

Gov. Hochul
 ends school
 mask mandate

by Rich Thomaselli

For the first time in a year-and-a-half, students and staff at New York schools can attend classes without having to wear a face mask. Gov. Kathy Hochul made the announcement on Sunday, calling it a seminal moment in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic as positive cases in the state and throughout much of the country have dropped precipitously in the last month.

“I always had that sense (that) if we stick with the experts and the data, and let that be our guide, and not let criticism and politics intervene in this decision-making, we’ll end up in the right place,” Hochul said at a briefing. “And that is why I feel very confident that this is the time to lift the mask requirement.”

Beginning Wednesday, March 2, masks are now optional. Students and staff can still wear a mask at their discretion, but it is no longer mandatory – meaning, for instance, that for some sophomores it will be their first time in high school without having to wear the face covering.

“Dutchess County has pressed the Governor to end use of emergency powers,” Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said in a statement. “We welcome the end to mask requirements for our children later this week – and will take no action to require them locally.”

The optional mask policy has also been adopted by the Archdiocese of New York, including for Our Lady of Lourdes High School in the Town of Poughkeepsie and numerous Catholic elementary schools throughout the county.

“We will encourage the continued use of masks, but will respect the choice of each parent and staff member,” Michael J. Deegan,

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Hoyt Carriageway Bridge in
 Staatsburg set for restoration



Looking forlorn in the recent snow, the Hoyt Carriageway Bridge across the rails in Staatsburg was long beloved of local hikers accessing Mills Norrie State Park’s trails. It may soon be restored. The Calvert Vaux Preservation Association, along with Scenic Hudson, are finalizing plans to restore and reopen the bridge in the foreseeable future. Photo by Jim Donick

by Jim Donick

Once upon a time, visitors to merchant Lydig Monson Hoyt’s magnificent home, The Point, on the Hudson River in Staatsburg arrived via a sylvan lane from the old Albany Post Road for just over a mile. They proceeded under a canopy of green provided by the trees that lined the route. On entering the grounds, they were

then presented with views of the Hoyt’s house and gardens, both of which were designed by Calvert Vaux. Vaux is one of the giants of American park and landscape design. Though not always recalled in the popular imagination, Calvert Vaux was the co-designer, along with Frederick Law Olmstead, of New York’s Central Park.

James F. O’Gorman, writing in the

New York Times some years ago, reflected that Vaux “remains uncelebrated by all but specialists because he was an introvert who frequently joined gifted and outgoing associates. Although he had an equal — if not upper — hand in the design of Central Park and of Prospect Park in Brooklyn, as well as many other New York landmarks.”

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County officials seek
 changes to bail reform



County Executive Marc Molinaro and other officials met at a press conference last week to implore New York Governor Kathy Hochul and members of the New York State Legislature to reform the state’s two-year-old bail reform system. Courtesy photo

by Rich Thomaselli

On a quiet Sunday afternoon, Dutchess County Acting Sheriff Kirk Imperati was in a contemplative mood. Just three days earlier, Imperati had joined other county and state officials at a press conference to implore New York Governor Kathy Hochul and members of the New York State Legislature to reform the state’s two-year old bail reform system.

But he emphasized that this was less about political rhetoric and a complete

overhaul of the system as it was about asking state leaders to do one thing.

Listen. As politicians and district attorneys and members of the media bat around bail reform like a pinata, Imperati just wants the voices of the people fighting crime on the street – the police – to be heard.

“What we wanted to do is just have our local leaders and the governor’s office and the state Assembly and Senate to listen to some of the concerns of law enforcement,”

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Voters in Hyde Park, Red Hook school districts approve capital projects

Second Red Hook proposition fails; Board of Education to review options

by Kate Goldsmith

Wide-ranging capital projects in the Hyde Park and Red Hook school districts were approved in referendums held on Feb. 22. In Hyde Park, voters passed a \$35.7 million project that includes renovations, repairs and upgrades at various schools and facilities in the district. The vote was 826 in favor and 252 opposed.

“I am very pleased with the margin by which the Capital Project vote was approved,” said Aviva Kafka, Superintendent of the Hyde Park Central School District. “It shows the commitment our community has to maintaining safe, accessible and appropriate facilities for our students.”

Red Hook voters were asked to approve two projects totaling \$27 million – one for \$21.9 million to fund improvements to school buildings, and another for \$5.24 million, for improvements to athletic facilities and grounds. Proposition One passed by a tally of 647 to 438. Proposition Two was defeated, with 431 voting Yes and 647 voting No.

“We would like to thank the voters for their support of proposition #1 which allows us to complete essential improvements to our school buildings,” said Superintendent Janet Warden. “The scope of this work includes HVAC systems at our high school and middle school, window and interior door replacements at the

high school, gymnasium roof replacement and fire-rated windows at our middle school, and window replacements at Mill Road Elementary.”

Warden said the district would commence the design phase immediately and noted that the Board of Education Facilities Committee would meet to review projects in the defeated proposition “in the coming weeks and will bring its recommendations forward to the entire board at the conclusion of that review.”

If both propositions in Red Hook had been approved, the district estimated the annual tax impact would have ranged from \$104 to \$135 a year based on a house assessed at \$300,000.

Visit www.redhookcentralschools.org for updates.

No tax increase in Hyde Park

The budget for Hyde Park’s capital project is \$35,717,292. It will be funded through the use of \$3,286,115 in capital reserve funds, and the district will issue bonds for the remaining \$32,431,177. According to an FAQ on the district’s website (<https://www.hpcsd.org/>), the bonds will be paid back over 15 years and the school district will receive state aid of approximately 67.4 percent of the aidable portion of the project.

Because the district is currently paying off older debt, the debt service local annual share (the difference between

bond payments and state aid) will remain at the current level of \$1.8 million. There are no tax increases for this project.

The school district’s architects, CS Arch, will develop the project drawings and specifications for submission to the New York State Education Department

(NYSED). This process period is approximately six months.

A complete design package will be submitted to the New York State Education Department for review and approval; this process could take 15-30 weeks.

County officials seek changes to bail reform

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Imperati told the Northern Dutchess News on Sunday. “We wanted to discuss some of the unintended consequences of bail reform. We take an oath to uphold the law, and it’s hard to do that with this bail reform.”

New legal rules regarding a cashless bail system and rules of discovery were adopted in 2019 and implemented in 2020. The rules eliminated cash bail for suspects facing most misdemeanor and non-violent felony charges.

But in the minds of many, it hasn’t played out that way and has divided party lines even further between Liberals and Conservatives.

Imperati, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, New York State Senator Sue Serino, County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver, County Legislator Mike Polasek and other law enforcement officials gathered at the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Center in the city of Poughkeepsie for the press conference.

“The past year-plus has shown the incomprehensible decision to eliminate cash bail throughout New York has made Dutchess County, and our state as a whole, a more dangerous place in which to live, work and raise a family,” Molinaro, a Republican, said. “Under the current law, instead of receiving the innovative services and programs Dutchess County offers which discourage their recidivism, those apprehended due to criminal activity are free to re-offend, as they are back out on the streets hours after arrest, if not immediately.”

Officials noted that with the programs available, Dutchess County reduced its jail population 40 percent since 2014 and saw a dramatic decrease in violent crimes countywide for an eight-year period prior to the implementation of bail reform.

Since 2020 and the implementation of the state’s bail reform law, Dutchess County has seen an increase in violent

crime, including an increase in repeat offenders who commit crime while awaiting adjudication of their original case, according to a release from the county executive’s office.

“We’re not intending to replace bail reform, but we want to give the judges back some of their authority so we don’t have a situation like we have down in New York City,” Imperati said, referring to a plethora of cases where criminals have been allowed back on the street only to quickly commit another crime. “We arrest them, write an appearance ticket, and they’re out in the street doing the same thing that they’re doing. And we tie up four staff members a day just (doing paperwork) on discovery.”

To alleviate this problem, local leaders called on the State to expand the timelines for discovery, eliminate the ability for courts to grant defendants access to the homes of their victims during the discovery process, and reverse the requirement to share the contact of victims and witnesses with defendants.

That is especially true for victims of domestic violence, Serino said.

“At the time, we warned that in the rush to reform, Albany’s supermajority was putting victims – especially vulnerable domestic violence victims – directly in harm’s way by prohibiting judges from considering ‘dangerousness’ when determining whether an individual should be held, pre-trial,” she said. “Unfortunately, today almost three years later, headline after headline continue to prove that our concerns were well-founded, not fear-mongering. New York is leaving victims vulnerable, and the unwillingness of Albany’s supermajority to acknowledge any need for change defies logic. It is far past time for Albany to put the safety of the people we serve over politics, and that starts by going back to the drawing board on bail reform.”

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The property with house and gardens is now integrated into the Mills Norrie State Park and can be accessed via the hiking trails therein. Up until 2015, it was also possible to access the park and the Hoyt House property by walking across the Hoyt's old carriageway bridge above the railroad tracks and arriving as visitors might have over a hundred years ago. The current bridge was built in 1912 and replaced an earlier structure that had been put in place in 1855.

The Staatsburg community made good use of this much-loved pathway until 2015, when the Parks Commission concluded that the bridge had deteriorated to the point where it was no longer thought to be safe.

Members of the community, led by the enthusiasts of the Calvert Vaux Preservation Association (CVPA), have been steadfast and diligent in developing a plan to restore the bridge and its access to the park as a prelude to going even further. The longer-range plan, after access via the bridge is assured, is to begin restoration of the house. Today, the promise of reopening the bridge is coming closer to reality.

Jon Lawson, the Chairman of CVPA, is enthusiastic and optimistic.

He notes that "The state park owns the walkway and the access. AMTRAK owns the railway right-of-way and the rails. Nobody seems to claim to actually own the bridge, itself."

This could be an additional complication, but Lawson is comforted by the fact that "the Parks Commission in Albany is very supportive and AMTRAK has been very supportive as well."

Both sources of support bode well for success.

With help from a Hudson Valley Greenway grant, the CVPA engaged respected upstate New York-based engineer Peter Melewski to determine the repairs needed to enable pedestrian use of the Staatsburg bridge.

Lawson has commented that "We are working with the engineering firm of Peter Melewski, who also did some of the engineering work on the Walkway Over the Hudson. They have been very supportive and their breadth of knowledge has made this effort progress more smoothly."

As of this past week, the report is in. The bridge structure is in remarkably good condition. The steel structure is solid. One of the bridge piers needs some limited repair. Most of the wooden deck needs replacing and some of the underlying wooden stringers on the deck will

also want replacing. Cost is expected to be less than \$200,000 and this could be cut significantly with community involvement such as:

- Donation of the materials or selling them to the project at cost;
- Volunteer labor from the community to help clear the access way from the road;
- Volunteer carpentry labor from local construction firms or unions to accomplish the replacement of the wooden decking. "It's primarily a carpentry job."

