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Climate action group to tackle data collection

by Kate Goldsmith

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles to inform readers about Dutchess County's Climate Action Planning Institute (CAPI), an innovative 16-month program to identify and address ways for local governments to become more sustainable, involving County Government and selected towns and villages that were chosen to participate.

At their Feb. 15 meeting, participants in Dutchess County's Climate Action Planning Initiative (Dutchess CAPI) took a "deep dive" into the intricacies of collecting data for the all-important first step of assessing their respective municipalities' greenhouse gas emissions.

Nine municipalities in Dutchess County are participating in the program, which aims to identify a path toward more sustainable local government operations. They include Dutchess County government; the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie; the towns of Amenia, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie and Rhinebeck; and the villages of Rhinebeck and Wappingers Falls.

Kale Roberts, senior program officer at ICELEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, led most of the two-hour virtual meeting, which went into great detail about the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory that will be an invaluable tool for the municipalities in their mission toward greater sustainability. The inventory includes emissions factors, emission scopes, global warming potentials and data sectors (street lights and traffic signals; solid waste facilities; employee commute; buildings and facilities; vehicle fleet; water and wastewater facilities).

Not all municipalities will have all

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Capturing local history of today!

DCHS encourages connections in 'Poughkeepsie Q&A' pilot program

by Bill Jeffway, with research by Jeffrey Kosmacher

Editor's note: Writers with the Dutchess County Historical Society contribute articles twice a month to the Northern Dutchess News. This article details a new project involving local residents.

The first eight in-depth oral histories recently collected from City of Poughkeepsie residents as part of the new "Poughkeepsie Q&A program" have just been published by the Dutchess County Historical Society on its website (dchsn.org).

The purpose of the program, also known as "PQ&A," is to provide a platform for residents - especially from groups who have been under-represented in the telling of the city's history - to

introduce themselves and provide a personal perspective on the spectrum of life in Poughkeepsie.

Importantly, the text of each history is published in English and Spanish to help make the material widely accessible to the public. Poughkeepsie Q&A also celebrates the city's young talent. The program commissioned various city youth to take photo portraits of the oral history tellers, which are featured on the program's website.

Participants in Poughkeepsie Q&A include longtime residents of the city from varied walks of life, ranging from individuals born and raised in Poughkeepsie to those who have transplanted from elsewhere. They are single people and parents, and of various ages and livelihoods, including a maintenance director, educators, small business owners, and a retired police officer. Their comments range across a wide variety of experiences, perspectives and topics.

"I can say to people I'm a product of the City of Poughkeepsie," points out Isis Benitez, a community outreach worker

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Ykim Anderson said, "When I was growing up, a lot of my family was still alive and living here, and we leaned on each other. You have to lean on that support system, the people who have your best interest in mind." Photo by Kaleceia Douglas

Erna Rogers of Poughkeepsie celebrates 102nd birthday



Birthday girl Erna Rogers, 102, is pictured with City of Poughkeepsie council members Natasha Brown, Nathan Shook, Debra Long and Mayor Marc Nelson. A celebration was held at The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing at River Valley in Poughkeepsie on March 2. Courtesy photo

Erna Rogers was honored on her 102nd birthday on March 2 at The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing at River Valley in Poughkeepsie, where Erna is a resident.

Erna was born on March 2, 1921 in Poughkeepsie. She grew up on a farm in Clinton Corners named the Brenner Mill Company.

Erna and her brother and sister attended schools in the City of Poughkeepsie. Erna is a graduate of the Class of 1938.

After Erna graduated from high school, she went on to study at Wood-Purington School for Typing and Secretarial Studies. Soon after she started working for com-

panies in Poughkeepsie as a junior accountant.

It was noted that Erna worked for Central Hudson, but when World War II began, she was laid off from the company. Erna later applied to work for IBM and was hired and was employed there for more than two decades.

Erna was asked "What is the secret to a long life?" She replied, "I thank God for everything, I go to God for everything. He is in my thoughts daily and he has been good to me. He has answered all my prayers."

During the celebration, City of Poughkeepsie Mayor

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Village elections set March 21

by Kate Goldsmith

Three of the area's four villages – Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Tivoli – will hold elections on Tuesday, March 21. The Village of Millbrook holds its election at the same time as the general election in November.

All candidates are running unopposed, and with two exceptions in Red Hook, all are incumbents.

RED HOOK

Village voters will elect their mayor, two trustees, and a justice, with each position carrying a four-year term.

After winning a special election last year to fill the unexpired term of Ed Blundell, who resigned in 2021, Karen Smythe is running for re-election on the

Community First party line.

Current trustees Brent Kovalchik and Declan Dwyer-McNulty are not seeking re-election. On the ballot are Kimberly Bradley-Rickard (no official party) and Steven Appenzeller (Hardscrabble Party).

Dwyer-McNulty ran unopposed in 2022 to fill one year of an unexpired term. Kovalchik, currently Deputy Mayor, is stepping down after serving 16 years on the Village Board.

In her March newsletter, Smythe wrote: "There aren't enough words to thank him. He has done an enormous amount for this Village. He has been an incredible support to me as Mayor. He will be sorely missed."

Incumbent Village Justice Jonah Triebwasser (Village Justice Party) is

running for re-election.

Voting will take place from noon to 9 p.m. at Village Hall, 7467 South Broadway, Red Hook.

RHINEBECK

On the ballot are Mayor Gary Bassett and Trustees Lydia Hill Slaby and Richard Lewit.

The election will take place from noon to 9 p.m., upstairs at the Rhinebeck Village Hall, 76 East Market Street. The

Village Hall is handicapped accessible, and a lift is available.

TIVOLI

There are two trustee seats open, along with the office of mayor. Incumbent Joel R. Griffith is running for re-election; and current trustees, Peter Baldino and Bill Shilling, are running for their seats.

Voting will take place at the Tivoli Firehouse, 2 Tivoli Commons, from noon to 9 p.m.

VILLAGE OF RHINEBECK TO HOLD LAST TWO BUDGET MEETINGS MARCH 8, 16

The Village of Rhinebeck Board of Trustees and Village Treasurer have held several budget meetings to discuss the Village Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. There are two remaining meetings: March 8: Environmental, Fire & General; March 16: Total Budget.

These meetings will start at 5 p.m. and will take place in person at the Village Hall, 76 East Market St., Rhinebeck.

The Budget Public Hearing will be held on April 11 at 6 p.m., ahead of the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. Contact Village Clerk Martina McClinton at mmclinton@villageofrhinebeckny.gov for more information.

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of these sectors (some may not have wastewater facilities, for example; and any facilities shared with other entities will not be included); but any relevant data will be entered first into data request templates and, later, to a cloud-based application called ClearPath.

The Dutchess CAPI members are liaising with department heads in their municipalities to gather and input data from 2019, which will serve as the baseline.

"For this inventory, the year 2019 was chosen in order to provide an accurate portrayal of emissions in a full year prior to the pandemic," said CAPI Coordinator Mary Lambert of the Hudson Valley Regional Council (HVRC), which is administering the program. "By all choosing the same baseline year, we can also more meaningfully compare results across the cohort."

Vanessa Bertozzi, the CAPI representative for the Village of Rhinebeck, noted the scope of this effort.

"In a meeting like this, my brain is in real-time trying to figure out the process for getting the data from the various

sources," she said. "I'm trying to take the presentation and apply it to what I know about our village's staff, time resources, and the assets we oversee. I'm taking in the standard instructions and trying to figure out where I'll need to customize."

Bertozzi, who is in charge of making the data requests, said the Village of Rhinebeck has already gathered much of the data.

"Our water/wastewater clerk Chrissy Denu is a wiz when it comes to tracking our bills and invoices," Bertozzi said, "so she already has spreadsheet of data for each of electricity accounts, as well as spreadsheets of tracking on how much fuel oil, propane, diesel and gasoline the village purchases. We luckily already had a fleet inventory from some previous work in 2019. I submitted requests to our Water, Highway, and Wastewater department heads and they've already gotten back to me. I'm still working on gathering commute information."

Bertozzi said Michael Forlenza, a volunteer from the Village's Climate Smart Task Force, is taking the spreadsheets and other data and inputting it into the

ClearPath tool.

"We hope to have all the data by [CAPI's] next meeting on March 15," she said. "We are aiming to be very comprehensive, so every department has data to share. ... Gathering data on everyone's commute is the most challenging, because we don't currently track this."

Devin Rigolino, Dutchess County's CAPI member, works in the Department of Planning & Development. He said the county's team "knew early on that the data gathering process for the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) inventory was going to be quite involved, simply because of the size and complexity of County operations. Hearing additional details shared at our last meeting has reinforced our understanding of this phase of the project."

He added, "These details also further highlighted the value of a GHG inventory, and our team is feeling enthusiastic and prepared for the work ahead. We anticipate the data gathering portion of the overall CAPI project to take us into the summer of this year."

Rigolino said the Department of Planning & Development will have primary oversight of the CAPI project, although "identifying and consolidating these data for the inventory will involve several other County departments, including the Department of Public Works, Division of Solid Waste Management, and the Office of Central & Information Services."

"There will be several different sources for data that we will have to consider," he noted, "so working with the County's various databases and records will require close coordination with our

colleagues in areas such as the Highway Garage and Auto Center, which maintains the County's heavy equipment and vehicle fleet, and our Building Division, which is responsible for the operation and maintenance of approximately 1.2 million square feet of occupied space."

CAPI is a project of the Hudson Valley Regional Council, an organization of county governments that provides a regional perspective, offers education and outreach, technical assistance, and advocacy to the communities it serves. The initiative is funded by the NYS DEC Climate Smart Communities Grant Program.

The team got homework in preparation for their next meeting on March 15:

- Help data resource identify key contacts for emissions data requests.
- Review the shared resources on the CAPI web site, including ICLEI's GHG inventory report template.
- Research and review other reports and the CSC (Climate Smart Communities) portal.
- Document and publicize the CAPI project.

In addition to the leads for each municipality, participants have a person who will help tell what Roberts calls "the climate story," advising them to "Start with people, stay with people."

"It's easy to get bogged down in the data discussion, when this is actually a very people-centered process," he said.

The assessment phase is just the beginning of the climate story.

Visit <https://hudsonvalleyregional-council.org/dutchescapi/> to learn more and to watch videos of the meetings.

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for YWCA Ulster County. "Sure, a lot has to do with my upbringing. But I went to school here and now I'm successful. I'm happy at a full-time job."

"I was encouraged to do the right things and I had mentors within my church, within the community," recounts Dwayne Douglas, from the Marist College Liberty Partnerships program. "For me, those guys were like heroes and were great examples. They lived in Poughkeepsie, they owned homes. If they didn't have college degrees, they were at their jobs for 15, 20, 25 years. Some would come to church from an overnight, exhausted but still showed up."

According to Jeffrey Kosmacher, editor of Poughkeepsie Q&A, participants provide invaluable insights on their character, that of their family and of their city. They also pull no punches. "What these generous and honest people share in their oral histories provides a special opportunity for residents of Dutchess County to connect with fellow community members," said Kosmacher, a longtime city resident.

"I happen to be one of the only people where I teach, and one of the few in the Poughkeepsie City School District, who has a doctorate, and that was before I was 42," points out lifelong resident Shanna Didymus. "Therefore, my mother having her children at a young age was not a negative precursor of how successful we would be in the future. Actually, it was part of our motivation to pursue success."

Michael Bennett moved to Poughkeepsie with his family when he was 10, and recently retired from its police force. "There are a lot of multi-generational families here. They know who you are. They know whether you came from here or from somewhere else. The city has a memory. It's not a town of

secrets," observes Bennett in his interview. "And when someone's doing well in their life and they're achieving, everybody's going to hear about that. I think people definitely feel a part of that. People here feel like a win for you is kind of a win for everybody."

Born and raised in Poughkeepsie, Ykim Anderson is a youth violence prevention worker at Family Services, and he reflects frankly on his own childhood. "When I was growing up, a lot of my family was still alive and living here, and we leaned on each other. You have to lean on that support system, the people who have your best interest in mind." Further, Anderson explains, "I was fortunate to always have a father in my life. He is the best man I know. And I still made mistakes growing up. So imagine what it's like for a lot of young black men who don't have that."

The insights provided in PQ&A interviews play an important role in the context of Dutchess County's emerging demographics. According to the 2020 U.S. Census, Poughkeepsie is now a "majority minority" city where people of color comprise 59 percent of the population, compared to 30 percent of Dutchess County residents. The census also reports that while 20 percent of city residents live below the poverty line, only 8.6 percent of county residents do.

