

Governor highlights
available programs
to manage energy

Gov. Kathy Hochul reminds New Yorkers of programs and options available to address rising energy supply costs. Families and businesses alike can take advantage of programs to adopt energy efficiency and electrification solutions for homes and buildings, which will make them more comfortable and help manage energy costs over time.

Recently, Hochul announced the Department of Public Service issued letters to all of New York's major electric and gas utilities requiring them to increase their outreach and education efforts regarding the impact on energy bills from surging energy supply prices. She also launched an enhanced statewide campaign to educate New Yorkers about the available programs low-income customers can tap into to access millions in aid.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) President and CEO Doreen M. Harris said, "There are many ways for New Yorkers to save energy and lessen their energy bills over time, from easy steps like using LED lighting to signing up for a local community solar offering. These programs can offer an immediate lifeline for some of our most vulnerable residents during these challenging times, and we encourage all New Yorkers to help us spread the word about the assistance we are offering in the face of rising energy costs."

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) Acting Commissioner Daniel W. Tietz said, "As New Yorkers continue to feel the budgetary sting of rising fuel costs, we encourage all eligible households to apply for help from the Home Energy Assistance Program. The regular benefit and emergency supplements can provide an important stopgap for low-income individuals and families to defray the

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‘Welcome home’ – expanded
library opens in Pleasant Valley

by Jim Donick

Pleasant Valley's long-awaited new library has opened its doors.

"We're telling everyone who comes in 'welcome home,'" said library Director Daniela Pulice.

"This facility is a dream come true. Our old library had about 3,800 feet of usable space over two floors. This provides closer to 8,500 square feet and on a single floor."

"The staff are all but over the moon," she added.

"I like everything about it," said Linda Hanlon at the circulation desk. "We were so grateful for the space that the Redl family provided to us, but we had to turn it into a library. This is a real library for the community."

"I think it's amazing," said Pulice. "It was our goal even before the fire to be able to expand and to be able to do it on one level. This space is just so efficient that we can do so much more and offer so many more possibilities to the people of Pleasant Valley."

"We learned a great deal in the few years we were in the temporary space," said Pulice. "We learned about how to make use of a facility that was so much bigger than what we were used to and on only one floor. The period spent there taught us about things and facilities we would need to make this new library even



Damon Catavero visits the new Pleasant Valley Library with his two sons, Mason and Carmine. Photo by Jim Donick

better."

Bethany Lowe, another member of the staff, said one of the nicest aspects of this new facility that people comment on is that it is quiet. The supermarket space was completely open, and with that tall

ceiling the sounds in the building traveled. The spaces in the new library offer an opportunity to sit quietly and to read or to wander through the stacks peacefully.

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Rhinebeck elementary class initiates
effort to collect items for Ukraine



Fifth-grade students at Chancellor Livingston Elementary School in Rhinebeck are pictured with some of the items collected for the people of Ukraine. In front are Seamus Hagen and Savannah Fernandez. In back are Sandra Cruz, Wilhelmina Hagedorn and Anna Raitt.

Courtesy photo

Students, parents, teachers and staff at Chancellor Livingston Elementary School in Rhinebeck have been collecting a variety of items to help the relief effort in Ukraine.

Instructor Scott Stiverson initiated the effort with his fifth grade class, which is being coordinated through Dutchess County and in partnership with the AFYA Foundation. Items will be dropped off in Poughkeepsie on March 19.

Stiverson said, "As we have watched the world turn to chaos, watching the millions of people having to flee a country that is getting attacked, I felt a need to help the

refugees in any way I could. My belief was that I could get the school involved and let the children and parents become part of helping others, in a situation that has not been seen since WWII."

He began researching organizations that needed supplies to send to Europe to help those who have been displaced. The problem was that most wanted money, and he felt uncomfortable asking parents for donations. Then Chantal Collins, another 5th grade teacher, shared a link to a drive that is being run by Dutchess County and in partnership

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Rolison to deliver State of the City Address March 31

City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison will deliver his State of the City address at 5:30 p.m. Thursday March 31 at the ChangePoint Theatre, 260 Mill St., Poughkeepsie. The public is invited to attend. RSVP to Stacey Bottoms at (845) 451-4073 or sbottoms@cityofpoughkeepsie.com.

Rolison will provide updates on the city's improving financial condition as well as key initiatives, including increased funding for youth-related activities. He will be joined by Poughkeepsie City School District Superintendent Dr. Eric Rosser, who will offer remarks during the speech.

Rolison and Dr. Rosser have formed

the Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet to create a shared vision and cradle-to-career agenda for child and youth development in the city.

They presented to the New York State Board of Regents about the cabinet at the Regents meeting on Feb. 15.

The mayor also will discuss the city's plans for the American Rescue Plan Act funds and will highlight the city's role in joining the broader community in the fight against COVID-19.

"This is clearly a pivotal time in the city's history," Mayor Rolison said. "The pandemic has created unique and complicated challenges, but the city has weathered through the crisis and will emerge

much stronger as a result. I look forward to sharing a comprehensive update with the community on March 31."

The State of the City address will be

carried live on the city's Facebook page and also will be available for replay on the city's website, www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com.

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Delgado votes to ban import of Russian oil

by Kate Goldsmith

WASHINGTON – On March 9, U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (NY-19) released the following statement on the House-passed legislation to stop the import of Russian oil into the United States.

"The Russian economy is closely tied to its energy exports and today's bipartisan vote sends a strong and unified message that the U.S. will not stand for Putin's inhumane war."

Delgado said American and its allies must ensure that Russian President Vladimir Putin faces "strong consequences for his unjust and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine" with actions that include banning the import of Russian oil and energy products, reviewing Russia's access to the World Trade Organization, and "targeting the pockets of Russian

oligarchs."

The Congressman hailed the bipartisan nature of the legislation, which passed by a vote of 414-17.

"Enacted together, these additional sanctions will further isolate Putin from the global economy and leave him weaker in every way," said Delgado. "As we work to cripple Putin's economy, we also must do everything in our power to move us towards American energy independence, which protects our national security and will lower costs for hardworking families."

The Senate hasn't taken up the legislation, but the ban is in effect due to President Joe Biden's executive order issued on March 8. The order bans the import of Russian oil, liquefied natural gas and coal to the United States.



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Dutchess County collecting supplies to assist Ukraine

Dutchess County, in partnership with the Afya Foundation, is hosting a humanitarian supply collection site to gather items to help those affected by the invasion in Ukraine, including wounded soldiers, civilians and refugees. Donations will be collected at the former JC Penney location (lower level) at the Poughkeepsie Galleria at 2001 South Road (Route 9) in Poughkeepsie this coming weekend.

Donation collection schedule is as follows:

- Friday, March 18, 1-5 p.m.;
- Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

No appointment is necessary and Dutchess County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers will be on hand to assist those bringing donations.

In addition, several DMV sites throughout the county will accept donations through March 18, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. The sites include:

- Poughkeepsie DMV, 22 Market St., Poughkeepsie
- Beacon DMV, 223 Main St, Beacon
- Millbrook DMV, 15 Merritt Avenue, Millbrook
- Wappinger DMV, 29 Marshall Road, Hollowbrook Park #3

Afya has provided a specific list of needed items. Only new, unopened and non-expired goods will be accepted from the list below. No other supplies are being collected at this time.

- Needed supplies include:
- Flashlights and flashlight batteries
 - Baby and adult diapers
 - First aid kits
 - Face masks
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Personal hygiene kits (soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, deodorant, shampoo, razors and shaving cream)
 - Basic health supplies (aspirin, acetaminophen, cough medicine, oximeters, ace bandages and compression bandages)



Despite the snowy day, residents came out to the former JCPenney location in the Poughkeepsie Galleria on Saturday, March 12, to contribute to Dutchess County's supply drive for Ukrainians affected by the current invasion on their homeland. All morning, county residents donated supplies to aid Ukrainians in need. Additional collections will take place this weekend at the site, and through March 18 at DMV locations in the county. *Courtesy photo*

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with the AFYA Foundation.

Stiverson sent an email to principal Brett King, and superintendent Albert Cousins, asking about participation, and have the community donate the needed supplies. They agreed and the following letter was sent out to families and staff requesting donations of the following items: flashlights and batteries, baby and adult diapers, first aid kits, face masks, hand sanitizers, personal hygiene kits and

basic healthcare materials.

"We started collecting on Tuesday (last week) and have already received a lot of donations," said Stiverson. "My students are helping organize the donations, making posters to support Ukraine and their refugees, and are collecting information on what has been collected - so we can make a graph for the whole school to see what the community has accomplished."

The Dutchess County Departments of Emergency Response and Public Works will assist at collection site operations, including transporting donations to Afya's Yonkers location. Afya is working in partnership with US-Ukraine-Foundation and others to support the Ukrainian medical community and refugees seeking aid.

The Afya Foundation was created to serve as a center for giving back and has become a backbone of goodness for the greater New York community. Afya collects unused medical supplies and equipment from throughout the New York metro area and gives them a second life. These critical materials are shipped to under resourced and compromised health systems all over the globe thereby

improving access to healthcare, the quality of care delivered, and the retention of local providers. Since their start in 2007, they have successfully established engagement programs and opportunities for volunteers of all ages, backgrounds, and capacity to build community at home while supporting healthcare abroad.

If you would like to donate supplies, but cannot get to the JCPenney location on the collection dates, the Afya Foundation has created an Amazon wish list that can be found at <https://amzn.to/3q7hUE7>.

Groups and organizations who would like to coordinate their own collections and add the donations to the county's collection, call (845) 486-2000 or email counteyexec@dutchessny.gov.

Investigation continues in fatal LaGrange crash

The State Police continue to investigate a fatal crash involving a State Police patrol vehicle and an Arlington School District bus, which occurred on March 8 on Route 55 and South Cross in the Town of LaGrange.

Two adult students were on the bus at the time of the crash and were transported to MidHudson Regional Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. An adult aide on the bus was pronounced deceased

on scene by responding LaGrange Fire Department paramedics. The bus driver and trooper were transported to local area hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries.

The initial investigation determined that the State Police patrol vehicle, operated by Trooper Christopher Batista, was eastbound on State Route 55 in a non-emergency status. The Arlington School District bus was northbound on South

Cross Road and failed to stop at the stop sign while attempting to enter State Route 55. The patrol vehicle and bus collided, causing the bus to then strike a utility pole.

The investigation determined that the bus aid, Robin P. Alvarez, age 59, of East Fishkill, was not wearing a seat belt.

This investigation remains ongoing.

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Great concert at the Bardavon

To the editor
The Hudson Valley Philharmonic presented an extraordinary evening of American and African influenced original music conducted by Dr. Anne Lundy on March 5.
The concert began with the National Anthem of Ukraine, reminding us of the horror of Putin’s war.
I was moved by “Anthracite Fields: IV.Flowers,” composed by Julia Wolfe, which had screened projections of paintings and photographs by Georgia O’Keefe, Imogen Cunningham, Margaret Bourke-White and others synchronized with Vassar College singers and Cappella Festiva. It was heavenly!
Continuing with Nkeiro Okoye, composer of “Songs of Harriet Tubman,” with Soprano Kishna Fowler’s powerful voice, the audience stood in appreciation, while roses were given to four women, including Concertmaster Carole Cowen.
Florence Price’s Symphony No.1 in E minor concluded this marvelous Saturday night at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House in Poughkeepsie.
Thanks to Chris Silva and Stephen LaMarca for this superb production and for the preceding YouTube Philharmonic conversations! I feel very fortunate to have had a seat in this concert hall!

