

Incumbents re-elected to village seats

Red Hook gains 1 new trustee

Compiled By Kate Goldsmith

RED HOOK

In a five-way race to fill two seats on the Village Board of Trustees, incumbent Trustee Melkorka I. Kjarval won another term, and Frances Uku was elected to fill the other seat. Kjarval received 182 votes and Uku received 149.

Camille M. Norvell received 35 votes; Savannah Lucas Sanchez received 73 votes; and Jason Baker received 103 votes.

“It was very exciting to see such a tremendous turnout for a Village election; and I am honored to have been elected for a second term,” said Kjarval. “I was very moved that the work and goals I had the opportunity to share during the race resonated with voters. I am so grateful to the wonderful people that supported me during my candidacy; and am looking forward to serving alongside Frances Uku - who I believe will be a great addition to the board!”

Kjarval added: “Looking forward, I am excited to dig back into some of the projects we have already started, such as finalizing the Northern Gateway Zoning law, undergoing a Village Website redesign, overseeing the Indigenous History project, working towards a NY Forward grant application and continuing on pedestrian safety initiatives.”

Uku said, “I’m grateful to have witnessed my neighbors make this historic moment for Red Hook Village. What a turnout! My thanks to everyone who did the literal leg-work of leaving home in this exercise of civic power. As Americans, we are so privileged to have the right to vote. Thank you for trusting me with yours.”

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Essential plans in place for Rte. 9 sewer line in Hyde Park

By Curtis Schmidt

The Town of Hyde Park is closer than it ever has been to having a central sewer system on Route 9 to benefit businesses, residents and future growth.

Town Supervisor Al Torreggiani noted in an interview last week that while actual construction may not start for another year or more, the essential pieces and plans are in place for the long-awaited project.

“We need to put together the finalized drawings, financing and negotiated costs,” said Torreggiani. “And then Town Hall meetings will occur this year to answer all questions before final acceptance.”

He added, “This was one of our administration’s campaign promises - to construct a sewer system along the Route 9 business corridor.”

The main piece of the project – a fully functional wastewater treatment plant with plenty of additional capacity – has already been constructed and is waiting to tie in to sewer lines from the Town.

The plant is courtesy of Trex Hyde Park, developer of The Inn at Historic Bellefield, located across Rt. 9 from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). Trex Hyde Park has also contributed of \$1,250,000 toward the Town project, according to Torreggiani.



The wastewater treatment plant near the Inn at Historic Bellefield on Route 9 is fully functional and lines are planned to tie into sewer lines from the Town of Hyde Park near St. Andrews Road. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Bellefield’s President of Land Development Larry Boudreau said the plant, located on the Bellefield property, currently processes about 10,000 gallons of wastewater daily (GPD), but has the capacity to handle up to 114,000 GPD in Phase 1 and up to of 342,000 GPD with future phases 2 and 3.

Torreggiani said the developer (Trex

Hyde Park) is bringing the line from the wastewater plant up to St. Andrews Road for the project and the Town administration is using that as a tie-in point to their system, saving \$ 4,000,000 in piping costs. The new lines will run from Pinewoods Road down to the St. Andrews Road tie-in point.

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Poughkeepsie Children’s Book Festival set March 29 at Dutchess Community College



The Poughkeepsie Public Library’s Children’s Book Festival, scheduled for Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside Falcon Hall at Dutchess Community College, will have more than 100 authors and illustrators of children’s and young adult books. Readers can find books of all types: storybooks, chapter books, picture books, and graphic novels, both fiction and non-fiction.

There will be opportunities to buy new books and get autographs, meet

The Poughkeepsie Children’s Book Festival, set March 29 at Dutchess Community College, is an opportunity for children to find a deeper connection with books. *Courtesy photo*

book characters, and play with The Art Effect, an organization that helps young people channel their creativity. Attendees can also do some exploring with the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum, an organization that strives to empower children through science, art, and early STEM. Additionally, thanks to the Friends of Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD), the Children’s Book Festival visitors aged 17 or younger will receive one free book voucher valued at \$15 (some restrictions may apply).

This book festival, organized by the PPLD, is an opportunity for children to find a deeper connection with books, and for the authors to

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Municipal Investment Grant Program opens with focus on seniors

Applications accepted online through May 15

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino announced today the County's Department of Planning & Development has opened the application process for the 2025 Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) program, with approximately \$500,000 available through a competitive grant process to municipalities and non-profit organizations with a 501(c)(3) designation that currently or plan to operate a municipal or County-run senior center or senior friendship center within Dutchess County. In order to be eligible to apply, applicants must own or have a long-term lease (20+ years) for the facility that currently operates or will operate a senior center or senior friendship center at a minimum of 18 hours per week.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "Dutchess County's seniors have spent their lives strengthening our community, and we owe it to them to ensure they have safe, comfortable places to gather, stay engaged, and build connections. Senior centers are more than just a place to go — they're a lifeline for older adults — offering social opportunities, support and programs that enhance their quality of life. By investing in these spaces, we're not only improving buildings, but making sure they have the resources they need to continue thriving. I encourage municipalities and organizations to apply so we can strengthen these vital centers."

Serino and the Dutchess County Legislature dedicated specific funding in the 2025 County Budget for capital

infrastructure improvements and enhancements to senior centers and senior friendship centers throughout Dutchess County. Projects should help create, maintain or improve an organization's asset, such as the construction of a new facility or renovation, replacement or expansion of an existing facility.

Examples of eligible expenses include roof, windows and/or doors replacement; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) improvements or replacement; as well as plumbing, electrical and/or security upgrades; and furniture, fixtures, appliances, equipment and/or supplies that will be used for senior programming at the center. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to promote accessibility and communication to ensure that individuals with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in a specific activity are also eligible.

Majority Leader Deirdre Houston said, "I'm proud to have initiated this grant program that enhances senior centers, ensuring our older adults have the resources and support they deserve."

The County's Community Development Advisory Committee and the Department of Planning & Development's staff will review all MIG applications and send their recommendations to the County Executive for final approval.

Additional information, application instructions and guidance about the 2025 MIG Program is available online. Applications will be accepted via an online portal through May 15 at 3 p.m.; awards will be announced in summer 2025.

Renegades Fest set Saturday to celebrate upcoming season

By Morgan Maier

March 29 marks the final Saturday before Hudson Valley baseball season, and fans are invited to celebrate the upcoming High-A Hudson Valley season with the expanded Renegades Fest.

The Renegades Fest kicks off at the Renegades' home, Heritage Financial Park, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is free to attend for all fans, families and friends.

This year's Renegades Fest will feature the Sports Card and Memorabilia Show. Whether you are drawn to rare player cards, vintage equipment or apparel, vendors will be showing off their

exclusive and rare collections in the WMCHHealth Lounge. Food and drink will be available to purchase, as well as giveaways to receive Renegades gear and tickets.

Kids can enjoy touch-a-truck, inflatables, and as always, an autograph straight from mascots Rascal and Rosie. Much more is in store for the 2025 Renegades Fest; you just have to come see for yourself.

The Renegades kick the season off on April 4 with a homestand against the Jersey Shore Blue Claws. With 66 home games in a season, the Hudson Valley crowd has plenty of opportunity to support the Yankees through September.

Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival set March 29 at DCC

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The Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival will have more than 100 authors and illustrators of children's and young adult books. Courtesy photo

make a personal connection with their readers.

"The Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival is one of my favorites. I love meeting all the kids who come through and talking with their parents and educators," said Karen Ruelle, author of "Jump for Joy."

"I'm really looking forward to chatting with readers at the Poughkeepsie Children's Book Fest," said Nancy Castaldo, author of "Riverkeeper: Protecting an American River" and "Whales In the City." "It's one of my favorite festivals because the young readers there are always so engaged and full of excitement. Their questions and enthusiasm make the experience truly memorable, and I can't wait to reconnect with them!"

Authors are excited to be able to share their work with the book fest attendees. Alan Katz, author of "Alan Katz Presents the Funniest Joke Book Ever for Kids," shares that, "This book has hundreds of

jokes, riddles, puns, funny poems and more. I've been a comedy writer my whole career (for TV, animation, stage shows, and more) and I've written over 50 books for kids; I think this one might be one of my favorites because it allows me to show off highlights from my lifetime of laughter."

Readers can also get information on future releases as well:

"While I love my board books, 'Huggle Wuggle Bedtime Snuggle,' 'Precious Baby,' and 'God Blesses Me,' I'm so excited to announce my forthcoming picture book, 'The Mouse Buffet,' which releases in August," said author Della Ferreri. "I'm so fortunate that the talented Tim Bowers is the illustrator, and I can't wait to share this fun and lively holiday treat with children!"

For more information about this event, follow the Poughkeepsie Public Library District on Facebook and Instagram, visit the website at <https://poklib.org/bookfestival/>, or call (845) 485-3445, ext. 3707.

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"I am also excited to enter government alongside Deputy Mayor Melkorka Kjarval," said Uku. "As American citizens both born overseas, we bring the ethics of hard work, resilience, and heart. The Village was originally named Hardscrabble, after all. From Iceland and Nigeria, to our beloved chosen country - the United States of America. ... Go-getting has always been the spirit of Red Hook. It's an honor to carry on the tradition."

RHINEBECK

All three Democratic incumbents were re-elected. Mayor Gary Bassett, who ran unopposed, received 288 votes. Deputy Mayor Richard Lewit received 262 votes, and Trustee Lydia Slaby received 282 votes.

The mayor and trustees will each serve

two-year terms.

Republican Trustee candidate Derrick Sinon received 52 votes.

Village Justice William Sanchez, running unopposed, received a total of 319 votes on three ballot lines: 257 Democrat, 46 Republican and 16 Community Choice. Sanchez will serve another four-year term.

TIVOLI

One hundred voters turned out at the polls in Tivoli. Current Deputy Mayor Emily M. Majer will become Tivoli's next Mayor. Majer, who received 98 votes, ran unopposed. Current Mayor Joel Griffith chose not to seek a sixth term.

Incumbent Trustees D. William Shilling and Peter Baldino each received 92 votes.

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Repair Café returns to Hyde Park April 12

Submitted By Richard Mattocks

On Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m, the Hyde Park Repair Cafe will take place at the United Methodist Church of Hyde Park.

Hyde Park is one of several Hudson River Valley towns that periodically organize a day of fixing the broken. Don't throw it out or leave it to clutter a closet. Come get help fixing all those little things that are broken or torn or dull or squeaky.

Repair Cafes are free community events where you bring your broken but beloved items and volunteer repair coaches help you fix them. Items include lamps, vacuums, clocks, chairs, electrical items, small appliances?, digital devices?, clothing & textiles, dolls, stuffed animals, toys, tool sharpening?, jewelry and more.

More than 75 percent of items get fixed; but even when they don't, we have a good time trying!

The Repair Cafe idea was born in Amsterdam in 2009 and was brought to the Hudson River Valley by volunteer organizer John Wackman in 2013. His dedication, enthusiasm and success inspired others to launch Repair Cafe events in their communities.

If you are interested in bringing Repair Cafe to your community, we would be happy to point you in the right direction. You can also check out the Repair Cafe Foundation where it all began for resources guidelines and all the details.

Repair Cafe of the Hudson Valley & Catskills (<https://www.repaircafehv.org/about>) is a consortium of program organizers who support the work of repair in their communities. All events take place under the umbrella of a host or sponsoring organization in each town. Repair Cafe of the Hudson Valley & Catskills has no independent legal or tax status. Our fiscal sponsor is the non-profit



Happy customers show off items fixed by volunteers at a past Hyde Park Repair Cafe. The next one is set Saturday, April 12. *Courtesy photo*

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Hyde Park Town Supervisor Al Torreggiani. *Courtesy photo*

Torreggiani added, "We have spoken to the businesses regarding their buy-in to the system. We are using a direct-drill system; it bores underground, while pulling the pipe behind it. This will be in the rock areas, as well as the crossover portions to cross Route 9 to address both east and west sides."

The sewer project is mainly for the businesses and some dwellings on Farm Lane.

Currently there is no plan for a sewer

system on the 9G corridor.

In regards to benefits for businesses, Torreggiani said, "Now they will not have to be concerned about septic failure, as well as being able to do more with their properties that are restricted due to septic vs. sewer."

In addition, he said property values will be greatly increased and businesses will be able to expand, such as adding new features, which may have been prohibitive with regular septic systems.

organization Sustainable Hudson Valley.

They Hyde Park Repair Café is sponsored by the United Methodist Church and the Town of Hyde Park Climate Smart Communities Task Force. Hyde Park is a Bronze Certified Community. Over a half dozen volunteers serve the

community through education programs to save money while adopting climate friendly practices. All municipal power and the power of about 30 homes in the community is supplied through the NYSEERDA Community Solar Program.

Rhinebeck Historical Society program set March 28

The Rhinebeck Historical Society will meet on Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m., in the Local History Room at the Starr Library (entrance in the rear). Elisabeth Barnett will present "Artists Still Paint Hudson Valley Landscapes-One Artist's Perspective."

Barnett is a painter living and working in Rhinebeck. Her subjects are landscapes, and she will talk about her paint-

ings, her method and techniques, as well as their inspiration in the environment of the Hudson River Valley. To see some of her work ahead of time, visit <https://elisabethbarnett.art/>.

Starr Library is at 68 West Market St. in Rhinebeck. Contact the library at (845) 876-4030 or email Rhinebeck Historical Society President David Miller at dhmny@aol.com for more information.