"Such differences make Poughkeepsians and Poughkeepsie and prey to harsh stereotyping in our area - when in reality there is much for all of us to learn from these individuals, and about the ups and downs of life in this city, as our society seeks insights and solutions for all sorts of matters. Oral history takes this learning to a much deeper level, hopefully even to prevent and overcome biased thinking," points out Kosmacher.



Flo Duncan said, "My grandfather told me years ago that living in a city of any type, you make it your place. It's not somebody else making it your city." Photo by Yoagi projects

Consider related thoughts from participant Flo Duncan, who has lived in Poughkeepsie City since 1988 and raised a family with her husband. "My grandfather told me years ago that living in a city of any type, you make it your place. It's not somebody else making it your city. I never understood what he meant until I got older. I think that anybody who lives here would not judge us for stuff the way other people do who don't live here."

Poughkeepsie Q&A is supported by the Dutchess County Community Grants Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and a partnership with The Art Effect educational nonprofit.

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The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, are now selling single-game tickets for all 66 home games throughout the 2023 season.

"With Opening Day right around the corner, we are excited to set the tone for a magical season," said Will Young, Renegades Director of Ticket Sales. "The Single-Game Ticket Tailgate Party will

be a great way for fans to have fun, mingle, and get ready for another summer of memories with the Renegades."

Additionally, the Renegades team store will be running a special one-day-only sale of 15 percent off all merchandise in-person only (excludes Cider Donuts and Marvel collections).

Single-game base ticket pricing for the 2023 season is as follows:

- Diamond Club - \$20
- Lower Box - \$18
- Upper Box - \$15
- Valley Reserved - \$12
- General Admission - \$6

There will be an additional \$2 per ticket surcharge for weekend (Fri.-Sun.) home games, and a \$3 additional charge on tickets for the Independence Day

Super Fireworks Show on July 3.

Children ages three and under do not need a ticket if they will be sitting in their parent's lap. Fans will be able to purchase tickets in three ways: online at hvrenegades.com, in-person at the Renegades Ticket Office at Dutchess Stadium, or over the phone by calling (845) 838-0094.

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GOLDEN LIVING

Note: Daylight Saving Time resumes at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 12th. Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on the night of Saturday the 11th.

WILL NEW YORK'S NEW TELEMARKETING LAW HELP PREVENT SCAM CALLS?

One New York state law taking effect March 6th requires telemarketers operating in the state to offer the option of being added to that seller's do-not-call list at the outset of certain calls, rather than at the end.

What effect this will have on scam callers is unclear at best. Phone scammers, by definition, are breaking the law, and have a history of adapting their pitches to the news of the day. When one tactic no longer works, they find another. It would be no trouble at all for them to impersonate legitimate telemarketers, trying to trick you into giving up personal information under the guise of putting you on a do-not-call list.

Wasn't this supposed to be gone by now? That was what federal regulators hoped when they required telephone carriers to authenticate calls using their networks, starting in 2021. The new rules are working but can only disable one method in scammers' seemingly bottomless bag of tricks.

Our advice remains the same: when you see an unfamiliar number appear on your Caller ID screen, either ignore the call, or screen the call until you're certain who's calling. If you've picked up by force of habit and you suspect a scammer, just hang up. No need to talk to them, no need to push the buttons they want you to push, no need to call the number they want you to call. Just hang up.

Advice for landline users

If you only have a non-internet landline phone with no Caller ID or voice mail, so that you must pick up to find out who's calling, many common spam-blocking techniques are unavailable because they're internet-based. Scammers know this and send even more calls to landline numbers.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recommends checking your phone provider's website or calling their customer service number to find out what your options are, or if there's a service they recommend. Some phone providers offer these services for free, but some charge a fee. There are also hardware call blocking devices available at a cost of \$70 and up. We're unsure how much help they can be. The blockers come pre-programmed with thousands of known scammers' phone numbers; but, to a scammer, changing phone numbers comes as naturally as breathing.

Whether scammers target us with phone calls, the mail, your home computer or mobile device, and whether they're targeting somebody who's 91 or 19, scammers have one overarching goal: to

manipulate our emotions with stories that sound plausible only on the surface, and to keep us nervous about imaginary consequences. Don't play their game; you'll only lose. Ignore them - or just hang up.

If you're still worried about the pretext a scammer used to try fooling you, there is a printable Scam Prevention Resources sheet available at dutchessny.gov/aging, which includes local contact information on how to report a wide variety of scams.

SPRING 'A MATTER OF BALANCE' CLASSES ALMOST FULL

Only a few spots are left for the Spring 2023 eight-week sessions of our "A Matter of Balance" falls prevention classes. One session is being held in the Town of Beekman (starting March 13th) and the other in Poughkeepsie (starting March 14th). Contact OFA at 845-486-2555 to reserve your spot.

Classes meet once a week for eight weeks. Location and time of classes are provided to applicants upon acceptance in the program. "A Matter of Balance" cannot accept walk-ins.

If the classes become fully booked, applicants will be offered the option of a spot on a waiting list for sessions in the autumn.

OFA VETERANS RESOURCE FORUM (Tue 3/14)

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) invites veterans of all ages and their families to its Veterans Resource Forum on Tuesday, March 14th at the Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Drive in Rhinebeck (just off Route 308, east of the village), from 1 to 4 p.m. This free event will offer veterans and their families important information and connections to various agencies, including the County's Division of Veterans' Services, and service providers. Space is limited; reserve your seat by calling OFA at (845) 486-2555 during business hours.

Representatives from Mental Health America of Dutchess County, Rhinebeck at Home and the County's Department of Behavioral and Community Health's (DBCH) Mental Health Subcommittee are among the participating organizations that will be available to meet with veterans and their families and provide information on a wide range of topics, including mental health resources and veterans' benefits. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the services available to them, ask questions and connect with other veterans and their families.

The County's Division of Veterans Services (www.dutchessny.gov/veterans) ensures Dutchess County veterans and their families receive their maximum

eligible benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies at all levels of government. In 2022, the Division rendered 20,212 contact services to Dutchess County Veterans and their families regarding services and entitlements available from federal, state, and local government.

Mental Health America of Dutchess County offers numerous programs for veterans – including the Vet2Vet; Housing, Employment, Reintegration and Outreach Program (HERO); Veterans

Employment Training & Transitions Assistance Program (VET-TAP) and Weekend 4 Warriors programs – that offer local veterans emotional support, educational information, referrals to useful services, information about support groups, Social Events, advocacy and short-term care management.

Rhinebeck at Home (www.rhinebeckathome.org) is a locally based, non-profit organization with members dedicated to helping each other to remain in their own homes and stay connected to their community as they grow older.

A branch of the County's Mental Hygiene Board, the Mental Health Subcommittee advises the DBCH Deputy Commissioner and Director of Community Services about issues in the community and suggests ideas for inclusion in the Department's Service Plan, which is submitted to New York State annually.

CITIZENS PREPAREDNESS FOR OLDER ADULTS, CAREGIVERS

The Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, with the Office for the Aging and Town of Hyde Park, have scheduled a free Citizens Preparedness Training for Older Adults and Caregivers event at Hyde Park Town Hall (4383 Albany Post Rd. (Route 9)), at 10 am on Tuesday, March 21st. Dutchess County residents over age 60 and their caregivers can sign up for this event by contacting the Office for the Aging at 845-486-2555 during business hours.

During the training, participants will learn resources and skills necessary to better prepare for any type of disaster, how to respond accordingly in a disaster, and how to recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Each household will receive a free Citizens Preparedness Response Starter Kit, along with information on Office for the Aging services.

WOMEN'S SAFETY CLASSES

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Dutchess County (www.dutchessny.gov/mrc) invites you to participate in a FREE training in Women's Safety Awareness on Tuesday, March 21st, at either 2pm or 6pm, at the county's Emergency Response headquarters, 392 Creek Rd., Poughkeepsie.

Presenters for both events are Town of Poughkeepsie Police Detective Lindsay Chomicki and Officer Kristen P. Norbom.

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Erna Rogers of Poughkeepsie celebrates 102nd birthday

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Marc Nelson and council members Natasha Brown, Nathan Shook and Debra Long presented Erna with a certificate stating it was "Erna Rogers Day" in Poughkeepsie.

Erna, who never married or had children, is a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Poughkeepsie.

When she was born, Woodrow Wilson was President. The United States was still working out the implications of World War One. Sirloin steak was 24 cents a pound, and the Luckey Platt Department Store in Poughkeepsie advertised women's dress suits for \$13.95.

Sap Happy Maple Weekend set March 23-26 at Bowdoin Park

Dutchess County Parks' popular Sap Happy Maple Weekend returns to Bowdoin Park on Thursday, March 23 through Sunday, March 26 with a line-up of tasty, educational, and fun events for all ages.

This year's event will include new features such as a 5K run/walk as well as the return of the popular, in-person community pancake breakfast, with a "Best Pancake" competitive twist between Culinary Institute of America students and Parks staff. View the event flyer online.

"We look forward to a full line up of activities for this year's Maple Weekend," said County Executive William F.X. O'Neil. "Residents of all ages will have the opportunity to taste our own maple syrup, learn the history of the syrup-making process, and share in a little friendly competition for the best pancake! We are grateful to our community partners for their support in making this popular weekend better than ever."

Sap Happy Maple Weekend events will be held in collaboration with the County's Office for the Aging (OFA),

Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club, Sneaker Mutt, The Culinary Institute of America, and New York State Maple Producers Association. Bowdoin and Wilcox Park Maple Syrup will also be available throughout the weekend for cash purchase for \$10 for 3.4oz or \$15 for 8oz. bottles, while supplies last.

Bowdoin Park Sap Happy Maple Weekend Schedule:

- **Seniors Pancakes in the Park and Maple Bingo** Thursday, March 23 10:30am-1:30pm. Auditorium. FREE, pre-registration required by calling 845-486-2555.

- **Maple Education Demos and Tasting: Sessions** on Friday, March 24 and Sunday, March 26 at 10am, noon and 2pm. \$5 per person. Register at DutchessNY.gov/Parks.

- **Sap Happy 5K Run/Walk** Saturday, March 25 8:30am start, pre-registration required. Cost per person \$20. Register at DutchessNY.gov/Maple5K

- **In-Person Community Breakfast and Best Pancake Competition** Saturday, March 25, 10am-1pm.

Bowdoin Park Auditorium. Cost per person is \$5; children 6 and under are free. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis.

Pancakes in the Park

In collaboration with OFA, residents ages 65 and older are invited to participate in Pancakes in the Park, which will be held in-person and will include a maple education demonstration and maple themed bingo. Seniors can pre-register by calling OFA at 845-486-2555. Reservations are required and are limited.

Maple Education Demos and Tasting

On Friday and Sunday, Parks staff will provide hands-on learning opportunities for all ages about the art and history of making maple syrup. Participants can watch the different steps of the maple syrup making process, from the tapping of trees at the park, to sap collection, and boiling it down to make syrup. Native American methods for creating maple sugar will also be explored. Sessions will be offered at 10am, noon, and 2pm. Classes are \$5 per person and pre-registration is required. Register at DutchessNY.gov/Parks.

Sap Happy 5K Run/Walk

New this year, residents can participate in a 5K run/walk along the paved and gravel roadways within the park. The race steps off on Saturday, March 25th at 8:30am and is in partnership with Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club and Sneaker Mutt. Bib pick up will begin 7:15am at Pavilion 5. All registered participants will receive a maple-themed

winter hat and awards will be given to the top five male and female runners. Pre-registration is required and costs \$20 per person or \$15 for Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club members. Register online at DutchessNY.gov/Maple5K

Community Breakfast, Best Pancake Competition and Open House

The in-person community breakfast returns, with a twist, on Saturday, March 25 from 10am to 1pm. Dutchess County Parks staff will challenge Culinary Institute of America students in a competition for the Best Pancake of 2023 based on attendees' votes. Tickets are \$5 per person (cash only at the door) and children 6 and under are free. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and while supplies last. Walk-up Maple Education workshops will be held during the breakfast and are included with pancake breakfast entry.

NYS Maple Producers Mobile Classroom

Dutchess County Parks is a member of the New York State Maple Producers Association and is partnering with the Association to bring its Maple Experience Mobile Classroom to the Red Hook Public Library, located at 7444 South Broadway, Red Hook, on Saturday, April 1st from 11:00am-2:30pm. This is an interactive, educational exhibit for all ages and no registration is required to attend.