Joan Grishman
Hyde Park

Red Hook Library responds to letter

To the editor:
This letter is in response to the letter in the March 9 edition - “Alternative views on pandemic solutions.”
The Red Hook Library welcomes suggestions for its collection and programming from the community.
Each is considered, and decisions are made in keeping with

the Collection and Programming Policies, developed and approved by the Board of Trustees. Both are available on the Library’s website: redhooklibrary.org.
Don O’Shea, President, Board of Trustees
Dawn Jardine, Library Director

Red Hook Library follows mission statement, guidelines

To the editor:
In response to the letter “Alternative views on Pandemic solutions” in the March 9 edition:
I write as a librarian who knows something about library policies on the issue here. I don’t speak for the Red Hook Public Library (RHPL), but from experience.
RHPL says in its Mission Statement, “Promote respect for people, intellectual freedom, and privacy.” This is similar to any library I’ve ever worked in.
The writer says the library’s response, as “it only shelved books from trusted sources” and they “spoke of lack of space.” He does not say whether he spoke to library personnel, or wrote them. I showed an employee this letter as I was in the library, and he said he knew nothing about it. He also knew nothing of any other persons mentioned.
Whatever the reasons, considering the amount of misinformation, many public institutions are responsible to follow official guidelines. During this pandemic and at this time, this should be the chief concerns of institutions of education and learning.
The writer suggests book —a Dr Sucharit Bhakdi, his book, I assume as “Corona: False Alarm,” from 2020. It had been fact-checked, in Poynter, March 9, 2022, “FALSE: Dr. Sucharit Bhakdi’s multiple coronavirus allegations.” (For Reference.)
Robert J. Dorn
Red Hook

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County to participate
in statewide STOP-DWI
St. Patrick’s Day
enforcement effort

Dutchess County police agencies will participate in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving during the St. Patrick’s Day holiday. The statewide STOP-DWI crackdown efforts will start on Wednesday, March 16, and will end on Sunday, March 20.
The New York State Police, the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office and municipal law enforcement agencies will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths during this period.
St. Patrick’s Day annually is one of the most popular drinking occasions of the year in United States, ranking behind only New Year’s Eve, Christmas Day and the Fourth of July, and it’s also one of the most hazardous days on U.S. roadways. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 10,142 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes nationwide in 2019. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each

year from 2015 to 2019, equating to one person killed in a drunk-driving crash every 52 minutes in 2019.
The St. Patrick’s Day high visibility community engagement campaign is one of many statewide enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association with additional funding from the STOP-DWI Foundation with a grant from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. The Statewide STOP-DWI Crackdown Campaign also targets Fourth of July and Labor Day Weekend, Halloween, the Super Bowl and the national holiday season in December.
While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have led to significant reductions in the numbers of alcohol- and drug-related fatalities, still too many lives are being lost because of crashes caused by drunk or impaired drivers. Highly visible, highly publicized efforts like the STOP-DWI crackdown campaign aim to further reduce the incidence of drunk and impaired driving.



National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week set March 21-27

Ahead of National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week, March 21-27, the Council on Addiction Prevention & Education (CAPE) is offering Dutchess County parents and guardians and their children ages 12 to 19 access to Teen Intervene, a program dedicated to helping teenagers in the early stages of alcohol and drug misuse. The free program is part of a state-wide initiative through New York's Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS).

According to Mental Health America, 4% of adolescents, nationally, reported having a substance use disorder in the last year, 1.64% noted that they are abusing alcohol and 3.16% admitted to using illegal substances. Specifically, New York reports 3.87%, or 52,000, of adolescents

are currently struggling with a substance use disorder. Through Teen Intervene, an evidence-based program, teens and their parents are provided education, support and motivation through a series of two to four sessions that are designed to help reduce, and eventually eliminate, the use of alcohol and/or other drugs and other risky behaviors.

"We know how important it is to meet teens where they are and recognize that many may not see their use as an emerging problem or be aware that they need to change their behavior," said CAPE's Agency Director, Crissy Groenewegen. "That's exactly what this program was designed for – welcoming any teenager who has experienced mild to moderate problems with substance use into a calm,

confidential educational environment."

Parents and guardians will also have the option to attend a session with their teen to further their own education and learn how they can better support their loved one. In fact, CAPE has expanded the reach of this free program even more by offering both in-person – at a host of locations across Dutchess County, from public and private schools and residential treatment facilities to community centers – and virtual sessions in both English and Spanish.

For more information on Teen Intervene, or to make a referral, please contact Crissy Groenewegen at 845-765-8301 (ex.103) or via email at cgroenewegen@capedc.org.



Crissy Groenewegen, CAPE's agency director. *Courtesy photo*



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Pine Plains National Guard soldier receives new rank, new responsibilities

LATHAM, NY — Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Keyana McKenzie from Pine Plains, assigned to the Company G, 427th Brigade Support Battalion, received a promotion to the rank of private 1st class on Dec. 21, 2021.

Army National Guard promotions are

based on overall performance, attitude, leadership ability, and development potential.

These promotions additionally recognize the best qualified Soldiers and attract and retain the highest caliber Citizen Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

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COVID-19 QUICK FACTS FOR DUTCHESS COUNTY

(as of March 13)

Active cases: 104 (down from 141 on March 5)

Community transmission: 8.85 per 100,000 (up from 6.81 on March 5)

Hospitalizations due to COVID-19: 7 (down from 9 on March 5)

Hospitalizations of individuals with COVID-19: 12 (up from 11 on March 5)

Total deaths: 651 (was 650 on March 5)

% population 18+ with at least one dose of vaccine: 85.1 (unchanged from March 5)

% of total county population with at least one dose of vaccine: 76.62 (slightly up from 76.55 on March 5)

% of total county population that has completed their vaccine series: 68.96 (slightly up from 68.85 on March 5)

The county dashboard doesn't include data on boosters; however, according to the CDC, 50.7 percent of the county's fully vaccinated population has received a booster, up from 50.4 percent on Feb. 27.

Currently, the CDC classifies Dutchess as a **moderate-risk** county.

Governor highlights programs to manage energy

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cost of heating their homes and make ends meet as we head into the final weeks of the cold weather season in the Northeast.”

Department of Public Service (DPS) CEO Rory M. Christian said, “Given the sudden and sharp increase in energy prices, it’s critically important for consumers to reduce their monthly energy bills by considering cost-effective energy efficiency investments such as using LED lights, better household insulation, and more energy efficient appliances. Many of these investments can be made by consumers themselves without the need to hire a contractor.”

The costs of natural gas, heating oil and propane continue to rise sharply resulting in increases in utility and heating bills, with international geopolitical influences putting additional pressure on the price of oil and gas. As energy prices rise during the winter months, some steps New Yorkers can take to protect against higher energy costs are:

- Apply for HEAP. The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can provide up to \$751 to eligible homeowners and renters depending on income, household size and how they heat their home. Administered by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, applications for HEAP are accepted at local departments of social services in person or by telephone, with funding provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

- New York State is also providing \$250 million in additional federal funding to help low-income households pay heating utility arrears up to \$10,000 per household. Additionally, \$58 million in emergency HEAP funding remains available to help low- and middle-income New Yorkers avoid having their home heating disconnected or their heating

source exhausted amid fuel price increases this winter.

- For low-income households facing no-heat situations due to non-working heating equipment, OTDA is also accepting applications for its heating equipment repair or replacement benefit. Eligible homeowners can apply for up to \$3,000 for repairs or \$6,500 for replacement of a furnace, boiler or other direct heating equipment necessary to keep the household’s primary heating source working. Additionally, eligible households can receive energy efficiency services, which include the cleaning of primary heating equipment to allow for safe and efficient operation.

- Take immediate action to be more energy efficient. There are many simple steps consumers can take at home, such as lowering the thermostat by a few degrees, using curtains to help keep heat in, and adding weather stripping to windows and doors, all of which are no or low-cost to the consumer. NYSEERDA offers energy saving tips for residents and homeowners as well as businesses that can be implemented to lower energy usage. NYSEERDA also offers a range of home energy efficiency programs that can help save energy and reduce costs over the long-term. Income-eligible customers may qualify for reduced cost or free energy upgrades to their homes through EmPower New York and Assisted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® programs. Homeowners should also check with their local gas and electric utility companies to access discounted products and services that can help them lower their energy costs all year long.

- Receive a customized list of energy-related assistance in the State. New York Energy Advisor can help homeowners,

renters, and property managers locate programs that help them spend less on energy and create healthier and more comfortable spaces. With the New York Energy Advisor, consumers answer a few simple questions and are connected with energy-saving offers in New York State. Sponsored by NYSEERDA and utilities, qualified New Yorkers can get help paying utility bills, receive special offers on heating assistance and more.

- Sign up for community solar. Community Solar allows New Yorkers, including renters, co-op/condo owners, and businesses, to save money every month on their electric bills. Consumers can subscribe to a community solar project where available and start receiving credits on their electric bill for the clean energy produced by a solar farm. Find more information on how to sign up for community solar on NYSEERDA’s website, <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/>

- Get a free energy audit. Homeowners across New York are eligible for a free home energy assessment through NYSEERDA’s Residential Energy Audit Program. Home energy assessments are available both in-person and using remote technologies. Trained and qualified contractors who provide energy assessment services can help homeowners decide which energy improvements are worth investing in, install the improvements, and assist in connecting homeowners with NYSEERDA’s low-interest financing programs.

- Reduce your business or buildings energy costs. Community Energy Advisors across New York State can help residents, businesses and multifamily building owners reduce their energy use and costs.

- Join a Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign. Participating in a campaign eases the process of replacing a community member’s current heating or cooling system with clean heating or cooling technology by connecting members with pre-qualified contractors and outlining potential incentives, tax breaks, financing, and payment options. Experienced contractors can give a home or business owner a holistic assessment to determine if their home or business space will also benefit from weatherproofing upgrades that can further increase comfort and reduce energy bills. Visit NYSEERDA’s website to see if your community is participating in a Clean Heating and Cooling Campaign.

- Know your rights and protections. The New York State Home Energy Fair Practices Act (HEFPA) has comprehensive protections for residential customers regarding their utility services. These rights include the option to pay bills in installments, a cap on late fees, sufficient notice prior to shut-off of services, and protections for those on a fixed income or with medical conditions.

- Consider bill payment options. When getting in touch with your utility provider, inquire about billing options that allow for deferred payments or “budget billing” options that even out bills that are higher in one season and lower in another. This can structure your payments and make it easier to navigate costs.

- Better understand the energy management of your building. Put Energy to Work for businesses provides a deeper understanding of tools and programs that help in energy management for commercial and industrial buildings and includes resources that can increase profitability, create a competitive advantage, and achieve greater resiliency.

Visit <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/Business-and-Industry/Energy-Saving-Tips> for more information about the programs, funding and technical assistance available to assist homeowners, renters and businesses manage their energy needs.

New York State's Nation-Leading Climate Plan

New York State’s nation-leading climate agenda is the most aggressive climate and clean energy initiative in the nation, calling for an orderly and just transition to clean energy that creates jobs and continues fostering a green economy even as New York State recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Enacted into law through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act), New York is on a path to achieve its mandated goal of a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and to reach economy wide carbon neutrality.

It builds on New York’s unprecedented investments to ramp-up clean energy including over \$33 billion in 102 large-scale renewable and transmission projects across the state, \$6.8 billion to reduce buildings emissions, \$1.8 billion to scale up solar, more than \$1 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and over \$1.6 billion in NY Green Bank commitments. Combined, these investments are supporting nearly 158,000 jobs in New York’s clean energy sector in 2020, a 2,100 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011 and a commitment to develop 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2035.

Under the Climate Act, New York will build on this progress and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85 percent from 1990 levels by 2050. The Climate Act will ensure that at least 35 percent, with a goal of 40 percent, of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities, and advance progress towards the state’s 2025 energy efficiency target of reducing on-site energy consumption by 185 trillion BTUs of end-use energy savings.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank to hold meeting March 16

The Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank will hold a meeting on March 16, at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. If one would like to attend, please register. After registering one will receive a link to the meeting. Meeting materials are available on the website at: [hps://www.dcpoklandbank.org](https://www.dcpoklandbank.org).