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Now more than ever, Ukraine deserves our support

To the editor:

This past Saturday in Hudson, we joined two- to three hundred supporters of Ukraine in a march down Warren Street to a rally at the Columbia County Courthouse, where we heard Malcolm Nance – a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Military and National Security Experts who volunteered for and served Ukraine for a year in combat as a member of the International Legion – speak to the crowd both of his experiences there, but also of what moved him to bring his very relevant expertise to the front line of Ukraine’s defense.

Very simply, he said, the people of Ukraine with their courage, decency, desire for freedom and humanity deserve our support; they deserve the chance to determine their future and to stand with the West, and he was proud to stand with them.

We also heard the words of a young Ukrainian officer recovering from his wound, including the loss of his right leg. He thanked America for its support and echoed a Churchillian resolve that Ukrainians will continue to fight for every last bit of their motherland with sticks and stones if necessary. Malcolm Nance furthermore reminded us that we all have a role to play in supporting Ukraine and asked us to play that role each and every day.

The last four weeks have only gotten worse for Ukraine and her defenders, as this month has shown just how completely America has switched to Russia’s side in its war to erase Ukraine. In this time, we have withheld military and lifesaving aid, we have withheld intelligence and the ability to use existing weapons - all of which ensure the deaths of more Ukrainians defenders and civilians and fewer Russian casualties.

All of this is in the name of a Peace Plan designed as a means to force Ukraine into capitulation handing Putin the victory, which cannot be achieved as long as Ukraine is supported by those who share those values of courage, decency, desire for freedom and humanity. This fight remains a fight for our core national interests and for what we as a nation have stood; and it remains up to us to join it each and every day. Please do what you can. Call your representatives to let them know you support a just peace in Ukraine - not just any peace. Peace which delivers victory to Putin simply ensures a wider war not very far down the road.

Mark Lagus
Town of North East

Morton Library events

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MakerSpace

Saturdays @ 2 p.m.

MakerSpace is offering a class for neurodivergent kids and their parents/caregivers. Parents are invited to be on hand to help support their children as needed. All projects and activities will take into account the individual needs of the children. A few spaces have opened; please contact Judy at MakerSpace@morton-rhinecliff.org to register.

Sundays @ 10 a.m.

All levels welcome in peaceful Morton Hall. The classes are breath-based with an emphasis on thoughtful sequencing and alignment so that practitioners can move with stability, awareness, and grace. This is a drop-in class and all are welcome. Please bring your yoga mat, a blanket, and blocks if you like. \$12 suggested donation.

MakerSpace

Sundays @ 10 a.m.

MakerSpace will be offering a class

for 9-13 year olds. We appreciate that Sundays are often busy and filled with birthday parties and sports etc. We will not necessarily expect kids to show up consistently but will prep more open ended projects. A few spaces have opened; please contact Judy at MakerSpace@mortonrhinecliff.org to register.

Rockin’ Rooks Youth Chess at Morton
Mondays @ 5:30 p.m.

Join the award-winning Rockin’ Rooks every Monday from 5:30-7:00 with D. Suris and Cathy Young! Students in grades K - 12 are welcome to join for fun, learning, and tournament competition. To sign your child up, for more information, or to volunteer contact: D. Suris 845-416-3287 or email racer-space@hotmail.com

Rhinebeck Theatre Society presents “Emilia” by Morgan Lloyd Malcolm
March 28, 29, April 4, 5 @ 8 p.m.
March 30, April 6 @ 3 p.m.

Directed by Ellen Honig. Assistant Directed by Miranda Haydn.

In 1611, poet Emilia Bassano Lanier wrote a volume of radical, feminist and subversive poetry. It was one of the first published collections of poetry written by

a woman in England. Could she have been the ‘Dark Lady’ of Shakespeare’s Sonnets? The rest of HerStory has been erased by History... until now.

Starring: Kathy Bailey, Maggie Bogan, Sandy Colacino, Chantez Engeleit, Becca Ann Frank, Cindy Kubik, LotuZ, Ivy Malone, Maria Elena Maurin, Nadya Rockefeller, Linda Roper, Lauren Silverman, Wendy Urban-Mead, and AnnChris Warren.

Tickets: Adults \$25

Tickets and more info at RhinebeckTheatreSociety.org

Knit ’n Knatter

Wednesday, April 2 @ 3 p.m.

Come to knit, crochet, to do any needlework, or just for the confab. We will drop purl, collaborate on projects, and work on our own. We’ll meet in Morton Hall where there is plenty of room to spread out. All are welcome.

Morton Book Club: “The Betrothed” by Alessandro Manzoni

Thursday, April 17 @ 7:30 p.m.

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Millbrook Community Fridge celebrates two years of sharing and support

The Millbrook Library and Millbrook Rotary Club invite the community to a special Second Birthday Celebration for the Millbrook Community Refrigerator on Saturday, May 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Millbrook Library (3 Friendly Lane) for an afternoon filled with games, pizza, cake, face painting, and fun.

Since its launch in 2023, the Millbrook Community Fridge has provided free, fresh, and accessible food to those in need, helping to reduce food insecurity and food waste. This event is a chance to celebrate the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors and to continue supporting this vital community resource.

Community members are encouraged to bring a donation of fresh food, non-perishable items, or toiletries to help keep the fridge stocked. Donations should follow the Community Fridge Guidelines, which include:

- Fresh fruits & vegetables;

- Water, juice, and non-alcoholic drinks;
 - Ready-to-eat meals (single-serve, labeled, microwave safe);
 - Bread & baked goods;
 - Commercially packaged meals;
 - Dairy & dairy alternatives;
 - Plant-based meat alternatives;
 - Non-perishable food items (we have a pantry shelf);
 - Home-Cooked Meals (labeled).
- Please note:
- All ingredients and allergens must be labeled.
 - All items must be labeled with an expiration date.
 - No opened or partially eaten items.
 - No medicines.
 - No alcohol or illicit substances.

For more information, visit www.millbrooklibrary.org or follow on Instagram @millbrookcommunityfridge, @millbrooklibrary, and @millbrookrotaryclub

DUTCHESS COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS TO MEET APRIL 8

There will be a meeting of the Dutchess County Board of Ethics on Tuesday, April 8, starting at 11 a.m.

The public has the right to attend at the Dutchess County Department of Law, 22 Market St., 5th floor, Poughkeepsie.

Public Comments will also be accepted verbally, up to three minutes per

person, for a total of up to thirty minutes in the aggregate at the end of the meeting. Each person may only speak once up to three minutes.

This meeting of the Board of Ethics shall be for the purpose of reviewing reviewing any complaints received by the Ethics Board.

Poughkeepsie DMV to open March 29 for license transactions

Dutchess County Clerk Bradford Kendall announced that the Dutchess County Department of Motor Vehicles will open the Poughkeepsie DMV office on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., to process license and registration transactions. The office is located at 22 Market St. in Poughkeepsie.

The pending May 7 deadline for Real ID implementation has increased the volume of customers looking to upgrade their licenses to be compliant with federal law.

Customers are urged to make reser-

ervations as the queueing system prioritizes reservations. Walk-ins will be accommodated but will have a longer wait time. Go to Department of Motor Vehicles (via dutchessny.gov) to make a reservation.

To access a list of acceptable documents to obtain a Real ID, go to NYS Dept of Motor Vehicles (<https://dmv.ny.gov/driver-license/enhanced-or-real-id>).

The Poughkeepsie office will be the only Dutchess DMV location open on this day. No enforcement or permit transactions will be processed.

VILLAGE OF RHINEBECK HOLDS ANNUAL MULCH SALE

Now through July 1, the Village of Rhinebeck will sell mulch at a discounted rate of \$30/yard and \$20/yard for bulk orders of five yards or more. Additionally, the commercial client pick-up loading fee of \$150 will be waived.

The following still apply:

- Free delivery to Village residents.
- \$50 delivery fee within the Town of Rhinebeck, and \$60 delivery fee for outside of the Village/Town.

• Deliveries outside of the Town of Rhinebeck shall not exceed a maximum distance of 25 miles one-way.

• All orders must be paid for at the Village Hall, via cash or check, prior to pickup/delivery.

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Brother Ralph Douglas, surrounded by Hendrick Hudson Lodge #875 Brothers, was presented an award for 75 years of faithful service to the Lodge and the Red Hook Community on March 22. Below: Hendrick Hudson Lodge #875 Brothers, families and guests are pictured following the ceremony. *Photos by Richard Wambach*



Members of Hendrick Hudson Lodge #875 celebrated their annual awards luncheon and ceremony on Saturday, March 22. The presentation of awards was presided over by R. W. Robert L. Hogan, Jr., Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

The following Lodge Brothers and community individuals received awards:

- Brother John Douglas and Brother Richard Franklin - 15 years;
- Brother Tom Buglisi and Brother Michael Blackmar - 30 years;
- Brother Michael Spitzer - 50 years;

- Brother Russell Tompkins Jr. 55 years;
- Brother Lloyd Kellerhouse - 60 years;
- Brother Gustav Pack - 70 years;
- Brother Ralph Douglas - 75 years.

The Grand Lodge Certificate of Appreciation for Excellence in Service to the Community was awarded to Patricia Bowman from Holy Cow Ice Cream.

The Dewitt Clinton Award for outstanding community service was presented to the organization Red Hook Responds.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fish Fry Fridays with Clinton VFD

Clinton Volunteer Fire Department is holding their annual Fish Fry Fridays during Lent (through April 18) at the East Clinton Fire House. Located at 9 Fire House Lane Clinton Corners, NY Cost of the dinner is \$15 and includes fish, fries, coleslaw and dessert. Macaroni and cheese is also available. Take out only. Call 845-266-5485 for more information.

Knit a Bunny March 29

Learn how to make a soft knitted bunny from a square on Saturday, March 29, from noon to 3 p.m., at Madi's Way Schoolhouse at Ruby Hill Farm, 2325 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. This is an easy project for beginners using a simple garter stitch. Please bring your own supplies. The class is intended for ages 12 and above that have basic knitting skills. The instructor is Katherine Mustello. The cost is \$25. Registration is required at www.rubyhillfarm.com/events.

HP Visual Environment Committee to host March 30 program

The Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee (HPVEC) Education Series will present "Spotting the Spotted Lanternflies" on Sunday, March 30, at 2 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 4526 Albany Post Road (Route 9), Hyde Park. Guest speaker Jennifer Fimbel, a Certified Nosework Instructor, will share insights from a USDA-funded Virginia Tech project on using K9 teams to detect Spotted Lanternfly in local agriculture. Learn the importance of Spotted Lanternfly detection, and see demonstrations from dog-handler teams.

Attendance is free, and registration is encouraged. Email hpvecboard@gmail.com to register.

Great Whale of a Rummage Sale April 3-5 at Grace Church

Grace Church will host the Great Whale of a Weekend Rummage Sale April 3-5. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4; and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 5. Thousands of quality items will be offered at prices to sell quickly. Items will include clean clothing, children's toys, books, puzzles, games, household items, glassware, sports gear, furniture, jewelry, linens, bedding, and collectibles. All items must go. Bag sale on Sunday. Handicap accessible.

Funds raised by the rummage sale will be used to further Grace Church community outreach programs. The Grace Church Parish Hall is located at 3328 Franklin Street, Millbrook (opposite the Millbrook Bandshell). For more information call the office at (845) 677-3064 or visit the website at www.gracemillbrook.org. If you would like to donate items, please contact the church office.

Repair Cafe set April 5 in Stanford

Repair Cafe Hudson Valley will present a Repair Cafe on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Stanford Free Library, 6035 NY-82, Stanfordville. Bring your items to be fixed with the help of volunteers. Call the library at (845) 868-1341 for more information.

Blood Drive in Clinton April 5

The East Clinton Fire District will hold a Blood Drive on Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners. Schedule to donate at RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code ECFD.

Spring Easter Egg Needle Felting April 5

Come join us at Ruby Hill Farm for a fun-filled day of needle felting on Saturday, April 5, from noon to 3 p.m., at Madi's Way Schoolhouse at Ruby Hill Farm, 2325 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. Let your creativity flow as you learn how to create adorable Easter eggs using colorful wool and a felting needle. No experience neces-

sary - this event is perfect for beginners and experienced crafters alike. Meet new friends, enjoy the beautiful surroundings, and take home your own handmade Easter eggs. Each person will decorate two eggs. The class will be taught by Robin Capers. Registration is required. Cost \$35. Visit www.rubyhillfarm.com for more information.

PV Rec's Egg Hunt set April 12

Pleasant Valley Recreation will hold the annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, at Helen Aldrich Park,

27 Hibernia Road, Salt Point. Meet the Easter Bunny, fill your basket with colorful eggs, and enjoy a morning full of fun and surprises!

Here's the schedule:

11 a.m. - 1-5 Year Olds

11:45 a.m. - 6-8 Year Olds

12:30 p.m. - 9-13 Year Olds.

The event is free, but registration is required at pvrec.com.

Hyde Park Repair Café set April 12

The Hyde Park Repair Cafe is set Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The United Methodist Church, 1 Church St., Hyde Park. Bring us your beloved but broken items for free repairs and advice. For more information: www.ClimateSmartHydePark.org

Seders set April 12-13 at RJC

The Rhinebeck Jewish Center will host Community Seders on April 12-13 at the RJC, 102 Montgomery St, Rhinebeck.

Shabbat, April 12, begins at 7:15 p.m.; dinner 9:30 p.m.

Sunday April 13 8:30 p.m. Services at 8:15 p.m., with traditional Seder at 8:30 p.m.

Suggested Donation \$36 per person. Reservations required. Email RSVP@RhinebeckJewishCenter.com or call (845) 876-7666 to secure a seat at the Seder table.