Planning for the ultimate restoration of the bridge is also being supported by Scenic Hudson as part of an even larger plan.

As noted earlier, The Hoyt Carriageway Bridge is one of 12 historic truss bridges spanning the railroad line along the Hudson River between Hyde Park and Clermont. It was the subject of a 2020 Scenic Hudson report, "Historic Steel Truss Bridges Cultural Resource Survey." This report was supported by a grant from the Preservation League of New York as part of efforts to ensure public access to the Hudson River. They noted at the time that "The Point's landscape is nationally significant for its exceptional design and intrinsic scenic beauty."

Dr. Jeffrey Anzevino, Director of Land Use Advocacy at Scenic Hudson, suggests that the restoration be viewed as part of a plan to restore seven of these bridges. "Bundling the bridges' restoration could save considerably on cost."

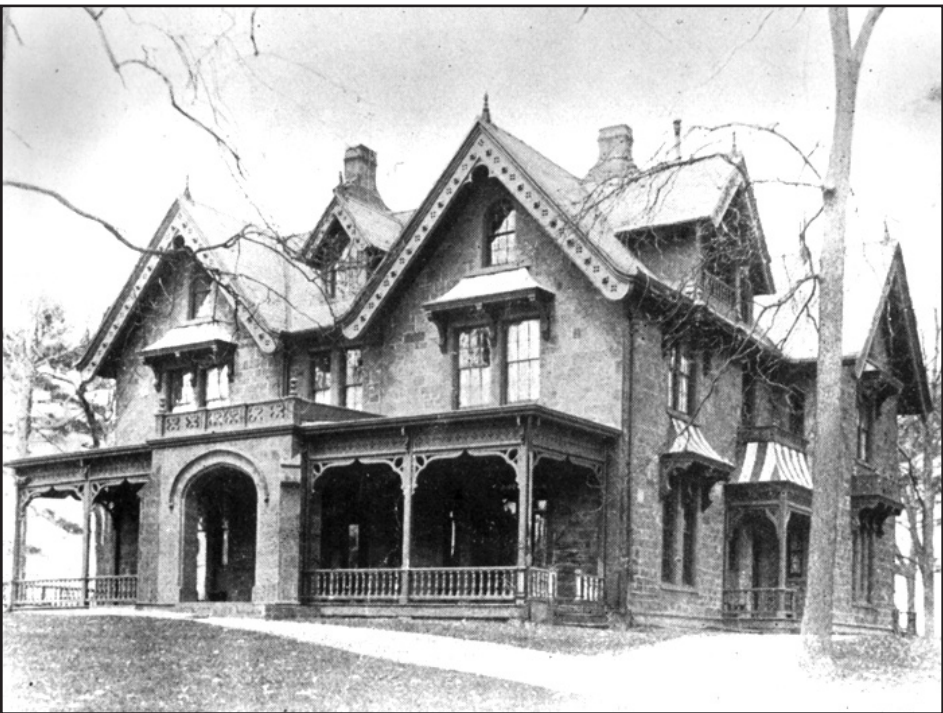
He notes the project is important and "provides at least three significant values to the community:

- "Public Access to the walking trails and to the Hoyt house area and remains of the gardens.
- "Education for students of engineering to be able to study the technology of early 20th Century truss bridge construction, and
- "Public Safety - restoration of the bridge will protect the rails below.

If the restoration isn't accomplished, then, at some point, parts of the bridge are likely to begin falling down. This was the case at one time with the rail bridge in Poughkeepsie."

Those wanting more information may search the Calvert Vaux Preservation Alliance's website at calvertvaux.org.

Anyone wishing to inquire about volunteering services or materials for the bridge effort may email CVPA Chairman Jon Lawson at jklawson1111@gmail.com.



The Lydig Hoyt house at "The Point" was designed by Calvert Vaux, one of the two designers of New York's Central Park. It remains today - a little worse for the wear - in Mills Norrie State Park in Staatsburg. *CVPA courtesy image.* Below: The chairman of the Calvert Vaux Preservation Association (CVPA), Jon Lawson, has been personally leading the effort to restore the Hoyt Carriageway Bridge to provide access to the Mills Norrie State Park in Staatsburg and to the grounds of the Hoyt property, an iconic example of Vaux's creativity. He is here at the bridge evaluating some possibilities. *Photo by Jim Donick*



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The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) reminds area drivers of the implementation of cashless tolling at the Mid-Hudson Bridge. The switch occurred on March 1.

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Cashless tolling is already in use on the Authority's Bear Mountain, Newburgh-Beacon, Kingston-Rhinecliff, and Rip Van Winkle bridges.

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Serino needs to provide solutions

To the editor:
The article "Serino announces launch of 2022 State Senate campaign" (Feb 23 - Mar. 1 edition) filled nearly half a page, but said nothing of substance. Senator Serino is quoted in statements about residents who are "fed up with rapidly rising costs, increases in crime and government overreach," "New Yorkers are leaving in droves," and "power-hungry politicians."
These statements are just generalizations, making them meaningless to the electorate. Costs are certainly rising everywhere in the nation and the world. Since she mentioned it, perhaps Senator Serino has a solution to share. I would like to suggest that Senator Serino provide us with not only numbers to support just how many New Yorkers are leaving in droves, but from which region of the state and the reasons they are leaving. And then, she can provide the readers with her solutions to this problem.
Senator Serino should also provide us with statistics to demonstrate rising crime, and tell us what she - as our state senator - is doing about it. As for government overreach, what exactly does this mean? There is an allusion to non-essential businesses being ordered to close by Governor Cuomo early in the pandemic. As a Registered Nurse, I supported this action as one needed to protect the health of the state's residents until it was known how society might safely function within the limitations imposed upon us by SARS-CoV-2.
Finally, if Senator Serino is fighting for her constituents in Albany, it would be helpful for her to publish a list of her legislative initiatives and accomplishments which have made New York a better and safer place to live.

Joseph Treimel
Pleasant Valley

Healthcare mandate and safety

To the editor:
Recently, a mandate was put in place by the state health department that healthcare workers had to get the corona booster by February 21, or be terminated. This policy would have further resulted in short-staffing in medical facilities, nursing homes and other communities that are already stressed from previous policies. The policy was put on hold late on a Friday before the Monday deadline. One of the more obvious reasons is that the number of healthcare workers who had not reported getting (and likely were not going to get) the booster was upwards of 50 percent.
Based on the results of vaccine measurements, the vaccines have been shown they are not the silver bullet they have been purported to be. And yet, the healthcare workers who have been showing up to work for the past two years of the pandemic, and avoided or survived the corona virus, are again being told to capitulate or walk the plank. This is an intolerable situation in that it forces workers to get a vaccine they may not believe to be appropriate and imperils patient care.
The governor is more than willing to jeopardize the care and safety of patients through short staffing for the quest of forcing workers to get a booster. Don't be fooled that this policy hold is the last word. It was only postponed, not terminated. Is this the way we want to live our lives, subjected to the totalitarian whims of office holders? The upcoming election in November will give us a chance to voice our opinion.

Rex S. Bridges
Rhinebeck

Johnson withdraws as Vassar College announces new commencement speaker

by Rich Thomaselli

Under internal pressure from its own student body, Vassar College has replaced its original commencement speaker for its May 22 graduation.
Out is Jeh Johnson, the Roy C. Ketcham High School graduate.
In is noted actor John Leguizamo.
Johnson was Vassar's original choice for the school's 158th commencement and seemed like a great local choice. Not only did he graduate from RCK in 1975, but his father was a professor at Vassar who designed a building on campus now known as the Jeh Vincent Johnson ALANA Cultural Center.

The younger Johnson rose to become the U.S. Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security under the Obama Administration. But his rigid stance on strong border control and immigration reform did not exactly endear himself to a segment of the Vassar student body in this time of woke culture.
In announcing he would withdraw his name from consideration two weeks go, Johnson said in a statement that "I believe commencements should be joyous, tension-free events for graduates and their families. In my public life, I managed many difficult and contentious issues. In my private life, I do not seek to be the object of controversy or speak at a com-

mencement where students will object to me. I continue to be grateful for all Vassar is doing to honor my late father's legacy as a lecturer there for 37 years."
Leguizamo also has strong – and familial – ties to Vassar. His son is currently a junior at the school and his wife graduated from Vassar 32 years ago.
The actor has had notable turns in movie roles in "Carlito's Way" and "Summer of Sam," as well as serving as the voice of Sid the sloth in the popular animated "Ice Age" series. But he was also on campus just two years ago filming the television miniseries "The Green Veil."

Field Hall Foundation announces grant recipients

Field Hall Foundation has announced \$302,000 in new grants through its Winter 2021/22 grant cycle. Thirteen grants, ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000, have been awarded to organizations that will provide new or enhanced services to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers. Dutchess County grant recipients include:
• Guiding Eyes for the Blind, \$25,000
– To train and support senior handler-guide dog teams in Dutchess, Putnam and

Westchester counties
• Poughkeepsie Farm Project, \$25,000
– To increase the amount farm-fresh produce they provide to food-insecure older adults living in the City of Poughkeepsie
• Common Ground Farm, \$15,000
– To provide free weekly supplemental healthy groceries to homebound seniors through a collaboration with Mutual Aid Beacon.
• Meals on Wheels of Greater Poughkeepsie, \$5,000
– To replace

kitchen equipment necessary to continue the program
• Friends of Seniors of Dutchess County, \$2,000
– To support the volunteer senior transportation program
Field Hall Foundation's mission is to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties. For more information, visit www.fieldhallfoundation.org.

COVID-19 QUICK FACTS FOR DUTCHESS COUNTY

(as of Feb. 27)

Active cases: 165 (down from 201 on Feb. 20)
Community transmission: 12.94 per 100,000 (down from 13.28 on Feb. 20)
Hospitalizations due to COVID-19: 7 (the same as Feb. 20)
Hospitalizations of individuals with COVID-19: 12 (down from 19 on Feb. 20)
Total deaths: 648 (was 645 on Feb. 20)
% population 18+ with at least one dose of vaccine: 85 (slightly up from 84.9 on Feb. 20)
% of total county population with at least one dose of vaccine: 76.44 (slightly up from 76.29 on Feb. 20)
% of total county population that has completed their vaccine series: 68.63 (slightly up from 68.42 on Feb. 20)
The county dashboard doesn't include data on boosters; however, according to the CDC, 50.1 percent of the county's fully vaccinated population has received a booster, up from 49.5 percent on Feb. 20.