To submit comments, for more information, including any requests for reasonable accommodation, including Sign Language Interpreters (requires 5 days notice), call (845) 293-3547 or email secretary@dcpoklandbank.org.

Independent Reapportionment Commission to meet March 16

There will be a meeting of the Dutchess County Independent Reapportionment Commission on Wednesday, March 16, starting at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend via video conference or by phone.

Public comments may be submitted using the MS Teams Chat Function or in writing on the comment form on the IRC website via <https://www.dutchessny.gov>. Public comments will also be accepted verbally, up to three minutes per person, for a total of up to 30 minutes in the aggregate at the end of the meeting. Each person may only speak once up to three minutes.

This meeting of the Commission shall be for the purpose of reviewing 2020 Census data and its impact on how district lines should be drawn in Dutchess County. Call in to the meeting (audio only) at +1 516-268-4602, 816558416# and enter the Conference ID: 816 558 416#

Historic Red Hook to host free virtual event

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

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

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

Board of Health meeting March 17

The Dutchess County Board of Health will be holding their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 17, at 4 p.m. virtually using Microsoft Teams.?

To listen to the meeting, call 1-516-268-4602 and enter the Conference ID number: 809 604 719#.

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

The Hyde Park Knights of Columbus will serve freshly breaded fish each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday.

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

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

Combo Platter - includes fish fillet, scallops,

shrimp and clam strips for \$19.

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

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

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

NPS sites seek garden volunteers; meeting set March 18

Join the gardeners at the Roosevelt Vanderbilt National Historic Site for an informational meeting to learn about volunteer opportunities in their historic gardens. The meeting will be held on Friday, March 18, at 10 a.m., at the Greenhouses at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, 4097 Albany Post Road (Route 9), Hyde Park.

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

No prior gardening experience is required; tools and training will be provided.

Visit www.nps.gov to learn more about the National Park Service.

Penny Social set at Grange Hall

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

Mental Hygiene Board to host virtual meeting March 21

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board will be holding its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 21 at noon. One may participate via Microsoft Teams Meeting. Phone in by dialing 1-516-268-4602 and enter Conference ID number 261 140 008#.

Innisfree sets lecture series

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

Upcoming events include:

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

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

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

Clinton seeks volunteers for Community Day

The Clinton community is invited to join in on Thursday, March 24, at 6:30pm in the Masonic Hall, to start planning for Community Day. Highway Superintendent Todd Martin would like to invite anyone interested in helping with the Clinton Community Day event to attend this informational meeting. All are welcome. This will be the first meeting to recruit members, establish a Committee, and begin to share ideas to propel the event to success.

Last Rhinecliff Soup Sale for the season set March 24

The Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Company will

hold its final Soup Sale of the season on Thursday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Soup or chili, sold by the quart, is \$10. Take-out only. Pick up at side window on Orchards Street.

The Rhinecliff Firehouse is at the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard Street in Rhinecliff. To order ahead, email Joe at jobaer2@gmail.com or call the firehouse at (845) 876-6149 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Send an email to be placed on the Soup Email list for future sales.

Chili Bowl Warm Up to benefit Red Hook Community Center

On Friday, March 25, from 5 to 8 p.m., the Red Hook Community Center will host a Chili Bowl Warm Up fundraiser. Choose a bowl, eat the chili and keep the bowl, one-of-a-kind handmade bowls crafted by local artisans.

The cost is \$35 Dine-in or Take Out & Ceramic Bowl; \$20 Dine-in, Meal Only; \$10 Take Out, Meal Only. Meal includes cornbread and dessert

Visit www.redhookcommunitycenter.org to purchase tickets and for more information.

Maple Weekend returns to Bowdoin Park March 25-27

Dutchess County Parks' Sap Happy Maple Weekend returns with tasty, educational and fun events for all ages in collaboration with the Office for the Aging, Poughkeepsie Public Library, Farmers and Chefs restaurant, and Sean's Waffles Food Truck from Friday, March 25, through Sunday, March 27, at Bowdoin Park, located at 85 Sheafe Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

Throughout the weekend, Bowdoin Park Maple Syrup will also be available for purchase at the park for \$5 for 3.4oz or \$10 for 8oz. bottles, while supplies last.

Sap Happy Maple Weekend Schedule:

- Pancakes in the Park Drive-Through for Senior Citizens: March 25, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free, advance registration required by calling (845) 486-2555.

- Story Walk with Maple Syrup from the Sugarhouse by Laurie Lazzaro Knowlton: March 25-27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., near the Sugar house. Free, no registration required.

- Hands-On Public Maple Education Classes: March 25-27, sessions at 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. \$5 per person, limit 20 per session. Register at [DutchessNY.gov/Parks](https://dutchessny.gov/Parks).

- Bowdoin Park Maple Syrup Menu at Farmers and Chefs Restaurant: March 25-27, while supplies last.

- Sean's Waffle Food Truck at Bowdoin Park: Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., near Pavilion 5.

To learn more about these events or other programs offered at Bowdoin Park, call the Dutchess County Parks Division at (845) 298-4600 or visit DutchessNY.gov.

Ag Week event set in Rhinecliff

Rhinebeck Grange and Morton Memorial Library present "Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table," a reading and learning project, on Saturday, March 26, from 10 to 11 a.m., at Morton Memorial Library & Community House, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff.

Join Granger Joe Baer in an animated reading of "Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table" by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, followed by a hands-on activity of a worm casting/soil experiment. This free event is geared to elementary school-aged children.

Register via EventBrite. Call (845) 875-2903 for more information.

Concerts set at Millbrook Library

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

Teresa Broadwell - Swing Violinist and Singer - March 26;

Maria Zemantauswski - Flamenco Guitar Master - April 30.

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

Miles of Hope Spring Brunch set May 15

Save the date for the 18th Annual Spring Brunch to benefit the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. The event will be held on Sunday, May 15, starting at 11 a.m. with a ceremony followed by a reception with catered buffet, live music, raffle/silent auction items and more.

This year, the event will be held at the Hudson River Rowing Association Boathouse at 272 North Water St. in Poughkeepsie. Honorees include BMW of the Hudson Valley, Poughkeepsie South Rotary, and Joan O'Neill & Eileen Gannon. To register and for more information, visit <https://milesofhope.org/>.

For Rensselaer County spring events visit renscotourism.com



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Women veterans face unique set of challenges

March is Women’s History Month, and it’s a wonderful opportunity to recognize the women among us who have served in the military, and continue to serve their communities in all sorts of ways. All veterans face challenges, but sometimes we forget our women veterans can face even more obstacles – with health care, with employment, and with simply being seen as a veteran.

I’m lucky to be friends with two amazing women veterans who work with MHA Dutchess Veterans Programs, Alyssa and Victoria, and recently we talked on the radio about the unique challenges and triumphs that women vets face every day. Alyssa is an Army veteran and a USMA graduate, while Victoria is a Navy veteran who was stationed out of San Diego during her service. Through their work helping other veterans at MHA as well as their own experiences, both Alyssa and Victoria have first-hand knowledge of many of these unique challenges.

“Sometimes we have to remind people we’re veterans, too,” Victoria shared with me. She told me about an experience she had at the VA Hospital after her discharge from the Navy. “The medical staff at the VA were asking me who I was with, or if I was there with my husband at the hospital,” she said, shaking her head. “And I had to tell them, I am the veteran. I’m not here with anyone. I’m the veteran who is here for health care.”

As a proud graduate of West Point, which did not allow women to participate until 1976, Alyssa also knows the obstacles sometimes facing our women in uniform, both during and after their service.

“As veterans, all we want is to be treated equally,” she said. “At MHA Dutchess Veterans Programs, when Victoria and I meet a woman vet for the first time, we want them to know we understand their struggles, because we’ve had the same struggles transitioning into civilian life, too.”

MHA Dutchess hosts a regular roundtable session for veterans to talk with other veterans, but Alyssa also mentioned they are trying to add a separate session for women vets only. If you or someone you know is a woman veteran and would like to connect with Alyssa and Victoria at MHA Dutchess, give them a call at (845) 473-2500 or an email to veterans@mhadutchess.org.

We’ve talked about this before in previous Dispatches: the face of our veteran population is certainly changing over time. And yet, when we think of a veteran, often we still picture an older, white male with perhaps a scratchy beard or an anchor tattoo on his arm. But almost 1 out of 8 combat veterans returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts were women, and furthermore, 1 out of 4 of those veterans were people of color. Yes, the face of our brave veterans is changing, and we should ensure all our veterans are honored and recognized in the same way. They deserve nothing less!

We all know sometimes our women veterans may not get the recognition they deserve for their service, even more so than their male counterparts. So this month, let’s take a moment or two to thank the women vets in our lives, as part of Women’s History Month.

Thank you to Alyssa and Victoria from MHA Dutchess Veterans Programs for talking with me on the radio recently. And thank you, for listening! See you next time!

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



Victoria Newman (left) and Alyssa Carrion (right) of MHA Dutchess Veterans Programs joined Tom Zurhellen on WPDH radio last week to talk about the unique challenges facing women veterans. *Courtesy photo*

Vietnam vets to be honored at Wappinger Town Hall

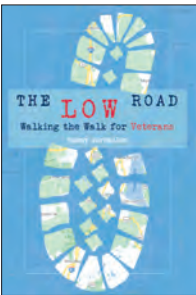
Supervisor Richard L. Thurston and the Wappinger Town Board, in partnership with the Wappinger Veterans Advisory Group, will honor the veterans of the Vietnam War on Tuesday, March 29, at 1 p.m., on the Memorial Plaza in front of Wappinger Town Hall in observance of National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The Town Hall is at 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls.

On March 29, 1973, the United States military command in Vietnam was disestablished one day after combat troops left the country. In 2017, Congress established five objectives for this day. With the primary goal to thank and honor our Vietnam War veterans and their families,

for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States. Thousands of organizations have joined in the noble mission of honoring our 6.2 million veterans, living at home and abroad. Also honored are the 9 million families of all who served. One retired US Army Colonel remarked, “We had no expectations but to serve where duty called us. We asked for no reward except a nation’s thanks.”

During the ceremony, publicly and individually, veterans of the Vietnam War are being presented with the Vietnam Veteran Lapel pin, a lasting memento of the Nation’s and our Town’s appreciation.

All residents and veterans are invited and encouraged to attend.



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

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MHA of Dutchess County Vet2Vet group sets meeting

MHA of Dutchess County Vet2Vet Support Group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 23, from 3 to 4 p.m., at 515 Haight Avenue, Poughkeepsie. These groups serve as an outlet for veterans to discuss with peers their opinions, challenges, successes and anything else in order to regain balance in their lives. The groups are free, confiden-

tial and judgment free. They are open to all veterans despite discharge type, time in services or period of service. Active and inactive and National Guard members are welcome as well. RSVP is required.

For more information, call (845) 473-2500, ext. 1306 or 1307 or 1365.

Construction to begin on intersection improvement project in LaGrange

The Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) has announced preliminary construction work is scheduled to begin this week to improve the intersection of Noxon Road (CR-21) at Smith Road and Maloney Road in the Town of LaGrange, weather permitting. The preliminary work will include tree clearing, with the rest of construction beginning in

late June to minimize traffic impacts and interruptions to school bus routes.

The project will improve traffic safety at the intersection by altering the elevation of Noxon Road.

Noxon Road will remain open to traffic during construction with alternating lane closures; however, Smith Road and Maloney Road will be closed at the inter-

section starting in early summer. Detours around the project will be posted along Smith Road, Bushwick Road, Titusville Road (CR-49), Daley Road, and Maloney Road.