To learn more about these events or other naturalist programs offered through Dutchess County Parks, call (845) 298-4600 or visit DutchessNY.gov/Parks.

Earth Angels Believe Foundation sets fund-raising event on March 12

The Earth Angels Believe Foundation will be holding a fundraiser for local cancer warriors battling cancer on Sunday, March 12 at from 3-8 p.m. at Mahoney's Restaurant in Poughkeepsie.

A raffle will be included and businesses are encouraged to offer gift cards or items related to their business.

Funds raised through the Earth Angels Believe Foundation have helped many cancer patients through financially difficult times. This allows them to focus on healing.

For more information, visit earthangelsbelieve.com.

Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield sets film, discussion on March 11

The members of the Beatrix Farrand Garden at Bellefield in Hyde Park will present a discussion and film screening on Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m. at the Henry A. Wallace Center at the Home of FDR National Historic Site.

Staff Horticulturist Karen Waltuch, National Park Service Horticulturist

Anna deCordova and landscape gardener Heather Whitefield will conduct the discussion, which will be followed by a free screening of the feature documentary "Beatrix Farrand's American Landscapes."

All are welcome to attend.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Gardening presentation set March 8 at Morton Library

Dirty Gaia will present "Ask A Gardener: A Food Growers Roundtable" at Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff, on Wednesday, March 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Visit dirtygaia.org to register and for more information.

Men's Bible Study offered at Hyde Park Baptist Church

The Hyde Park Baptist Church, at 10 Romans Road (off Route 9G) in Hyde Park holds Men's Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. All men are welcome. For more information contact the church at (845) 229-9150 or email hpbchurch@optonline.net.

Program on Rain Gardens set March 9 at Clinton Library

The Clinton Community Library will have a program about Rain Gardens on Thursday, March 9, at 6 p.m. The program will be presented by Joyce Tomaselli from the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County. It is sponsored by the Town of Clinton Conservation Advisory Council.

Register to attend on the calendar webpage on the library's website: <http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=5061>

Lyall Church in Millbrook offers programs

The Anti-Racist Study Group has been meeting for several years. We currently meet on Mondays, at 12:30 p.m. by Zoom. We invite anyone to join us who wants to explore the issues of race and caste in our country, issues that will not go away or improve unless we face them together. Our study group is welcoming and hospitable. We have a great time as we continue to learn a lot. We also are happy to include new members. Contact Cat Greenstreet (catgreenstreet@gmail.com) or Pastor Thom if you're interested.

Lyall will continue to hold its Lyall Lunch on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

Two other ongoing programs at Lyall are Meals on Wheels at Millbrook and Food For Folks Food Pantry (emergency support). The service area of both these programs is limited to the Town of Washington Village of Millbrook.

Pleasant Valley Repair Cafe set March 11

Another Repair Cafe will take place at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main St. (Route 44), Pleasant Valley on Saturday, March 11, from

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your broken items, clothing, sweaters, jewelry, computers, video devices, small appliances, lamps, toasters, etc. to be repaired by our wonderful fixers. No welding until the weather is warmer. Clothing alterations are NOT accepted. Join the fun and get a cup of coffee or tea and delicious home-baked goods while you wait.

Take-out Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at Stanford Grange

Stanford Grange #808 will host its Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 11, 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, boiled potatoes, carrots, homemade Irish soda bread, and shamrock pudding for dessert. Donation is \$17 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. For reservations (which are a must as we will sell out), call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Veterans Affairs Committee to meet March 14

Veterans Affairs Committee to meet March 14 at 6:45 p.m. in the Republican Caucus Room, 22 Market St. in the County Office Building.

Should one have any issues getting into the building or caucus room, please call the after-hours number at 845-486-2900 or Keith O'Hanlon at (845) 891-4921.

Pleasant Valley Library to screen Attenborough documentary

On Tuesday, March 14, at 6 p.m., the Pleasant Valley Library will screen "EXTINCTION: The Facts," a 2020 documentary film by the natural historian David Attenborough which aired on the BBC. It depicts the continuing sixth mass extinction, caused by humans, and the consequences of biodiversity loss and climate change. Pleasant Valley Library, Tuesday,

Brought to you by Pleasant Valley Climate Smart and the Pleasant Valley Library. Registration is required; call the library at (845) 635-8460 to register.

Soup Sale set in Rhinecliff

The Rhinebeck Grange will sponsor the final winter Soup Sales on Thursday, March 16, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, at the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard.

Soup is sold by the Quart for \$10 per quart. Take-out only. Pick up at side window on Orchard St. Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to be emailed the soup choices for each month and pre-order online.

Pleasant Valley Community Garden Project to meet March 16

On Thursday, March 16, from 6 to 8 p.m., the Pleasant Valley Community Garden Project will meet at the Pleasant Valley Library (1584 Main St./Route 44, Pleasant Valley). Join the Community Garden Initiative led by PV Climate Smart, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Master Gardeners, and town residents. Learn about gardening, the importance of growing healthy food, help feed the hungry, the food pantry and the community. Registration is required; call the library at (845) 635-8460.

Salt Point church to offer

St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 17

The Westminster Presbyterian Church, at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, will offer a take-out Corned Beef Dinner on Friday, March 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. Take-out reservations are required, and there will be no inside dining. The menu will include corned beef, potatoes, carrots, cabbage, Irish soda bread and cookies. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors (62+) and children younger than 12. For reservations and more information, call Jeanne at (845) 266-8233 or (845) 797-9621.

Grange to host Penny Social March 18

Dutchess County Pomona Grange #32 will host its Annual Penny Social on Saturday, March 18, 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.

Pine Plains FFA Farm Toy Show

The Pine Plains FFA will be holding its 29th Annual FFA Toy Show and Auction, on Saturday, March 18. The doors will open at 9 a.m. and the auction will begin at 2 p.m. The Toy Show will be held in the High School Gym of the Stissing Mountain High School. The school is located at 2829 Church St. (Route 199) in Pine Plains.

Proceeds from the Event and Auction will benefit the Pine Plains FFA members. There will be a Pedal Tractor Pull at noon; prizes will be awarded. Admission is \$3 and children under 5 are free. Lunch is available and vendors are welcome (with advance registration). Call John Boadle at (845) 868-7515 with any questions.

Vanderbilt Garden Association sets volunteer information meeting for March 19

Those interested in finding out more information about volunteering at the F.W. Vanderbilt Garden in Hyde Park are invited to a Garden Kick-off Meeting on Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m., at the Wallace Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Historic Site Visitor Center.

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; volunteers will train as the work.

Volunteers must be age 18 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. Volunteers are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit their schedule.

Those who are unable to attend the Kick-off Meeting can get more information at info@vanderbiltgarden.org, by visiting www.vanderbiltgarden.org or calling (845) 229-6432.

Meeting schedule for County's Mental Hygiene Board

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board

will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 20, at noon, at the Community Mental Health Center located at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie.

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board meets on the third Monday of each month except for January, February and June (which due to holidays are held the fourth Monday of those months) and there is no meeting in August.

Upcoming meetings will take place on April 17, May 15, June 26, July 17, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18.

The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact (845) 486-2754.

Author Talk set at Historic Red Hook

Author Talk: Thomas Summerhill, Harvest of Dissent: Agrarianism in Nineteenth-Century New York, Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m. on Zoom

Free program; register to receive a Zoom link at www.historicredhook.org/register.

Thomas Summerhill is a professor at Michigan State University. His book, Harvest of Dissent: Agrarianism in Nineteenth-Century New York, focuses on farmers' creative and radical organization, such as the Anti-Rent and Grange movements, in the face of social, political, and economic transformations of the 19th century.

Rhinebeck Garden Club sets monthly meeting

The Rhinebeck Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, March 22, at 10 a.m., at Starr Library, 68 West Market Street. Alan Peterson, from The Waterman Bird Club, will talk about Spring Birds. Refreshments served. Visitors welcomed. Every year, the Rhinebeck Garden club puts together a series of meetings, field trips and events which are mostly open to the public. For information, call (914) 263-5298 or go to <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064834505072>

Rhinebeck HS Drama Club to present 'Once Upon A Mattress' March 24-26

The Rhinebeck High School Drama Club will perform "Once Upon A Mattress" on Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m.; and a matinee on Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m., at the Joseph L. Phelan Auditorium at Rhinebeck HS, 45 North Park Road, Rhinebeck.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students, seniors and children ages 10 and under. They are available online at RHSDramaClub.org. <https://onthestage.tickets/rhinebeck-hs-drama-club> or at the box office one hour prior to show. There is a \$2 upcharge at the door.

ONGOING

Thrift shop in Red Hook: The "New to You" Thrift Shop at 30 Benner Road has opened. Sales will benefit St. Christopher and Good Shepherd Church. Four rooms to roam through; items include books, crafts, CDs, tapes, housewares, home décor, clothing and more. Hours: Thursdays, 11-4 and Saturdays, 10-2 (and Saturday donations).

Volunteers needed for OFA's Friendly Calls program: The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) is reaching out to older adults who are isolated and would like some type of social connection, somebody to talk to for 20-30 minutes a week. OFA's Friendly Calls program is looking for volunteer callers to reach out to our older adults. It's a simple program at its core: neighbors talking to neighbors in a short, structured conversation. OFA screens both the volunteer callers as well as the people being called. You'd be talking to somebody who lives alone, is isolated, and has expressed an interest in staying socially connected. Volunteers would start out calling from OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie, but we envision the program becoming something a volunteer can do from home if that's what they prefer. Adult volunteers of all ages are welcome. If you're interested in taking part as a volunteer caller, email bjones@dutchessny.gov or call (845) 486-2555.

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County awards \$307K in Youth Development Service grants; workshop set for March 9

The Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services' Division of Youth Services has awarded \$307,881 to local municipalities and non-profit community-based organizations to fund 21 programs that enhance the lives and safety of young people throughout the County through the Youth Development Program (YDP) and Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA).

YDP funding targets services that promote safety, supportive relationships and other positive assets by engaging and empowering youth. RHYA funding targets youth who need temporary shelter or assistance with independent living skills. The County's Division of Youth Services administers YDP and RHYA funds for the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

The Division of Youth Services is currently seeking proposals for YDP and RHYA services for program year October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 will be awarded to programs that provide free, direct services designed to improve youth and community outcomes, as outlined in the OCFS-5003 Program Components-Coding Document, Rev. 3/2018. Programs must address one of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services' six life areas, which are: Economic Security, Physical and Emotional Health, Education, Citizenship/Civic Engagement, Family and Community.

Local 2022 Youth Development Programming:

The Art Effect (City of Poughkeepsie) \$19,000. Spark Studios – Offers 60 youth, ages 14-19, valuable skills in film editing, sound, lighting, video production and more. Youth mentorship fosters leadership, teamwork and communication in a supportive environment, and daily well-being check-ins support participants' well-being.

Beekman Library (Beekman), \$5,000

Youth Empowerment through Service (Y.E.S.) – Thirty-five (35) high school-age teens will contribute to their community and gain leadership skills by acting as library volunteers. Teens may apply to serve as volunteer shippers or academic mentors to younger children. Volunteer shippers will learn library classification systems; academic mentors will serve as "Reading Buddies" or "Homework Helpers" to children in kindergarten through 6th grade.

Chamber Foundation, Inc., \$12,000

The Next Gen Academy – Next Gen Academy is a three-week, STEAM-focused career readiness program for 20 youth, ages 16-21. This program focuses on providing the knowledge necessary for youth to build a successful college and career pathway. Program activities will include introductory skills to coding, computer-aided design, design thinking and 3D printing. In addition to program activities, daily morning leadership hour will engage youth with local technology leaders while learning about the ways in which they are using technology to solve problems within their community.

Child Abuse Prevention Center, \$15,587 - Personal Safety Program – A preventative sexual abuse education program that provides free countywide, classroom-based safety workshops for pre-K to 6th grade, providing students, faculty and staff tools and resources for identifying and reporting sexual abuse.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (Beacon), \$22,000

Green Teen Workforce Development Community Gardening – Prepares 15 youth, ages 10-20, for college and careers through employment set in the context of community gardening, teaching skills and behaviors employers seek. Education in areas such as communication, financial literacy, resume writing, nutrition and social justice is provided.