Program on women innovators in farming set April 13

The Rhinebeck Garden Club and the Chancellor Livingston Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will co-sponsor a program on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m., at Rhinebeck Village Hall, 76 East Market St., 2nd floor. The presenter will be award-winning journalist Amy Wu, discussing "From Farms to Incubators: Woman Innovators Revolutionizing How Our Food is Grown" (<https://www.farmstoincubators.com/about>). Signed copies of her books will be for sale.

The public is invited. The program also will be available on Zoom. Contact bklaproth@gmail.com for the invitation link and additional meeting information.

Hyde Park VEC to sponsor 'Pollinator Paradise' April 14

The Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee (HPVEC) Education Series will sponsor "Pollinator Paradise" on Monday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m., at the Staatsburg Library, 70 Old Post Road, Staatsburg. Master Gardener Cathy Lane, Cornell Cooperative Extension will guide participants through the seasonal requirements to attract and support pollinators from early spring through the fall. Free pollinator transplants will be given to participants. Attendance is free. Registration is encouraged. Email hpvecboard@gmail.com to register.

Retired Sing Sing Superintendent to present at Hyde Park Library

Michael Capra, who was the superintendent at Sing Sing Correctional Facility for more than a decade before retiring, will discuss the groundbreaking program he co-produced while at the prison, called Voices from Within. Aimed at reducing recidivism, the program addressed gun violence head on and received nationwide

recognition. Capra will also discuss the current challenges faced by correction officers.

This free event will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, in the Hyde Park Library's annex. Registration is required - visit hydeparklibrary.org to sign up. For more information contact director@hydeparklibrary.org.

Chili Fest set April 26 at Stanford Rec Pavilion

There will be a free Community Chili Fest on Saturday, April 26, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Stanfordville Rec Pavilion. Friends, neighbors and organizations are invited to enjoy a variety of chili recipes (made by Stanford's best home chili chefs) with all the fixings, followed by ice cream. The event is sponsored by Stanford: A Caring Community.

Clinton Historical Society sets annual Spring Tag Sale

The Clinton Historical Society will hold its annual Spring Tag Sale on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. The Society will have all kinds of great items, plus their famous homemade baked goods and coffee will be available for purchase.

Proceeds from the sale go to support their mission: to preserve, educate and encourage an appreciation for the history of the Town of Clinton (founded in 1788) and its historic sites and structures with a focus on preserving and restoring the 1777 Creek Meeting House. The purpose of this

effort is to benefit town residents, visitors, and all future generations. Contact Cathy McMahon at (845) 266-0071 or cmcmahon137@optimum.net for more information.

Volunteer Orientation set April 26 at Beatrix Farrand Garden

There will be a Beatrix Farrand Garden Volunteer Orientation on Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m. Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Peacock, a member of the Board of Directors, and staff, will welcome individuals considering being a volunteer at the Beatrix Farrand Garden. The Orientation will be held at the Garden, located on the FDR National Historic Site, 4097 Albany Post Rd., in Hyde Park.

Volunteers have been helping to maintain the historic garden designed by the famed Beatrix Farrand in 1912, and restored in 1990s by the first BFG volunteers. For several years, volunteer "Greeters" have welcomed the public on the first and third Sunday afternoons for informal, and informative, visits to the Garden. This year volunteers will also begin assisting with the many concerts, garden education classes, and youth programs. Volunteers might work a few times a season or regularly, whatever fits into their schedules, and will enjoy the friendship of other volunteers and the joy of helping keep this beautiful public garden thriving. More information is available at www.beatrixfarrandgarden.org, or by emailing Volunteers@bfgahydepark.org.

Red Hook VFW Post 7765 upcoming events

The Post is at 30 Elizabeth St., Red Hook, NY 12571

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in the Canteen (Club Bar)
March 31 - Pork Loin with Mac & Cheese

Thursday, March 27
in the Canteen (Club Bar)
Trivia 7:00pm

Red Hook VFW Post 7765
in the Banquet Hall
Sunday, March 29
Pancake Breakfast Scholarship Fundraiser
Two sittings: 8am and 9:30am
Tickets: Adults \$12, Seniors & Vets \$10,
Kids \$8, Five & under FREE
Menu: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,
Sausage, Hash Browns, Coffee, Tea & Hot
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Special thanks to Red Hook High Scholl Students for promoting, setting up and serving for this special fundraiser.

Saturday, March 29
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A Musical Murder Mystery comes to Red Hook VFW 7765 Friday, April 5, at 6 p.m., in the Post Banquet Hall.

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Brush pick-up resumes April 1 in Village of Rhinebeck

The Village of Rhinebeck Highway Department will begin brush pick-up on Tuesday April 1. Pick-up will be continuous until May 15 and will switch to the summer pick-up schedule (every other Monday) from June to September.

Residents are reminded that materials collected include sand (accumulated from being spread on roads), brush, limbs (up to 4 feet in length and 8 inches in diameter) and leaves. Materials not collected include garbage, building materials,

stones, lumber and/or grass clippings.

Also, the Highway Department requests that leaves be placed into their own pile.

All material should be placed in front of the property that generated the material and should not cover any storm-water drain or impede the flow of traffic.

Contact Village Clerk Martina McClinton at mmclinton@villageofrhinebeckny.gov for more information.

Ryan: Poughkeepsie Social Security office removed from DOGE savings website

On Friday, March 21, Congressman Pat Ryan (D-District 18) issued a release stating that the Poughkeepsie Social Security Office – recently slated for temporary closure by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) – has been removed from the DOGE savings website, sparking new hope that the office, once renovations are complete, will resume providing essential services.

The announcement comes after a strong push by Ryan, and the entire Hudson Valley community, to ensure that the Poughkeepsie office reopens after renovations.

“When the Poughkeepsie Social Security Office went on the DOGE website, we didn’t throw our hands up in the air. We held speak outs. We organized rallies. We pressured our elected officials, at every level. Our entire community stood up loudly, publicly, and passionately, to fight back. This is a victory for the people over [Elon] Musk, Trump, and DOGE,” said Ryan. “But the fight to protect Social Security is far from over. Just this week, DOGE announced it was cutting vital support over the phone, and the mass firings continue. I have zero trust in Elon Musk. We need to stay vigilant, and we need to stay united in the fight for Hudson Valley families, and against anyone who would do us harm.”

“The Poughkeepsie Social Security Office is an essential resource for Dutchess County — whether it’s seniors, individuals with disabilities, survivors, or families planning for the future. While it’s encouraging to see the office removed from the DOGE website, we need full transparency and certainty for those who rely on these services,” said Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino. “I remain committed to ensuring our residents have access to the support they need, without disruption or confusion.”

“The city is pleased the Poughkeepsie Social Security Office is no longer on the DOGE closure list, thanks to the efforts of Congressman Ryan who rallied so many elected officials to address this grave concern. This is what can happen when we stand united,” said City of

Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne Flowers. “The Social Security administration must keep us apprised of the renovations taking place at its Main Street office and provide the best level of service possible for our residents in the meantime. The Poughkeepsie office is a vital component of our community and its services are essential not only to our city but the entire county. We thank Congressman Ryan for pushing for ending the uncertainty and look forward to the Social Security office being restored fully when the renovations are completed.”

“This is very good and welcome news to AFGE and the staff of the Poughkeepsie Social Security office,” said Amanda Bracco, a union representative with the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 3343. “Still, with so much uncertainty surrounding our employment and the rushed changes to the structure of our agency, we will remain vigilant and hopeful that the lease will be renewed upon completion of the renovation.”

“We are also excited to see the Poughkeepsie SSA office has renewed its lease for the next 10 years, a major win for the Hudson Valley, ensuring our residents, especially our seniors continue to have timely, easy access to the benefits they rely on,” said State Senator Robert Rolison. “It’s clear how important this office is to our community, as we’ve seen an outpouring of support to advocate for this office’s future and this resource remaining in Poughkeepsie for years to come.”

“While we are excited to hear that the Poughkeepsie Office seems to have been saved from DOGE for now, we know this fight is not over. The Social Security Administration (SSA) is limiting phone service and requiring in-person visits, while closing most of its offices and reducing personnel. These changes will discourage and make it extremely difficult for people to get their Social Security benefits,” said Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson. “It must be remembered that Social Security is not an entitlement, it is a solemn pledge by the United States to

give recipients their benefits for paying into the system their entire working lives. Rep. Ryan’s bill, the Protecting Social Security Act requiring one SSA office in every county, is needed more than ever before.”

Ryan noted he has repeatedly stood up to reductions in care for Hudson Valley seniors, vehemently fighting the closure of the Kingston Social Security Office. Following that closure, and the closure of the Newburgh SSA office, Ryan introduced the Protecting Social Security Act which, along with safeguarding seniors’ earned benefits, would make it such that every county in NY-18 have its own Social Security Office. Most recently, Ryan hosted local seniors in a Speak Out, “where they raised fears concerning the future of the Poughkeepsie Social

Security office, the mass layoffs of Social Security workers, and the increasing attacks on the program by Elon Musk and President Trump,” according to Ryan’s release.

When the “supposed ‘temporary’” closure of the Poughkeepsie office was announced, Ryan sounded the alarm warning of a more permanent reduction in care. Many seniors are unable to physically make it to further offices, and with 7 million seniors relying on Social Security for more than 90 percent of their income, this kind of obstacle can serve as a fatal roadblock to accessing benefits. Recent reporting from the Center for American Progress shows that when field offices close, the number of Social Security recipients receiving disability benefits in the area falls by 16 percent.

Ryan’s C.A.R.E.S. Van to make stops in region this week

Congressman Pat Ryan (D, NY-18) announced the schedule of events for his mobile office, the Constituent Advocacy Resources Empowerment Services (C.A.R.E.S.) Van, across the Hudson Valley this spring. Congressman Ryan’s C.A.R.E.S. Van, staffed by his team of highly-trained caseworkers, will bring direct assistance with federal agencies like the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and IRS to Hudson Valley families right in their own community.

The team will also be equipped to aid constituents hurt by cuts, closures and uncertainty due to recent federal funding changes with any questions regarding Social Security, Medicaid, and Medicare.

The C.A.R.E.S. Van has become a staple at community events and celebrations since its unveiling in June 2023, assisting constituents of NY-18 in accessing earned benefits, such as Veterans’ Affairs benefits and Social Security, federal grant funding, passports and visas, immigration and naturalization services, and resolving issues with federal agencies, such as the Internal Revenue Service.

This week’s schedule for the C.A.R.E.S. Van’s Spring events is as fol-

lows; updates will be provided via social media.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27:
10:30AM - 1:00PM

Pancakes in the Park (in partnership with Dutchess County Office for the Aging)

Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafe Road, Wappingers Falls

*As space is limited, please call Dutchess County Office for the Aging at 845-486-2555 to register.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28:
10:00AM - 1:00PM

Senior Hub (in partnership with Ulster County Office for Aging)

5 Development Court, Kingston

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2:
10:30AM - 1:00PM

Pancakes in the Park (in partnership with Dutchess County Office for the Aging)

Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Drive, Rhinebeck

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Joelianice Felicianorivera from Pleasant Valley, assigned to the 1569th Transportation Company, received a promotion February 15, 2025 to the rank of private 1st class.

Matthew Melin Alfonso from Millerton, assigned to the Company B, NY Recruiting & Retention Battalion, received a promotion February 26, 2025 to the rank of private 1st class.

Army National Guard promotions are based on a Soldier’s overall performance, demonstrated leadership abilities, professionalism and future development potential. These promotions recognize the best qualified Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

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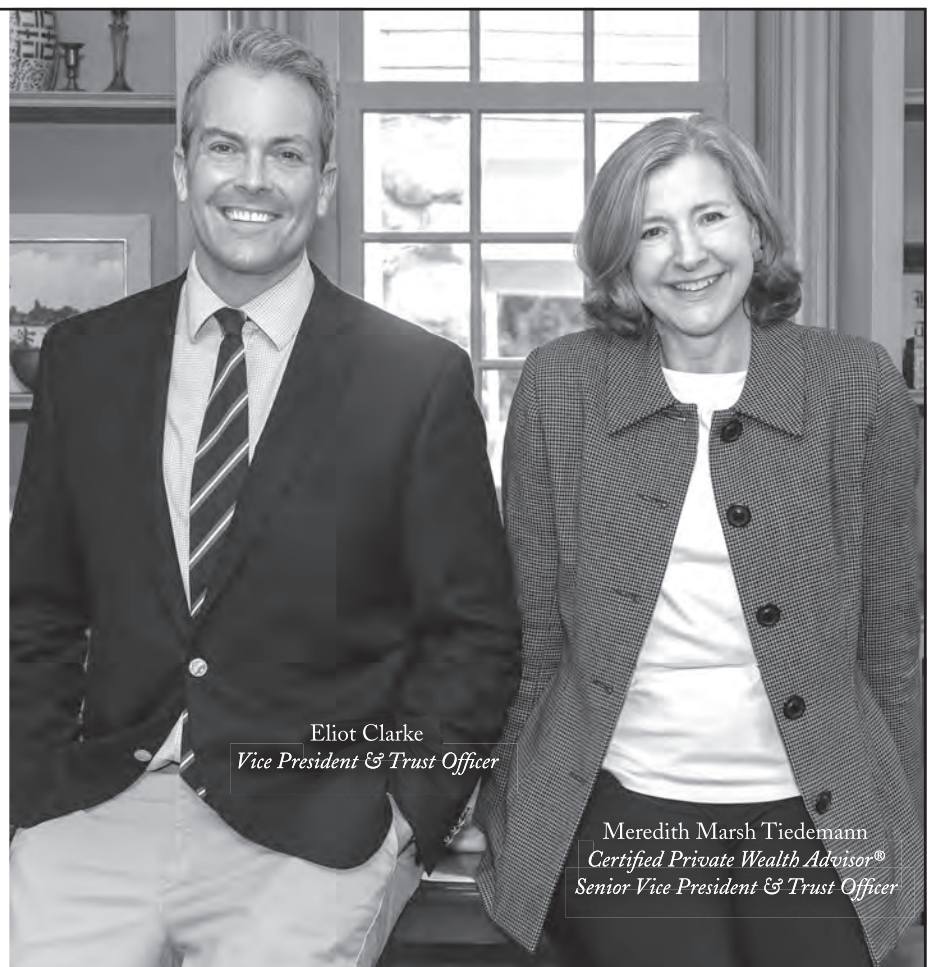


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James's Warriors marks 5-year anniversary with launch of podcast and special recording

James's Warriors, a non-profit organization dedicated to mental health advocacy and suicide prevention, is celebrating its five-year anniversary with a new initiative: the launch of the "No One Walks Alone" podcast, having real, honest, conversations about mental health. The milestone anniversary will be marked with a special 5th anniversary recording, reinforcing the organization's commitment to education, awareness, and reducing the stigma surrounding mental health.