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Superintendent of Schools for Archdiocese of New York, said in a statement. "As part of our Catholic values infusion program, students learn we all have a moral responsibility for the good of all and must have respect for everyone. As a school community, we must respect each other's decisions, but remain united as a community of faith. This transition is a truly teachable moment for our children."

County St. Patrick's Day Parade set March 5

by Kristine Coulter

The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dutchess County is back after being virtual last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The parade line up begins at noon and steps off in the village of Wappingers Falls on March 5th at 1 p.m. Retired Wappingers Central School District principal Joseph "Joe" Corrigan will be 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade grand marshal.

"I think it will be a good time," said Gene Noone, who is the chairman of the parade. He said the parade will bring "enthusiasm" and a positive outlook for the future.

There will be almost a dozen bands and 3 to 4,000 marchers, according to Noone.

There will be several new police departments coming down to honor late Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian "Butch" Anderson, said Noone.

Jack Fedigan, a member of the parade committee, noted that Anderson "participated in this parade since parade 1." Fedigan added that there will be a moment of silence for Anderson, Eileen Sassman, a past grand marshal and village of Wappingers Falls resident, and James "Jimmy" Sweeney. Sweeney was a former zone sergeant with State Police Troop K. He died in March of 2021 due to illnesses related to his Ground Zero assignment in 2001. Sweeney was 68.

Grand Marshal Corrigan was an educator for more than 34 years. He was a teacher and principal at local junior and

senior high schools, as well as an assistant superintendent of schools.

"There were probably a lot more people who fill the bill better than I did," said Corrigan. He noted he is "appreciative" of the honor.

Corrigan was an interim principal for the Wappingers Central School District at Myers Corners, James Evans and Vassar Road elementary schools. He was named "Outstanding Principal" by a local paper during his tenures as Wappingers Junior High School and John Jay High school principal.

It was noted by the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, "Joe is a proud advocate of his Irish heritage. On each St. Patrick's Day, Joe would greet his students appropriately attired with the 'wearing of the green.' He would then serenade them over the school's PA system, with a traditional Irish lullaby. Yes, he adores being Irish. He often shares wonderful tales of Ireland along with stories of his family's humble beginnings."

Noone commented about Corrigan, "He's definitely very Irish" and noted Corrigan's volunteer work with Meals on Wheels. Corrigan has also volunteered with past membership in The Wappinger Falls Lions Club and school district liaison with the greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce. He served as a trustee for 12 years at Grinnell Library. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Taconic Educational and Governmental Federal Credit Union



This year's grand marshal is Joseph Corrigan. Corrigan is a retired educator from the Wappingers Central School District and volunteers with local organizations. Photo by Kristine Coulter

(TEG). Corrigan is committee member on the New Hamburg Yacht Club Golf Tournament.

Fedigan called Corrigan "a tremendous Irishman" and remarked "he's going to make a tremendous Grand Marshal."

Corrigan said he is "proud of the Irish heritage."

There will be a business decorating

contest on Friday, said Noone. Judges will be going down the parade route to judge the decorated businesses, said Noone.

Noone said he hopes "everyone comes and has a good time."

Fedigan said, "If you haven't seen it (the parade), you'll be pleasantly surprised."

Garden volunteers needed at National Park sites

Join the gardeners at the Roosevelt Vanderbilt National Historic Site for an informational meeting to learn about volunteer opportunities in their historic gardens. Interested persons can attend a meeting on Tuesday, March 8, at 10 a.m.; or on Friday, March 18, at 10 a.m., at the Greenhouses at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, 4097 Albany Post Road (Route 9), Hyde Park.

Questions: Contact Anna de Cordova, NPS Horticulturist, at anna_decordova@nps.gov

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Free virtual event for International Women's Day March 8

In honor of the International Women's Day, the Mid-Hudson Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is hosting the Building Resilience Conference for Women in Business, a free virtual event on March 8, from 1 to 5 p.m.

The conference begins with a welcome session with opening remarks from Sonya Smith, State Director of the New York Small Business Development Center, followed by Dr. Mindy S. Kole, Chair of the Business Department at SUNY Ulster, and Sylvia Rivera, Economic Development Specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration.

There are three sessions, each with three unique presentations that include an interactive period of Q&A. The first session focuses on Health and Wellness - Finding Balance and features a presentation entitled Promoting Mindful Wellbeing, and two panels: Build Resilience & Grow your Business and Self-care for the Business Owner.

The second session focuses on Business Essentials - Foundation with two presentations: Branding Done Right and Friend or Foe? The True Nature of Numbers Revealed, and one panel, Long-term Strategies for Financial Health.

The third session of the conference focuses on Business Success - Planning Ahead with two presentations, Why Me? Create a Culture of Leadership and Create Financial Independence, and one panel, Long-term Strategies for Financial Health.

The conference concludes with a closing session with remarks from New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey, Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business committee member.

Recordings of each presentation will be available to attendees for up to one month after the event. Closed captioning will be available.

For more information and to register in advance, visit <https://www.nysbdc.org/>.

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Job Requirements: Successful track record in an office environment, that is, project planning, communication, and general business writing, answering incoming calls, responding to emails, greeting the public and basic admin work. Ability to juggle several projects and tasks at once: team oriented, creative, and proactive. Outstanding organizational and communication skills, both written and verbal. Excellent interpersonal skills, with ability to effectively interact with the business community and Chamber members.

Familiarity with/ability to learn Constant Contact e-news platform, Canva and Chamber Master website tools.

Proficiency in Microsoft Office (word, excel, power point)

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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.

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Innisfree sets lecture series

Innisfree Garden is hosting a lunchtime lecture series via Zoom. Lectures all start at 1 p.m. via Zoom. The cost is \$15 (free for Innisfree members); register at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/innisfreegarden>.

Upcoming events include:

"A New Way of Thinking about Gardens, Nature, and Ourselves" with James Golden, Wednesday, March 2;

"Painting the Romantic Landscape: Claude Lorrain to the Hudson River School" with John McGiff, Wednesday, March 23;

"Landscape, Poetry and Ecology: Romanticism at Innisfree" with Paul Kane, Wednesday, April 6;

"Romanticism at Innisfree" with Katherine H. Kerin, Wednesday, April 20.

Hyde Park Knights of Columbus sets 28th Annual Lenten Fish Fry

The Hyde Park Knights of Columbus will serve freshly breaded fish each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday. The Fish Fries will begin on March 4 and end April 8.

Your choice of meal entrée includes: fried haddock, baked haddock w/baked potato, fried clam strips, battered shrimp OR breaded scallops. Sides include coleslaw, French fries, roll and dessert. The cost is \$14 - \$16.

Kids Portion (fish or shrimp) is \$10.

Combo Platter - includes fish fillet, scallops, shrimp and clam strips for \$19.

Side Dishes Available: Clam chowder for \$3; Side of fries for \$3; Baked Mac 'n' Cheese for kids is \$6 (full portion \$10).

Take-out only from 5 to 7 p.m. For takeout orders: order when you arrive from parking lot or call, after 4:30 p.m. at (845) 229-6111. You may also order online at <https://kofchydepark.square.site>

The Hyde Park K of C is located 1 mile north of the East Park Light on Route 9G across street from Moose Club.

Stanford Grange sets

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 12, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. All dinners are take-out

only at 5 p.m. The menu will consist of corned beef & cabbage, smashed potatoes, carrots, homemade Irish soda bread, and shamrock pudding for dessert. Donation is \$15 per dinner. Drive to the back door of the Grange Hall, pay for your dinner, get your food through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. All CDC & Gov. Hochul's Health Guidelines will be followed. Call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton for reservations at (845) 868-7869.

Historic Red Hook to host free virtual event

On Wednesday, March 16, at 7 p.m., Sarah K. Herman will present an author talk via Zoom, titled "The 1903 Jackson Corners Signature Quilt."

Hermans grew up in Millerton, and has resided in Poughkeepsie and Pine Plains. Her grandmother, Clara Weller Losee, was a dedicated local and family historian for the towns of Red Hook, Milan and Northeast.

In 2010 an old, stained muslin sheet made of 42 blocks sewn together, many covered in embroidered names, was passed down through five generations of Hermans' family. She spent a decade researching the quilt; the 260 names of local people from Milan, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Pine Plains, Livingston, Clermont and Ancram embroidered on it; and the world of Northern Dutchess and Southern Columbia counties in 1903 when the "simple" life was coming to an end. Register for this free program at <https://www.historicredhook.org/register>.

Penny Social set at Grange Hall

Dutchess County Pomona Grange #32 will host its Annual Penny Social on Saturday, March 19, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and calling begins at 7 p.m. There will be a penny table, \$1 table, baked goods table, special theme baskets donated by our Dutchess County Granges, and door prizes. Dutchess County Youth Grangers will have the Snack Bar open for refreshments. For more information, contact Marilyn Brands at (845) 223-5717 or Melissa Traver at (845) 891-9779.

Concerts set at Millbrook Library

The Millbrook Arts Group will present "Southland, Swing & Spain," a monthly concert series, at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane. The schedule:

Teresa Broadwell - Swing Violinist and Singer - March 26;

Maria Zemantowski - Flamenco Guitar Master - April 30.

Concerts start at 5 p.m. and end by 7 p.m.

ONGOING

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed; we will train as we work. You need to be 18 years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org, visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call (845) 229-6432.

County deputy commissioner for special needs retires



County Executive Marc Molinaro has announced the retirement of Dr. Toni-Marie Ciarfella as Deputy Commissioner for Special Needs. *Courtesy photo*

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has announced the retirement of Dr. Toni-Marie Ciarfella, the County's Deputy Commissioner for Special Needs, following more than five years of service.

Molinaro appointed Ciarfella as Deputy Commissioner for Special Needs, the first such position of its kind in New York State, in September 2016. County Executive Molinaro empowered Ciarfella to create cultural change in working with all Dutchess County residents and to promote inclusion, acceptance and provide education toward that change in both county government and the local community.

Prior to joining Dutchess County Government, Ciarfella spent 30 years serving individuals with special needs and all abilities, beginning her career at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie serving as a Senior Child Care Worker. She went on to work for Greystone Programs, Green Briar Adult Home and Vassar Brothers Medical Center. In 1989, Ciarfella began a tenure that spanned more than 20 years with the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (Taconic DDSO) in a variety of positions of increasing responsibility, with her last position being the Treatment Team Leader for Campus & Community Connections and District Forensic Liaison.

As Deputy Commissioner for Special Needs, Ciarfella served as an advocate for thousands of individuals and families with special needs and abilities, helping them navigate a network of services, programs and providers which can often be complicated, to find the correct solution for each individual's unique circumstances. Ciarfella worked closely with various community agencies and County departments that provide services and resources for residents with disabilities and special needs, including the departments of Community and Family Service (DCFS), Planning and Development, Emergency Response, Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH), and Public Works, as well as the Office for the Aging.

