Jeffway

The first economic opportunity European settlers saw after the 1609 arrival of Henry Hudson on behalf of the Dutch and the Dutch West India Company, was beaver pelts. The hubs of New Amsterdam and Orange (now New York City and Albany) grew while much of the land in-between, like Dutchess County, lacked settlement until the 18th century.

What we today call the Hudson River was the great north/south connector to east/west travel and commerce. New Amsterdam was a strategic hub at the intersection of the Hudson River and the Atlantic Ocean and east/west routes to Europe and Africa. Orange was a strategic hub at the intersection of the Hudson and the Mohawk River, amplified from 1825 by the Erie Canal with east/west routes connecting to the Great Lakes and US mid-west and west.

The English arrived in their ships in New York City in 1664, easily wresting control of the Hudson Valley from the Dutch and putting a much greater emphasis on settlement as a means to deepen and firm up their claims to the valley. First up was riverside settlement.

The importance of the orientation to, and access to the river can be very easily seen in the map of the Great Nine Partners Patent (1697). The vast area covered today's towns of Clinton, Pleasant Valley, Washington, Stanford, and parts of Amenia and North East making up 36 "wood lots." It also included what is today the lower portion of Hyde Park where one lot for each partner was allocated, creating the nine "water lots" (see illustration).

Further evidence of the value of the land closest to and adjoining the river can be seen in letters from DCHS Collections written by the wealthy landowner Henry Beekman in 1741. In writing to a "Captain Budd," he referred to Pawlings Purchase (the upper portion of Hyde Park) saying, "There is now not any useful wood [within] a mile of the river." He went on to write, "The land is daily lessened in value, There have been two [men] constantly upon it who do no other thing than cut cord. In less than ten years upward of one-hundred sloops and boat-loads have been carried out."

The American Revolutionary War displaced Manor Lords and their corresponding tenant farmers, allowing economic

growth to become more democratic and widespread. This set the scene for a "second tier" of economic hubs (after New York City and Albany) to emerge at landings at the intersection of the Hudson River and its inland, east/west oriented streams, creeks and kills. Beacon (formerly called Matteawan), Wappinger, Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Hyde Park, Rhinebeck, and Red Hook all did brisk business as landings where inland farmers could trade their products of grains, wood, or livestock, for manufactured and imported goods on returning boats.

Look at any farmer's ledger and you will see the regular costs of taking their output to the nearest landing.

In 1812, an estimated 200 sloops made regular trips between New York City and Albany, with stops at Dutchess landings to take on and exchange passengers, freight and mail. A mere twenty years later (the Erie Canal opened in 1825) the number of sloops stopping at Dutchess County landings rose to 1,200.

But the Erie Canal opened Dutchess farmers to competition from the west. Combined with the better economic opportunities from work in emerging manufacturing, Dutchess County saw a dramatic decline in its rural population. The degree of decline in rural populations cannot be overstated.

Using the town of Milan as an example, its population in 1840 and 1980 was about the same, around 1,800. But a lot happened in between during those 140 years. By 1930, the population had dwindled to 622 persons. The decline of farming as a viable economic option was a serious challenge, with some notable exceptions like the Hart-Hubbard family that grew a successful international apple exporting business.

River-front cities and towns on the Hudson were spared such declines. As a matter of fact, they continued to grow with the growth of industry and manufacturing, their growth corresponded to the scale of the rivers and streams that fed them, allowing southwest Dutchess, where the two dominant streams, the Wappinger Creek and the Fish Kill empty into the Hudson, where the county's heaviest population remains.

Virtually all the economic growth started at the edge of the Hudson River and moved east. Despite enduring their own ups and downs, river-front landings



Above is the 1734 Edsall Map of the Great Nine Partners Patent, showing the careful attention of the subdivision allowing each of the nine partners to have land access to the Hudson River. The series of horizontal lots today form the southern part of the Town of Hyde Park. *Courtesy of DCHS Collections.*

fared better than their rural, inland counterparts over the course of three centuries. They did this by functioning as transfer points across the four points of the compass, and by becoming manufacturing destinations in and of themselves.

Bill Jeffway is the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society and can be reached at bill.jeffway@dchsn.org or (845) 293-7711.



As part of a presentation on Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m., a 19th century map is compared to a contemporary map when DCHS Board President Rob Doyle speaks about the hamlet of New Hamburg, and its role as a "Landing." More information at dchsn.org/jan13. Sponsorship by White's Hudson River Marina allows DCHS to bring the event to the public at no charge.