Founded in 2018 by Donna Thomas following the tragic loss of her son, James, James's Warriors has been a beacon of hope for individuals and families affected by suicide. Over the past five years, the organization has provided vital resources and support to those in need. Working alongside a clinical psychologist, the James's Warriors team equips students, parents, educators, and community leaders with the knowledge to recognize signs of depression, self-harm, and suicidal ideation in themselves and others.

"Our mission has always been to have open and thoughtful discussions about mental health, to change the way people perceive these struggles and reduce the stigma surrounding mental health and suicide," said Thomas. "Through education, awareness, and this openness and honesty we see a difference being made in students' lives across the Hudson Valley. The launch of our podcast and

special anniversary episode is an important step in reaching even more people with our message and normalizing reaching out for help in difficult times."

The "No One Walks Alone" podcast serves as a platform for open discussions on mental health and with each episode, James's Warriors aims to create a space where listeners can find guidance and the reassurance that they are not alone. The 5th Anniversary episode will cover the James's Warriors' journey and how they got to the powerful advocacy organization they are today and will air on March 23, 2025 via its website, JamesWarriors.org.

In addition to the podcast, James's Warriors hosts speaking engagements, visiting Hudson Valley and Capitol Region schools and community groups, sharing James's story, tips to spot signs of struggle and "coping kits" to distract from voices that might call one to self-harm. Throughout the year, James's Warriors fundraises through events to make its advocacy possible. Upcoming events include a day at the 1863 Club at the Saratoga Race Course in July and the "No One Rocks Alone" music festival in October.

Tune into James's Warriors "No One Walks Alone" podcast on Sundays at www.jameswarriors.org. Follow the group on Facebook and Instagram at JamesWarriors to find out when new



Above: James's Warriors is a non-profit organization dedicated to mental health advocacy and suicide prevention. Right: It was founded in 2018 by Donna Thomas following the tragic loss of her son, James. Courtesy image and photo



episodes are released.

To inquire about James's Warriors speaking engagements and events, please email info@jameswarriors.org or fill out the contact form on the website, www.jameswarriors.org.

Timbrouck joins Ulster Savings as AVP, Commercial Relationship Officer



Clarissa Timbrouck

Ulster Savings Bank has announced that Clarissa Timbrouck has joined them as AVP, Commercial Relationship Officer.

In her new position, Ms. Timbrouck will be responsible for building and maintaining close relationships with new and existing clients during commercial transactions and offering solutions to assist them in reaching their financial goals. She will be primarily out in the community, creating new connections with

clients and other professional partners.

"Clarissa is a great addition to the Ulster Savings Bank family," said Ulster Savings Bank SVP/Business Development Officer MaryRose Warcholak. "Her leadership and dedication, along with her exceptional customer service skills, make her the ideal choice for this position," she added.


A Kingston resident, Clarissa brings over 12 years of retail and lending banking expertise in the local market. She

holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Pace University and was an honoree in Hudson Valley's Top 40 Under 40 Mover & Shaker Awards from the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. She is involved in the community and currently serves on the boards of the YMCA of Ulster County, the YWCA of Ulster County, Hudson Valley Patterns for Progress, and the Midtown Business Foundation.

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Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley SAR Chapter presents Eagle Scout award, installs new officers



The Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) held their Spring Meeting at Coppola's Bistro in Hyde Park.

During the meeting, SAR Chapter President Timothy Middlebrook presented the SAR Eagle Scout Award to Noah White, Eagle Scout BSA Troop 37 of Hyde Park. White was presented with a chapter check for \$100 and as winner at the State level, a check for \$300.

The annual installation of Chapter officers included the following: Richard L. Wambach, Treasurer, Donald H. Coons, Jr., Secretary, John Carpenter, Vice President and Timothy S. Middlebrook, President. Paul R. Haynes, Esq., past Vice-president conducted the swearing-in ceremony.

The event also featured a presentation by the Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard. Members provided information about their organization and demonstrated two services they conduct for those in the nursing field who are at end of life or recently passed away. For more information or to request a Tribute, please email, text or call: hvnurses-honorguard@gmail.com, Brenda Taylor 914-213-4427 or Mary Bettens 845-417-3429. Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard, Inc. 181 St. Elmo Rd., Walkkill, NY 12589.

The Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter of the SAR was first established in 1971 and covered Columbia County. Today the Chapter covers Columbia, Greene, Dutchess and Ulster Counties.

The SAR is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit, United States 501(c)3, corporation that seeks to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, an appreciation for true patriotism, a respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship and the unifying force of e pluribus unum that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.

SAR accomplishes its goals by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions.

Top: The Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard provided information about their organization and demonstrated two services they conduct for those in the nursing field who are at end of life or recently passed away. Center: New officers of the Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter of SAR include, from left, Richard L. Wambach, Treasurer; Donald H. Coons, Jr., Secretary; John Carpenter, Vice President; and Timothy S. Middlebrook, President. Paul R. Haynes, Esq., past Vice-president, conducted the swearing-in ceremony. Left: SAR Chapter President Timothy Middlebrook presents the Eagle Scout Award to Noah White, Eagle Scout BSA Troop 37 of Hyde Park. White was presented with a chapter check for \$100 and as winner at the State level, a check for \$300. *Courtesy photos*

RHINEBECK VILLAGE TO HOST ONLINE INFO SESSION ON COMPOST PROGRAM

Village of Rhinebeck residents who would like to learn about the new municipal composting program are invited to an online information session via Zoom on Thursday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. Join Village Trustee Vanessa Bertozzi for an introduction to how this free program works. Some current participants will relate their experiences.

RSVP for the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84544242424>

The meeting will cover: why composting is important; how to register; how to collect your food scraps; and how to drop off.

There will be a Q&A afterward.

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ND Symphony to showcase theater organ, Keaton silent film in April 5 performance

Travel back in time with Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra (NDSO) for a special screening of a classic silent film, accompanied by a full orchestra and a theater organ provided by the New York Theatre Organ Society and played by guest artist Carl Hackert. The performance will also feature "Once Upon a Castle," a powerful organ concerto by Grammy-winning composer Michael Daugherty.

"An Organ in the House" takes place on Saturday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the Marriott Pavilion at The Culinary Institute of America, located at 1946 Campus Drive, Hyde Park. A pre-concert talk at 6:45 p.m. will include Hackert demonstrating the inner workings of the organ and discussing the history of silent films and the improvisation used to accompany them.

The evening's featured silent film is Buster Keaton's comedic masterpiece, "One Week." In this beloved 1920 classic, Keaton – a legendary actor, comedian and stunt performer – stars as a newlywed attempting to build a do-it-yourself house from a prefabricated kit, only to find that sabotage has left the pieces hilariously out of order.

The music was composed in 2011 by Ben Model for a small theater orchestra to which the organ will ad lib silent film scoring effects while bolstering the orchestration.

Before CGI and stunt doubles, there was Buster Keaton

Filled with Keaton's signature stunts and deadpan humor, "One Week" is a brilliant showcase of his physical comedy and cinematic innovation. Keaton wasn't just a comedy legend, he was the original

action star: a fearless stunt performer who did all his own stunts, often risking life and limb for the perfect shot. His physical comedy and deadpan expression made him one of the greatest silent film stars of all time. His influence can still be seen today in movies like "Mission: Impossible" and Jackie Chan movies.

The second half of the concert will feature Michael Daugherty's "Once Upon a Castle," a concerto for organ and orchestra inspired by Hearst Castle and the Golden Age of Hollywood. Guest organist Carl Hackert has spoken with Daugherty about the piece and explains that "Once Upon a Castle" is a highly challenging piece that demands precise conducting and expert musicianship. It vividly paints a musical tour of Hearst Castle, from its grand pools to the mythical Xanadu, using diverse styles, rich orchestration, and beautiful melodies.

Hackert is a Crane School of Music graduate and retired Allen Organ Company dealer. With more than 50 years of experience, he has played organ, piano, celesta, and harpsichord with the Albany, Schenectady, and Glens Falls symphonies, as well as the Hudson Valley Philharmonic. As a theater organist, he performs concerts and accompanies silent films at Proctors Theatre in Schenectady and has played at many regional venues including the Bardavon Opera House, Capitol Theatre, and the Stissing Center.

Tickets for NDSO concerts are \$38 for adults, \$30 for seniors and \$10 for students. A family package for one adult and two students is \$40. For more details about the concert and to purchase tickets, visit www.ndsorchestra.org or call (845) 635-0877.



The April 5 performance by the Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra will feature guest artist Carl Hackert, who will perform on an organ provided by the New York Theater Organ Society. *Courtesy photo*

Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra was formed in 2006 to bring live orchestral music to northern Dutchess County and the surrounding Hudson Valley area. Now in its nineteenth season, the orchestra offers the

best possible live performances of classical music at family-affordable prices. Since the beginning, the orchestra has been under the dedicated leadership of Kathleen Beckmann, who serves as both conductor and artistic director.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



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Gifts from the sea

Fresh tuna steak gets an Asian twist.

I don't know anyone who has a seafood-rich diet, myself included, and that's something we should all work on. True, not everyone loves it, but we all know it's good for us: high in protein, nutrient-dense, low in saturated fat and high in omega-3 fatty acids, which are so essential to good health. So why don't we eat more?

One reason could be that we don't live by the ocean where it's everywhere and freshly caught. Any time I go to a coast I'm ordering seafood! I love it and the fact that it's part of the culture and ambiance of seaside towns. You can't be in Maine and not have lobster! What's Massachusetts without cod and littleneck clams, Maryland without crab, Louisiana without oysters, the Gulf Coast without shrimp? Alaska is known for its salmon and Caribbean islands for, well, every type of fish you can imagine. My point is seafood will always be and taste its best when it's eaten close to the source; and though we're not exactly landlocked here in the Hudson Valley and certainly have access to fresh seafood, it just isn't the same. I know that's one reason I don't include it more often in my repertoire, something I'm working on changing. Now that it's Lent, it's a great time to work some fish into our diets.

Don't automatically go for fried fish, though. One of the things I love most about seafood of any kind is its freshness. I love that I can taste the sea. For that reason, I prefer to not order it fried in a heavy batter that overpowers not only its nutritive value but also its delicate flavor. I love beautifully prepared sushi for this reason and am lucky to have some excellent restaurants nearby when the cravings

come. I know raw fish isn't for everyone, and maybe fried fish is better than none at all, but there are happy mediums when it comes to preparing it so anyone open to eating it can find their favorite.

I didn't grow up eating much seafood. The first time I had tuna steak in a restaurant (a loooooong time ago) was a game-changer. At the time, my experience with tuna was limited to the canned variety, so having it served to me seared on the outside and moist, tender and almost raw on the inside was amazing; and that's what I'll be sharing today. Thirty or forty years ago, it would have been harder than it is today to find sushi-grade tuna in stores. Now you don't have to go to shops specializing in seafood to get it. It pays to know where stores get it from, that you trust the quality and know if it's wild-caught or farm raised and, if farmed, what practices they employ. Most of what's offered may well be found frozen or previously frozen in markets in these parts, but that isn't necessarily a bad thing. Often things like tuna steaks and swordfish, even shrimp, are flash-frozen at peak freshness as soon as they're caught, sometimes even on the ships that haul them in. Doing so retains the flavor, texture and nutritional value for those of us not lucky enough to get it straight from the pier; and stores that sell it should disclose that it was previously frozen, so you know what you're getting. Freezing can also kill bacteria and parasites, which I hesitated to mention but thought you ought to know.

If what you buy is labeled as "Previously Frozen," it's likely being sold fully or partially thawed and ideally should be eaten the day you buy it, like

the yellowfin tuna steaks just purchased for this recipe, which were about 1-inch thick, a vibrant pinkish-red, not brown, and appeared moist and firm, not dried out. They were also designated "Sushi Grade," the quality standard that makes them safe for raw consumption through proper handling, processing and thorough inspection. These days it's a requirement to disclose pertinent information on store signage, but I'm not afraid to ask the fishmonger behind the counter any questions – and you shouldn't be, either. Any vendor worth their salt will know and be happy to tell you what you need to know before you decide to buy. There are a lot of reputable online sources to help you, as well, so you know what to ask, look for and ultimately take home. (I highly recommend fultonfishmarket.com).