Ciarfella's accomplishments include, among others:

- Partnering with the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board, to convene local employers to discuss the benefits of hiring those with disabilities at the County's annual "Think Jobs" roundtable discussion, resulting in an increase in employment opportunities for this vastly underutilized workforce;

- Playing an instrumental role in the creation of the "Think Ahead" program, a collaboration with Abilities First, Arc of the Greater Hudson Valley, Maplebrook School, Taconic Resources of Independence and Dutchess Community College, which offers qualified students the opportunity to enjoy a full college experience, including on-campus

employment opportunities, while gaining valuable work and life skills;

- Partnering with DBCH Community Health nursing to create a special needs healthcare committee with agency local providers, resulting in numerous community trainings, including among others, Annual Think DIFFERENTLY Conference, Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment Training for healthcare providers, Autism Training for First Responders, Trauma in Childhood and Sexuality and Individuals Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, as well as the continued Autism Supportive Environment Training, in collaboration with the Anderson Center for Autism;

- Designing and overseeing the highly nationally recognized, award-winning thinkdifferently.net website, an invaluable asset for those with special needs, their families and community agencies;

- Assisting in coordination of the County's hosting of the Special Olympics New York Summer and Winter Games;

- Collaborating with the Dutchess County Agricultural Society to offer Think DIFFERENTLY Thursday at the Dutchess County Fair, providing those with special needs and their families early entry into the fair and a sensory-friendly midway experience, and in 2021, expanding the program to a full week of activities, outreach and resources;

- Organizing dozens of COVID-19 vaccination Points of Dispensing (PODs) for those with special needs and outreach for Direct Support Staff to encourage vaccination to help protect this vulnerable population; and

- Organizing successful, inclusive events, including the annual Think DIFFERENTLY Picnic, sensory-friendly movie days and performances at the Bardavon 1986 Opera House, Think DIFFERENTLY Town Hall for Direct Support Professionals, a drive-through Think DIFFERENTLY picnic, the annual Collaboration of Services and Care Across the Life Span for People with Special Needs conference, the Think DIFFERENTLY Dash, the inaugural ThinkDIFFERENTLY Field & Fitness Day and aforementioned "Think Jobs" event.

Ciarfella officially retired on Feb. 22.

"I have been honored to serve Dutchess County for the last five-plus years, working daily to improve the lives of those throughout Dutchess County living with special needs," said Ciarfella. "I sincerely appreciate the opportunity County Executive Molinaro provided me to make positive impacts on the residents we serve, and I thank all those with whom I've worked – both those within County government and our community partners – for their commitment to making Think DIFFERENTLY an integral part of our county."

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DEC reports 2021 hunting seasons were safest on record

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced last week that the 2021 hunting seasons in New York were the safest ever, with the lowest number of hunting-related shooting incidents since record-keeping began. DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECO) investigated nine hunting-related shooting incidents (HRSIs) in 2021, including one fatality. “Hunting is an enjoyable and safe form of outdoor recreation with a long and storied history in New York State,” Commissioner Seggos said. I’m proud of

our Hunter Education Program and our educators and volunteer instructors, working to ensure licensed hunters experience a safe hunting season. Every hunting fatality is preventable when New Yorkers hunt safely and responsibly.” Seven of the nine HRSIs that occurred in 2021 were two-party firearm incidents; two incidents were self-inflicted. All identified shooters were experienced hunters with an average of 40 years of hunting experience, emphasizing the need for all hunters to remain vigilant when heading afield. All incidents could have been prevented if those involved

followed hunting safety rules. A new hunting regulation that took effect in 2021 extended legal shooting hours for big game to 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. None of the deer hunting incidents last year took place during the new extended hours. The four incidents involving deer hunters occurred between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Another new regulation change effective last year requires all persons hunting deer or bear with a firearm, or anyone accompanying these hunters, to wear a solid or patterned fluorescent orange or

fluorescent pink hat, vest, or jacket, visible from all directions. Unfortunately, the single fatality that occurred in 2021 involved a deer hunter not wearing fluorescent orange or pink. The hunter was mistaken for game and shot by a hunting partner. Also new in 2021, 52 upstate counties passed local laws allowing 12- and 13-year-old licensed hunters to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow while under the supervision of an experienced, licensed, adult hunter. None of the nine HRSIs investigated in 2021 involved a 12- or 13-year-old hunter.



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Furry friends offer companionship to heroes in need

Are you a dog person? A cat person? When we think of our household pets, we often think of the unconditional love they bring to our lives. Sometimes we can't even imagine our lives without the dogs, cats and other furry friends that always seem to pick us up when things feel low. For so many of us — including many veterans — our household pets truly can feel like family.

However, many veterans right here in Dutchess County feel isolated on a daily basis. When there's no one to talk to, and no one to share our lives with, sitting in an empty house or apartment alone can be discouraging, and in some cases, very dangerous. That's why some folks in our community are trying to share that unconditional love of a household pet with veterans who could use that companionship in their lives, to get them through.

For example, the Dutchess County SPCA has a great program called Pets 4 Vets that pairs up a local veteran with a furry companion, absolutely free! The DCSPA will cover all the adoption fees and shots, and they will even throw in a month's worth of food and treats. They're looking for veterans who live in a home environment already conducive for pet ownership.

My friend Kyle, who works at the Dutchess County SPCA, says the Pets 4 Vets program has really made a positive impact on the lives of several veterans already.

"Our heroes deserve to be happy," she

told me. "We'd love to help more veterans find that sense of companionship through the Pets 4 Vets program."

If you know a local veteran who is living alone and could really benefit from the Pets 4 Vets program, visit their website at www.dcsPCA.org.

Kyle and the folks at the Dutchess County SPCA aren't the only ones in our community who believe pairing veterans with lovable, furry companions can have amazing benefits! My friend Angela Garcia, who is a 17-year USMC veteran and very active in the veteran community, is part of an organization called Guardian Revival, a nonprofit based in Putnam County. Angela is Director of their program called Boots & Paws which supports first responders, military veterans and active service personnel, as well as federal agents by pairing companion dogs with these heroes. They also include one year of paid needs such as veterinarian care, dog food and training sessions at no cost to participants.

"I think that anything that makes you happy or brings you some kind of peace is therapeutic," Angela told me. "Veterans and first responders often have a hard time, and this job lets me stay in this fight against the negative stigma."

Angela also said their program is looking to expand by partnering with other local organizations to provide additional services such as service dogs, psychiatric (PTSD) training dogs and training for older or owned dogs.

If you would like to find out more

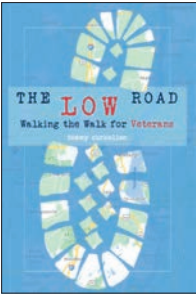


Angela Garcia is a Marine Corps veteran and Director of the Boots & Paws program, which pairs companion dogs with Hudson Valley veterans and first responders. Photo courtesy of Angela Garcia.

about the Boots & Paws program at Guardian Revival, visit their website at www.guardianrevival.org today.

Thanks to Kyle and Angela for sharing their stories with me today about the wonderful programs they have started to help our veterans in need. And thank you, for listening! See you next time!

A Navy veteran, Tom Zurhellen has been Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Poughkeepsie for the past three years. In the summer of 2019, he walked across America from Portland, Oregon, to Poughkeepsie to raise awareness on veteran suicide and veteran homelessness in our country. He continues to work with local veterans in need through the VetZero Project, in partnership with Hudson River Housing.



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Tom Zurhellen chronicles his 2019 VetZero Walk Across America in his new book, "The Low Road: Walking the Walk for Veterans." The Walk raised awareness of the plight of many veterans in our country, and called attention to the fact that, every day, 22 veterans take their own lives. Proceeds from "The Low Road" will go directly to help local veterans in need through the VetZero Project at Hudson River Housing. The book costs \$22 and can only be purchased at www.hudsonriverhousing.org.

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The passion for gardening continues. Sales of flower and vegetable seeds are booming again this year. I guess the folks who took up gardening during the pandemic must have enjoyed it, or at least were successful enough to give it another go. And they want to start from seed.

Let's divide the flower and vegetable kingdom into two groups – the varieties you can grow from seed sown directly into the garden soil, and the ones more commonly started indoors so they can go into the garden as started transplants, to get the jump on spring:

- **Sow directly** – Peas, beans, corn, carrots, beets, radishes, spinach, squash, cucumbers, pumpkins, zinnias, sunflowers, nasturtium, morning glory, sweet pea.

- **Start indoors** – Tomato, pepper, lettuce, eggplant, broccoli, parsley, ageratum, pansy, marigold, impatiens, celosia, salvia, verbena.

This week is an ideal time to start garden seed indoors. For a demonstration on seed starting, Google “seed starting adams.” My 10-minute video will pop up on Adams Fairacre Farms’ Facebook page. Or you can read the rest of this article, which should take about five minutes.

- **Choose the seed** – A big advantage of starting your own seed is the ability to grow a favorite variety, instead of being stuck with whatever transplant is on sale at the local garden center. San Marzano tomato for example, instead of a generic “Italian paste.”

- **Find a container** – Anything will do, from pots to trays to old cardboard egg cartons, as long as it has drainage holes. I prefer a shallow “seed starting flat” about 10 inches by 20 inches and less than an inch deep.

- **Buy a sterilized potting mix** – The mixture of peat moss and vermiculite (a mineral made from expanded mica, for water retention) is called potting mix or

germination mix. It provides a loose substrate so roots can grow easily. If you want to sterilize your own mix made from hopefully not-too-compacted garden soil, heat it to 180 degrees in the oven. This will kill bacteria and weed seeds. Fill your pots or trays with the mix, and moisten it until water flows out the drainage holes. Now you're ready to sow the seed.

- **Sprinkle seed on top of the mix.** If space is limited, sow 100 seeds per square foot of surface area and plan to separate (transplant) into larger containers as the seedlings grow. To sow in individual pots, one or two seeds in each will do.