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The Art Effect to hold first youth-curated international exhibition of 2022

The Art Effect will host the youth-curated, international juried exhibition, “Double Take,” at the Trolley Barn Gallery in the heart of the City of Poughkeepsie, with an opening reception on Friday, Jan. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m.

“Double Take” is a unique collaboration between guest juror, Rachel Seligman, Assistant Director for Curatorial Affairs and Malloy Curator at the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College, and youth from The Art Effect’s Curatorial Team.

“The members of the youth curatorial program were fabulous – it’s so important for young people to be a part of the process of presenting professional and emerging artists to the public, and young curators always teach me something new,” Seligman said. “With this group, we really encouraged each other to look again and open up our understanding of these artworks.”

The Youth Curatorial team is The Art Effect’s newest workforce program that prepares young people for careers in the

arts while working alongside internationally recognized museum curators and mentors such as Seligman. Each exhibition from theme generation to installation is executed by the teens.

“I came in knowing very little about curating, but can say confidently that I have gained the skills to make a career out of curating or working at a gallery. I also was able to learn to use my voice and speak up when I have ideas or opinions,” says Caroline McCormack, Curatorial Team Member, 2021.

The “Double Take” International Juried Exhibition comprises 43 works of art and unconventional uses of media including: distortions, optical illusions, drawings, double exposure, sculptural installations and more. Gallery hours will be from Jan. 21 to Feb. 24.

A virtual artist talk moderated by the Youth Curatorial Team and three featured artists will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 7 to 8 p.m.

More information is available at feelthearteffect.org or [@feelthearteffect](https://www.instagram.com/feelthearteffect).

‘Indian Horse’ next Movies with Spirit film screening Jan. 15



Photo caption: Ajuawak Kapashesit stars as Saul Indian Horse in the drama “Indian Horse,” executive-produced by Clint Eastwood, about an Ojibway boy torn from his Indigenous culture and committed to a residential school to be “civilized” by the church into white society. But Saul finds salvation in the unlikelyst of places — the rink. The film is to be screened Jan. 15 as part of the Movies With Spirit community film series. *Photo credit: Elevation Pictures*

The authentic, emotional drama “Indian Horse” — about an Ojibway boy, torn from his Indigenous culture and committed to the brutal residential school system to be “civilized” by the church into white society — is the next Movies With Spirit screening, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15, at Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St. in Kingston.

The poignant drama, from director Stephen Campanelli and executive producer Clint Eastwood, is inspired by a dark chapter in U.S. and Canadian history that is still being written.

Indian residential schools were established in the United States and Canada in the 19th and 20th centuries in church-and-state accords with the objective to “kill the Indian” in Native children and assimilate them into Euro-American and Euro-Canadian Christian culture.

The schools made the children give up their original languages, religions and

other cultural signifiers: forcing them to cut their hair, wear Catholic school uniforms and replace their tribal names with English-language names, including the names of Christian saints.

“Indian Horse” tells the story of a fictional 6-year-old Ojibwe boy named Saul Indian Horse (Sladen Peltier), who is put in a Canadian residential school in 1959 after all the other members of his family die. The film is based on a best-selling novel of the same title by Ojibwe author and journalist Richard Wagamese.

The screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person.

Movies With Spirit screenings comply with all federal, state and local health and safety protocols. For more information, contact Gerry Harrington at (845) 389-9201 or at gerryharrington@mindspring.com.

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WHEN IT SNOWS...

In the event of disruptions to OFA Home Delivered Meals and/or Senior Friendship Centers services, any postponements or cancellations will be posted on Dutchess County Government social media at facebook.com/DutchessCoGov and twitter.com/DutchessCoGov.

Postponements/cancellations will also be announced and/or posted on area radio stations and their websites.

AVOIDING THE POST-HOLIDAY SLIDE INTO DEPRESSION

It may not have been a jolly holiday season for seniors who live alone. Two out of every seven American seniors live alone, according to a recent estimate from the National Council on Aging (NCOA) – and with over 60,000 seniors living in Dutchess County, that would be over 17,000 of our senior friends and neighbors living alone.

It's being alone for the holidays, and through the winter, that can bring an even heavier burden of loneliness – equivalent to a 15-cigarette-a-day smoking habit, according to NCOA. As a risk factor, loneliness has more impact on seniors' mortality than even obesity or a sedentary lifestyle.

It doesn't have to be that way. The Office for the Aging plays a key role in helping seniors maintain social connections

and keep loneliness at bay, most notably with our eight Senior Friendship Centers, in Beacon, East Fishkill, Millerton, Pawling, Red Hook, South Amenia (Wassaic), the City of Poughkeepsie, and Pleasant Valley, where our Tri-Town Senior Friendship Center reopened in the fall of 2021.