So, we've done our homework and brought home some beautiful tuna steaks. Now what? We want to make the most of them, that's what! If you're expecting it to be anything like tuna from a can, that's a big nope. The thick-cut steaks are deep red and reminiscent of beef, and when pan-seared to medium-rare will reward you with moist tenderness and butteriness in both texture and flavor. It isn't fishy but rather has a mild, clean taste and smell with a subtle hint of the sea. This version is complemented with an Asian marinade that doesn't overpower. Serve it with rice and an Asian slaw, steamed asparagus or green beans.

ASIAN PAN-SEARED TUNA STEAKS

Patting the steaks dry before placing in a very hot pan gives you the best sear and locks in moistness and flavor. Since you're only searing for a few minutes, letting them sit a bit at room temperature (15-30 minutes) first will prevent the rare center from being cold.

A FEW NOTES:

These cook quickly (in under 5 minutes!) so have everything ready when you start. Make the rice and the side dish before you start searing so you can plate as soon as it's done.

If using frozen steaks, let them thaw overnight in the fridge.

And because I don't want to be irresponsible, an obligatory warning: Consuming raw or under-cooked seafood may increase your risk of food-borne illness.

INGREDIENTS

2 sushi grade tuna steaks
Sesame seeds (mixed black and white are pretty if you can find them. I couldn't, so I toasted them first on the stovetop)
2 tablespoons soy sauce
Sesame oil (for fish and sauce)
Vegetable or peanut oil (for skillet)
Rice wine vinegar or sake (about 1



Asian Pan-Seared Tuna Steak goes well with rice and an Asian slaw. Photo by Vicki Frank Day

tablespoon)

1-2 teaspoons honey or maple syrup
Salt and freshly ground pepper
2-3 scallions, green parts only, thinly sliced diagonally

METHOD

Set skillet over medium-high heat. Add enough vegetable oil to just cover the bottom.

In a small bowl, combine soy sauce, sesame oil, vinegar, honey, salt and pepper and set aside.

Pat tuna steaks dry on both sides with a paper towel. Place sesame seeds in a shallow dish and mix in some salt and pepper. Rub sesame oil on fish then place in dish with seeds, turning and pressing lightly to coat. (You can do the side edges, too, if you like).

Place tuna in hot skillet. Let it sear until golden brown and you see white creeping up the edges about 1/4-inch, 1-2 minutes. Carefully flip and repeat. Transfer to a cutting board and let rest a few minutes.

Slice tuna across the grain and arrange on a plate. Drizzle some sauce over it and sprinkle with scallions. Serve with rice and steamed vegetables.

So easy and so fast! You can be enjoying a restaurant-worthy meal in no time at all right at home, any time. Maybe it's time for a little seaside adventure, even if it is in your own kitchen. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

Virtual program set April 10 on 'Making a Career in the Arts'

Arts Mid-Hudson, in partnership with The Mid-Hudson Career Consortium, will present "THRIVE: Making a Career in the Arts," a free virtual event designed to equip college students with essential career insights and resources for success in the arts industry. The event will be held on Thursday, April 10, from 4 to 5 p.m., on Zoom.

In today's competitive job market, it is more important than ever for students to be well-prepared for careers in the arts. THRIVE offers attendees an opportunity to network with arts employers, explore career pathways, and discover upcoming internship opportunities. By engaging with arts professionals, participants will gain valuable knowledge to help them transition from college to a successful career in the arts.

Participating Organizations:

- The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art (SUNY New Paltz) - A dynamic hub for the arts and artists of the Hudson Valley, dedicated to inspiring curiosity and critical thinking.

- Tangent Theatre Company - A

professional theater company producing powerful, character-driven stories that resonate with audiences.

- Shadowland Stages - A nonprofit theater in Ellenville, NY, known for its diverse productions, educational programs, and contributions to the local arts community.

- The Art Effect - A youth-focused arts organization empowering young artists through media, arts education, and professional development.

RSVP is required to attend. Secure your spot by registering at: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E231621&id=494>

One of the key goals of THRIVE is to provide students with the knowledge and resources needed to navigate career opportunities in the arts. By connecting with local organizations and industry professionals, attendees will gain practical insights and confidence to pursue careers in creative fields.

For more information, visit <https://www.artsmidhudson.org/thrive>

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Rhinebeck Theatre Society to present 'Emilia' at Morton Library



From right: AnnChris Warren as Emilia, Maria Elena Maurin as Lady Margaret, and Wendy Urban-Mead as Lord Howard are featured in Rhinebeck Theatre Society's production of "Emilia," playing March 28-April 6 at the Morton Memorial Library. Photo by Isabella Snider

Rhinebeck Theatre Society (RTS) presents "Emilia" by Morgan Lloyd Malcolm from March 28 to April 6 at the Morton Memorial Library in Rhinecliff.

In 1611 Emilia Bassano Lanier wrote a volume of radical, feminist and subversive poetry. It was one of the first published collections of poetry written by a woman in England. The little we know of Emilia Bassano Lanier is restricted to the possibility that she may have been the "Dark Lady" of Shakespeare's Sonnets – and the rest of HerStory has been erased by History.

RTS is thrilled to bring Malcolm's Olivier Award-winning play to life.

"For centuries, Emilia's story was lost to history, her work buried under the achievements of the male playwrights of her time," says Chantez Engeleit, one of three actors who takes on the role of Emilia at different stages in her life. "She was not given the credit and respect she deserved. Though inequality presented itself at every turn, Emilia remained dedicated to her work and took action to

make change with the courageous women she met along her path."

With a large ensemble cast of all female actors spanning ages 14 to 80, this story bridges multiple generations who've all fought their own version of this fight. Chantez Engeleit, LotuZ, and AnnChris Warren bring Emilia to life; and the rest of the cast includes Maggie Bogan, Kathy Bailey, Sandra Colacino, Becca Ann Frank, Cindy Kubik, Ivy Malone, Maria Elena Maurin, Nadya Rockefeller, Linda Roper, Lauren Silverman, and Wendy Urban-Mead.

"Emilia" is directed by long-time Rhinebeck Theatre Society board member Ellen Honig, with assistant direction by Miranda Haydn.

Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. Student tickets are available at the door for a discounted rate of \$18. The Morton Memorial Library is at 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. For tickets and more information, visit www.rhinebecktheatresociety.com.

LOOK FOR THAT'S ITALIAN! IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

Luigi Coppola shares stories and recipes.



The CENTER announces Lou Trapani Legacy Scholarship

The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck recently announced the Lou Trapani Legacy Scholarship for high school students entering college with a focus on theatre.

As the founding Artistic & Managing Director of The CENTER, Louis G. "Lou" Trapani dedicated 25 years to shaping theater and nurturing the arts in Rhinebeck. Lou directed and performed in countless performances at The CENTER. A passionate advocate for theatre, education, and community service, Lou had a remarkable ability to connect with people. He was always eager to say "yes" and give opportunities to emerging talent. His unique ability to see potential in others inspired artists of all ages. Many of those who worked with him credit his encouragement during their formative years as a defining force in their lives.

Lou passed away in July 2024, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire. Since then, family and friends have generously contributed to the Lou Trapani Legacy Fund. These donations will ensure that Lou's commitment to arts and education endures by supporting the Lou Trapani Legacy Scholarship.

This year, The CENTER will offer a one-time award of \$1,000 or two one-time awards of \$500 each. Applicants must have participated in a Main Stage production, workshop, camp, or dance class at The CENTER for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck within the past four years. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from an instructor or director.

Applications are due April 15, 2025. The CENTER will announce recipient(s) by or on June 1, 2025. Scholarship decisions will be made by a committee of educators, artists, and friends of The CENTER.

Criteria, due dates, and instructions for submitting letters of recommendation can be found on The CENTER's website at www.centerforperformingarts.org/lou-trapani-legacy-scholarship. Inquiries can be addressed to The CENTER's Director of Education, Victoria Howland, at victoria@centerforperformingarts.org.

To contribute to the Lou Trapani Legacy Scholarship Fund, visit www.centerforperformingarts.org/trapani-scholarship-donation.

Old Dutch Village Garden Club greets spring with a Plant Sale & more

By Nancy Bendiner and Felice Gelman

Get Ready for The Great Plant Sale! On Saturday, May 17, starting at 9 a.m. sharp, the Old Dutch Village Garden Club (ODVGC) will offer bargain-priced, locally grown perennials, shrubs and herbs at our annual sale near the Memorial Garden across from CVS. Save the date!

We hear from our local community that our plants have an excellent track record for beauty and survival. As most come from local donations, they are acclimated to our weather conditions. Look around your perennial garden — think about what you'd like to thin out or move out to donate to the sale; and think and think about what new plants you need.

Ideally, we request plant donations no later than May 3. (We like to make sure they have time to recover from being repotted so they will be in good shape for their new owners). We will accept plants already potted or we will come and dig them out if you are unable to do so. We also welcome donations of garden ornamentation, decorative pots and planters, and gently used garden tools. For more information about donations, please call Linda Lawson at 845-399-9532.

Club members continue to learn about gardening at our monthly meetings. On March 13, Miriam Goler of Full Circus Farm offered a fascinating presentation

about how the organically grown fruit trees sold at her farm get their start. She demonstrated how she uses grafting to achieve a desired variety of fruit tree. The young trees are nurtured for about two years, then offered for sale. The farm also sells tomatoes, peppers, basil and winter greens. To see photos of this horse-powered (!) farm, directions on how to order trees, guides about how to care for young trees and much else go to fullcircusfarm.wordpress.com.

As well as learning about gardening, the Old Dutch Village Garden Club has a commitment to community service. We maintain a large demonstration garden at Veterans Park in Red Hook and a smaller garden in Upper Red Hook at the Welcome to Red Hook sign. ODVGC members will be prepping the Veterans Park garden for its spring debut at the end of March.

ODVGC looks forward to our April 10 Anniversary Luncheon at Charlie O's in Red Hook; each attendee can order at the luncheon their individual choice from the menu. At our May 8 meeting, the subject will be "The Power of Purple in the Garden" - how to incorporate shades of purple and burgundy using perennials, annuals, herbs, shrubs and trees.

Join us at our monthly meetings, usually the second Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook. See you there! And watch us on Facebook for updates on our activities.



Plants get ready to go to a previous year's plant sale, held annually by the Old Dutch Village Garden Club in Red Hook. Photo by Nancy Bendiner. Below: Club members are pictured at Veterans Park, where they maintain a garden. Photo by Joe Conroe



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Where are the deer?

A wildlife biologist offers an explanation.

Is it my imagination, or just wishful thinking? It's been years since I hit a deer with my car, or since the neighbor shot a six point buck in my front yard. Where have all the deer gone?

I spoke with Ernest "E.J." Borchert, a wildlife biologist with the N.Y. Department of Environmental Conservation at the New Paltz office, to find out. E.J. assured me that, indeed, the deer population in the Hudson Valley has declined since 2014, and it took a dramatic hit in 2021.

The D.E.C. uses a statistic called "Buck Take Density" to estimate the deer population trend. In one 331 square mile Hudson Valley region, 527 bucks were harvested by hunters in 2020, and only 256 in 2021.

Why? I had heard about chronic wasting disease, which is similar to mad cow disease, and is infecting deer, mainly in the Midwest and south central Pennsylvania. But no; E.J. says the 2021 dieoff was caused by an outbreak of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease, a virus transmitted by biting flies. The disease evidently ran its course, because the deer population has rebounded slightly over the past several years.

I also found out some of the strategy employed by the D.E.C. to manage the white tail deer population. Ideally, the Buck Take Density should be 15 bucks

per 10 square miles. If the number rises, the D.E.C. issues more doe permits, essentially allowing hunters to kill more deer, to maintain forest regeneration. I pointed out that most farmers I know would like to see zero deer, but E.J. Pointed out that some "constituents" like deer. I guess he means hunters. Farmers whose crops are eaten by deer can apply for out-of-season permits to hunt on their farms.

Meanwhile, gardeners are stuck in the middle. Even though there are fewer deer than ten years ago, they still seem to find my vegetables the day before I plan to harvest them, unless the woodchucks got there first. A fence is the best protection. It doesn't have to be too high if the garden is small – deer are wary of jumping into enclosed spaces – mine is five feet tall, surrounding the vegetable garden.

To protect shrubs and flowers, Sue and I use a deer repellent spray that contains egg solids – "Liquid Fence," for example. Buy the concentrate to save money. Arborvitae and yews are notorious deer food. Ditto for hosta and tulips.

Our half-acre flower garden is filled with deer-resistant annual flowers for cutting. Zinnias, salvia, dahlias, feathery celosia, gomphrena, lantana, all will be harvested to enter in the cut flower competition at the Dutchess County Fair. Daffodils are also deer-proof, but they



Deer repellent can prevent shrubs and flowers from deer. At right, an English yew is a favorite food source for deer. *Photos by Mark Adams*

don't bloom all summer.

Speaking of daffodils, if you have naturalized them around the yard, consider tossing some granular fertilizer around the base of the stems right now, so they have enough food to make next season's bulbs. Leave the foliage intact until it begins to fade in June.

Seeds to sow in the vegetable garden now: peas, spinach, beets, Swiss chard, radishes, carrots, onions, lettuce, collards

and kale. Also, set out transplants of lettuce, collards, kale, pansies and viola, hardy herbs including parsley, sage, thyme, oregano and chives. These cool weather crops will survive and maybe even thrive during the next few weeks, until the real spring weather comes along.