The project is anticipated to be complete in the fall.

Motorists are advised to plan for additional time and to exercise extra caution

near the construction site, obey the posted speed limits, traffic advisory signs, and the directions from flaggers in the work zone to ensure the safety of workers and other motorists.

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Serino unanimously endorsed by Dutchess GOP for 43rd Senate seat

Sen. Sue Serino joined the Dutchess County Republican Committee at their convention last week where she was unanimously endorsed as the candidate to run in the newly drawn 43rd District, which will represent parts of Dutchess, Columbia and Rensselaer counties.

Serino was nominated by Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver and seconded by Dutchess County Legislator Faye Garito, who represents the newly included town of Beekman.

Serino also offered the nomination for Acting Sheriff Kirk Imperati as he runs for a full term as the Dutchess County Sheriff this November.

“The energy we are feeling and seeing all across the newly drawn 43rd Senate District has been electric, and tonight’s convention was no different,” said Serino. “The residents of Dutchess County are feeling the harmful effects that one-party rule is having on our communities—whether it’s rising crime, increased spending by the State, or government overreach—it’s clear that they have had enough. I govern by listening, and as we work to rebuild our State, I’m committed to actively bringing the concerns of our neighbors to Albany and remaining a strong and independent voice. I’m thrilled to be running alongside a great slate of candidates, and together, I know that we will restore common sense back to our government.”

Dutchess County Republican

Committee Chairman Michael McCormack said, “Senator Serino has remained a strong voice for our community in Albany and someone who always fights for the residents of the Dutchess County. Whether it is standing up for our nation’s heroes, fighting for our seniors or being an advocate for our small businesses, Sue is there, and for that, she’ll have the overwhelming support of our community.”

Chairman of the Dutchess County Legislature Gregg Pulver said, “As a farmer and a life-long Dutchess resident, I can tell you that we’ve never had a more genuine and accessible Senator than Sue Serino. She understands that every new mandate and tax on farmers results in increasing grocery bills. You know with Sue, she understands from farm to table the complete issue. Our rural communities have a great friend in Sue and she represents us well in Albany.”

Dutchess County Legislator Faye Garito said, “It is an honor and pleasure to second the nomination for Senator Sue Serino. Sue leads with compassion and it’s evident that she is making a difference in the lives of our neighbors. I could not be more excited to have Sue represent the Towns of Beekman and Pawling – she’s a leader who gets it and will deliver great results for our community.”

Serino currently represents the 41st Senate District, which includes parts of Dutchess County.

Columbia, Dutchess, Rensselaer Democratic Committees unite in support of Jamie Cheney

Jamie Cheney, candidate for NY State Senate in the newly formed District 43, has received the unanimous endorsement of the Columbia, Dutchess and Rensselaer Democratic Committees.

“I am honored by the committees’ unanimous trust in me to be their candidate for the State Senate, and am excited to continue meeting with the strong and hard-working people and families that make the Hudson Valley and Capital Region the place it is. This is an important milestone for our campaign, and reflects the deep desire in this district to have the representation that the area

needs and deserves.” Cheney said.

Cheney and her husband run Falcon’s Fields, a 70-head Wagyu and Angus beef farm in Dutchess County. Cheney also founded a recruiting firm focused on creating flexible roles for working parents.

Cheney is the daughter of a veteran and comes from a family with a history of public service. She serves on the Leadership Council of the National Small Business Association and is active in developing youth agriculture in New York State. She lives with her husband and three sons on their farm in Dutchess County.

County seeks input on services for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health will hold a virtual public forum on Tuesday, March 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams to discuss resources and services available for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in Dutchess County. Those living in the IDD community, families and caregivers are encouraged to participate in the forum to provide feedback and input for the development of the County’s 2023 Local Services Plan for those living with special needs. Registration is required and can be done at dutchessny.gov/forumcomments.

County Executive Marc Molinaro said, “This forum is a great resource for us to hear directly from members of our community about how we can better support those living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The event provides an opportunity to learn about resources and services currently available as well as make your voice heard about any changes that may be needed as we continue to work together to make Dutchess County and inclusive and accessible place for all.”

In addition to offering time for public comments and concerns, the forum will feature several speakers from different agencies who will provide updates on

services as well as answer any questions the public may have. Presentations include:

- 2021 accomplishments and planned changes for 2022
- An overview of the county’s ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative and upcoming plans
- Dutchess County’s Public Transit Administrator Michael Grattini will discuss accessibility and transportation services.
- Educational presentations from several experts covering topics such as Guardianship, Supplemental/ Special Needs Trust and End of Life & Advance Directives.

For those unable to attend, or do not feel comfortable during the forum, DBCH welcomes written comments and questions to be read aloud by the forum moderator. Individuals may submit comments online at dutchessny.gov/forumcomments, fax comments to 845-486-2829, or mail to: Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Forum, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

More information about Dutchess County’s efforts to Think DIFFERENTLY, as well as ways communities can be more supportive of those of every ability, is available at thinkdifferently.net.

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County seeks applications for Commission on Human Rights members

The Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights seeks candidates for membership on the Commission to fill vacancies as terms expire. Individuals who are dedicated to the cause of human rights and seek to ensure Dutchess County is an inclusive and respectful community for all are encouraged to apply. The Commission seeks candidates who represent the full diversity of the county, including geographical diversity. Applications are available online at dutchessny.gov/humanrights. Application deadline is March 31.

The Commission on Human Rights is composed of 14 volunteer members and an Executive Director/Chair employed by the county. The Commission, which meets monthly, works to defend human rights, bridge differences and embrace diversity in Dutchess County. Between meetings, members participate in various work groups to help carry out this mission.

Volunteer applicants must be at least 18 years old and must be prepared to spend approximately five to 10 hours a month on the Commission’s work. There will be four membership vacancies effective September 2022 as current members’ terms expire. New Commission members terms will begin on Oct. 1, 2022 and are three-year appointments.

All candidates will participate in an interview process with the Commission’s Nominating Work Group. The Work Group then reports to the full Commission, and the Commission makes its recommendations to the County Executive and Chair of the County Legislature. All appointments are subject to confirmation by the Dutchess County Legislature.

To learn more about the work of the Commission on Human Rights and to apply for membership, visit www.dutchessny.gov/humanrights. Application deadline is March 31.



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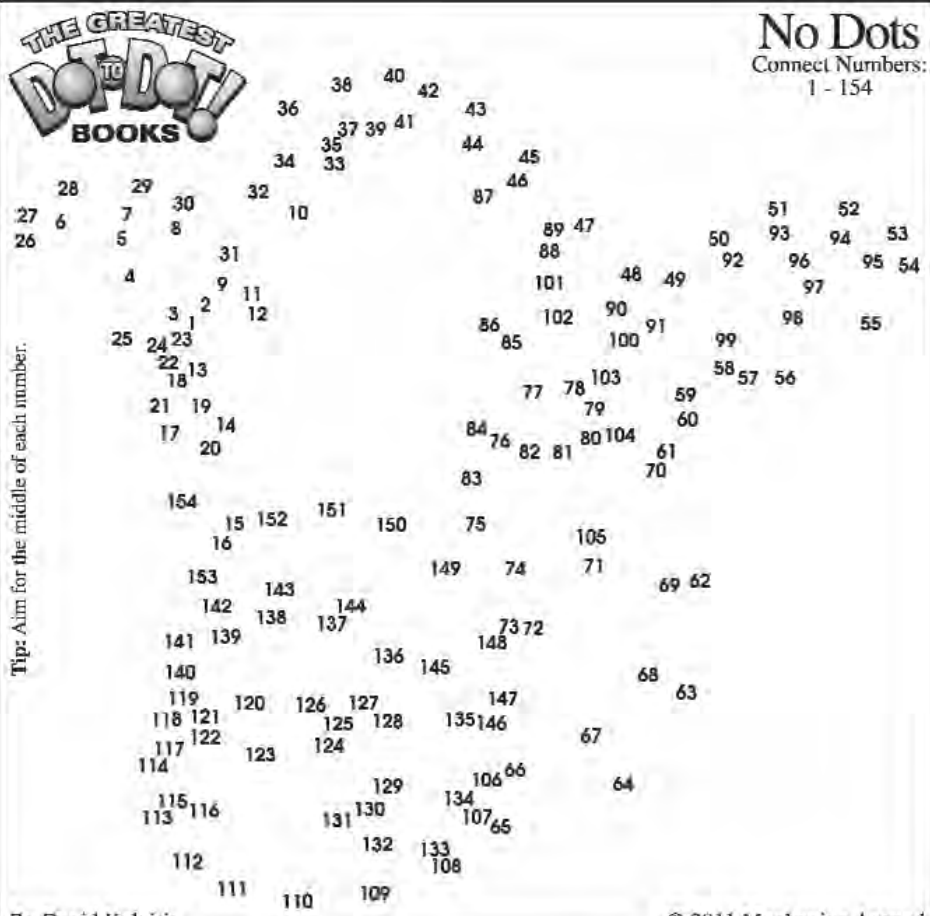
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The weekend of mystery and fine dining, and Murder Café’s original production, “The Mystery of the Alien Invasion,” begins on Friday, March 25, when you’ll be treated to a fine dining experience and the first part of the alien invasion.

When you return on Saturday morning, March 26, for part two of the mystery, you will uncover more clues while enjoying a breakfast buffet. Saturday night diner is served while you start to put all the pieces together for this whodunit. And on Sunday, March 27, you’ll enjoy Le Chambord’s celebrated brunch while the murderer is revealed.

Murder Café owner-operator Frank Marquette explains the plot as follows:

“It’s 1954 and Curry Estate is hosting a convention for Americans Against Saucer Secrecy. As Dr. E. T. Mars makes his

opening remarks he is met with conflict and the eerie sound of a crash. He soon discovers a flying saucer has landed on nearby Mount Beacon. According to an Air Force colonel who disrupts the convention, an alien is one of the guests. And to make matters worse, a murder occurs. Be a part of an out-of-this-world experience as you encounter 7 suspects, one of whom is the alien and the murderer!”

Prizes will be awarded along with memories that will last a lifetime. The entire weekend, filled with mystery, fun and fine dining, is \$325 per person. Upgrade the weekend with an overnight stay at Le Chambord by calling (845) 221-1941 for room reservations.

To purchase tickets for “Mystery Weekend,” visit www.curryestate.com/events.

Founded in Las Vegas in 1998, Murder Café is the creation of actor, writer and director Frank Marquette, along with wife and producing partner, Kristen Marquette. Since returning to their native New York in 2009, they have been serving quality entertainment for both public



The cast of “The Mystery of the Alien Invasion” includes Jim Keenen, Ellen Pavloff, Lauren Roberts, Tom Roberts, Nanette Ayers, Dan Anderson, Jessica Boyd and Marisa Gorsline. The play was written and directed by Frank Marquette. *Courtesy photo*

and private events. Primarily known for comedies, musicals and murder mysteries, Murder Café provides entertainment for company parties, fundraising events,

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‘Welcome home’ – expanded library opens in Pleasant Valley

continued from cover

There are now a number of specific areas available that make a major difference in the operation and offerings of the library: A Community Room, a Conference Room, an expanded Children’s Area, a Teen Room, a Quiet Reading Room and a Study Room.

The old library had a small conference area on the second floor that was not accessible to those unable to climb the stairs, and it shared the space with the children’s programming. The new library offers two community meeting rooms. The first is a Conference Room that holds 14 comfortably and has audio-video support designed in. It will be perfect space for many community organizations that have used the library for their meetings for many years.

The second, and much larger, is the Peckham Family Foundation Community Room. This large Community Room easily handles 40 or more. It also has audio-visual capability, so is perfect for large meetings, for movie nights, for Yoga classes, and anything else people can imagine.