Visit a Friendship Center and the first thing you may hear are seniors laughing. There could be a furious game of mah-jongg happening at one table. At the next table over, they're debating how the Knicks look this season. At another table, it's an exchange of advice on which stores have been able to keep cans of cat food stocked.

There's also a nutritious midday meal, and a regular variety of informative and entertaining presentations. If a senior you know is interested in finding out more about Senior Friendship Centers, contact information is available at dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition, or by calling 845-486-2555.

GOOD NUTRITION CAN DEFEAT THE WINTER BLUES

As the glow of the holidays fades, feeling a bit blue may seem normal enough – but there's reason to be concerned if the feeling continues for more than a couple of weeks. It may be Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) manifesting itself. Even pets can suffer from SAD, according to researchers from the University of British Columbia.

While a call to a health care provider may be in order, there's a good chance a senior could be prescribed good nutrition rather than an antidepressant, especially

if the senior is already taking several other prescribed medications.

This month's issue of the OFA Nutrition News contains a trove of useful information on nutrition's role in preventing depression, including the foods that can help and those that can't. There's also an easy recipe for Portuguese caldo verde, a hearty green soup containing potatoes, collards or kale, and chicken or beans. You can find each Nutrition News at dutchessny.gov/OFANutrition.

OFA SEEKS VOLUNTEER EXERCISE LEADERS IN HYDE PARK, LaGRANGE, PAWLING, POUGHKEEPSIE, RED HOOK

The Office for the Aging's Senior Exercise Program is looking for volunteer class leaders at venues throughout

Dutchess County. Several classes in the Poughkeepsie area are looking for volunteer leaders, as are OFA classes in Hyde Park, LaGrange, Pawling and Upper Red Hook.

Training is provided, and all current COVID-19 safety protocols are followed. We'll work with your availability, whatever it may be, as best we can. For more information, contact OFA at 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, telephone 845-486-2555, email: ofa@dutchessny.gov website: www.dutchessny.gov/aging

American Heart Association urges caution when shoveling

To help make snow removal safer, here is a list of practical tips.

Give yourself a break. Take frequent rest breaks during shoveling so you don't over-stress your heart. Pay attention to how your body feels during those breaks.

Learn the heart attack warning signs:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes – or it may go away and then return. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

- Shortness of breath. This can occur with or without chest discomfort.

- Other signs. Other possible signs include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or light-headedness.

Listen to your body, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out (tell a doctor about your symptoms). Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don't wait to call 911.

Don't drink alcoholic beverages before or immediately after shoveling. Alcohol may increase a person's sensation of warmth and may cause them to underestimate the extra strain their body is under in the cold.

Consult a doctor if you have a medical concern or question or if you are experiencing symptoms of a medical condition (such as heart disease or diabetes), prior to exercising in cold weather - especially if this is a substantial increase over your usual level of activity.

Be aware of the dangers of hypothermia. To prevent hypothermia, dress in layers of warm clothing, which traps air

between layers forming a protective insulation. Wear a hat because much of your body's heat can be lost through your head.

Learn CPR. Effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest, can double or triple a victim's chance of survival. Hands-only CPR makes it easier than ever to save a life. If an adult suddenly collapses, call 911 and begin pushing hard and fast in the middle of the victim's chest until help arrives.

Visit <https://www.heart.org/> for more information.

VA CLINIC CHANGES HOURS

VA Hudson Valley Health Care System (VA HVHCS) has permanently changed its Castle Point Urgent Care Clinic operating hours as of Jan. 10. The new clinic hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