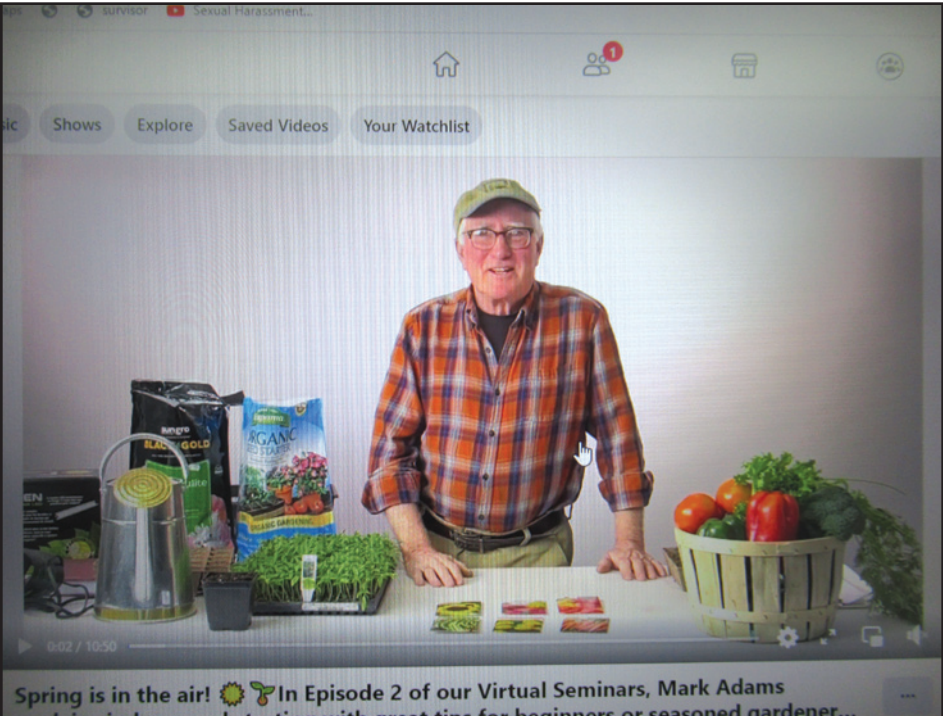
- **Cover the seed with a thin layer of mix or vermiculite,** and then with a sheet of clear plastic to hold in the moisture. It's important that the seed stays moist.

- **Temperature** – 75 degrees is ideal for just about any seed to germinate. Monitor the temperature as you move the pots or trays to a location by a sunny window or under lights. At cooler temperatures, the seed will come up eventually. For example, pepper seed will sprout in a week at 75 degrees, but will take a month at 60 degrees. As soon as most of the seed is sprouting, remove the plastic.

- **Light** – The minute the seed germinates, the tiny plants will start looking for light. Within days, they will stretch into tall threads if the light is too dim. So get a light fixture – nothing fancy – and put it 18 inches above the tops of the growing seedlings. Leave it on for 16 hours a day.

- **Hardening off** – Tender seedlings set into the garden can fall victim to “transplant shock,” especially on windy days. Move your trays or pots outside for a few hours in nice weather to get them used to the outdoors.

- **Transplant** – Remove the mature seedlings from their pots without shredding the roots and transplant them into the loose garden soil. Water thoroughly.



Mark is trending with his 10-minute video on how to start seeds indoors. Below: Tomato seedlings. Photos courtesy of Mark Adams

Then stand back and watch them grow! News about Mt. Gulian Historic Site: The historic home of the Verplanck family will open for tours on April 24.

Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor to the Dutchess County Executive, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.



DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

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NYS landmarks lit in blue and yellow to mark solidarity with Ukrainians

Gov. Kathy Hochul ordered that Grand Central Station and other New York State landmarks be lit blue and yellow Feb. 25 through Feb. 27, in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. *Courtesy photo*

MORTON LIBRARY’S TALENT SHOW SET MARCH 4

Morton Memorial Library in Rhinecliff will present the Virtual Annual Morton Community Talent Show on Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

MC Richard will introduce performances including but not limited to: singing, dancing, piano players, performers with guitars, performers with saxophones and more.

This is an online event; advance registration is required at <https://morton.rhinecliff.lib.ny.us/>. Following registration, participants will receive an email with the link to join the show. Sliding scale registration start at \$1.

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Bard Conservatory to present Janáček opera

The Bard College Conservatory of Music Graduate Vocal Arts Program presents Leoš Janáček's "The Cunning Little Vixen," a century-old opera detailing the adventures of a clever fox cub, which has much to say about the connections between people and animals, and the cyclical nature of life and death. Directed by Doug Fitch, "The Cunning Little Vixen" features vocalists of the Graduate Vocal Arts Program and members of The Orchestra Now conducted by James Bagwell.

"Janáček's 'The Cunning Little Vixen' is a musical paean to nature in which he gently but deftly dismantles our blindly human-centric views about other living

things. It sings of an inherent humanity in nature that has no need for humans to humanize it. It's also a memento mori, written by an old man facing his own mortality and looking for ways to make sense of it all at the end of his life . . . Janáček merged the divinity he saw pervading all nature and humanity with an appreciation he had gained by a long life of personal experience to write this transcendent piece of musical art," writes Fitch in his Note from the Director.

Performances will be held on Friday, March 4, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, March 6, at 3 p.m., in the Fisher Center's Sosnoff Theater. Tickets start at \$25, with \$5 tickets for Bard students made possible by

the Passloff Pass. Virtual live-stream tickets are pay what you wish. All ticket sales benefit the Bard Conservatory Graduate Vocal Arts Scholarship Fund.

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Luigi Coppola shares stories and recipes.



'Master Class' at The Center through March 6

The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck presents "Master Class," a play by Terrence McNally and directed by Lou Trapani, running March 4-6. McNally's brilliant two-act play presented as an opera class for aspiring performers as conducted by the legendary Maria Callas in her sunset years. At times bitter, at times assaultive, McNally has created a masterpiece of a character study.

"Master Class" also features live operatic performance.

Starring Elaine Young as Maria Callas with Sabina Balsamo, Sara Pearson and Thomas Netter as the student sopranos and tenor, respectively. Also starring Paul Schubert and David Kent. Produced and

directed by Lou Trapani for CENTERstage productions.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. All tickets are \$25 per person and reservations are recommended. Call (845) 876-3080 or visit www.centerforperformingarts.org to purchase.

COVID policy is that all attendees must present proof of vaccination and remain masked while inside the theatre. This play is intended for mature audiences only.

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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.

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

Suguru

			2		
3					3
				5	
			3		
4				2	

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

- Men
- Lawyers' assn.
- Sad notice, for short
- Boor
- Talks wildly
- Diminish gradually
- Arrow poison
- Misbehave
- Up to the task
- Shirley Temple garnishes
- 100 sen
- Homer Simpson's comment
- Put one's arms around
- Primitive transport
- Ending for nectar or serpent
- Stopping place
- "__ NBC"; newsmagazine series
- Transportation system
- First lady's man
- River mouth feature
- Greek letters
- Earhart or Lindbergh
- Distinct; unrelated
- Appears unsteady
- Group bath
- San Luis __; California mission
- First responders, often
- Common contraction
- Word with coat or cock
- Heavy machinery
- Mr. Johnson
- Boredom
- Helping hand
- Commits perjury
- Like tough stains
- Empty space
- Football positions
- S. A. nation
- Within: pref.

DOWN

- Like Jack Sprat
- Scottish island
- One who is full of regrets
- Place
- Spider or tick
- One whose middle name was Sebastian
- Playful act
- "Death __ Salesman"
- Parent's substitute
- Loafing
- Young person
- Game fishes
- Make __ of; ridicule
- Dirt
- Common place for a tear
- Texas rancher's concern
- Adjust
- Maugham heroine Thompson
- Brought to an impasse
- Direction from NM to NY
- Deliver a talk
- Given to prying
- Become impassioned
- Days of yore
- "...__ the season to be..."
- Being ambitious
- Koppel and Kennedy
- Marcus Porcius __
- Ceremonies
- Setting
- Elves' boss
- One in bondage
- Lacking vivid color
- "__ go brag!"
- Famous name in nature study
- MGM's mascot
- Make manuscript changes
- Change the decor
- Tee's forerunner

1	2	3	4		5	6	7			8	9	10	11
12					13			14	15		16		
17					18						19		
20					21					22		23	
				24			25				26		
27	28	29		30		31		32				33	34
35			36				37			38			
39					40			41	42		43		
44				45			46			47			
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57	58			59				60				61	62
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The solutions to both the Sudoko & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 15



Nutritional powerhouses

Some not-so-obvious additions to the ‘Good Stuff’ list

March is National Nutrition Month, so what better time to take a closer look at what we’re eating and what we’re not? Rather than looking at the usual suspects, though, let’s mix it up a bit and discover some fare not as often in the spotlight.

We all know about superfoods – blueberries, avocado, beans, salmon, oats, green tea, broccoli, spinach – because we often hear about how healthy they are. And they are tasty, too, as well as pretty easy to work into our diets. Still, there surely must be other things that are good for us, maybe even things we rarely, if ever, think of. Well, there are, and I’m here to put some of them front and center so we can add a little variety to the Good Stuff list.

Now, I’m not saying you should cut the good stuff out. Hardly. Let’s just say, as a big believer in the whole variety-is-the-spice-of-life thing, we should maybe add a little spicy variety to that list. And although I’m sure these are familiar to you, you may not have thought about them all that much, known how really good for you they are or even tried them before. So prepare to be amazed. OK, not amazed so much, but at least you might learn something new and add to your healthy options, too.

One more caveat (or two) before we get to it: I’m not a nutrition expert but I do a lot of research, relying on reputable sources for any information I pass on to you. That said, if you know better than I

and find fault with anything here, please don’t hesitate to let me know. And second, I discovered a little witchery at play with some of these, in that many have properties that sound a bit like the sort of folk wisdom our ancestors understood maybe better than we did. Nice to learn that they really did know what they were talking about, at least some of the time. We can all take a lesson from our elders! Enjoy the journey!

DANDELION GREENS – Sure, you can forage them yourself but they’re also found in stores, and you might just want to look at these weeds in a kinder light. The bitter greens are high in vitamins A, C and K as well as calcium and potassium. They aid in digestion, have antiviral properties and have been used to treat and maybe prevent breast and lung tumors. The flavor is very green, peppery and bitter and so stands up well to rich ingredients like bacon and goat cheese. They’re also a treat grilled and wrapped around fresh figs.

JICAMA – A large, round root vegetable, the Mexican turnip as it’s sometimes called, is slightly nutty and sweet, although low in sugar, and has a delightful juicy crunch with a texture similar to water chestnuts. In fact it’s kind of like a potato got together with an apple. An inflammation fighter that’s a good source of antioxidant vitamin C, potassium, folate and fiber and is excellent eaten raw. It does need to be washed

and peeled before eating since the papery brown skin has some toxic properties. A vegetable peeler will do the trick. Then just cut the white flesh and add to salsa or salad, dip in hummus or cut into matchsticks or include in a crudite platter - it won’t brown when exposed to air - or sprinkle with fresh lime juice and chili powder. Also excellent stir-fried with sesame oil and rice wine vinegar. It also makes some tasty oven-baked fries. Oh, and because it’s 85 percent water, it’s great for staving off dehydration. Once cut it will keep in the fridge for about a week.