Both of these spaces can remain in use after the library closes. They can be closed off from the rest of the library and make use of their own exit door to the parking lot. This adds a great deal of flexibility.

Teen and children’s areas

“One of the most exciting new possibilities is the teen room,” said Pulice. “Up until now, the library has not been able to offer the teens a place to congregate, to study, or just to hang out.”

“Last week,” she said, “a group of five girls and their teacher came in. They wanted a place to try and re-create a part of the old teen movie, ‘The Breakfast Club.’ I told them I had just the place - the new teen room. They went in and took it over. Their project worked even better than they had hoped.”

Maybe the most impressive change to the library is the creation of the new children’s area. With a cathedral ceiling, clerestory windows near the ceiling, and large windows lining the outside walls, it is a major change from the small chil-

dren’s area that had resided on the second floor of the old facility.

Julie Poplees, the children’s librarian for the last 23 years, waxes eloquent on the new space.

“I loved that little room upstairs, she said, but this is so wonderful. It’s bright and airy and ‘happy.’ We’ve got a room to do projects and to do our story hours as well as so much more space for books. We are already seeing people here we’ve never seen before.”

Damon Catavero brought his two sons, Mason and Carmine, in to pick out some books.

“This is just wonderful,” he said.

Carmine Catavero was already back for his second visit, while his elder brother was making his first visit.

“This is great,” said Mason. “I really like it.”

“... and there are so many more books,” added Carmine.

“Another thing we never could really offer was a quiet reading room,” said Pulice. “We have it now and it is the one place in the library that really shows the heritage of the old building and its intimacy. We kept the windows in that part of the building exactly where they were originally, kept the same shapes, and even picked furniture that fit the ambience. The New York State Historical Preservation Office took a great interest in this room and also in our plan to replace the porch that had been on the old building when it was first constructed. They provided part of our funding on the agreement that we were keeping part of the historic structure in line with what it once was. I think it just came out beautifully.”

The library renewal and expansion project was years in its gestation and went through a number of different iterations before this final plan came to the fore and the new facility constructed.

A ribbon cutting is planned for March 18. A larger party, a gala reception is planned for later in the spring when it can be held outdoors and when COVID has even further eased.



The new library in Pleasant Valley is now open. Above is a view of the expanded Children's Area with bright lighting and a cathedral ceiling. Below, library employees Linda Hanlon and Bethany Lowe are all smiles in the new library. Left, Library Director Daniela Pulice is pictured with cases of books in the background. *Photos by Jim Donick*



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Prog-rock pioneers Nektar to play Daryl's House Club March 23

Nektar. Courtesy photo



by Kate Goldsmith

For more than 50 years, Nektar has taken legions of fans on audio-visual journeys to far reaches of the universe and the depths of the ocean with their immersive blend of sight and sound. These progressive-rock pioneers will be at Daryl's House Club on Wednesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$25 and are available at www.darylshouseclub.com.

Back when vinyl was king, Nektar was renowned for songs the length of an album side, hence the name of the tour, "Vinyl Sides Live." Audiences will be treated to entire album sides from some of Nektar's epic recordings – including "A Tab in the Ocean," "Remember the Future" and "Recycled," as well as "The Other Side." Rounding out the shows will be expanded offerings from other albums; unfinished tunes from 1978 that the band has rediscovered; as well as brand new compositions the band has created during their weekly online and in person get-togethers.

Nektar has captured the imagination and admiration of listeners the world over with their "Music and Light Theatre," multi-media concerts, melding a jam-band

vibe with superb musicality and a visual cornucopia that perfectly complements the performance.

Formed in Germany in 1969 by British expats, Nektar soaked up the musical freedom they found in their new home, favoring extended compositions and concept albums over the constraints of pop. They were among the progenitors of the progressive rock movement of the 1970s as well as the jam-band scene that arose in the late 1990s.

Their sound traveled well to the States, where they enjoyed Top 40 success with "A Tab in the Ocean" (1972) and "Remember the Future" (1973). Nearly 20 albums and a half-century later, the band's artistic and personal charisma has earned them masses of devoted fans.

Currently, Nektar features three of the original members – Derek 'Mo' Moore (bass guitar, vocals), Ron Howden (drums, percussion, vocals) and Mick Brockett (visual environment). Ryche Chlanda (guitar, vocals) and Randy Dembo (bass guitar, bass pedals, 12-string guitar, vocals) are alums of previous Nektar incarnations. World-class multi-instrumentalist Kendall Scott completes the lineup on keyboards.

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arts and entertainment happenings

Friday, March 18-Sunday, March 20

"The Heiress," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. CENTERstage Productions presents the drama written by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, adapted from the 1880 Henry James novel, "Washington Square." Set in New York City in the 1850s, The Heiress follows Catherine, a plain-looking but exceedingly wealthy woman who lives with her father, Dr. Austin Sloper, in Washington Square. Despite having a staff of maids and chefs and the best clothing money can buy, Catherine is awkward, shy and "unmarriageable." When she falls in love with Morris Townsend, a charming but penniless suitor, Dr. Sloper is immediately suspicious the man is after Catherine's inheritance. Directed by Emily DePew. Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Friday, March 18

Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library & Community House, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring Graham Dawson, Jack DiPietro, Tony Stiker, Rick & Marilyn, 8-10:30 p.m. Donations suggested. (845) 876-7007

Saturday, March 19

Amor Towles, Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Towles will give a talk on his works (with a focus on The Lincoln Highway), his writing, his career, and his inspirations, 2:30 p.m. Q & A and book signing in the lobby to follow. Tickets are free & available in-person at Bardavon Box Office or Adriaance Memorial Library. Limited to 2 tickets per person. (845) 473-2072 or www.bardavon.org

Movies with Spirit: "Hachi: a Dog's Tale," Episcopal Church of the Messiah, 6436 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. Starring Richard Gere, this 2009 film is about the lasting bond between a college professor and a dog he finds on a train platform, 7 p.m. Running time 93 minutes; rated G. The screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person. (845) 389-9201 or gerryharrington@mindspring.com



Richard Gere stars in "Hachi: A Dog's Tale," playing this Saturday in Rhinebeck as part of the Movies with Spirit Series. See listing, above, for details. *Courtesy photo*



The Slambovian Circus of Dreams performs Sunday at Daryl's House Club in Pawling. See listing below for more information. *Courtesy photo*

The Slambovian Circus of Dreams, Daryl's House Club, 130 Rte. 22, Pawling. The group will present their new album, "A Very Unusual Head," 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 - \$35. (845) 289-0185 or www.darylshouseclub.com

Sunday, March 20

Celtic Woman: "Postcards from Ireland," UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. The ensemble brings a brand-new show which celebrates the rich musical and cultural heritage of Ireland; taking audiences on a journey of story and song from across the Emerald Isle, 3 p.m. Tickets start at \$48. (845) 339-6088 or www.bardavon.org

Wednesday, March 23

Nektar, Daryl's House Club, 130 Rte. 22, Pawling. Progressive rock pioneers bring their "Vinyl Sides Live" Tour to Pawling, 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$25. (845) 289-0185 or www.darylshouseclub.com



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ART EXHIBITIONS

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April 29:** Featured in the Hallway Art Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be Rachel Arielle Kleinman; and at 12 Vassar St. will be Barbara Masterson in the Reception & Hancock Galleries. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to galleries. Visit cunneen-hackett.org for hours and to review the Visitation Safety Protocols.

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through July:** "Beyond the Threshold: Contemporary Tibetan Art," on view in the Loeb's Asian Gallery. Among the major themes explored in these wide-ranging works are the impacts of globalization and commercialism on Tibetan culture, the creation and inhabitation of virtual worlds, self-representation and the questioning of identities, interconnectedness and pushing back against expectations collectively imposed upon Tibetans as subjects of the outsider gaze. (845) 437-5632 or fllac.vassar.edu

Trolley Barn Gallery, 489 Main St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April 14:** The Art Effect youth curatorial team presents the international juried exhibition, "High Contrast," an exhibition celebrates unconventional uses of media, including light installation, textiles and multimedia sculpture, as well as painting and photography. **A virtual artist talk** moderated by the Youth Curatorial Team and three featured artists will take place on Wed., March 23, 7-8 p.m. (845) 471-7477

WomensWork.art, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April 23:** "Emerging," a collection of artwork featuring emerging and student artists. www.womenswork.art

Rotary completes park project at Spratt

submitted by Adam Belok

About four years ago, Past Rotary President Bernard Handel pointed out to the members of the Poughkeepsie Arlington Rotary Club that the local public parks were frequently the main vacation land for many of the citizens in this area who used them for the majority of their recreational opportunities. Many citizens with limited transportation or budgets depended on the local Town and City parks. Bernard insisted that since amenities are sparse in most local parks due to budgetary constraints, it would be worthwhile for our club to help raise money from local individuals and businesses to refurbish and enhance local parks as other Rotary Clubs in our region have done over the years.

Our Club Board then arranged a meeting with then-newly elected Mayor Rob Rolison and his team who included a DOT representative and Poughkeepsie Police Commissioner's representatives. Together, we formed a plan for discussion

and implementation with the incoming Parks Commissioner. Soon, Spratt Park was chosen for our fundraising efforts to which we supplied two barbecue stands, four sizable all-weather picnic tables, and a large appealing garbage bin for visitors' use between the ball fields.

Contributions from local individuals and business were key as was a generous donation from the Bernard and Shirley Handel Foundation Donor Advised Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. An anonymous donor enabled Jewish Federation of Dutchess County to be represented as a major sponsor of the project along with significant contributions by Vincent Miller of Miller & Son Funeral Home, and personal contributions by John O'Shea longtime CEO of Marshall & Sterling, Darcy McCourt, current Rotary Club President, and Sue Doyle of the regional auction services business.

A Grand Opening with food and music is planned this spring to be announced.

Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

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

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

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

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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

- Stringed instrument
- Playwright William
- Change for a five
- Goodman or Cariou
- Suitable for plowing
- Fasteners
- Just sitting there
- Extinct bird
- English letter
- E.T., for one
- Clare Boothe ____
- Happy as a lark
- “____ Well That Ends Well”
- Diminish
- Breather’s need
- City in Oklahoma
- ____ Fields
- Close, for one
- Large parrot
- Winged
- Talked continuously
- Mass language—
now and forever
- With great speed
- A la ____
- Symbol
- Organic compound
- Sad song
- Shallowest of five
- Poke
- Opener
- Mischievous child
- Weakling; pushover
- Burdened
- Certain jets: abbr.
- ____ above, superior to
- Londoner’s adieu
- City in Nevada
- Find ____ of gold;
locate riches
- South American nation
- Catch
- Greek letter
- Presidential nickname
- Stone ____

DOWN

- Small bottle

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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 18



Flower bulbs to plant in spring

A primer on which bulbs to plant, and when to plant them

A sticker on the box says “dig, drop, done.” Somebody is trying to convince you that planting flowers from bulbs is easy.

They’re right. Hundreds of beautiful varieties of flowers and even some vegetables can be started by digging and dropping the bulbs, corms, tubers or rhizomes directly into the garden. In a few days, the frost will be out of the ground and the soil should be dry enough to get started.

We’re not talking about tulips, hyacinths or daffodils, the traditional Dutch bulbs that have to be planted in the fall to bloom the following spring. (You already planted them, right?) Here are some of the ones that can be set out now:

- **Lilies** – Asiatic lilies, with their big upward-facing blossoms, are hardy perennials in the Hudson Valley, as are Easter lilies (*L. longiflorum*), the fragrant “Stargazer” and tiger lilies. All require at least partial sun and well drained soil.