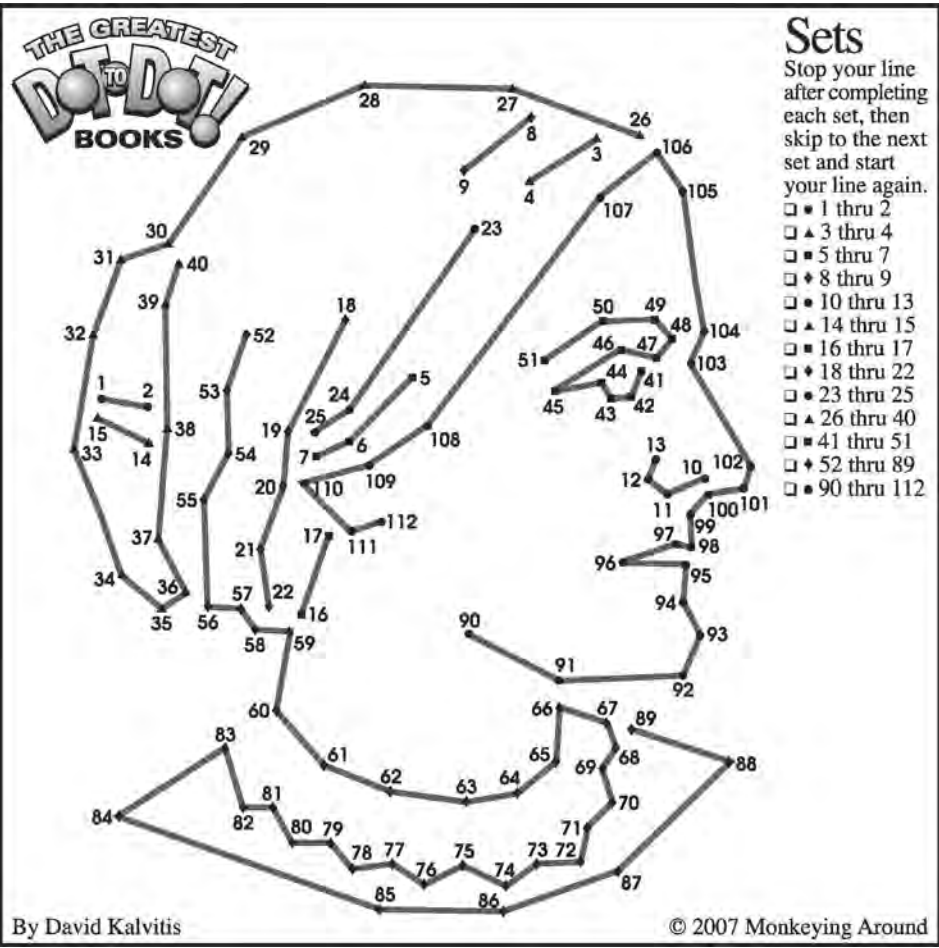
This change supports the difference between the VA HVHCS Urgent Care Clinics and a full Emergency Department. It will ensure Veterans access the right level of care at the right time and eliminate any delay in care for critical medical issues.

The level of care at any Urgent Care clinic is different than that available at an emergency room. Castle Point and Montrose Urgent Care Clinics offers care for such illnesses as cold and flu symptoms, high/low blood pressure, high/low blood sugar, and nausea. Emergency rooms are for when you need fast care for life or limb-threatening illnesses and injuries.

For routine office visits and medication requests or refills, continue to seek treatment from your Primary Care Provider. If you have a condition that cannot wait for a Primary Care appointment, please call the 24/7 VA Health Connect at 1-800-877-6976. If you experience life-threatening symptoms, you are urged to call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest emergency room for care.

When you arrive at an emergency room, please notify the staff that you are a Veteran. Our Community Care office can be reached at 845-838-7656, 24 hours a day. This does not guarantee any type of payment; this will ensure the care is considered for payment. We need to determine if the care received was an emergency and was not available at the VA. These determinations are made after care is given. All decisions by VA regarding coverage and payment of emergency room care are based on federal law, which directs the VA in how it pays for emergency room care.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 10)



Answers to this week's diversions (puzzles on page 12)

Suguru solution

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This week's answer

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4	7	6	5	3	2	9	8	1
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nated as the place of trial on the basis of situs of realty. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF UPLAND MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST A, Plaintiff, against KATHI OLIVIERI,

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AS EXECUTOR AND TRUSTEE OF THE ESTATE OF AUDREY J. PULST A/K/A AUDREY JEAN PULST A/K/A AUDREY PULST; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;

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KMT GROUP LLC, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA) NA; HARVEST CREDIT MANAGEMENT VII LLC; FIA CARD SERVICES, NA; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE-TAX COMPLIANCE DIVISION – C.O. – ATC; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY; “JOHN DOE NUMBERS 1-10” The names of these defendants being fictitious and unknown to the Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, person or corporations, if any having or claiming an interest in, possession of, or lien upon the premises described in the Complaint, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in a manner other than by personal delivery within the State. In the event the United States of America is made a party

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defendant; the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of

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DUTCHESS on 11/20/2019. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land together with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Town of LaGrange, County of Dutchess and State of New York (Section 6260, Block 04, Lot 772218), said premises known as 24 Cochran Hill Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. There is due and owing to the plaintiff, the principle sum of \$128,232.37. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. KOSTERICH & SKEETE, L.L.C., 707 Westchester Avenue, Suite 302, White Plains, NY 10604.