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

'Bio-Based' exhibition to open March 31 in Millbrook art space

Millbrook Arts Project, a community art space, announces upcoming exhibition, "BIO-BASED: Loren Eiferman & Henry Klimowicz," on display from March 31 to April 26, at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. there will be a public reception on Friday, April 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Eiferman and Klimowicz create art with formerly living materials. Eiferman makes wall-mounted, hanging and standing sculptures from tree branches found on the ground during her daily walks. Each piece appears as if it grew in nature, when in fact they are composed of hundreds of small pieces of wood that are seamlessly joined together. This exhibition features a selection of small works from her series "Voynich Manuscript Inspired 2015-2024." The Voynich Manuscript is a 15th-century handwritten book in an unknown language, by an unknown author, filled with illustrations

of plants that don't exist in nature. Eiferman became obsessed with it and was inspired to translate these enigmatic illustrations into wood sculptures.

Klimowicz has been constructing with cardboard for almost four decades. He says, "much of my career with cardboard has been spent seeing how many different permutations there can be of this humble material." His process is much like an insect, building instinctively and often mindlessly, letting the work tell him where to go. This exhibition includes several of his large-scale hanging pieces that are a mixture of found, never purchased, cardboard, hot glue, wire and light. In addition to the sculptural works, a series of prints and cardboard plates will be presented.

Gallery Curator Sharon Bates invites audiences to observe the visually striking contrast between the forms and processes of these two artists, whose work exemplifies the innovative and potent art that can be made with cast-off materials.

The artists will offer a joint talk about their work on Friday, April 18 at 4 p.m. Klimowicz will offer an art workshop for children ages 9-12 on Wednesday, April 2, at 4 p.m. Registration is required for the children's art workshop at <https://millbrooklibrary.org>.

Millbrook Arts Project is a partnership of the Millbrook Arts Group and Millbrook Library, dedicated to offering exhibition opportunities to visual artists and enriching the experience of visual art in Millbrook and surrounding communities.

For more information about the Millbrook Arts Project and a list of upcoming exhibits, visit <https://millbrooklibrary.org/millbrook-arts-project/>.

The "Bio-Based" exhibition at the Millbrook Library features works by Henry Klimowicz and Loren Eiferman. At right is "Like a Lichen," a 2019 work by Klimowicz. Below is an untitled work by Loren Eiferman. *Courtesy images*



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A & E CALENDAR

March 28: Tavern Trail Event, Lasting Joy Brewery, 485 Lasher Road, Tivoli. "New York and Dutchess County on the Brink of Revolution," 6-7 p.m. We all know the story of the final months of royal government in Massachusetts before the "Shot Heard 'Round The World" was fired at Lexington on April 19, 1775. But what was that final period of undisputed British supremacy like in New York and specifically in Dutchess County? How did residents feel as the Imperial Crisis of the 1760s and early 1770s reached its explosive conclusion? Join Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum to find out the answers to these and other questions above local life on the brink of Revolution. This event is free and open to the public. RSVP is requested via www.historicredhook.org.

March 28-30: "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Up In One Productions presents this winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, featuring a fast-paced, wildly funny and touching book by Rachel Sheinkin and a fresh and vibrant score by William Finn. An eclectic group of six mid-pubescent vie for the spelling championship of a lifetime. While candidly disclosing hilarious and touching stories from their home lives, the tweens spell their way through a series of words, hoping never to hear the soul-crushing, pout-inducing, life un-affirming "ding" of the bell that signals a spelling mistake. Recommended for ages 12 and up due to mature language, mild sexual references, and irreverent depictions of religious figures. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sat., March 22 & 29, 3 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. Tickets \$29. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

March 28-30, April 4-6: Rhinebeck Theatre Society presents "Emilia," Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinebeck. Play by Morgan Lloyd Malcolm. Directed by Ellen Honig. Assistant Directed by Miranda Haydn. In 1611, poet Emilia Bassano Lanier wrote a volume of radical, feminist and subversive poetry. It was one of the first published collections of poetry written by a woman in England. Could she have been the 'Dark Lady' of Shakespeare's Sonnets? The rest of HerStory has been erased by History... until now. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. Tickets & more info at RhinebeckTheatreSociety.org

March 29: "Jazz Up Your Spring" Concert, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, Rte. 44 & Traver Rd., Pleasant Valley. Concert to benefit Pleasant Valley Community Gardens. Bob Arthurs on trumpet and vocals and Steve LaMattina on guitar will perform jazz standards by Gershwin, Cole Porter and Irving Berlin, along with original songs and unique perspectives from their careers as performers, 7 p.m. Admission \$15 at the door or \$25 per couple, includes light snacks. BYOB. Seats are limited, so please reserve your space by emailing pleasantvalleycommunitygardens@gmail.com.

March 29: Millbrook Arts Group Winter Concert Series Presents The Lustre Kings, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. The Lustre Kings' modern take on the reverb-driven sounds of early rock leans on touchstones of country, blues, and R&B, 5 p.m. A pre-show reception starts at 4:30 p.m. Concert runs 5-6:30 p.m. Free. RSVP is requested, but not required, through the library's events calendar at <https://millbrooklibrary.org>. More info at www.millbrookartsgroup.org and www.lustrekings.com.

March 29: Poughkeepsie Children's Book Festival, Dutchess Community College, Falcon Hall, 53 Pendell Rd., Poughkeepsie. Meet and greet authors and illustrators (covering reading ages

from preschool to Young Adult), take one's picture with favorite costumed book characters, and have fun with hands-on activities, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Books will be available to purchase, and to have signed by the authors and illustrators who made them. Free admission. No registration required. Free parking in Lot A (30 Mascot Dr.) or Lot D (95 Cottage Rd.).

March 29: Saturday Morning Family Series, The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. "Hansel and Gretel," 11 a.m. The masterful Tanglewood Marionettes return with their production based on the classic fairy tale by Brothers Grimm and featuring melodies from the Humperdinck opera. Tickets \$10. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

March 29-30: Ars Choralis Concert, "Fiat Lux: Let There Be Light," Kingston & Woodstock. Concert of reflection, hope and love. Performances: Sat., March 29, 7 p.m., Riverview Missionary Baptist Church, 240 Catherine St., Kingston. Sun., March 30, 4 p.m., Overlook United Methodist Church, 233 Tinker St., Woodstock. Featuring: Instruments of Praise, Choir of the Riverview Missionary Baptist Church, The Eribeth Chamber Players. Tickets \$30 at the door, \$25 in advance and \$10 for students. ArsChoralis.org

March 31: Reading by Rick Moody, Weis Cinema, Bertelsmann Campus Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. The Innovative Contemporary Fiction Reading Series presents award-winning author Rick Moody, 4 p.m. Q&A to follow. Free. <https://conjunctions.com/>

April 1-2 Poughkeepsie Public Library District Events, Poughkeepsie. **April 1:** Packhorse Librarians, 7 p.m. Learn about the packhorse librarians, a relatively small group of women, whose mission was to deliver and distribute reading materials to the far-off corners of Appalachia during the darkest hours of the Great Depression. Presented by Jeff Urbin, FDR Presidential Library & Museum. Virtual. Registration required. **April 2:** Shred Free Day @ Your Library, 9 a.m., Boardman Road Branch Library. No registration required. www.pok-lib.org

April 2: "A Trip Around the World in Folk Art Stitches," Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America (EGA) presents Catherine Redford, fiber artist, teacher, speaker, author, lecturer and TV personality beginning at 12:30 p.m. Catherine will explain how she embellishes her fabric quilts with creative expression of her handmade work using thread art. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning at 10 a.m. or come for this program only at 12:30 p.m. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkylkillEGA or email EGASkylkill@gmail.com.

April 2: Popa Chubby, Daryl's House Club, 130 NY-22, Pawling. Acclaimed blues guitarist Popa Chubby will celebrate his new CD coming out March 28 called "I Love Freddie King," 7 p.m. Tickets \$34+. darylshouseclub.com/

April 3: Conversation & Book Signing, Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. "Remember the First Ladies" with Diana B. Carlin and Nancy Kegan Smith, 6 p.m. "Remember the First Ladies" explores the evolving role of the First Lady in American history. Through biographical and thematic chapters, it highlights their contributions to politics, society, and life in the White House from Martha Washington to Dr. Jill Biden. The event will also stream live on the official FDR Library YouTube & Facebook pages. Free; registration required to attend in-person. Register at www.fdrlibrary.org

EXHIBITIONS

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through April 22:** "Poets Respond to Art," an exhibition celebrating the intersection of poetry and visual art. Featuring 18 poets and 18 visual artists, this showcase explores the profound dialogue between literary and visual expression. **Artist Talk & Closing Reception:** Tues., April 22, 5-7 p.m. This special event will offer insights from participating poets and artists about their creative processes and the inspirations behind their work. The discussion will provide a deeper understanding of the connections between poetry and visual art. This event is free and open to the public. RSVP required. www.artsmidhudson.org

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. is artwork by Ulana Salewycz, Vitalia Deriabina, Marianna Szczawinsky Crans, and the late Catherine Zadorecka Gorham. At 12 Vassar St., Kate Hoekstra displays her works of art in the Reception Gallery. In the Hancock Gallery, Ian Hutton and Selva Ozelli will present their collaborative show "Paradise." Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org/. Pictured: "Courting Closeup" by Marianna Crans



Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Aug. 17:** "Great Green Hope for the Urban Blues," exhibition that explores the art and myths of the Hudson Valley. The exhibition is part of a legacy that began 200 years ago as landscape painter Thomas Cole traveled up the Hudson River to paint the Catskill Mountains: a voyage that marked the mythical origin of the so-called Hudson River School of American landscape painting. Also on view: "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Black Space-Making from Harlem to the Hudson Valley," installation related to "Great Green Hope" by Vassar student Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon '26; and the second, "Water/Bodies: Sa'dia Rehman." (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/thelob>

Mildred I. Washington Gallery, Allyn J. Center for Science and Art, Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Rd., Poughkeepsie. **Through March 28:** "About Water," featuring the works of Daisy de Puthod and Jean-Marie Martin. (845) 431-8612

Millbrook Arts Project, Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane, Millbrook. **March 31-April 26:** "BIO-BASED: Loren Eiferman & Henry Klimowicz." Eiferman and Klimowicz create art with formerly living materials. Eiferman makes wall-mounted, hanging and standing sculptures from tree branches found on the ground during her daily walks. Klimowicz will display several of his large-scale hanging pieces that are a mixture of found, never purchased, cardboard, hot glue, wire and light. In addition to the sculptural works, a series of prints and cardboard plates will be presented. **Public reception:** Fri., April 4, 6-7:30 p.m. Klimowicz will offer an **art workshop for children** ages 9-12 on Wed., April 2, at 4 p.m. Registration is required for the children's art workshop at <https://millbrooklibrary.org>. (845) 677-3611 or www.millbrooklibrary.org

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through March 30:** Talent Show Art Exhibition, the visual component of Morton's annual Talent Show. Purchases benefit local artists and Morton Library. Donations accepted. (845) 876-2903

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through April 4:** Artwork exhibit by Michael Mandia of Wappingers Falls, whose primary artistic medium acrylic paint, but he also uses pen, ink, colored pencil and pastel. More info: www.michaelmandiaart.com

Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through March 30:** Exhibition of selected works from a bold new edition of "The Artist's Guide to Sketching," the groundbreaking book by two of America's most prominent visual artists, James Gurney ("Dinotopia," "Color and Light") and Thomas Kinkade. (845) 876-4030 or www.starrlibrary.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through March 30:** "Variable Matrix," a group exhibit curated by artist Linda Cassidy. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

WomensWork.art, 12 Vassar St., 3rd Floor, Poughkeepsie. **Through April 26:** "Mother/Father," a re-examining of a theme first addressed in a March 2020 exhibit. That exhibit explored the works of artists navigating parenthood and how it affected their overall bodies of work. Now five years later, the gallery is re-examining this theme and how the circumstances of artists has evolved over that time, and how modern parenthood has evolved with it. **Artists' Talk:** Sat., April 26, 1-3 p.m. (845) 293-3660 or info@womenswork.art



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COLLEGE NOTES

CORTLAND, NY - There were 2,971 students recognized for academic excellence on the SUNY Cortland Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester.

Each of SUNY Cortland's three schools publishes its own Dean's List. They are the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Professional Studies and the School of Education.

Among those honored are:

Mackenzie Armbrust of Staatsburg - Major: Sport Management;

Adam Beach of Red Hook - Major: Physical Education MST;

Sara Bernardi of Poughquag - Major: Psychology;

Antonia Bowler of Wingdale - Major: Sport Management;

Kathryn Boyd of Red Hook - Major: Sport Management;

Jack Brammer of Red Hook - Major: Physics;

Jake Cillo of Wingdale - Major: Physical Education K-12;

James Davenport of Poughquag - Major: Physical Education K-12;

Zachery Funk of Pine Plains - Major: Physical Education K-12;

Elizabeth Furcick of Poughquag - Major: Exercise Science;

Alexandra Gagnon of Dover Plains - Major: Inclusive Education Childhood;

Gabriel Galayda of Wingdale - Major: Physical Education K-12;

Nadiya Grossman of Rhinebeck - Major: Political Science;

Morgan Hannon of Hyde Park - Major: Physical Education K-12;

Kerry Hare of Red Hook - Major: Inclusive Education Childhood;

Jonathan Harris of Poughquag - Major: Sport Management;

Daniel Jackson of Lagrangeville - Major: Business Economics;

Evan Jensen of Red Hook - Major: Recreation;

Ginamarie Kirk of Stanfordville - Major: Exercise Science;

Ryan Kolman of Rhinebeck - Major: Physical Education K-12;

Jayson Lemieux of Lagrangeville - Major: Physical Education K-12;

Kayleigh Maloney of Poughquag - Major: Speech & Hearing Science;

Tori Martin of Poughquag - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6;

Zachary Monarchi of Red Hook - Major: Physical Education K-12;

Cory Murray of Red Hook - Major: Physical Education K-12;

Michael Reichert of Pleasant Valley -

Major: Physical Education K-12;

Madeline Ruuge of Millerton - Major: Adoles Educ-Social Studies;

Nuala Seabrook of Rhinebeck - Major: Outdoor Recreation;

Connor Shay of Holmes - Major: Exercise Science;

Justin Sleight of Holmes - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6;

Vincent Smaldone of Red Hook - Major: Physics & Engineering (3+2);

Hailey Smith of Holmes - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6;

Sarah Sokol of Poughquag - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6;

Maeve Szwed of Rhinebeck - Major: Physical Education K-12;

Alexandra Thut of Poughquag - Major: Adolescence Education: Math;

Brady Wade of Rhinebeck - Major: Sport Management;

Lorenzo Wilkins of Hyde Park - Major: Sport Management;

Aleksa Yambrick of Staatsburg - Major: Adolescence Education: English.