- **Daylilies** – Not really lilies, they are in the genus *Hemerocallis* (a Latin word meaning “deer food”). So hardy they are almost impossible to kill. The tawny orange day lilies lining the roadways in June are escapees from long-ago colonial era gardens. Amateur breeders have created thousands of varieties, in a rainbow of colors. There’s even one called “Becky Adams,” not actually named after my daughter, but one was gifted to her by members of the Hudson Valley Iris and Daylily Society.

- **Iris** – The old-fashioned German or Bearded Iris was a garden staple a hundred years ago, and the original rhizomes

(thick roots) are still blooming in late May if they weren’t disturbed. The Blue Flag Iris is a pretty native wetland flower, but its cousin the Yellow Iris (*I. pseudacorus*) is a prohibited invasive species.

- **Dahlias** – Warm weather dahlias grow from tubers (thick underground stems, not true bulbs). Plant after the soil has warmed in May. Passionate gardeners have created thousands of dahlia varieties, some with blossoms as big as dinner plates. The tubers will not survive our Hudson Valley winters, so dig them up in October and store them in a cool, dry place, maybe packed in dry peat moss. Bear Creek Farm in Stanfordville is world-renowned for their dahlia flowers, tubers and workshops. They open on March 18.

- **Begonias** – Another warm weather tuber that needs to be stored over the winter. Unlike most bulb plants, begonias flower all summer, and will tolerate shade. To get a jump on the growing season, you might want to start the tuber indoors in a pot, since it needs very warm weather to thrive in the garden.

- **Canna** – For a lush, tropical garden, you can’t beat Cannas. They grow fast, up to seven feet tall, depending on the species, and flower for a few weeks in summer on successive blossoms. The rhizomes will not survive our winters. Dig them up and store in a cool, dry place until you replant them the following May. Add fertilizer, as the top heavy foliage sucks a lot of nutrients from the soil.

- **Crocasmia** – A stunning addition to any garden. The fiery “Lucifer” is winter-hardy in the Hudson Valley. Plant the



Above: Sue with giant Brazilian Rhubarb. Below: The Tawny Day Lily. Photos by Mark Adams

corms (they look like bulbs) in May. Leave the foliage intact after blooms fade so the plant can produce a new corm for next year.

- **Elephant Ears** – *Colocasia*, or taro, is a nutritious food in tropical parts of the world. I wouldn’t call it delicious. The taro I ate (with my fingers) in Zambia was bland and a bit slimy. Grown for its foliage, Elephant Ears is a gigantic, Instagram-worthy tangle of shiny green leaves. The tuber, which can be the size of a coconut, is planted in sun or shade and must be lifted in the fall for winter storage.

- **Vegetables from bulbs, corms or rhizomes or tubers** – Potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes, asparagus, garlic, onions, and rhubarb, even Giant Brazilian Rhubarb, to name a few.

- **Gladiolas** – I can give Luigi Coppola a run for his money with a humorous family anecdote: A couple of days after I met my life partner Sue, I was down in the corn field – we rented land on Overlook Road – with my Dad and a few

other workers. We were picking sweet corn on a Sunday morning. In between the rows of corn, gladiolas were blooming. We usually picked a few dozen “glads” every day and tossed them on top of the bushels of corn to bring back to the farm stand to sell for a dollar per stem, which was pretty good money in 1974.

Anyway, I had told Sue to drive down into the field around noontime. The plan was to introduce her to my dad and then ask for the afternoon off so we could go to the German Alps Festival at Hunter Mountain. Sue came speeding down the roadway in her green Volkswagen beetle, trailing a cloud of dust.

Me: “Dad, I’d like you to meet a friend of mine, Sue Gotthardt.”

Dad: “Nice to meet you. Here’s a pair of clippers. Go pick those gladiolas.”

She married me anyway.

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



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Did you know?

Fun facts about Saint Patrick and the traditions surrounding his feast day.

Top o’ the mornin’ to ya! It’s once again time to get your Irish on, no matter if you’re reading this after March 17. With it falling on a Thursday this year, we’re given the perfect excuse to carry it through two weekends, one before and one aft, so put on the kettle for some tea as we learn some Saint Patrick’s Day facts you may not know.

Now let’s crack on.

They say everyone is Irish on Saint Patrick’s Day, and it’s true that people the world over celebrate it, but did you know that this adage pertains to the saint himself? Born in the 5th century to Roman parents in either Wales or Scotland, his name was originally Maewyn Succat. He was kidnapped and made a slave in Ireland. He escaped and returned home where he had a life-changing vision to return to Ireland to spread the message of Christianity.

Which brings us, believe it or not, to the shamrock, Ireland’s unofficial national plant and national symbol. The three-

leaved green plant is thought to be white clover and it’s said that Saint Patrick used the shamrock to visually explain the concept of the Holy Trinity to nonbelievers he wished to convert. The unrelated four-leaf clover has no connection to the saint but is considered lucky because finding one is so rare, signifying the luck o’ the Irish. Today many pin shamrocks to lapels and hats in remembrance of his teachings. Remember, this IS a day that celebrates a saint.

This is in part what’s meant by “the wearin’ o’ the green.” Every Saint Patrick’s Day, a member of the British royal family presents Irish Guards with shamrocks for their headgear, a tradition started by Queen Victoria in 1900 to acknowledge and support Irish volunteer soldiers who had helped the British military in the Boer War. Prior to that the British forbade the Irish from wearing green because it symbolized to them their national pride and independence. Knowing this, the United Irishmen made

green their official color, already an open symbol of Irish identity, as they planned to rebel against the British who had even gone so far as to hang anyone for the Wearing of the Green. Wow.

But on a lighter note, another theory is that wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns. Not so sure about that one, but interestingly, the official color of Saint Patrick himself wasn’t green at all; it was light sky blue. Because of the Irish Independence movement in the 18th century – and the saint’s shamrocks – green became the color representing the Catholics of Ireland and, on a wider scale, the Emerald Isle herself.

But what about the snakes, you may ask? It’s a widely-held belief that Saint Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland, hence the fact there are none to be found there to this day. Science has another theory. Fossil records show no evidence that snakes ever lived there, which makes sense. It’s an island too cold for reptiles and too protected by the surrounding sea to allow any to find their way, let alone land, there. Most likely the snakes in this case are metaphorical.

The obvious religious connections to the holiday may have you curious how it evolved into such a grand occasion to drink. March 17 didn’t become a national holiday until 1903 and pubs at time were not allowed to open, both because it was a day meant to honor a revered saint and because it fell during Lent, a time when fasting and sacrifice were required by the Catholic church. Pubs in Ireland were allowed to open in 1973, but that’s not to say people went without for all that time. For many it was a considered a welcome break from fasting when they could enjoy alcohol, sweets and meat. America’s traditions were not nearly as strict and clearly still aren’t for most. Today millions of pints of Guinness are consumed and it’s the biggest day for bars in America.

Because it’s also a day of national pride, parades are another huge part of the celebration. The first parade held in Ireland wasn’t until 1903 in Waterford; the first in Dublin was 1931. New York City’s Saint Patrick’s Day Parade is one of the largest and oldest in the world and

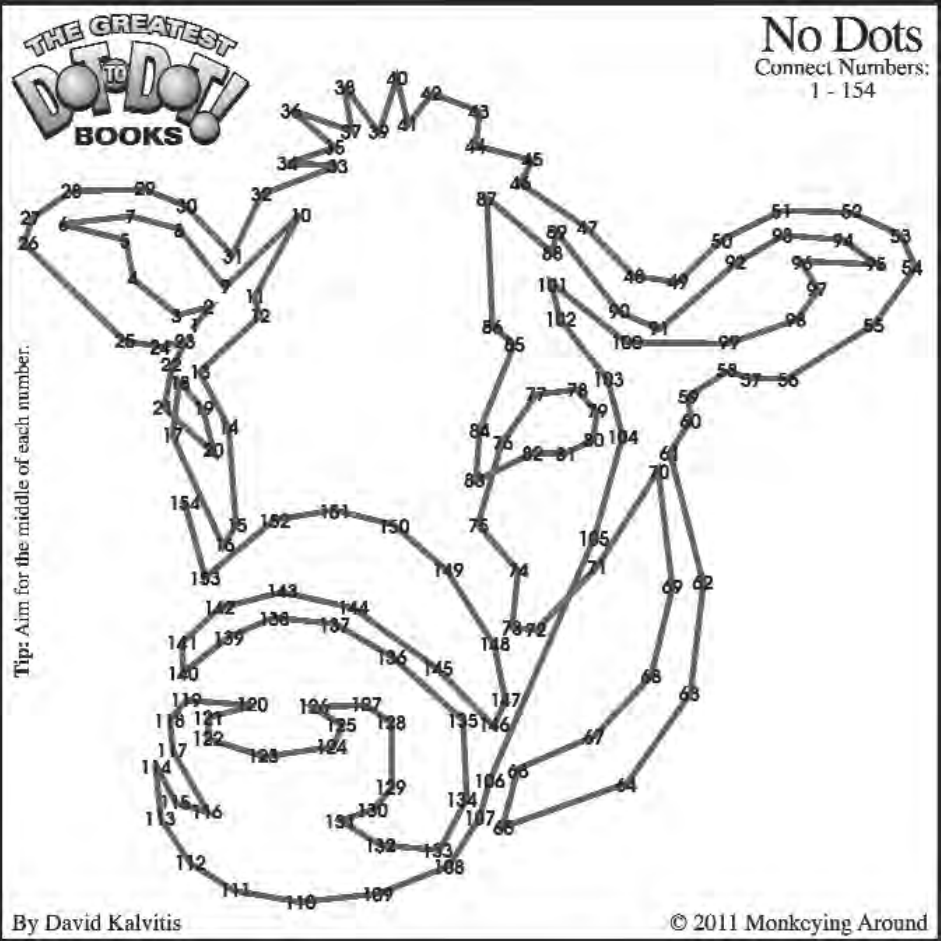
the largest in America, with over 150,000 participants, 2 million attending and over 5 hours long. It has taken place since the 1762 and still consists of only marchers (and bagpipers): no floats, cars or other vehicles. The only time it did not go on? 2020 and 2021, due to the pandemic.

And with all that drinking and marching, you’re sure to need to get some food in you. Perhaps some corned beef? But why is it called that when there’s no corn at all? The large kernel-like grains of salt used to prepare it were called corns. Corned beef became more popular among the Irish when they immigrated to America where beef was much more plentiful than it had been back home. Though plentiful, though, many immigrants were not rollin’ in the green and so cheaper, less tender cuts of beef were used, like brisket, which they made tender by soaking for a long time in brine with spices to break down the connective tissue and add flavor. Then it would be slow-cooked until fork tender, served with cabbage, carrots and potatoes and a classic was born.

In researching Saint Patrick’s Day I discovered a lot I didn’t know and enjoyed the journey. And, yes, I will be celebrating with parades and corned beef, whiskey and the black stuff. But I’ll be doing so with people I love, some who are Irish and some, like myself, who only are for one day a year, and I thank my lucky stars that this festive holiday gives each and every one of us a chance to share the rich treasure that is Ireland. Slainte! (Raise a glass!)

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Luigi Coppola shares stories and recipes.



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Cherciu reappointed DC Poet Laureate

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced he has reappointed Poughkeepsie resident Dr. Lucia Cherciu as the county's Poet Laureate for 2022. Dr. Cherciu will continue to bring poetry to the community through a series of reading events throughout the year.

Molinaro said, "The bold creativity of the artists within our Dutchess County arts community have helped to bolster our spirits, strengthen our relationships, and build us all up during some of the most trying times we've been through. I am confident, as we find our way back to normalcy, the arts and our artists will continue to keep us connected and improve our quality of life. We are proud to continue our commitment to the arts and look forward to Dr. Cherciu's continued contributions as our 2022 Poet Laureate."