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Town and County Tax
Collection – Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess

TAKE NOTICE THAT I, REBECCA TOMPKINS, Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the Tax Roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Fishkill for the year 2022 and I will attend at the Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY

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12524, from February 1, 2022, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM and 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM, for the purpose of receiving taxes listed on the said rolls. No payment will be received on Saturdays, Sundays, or on legal holidays. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, TAXES MAY BE PAID BEFORE February 28, 2022 without charge of penalty. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after such date, penalty will be added as follows: March 2%, April 3%, and May 4%. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant of the provisions of the law, the tax roll of the Town of Fishkill will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Dutchess on the 1st day of June, 2022.

Signed:
Rebecca Tompkins
Rebecca Tompkins, CMC, CTO
Receiver of Taxes
Dated:
January 5, 2022

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess at a meeting held on December 2, 2021, adopted a local law entitled:

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2022, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE II (LEGISLATIVE BRANCH) OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY CHARTER AS IT PERTAINS TO SECTION 2.012

The County Legislature has determined that Section 2.012 of the Charter of the County of Dutchess should be revised inasmuch as it is the determination of the Legislature that the County’s reapportionment and redistricting process must be consistent with New York State Constitutional and Statutory Law. Further, this local law is meant to establish a simplified timeline, consistent with the method and formula prescribed in Local Law Number 5 of 2020, within which to establish Commissions.

A copy of the local law is available at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature where it may be inspected during regular office hours. LEIGH WAGER Clerk Dutchess County Legislature Dated: January 7, 2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE Please be advised the Milan Town Board will hold their Regular Town Board meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Said meetings will be held at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan. By order of the Town Board Catherine Gill, Town Clerk



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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 1000/2022 RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to the schedule set forth below the regular meetings of the Pleasant Valley Town Board will take place on the third (3rd) Wednesday in the months of January and February and then on the third (3rd) Monday beginning in March throughout the year 2022, each month at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the schedule set forth below the Town Board workshops will take place on the first (1st) Wednesday in the months of January and February and then on the first (1st) Monday beginning in March throughout the year 2022, each month at 7:00 PM in said meeting room, and that special meetings will be scheduled and advertised by posting the announcement on the front door entrance of the Town Hall, with notification to the press; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2022 meeting dates are as listed below:

January 2	Swearing-in Ceremony
January 5	Re-Organizational/Workshop Meeting
January 19	Regular Meeting
February 2	Workshop Meeting
February 16	Regular Meeting
March 7	Workshop Meeting
March 21	Regular Meeting
April 4	Workshop Meeting
April 18	Regular Meeting
May 2	Workshop Meeting
May 16	Regular Meeting
June 6	Workshop Meeting
June 20	Regular Meeting
July 5 (Tuesday)	Workshop Meeting
July 18	Regular Meeting
August 1	Workshop Meeting
August 15	Regular Meeting
September 6 (Tues)	Workshop Meeting
September 19	Regular Meeting
October 3	Workshop Meeting
October 17	Regular Meeting
November 7	Workshop Meeting
November 21	Regular Meeting
December 5	Workshop Meeting
December 20 (Tues)	Regular Meeting

And;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any changes to the above-mentioned schedules will be posted at the Town Hall entrance as necessary, with notification to the press.
MOTION: Councilman Mazzella
SECOND: Councilman Rifenburgh
DATED: January 5, 2022
ROLL CALL: AYE NAY
Councilwoman Albrecht X
Councilman Rifenburgh X
Councilman Mazzella X
Councilman O’Hanlon X
Supervisor DelVecchio X
Carried.

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NOTICE OF TAX COLLECTION 2022 TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY, NEW YORK PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that I, Mary Beth Muir, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Pleasant Valley, County of Dutchess and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Pleasant Valley for the year 2022, and that I will attend at Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, in the said Town of Pleasant Valley from Today to February 28, 2022 at 9:00 o’clock in the forenoon to 6:00 o’clock in the afternoon on TUESDAY and THURSDAY and FRIDAY collection hours will be 9:00 o’clock in the forenoon to 1:00 o’clock in the

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afternoon. MONDAY and WEDNESDAY 9:00 o’clock in the forenoon to 4:00 o’clock in the afternoon. MARCH, APRIL and MAY collection hours will be 9 o’clock in the forenoon to 4:00 o’clock in the afternoon with the exception of FRIDAY collection hours will be 9:00 o’clock in the forenoon to 1:00 o’clock in the afternoon, excepting SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS and LEGAL HOLIDAYS for the purpose of collecting the taxes listed on the said roll. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before February 28, 2022 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added 2 percent interest if paid on or before March 31, 2022 and