Dutchess Community College Foundation, \$19,800; DCC Cares – Provides postsecondary education dropout prevention and increases the retention and graduation rates of students ages 17-21 who are at risk, including economically disadvantaged, first generation and underrepresented minority. A Student Resource Navigator provides 100 students with direct assessment, case management, workshops and follow-up services from community service providers to help them enroll, complete their studies and graduate.

Family Services (City of Poughkeepsie), \$7,500; Teen Resource Activity Center (TRAC) and SNUG Alignment – TRAC and SNUG Alignment offers free, supervised after-school programming weekdays from 4-9 p.m. at the Family Partnership Center, serving 75 youth, ages 11-18. Participants play sports; engage in performing arts through theater, music and podcasting; receive academic support; participate in pro-social/emotional workshops; eat a nutritious dinner and relax with friends

while gaining exposure to positive adult role models. Youth also participate in Summer Youth Employment program, receiving training and job placements in the neighborhood.

Hudson River Housing, \$12,000; HRH Youth Enrichment Program – Provides year-round activities and workshops for 50 current and former residents, promoting physical and emotional wellness; improving ability to form healthy relationships; building character/confidence; creating a deeper appreciation of their local community through visits to parks, museums, galleries, colleges, libraries; and participating in art/music activities.

Northeast Community Center, Inc. (Webutuck), \$14,123; Community Partnership with Schools and Businesses (Teen Jobs) – Workforce development program in Millerton for 24 young people, ages 14-20, who can gain a paid internship at 20 local businesses and organizations, where they are trained and mentored by adult employees. Interns also benefit from workshops on general job skills, résumé writing, job interviewing and college planning and financial aid.

Poughkeepsie Farm Project (Poughkeepsie), \$15,765; Green Jobs for Youth – Prepare young people, ages 16-20, for careers in farming, gardening and food education; increase local economic and food security; and support youth in job searches and placement by connecting them with potential employers. Green Jobs for Youth serves 24 youth who will learn to grow, harvest, prepare and distribute food within their community.

Ramapo for Children (Rhinebeck), \$6,000; SEL-Based Experiential Programming for Youth – Offers 30 Dutchess County 7th- through 11th-graders, eight to 12 weekly sessions utilizing experiential activities and restorative practices to strengthen their social and emotional learning (SEL) skills. Each session will include a small group check-in, a sequence of experiential activities (cooperative games, group problem-solving initiatives, high and low ropes course experiences and a reflective debrief) and a positive closing activity.

Red Hook Community Center, Inc. (Red Hook), \$10,500; RHCC Teen Groups – Will serve 32 youth, ages 11-17, who reside in northern Dutchess County. Meetings are held at the Red Hook Community Center during after-school hours and provide a safe place for young people to use their time productive-

ly and engage in positive peer and staff interaction. Youth participate in organized community service, life-skills learning centered around cultural competency and race equity, and organized recreation.

Red Hook Public Library (Red Hook), \$9,000; Teen Takeover – Red Hook Public Library is a teen-designed, teen-run program offering 44 local youth, ages 10-17, time and space to connect with peers through gaming, cooking and other activities, empowering youth and providing a place to socialize and work.

Town of Hyde Park (Hyde Park), \$5,300; Learn to Swim Program – The Learn to Swim program will provide 60 youth (ages 3 months to 14) the opportunity to achieve life-long skills through the instruction by certified American Red Cross Swimming Lesson staff. The program will not only provide youth the opportunity to learn to swim, but also physical exercise in a fun, safe and positive environment.

Town of Red Hook (Red Hook), \$5,000; Town of Red Hook Recreation – Town of Red Hook Recreation offers 20+ different recreational programs to over 500 youth (ages 0-21) who live within the boundaries of the Red Hook Central School District.

Wassaic Project (Amenia), \$5,000

Junior Varsity and Varsity Arts Club – The Junior Varsity and Varsity Arts Clubs are concurrent afterschool programs for 24 middle and high school students in the Webutuck Central School District. The program takes place in a dedicated makerspace in Wassaic. Youth will be mentored by two Wassaic Project educators, and the aim is to work with students longer to foster creative growth and social-emotional development.

The Division of Youth Services has scheduled a grant workshop for non-profit agencies and municipalities at the Dutchess County Emergency Response Center, 392 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie; each workshop takes place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 9,

All grant proposals are due to the Division of Youth Services on or before Thursday, March 30th by 5 p.m.

Interested organizations can contact Juliana Corbett at 845-486-3354 or Juliana.Corbett@dfa.state.ny.us to register for a workshop. Each session will review the step-by-step process of applying online through the Dutchess County Grant Portal and address any concerns or questions.

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Rolison holds official ribbon-cutting ceremony for Poughkeepsie office

State Senator Rob Rolison (39th District) opened his new District Office last week with a ribbon-cutting ceremony joined by staff, community leaders, and constituents. The 3 Neptune Road location off Route 9 in the Town of Poughkeepsie has been open and conducting casework operations for constituents in the 39th District since January.

The recent ribbon-cutting officially launched Rolison's downstate headquarters. Residents are encouraged to contact District Office staff for assistance with state-related casework such as unemployment insurance, DMV issues, rental assistance, and more by calling 845-229-0106 or emailing rolison@nysenate.gov.

"Leaders lead by listening, and our District Office staff is here to serve you. In the coming weeks, we will be conducting mobile office hours in other parts of the 39th District in order to meet face to face with constituents who may not be able to join us at our Town of Poughkeepsie location. I'd like to thank our dedicated staff for the hard work they've put in starting on day one, and I look forward to meeting locally with more of our Hudson Valley residents in order to better serve them in Albany," said Rolison.

To learn more about the District Office's operations, or to set up a meeting for a 39th District resident, visit: <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/rob-rolison/contact>.



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DC 4-H shooting sports program grows and thrives

Teaching safety, responsibility and citizenship are core goals of the Dutchess County Long Rifles 4-H Club.

To become a New York State 4-H Certified Shooting Sports Instructor, over 15 hours of training is required, with a focus on youth development. On Saturday February 24, seven volunteer instructors and two junior instructors, attended the NYS 4-H Shooting Sports Winter Training in Ballston Spa to become certified in the following disciplines: Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, and Hunting & Outdoor Skills.

Three Dutchess County Level Two instructors were recruited to lead the training for the Rifle & Pistol disciplines. All of our participants were successful in achieving certification.

Flourishing Farmers 4-H Club

Using the 4-H Thriving Model, 4-H is all about focusing on what kids can do and mentoring them to succeed.

With help from local farms, including Cloverbrooke (Hyde Park), Hidden Hollow (Milan), and Stonykill (Wappingers Falls) 4-H is able to connect youth who have special needs to agriculture. While we have many youths who need accommodations in our regular 4-H clubs, some need that little bit more personal help.

This winter, 4-H Educator Allie Jeffrey has been running regular get-togethers where these youth can come together and learn about animals at the CCEDC Farm and Home Center.

As spring nears, we are excited to have them spend as much time as possible on their host farms working towards the opportunity to exhibiting at the 2023 Dutchess County Fair. If you know a young person who might benefit from this program, contact Allie at ajj64@cornell.edu – there are just three spaces left for the 2023 program.



Youth, volunteers and 4-H Educator Emma Jenks (front center) are pictured at the NY State 4-H Shooting Sports Winter Training event. Courtesy photo

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Activities are hands-on and incorporate literacy and science - learning about topics such as pumpkins, chickens and eggs, maple syrup, apples and corn provide fun educational opportunities that engage the kids in local food systems.

And this summer, 4-H Blooming Kids will take over the Millbrook Middle School garden again to maintain it and harvest produce all summer long.

This not only provides a great teaching resource but contributes fresh produce to the local food pantry allowing members to feel proud of their community service.

For more information on 4-H clubs and opportunities to partner or provide assistance, contact Jane Rodd at jr825@cornell.edu.



4-H members will partner with Millbrook Middle School for the second year and help their garden club grow food for the community during the summer in the garden at the school thanks to Millbrook Garden Club. Courtesy photo

Creative Living

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Tivoli resident ‘writes the book’ on Golden Age of American Decorated Paper

by Kate Goldsmith

Decorated paper is everywhere, from greeting cards, books and journal covers to wallpaper, gift bags and beyond. Perhaps its ubiquity and ephemeral nature belies the craftsmanship and processes that make it as fascinating an art form as any other.

Tivoli resident Mindell Dubansky is on a mission to ensure the modern era of decorated paper – and the artists who create it – are paid due respect; she succeeds mightily with her monograph, “Pattern and Flow: A Golden Age of American Decorated Paper 1960s to 2000s” (distributed by Yale University Press, New Haven CT and London).

The volume presents the work of more than 50 artists who are included in the

Paper Legacy Project collection at the Thomas J. Watson Library at New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art, where Dubansky is Museum Librarian for Preservation at the Sherman Fairchild Center for Book Conservation. It is beautifully illustrated with 280 color illustrations along with biographies of the selected artists, many of whom Dubansky interviewed personally. She finds it a “strong representative collection of artists who contributed [significantly] to the field.”

The Paper Legacy Project has a companion exhibition at the Grolier Club in New York City through April 8.

Dubansky was introduced to the world of decorated paper through her bookbinding business.

“Over time, I moved into book conservation, got my library degree. I’ve been at

the Met 40 years, originally as a restorer, studied in London at a craft school” -- at that time, she said, there were no college degree programs in conservation/preservation in the United States. “I continued to build this department [the Sherman Fairchild Center for Book Conservation].”

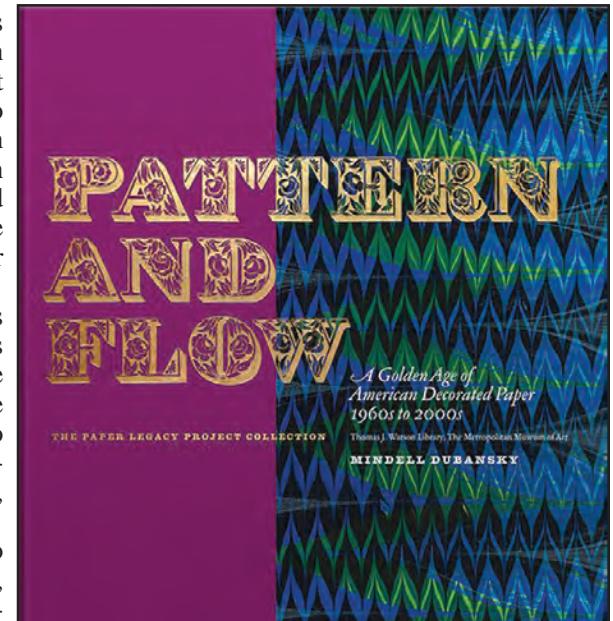
Dubansky said she has done a lot of research projects over the years which, like the Paper Legacy Project, have culminated as companions to exhibitions. This one has special meaning to Dubansky, though.

“Because I’ve been here so long, and because of my age, [I felt it was] important to contribute something to my field and my institution,” she said.

Dubansky asked herself: “What aspect of the book arts would be lost if I didn’t do something about it and was in a position [to do something]? ”

She determined that the decorated paper artists were most vulnerable; so she set out to preserve the work before the work and these people disappeared – and then people would never know who created the artwork.

There are obvious reasons for this endangerment: Unlike many other art



works, Dubansky said decorated paper artists didn’t have a professional organization to support them, their work was signed on the back, and the work was sold to people and cut up for the uses mentioned at the start of this article.

The 1960s provided a fertile environment for these artists, said Dubansky.

“[It was a] grassroots movement of these people, they were grounded in the world of books, others came from different directions. Artists, you know, hippies, lights shows.”

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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 17 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

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Tivoli resident ‘writes the book’ on Golden Age of American Decorated Paper

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The era saw the development of new styles of paper—such as marbled paper, paste paper, and fold-and-dye papers—which became a phenomenon across the United States. “Pattern and Flow” includes a detailed illustrated reference section with essential biographical and professional information for each artist, providing an in-depth look at the knowledge and skills of these pioneering creatives.

For the Paper Legacy Collection, Dubansky sent out questionnaires to artists and requested representational samples of their work.

“I was vague [on the criteria] because I wanted this whole collection for their personality to be in it,” she said. “What they started sending was like catalogs, trade catalogs, exhibition catalogs, books that use [their art], archival correspondence, packaging that they licensed” such as Hallmark merchandise, “cracker boxes and Kleenex boxes and tins and kaleidoscopes.”