FENNEL – OK, so you don’t like licorice. Then you may not want to try fennel, but that would be a shame. Looking like a white bulb with green feathery hair, but not a root vegetable, fennel is an herb with refreshing anise flavor that can be cooked or eaten raw, aids in digestion – some serve it after a big meal – is an anti-carcinogenic useful for chemotherapy patients, and even has expectorant qualities. And I’m not done yet! It’s loaded with fiber, reins in those pesky free radicals that make us age quicker and helps maintain low blood pressure. Roasting or braising the bulb gives it a velvety texture, raw it as a celery-like crunch and the feathery aromatic leaves can be used as a garnish or to add a bittersweet note to dishes both sweet and savory. So while you may not like fennel, fennel really likes you.

RADISHES – Known for their hot, peppery bite, and surprisingly related to cabbage, radishes have been around a while. First grown in Egypt around 2800 B.C., they were originally black. No doubt the Egyptians knew of their antibacterial and antifungal properties, but maybe not so much that they’re also high in potassium and vitamin C. They boost collagen production for healthier skin, have anti-cancer properties, aid healthy digestion and battle free radicals. Enjoy them raw or try them roasted at a high temp for 30 minutes or so for a totally different treat, becoming a beautiful side dish with creamy texture. And yes, you can eat the leaves, making them among those two-for-one vegetables. If young and small, eat them raw. If not they’ll be tough but are excellent sauteed, braised or steamed. The taste? Earthy, peppery-spicy and slightly but pleasantly bitter. And chickens love ’em, too.

CILANTRO – I know you’ve heard of and used this herb but it bears mentioning because it’s kind of a powerhouse. This member of the carrot family not only adds its distinctive flavor but also treats

nausea, soothes inflammation, relieves gas and eases headaches, coughing and even mental stress! Boasting vitamins A, C and K, beta carotene, antioxidants, folate, manganese and potassium, cilantro can also boost your mood, help give you healthy skin and hair and helps rid the body of toxins and heavy metals.

BEET GREENS – Don’t you dare discard them! Oh, how I love beet greens! Saute in a little olive oil (or butter) and simply season with salt and pepper and you’ll have a silky, delicious dish of calcium, magnesium, copper, iron, phosphorus, B vitamins and vitamins A, C and K. Add some garlic for an even bigger health boost. They lack the high sugar and carbohydrate of beetroot and, in fact, have more nutritive value. They may even be better for you than kale, which is great news for me!

MUSHROOMS – They’re trending for a reason! That’s why they’re here. And because I love them. Loaded with cancer-fighting selenium, copper, vitamin C, B vitamins, protein and potassium, they are also the highest vegetarian source of vitamin D. They are rich in flavor, high in fiber and low in calories. There are many varieties out there, and more exotic types coming on the scene all the time, as well as dietary supplements. Although some have higher nutritive value than others, all (that are edible) are undeniably good for you, so do with them what you will and reap the rewards!

These are just a few of the nutrient-rich things out there to add to your diet and keep you from getting bored. Likewise, each of these have more to them than just what I’ve listed, so feel free to do a little exploring on your own. I hope I’ve at least made you curious enough to do so and maybe, instead of strolling on by what you once saw as a weed or a fungus, you’ll stop and pick them up instead, because just maybe you’ll see them in a whole new, beautifully healthy light. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day is a graphic artist with more than two decades of experience in different aspects of the food service industry. She is the Content Marketing Specialist for Adams Fairacre Farms where she has worked for 25 years, with in-depth food research being an integral part of her marketing position. She believes that cooking is for everyone and should be a pleasurable journey, that food should be experienced, not merely eaten, and that special occasions can be an everyday celebration. E-mail her at vfrankday@adamsfarms.com.

ART EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through March 6:** Featuring the work of Port Ewen watercolorist Claudia Engel. Gallery members will also exhibit a variety of work during the month. (845) 516-4878, artgallery71rbk@gmail.com or www.artgallery71.com

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April 29:** Featured in the Hallway Art Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be Rachel Arielle Kleinman; and at 12 Vassar St. will be Barbara Masterson in the Reception & Hancock Galleries. **Public Art Opening Reception for Masterson:** Friday, March 4, 4-6 p.m.; and **for Kleinman** on Friday, March 11, 5-7 p.m. 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.

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Hyde Park Chamber honors top volunteer, installs officers



New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce President Dot Chenevert recognizes Richard Wambach as the 2021 Volunteer of the Year. Below: The Hon. Jean McArthur swears in the new officers and board members of the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. Included are new President Dot Chenevert, Vice-President Dan Bush, Treasurer Phyllis Delarm and Secretary Dora Visbeck. Board Members include Rob Sweet, Patty Moore, Teresa Gasparini, Nancy Bialosuknia, Stu Davis, Bob Delarm, Russell Haight Jr. and Sandy Hicks. *Courtesy photos*



Pine Plains library to host Community Art Exhibit

Friends of the Pine Plains Free Library is sponsoring a Community Art Exhibit at the Pine Plains Library starting April 1. All paintings first need to be accepted by submission of an application at the Pine Plains Library by March 15.

Art for the exhibit will center around the theme, “Welcome to Spring,” and may be watercolor, oil, acrylic, ink, pastel

or mixed media. The style can be a landscape, still life or abstract.

ARTISTS: More information on the application process is at <http://www.pineplainslibrary.org>

The Opening of the Art show will be on April 1 with a Coffee/Tea Reception from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pine Plains Free Library.

Zobel, Meadows at Brookmeade gain Eli Pick Leadership honor

The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) has recognized the continued top performance of the CEO/Administrator Karen Zobel of the Meadows at the Brookmeade Community in Rhinebeck with the Eli Pick Leadership honor.

This award is a distinction of significance. Only three percent of high-performing skilled nursing facilities qualify nationwide. The ACHCA believes that facility excellence is a reflection of leadership excellence, so the purpose of the award is to recognize the administrator of top performing skilled nursing facility services.

“We are proud to be identified as a top-performing facility by the ACHCA for the fifth year with this significant recognition,” said Zobel.

The ACHCA recognizes the leaders of top-performing Skilled Nursing Facilities across the country through its Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award. Quality measures and indicators, occupancy and three years of Department of Health survey data are used to identify the top performers.

Eli Pick Leadership Award recipients are identified using publicly collected data by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which is evaluated by an independent third party. Administrators of those high-performing Skilled Nursing Facilities are celebrated and honored during ACHCA’s Annual Convocation & Exposition awards ceremony.

Coldwell Banker Village Green Realty Real Estate Market Reports available for fourth quarter 2021

Coldwell Banker Village Green Realty announced the production of its Fourth Quarter 2021 consolidated reporting on Hudson Valley and Catskills real estate today. The reports, which combine data from several Upstate Multiple Listing Services (MLSs), show a marked turn in the regional real estate market. While low and falling inventory have been the state of the market for the past three years, the Fourth Quarter of 2021 saw a significant decrease in new listings inventory across the entire region.

Of the 10 counties Coldwell Banker Village Green Realty compiles data on, Putnam County had the largest drop in new listing inventory at 29.48%; Rensselaer County, with the smallest decrease, had a not-insignificant 6% drop year over year. While in prior quarters of 2021 sales had grown, the consistent drop in inventory has finally caused a tipping point in the number of sales. Property sales across the region are down between 37% (in Greene County) and 20% in (Orange and Sullivan counties).

At the same time, all over the Hudson Valley and Catskills region, average sold prices were up year over year, as much as 19.56% (Ulster County). Average days on market are down everywhere: In Sullivan County, they’re down 35.9%; in Greene County they’re down 25%, and in Columbia County they’re down 20.2%.

In Dutchess County the number of new listings was down 26.71% year over year; properties sold were down 24.69%

in the same period. In nearby Columbia County new listings were down 21.98% and properties sold down 27.89%. A bit better news came from Orange County, where properties sold were down 18.52% and new listings down 16.34%.

For the full 2021 Fourth Quarter reports, [click here](#), then scroll down to find links to fourth-quarter 2021 data about Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster counties and all their towns.

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Crittenden earns Masters Emerald Award for 2021 sales production

CENTURY 21 Alliance Realty Group is pleased to announce that Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently recognized Diane Crittenden, sales affiliate with the office, as a top-producer nationwide when it honored her with the coveted 2021 CENTURY 21® Masters Emerald Award.

Emerald level status is awarded to a C21® sales affiliate who has met minimum sales production of \$195,000 or 42 closed transaction sides within a calendar year. The sales affiliate also receives a trophy and a personal invitation to attend the annual CENTURY 21 Top Agent Retreat.

“Diane places her real estate wisdom and passion for life into her everyday business, helping to make clients more comfortable with the real estate transaction as they make what may be the most significant purchase of their lives,” said Joseph Pettinella, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Alliance Realty Group.

“Diane is a valued and trusted real estate resource for the community and a major contributor to the overall success of CENTURY 21 Alliance Realty Group and the CENTURY 21 System as a whole.”

A returning agent coming back into real estate after working as Regional Director of Retail Operations for the WMC Foundation for 12 years, and, during our most trying covid years, earns a Ruby Award in 2020 and Emerald Award in 2021.

“It is truly an honor to receive the Masters Emerald Award and be recognized among such talented and dedicated group of real estate sales professionals,” said Crittenden.

“The power of the CENTURY 21 brand rests on the shoulders of the relentless sales professionals like Diane Crittenden who always elevate and give 121% to their clients throughout the entire client relationship,” said Michael Miedler, president and CEO, Century 21 Real Estate. “So as we celebrate their accomplishments we understand that delivering extraordinary experiences is what homebuyers, sellers and property investors deserve, and they should be demanding from their real estate company and agent of choice.”