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an additional 1 percent for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law the tax roll of the Town of Pleasant Valley will be returned to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance on the 1st day of June, 2022. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, which a reminder of unpaid taxes will be sent on or before May 01, 2022. A fee of \$2.00 will be added to your tax bill during the full month of May. DATED: January 5, 2022 Mary Beth Muir Tax Collector Town of Pleasant Valley

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 1001/2022 RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN HALL HOURS BE IT RESOLVED, the regular hours for Town Hall and the following offices for the Town of Pleasant Valley for the year 2022 shall be: Town Clerks Office & Town Supervisor’s Office: Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM & Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Assessor’s Office: Assessor Monday & Wednesday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Assessor Clerk: Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Building, Planning & Zoning: Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00PM Closed on Fridays Recreation Department: Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM & Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Justice Court: Monday through Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Closed on Fridays

MOTION: Councilman Mazzella
SECOND: Councilwoman Albrecht
DATED: January 5, 2022
ROLL CALL: AYE NAY
Councilwoman Albrecht X
Councilman Mazzella X
Councilman O’Hanlon X
Councilman Rifenburgh X
Supervisor DelVecchio X
Carried.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY TOWN BOARD TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 1002/2022 RE: 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley annually establishes the paid holidays for those employed by the Town in accordance with Section 801 of the Town of Pleasant Valley Employee Handbook; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the paid holiday schedule for 2022 is as follows: Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 17th Presidents’ Day Monday, February 21st Good Friday Friday, April 15th Memorial Day Monday, May 30th Juneteenth Monday, June 20th Independence Day Monday, July 4th Labor Day Monday, September 5th Columbus Day Monday, October 10th Veterans’ Day Friday, November 11th Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 24th Day after Thanksgiving Friday, November 25th Christmas (observed) Monday, December 26th *One Floating Holiday subject to approval by Department Head

MOTIONED BY: Councilman Mazzella
SECONDED BY: Councilman Rifenburgh
DATED: January 5, 2022
ROLL CALL: AYE NAY
Councilwoman Albrecht X
Councilman Rifenburgh X
Councilman Mazzella X
Councilman O’Hanlon X
Supervisor DelVecchio X
Carried.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-07-22 Landscape Maintenance – Maybrook Section of Empire State Trail within Dutchess County and Upper Landing Park Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of January 2022 at the	Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting “Government”, then selecting “Bidding and RFP Opportunities”. For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TOWN OF WAPPINGER DUTCHESS COUNTY PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 25th day of January, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Sections 240-	37, 240-21(D), 240-15, Non-Residential Schedule Definition of “Mixed Uses” of the District Zoning Regulations in an HM Zoning District, of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following area variance: PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, the Zoning Board of Appeals has not made a determination of significance pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make	such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing. Appeal No. 21-7740 (Interpretation) Ron Evangelista, et al: The Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing on an Interpretation of Section 240-52(C), 240-21(D), 240-15, Non-Residential Schedule Definition of “Mixed Uses” of the District Zoning Regulations in an HM Zoning District. The	applicant is seeking an interpretation of the Zoning Administrator, Barbara Roberti’s interpretation of the Zoning Code dated June 20, 2021. The property is located at 123-125 New Hamburg Road, 2357 Route 9D, 2361-2365 Route 9D and is identified as Tax Grid Nos. 6157-01-048643 (0.21 acres), 057642 (0.20 acres), 057654 (0.69 acres), 059643 (0.14 acres) & 040637 (0.55 acres) in the	Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. <div>Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger January 6, 2022</div>

OBITUARIES

Helen Anne Ballantyne
FORMERLY OF MILLBROOK – Helen Anne Ballantyne, 81 of Fairfield, CT, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on January 1, 2022, at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She was born in New York City on January 20, 1940, the daughter of the late Helen (Mulholland) and James T. Aspbury, Sr., and grew up in Millbrook, New York, developing a lifelong love of horses and riding. After completing high school, Helen attended Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York, graduating as a double major in English and Drama (another lifelong passion). She moved to Baltimore, MD, completed her Master’s Degree in English at Johns Hopkins University and began working at Baltimore Center Stage in its early days. From there Helen moved to a job at the Baltimore Sun as a theater and film critic and interviewed such legendary actors as Myrna Loy and Robert Mitchum. It was also at the Sun that Helen met her husband Ed, with whom she had 55 years of incredibly happy marital adventures. A longtime resident of Suffern, New York prior to her recent move to Fairfield, Helen was beloved for her formidable intelligence, humor, energy, warmth, vibrancy and devotion to her family and friends. She was an active member of the liturgical team at the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River, NJ and acted in a number of community theater productions. Helen is survived by her husband, Ed; her daughters Jessica Gerber and Leslie Ballantyne; her grandchildren John and Gillian Gerber; her brother, Herb Aspbury and a large and loving extended family. She is predeceased by her brother, Lt. Col. James T. Aspbury, Jr., and her grandson, Teddy Gerber. A private service was held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Fairfield, CT. A larger memorial is scheduled to take place in the spring at the Church of the Presentation. Donations in Helen’s memory are requested to St. Baldrick’s—Team Teddy; <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/108/2022>.