The volume has been roundly praised, and even got a two-page feature in the New York Times.

“The artists [who participated] are in heaven to see themselves represented in that context, [knowing] they’re appreciated,” Dubansky said. “Most of them are really humble.”

“Pattern and Flow” is the first book the library has published in 150 years, so an editor needed to be brought in.

“I had a tremendous responsibility, because that’s not what I do,” Dubansky said. “I was very lucky with my editor

and my designer. I wanted to make a book that was transformational, [that people wouldn’t] want to put down. That’s what I aspired to, and everyone seems to feel that way about it. I love my team.”

Dubansky is a member of the Grolier Club which, according to its website, is America’s oldest and largest society for bibliophiles and enthusiasts in the graphic arts. The club’s objective is to promote “the study, collecting, and appreciation of books and works on paper.” Through the concerted efforts of an international network of more than 800 book and print collectors, antiquarian book dealers, librarians, designers, fine printers, binders and other artisans, the Grolier Club pursues this mission through its library, its public exhibitions and lectures, and its series of publications.

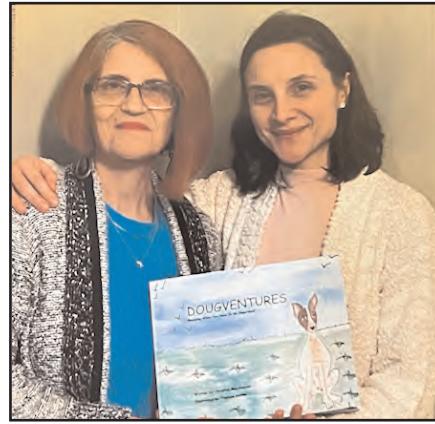
“The exhibition was really the last thing [worked on]; it was built off the other efforts,” she said. “It was faster because the book had already been done.”

The Grolier Club will give on-site gallery tours on Tuesdays, March 21 and April 4, from 1 to 2 p.m. You can also stop in to view the exhibition without a guide; visit www.grolierclub.org for more information.

Locally, Dubansky is open to working with school groups and doing workshops in her book-binding studio in Tivoli; she welcomes correspondence at Mindell.dupansky@museum.org.

“I want to meet people in the area. I want my book people to find me,” she said.

HYDE PARK RESIDENT PUBLISHES BOOK WITH ILLUSTRATIONS BY MOM



Christina Macchiarola (right), a resident of Hyde Park, loving wife and proud mother who graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and Western Connecticut State University, has completed her first new book “Dougventures: Realizing what you have is so important.” “Dougventures” was written to inspire children about God’s love through the adventures of her real life dog Douglas, and the life lessons he learns along the way.

The illustrations were done by her mother Theresa Yatsko (left), a resident of Wappingers Falls. They loved doing this project together and making their dream come to life.

There will be a book signing at Barnes and Nobles in Poughkeepsie on March 18 from 2-4 p.m. The book “Dougventures” can be purchased through Covenant Books, Amazon or Barnes and Nobles. Courtesy photo

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Murder Café celebrates 25 years of murder mystery entertainment

2023 marks the 25th anniversary year for Murder Café, a traveling entertainment company that specializes in original murder mystery plays. In celebration there is a year's worth of activities and special events planned. Frank and Kristen Marquette officially launched Murder Café in Las Vegas, Nevada in 1998; both remain active in the company with Frank as artistic director, marketer, writer, producer and actor. Kristen remains dedicated to the design and construction of original costumes. Returning to their native New York State in 2010, the Marquettes established Murder Café as the region's premier murder mystery company.

Owner-operator Frank Marquette remarked, "We have achieved this milestone through our dedication to high performance standards and customer service, with both there is no compromise. We remain determined to give both our actors and audience members an unforgettable experience and we're determined to make 2023 our best year yet. While our productions and their locations have expanded widely since 1998, we remain committed to the principals that we started with."

Primarily known for writing and producing original murder mysteries, comedies, musicals and variety shows, Murder Café provides entertainment for company parties, fundraising events, schools and colleges, casinos and dozens of public venues.

Since 2017 they have been the theatrical centerpiece of Mohonk Mountain House's annual Mystery Weekend. In March 2023 they will return to Mohonk

with their original mystery, "Murder at the Speakeasy". Other popular Hudson Valley venues include: The Venue at the Best Western in Kingston, The Beekman Arms in Rhinebeck, Meadowbrook Inn in New Windsor, the Historic Hotel Broadalbin in Broadalbin and Howland Performance Arts Center in Beacon.

Murder Café adapts to each venue's needs with their engaging storytelling and skilled improvisers. They work without traditional staging so that every venue's show is unique and tailored.

Murder Café's 2023 schedule of shows include: "A Recipe to Die For," a Valentine's themed mystery; "Murder at the Speakeasy," an expanded version of their popular mystery-musical; and "Murder at the Mansion," a Gilded Age play with historical characters customized for each venue.

Starting in 2014 Murder Café expanded into the "living history" genre. Every year since, they have produced cemetery tours throughout the Hudson Valley, each offering historical characters that tell their stories in costumes and first person narratives. Historical characters relevant to specific sites have also made appearances at Mohonk Mountain House, the Beekman Arms and the Vanderbilt House.

This year Murder Café is also offering "Vaudeville Frolic," variety show set in 1923; "Murder at the Monster Mash-up," a Halloween themed whodunit; and their annual dinner theater production of "A Christmas Carol."

For additional information, visit www.murdercafe.net or call (845) 475-7973.

EXHIBITIONS

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through March 9:** "Peg Leg Bates: The Performance Years," using posters, photos and text, the exhibit will explore dancer Peg Leg Bates' performing life through the experience of being a Black performer in vaudeville in the United States and beyond during the Jim Crow into the Civil Rights and post-Civil rights eras. www.artsmidhudson.org

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April 28:** Featured are the works of Penny Dell in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St., and Archil Pickkhadze in the Hancock Gallery and Logan Lesley in the Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar St. **Free Public Art Opening Receptions:** Fri., March 10, 5-7 p.m. cunneen-hackett.org or (845) 486-4571. Pictured: "I am...HER" by Logan Lesley

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **March 11-April 30:** "Between Two Rivers," landscape photographs and paintings from the Hudson River to the Housatonic River. Photographers Julian Diamond, Justin Goodhart, Kelly Goodhart, Jane Haslam, Linda Hubbard and Rebecca Tocci and watercolor artist Kelly Edwards each have their own eye and sense of the land. **Artist reception:** Sat., March 11, 1-3 p.m. www.landgalleryonline.com or Facebook: LANDGalleryinPawling

Live 4 Art Gallery, 20 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through March 25:** "Story Tellers," features six artists whose work expresses and interprets their lives: photographers Lonna Kelly and Terry Ariano, painter Carol-Lee Kantor, mixed media artist Donna Castelluccio, multi-media artist Wendy Alvarez and the late painter/montage artist Karen Presser. Artist talks scheduled throughout the month. (845) 216-1893

Morton Memorial Library & Community House, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through March:** The 2023 Morton Talent Show Art Exhibition, works created by local artists. (845) 875-2903

Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through March 26:** "Chasing Icebergs: Art and a Disappearing Landscape," shown primarily in the Sharp Family Gallery at Olana, the exhibition highlights Frederic Church's iceberg sketches from his 1859 intrepid voyage to the Arctic. (518) 751-6879 or olana.org

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through April 21:** Photography exhibit by Staatsburgh resident Annie Goran. Photography on display at the exhibit will be available for sale. All proceeds will be donated to Circle of Friends for the Dying, a comfort care home located in Kingston.

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through March 19:** "Winter's Passing – Transitions," works ranging from images of graphic bare woods that describe wintry land forms, to landscapes inspired by storms, vistas and changing light. Interior images, still life images created during winter, and abstract works that respond to the colors, textures and mood of the season. Winter Hours: Fri. 5-8:30 p.m., Sat. noon-8 p.m., Sun. 1-5 or by appt. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com



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Diversions

SUDOKU

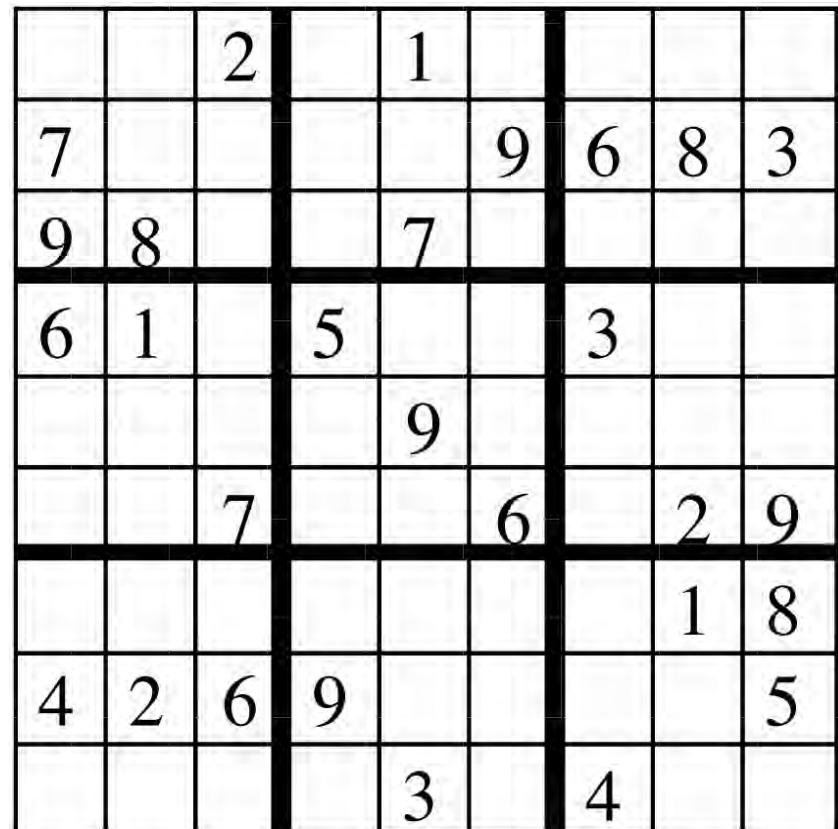
Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

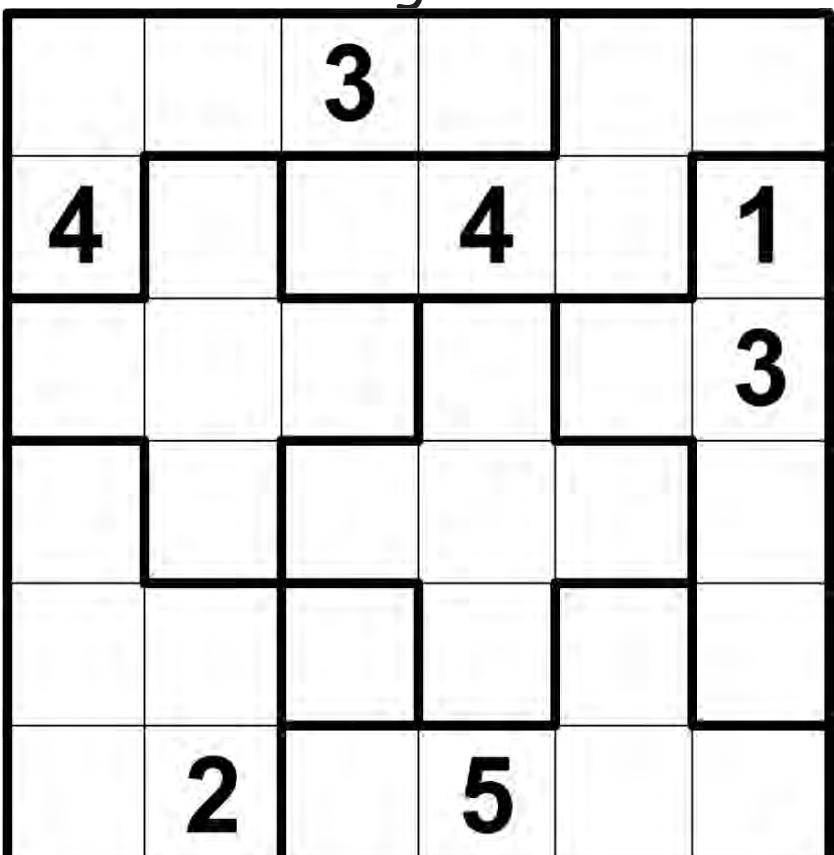
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Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