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OBITUARIES

Patricia Brennan

BEEKMAN – Patricia M. Brennan, 77, died peacefully at her home on February 22, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. An area resident since 1987, she formerly lived in Brick, NJ and Brooklyn. Born on November 28, 1944 in Brooklyn, she was the daughter of Louis and Petrina (Lucchesi) Mandile. Patricia was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Patricia volunteered with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. She also enjoyed reading. On July 22, 1978 in Brooklyn, Patricia married Arthur Brennan who predeceased her on November 28, 2007. Survivors include her children and their spouses, Jacqueline and Eric Wagoner of Pleasant Valley, John and Ellen Moore of Montgomery, Thomas and Kathleen Moore of Wyoming, Matthew and Stephanie Brennan of Poughuag, Christopher and Sarah Brennan of Astoria; her grandchildren, Thomas, Nicholas, Arthur, Matthew, Hannah, Jonathan, Alexander, Brooklyn, Liam and Anna; and her sister, Maria Arango and her husband, Peter. In addition to her husband and parents, she was also predeceased by her brother, Louis Mandile. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Denis Church, 602 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the VFW, American Legion or Wounded Warrior Project. Please visit Patricia’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Howard J. Briehof

STAATSBURG – Howard Joseph Briehof, 84, of Staatsburg, passed away on February 19, 2022, peacefully at home with his family by his side. Born February 22, 1937, in Poughkeepsie, he was the son of the late

Joseph F. and Edna Aldrich Briehof. On August 23, 1959, in Poughkeepsie, he married the former Nancy J. Baldwin. Mrs. Briehof survives at home. Howard was an Oil Burner Serviceman for over forty years at Bacu Fuel and Harvey Russell & Sons. A Past Chief, Howard proudly volunteered with the former Staatsburg Fire District (now part of the Roosevelt Fire District) for forty-eight years. In his leisure time, Howard enjoyed camping, playing softball for Staatsburg Fire, hunting, fishing, and bowling. His favorite pastime was going on cruises with his wife. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, William R. Briehof and wife, Paula, of Red Hook; three daughters, Melinda White, of Staatsburg, Lori Hungerford, and wife, MaryAnn, of Stanfordville, and Jodi Clark, and husband, Scott, of Caroga Lake, NY; six grandchildren, Sean, Ryan, Brittney, Cortney, Tyler, and Brealynn; and six great-grandchildren, Anthony, Ella, Amber, Zachary, Rylee, and Carson. Howard is also survived by his sister, Helen Crose; brothers, Matthew and William A. Briehof; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his two sisters, Vivian Belding and Patricia Harvey; and four brothers, Joseph, Ronald, Richard and Kenneth Briehof. Calling hours were Thursday, February 24th at Sweet’s Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Fire Department services were held. In keeping with Howard’s wishes, cremation followed. In lieu of flowers, the Briehof family respectfully requests memorial donations to the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington St., Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. (www.hvhospice.org). To send an online condolence, please visit Howard’s obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Lewis Knapp

STORMVILLE – Lewis T. Knapp, 93, died peacefully at home on February 14, 2022. He was a lifelong resident East Fishkill. Born at his home in Fishkill Plains on February 15, 1928, Lew was the son of the late Thomas and Ethel (Velie) Knapp. After school, Lew worked on the Knapp family farm and Emmadine Farms in Hopewell Junction gaining valuable knowledge in the business of farming. In 1948 Lew went to work at Matteawan State Hospital as a farmer. He left his job there and enlisted in the Army to serve his country in Korea. He served from 1950 until 1952 in the 45th Infantry Division, 180th Infantry, Medical Company and rose to the rank of Sgt. Upon returning home, Lew married Doris “Pat” Dyer on October 25, 1952 at the New Hackensack Reformed Church. Pat predeceased Lew on March 29th, 2007 after 55 years of marriage. Lew began work at Green Haven Correctional Facility in 1952. He continued there as head farmer and farm manager until his retirement in 1988. In 1948, Lew began his fire department career at Hopewell Hose Co. He transferred to the Stormville Fire Company in 1952. During his career with the fire service, he served as Asst Chief, District Chief, Fire Commissioner and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Lew was also a charter member of the East Fishkill Rescue Squad and was involved with purchasing their first ambulance. He is a Life member of the Stormville Fire Company. In his “spare” time, Lew enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling, and raising coon hounds. As a family we all enjoyed camping and the week at the Dutchess County Fair showing cows and dairy goats. Lew and Pat took many camping trips to Maine and Nova Scotia with friends and “grandchildren.” He is survived by his children and their spouses, Suzanne (Robert) Stanford of Guyton, GA, Lewis (Robin) Knapp, Jr. of Stormville, Wendy Morris of Sussex, NJ, and James Moore of Dover Plains; his son-in-law, John DeForest of Stormville; his grandchildren, Kenneth Knapp, Michael Morris, Jennifer DeForest and her companion James Lawrence, David Seymour, Jr., Thomas Knapp, Carson Morris, Daniel (Hannah) Knapp, Shane (Kristy) Morris, Ryan Knapp, Tyler Knapp and his companion Katelin Spinelli, and Kari Fletcher; his great-grandchildren, Cassandra Knapp, Thomas Knapp Jr., Makenna Seymour, Braeden Seymour, Jenna Lawrence, Justin Lawrence, Jason Lawrence, Kayleigh Knapp, Dylan Morris, Kyliana Morris, Oliva

Rose Morris; his step great-grandchildren, Andrew Stephens, Dalton Stephens, Ethan Fletcher; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Lew was predeceased by his daughter, Nancy Louise DeForest on February 16, 2007; his companion, Jeanne Keppel, on November 2019; his siblings, Mildred Lund Martin, Evelyn Jennings, James A. Knapp, and Franklin V. Knapp. As per Lew’s request He’s been cremated and family will have graveside service in nicer weather. Donations may be made in Lew’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or Hudson Valley Hospice. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Peter Valen

POUGHQUAG – Peter J. Valen, 79, a resident of Poughquag and previously of Flushing, died on February 21, 2022 at home surrounded by his family. Born on November 11, 1942 in Queens, Peter was the son of John Peter and Bernice (Gogis) Valen. On May 1, 1971 at St. Benedict’s in the Bronx, Peter married the love of his life, Mary Ann Shaw who survives at home. Peter worked as an assistant vice president for UBS Financial Services, Inc. in New York City and New Jersey for over 40 years until his retirement in 2004. He was very patriotic and loved his country, he proudly served our country on the USS John Paul Jones (DD932) Destroyer from 1962-1964. He was an avid fisherman and a member of the Knights of Columbus #4065. Peter was a soccer coach and referee for Beekman Soccer Club where he was also past treasurer. In addition to his wife, Peter is survived by his children, Karen Vanwolde and her husband Kyle of Loch Sheldrake, Steven Valen of Hyde Park, and William Valen of Van Cleave, MI; and his grandchildren, Gianna Valen, Isabella, Gavin, Aubree, and Kaleb Vanwolde. In addition to his parents, Peter was predeceased by his siblings, Ralph Valen and Carolyn Campbell. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11am at St. Denis Church, 602 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction followed by interment at St. Denis Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Denis Church, US Paralyzed Veterans, Wounded Warriors Project or the Knights of Columbus. Please visit Peter’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

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

NEW SALES TAX LAW FOR COUNTY WENT INTO EFFECT ON MARCH 1

Starting March 1st, residents and visitors shopping in Dutchess County shops and stores are not paying sales tax on clothing or footwear items costing less than \$110. The sales tax exemption on clothing and footwear was adopted as part of the 2022 County Budget which provided for and is part of several efforts to deliver sustained tax relief to Dutchess County residents with more than \$20 million in annual tax relief, including the largest property tax decrease in County history. In New York State, clothing, footwear, and items used to make or repair exempt

clothing which are sold for less than \$110 per item or pair are currently exempt from the State’s four percent sales tax. Consumers currently pay the Dutchess County sales tax rate of 3.75% and the three-eighths percent Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District (MTA) tax, for a total of 4.125% tax on these purchases. Effective March 1st, Dutchess County becomes one of only nine counties in New York to eliminate county sales tax on clothing and footwear items under \$110 and the only county in the mid-Hudson Valley region to do so.

The sales tax exemption is a per-item exemption, so individuals and families purchasing multiple clothing and footwear items will see real savings on these necessary purchases. The following purchase example illustrates the savings as a result of the exemption, as none of the items exceeded \$110, therefore no sales tax will be charged.

Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver said, “At a time when many costs are going up for families, I am very proud that Dutchess County Government is doing all we can to lower costs for our residents. This sales tax exemption helps people hang on to their hard-earned money and also makes Dutchess County an even more attractive shopping destination for visitors. We have worked hard to make smart, conservative fiscal decisions over the years so we can keep providing savings to our citizens.”

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

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
Index No. 2020-52502
Date Filed: 2/2/2022
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial
Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property
Subject Property: 9 Greenbush Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, Plaintiff,
-against-
Ronald Eutsey a/k/a Ronald V. Eutsey, if he be living or dead, his spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Karen Eutsey a/k/a Karen A. Eutsey "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, State of New York; 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 the service is complete if this

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NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA (Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data is Available for Examination of Review.
The Data is the information that will be used to establish the Assessment of Each Parcel which will appear on the Tentative Assessment Roll of the Town of Milan which will be filed on or Before May 1st, 2022.
The information May be Reviewed, by Appointment, in the Assessor's Office at Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, New York.
To set up an Appointment to Review the Assessment Information, Please call the Assessor at 845-758-5133 ext. 4.
Dated 1ST day of MARCH 2022
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Hal B. Greenwald, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Dutchess County, dated Feb. 10, 2022 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office.
THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Public Records of the County of Dutchess on Dec. 5, 2005 at Document Number 01 2005 23608, covering premises known as 9 Greenbush Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 a/k/a Section 6163, Block 4, Lot 504451.
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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF

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THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY 2022-23 LAWN CARE RFP
SECTION I - INTRODUCTION AND INTENT OF RFP:
Notice to Vendors
Sealed proposals will be received by the Town clerk for The Town of Pleasant Valley N.Y. from experienced, qualified vendors who specialize in commercial Lawn Care and Maintenance Services.
Proposals will be accepted until March 18, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. In the Town Clerks Office
Complete specifications and instructions are attached herewith.
The Town plans to contract for Lawn Care and Maintenance Services at five (5) to nine (9) different locations throughout the Town. This Request for Proposal is for Lawn Care and Maintenance Services ONLY. We expect the selected Contractor to begin work in mid-April 2022, weather permitting.