Dr. Cherciu was born in Romania and came to the United States in 1995. She received her Ph.D. in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2000 with a dissertation on women and laughter, titled "Ludicrous 'Scribbling Women': The Politics of Laughter and Nineteenth-Century American Women

Writers." She is a Professor of English at SUNY/Dutchess Community College, where she has been working for twenty years. She enjoys working with her students and in spring she usually conducts a Service Learning Project at Morse Elementary School.

"These are difficult times, when people around the world understand how important it is to work together, support one another, and use writing in order to communicate, show compassion, and help in the process of healing." Dr. Cherciu said, "The crisis in Ukraine has demonstrated to us how words can be used to show solidarity and work towards making peace. Poetry, story-telling, and all the arts can contribute to changing the world, making us more empathetic and kind, so we can reach out to our neighbors and help them out. We should all work together to ensure that all schools have access to resources in order to teach Visual Arts, Music, Poetry, and use creativity in the spirit of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion."

Dr. Cherciu writes both in English and Romanian and is the author of five books

of poetry: "Train Ride to Bucharest" (Sheep Meadow Press, 2017), which received the Eugene Paul Nassar Poetry Prize; "Edible Flowers" (Main Street Rag, 2016); "Lalele din Paradis / Tulips in Paradise" (Editura Eikon, 2017); "Altoiu! Râsului / Grafted Laughter" (Editura Brumar, 2010); and "Lep?darea de Limb? / The Abandonment of Language" (Editura Vinea, 2009). Dr. Cherciu's poetry was nominated three times for a Pushcart Prize, twice for Best of the Net, and her work has appeared in numerous publications.

Arts Mid-Hudson manages the Poet Laureate selection process, which includes inviting a panel of literary professionals and community members to review nominations and make their recommendation. Public nominations for the unpaid role of 2023 Dutchess County Poet Laureate will be accepted this summer.

"We are so appreciative of Dr. Lucia Cherciu, our Dutchess County poet Laureate for 2021 and are thrilled with



Dr. Lucia Cherciu

the decision to reappoint her for another year in 2022," said Alyson Pou, Executive Director for Arts Mid-Hudson. "Poetry enriches all our lives. Many thanks to County Executive Molinaro for his continued support of Arts and Culture in Dutchess County."

Dr. Cherciu will speak at the County Executive's 2022 State of the County address, details of which will be announced soon.

'Holiday Inn' brings live theater back to FDR

Theater is alive and well at FDR High School and this year's spring musical was selected to be a celebration.

"Holiday Inn" tells the story of Jim Hardy (played by senior Ryan Shaw), who uses his Broadway background to stage performances for every holiday at his Connecticut farmhouse. This show is classic Broadway, featuring many Irving Berlin classics such as "Blue Skies," "White Christmas" and "Cheek to Cheek."

The show will run between March 18 and 20 in the FDR auditorium. Tickets are available at: <https://fdrhs.booktix.com/>

Amy Martin directs the show, while Doug Egerton serves as set designer and choreography is by Hyde Park resident and dance teacher, Summer Bourlier.

The live pit orchestra, directed by James Osborn, is making its return this year after the spring and fall 2021 musi-

cals had to use pre-recorded music due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Melinda DiMaio, Director of Fine and Performing Arts, describes Holiday Inn as "a true feel-good show."

"We are thrilled to be able to bring our spring musical back in full force with the return of our student pit orchestra under the direction of James Osborn," DiMaio said. "The Irving Berlin score of Holiday Inn delivers a bounty of familiar favorites that are sure to delight audiences of all ages."

Together with the cast and crew, they have enjoyed the process of rehearsing a live musical once again. They have an extra cheerleader in the form of FDR alum Amy VanNorstrand, who was a member of the Broadway cast of Holiday Inn in 2016.

"Holiday Inn" is presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.



FDR High School students rehearse for their spring play, "Holiday Inn," set March 18-20. Courtesy photos

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Office for the Aging invites seniors to sign up for 'Pancakes in the Park' at Bowdoin on March 25

Older adults (60+) are reminded to sign up for the free annual Office for the Aging "Pancakes in the Park" event, co-hosted by Dutchess County Parks, at Bowdoin Park (85 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls), from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Friday, March 25.

Advance registration with OFA is required; call (845) 486-2555.

Each participant gets a to-go breakfast

of pancakes, sausage and orange juice, plus a splash of maple syrup from Bowdoin's own trees. "Pancakes in the Park" is part of Maple Weekend at Bowdoin, March 25-27. For more information on the weekend, visit this link: <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Department-s/County-Executive/Maple-Weekend>Returns-March-2022.htm>

OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Bouton

RED HOOK – Mary Ann ‘Bear’ Bouton, 62, passed away Friday, March 4, 2022 at Northern Dutchess Hospital. Mary Ann was a lifelong Red Hook resident and a graduate Red Hook High School. She was active with her children in 4-H and often volunteered at the Red Hook Community Center and the Red Hook Library. She was born March 2, 1960 in Albany, the daughter of Irving Bouton of Oregon and the late Wilma (Becker) Bouton. Mary Ann is survived by her children, Jessie Bouton, Katherine Carl and Michael Carl; one grandchild Leopold Jackson Cronk; siblings, Patricia Bouton, Dayle Rogers, Ralph Bouton, Samantha Brookshire, Jonathan Bouton and Jason Bouton. Calling hours were Friday, March 11, 2022, at the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, 51 W. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY. Memorial Services were held. Memorial donations to assist the family may be made c/o the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, P.O. Box 515, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. To sign the online register please visit dapsonchestney.com.

Wilbur Brink

PLEASANT VALLEY – Wilbur “Bill” Brink, 72 of Pleasant Valley, passed away at his residence on February 24, 2022. Born in Poughkeepsie on October 1, 1949, he was the son of Wilbur and Mary Burger Brink. He owned and operated along with his grandmother Marguerite, Brink Sanitation for many years. For the last 12 years he worked at the Pleasant Valley transfer station as well as plowing snow and running the brush mower. Bill joined the Salt Point Fire Co. in 1971. He served as Lieutenant, Captain, Safety Officer Trustee, Vice President from 2005-2013 and Salt Point Fire Chief in 1988 and 1989. He received the Firefighter of the Year Award in 1980 and became a life member in 1991. And in 2006 he received the Barbara Bathrick Award for dedication of service to Salt Point Fire Co. Visitation was on Friday, March 11 at Allen Funeral Home, 1605 Main St., Pleasant Valley. A funeral service was held during the visitation. Interment will be in Union Cemetery, East Park. Memorial donations in Bill’s memory may be made to Salt Point Fire Co., P.O. Box 152, Salt Point, NY 12578.

Virginia (Ginny) Haviland

AMENIA – Virginia (Ginny) Haviland, 79, a resident of Amenia, NY formerly of Vista, NY passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at her home in Amenia surrounded by her loving family. Born on March 20, 1942 in White Plains, NY, she was the daughter of the late Norman and Elizabeth (Wright) Gill. On September 7, 1965 in Stamford, CT, she married Raymond L. Haviland, Sr. who survives at home. In addition to her loving husband, Mrs. Haviland is survived by a son, Raymond L. Haviland, Jr. and his wife, Lynda Doyle, of Amenia and a daughter, Jeanette Haviland and her companion, Billy Fortis, of Fishkill, NY. She is also survived by a brother, Richard Gill and his wife, Judy, of Sherman, CT; a brother-in-law, Ron Haviland and his wife Jackie of West Brookfield, MA; three grandchildren, Carol Haviland and her fiancé, Cristion Agustin, Michelle Haviland and Peter Reagan; and one great-grandson, Thiago Agustin. She was preceded in death by her son, Norman Alfred Haviland, a sister, Janet Gill Rogers and Janet’s husband, Eddie. A memorial service will be announced at a

later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice, 374 Violet Ave, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Jane S. Coutts

STAATSBURG – Jane Sullivan Coutts, 63, a local resident for over forty years, died on March 5, 2022, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie with her family by her side. Born May 7, 1958, in Summit, NJ, she was the daughter of James M. and Mary E. Zuckerman Sullivan. A 1980 graduate of Penn State with a bachelor’s degree in Health and Physical Education, Jane was a Varsity Letter Holder in Women’s Lacrosse and a member of the Penn State Sailing Club. She was a proud member of the Penn State Varsity ‘S’ Club. A strong Christian faith was important to Jane, and she was an active member of the United Methodist Church of Hyde Park and of the Mid-Hudson Tres Dias and Vida Nueva movements. Jane began her career as a Phys Ed Teacher in the Spackenkill School District, where she also coached the field hockey team. She later worked for a year or two at Hyde Park Elementary. While teaching ended with the start of her family, she did serve both as an Assistant Coach and Coach of the Vassar Women’s Lacrosse Team. Once her family was older, she returned to coaching, spending eight years as the Field Hockey coach at F. D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park. She retired early due to her cancer diagnosis. On August 16, 1980, in St. Veronica’s Church, Greentown, PA, she married David H. Coutts. Her husband survives at home. In addition to her husband, survivors include her two daughters, Pamela G. Gihring and husband, Brandon, of Huntersville, NC, and Patricia L. Coutts of Royal Oak, MI; son, Peter J. Coutts, of Altoona, PA; and two grandchildren, Ace and Abbie Gihring. She is also survived by three siblings, John Sullivan and wife, Jane, of Wycoff, NJ, Patti Haigh and husband, Bob, of Ocean City, NJ, and Paul Sullivan and wife, Marie, of Burke, VA; and nine nieces and nephews. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held at the United Methodist Church of Hyde Park on March 26, 2022. A time of fellowship for family and friends followed in the Fellowship Hall. Jane’s family respectfully requests memorial donations to The United Methodist Church of Hyde Park, 1 Church Street, Hyde Park, NY 12538 (www.umchp.com). The family is also planning to announce, at a later date, a memorial scholarship fund for a student athlete with cancer or another chronic illness in the immediate family. Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet’s Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit Jane’s obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

John Dahlin, Sr.

BEEKMAN – John Henry Dahlin, Sr. “Johnny D,” 78, father to Kenny and John Jr., grandfather to Tyler and Claire, son of Henry and Katherine, brother to Linda and Steve, uncle and friend to many, passed on March 3, 2022. A lifelong area resident, and graduate of Wappingers Senior High School, Johnny was a self-employed auto mechanic and inventor, running Johnny D’s Automotive, and was known locally as one of the finest wrenches around for the better part of 40 years. Blessed

with an inquisitive and imaginative mind, Johnny used his talents to provide quality and affordable service to his customers while always greeting them with a friendly smile. A lifelong motorcycle rider and enthusiast, Johnny was an avid motorcycle flat track racing fan, and braved the cold and snow each March through the 70s and 80s riding his 1967 Electra Glide Harley Davidson to Daytona Beach, Florida to attend the races during Bike Week. This love of racing was passed on to his sons, especially his eldest Kenny who has been racing for almost 50 years. During the 1990s and 2000s, Johnny developed an outboard bearing clutch support system (Whisper Shift) to fit Harley Davidson motorcycles which was later patented. His later years have been spent making new friends, while enjoying his old ones, holding court with a hot cup of coffee and breakfast sandwich, always eager to talk and laugh, enjoying the simple pleasures of his family, his friends, a good dog, the Yankees, hot coffee, a cold beer, sunshine and good food. To all who were friends with Dad and helped Dad, we thank you and are eternally grateful. A celebration of life will be held at a future date at which time all those who wish to attend will be notified. Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association in Dad’s honor. Please visit John’s Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Norman Howard Heftye