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



Suguru



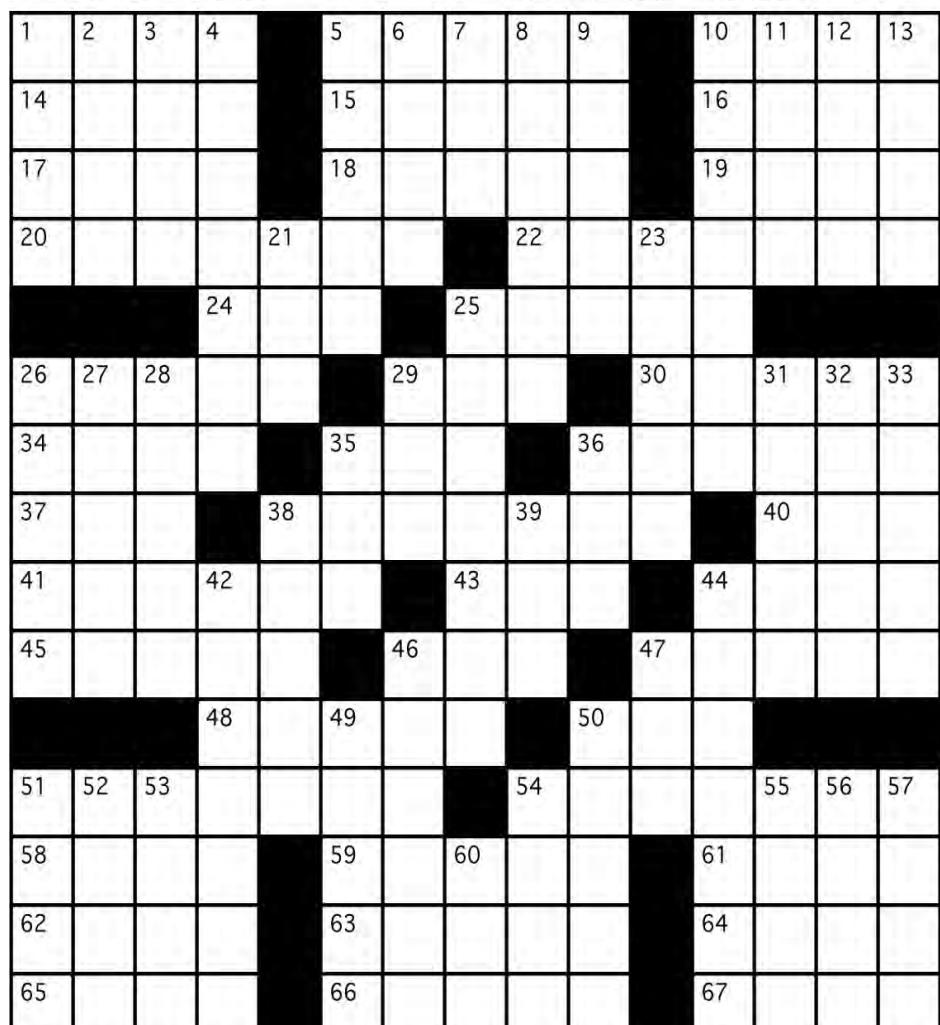
The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally,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

ACROSS

- Stinging insect
- Pie bottom
- Male animal
- Parts of intestines
- Allude
- Sticky strip
- Stalk
- Revere
- Actress Moran
- Tam features
- Noble
- Vocalized pauses
- Religious article
- British metric unit
- Poet's contraction
- Narrow candle
- Bustles
- Forerunners of esses
- Read
- favor; please: Sp.
- Foot problem
- Mailman's beat: abbr.
- Part of the foot
- Suffix for class or cheer
- Eyes
- Simple seat
- Word with Red or White
- Cubic meter
- City in Italy
- Brief life history
- Unusual
- Heavy, prolonged attack
- Sandwich cookie
- More positive
- White beverage
- Ludicrous
- Exchange
- Ms. Adams
- Some football players
- Unkind expression
- High society misses

DOWN

- Thin strand
- Singing voice
- Appear
- New parents' purchase
- Stuffs
- Ohio athletes
- Rare sighting, for short
- Strong fabrics
- water; keep afloat
- Outstanding
- Place where 27 Down was spoken
- Neat as __
- Mannerly man
- Gold or copper
- In a while
- Rural church
- lazuli
- "Frankly, my dear, ____"
- Incomplete sculpture
- Prefix for pod or cycle
- Make baby food
- Organic compound
- Pee Wee __
- Mont Blanc, for one
- person; apiece
- Misrepresent
- John Ritter's dad
- Old word for athletic girls
- Raged
- Celestial body
- Dignified title
- Continues
- Plainer
- Leak
- Actress Drescher
- off; resist
- Venerable historian
- Helpmate
- Insincerely smooth
- out a living; gets by
- Actress Charlotte __



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



Irish-Italian Cocktail

Luigi imagines himself as a translator.

As we get closer to St. Patrick's Day, I am reminded of an imagined incident with my father, not that I need to imagine anything. My son Geno was playing the bagpipes at a local Irish pub for St. Patrick's Day. That in and of itself is another story for another day. Anyway, I went with him so I could watch him play. Not that I would know whether it was good bagpipe playing or bad bagpipe playing, as it sounded all the same to my Italian ear.

I stood in the crowd hooting and hollering at all the appropriate times; and when he was finished, we retired to the back room with the other band members for a glass of beer and some corned beef and cabbage. I got to know the other band members, remarking to them how much I stood out like a sore thumb among all the Irish people at the pub. The owner of the pub came to our table and started talking to us, thanking us for playing at his pub, etc. etc. I was then introduced to Emmitt as a fellow restaurateur and he proceeded to talk shop with me.

Now ordinarily, I love to talk shop; however, this time it was probably the most difficult hour-long conversation of my life because Emmitt had a heavy Irish brogue and my Italian ear was not conditioned to translate. I started laughing thinking about my father conversing with Emmitt with me in the middle.

Me: Pop I want to introduce you to Emmitt.

Pop: Que? What?
Me: Emmitt.
Pop: What esa emmitt?
Me: This is Emmitt. It's his name.
Pop: Ohhhh. Whata kinda name isa Emmitt?

Emmitt: Es Ireishhh my boy!
Pop: What?
Emmitt: Ireishhh.
Me: Pop, he's from Ireland.
Pop: Ohhh Youa froma the Irelanda?
Emmitt: Yess I came over when I was a wee lad.

Pop: Whata isa the weelad. Isa that Irish for a boat?

Emmitt: No, a wee lad.

Me: Pop, he came over when he was a kid.

Pop: Ohhhh. Howa come he no say that.

Emmitt: Ah love tae business. Ah love tae people. Ah love to walk doon an speak to me customers.

Pop: What he say? Luigi, translate.
Me: Now you know how I feel, Pop.
Pop: What?

Me: Nothing, Pop. He said he loves the business. He loves to talk to people.

Emmitt: What? He dontcha understand me?

Me: Pop doesn't understand himself half the time. Um.... His ear is accustomed to Italian. He needs to acclimate himself.

Pop: There no isa nothing ronga with my ears. I just wenta to the doctors.

Me: No, Pop...

Emmitt: Ahe agree.
Pop: What did he say?
Me: What? Look, Pop...
Pop: Ima gonna go backa to worka now.

Emmitt: Ahe think it's time for me to return to my work.

Me: OK, guys, see you all later.

I think it's best for international relations if I keep Pop away from people from other countries. The State Department has a hard enough time keeping peace in the world without my father putting his two cents in. I think I'll have a nice Bellini and forget about it.

PEACH BELLINI

Ingredients

2 peaches
1/2 lemon
2 oz. Peach Brandy
1/2 bottle sparkling wine

Method

Peel the peaches and remove the pulp form the pit. Dice the peaches and add the pulp to a blender. Squeeze the lemon into the blender, careful not to allow any seeds. Add the Peach Brandy and blend till smooth. Transfer the mixture to two champagne flutes. Fill the remainder of the glasses with sparkling wine and serve.

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

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A&E Calendar

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March 9: Oblong Online: Peter Blauner, via Zoom. Blauner's epic "Picture in the Sand" is a sweeping inter-generational saga told through a grandfather's passionate letters to his grandson, passing on the story of his political rebellion in 1950s Egypt in order to save his grandson's life in a post-9/11 world, 7 p.m. Free; registration required via www.oblongbooks.com.

March 10: Club d'Elf, The Falcon, 1348 Rte. 9W, Marlboro. Boston-based dub-jazz collective Club d'Elf has been helping audiences lose track of time while creating mesmerizing musical chimeras that weave their distinct, Moroccan folk-infused trance with elements from an astonishing spectrum of other styles, including jazz, hip-hop, electronica, avant-garde, prog-rock, and dub. Special guests Jon Medeski and Reeve Gabrels (The Cure). (845) 236-7970

March 10-12: Catskill Ballet Theatre presents "Alice in Wonderland," UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. The production will

feature professional dancers from various New York City-based companies, including Alice, performed by Camila Rodrigues, who recently finished a national tour starring as Lise in Broadway's An American in Paris. Additionally, students from the Ballet School of Kingston will feature heavily in other central roles. Performances: Fri., March 10, 7:30 p.m.; Sat., March 11, 4 p.m.; Sun., March 12, 4 p.m. Tickets \$30 adults, \$25 students, seniors, and children under 12. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com and the UPAC box office: (845) 339-6088.

March 11: Bard Conservatory Orchestra, Fisher Center's Sosnoff Theater, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. The orchestra presents a concert celebrating works by Robert Schumann (1810-56), Richard Strauss (1864-1949), and Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), 8 p.m. Conducted by Leon Botstein, music director, the program will feature Schumann's Konzertstück for Four Horns and Orchestra, Op. 86, with horn players

Erik Ralske, Javier Gándara, Hugo Valverde, and Barbara Jostlein Curry; Strauss' Tod und Verklärung (Death and Transfiguration), Op. 24, and Ralph Vaughan Williams's "A London Symphony." fishercenter.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

March 11: Contra Dance, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie. Music from Mississippi played by The Mississippi Travelers; with contra caller/composer Bob Isaacs. Doors open 7 p.m., lesson 7:15 p.m., dance 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission \$10-\$15 sliding scale; admission \$5-\$10 sliding scale for full-time students with ID. No partner needed; beginners & all ages welcome. Bring your own water and snack to consume outside the hall. This is a vaccination-, booster-, and mask-required dance. (845) 473-7050

March 11: Paddy In Poughkeepsie, MJC Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. The Hudson Valley's biggest Saint Patrick's Day celebration is

back, 2-8 p.m. The event will feature live music from The Mighty Ploughboys, and the best Dropkick Murphys cover band, the NOTKick Murphys. Mahoney's Irish Pub will be on site providing traditional Irish foods and fare, plus there will be plenty of vendors. Tickets: \$12 GA (all ages), includes entry at 2 p.m.; VIP Tickets \$40 (21+ only), includes entry at 2 p.m., food voucher for Mahoneys and 2 beer tickets. (845) 454-5800

March 12: Young Concert Artist Showcase - Saxophone and Accordion, The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. In collaboration with Young Concert Artist Agency, Chamber Music at The Stissing Center is proud to present two of the most promising young musicians of our generation: American saxophonist Steven Bank and Chinese accordionist Hanzi Wang. The electric duo will perform a dynamic program combining classics and rarely-performed music, 4 p.m. Tickets \$35, students free. www.thestissingcenter.org

DCC joins JED Campus to support student well-being, mental health

Dutchess Community College has announced that it has joined JED Campus in support of student well-being and mental health. The program is a nationwide initiative of The Jed Foundation (JED) designed to help schools evaluate and strengthen their mental health, substance misuse and suicide prevention programs and systems to ensure that schools have the strongest possible mental health safety nets. There are currently over 400 campuses engaged in the JED Campus program.

By joining JED Campus, DCC demonstrates a commitment to the emotional well-being of its students. JED Campuses embark on a multi-year strategic collaboration that not only assesses and enhances the work that is already being done but also helps create positive, lasting, systemic change in the campus community. The program provides schools with a framework for supporting student mental health, as well as assessment tools, feedback reports, a strategic plan and ongoing support from the JED Higher Education team.