Mary Catherine ‘Katie’ Hannon
PLEASANT VALLEY – Mary Catherine “Katie” Hannon, 61 of Pleasant Valley, NY passed away on January 4, 2022 at Mid Hudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY. Mary Kate was born on September 14, 1960 in Poughkeepsie, NY to the late Joseph F. Duffy and the former Joan Drescher. She married Michael Hannon, Sr. on June 16, 1985 at Holy Trinity Church in Poughkeepsie, NY. He predeceased her on March 29, 2011. A local resident all her life, Mary Kate received her AAS degree in Nursing from Dutchess Community College. She was a florist before becoming a nurse and worked at Twilight Florist. After her degree, Mary Kate worked at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in the ICU and later retired from Castle Point Veterans Hospital. She also loved to read as well as floral design. Survivors include her son, Michael Hannon, Jr. of Pleasant Valley, NY, Patrick (Meghan) Hannon of Oahu, HI, mother Joan D. Hearn Parks of Wurtsboro, NY, sister Julie D. Cross of Poughkeepsie, NY, Jennifer D. Donovan of Queensbury, NY, Terence (Maria) Duffy of Texas, Jessica (Jim) Logan of East Brunswick, NJ, Jamie Hearn of New Haven, CT and grandchildren Riley and Jackson Hannon. Mary is predeceased by brothers Timothy Hearn and Christopher Duffy. Calling hours were held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, Inc. 371 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Funeral Services followed Visitation. Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org. To send an

online condolence, please visit our website at www.doylefuneralhome.com
Norma G. Kelley
POUGHKEEPSIE – Norma G. Kelley, age 79, passed away on January 1, 2022 after a short illness. Norma was the former Administrative Assistant to Presidents Virginia B. Smith and Frances D. Fergusson of Vassar College from 1979-2004. She is survived by her husband, John R. Kelley; children Eric John Kelley and Deborah Norma Kelley who predeceased her. Norma was born in Farnborough, England on May 11, 1942 to Greta Adelaide Foster and Eric Scott Scorgie. Norma’s siblings are Myra Adelaide Scorgie Scarborough and Linda Hazel Scorgie Spreadbury and Neil Eric Scorgie deceased. Norma came to the United States with her parents in 1962. On July 11, 1964, Norma married John R. Kelley, a marriage of fifty-seven years. Norma’s career in business began as a legal secretary after graduating from Bromley College in England; an Executive with Clairol in Stamford, Connecticut and a quarter of a century as an Assistant to the President of Vassar College. Norma was a loving wife and mother and will be deeply missed by family and friends. Calling hours were held on January 10, 2022 at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. A Funeral service was held January 11, 2022 at the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc with Entombment in the Community Mausoleum at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. When you make a contribution in her memory, please make it in Norma Kelley’s name. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Ann Nolan
MILLBROOK – Ann M. Nolan, 87 of Millbrook passed away on January 2, 2022. She was born on October 26,1934 in Bronx NY, very near the Bronx Zoo, hence her life-long love of animals especially kittens and puppies. Ann is survived by her husband Donald of 65 years and her five children; three sons, James, Kevin and Daniel and two daughters, Joann Ferrara and Karen Fulgum. Visitation was held on Sunday, January 9 at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on January 10 at St. Joseph’s Church, 15 North Ave., Millbrook NY. Interment followed in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, NY. In lieu of flowers, please give a donation to a Parkinson’s disease charity fund. Please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com for condolences.