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THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FLING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
Dated: September 21, 2021
Rochester, NY LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
Telephone: (585) 247-9000
File No. 20-087516 #99185
TOWN OF UNION VALE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel for the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Union Vale which will be filed on May 1, 2022.
The information may be reviewed in the Assessor's Office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.
An appointment is not required, but may be requested. For an appointment, please call (845) 724-5600 ext 5.
Eric Axelsen, Assessor
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-17-22 Lease Space for Dutchess County
Department of Behavioral and Community Health Empowerment

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Proposals shall be submitted on the attached forms furnished by the Town and shall be submitted in a sealed envelope identifying the Contractor's name, the RFP title, and the RFP due date on the face of the envelope.
Submission of a proposal signifies the Contractor's agreement that its proposal and the content thereof are valid, and all pricing submitted with the proposal shall remain in effect for the contract period.
SECTION 2 -- BACKGROUND:
The Town of Pleasant Valley is soliciting proposals for Lawn Care and Maintenance Services for the locations listed below.
FACILITY LOCATIONS:
Helen Aldrich Park – Hibernia Road (Pavilion, Playground and Ballfield)
Pleasant Valley Dam – Stream Lane
West Road School Ball Fields – West Road
Bower Park – North Ave / Ravine Road
Field #2 – South Ave

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Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of March 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601.
Specifications and proposal 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
TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 249 Duncan Road, LaGrangeville, New York 12540 (in the Town of Union Vale) on March 16, 2022, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. prevailing time, on proposed Local Law No.2 of 2022, a Local Law of the Town of Union Vale, Dutchess County, New York, authorizing the Town Board to, under certain conditions, appoint Planning Board Members and Alternates Members who are not electors of the Town of Union Vale.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed Local Law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Union Vale, at the Town Hall, 249 Duncan Road, LaGrangeville, New York 12540 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on all business days between the date of this Notice and the date of the Public Hearing.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.
Dated: Union Vale, New York February 16, 2022
ANDREA CASEY TOWN CLERK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Union Vale will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 249 Duncan Road, LaGrangeville, New York 12540 (in the Town of Union Vale) on March 16, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2022 to amend Chapter 196, Article I, "Senior Citizens Exemption" to allow any senior, in defined circum-

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TOWN OF MILAN, NY NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION No. 3 of 2022 SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting held on the 21st day of February, 2022, the Town Board of the Town of Milan, Dutchess County, New York, amended the Solar Lease Agreement", authorizing the lease of certain lands owned by the Town of Milan to Fork In the Road Solar, LLC, a description of which follows, which Resolution was adopted subject to a Permissive Referendum pursuant to Sec-

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stances, to file an application for exemption pursuant to RPTL §467 not later than the last date on which a petition with respect to complaints of assessment may be filed.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Union Vale, at the Town Hall, 249 Duncan Road, LaGrangeville, New York 12540 (in the Town of Union Vale) between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on all business days (Monday through Thursday) and 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adoption of this proposed Local Law, which relates to ongoing administration of Town affairs with no major reordering of priorities or programs which might affect the environment, is a Type II action requiring no environmental review.
Andrea Casey Town Clerk 2/17/2022
NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA (Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Assessment Inventory and Valuation Data is available for examination and review. This Data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel, and will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of East Fishkill, to be filed on or before, May 1, 2022.
This information may be reviewed by appointment, at the Assessor's office located at the East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Jct., NY any time after March 1, 2022 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. To set up an appointment to review the assessment information, please call Kathleen Martin, Town Assessor at 845-226-6353.

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tion 64(2) of the Town Law of the State of New York.
Description: The purpose and effect of said amendments added a description of the land leased lease by the Town of Milan, bearing tax identification number 6571-00-871210, known as and located at 30-75 Matecki Road to Fork in the Road Solar LLC, the Developer, replaced the schedule of payments, and increased the lease period from 25 years to 35 years.
The Town has complied with all applicable requirements, and made all required terminations under and pursuant to Town Law with respect to the proposed lease, nec-

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Date: March 1, 2022
Kathleen A. Martin
Town Assessor
NOTICE TO BIDDERS RFB-DCH-22-07
Name of Project: Terminal Apron and Taxiways E & F Rehabilitation
Prime Bids shall be received for the following class of work: Heavy/Highway
Project Description: The project is for the construction of a rehabilitation of the terminal apron and Taxiways E and F at Hudson Valley Regional Airport (approximately 166,000 SF). The rehabilitation will consist of partial depth pavement section replacement including bituminous asphalt concrete and crushed aggregate base course. Also included with the project are pavement edge lighting replacement, pavement markings, required drainage system improvements, and associated turf restoration and hydro-seeding.
It is anticipated that work for this project will begin in spring/summer 2023, pending the schedule of release of Federal Aviation Administration funding.
Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist
Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW)
626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 on or before 2:00pm on March 29, 2022 and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization.
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essary to date.
Said Resolution shall not take effect until thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption, not until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the Town voting on such proposition, if within thirty (30) days after the adoption of this Resolution there be filed with the Town Clerk of the Town a petition signed, and acknowledged or proved, or authenticated by electors of the Town qualified to vote upon a proposition to raise and expend money, in number equal to at least five per centum of the total vote cast for governor in the Town at the last general elec-

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Beginning March 1, 2022: Bid Specifications Book and Plans may be obtained from the Dutchess County Department of Public Works, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. Documents will be distributed in PDF format on thumb/flash drive after receipt of a \$15.00 fee. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. The successful bidder's security will be retained until he has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and furnished the required 100% Labor and Material bond, 100% Performance Bond and acceptable insurance documentation.
Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery.
A Scheduled pre-bid meeting will be held at the Hudson Valley Region Airport administrative offices, 38 Citation Drive, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590 on March 10, 2022 at 1:00pm to review the scope of the work.
It is strongly recommended that all prospective bidders attend the pre-bid meeting. All bidders are required to examine work conditions immediately prior to submission of a bid. Appointments for site visits must be scheduled 48 hours in advance of the intended date of the site visit with Hudson Valley Regional Airport, Contact: Mr. Jeff Durand at (845) 463-6000.
The deadline for submitting questions regarding the bid documents is 2:00pm on March 17, 2022 and shall be emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'd to phludzenski@cscos.com
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: Dutchess County requires that any contractor

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tion held for the election of State officers, but which shall not be less than one hundred in a town of the first class nor less than twenty-five in a town of the second class, protesting against this resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town, for their approval or disapproval.
A copy of the Resolution is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Town Clerk's office, located at the Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, New York 12571.
Dated: February 21, 2022

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or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. This project is subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2022001489. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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 8th day of March, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 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.: 22-7748 (Area Variance) Daniel G. Coughlin: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-10 Zoning District. -Where 12 feet is required to the side yard property line, the applicant can provide 9.35 feet for the addition of a 24' garage and accessory apartment, thus request-

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ing a variance of 2.65 feet. The property is located at 18 Spring Street and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 5956-12-975522 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. Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger February 16, 2022

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 8th day of March, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 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.: 22-7747 (Area Variance) Locust Tree Residential Properties, LLC Landscape Business: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 and 240-30 of District Regulations in an AI Zoning District. -Where 50 feet to the side property line is required, the applicant can provide 5.1 feet for a pre-existing poly shed, thus requesting a variance of 44.9 feet. -Where 50 feet to the rear yard property line is required, the applicant can provide 7.6 feet for a pre-existing poly shed, thus requesting a variance of 42.4 feet. -Where 50 feet to the rear property line is required,

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the applicant can provide 10 feet to allow for three poly storage tanks to remain, thus requesting a variance of 40 feet. The property is located at 80 Airport Drive and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6259-04-679493 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. Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger February 22, 2022

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 8th day of March, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 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.: 22-7746 (Area Variance) Tracy Schwind, Trustee: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R-40 Zoning District. -Where 50 feet is required to the front yard property line, the applicant can provide 45 feet for the legalization of an existing deck, thus requesting a variance of 5 feet. The property is located at 18 Brothers Road and is identified as Tax Grid No.: 6258-04-782421 in the Town of Wappinger. All interested persons will

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be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Wappinger at the public hearing as stated above. Signed: Peter Galotti, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals Town of Wappinger February 14, 2022

NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-08-22 NAME OF PROJECT: Security Enhancements

Single Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: Building/Heavy. Project Description: The project is for the installation of security enhancements at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport, including providing and installing security cameras, power and communication cables, mounting hardware, conduit, and mounting poles where shown on the plans. It is anticipated that work for this project will begin in spring/summer 2023, pending the schedule of release of Federal Aviation Administration funding. Beginning March 1, 2022 Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person, Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance or cash will be required for each set of bid documents. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102

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and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before 2:30pm, Tuesday, March 29, 2022, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Denise Spens-Gallagher, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 479 978 43# All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Scheduled pre-bid meeting will be held at the Hudson Valley Region Airport administrative

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offices, 38 Citation Drive, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590 on March 10, 2022 at 2:00pm to review the scope of the work. It is strongly recommended that all prospective bidders attend the pre-bid meeting. All bidders are required to examine work conditions immediately prior to submission of a bid. Appointments for site visits must be scheduled 48 hours in advance of the intended date of the site visit with Hudson Valley Regional Airport, Contact: Mr. Jeff Durand at (845) 463-6000. The deadline for submitting questions regarding the bid documents is 2:00pm on March 17, 2022 and shall be emailed to Denise Spens-Gallagher at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'd to phludzenski@cscos.com, with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: Dutchess County requires that any contractor or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. This project is subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2022001672. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-06-22

Rental and Cleaning Service for Safety Clothing, Work Apparel and Indoor Weather Mats

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 15th day

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of March 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.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDED SITE PLAN TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, on March 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come to be heard, in the matter of the application of Amended Site Plan for the granting of preliminary/final approval by said Board of proposed Amended Site Plan for Hopewell EZ Storage as shown on a map prepared by M. Gillespie & Associates, Consulting Engineering, P.L.L.C., 847 Route 376, Wappingers Falls, NY and which site is located and described as being 896 State Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. Comprised of a total of 13.01 +/- acres and represented by Tax Grid Parcel #132800-6457-02-510638. The proposal involves the construction of two additional self-storage buildings along with other site improvements. All parties in interest and citizens will be heard by the Board at said public hearing scheduled at said time. By: John Eickman, Chairperson East Fishkill Planning Board Date: February 28, 2022 Be Published: ONE TIME ONLY – ASAP Send Bill & Affidavit to:M. Gillespie & Associates Consulting Engineering, P.L.L.C. 847 State Route 82 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590



Rhinebeck High School Junior Brooke Centineo (second from right) is joined by her family to celebrate her CTI Student of Distinction honor at Rhinebeck High School. Courtesy photo

Rhinebeck HS junior recieves CTI Student of Distinction honor

Rhinebeck High School Junior Brooke Centineo was celebrated by family, educators and friends at the Rhinebeck Central School District Board of Education meeting in honor of her being named Dutchess BOCES Career Technical Institute's (CTI) Student of Distinction.

Brooke, a first year Welding and Fabrication student, has presented exemplary skills and accomplishments both in her welding abilities and relationships in the classroom. Brooke's teachers

acknowledge it is her leadership, attitude, performance and consistency that sets her apart.

Brooke attributes her interest in welding to being "sparked" – pun intended – by her older brother who had produced some "cool projects" during his time as a student in the Dutchess BOCES CTI Welding and Fabrication program. Brooke stated she values the creative freedom of the program and is considering an artistic pathway in welding in the future.

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Grade Flex
Principal's Honor Roll – Sienna Krom, Isaiah Loyola, Gabriel Mengestu

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The Monday Evening Book Group 7 pm, Monday, March 21

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