DCC President, Dr. Peter Grant Jordan, states, "At DCC, we recognize

the importance of strengthening mental health supports of our students. Our partnership with The Jed Foundation will provide much needed evidence-based guidance to help us develop best practices that foster greater wellbeing within the DCC community. We look forward to the insights on how to create a culture in which everyone experiences a considerable sense of safety and belonging."

"The college years are the age when many mental health issues first manifest, and it can be a time of significant stress and pressure," said John MacPhee, Chief Executive Officer of JED. "JED Campus helps schools by working with them to survey everything their college or university is doing to support their students' emotional health and find practical ways to augment these efforts in a comprehensive way. We believe that the implementation of a campus-wide approach to mental health will lead to safer, healthier communities and likely greater student retention and learning outcomes."

In October 2022, DCC established an interdisciplinary, campus-wide team to

assess, support and implement program, policy and system improvements that facilitate wellbeing. In December, our JED Campus team completed a confidential self-assessment on which JED subject matter experts provided the College with a comprehensive feedback report identifying strengthens and opportunities for enhancements. From Feb. 21 to 24, JED Campus Senior Campus Advisors conducted a strategy, exploration and implementation workshop that will lead to a strategic wellbeing plan for the College.

DCC will be creating a landing page for JED on the new website for others to explore, learn more about and have access to the feedback reports and strategic mental health plan.

For more information about JED Campus, visit <https://jedfoundation.org/our-work/higher-ed/>.

About The Jed Foundation (JED)

JED is a nonprofit that protects emotional health and prevents suicide for our nation's teens and young adults. We're partnering with high schools and colleges to strengthen their mental health, sub-

stance misuse, and suicide prevention programs and systems. We're equipping teens and young adults with the skills and knowledge to help themselves and each other. We're encouraging community awareness, understanding, and action for young adult mental health.

Dutchess County Office for the Aging's free March events

Registration required for all events, unless otherwise noted. Call OFA at 845-486-2555 during business hours for more information

Tuesday, March 14th, 1-4 pm
Veterans Resource Forum
Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Dr., Rhinebeck

Tuesday, March 21st, 10 am
Citizens Preparedness for Older Adults
(with Dutchess County Emergency Management)

Hyde Park Town Hall, 4383 Albany Post Rd. (US 9), Hyde Park

Thursday, March 23rd, 10:30 am
"Pancakes in the Park" and Maple Bingo
Bowdoin Park Auditorium, 85 Sheafe Rd., Wappinger

Saturday, March 25th, 11 am - 3 pm
OFA at Mental Health America's "Veterans Stand Down" Event
VFW Post 666, 413 Main St., Beacon
No registration required

View or Download the March Calendar on DutchessNY.gov

Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 13)

Suguru solution

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SUDOKU

This week's answer

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AT YOUR LIBRARY

March events at Clinton Community Library

For more specific information about any library programs, or to register, please call (845) 266-5530 or email larnold@clintoncommunitylibrary.org

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Qi Gong with Vince (online)

Mon. 03/13, Mon. 03/20, Mon. 03/27 at 9:30 AM; Wed. 03/15, Wed. 03/22 Wed. 03/29 at 9:30 AM

Vince Sauter will teach you how to lower stress and keep calm with Tai Chi. Class will focus on breathing in the calm and breathing out the tension. Register to receive the Zoom meeting link.

Story time on the Dot (in-person)

Tue. 03/14, Tue. 03/21, Tue. 03/28 at 10:30 AM. Join us every Tuesday at 10:30 for Story time! Listen to fun stories, sing songs, and have fun, all centered around a different theme every week.

Mah Jongg (in-person)

Tue. 03/14, Tue. 03/21, Tue. 03/28 at 2:00-4:00 PM; Fri. 03/10, Fri. 03/17 Fri. 03/24, Fri. 03/31 at 2:00-4:00 PM

If you're looking for a game to keep your mind sharp, or if you enjoy games that make you think strategically, you'll want to give Mah Jongg a try! Players of all levels welcome

All Level Yoga (in person & online)

Wed. 03/08, Wed. 03/15, Wed. 03/22, Wed. 03/29 at 6:00 PM (ONLINE)

Sun. 03/12, Sun. 03/19, Sun. 03/26 at 10:00 AM (IN-PERSON)

Join Mia Tomic and explore classical seated, standing and supine yoga poses linked with breath in a creative way to stretch, strengthen, and rejuvenate your body, breath, and mind. Contact CCL for registration information.

Chair Yoga, (in-person or online)

Fri. 03/10, Fri. 03/17 Fri. 03/24, Fri. 03/31 at 11:00 AM

Join Samantha Free on zoom for Chair Yoga for ALL. Learn the basics of breath, meditation, and movement. This class will help you stretch and strengthen. Registration required so that you can get the link. Register online or call the library at (845)-266-5530.

Zumba, (in-person)

Sat. 03/11, Sat. 03/18, Sat 03/25 at 9:00 AM; Join Ginny Morrow for a fun fitness routine every Saturday at 9 AM. Pre-registration is not required. You may sign in at the door.

Free Tech Help (in-person)

Sat. 03/11, Sat. 03/18, Sat 03/25 9:00 AM-1:00 PM; Do you need help with your Kindle, tablet, smart phone or computer? Drop-in anytime on Saturdays between 9AM-1PM or call the library at (845)-266-5530 to book an appointment.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Monday 03/13 – Board of Trustees Meeting (in person). The public is always welcome to attend. You may view the current board packet on our website.

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS:

Tea Time Book Club (in-person) March Selection: Following Atticus by Tom Ryan, Thu. 03/09 at 2:00 PM

Global Literature Book Club (in-person) March Selection: North of Dawn by Nuruddin Farah, Mon. 03/20 at 7:00 PM

The Global Literature Book Club discusses novels from around the world, often in translation, selected by members of the club. These works are challenging, but gratifying, and provide insights into a wide variety of nations, cultures, and styles of writing. We meet via Zoom. Please register online to receive the link.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Monday March 20 at 1:30 PM (in-person), Crafts & Coffee

Join us for a lovely afternoon of coffee, crafts (and conversation!). Register Online.

Wednesday March 8 at 7:00 PM (online). Art Talks with Rena Tobey: Finding Her Way American Women Artists 1840-1940

The American experiment has allowed for many forms of societal rule-breaking, but historically, women have been bound by tradition. Women artists often found themselves in gender-busting struggles to be taken seriously

as professionals, while juggling the demands of their domestic lives. In this talk, we take a close look at their artwork that not only tells the eye-opening, funny, and even sexy stories of historical American women, but also are surprisingly relevant today.

Most of these artists have fallen into obscurity with their death, no matter their success while living. Together we will resuscitate and celebrate the art careers of historical women working over a 100 year period. Join American art historian Rena Tobey for this engaging talk that mirrors American women's history through the lens of unforgettable art works. In collaboration with Stoneridge & Staatsburg libraries. Register Online.

Thursday March 9 at 6:00 PM
Rain Gardens: How Plants that Love Wet Feet Can Solve Home Garden Issues

Water issues often perplex home gardeners, but many beautiful shrubs and perennials can be part of enduring solutions. The best thrive in boggy conditions and maintain health through drought as well. You can capture run-off, recharge ground water and keep pollutants out of streams and rivers when you put these wetland heroes to work. Presented By Joyce Tomaselli from the Cornell Cooperative Extension, Dutchess County. Sponsored by the Town of Clinton Advisory Council Register Online.

Monday March 20 at 11:00 AM
Emergency Preparedness Training

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. The training course will provide an introduction to responding to a natural or manmade disaster. Participants will be advised on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies.

In collaboration with The Town of Clinton. Register Online.

Clinton Community Library is located at 1215 Centre Rd. in Rhinebeck, adjacent to the Clinton Town Hall.

March at the Millbrook Library

March 9th @ 6 pm,
Movie Night - Philomena

March 17th @ 10 am
Qigong with Cris Caivano

March 17th @ 5 pm,Yarn Bending

March 18th @ 2 pm
Opera Club - Lucia di Lammermoor

March 21st @ 2 pm,Art Pioneers: Women of Abstract Art (Zoom)

March 22nd @ 6 pm,
Introduction to Hoopla

March 23rd @ 6 pm
Movie Night - Hunt for the Wilderpeople

March 25th @ 10 am
Defensive Driving Class

March 25th @ 5pm
Janice Pendarvis Concert

March 29th @ 6 pm
All Ages Game Night

March 31st @ 10 am
Qigong with Cris Caivano

March 31st @ 4 pm,Book Club - Pachinko

March 31st @ 5 pm,Yarn Bending

The Millbrook Library is at 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. Visit www.millbrooklibrary.org for more information.

March Programs at Pleasant Valley Library

All programs are free. Please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org to register and for more information.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Face & Lymphatic Yoga with Rosalia Henry, Monday, March 13 6:30-7:30pm

Chess Club
Thursday, March 9 6:00-8:00pm
Thursday, March 23 6:00-8:00pm

Flash Fiction Writing Group
Monday, March 13 6:30-7:45pm

Pleasant Valley Climate Smart Documentary Movie: "Extinction: The Facts" (2020), Tuesday, March 14 6:00-8:00pm

Chair Yoga with Samantha Free
Tuesday, March 21 1:00-2:00pm

All-level Gentle Flow Yoga with Samantha Free
Wednesday, March 22 6:00-7:00pm

Meditation with hypnotherapist Susan Olin-Dabrowski
Tuesday, March 28 Afternoon 1:30-2:30pm OR Evening 6:30-7:30pm

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Phone Photography with photographer & instructor Rebecca Smith-Paul
Monday, March 20 6:00-7:00pm

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:
Crafts & Clovers: St. Patrick's Day themed crafts for ages 4-12
Friday, March 10 1:00-1:30pm OR 1:30-2:00pm OR 2:00-2:30pm

Creative Crafts: Springtime themed crafts for ages 4-12 (no registration - just drop in)
Thursday, March 16 1:00-2:30pm OR Thursday, March 23 1:00-2:30pm OR Thursday, March 30 1:00-2:30pm

March at the Red Hook Library MARCH PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

The Seek Out is a place for movie lovers to gather to share the spectacle of cinema. For the first screening, watch Dog Day Afternoon, director Sidney Lumet's adaptation of a true story of a bank robbery gone awry, featuring Al Pacino as a bank robber caught between good intentions and life's consequences. Popcorn will be served, and no registration necessary.

Hands On is a series of Saturday workshops for adults to try different projects & hobbies without investing in the supplies. In March, the leaders of Phoenix Handmade will be teaching participants how to use resin and dried flowers to make jewelry. Each participant can make one pair of earrings for themselves and other items finished will be for Phoenix Handmade's sales to benefit the communities in Afghanistan where the students are from.

The Cookbook Group will be exploring dishes that require limited washing up this month. Pick a recipe to cook from Dinner in One: Exceptional & Easy One-Pan Meals by Melissa Clark and bring it to the meeting. Share food and ideas with other cooking enthusiasts.

The Evening Book Group is reading The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine by Janice Nimura in March.

All Abilities Adults, American Sign Language, Knitting, ESL for Adults and RHPL Games at the Senior Friendship Center continue in March.

For more information or to register, email Renee at adultservices@redhooklibrary.org

MARCH PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

RHPL's Teen Takeover has combined forces with Red Hook Community Center's teen programming to be Teen Time! Teens sixth grade and up have three opportunities every week to hang out with peers, cook and eat snacks, play video games or shoot some pool. Tuesdays & Fridays are at Red Hook Community Center and Sundays are at Red Hook Public Library.

The All Abilities Teens group will be doing yoga this month and have a Crafternoon session to make more inventory for their upcoming Apple Blossom Day booth. Registration is required for these programs.

Need some help with math? Wednesdays & Saturdays, there's free drop-in tutoring for middle- and high-school math students.

For more information or to register where required, email Amy@redhooklibrary.org

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

Preschoolers! The library has some changes afoot to better meet families' Storytime needs. There will now be two storytimes each week. Amy welcomes kids of all ages to all her preschool programs. The tried and true Wednesday Storytime with Amy will continue and will be pitched at children around 2 years old. In addition, the new Tuesday Storytime starts on March 14 and will be pitched at children 3-4 years old.

Preschool Nature Walk will be moving to Fridays. Check RHPL's calendar for specifics each week as we meet in different parks in the Red Hook area.

All Abilities Kids Music and Movement is for kids who want to stretch, sing and dance with Stevie Knipe and Amy. While the program is designed for kids with intellectual and developmental disabilities, it's fun for all. Registration is required as space is limited.