Colleen M. Perez
HYDE PARK – Colleen M. Perez, 42, of Hyde Park, lost her 6-year long battle with cancer and passed away peacefully at Sloan-Kettering Memorial Hospital in Manhattan. Colleen, born on July 11, 1979 in Newburgh New York was the daughter of Joseph and M. Lynn Reilly Rossa. She had a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing from Mount St Mary’s and worked as an RN at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Colleen was a beautiful soul and an inspiration to everyone that knew her. She had amazing strength as she fought hard for so many years, continuing to work for as long as she could. Married on July 12, 2012 Colleen is survived by her husband Jose A. Perez Jr, and her children Abigail and Ethan Perez. She also leaves behind her sister Lauren Accomando and her husband Robert of Poughkeepsie as well as nieces and nephews. Colleen touched so many and we will all miss her. Calling Hours were held Sunday, January 9, 2022 at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home 371 Hooker Ave. Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. A Mass of Christian Burial was

held Monday, January 10, 2022 at Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel of St Peter’s Chapel Poughkeepsie New York. Burial followed at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Newburgh, New York.
Patricia Scanlan
MILLBROOK – Patricia Scanlan of Millbrook passed away on December 29, 2021 at the age of 72. An intensely private person, she would loathe to share her life story with just anyone. And so we will be brief to honor her. Born November 18, 1949 in White Plains to Joseph and Mary Scanlan, Pat spent her life in the Hudson Valley. She married Edward Fagan in July of 1970 and raised three children. She was an avid reader of mysteries and thrillers, and enjoyed talking about her latest finds at the local bookstore. After getting her children out of the house, she became mom to a parrot and two parakeets who she doted on. When diagnosed with cancer in 2015, she proved herself as stubborn as all who knew her to be, by beating it. Pat remained fiercely independent to her last days. She is survived by her son, Edward J. Fagan (Sarah Talley-Fagan), daughters Jill Fagan (Dennis Kacynski) and Tina Filhart (Andrew Filhart), grandchildren Rhiannon, Kyan, and Corynn, brother Joseph, and sister Ann. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, January 7 from St. Joseph’s Church, Millbrook, NY. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. For condolences, visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com.

George Stuts
HYDE PARK – George Stuts passed away on January 2, 2022. George was born August 7, 1929 at Vassar Hospital in Poughkeepsie, the son of Jean and Henry Stuts. However, George’s formative years were in Newark, New Jersey. His parents owned a camp in Highland New York, Camp Stuts. George had many fond memories of Camp Stuts, which

he thought of as his own private Eden. George joined the Air Force during the Korean War spending four years stateside. During this time George met and married June. He joined IBM where he was employed for thirty years before retiring. George loved being retired so that he could pursue his many other loves, including skiing and instructing the disabled. George especially enjoyed teaching his grandchildren. Racquetball was a special joy for George because many of his friends were several years his junior and he loved coming home saying he won. They became a second family for him. George was a long-time member of Harding Club, past president of the Jewish Community Center and the Poughkeepsie South Rotary Club. George was a loving husband, father and grandfather and his family was the most joy to him. George married Betsy Kopstein October 24, 2004 who survives him at home. George is survived by his three children: Roy Stuts, Lori and husband Bill Croushore, Ken and wife Heidi Stuts, 2 stepchildren: David Kopstein and wife Liz Nasser and Todd Kopstein and wife Nicole Wong as well as his grandchildren: Katelyn (Fonz) Pinhiero, Kelly, Kyle Croushore, Jamie (Chris) Quaranto, Larissa (Cody), Alexis (Dom), Joshua, Matthew Stuts, Joshua, Sophie, Sonia and Natalie Kopstein and 3 great grandchildren: Eva, Gia and CJ Quaranto, his nephew Robert Walsky. George is predeceased by his sister Babette Walsky and nephew Mike Walsky. Graveside Services were on Wednesday, January 5, 2002 in Temple Beth-El Cemetery 1239 Dutchess Turnpike Poughkeepsie, NY In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rotary Foundation or a charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & son FH., Inc. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.



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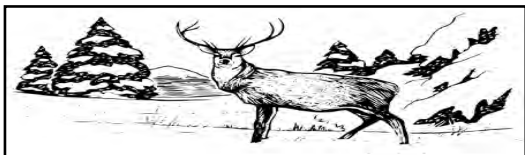
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State Police investigating theft from Central Hudson substations in area

On Jan. 7, the New York State Police investigated several larcenies of copper from Central Hudson substations in the northern Dutchess area.

The suspects are removing in use copper ground wires which destabilizes the electric substation. Not only is this dangerous to the suspects, but the repairs to ground wires are extremely dangerous and could lead to transformer explosions causing injury or death to workers as well

as interruptions in service.

Central Hudson is offering a reward of \$5,000 for any information leading to the arrest and prosecution of any individual responsible for breaking into the Smithfield, Hibernia and Stanfordville substations.

If you believe you have any information regarding the identity or location of the persons responsible, contact the New York State Police at (845) 677-7300.



Theft of copper from Central Hudson substations is being investigated. Anyone with information is asked to contact the State Police. *Courtesy photo*

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