DOVER PLAINS – Norman Howard Heftye, 95, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, NY, passed away on Monday, March 7, 2022 at Putnam Ridge in Brewster, NY. Mr. Heftye was a lithographer and member of the Amalgamated Lithographers Union: Local One-L in New York, NY. He worked at St. Johns Associates in New York City. Born on April 15, 1926 in Lynn, MA he was the son of the late Ole an Eldora (Pinkham) Heftye. Mr. Heftye proudly served in the US Air Force during World War II. On January 7, 1950 in the Bronx he married Carmela Rotolo who survives at home. In addition to his loving wife, Mr. Heftye is survived by three daughters, Deborah Cooperman and her husband, Michael, of Riverdale, NY, Mary Ann Bannon and husband, Douglas, of Bronx, NY and Jeannette Bonanno of Brewster, NY. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Arthur Cooperman, Vincent Luke Bonanno and Jenna Rosina Bonanno and her husband, Kevin Turnyanszki. Calling hours were held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. Funeral services took place on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the funeral home. Entombment followed at Rose Hills Memorial Park, 101 Mill St., Putnam Valley, NY. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Thomas Hoffa

MILLBROOK – Thomas William Hoffa passed away peacefully in his home in Millbrook, NY on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the age of 78. He was born to the late Benedict Hoffa and Victoria Swiantek Hoffa, in White Plains, NY in 1943. He attended the public schools of Westchester County where he was an avid baseball player in his youth. Thomas was a Marine Corps combat veteran of the Vietnam War and was wounded during the battle, Operation Harvest Moon. He enlisted in 1963. He served as a 0351 with the 5th Marine Regiment as well as L 3/3. After the Marines, Thomas worked as a printing press operator in Mamaroneck, NY. He also matriculated at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY where he studied accounting. Thomas married Andrea Gray on February 5, 1977. They moved, with their two young children, Kimberly and Keith, from New Rochelle, NY to Millbrook, NY in 1983. Thomas was a valued employee at Collins Brothers Moving, Corp., based in Larchmont, NY. “Big Tom”, as he was affectionately referred to by his coworkers at Collins, started out as a long-haul owner-operated and eventually become a warehouse manager, a position he held until his retirement. In his spare time, Thomas enjoyed outdoor activities including fishing, camping, and canoeing. One of his favorite places to explore and unwind was the Adirondack Mountains. He also enjoyed making intricate models of trains, boats, houses, and airplanes. He was a skilled and knowledgeable woodworker and antique furniture refinisher. He loved spending time with his family and especially with his three grandchildren. Thomas, in his dress blues, is looking over the following: Andrea Hoffa; his daughter, Kimberly Hoffa, and her son, his grandson, Joseph Hunter; his son,

Keith Hoffa, and Keith’s wife, Lisa, and, their twins, his grandchildren, Nathan and Brielle; his sister, Janet Tuerff; his brother Lawrence Hoffa; his sister Kathryn Zeiger; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sisters Barbara Torlish and Marsha Brown. Visitation was on Tuesday, March 8 at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 9 from the funeral home. Interment followed in Clove Valley Cemetery with military honors. For condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Helen Loveland

CLINTON – Helen C. Loveland, 83, of Clinton NY passed away on March 6, 2022 following a long illness. Born September 22, 1938 to Joseph and Idella DeShayes of Camden NJ, her childhood escapades often involved her older brother Joe and younger sister Dorothy (Dot). She met and married Thomas Loveland Jr, also of Camden NJ in 1958 and began an extraordinary life together, raising 5 children; Tom, Tim, Dan, Dennis, and Diana (Merkel). Helen and Tom’s adventures together took them to live in several places in the US as well as a few years spent in Yokohama Japan, but the house in Clinton was the place they called home. Despite growing up a city kid, Helen loved the country life and she could often be found tending to her vegetable gardens, flowers and even helping raise chickens on a neighbor’s farm. The years spent in Yokohama provided opportunity to travel to exotic destinations in Asia, Africa, Europe and Australia. The influence of these experiences was evident in the art and décor of her home. Wherever she went, she made an abundance of dear friends. Whether you knew Helen as a wife, mom, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmom, or friend, you always knew she cared deeply about you. She crocheted blankets, some in school colors, for her kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews, and her handmade Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls are still entertaining new generations 30 years later. Helen is survived by her sister Dorothy, her five children and their spouses, and a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, all of whom know their world lost a bit of joy with Helen’s passing. Calling hours were held at Sweet’s Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. A funeral service took place at the funeral home, and burial followed in the family plot at Pleasant Plains Cemetery. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Anthony Principe

STORMVILLE – Anthony Joseph Principe, 81, an area resident for over 40 years, passed on March 9, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center with his wife and two daughters at his bedside. Born in the Bronx on November 11, 1940, Tony was the son of the late Anthony and Julia (Alousia) Principe. Along with his wife Stephanie, he had been the proud owner of the Pastry Garden Bakery since 1984. An avid fan of movies, and lover of all animals, Tony was also a proud member of the Republican Party. He also enjoyed traveling and going out to dinner. He will be remembered by all who knew him as an honest and truthful man, with a big heart. He and his wife shared their home with many cats over the years. Most of all, his family came first and he cherished the time he spent with all of them. In 1986 in Beacon, Tony married Stephanie (Procopis) Principe who survives at home. He is also survived by his daughters, Lisa Laverty and her husband Gary of Newburgh and Lynn Vogel of Myrtle Beach, SC; his grandchildren, Kylian Kemmerer, Juliet Kemmerer, Sarah Guarino, and Melissa Guarino; his son-in-law, Vinny Guarino; Tony’s brother, Louis Principe and his wife Jane, daughter Jennifer sister-in-law, Ann Principe and children Joann, Debbie, and Steven, sisters-in-law Phyllis Procopis, and Mary, husband Steve Bremer, Greg and Andrea Procopis; and nephews, Joseph Zoccali, Jacob Procopis, and Jordan Procopis, mother-in-law Grace Procopis, wife of the late Coz Procopis, their son Michael, along with his children Mikey and Diana Procopis. In addition to his parents, Tony was also predeceased by his first wife, Diann Sandford in 2019 and his oldest daughter, Lori Guarino in 2010. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A funeral service was offered at the funeral home followed by burial at Clove Cemetery. Donations may be made in Tony’s memory to Dutchess County SPCA. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.



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Index No. 2020-52502 Date Filed: 2/2/2022 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial Designation of Venue is based upon the situs of the Subject Property Subject Property: 9 Greenbush Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, Plaintiff,

-against- Ronald Eutsey a/k/a Ronald V. Eutsey, if he be living or dead, his spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; Karen Eutsey a/k/a Karen A. Eutsey "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, State of New York; Defendants. To THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until sixty (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY

Please take note that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition: 165 Rossway Road, Pleasant Valley Appeal# 1053 Grid# 6563-01-104616 Area Variance Request: The applicant is seeking an area variance to erect garage 18' in front of the principle structure. SAID Meeting will take place on March 23, 2022 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y., and begins at 7:00 p.m.

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answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Hal B. Greenwald, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Dutchess County, dated Feb. 10, 2022 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office. THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Public Records of the County of Dutchess on Dec. 5, 2005 at Document Number 01 2005 23608, covering premises known as 9 Greenbush Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 a/k/a Section 6163, Block 4, Lot 504451.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FLING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: September 21, 2021 Rochester, NY LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 Telephone: (585) 247-9000 File No. 20-087516 #99185

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF SALE

UNDER SECTION 182 OF THE NY STATE LIEN LAW NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNIT, WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE OR AUCTION AT: A SPACE TO PLACE STORAGE – OWNED BY DBVAN PROPERTIES NORTH, LLC 4 MARSHALL ROAD - WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY 12590 DATE: MARCH 22, 2022 - TIME: 11:00 AM THE SALE OF SUCH PROPERTY IS TO SATISFY THE LIEN OF A SPACE TO PLACE STORAGE ON PROPERTY FOR THE ACCOUNT OF: UNITS 1070,1097,1112, 2296,1110, 2167,1079, 2253,1334, 2019,1306,1074, 1071, 1078, 2197,1010,1027, 2112, 2011,1069,1014, 2192,1111

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-14-22 Hardware Supplies Bids will be received until

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2:00 p.m. on the 29th day of March 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-18-22 Purchase of Rotary Plow at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 6th day of April 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken upon the following proposition to appropriate the funds necessary to meet the estimated expenditures of the Howland Public Library for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be held at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York, on April 28, 2022, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.: Proposition #1 "Shall the sum of \$1,282,445.00 be appropriated for the annual support of the Howland Public Library for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and shall the Beacon City School District be authorized to levy the taxes necessary to raise such amount?" NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at the same time and place, a vote to elect one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of five (5) years, and one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of four (4) years will also occur. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee of the Howland Public Library must be filed with the Library Election Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2022. Each petition must be directed to the Library Election Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the Howland Public Library District, must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the Library weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Board of Registration will meet on April 13, 2022, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of such Library District at the offices of the Howland Public Library, 313 Main

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Street, Beacon, New York. Anyone not presently registered will be registered in accordance with Section 2014 of the Education Law. Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared. Voters registered for general elections under Article 5 of the Election Law are eligible to vote at the April 28, 2022, budget vote and election without further registration. Voters who have been previously registered for any annual or special meeting or election and who have voted at any such annual or special meeting or election held or conducted during the last four calendar years preceding 2021 are eligible to vote at the April 28, 2022, budget vote and election without further registration. The register prepared will be filed in the office of the Library and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the Library District between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the election. The register will also be available for inspection on the day of the election at the polling place.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Library office. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, seven (7) days before the annual library budget vote and election. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, one day before the annual library budget vote and election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be

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available for inspection weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, at the Library office on each of the five (5) days before the annual district vote and election.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Howland Public Library Julie Beyer Library Election Clerk

Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals, Dutchess County, on Tuesday the 22nd day of March, 2022 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard at the Town of East Fishkill, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, the Town of East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct Public Hearings on the following applications.

1. Anthony Ferrante, 61 Rainbow Crest, Hopewell Junction, is requesting a 33' rear line variance for an existing dwelling and a proposed 20'X16' (320 sf) addition, pursuant to the Schedule of Bulk Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance. 2. Jeffery Argow, 3 Brusk Dr. Hopewell Junction, is requesting a 17' side line variance to allow a proposed 25'X30' (750 sf) detached garage, pursuant to the Schedule of Bulk Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance. 3. Anthony Smith, 241 Leetown Rd. Stormville, is requesting variance to allow an existing 18'x14' (252 sf) shed to be located in the front yard, pursuant to Section 194-90 of the Zoning Ordinance. Norma Drummond Chairperson East Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

RFB-DCH-2022-11 DUTCHESS COUNTY URBAN TRAIL - PHASE 1 Project Description: This project involves the construction of a shared use and split use trail in the Town and City of Poughkeepsie. This project includes construction of a

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bridge over Fulton Street, installation of retaining walls, railings, drainage structures, grading and paving, establishing trail heads, etc. Beginning: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 8:00 AM: Bid Documents may be obtained in person or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Business Office, 1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents are available on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Contact Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail Address. All Addendums will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct site. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 will be required for each set of Bid Documents, in the form of cash or check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102. (The refund must be requested in writing). Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, 1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. On or before Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 2:00pm, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid

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due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 316 749 776#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check or official bank check) or a letter of credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. The successful bidder's security will be retained until he has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and furnished the required 100% Labor and Material Payment Bond, 100% Performance Bond and acceptable insurance documentation. Each bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening. Questions will be accepted by March 31, 2022 at 4:00pm and shall be emailed to Diane McKenna dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov. The anticipated start of construction is May 16, 2022, the anticipated substantial completion date is June 30, 2023, and the anticipated completion date of construction including all punch list work is July 21, 2023. Failure to meet these dates will result in liquidated damages and engineering charges in accordance with the NYS-DOT specifications January 1, 2022. This project is subject to New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC # 2022002482. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in Bids and in bidding and to reject any or all Bids. "Bidders shall promptly notify the County of any errors, omissions, conflicts, and/or ambiguity that they identify in the contract documents by emailing dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov."

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