Homeschooling families looking to connect with others in the local area are meeting up later this month to share ideas & info. This is a chance for new-to-homeschooling parents to speak with experienced homeschooled about what has worked for them.

Round out the month with Stuffie Takeover! That's right the stuffies are taking over the library. Come for Pajama Storytime, make a blanket for your stuffie and tuck them in – maybe this time the stuffies will behave! Registration is required.

LEGO Club, Minecraft Club, and Library all continue this month.

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Starr Library March events at-a-glance

EVERYONE ALL AT ONCE

Saturday, March 11th, 10:30-12pm - Community Needs Assessment with Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress

TEENS & ADULTS

Tuesdays, March 14th and 28th, 11:30-12:30pm - Knit Stitch, Purling, & More! Beginner's Knitting

Thursday, March 16th, 10:30am-11:15am - Good Vibrations: In-Person Sound Meditation with Anna Kaselis

Saturday, March 18th from 11am-1pm - Improv for Humanity: Improv Workshop

Tuesday, March 21st, 1:15-2:15pm - All Abilities Story & Craft Program

Tuesday, March 21st, 6:30-8pm - Memoir Writing Workshop

Wednesday, March 22nd, 7-8pm - From Militarized to Decarbonized: Virtual Talk with Miriam Pemberton and Martha Honey

Wednesdays, March 15th and 29th, 7-9pm - Nerds at Nite with Megabrain Comics

Plus Mahjong, Scrabble, Brain Games, a new Memoir Writing Group, and Starr Stitchers clubs meet regularly! Open to anyone.

YOUTH & FAMILY

Thursdays, March 9th and 23rd at 10:15am - Music & Movement with Terry Watson

Saturday, March 11th, 2-3pm - Aesop Bops! Music for Kids with David Gonzalez

Wednesdays, March 8th and 22nd, 4pm - After School Dungeons & Dragons with DM Jack. Note: New players should arrive by 3:30pm to create a character before joining the campaign!

Every Tuesday at 10:30am - Storytime with Miss Robbie

Every Tuesday at 4pm - Super Lego Hour!

Every Wednesday at 3:30pm - KidPix Digital Art

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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, 2023. 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

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MARCH 2023 BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Annual Meeting of the Clove Cemetery Assn. will be held Saturday, March 18, 2023, 10AM at the Valley Bible Fellowship Church, 1875 Clove Valley Rd., LaGrangeville, NY. All plot owners are invited to attend. For further info, contact Elfriede Tillman (845) 724-5840

PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Milan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on 03/20/2023 at 6:50 pm on the proposed Local Law #1 of 2023 amending Chapter 200-55 (Zoning)-penalties for offenses. Said hearing will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle. By order of the Milan Town Board Catherine Gill, Town Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Milan Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on 03/20/2023 at 6:55 pm on Local Law #2 of 2023 deleting Chapter 121-Fire Prevention & Building Construction - replace with updated Chapter 121. Said hearing to take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle. By order of the Milan Town Board Catherine Gill, Town Clerk

Public comment for a Meeting of the Board of Elections to adopt the 2023 Poll Site Resolution will be accepted by email until 10:00 AM on March 9, 2022, to eheight@dutchessny.gov and hblack@dutchessny.gov. The meeting will be held remotely on March 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM via MS Teams and you may contact eheight@dutchessny.gov or hblack@dutchessny.gov for

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the link. Members of the public may telephone into the meeting and contact eheight@dutchessny.gov or hblack@dutchessny.gov for the number.

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Dated: March 8, 2023
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Assessor

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FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
HON. TRACY C. MacKENZIE

In the Matter of a Proceeding under
Article 10 of the Family Court Act
DCFS o/b/o
CONSTANCE MARIE WILSON,
A Child Under the Age of Eighteen Years
Alleged to be Neglected by
KATIE LEE GORDON,
Respondent.

Docket No. NN-03804-22
Family Unit No. 68295

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO
THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

KATIE LEE GORDON

A Petition under Article 10 of the Family Court Act having been
filed with this Court requesting a finding adjudicating your children to be
neglected and/or abused.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to
appear before this Court at Dutchess County Family Court, 50 Market
Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, on **APRIL 26, 2023, AT 10:00**
IN THE FORENOON to answer the petition and to be dealt with in
accordance with Article 10 of the Family Court Act. This proceeding may
lead to the filing of a petition to terminate your parental rights.

On your failure to appear as herein directed, a warrant may be
issued for your arrest.

Dated: March 2, 2023

Hillary Vigaromero
Deputy Chief Clerk of Court

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to
an order of the Hon. Tracy C. MacKenzie, Judge of the Family Court,
Dutchess County, dated and filed with the petition and other papers in
the Office of the Clerk of the Family Court, Dutchess County.

The deadline for Legals is every Friday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication* *When a public holiday falls on a Monday the deadline becomes Thursday at noon.

OBITUARIES

Steven Diaz

MILLERTON - Steven Diaz, 39, a long-time resident of Millerton, NY, passed away on Monday, February 27, 2023 at his home in Millerton. Steven was direct care worker for Greystone in Amenia, NY. Born on September 12, 1983 in the Bronx he was the son of Vincent and Maria (Olivo) Diaz both of Millerton. On June 5, 2012 in Poughkeepsie, NY he married Alicia Miles who survives at home. Steven was a local DJ and enjoyed all types of music. He was a car enthusiast and also enjoyed computers and new tech. He loved summer nights driving his death star and blasting music. He loved watching his son build his Lego sets and hear his stories. Every night he would laugh and have dance parties with his little princess before bed. He and his wife have been together since high school and were best friends and soulmates. He had a contagious smile and would brighten everyone's day he came across. He loved to have a good time and be with those he loved and cherished. He had a huge personality and would leave a lasting memory everywhere he went. In addition to his loving wife and parents, Steven is survived by two children, Liam and Alana Diaz both of Millerton, NY. He is also survived by two brothers, Vinny Diaz of Poughkeepsie and Daniel Diaz of Torrington, CT; three nephews, Daniel Diaz, Luca Valdes and Niko Valdes and a sister-in-law, Sarah Valdes and her husband, Lester, of New Milford, CT. He is also survived by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Brian and Mary Miles of Ancramdale and his grandmother-in-law, Alice Palmer of Ancramdale. Calling hours were held on Friday, March 3, 2023 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. To send the family a condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Raymond E. Meagher

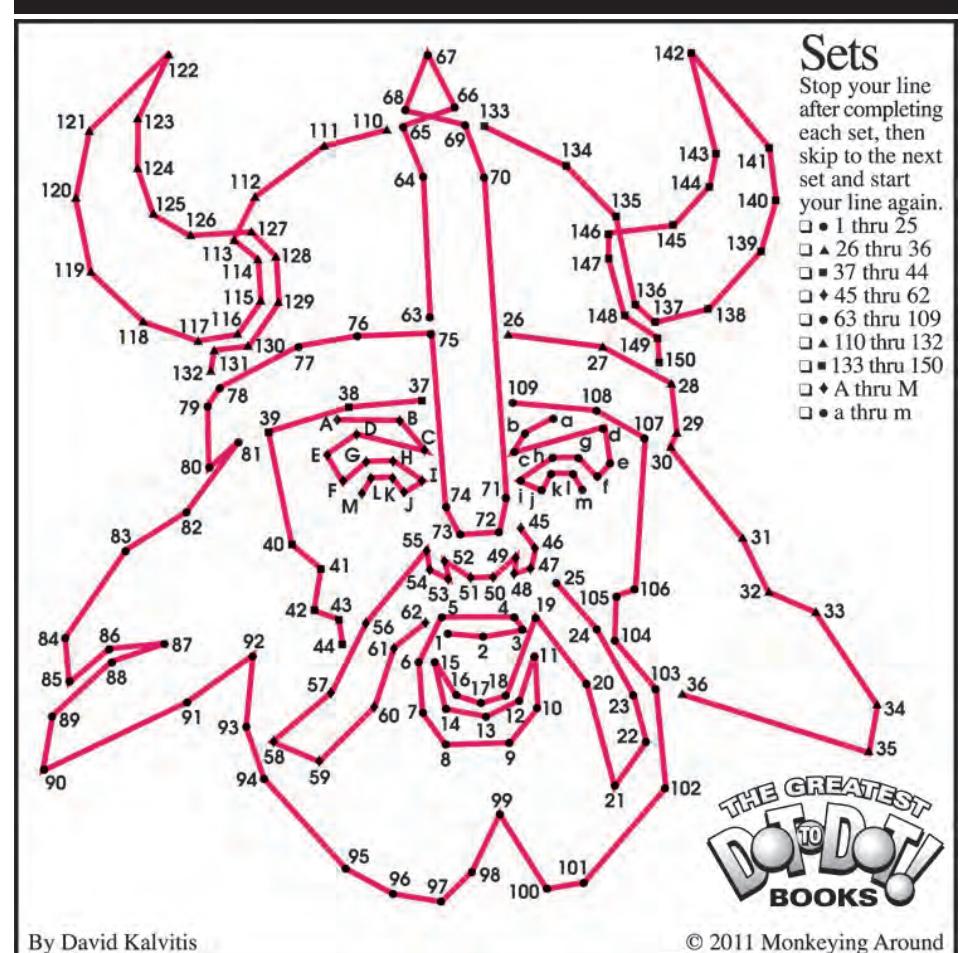
MILLBROOK - Raymond E. Meagher, 88 years old of Millbrook, NY, passed away on Friday, February 24 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center due to various medical complications. He was born on July 21, 1934, to Raymond E. Meagher, Sr. and Florence Coupe Meagher and spent the majority of his youth growing up on Garfield Place in the City of Poughkeepsie. In high school, Ray attended the Hill School in Pottstown, PA,

moving on to Cornell University where he graduated in 1957. Upon college graduation, Ray joined the US Marine Corp as Second Lieutenant. He was very proud of his military service in the Marine Corp. Upon discharge, he began his career at Wolf and Munier, a large mechanical construction firm in New York City. In 1961, he moved back to Poughkeepsie to join his older brother, Henry Meagher at the company in which his brother founded, the former Mechanical Construction Corporation on Water Street in the City of Poughkeepsie. For nearly 40 years, they operated this highly successful and respected mechanical contractor/HVAC company, which ultimately played a role in the construction of facilities at Stewart Newburgh Airport, the Culinary Institute of America, Vassar College, and various IBM facilities including their World Headquarters in Armonk, NY. It was also around this time of his return to Poughkeepsie that he met a young, beautiful Vassar College student originally from the Philadelphia Main Line. In 1963, he married that girl, Margaret (Bonnie) MacInnes, and were blessed with nearly sixty years of a very beautiful marriage. In addition to his business acumen, Ray was an accomplished athlete who particularly loved tennis and skiing. He was a long-standing member of the Millbrook Golf & Tennis Club. In 1966, his passion for skiing lead he and his brother to embark on a project that carved rock out of a hill in Fayston, Vermont, ultimately building the family's "Mad Chalet" at Mad River Glen. He skied well into his 80s, proudly competing with this son and grandson in MRG's fabled family ski tournament (jokingly, he would complain that the tournament should have been judged on a sliding scale, since he quite often was the oldest grandfather on the slopes). Beloved and respected by many, Ray enriched people's lives with a true sense of authenticity, genuine care and deep-seated generosity. Ray was predeceased by his elder siblings; his sister Jeanne Kane (brother-in-law Hon. T. Paul Kane, both formerly of Cobleskill, NY) and Henry Meagher (sister-in-law Janice, both formerly of Hyde Park, NY). He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and two sons, Ranald (Ran) MacInnes Meagher (and his long-time partner, Ulka Patel of Red Hook) as well as James (Jamie) Stewart

Meagher (New York City). Ray is also survived by his grandson, the light of his life, John (Jack) Mulvey Meagher (son of Ran and a freshman at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY) as well as an adoring (ex)daughter-in-law, Ann Meagher (Millbrook). He is also survived by many wonderful nieces and nephews, and special extended families of friends related to his more than fifty years in Mad River Glen in the Green Mountains of Vermont, and more than forty years spending wonderful summers at Squam Lake in the White Mountains of New

Hampshire. Visitation will be held at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook, NY on Wednesday, March 1 from 4-7pm. A Mass of Christian Burial in his honor was offered on Thursday, March 2 from St. Joseph's Church, North Ave., Millbrook. Interment with military honors followed at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Foundation for Vassar Brothers Medical Center. For directions and condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com

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



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