The Dean's List is the highest ranking for undergraduate students in their respective academic areas of the university. Students must earn a minimum 3.3 grade point average for the semester to make the list.

CORTLAND, NY - There were 1,051 SUNY Cortland students who earned President's List honors for the Fall 2024 semester.

Those honored include:

Elizabeth Furcick of Poughquag - Major: Exercise Science;

Alexandra Gagnon of Dover Plains - Major: Inclusive Childhood Education;

Sarah Sokol of Poughquag - Major: Early Childhood and Childhood Education B-6;s

Robert Travis of Poughquag - Major: Physical Education K-12.

To qualify for the President's List, students must earn a grade of A- or better in each of their classes while carrying a course load of 12 hours or more.

FAIRFIELD, CT - The following Fairfield University students received Dean's List Honors for the Fall 2024 semester: Emma Oster of Holmes, Thomas Zimmerli of Lagrangeville, Katelyn Wiehe of Pleasant Valley, Lauren O'Rourke of Poughquag, Sarah Wendling of Poughquag, Kieran

Hackmeyer of Red Hook, Grace Benziger of Rhinebeck, Clara Patton of Staatsburg.

In order to be placed on the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

DELHI, NY - SUNY Delhi congratulates over 800 students who achieved the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester. Local students making the list include Evan Boice of Lagrangeville, Maddox Buel of Hyde Park, Gina Coluccio of Hyde Park, Adam Cooper of Lagrangeville, Leonardo De Anda of Stanfordville, Sean Hagerty of Poughquag, Keri Hegarty of Lagrangeville, Jennifer Massarone of Rhinebeck, Paula O'Dell-Jackson of Wassaic, Jason Robinson of Red Hook, Ryan Rockwell of Poughquag, Karen Root of Pine Plains, and Gionna Wrobel of Clinton Corners.

The Dean's List is a recognition of academic achievement for students who enrolled in six or more credits and earned a 3.5 or higher grade-point average for the semester.

MEDFORD, MA - Christina Bellin, Class of 2028 of Millbrook, was named to the dean's list at Tufts University for the fall 2024 semester.

Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

LOUDONVILLE, NY - Siena College names students to the President's List for the Fall 2024 semester. Local students include Leandra Costa of Clinton Corners, David Oliver of Rhinebeck, and Brooke Pociask of Rhinebeck.

The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

LOUDONVILLE, NY - Siena College names students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester.

Local students include Ashley Bavis of Millbrook, Riley Constable of Hyde Park, Isabella Ferragine of Staatsburg, Grace Foster of Rhinebeck, Alex Hart of Hyde Park, Jacee Leight of Salt Point, Ryleigh Madison of Staatsburg, Daniel Morrell of Staatsburg, William Murphy of Amenia, Jonah O'Hearn of Pleasant Valley, and Brianna Schultz of Red Hook.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

EMPORIA, KS - John Alessi of Red Hook was one of nearly 400 students who graduated from Emporia State University in December 2024.

Alessi graduated with a Master of Science in Health, Physical Education & Coaching.

ABILENE, TX - Simone Gu of graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from Abilene Christian University.

Gu was among 540 students who received degrees at ACU's December Commencement.

CLINTON, NY - Forrest Schmitt of Millbrook has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the fall 2024 semester. Schmitt, a sophomore, is a graduate of Millbrook School.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be a member of the Class of 2025, 2026, or 2027 and have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester and earned an average GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

ONEONTA, NY - Nammari Drayton, of Pleasant Valley was one of 40 students featured in the Art Across Campus: Spring 2025 exhibition.

This was the fourth exhibition in an annual series that showcased the creative final projects by students across campus from a diverse range of majors and focuses.

Art Across Campus was on display in the Open Space Gallery until Feb. 15.

PURCHASE, NY - Purchase College announced that more than 1,300 students were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. Students who have earned this academic honor have maintained a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and taken a minimum of 12 credits. For BA and BS programs, a semester GPA of 3.50 is required. For BFA and MusB programs, a semester GPA of 3.75 is required.

The following local students were named to the Dean's List:

Holly Bancroft of Clinton Corners is studying Music: Studio Composition.

Ava Salman of Red Hook is studying Painting and Drawing.

Kayla Gordineer of Pleasant Valley is studying Theatre Design/Technology.

Asher Haley of Red Hook is studying Journalism.

Macey Veeder-Shave of Hyde Park is studying Theatre Design/Technology.

Caitlin Pfisterer of Clinton Corners is studying Music: Studio Composition, Mathematics & Computer Science.

Keara Nielsen of Clinton Corners is studying General Studies.

Ryan Dupont of Red Hook is studying Theatre and Performance.

Rebecca Quick of Millbrook is studying Psychology.

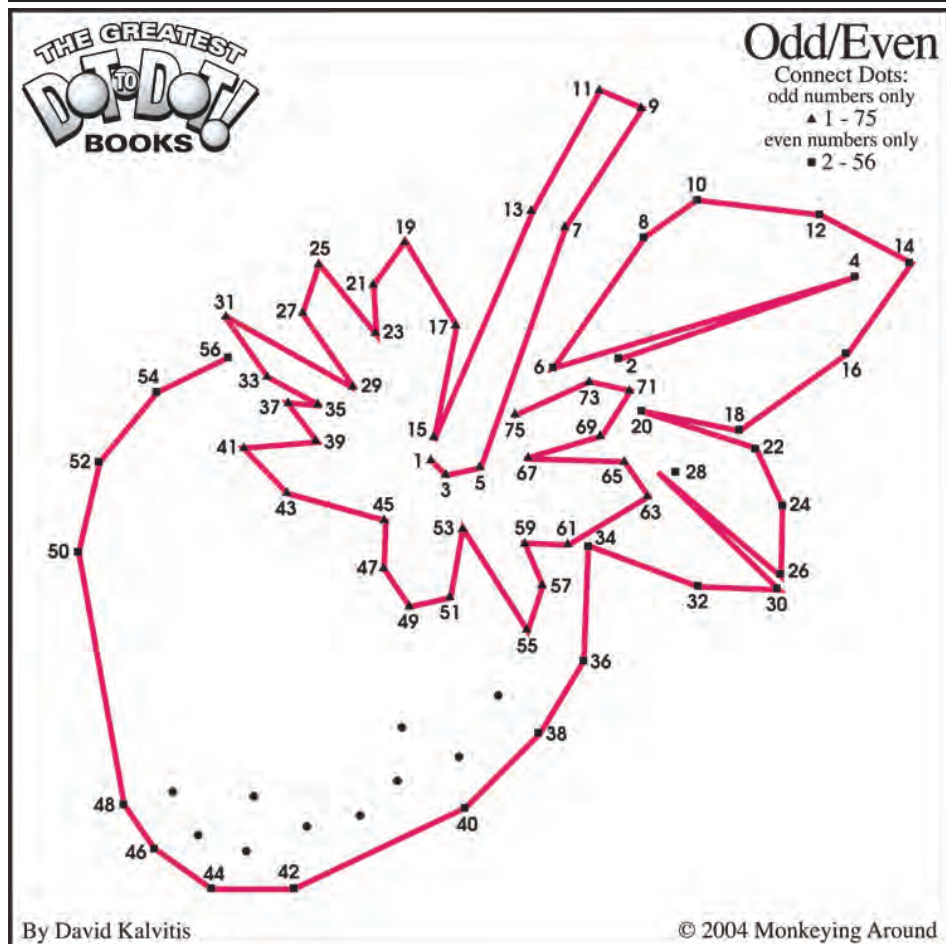
WORCESTER, MA - Julia Biamonte of Hyde Park was named to the College of the Holy Cross Fall 2024 Dean's List. A member of the Class of 2026, Biamonte was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year.

To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

ONEONTA, NY - Hartwick College congratulates approximately 425 students who were named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List. Local students included Shane Baxter of Hyde Park, and Abigail DeMan of Pleasant Valley.

Making the Dean's List is an indication of excellence in academic work. To qualify, students must complete at least 12 academic credits during a term with a grade point average of at least 3.50 and no incompletes.

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



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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.

THEME: THE 1980s

ACROSS

- *"Sunday Bloody Sunday" author, with The
- *Saget of "Full House" fame
- Last month
- "Howdy, ____!"
- Hurtful remark
- *Actor Hudson of Winston Zeddemore fame
- Give the cold shoulder
- *Musical based on 1980s rock "Rock of ____"
- *Comedy horror "____ Hell"
- *Transparency, to Gorbachev
- Slangy "Follow me!"
- Coffee shop order
- Pro vote
- Heart abnormality
- Act out Civil War battle, e.g.
- Eisenhower, familiarly
- Mediterranean island
- Small island
- *Oscar-winning "Tootsie" actress Jessica ____
- Not hers
- Dionysus' pipe-playing companion
- Not on land
- Water pipe
- Dog tags, e.g.
- First lunar phase (2 words)
- Higher education reward
- Biblical mother
- *What "I love Lucy" did in the '80s
- Name of the Blue Ox
- *Gull-winged sports car
- Party handout
- Smoothie berry
- Clickable image
- Follows orders
- Mixed breed canine
- *Air Jordan, e.g.
- *"Cheers" setting
- Byron: "Maid of Athens, ____ we part"
- Dispatched

DOWN

- Ambulance squad, acr.
- "Shoot!"
- Person of French descent
- Preserve, as in body
- Prejudiced one
- Falstaffian in body
- Cr me de la cr me
- "Do ____ others as..."
- Property right
- ____ Aviv
- Bridge-like structure
- Wedding singer, e.g.
- *Ceausescu's country
- Pasta accompaniment
- *"Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
- *Arrigo Sacchi's Associazione Calcio ____
- Tsar's edict
- Re-establish
- Zwieback
- Up and about
- *Blinky, Pinky, Inky and ____
- To the point
- Sound unit
- *Duran Duran's hit
- *Hand-held "Tetris" device (2 words)
- Give sheep a haircut
- Gardening tool
- Quick and skillful
- Sets, in cricket
- Metamorphic rock
- Happen again
- Fill with spirits
- Rum cake
- Affirm
- ____ Maggie Smith
- Pain
- "High" time
- Watch chain
- Nothing but this in basketball?

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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 21

OBITUARIES

Patricia A. Antonucci

Patricia A. Antonucci, 75, of LaGrange, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at Vassar Brothers Hospital. She was born on December 4, 1949 in the Bronx to the late John F. Sr. and Helen (Farley) Devery.

On October 11, 1969, at St. Philip Church in the Bronx, Patricia married Gene Antonucci where they later moved to LaGrange for the past 47 years raising their beloved family.

She was a cherished member of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church in LaGrange and worked in retail at JCPenney in Poughkeepsie, NY. Patricia enjoyed reading, all kinds of animals, and feeding the birds, and she was especially fond of her numerous dogs over the years, including her current dog, Ry-Ry. She most of all loved her family and spending time with her grandchildren. She will be missed dearly, always telling her family "I Love You to The Moon and Back".

Patricia is survived by her loving husband, Gene Antonucci; son, Gene Antonucci; daughters, Gina and her husband, Christopher Calogero and Theresa Antonucci; her grandchildren, Tyler, Lauren, Gennaro, and Gabriella; brothers, John F. Devery Jr. and Tommy Devery; sister, Helen and her husband, Buddy Havranek; sister-in-law, Pat Devery; along with several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, James Devery.

Visitation and service were held at Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley, NY on Sunday, March 23, 2025.

Memorial donations may be made in Patricia's memory to the American Heart Association, at www.heart.org

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.HudsonValleyFuneralHomes.com.

Stella Ann Borromeo

Stella Borromeo of Red Hook, NY, passed away on March 14th, 2025, in the Berkshire Mountains at her granddaughter Danielle, and Grandson Justin's home. Stella loved her family deeply, as she fought until the end to remain in this world. We will remember her full of laughter, and telling stories, even in her final weeks. Her story is a true account of love, and compassion.

Stella was born on November 9th, 1930, in the Bronx to the parents of the late Geatano and Maria (Pinta) DiCarlucci. Her first residence was 231 East 151 Street, Bronx, NY. She attended Morris High School and shared many fond memories of her attendance there. Stella married Joseph John Borromeo on January 9th, 1954. The two of them embarked on a journey that led them from the Bronx to Red Hook, NY.

Stella's life was full of wonderful experiences. She was proud of every employment opportunity she was given. Her work experiences included Pott's Farms, Red Hook Central School District, and Ferncliff Nursing Home. A favorite employment experience during WWII was working with her sister after school, running mechanical presses making the buttons for the soldiers' uniforms. Stella was proud of these opportunities.

Stella is survived by her children, Frank Borromeo, Lena (Daniel) Luffman, Donna (Anthony) Aprile, and Michelle (Peter) Traudt. Along with her grandchildren Joseph (Samantha), Danielle, Justin, Joseph, Cynthia, Peter, Nina, Mia, Stella & Reid. And, her great grandchildren Hali and Kai.

Stella will be remembered for her meatball and eggplant recipes, among others. Her epic Sunday dinners were open to any family members, and friends who entered her home. Stella always had a cheerful and playful attitude. Her true purpose was to nurture and help raise all her grandchildren. They remember her reading a book, while in her company. She taught her Grandchildren how to cook, and to understand what true happiness was.

She loved to bask in the sunlight, and dance in the kitchen often. Her generosity, and willingness to forgive are two of her strongest traits. She had a keen fashion sense, love of the NY Yankees and the NY Knicks. Stella was everyone's ride or die, favorite nail salon companion, and shopping partner. Always generous with money she had stashed in every jacket pocket. She never admitted to the tissues she'd leave in various places.

Stella was always ready to help her children, and grandchildren practice any sport. Stella traveled all over to see her family play college and high school sports. She was a community staple in all youth sports, known to family friends, and athletes as Grandma Stella. She attended her family's sporting events, until she couldn't. Her constant dedication and happiness to sports was most complete when she was almost hit by a home run line drive at Yankee Stadium. She would stay up late and finish a Yankee game, most of the time with her sons-in-law Anthony, Danny and Pete. She was

born in the Bronx and raised as a Yankee fan.

She wouldn't hesitate to assist in a school project, dance with you, and whip you up peas and pasta. Although she didn't have the gaming skills, she tried some of her favorites: Donkey Kong, Crossover Road and NBA 2K. Stella will also be remembered for her sense of humor, and willingness to forgive. Even in her final moments she was silly and smiling.

Stella's love for country music, and westerns will be remembered by all who knew her. Her spirit will thrive in her favorite vacation places of St. Maarten, New Jersey, Cape Cod, and St. Augustine. Her favorite pastime was laying out in the sun. Her love for God was known to all. Her determination shined when she wouldn't hesitate to shovel a driveway, get her driver's license later in life, or walk 3 miles to work. She observed countless world conflicts, changing societal issues and a technological renaissance. Her generation was tough. Stella was tough, never one to complain, and held in the highest regard by all who knew her.

If you knew Stella, you saw firsthand what tenacity was. The challenges she faced, and obstacles she overcame, paved a road for success and determination. She was a supportive wife to her husband John. A devoted mother to her children, and sons-in-law, which she treated with as much love as her own children. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren kept her young and hip, and will continue to see her in all that is good in this world.

Crossing the Kingston bridge was a favorite of hers. She loved the river, the mountains — the entire view. It made her peaceful, and thankful. Please look for her in those beautiful places and listen for her humming. Please keep her memory close.

Please think of her when you hear a Garth Brooks song. And, in the words of Rod Stewart, and memory of our Mom:

"I only know what I know. The passing years will show. You've kept me so young, so new. And time after time. You'll hear me say that I'm, so lucky to be loving you."

Friends and family called at Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Red Hook, NY on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Christopher's Church in Red Hook, NY on Thursday, March 20. Burial followed at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were trusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes - Red Hook.

Thank you to everyone who loved our mom.

Dolores E. Kelly

Dolores E Kelly 93 of Pleasant Valley passed away at home on March 15th, 2025.

Dolores was a lifelong local resident. Born in Poughkeepsie NY on October 18th, 1931, she was the daughter of Louis and Lillian Cregar Yamen.

Dolores was a graduate of Arlington High School class of 1950 where she was an honor student.

On July 26, 1953, at Holy Trinity Church in Poughkeepsie, she married the late John Raymond Kelly. They were married for over fifty years.

Dolores was a devout member of Saint Stanislaus Church of Pleasant Valley. Prior to having children, she was employed by IBM in Poughkeepsie NY. Later in life, she also worked for Simmons Electric in Pleasant Valley.

She loved God, her family, puzzles, and gardening. She was an accomplished seamstress. She kept a beautiful house, and her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy. She was a woman of great strength and humor, who will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Dolores is survived by her children: Brian Dennis Kelly of Spring TX, Robin Marie and Robert Stoutenburgh of Red Hook New York, Michael John and Laura Kelly of LaGrange NY, Kimberley Ann Kelly-Saltarelli and Joseph Saltarelli of Slate Hill NY, Sandra Lynn Kelly-Marryshow and Lindy-Ann S. Marryshow of Wurtsboro NY. Grandchildren: Hunter (Elena), Lillian, Katherine (William), Adam (Samantha), Nicole, Ryan, Justin, Christopher (Shannon), Patrick, Kasey (Wade), Dr. Katrianna (Capt. Justin Pranga USAF), Leland and Isabella seven great-grandchildren, brother and sister-in-law Bernard and Jackie Yamen Rosco NY, sister Marianne Dodge Poughkeepsie NY and many nieces and nephews.

Dolores is predeceased by her sisters Shirley Dillinger and Joan Rundall.

Calling Hours were held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie, NY.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday,

March 21, 2025, at St. Stanislaus Church, Pleasant Valley, NY. Entombment followed at Poughkeepsie, Rural Cemetery Poughkeepsie.

Florence McDermott

Florence "Flo" McDermott of Pleasant Valley, passed away peacefully surrounded by her daughters at home on March 18, 2025 at the age of "29+".

Born November 6, 1930 in Brooklyn, NY she was the daughter of the late Michael and Caroline (née Delia) Calvello. Flo married her love, Henry P McDermott on January 12, 1957 who she met while working at Merrill Lynch in New York City. Henry predeceased her on April 22, 2001.

Flo dedicated her life to being a wife, mother and homemaker to her family. She also was a foster mom to several children that she raised along with her own while also being a "mom" to other families, caring for children of close friends.

She had a strong Catholic faith and would often be seen walking to church on Sundays. She was fun-loving and adventurous traveling to many places with her daughters and grandchildren. Whether it was snorkeling at 78 years old in Mexico, rubbing elbows with the characters at Disney, standing at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains, or singing "Take Me Home, Country Roads" in the Shenandoah River she did it all with vibrancy, energy and enthusiasm. Everyone who knew Flo loved her. She was known as "flopper or floppy" to many, earning the nickname after tripping on her flip-flops as she ran the bases at a backyard wiffle ball game at the age of 62. When God picked this person to be our mom, we hit the jackpot.

Flo is survived by her loving daughters, Barbara Oakes, Kathy and Jeff Hickman, and Kelly and Mike Kelsey, grandchildren Brandi and Mike Andriello, Ashley and Mike Crawford, Sean and Colleen Kelsey, and Lauren Kelsey. She is also survived by her great grandchildren, Logan, Penelope and "baby girl" Andriello, Carter, Daxton and Rylee Crawford. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her brother Michael Calvello, Jr.

Visitation will be held at Allen Funeral Home, 1605 Main St., Pleasant Valley, NY on Friday, March 28th from 4 to 7 p.m. On Saturday, March 29th, at 10:00am a Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Saint Stanislaus Church, 1590 Main St., Pleasant Valley. Interment will follow at Friends Cemetery, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners, NY.

The family would like to thank the special angels from Hospice who provided comfort to mom and our family with unbelievable compassion: Corrina, Michelle, Elisa, Chris and Corrine. Donations to Hudson Valley Hospice would be greatly appreciated.

We will forever mourn the passing of this special lady, but we take comfort in knowing that her love, spirit and stories will live on in all of us.

Kenneth Richard Parisi

Kenneth Richard Parisi, 61, passed away on March 13, 2025 at ArchCare at Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck, NY after a long journey with Huntington's.

Ken was born on April 18, 1963 in Syracuse, NY to parents Richard J. and Arlene (Cicone) Parisi. He spent most of his life in Maryland where he began his career and raised his family. He enjoyed playing and coaching soccer as well as playing cards. Ken found a successful path in opening up his own jewelry store, Parisi's Diamond Trust in Crofton, MD. Ken loved to dance and appreciated the finer things of life.

Ken spent some time at Brookdale Lake Ridge Assisted Living in Woodbridge, VA where he received tremendous care and made friendships that meant the world to him and his family.

He was an absolute joy to be around, always appeasing the needs of others and going with the flow.

He is survived by his children, Victoria Parisi and Ryan Parisi; his grandson, Elegua; his siblings, Diane Pruner and Denise Parisi; his nephew, Jake Pruner; in addition to extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be private.

Funeral arrangements were trusted to Burnett & White Funeral Homes - Rhinebeck.

Peter Reed

Peter M. Reed, age 76, of Pine Plains, NY, died peacefully on March 19, 2025.

Known for his generosity, commitment to educating the most vulnerable, and his mustachioed smile in equal measure, he was born on Feb 19, 1949, in Mt. Kisco, NY, to Martin and Helen (Patterson) Reed.

He grew up in Putnam Lake with his younger brother, Richie, and graduated from Brewster High School in 1967.

While at Brewster, he excelled on the school's section one men's gymnastics team, the side horse being his specialty. Along with his teammates, he even went to the World's Fair in Flushing, Queens to show off his skills.

He was the first in his family to go to college, studying history, and eventually getting a Master's in Education from the City University of New York (City College). He'd shuttle between Brewster and NYC on his motorcycle to classes. And had countless colorful stories about the time he spent in the city and kicking about the East Village.

He married Elizabeth (Bonnie) J. Carey on Oct. 12, 1975 in an outdoor ceremony at Middle Branch restaurant in Brewster, NY. The couple lived and raised their family in Pawling, NY.

The majority of Peter's years in teaching, 34, were spent at Brewster Central School District. He was a special education teacher at C.V. Starr Intermediate School, where he brought experiential learning to his students with activities like maple sugaring. He became such an expert that he was credited as content consultant for the 2005 Scholastic Welcome Book "Sap to Syrup" and was known at the school as The Grandfather of Maple Syruping.

He also coached the high school women's gymnastics team while teaching at Brewster. And enjoyed time serving as a coach for his children's sports teams, including ice hockey, in Pawling.

Along with a love of nature and sports, he loved music. And was there for music history as an attendee of the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in 1969.

In addition to his wife Elizabeth, Peter is survived by his daughter Carey, sons and daughters-in-law Stephen and Danica Reed of Pine Plains, NY, and Kevin and Natasha Reed of Raleigh, NC, grandsons Peter, Ian, and Ryland, nephews and nieces, and the thousands of students he taught.

To celebrate Peter's life, contributions may be made in his memory to Outward Bound USA (outwardbound.org). A service to follow in the coming months.

Jeffrey F. Riva

Jeffrey F. Riva sadly passed away on March 15, 2025, at the age of 77. Known as "Pop" to his grandchildren, Jeff leaves an indelible mark created by a lifetime of strength, courage, boldness, love, adventure and humor. He was his own man and will be fondly remembered and deeply missed.

Jeff was born in Washington, D.C. on August 17, 1947, to Betty (Shaler) and Humbert Lewis Riva. He attended Sacred Heart Grammar School in Washington, D.C. He moved with his family to Short Hill, NJ in 1961. He graduated from Seton Hall Prep in 1965. He then graduated from Marist College in 1969. While attending Marist, he met the love of his life, Nancy Cutten, and were married in June 1969. Together they raised three wonderful children in Staatsburg, NY, Jennifer, Jeffrey and Brian.

For 33 years, Jeff was an educator, coach and Athletic Director at Our Lady of Lourdes HS (1969-74) and Millbrook Jr./Sr. HS (1974-2002). Many of his student-athletes still stay in contact with him as well as many of his students. His humor and sharp wit were unmatched and will be remembered forever and bring smiles to friends and family as they continue to honor his life by living their lives fully and with courage. "Climb, though the rocks are rugged."

Jeff was predeceased by his parents; brother, John Michael; and sisters, Betty Jane and Suzanne.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Nancy; daughter, Jennifer, and son-in-law, Tom Mullen, and their sons, Joseph, Matthew and Tyler; son, Jeffrey, and daughter-in-law, Maureen Riva, and their children, Katie, Jake, Luke and Molly; and son, Brian, and Sarah and their son, Jack.

Jeff is also survived by his siblings, Barbara Coates and husband, John, Richard Riva and wife, Sharon, Rob Riva and wife, Nancy, Denning Riva, Mary Ann Martin and husband, Channing; brother-in-law, Ray Cutten and wife, Patricia; sister-in-law, Angela Riva; and numerous nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews.

The family will hold a memorial service at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, Jeff's family requests that you make a memorial donation to your local SPCA, or Tunnels To Towers Foundation (www.t2t.org), or a charitable cause that you support!

Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit Jeff's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW OF 2025 A LOCAL LAW CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 75 OF THE TOWN CODE TITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTALS" AND AMENDING CHAPTER 98, "ZONING"

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

Section 1 Title
This Local Law shall be known as "A Local Law creating a new Chapter 75 of the Town Code titled 'Short-Term Rentals' and Amending Chapter 98, 'Zoning'."

Section 2 Authority

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Section 10.

Section 3 Findings; Purpose

The Town Board finds that residential homes are being rented out for short terms, that short-term rentals have the potential to be incompatible with surrounding residential uses, and that special regulation is necessary to ensure that short-term rentals will be safe and compatible with surrounding uses and will not harm the neighborhoods in which they are located.

The Town Board finds that in the Town of Pleasant Valley, short-term rentals hosted by an on-site property owner provide valuable tourist accommodations and tend not to cause conflicts if properly managed. The Town Board finds that, in contrast, when a house is rented to transient visitors with no owner present, there is less oversight and more potential for conflict with neighbors. This type of use also removes housing from the market for long-term tenancy.

The purpose of this law is to establish regulations for hosted short-term rentals of residential property. Transient accommodations where a host is not present shall be deemed lodging facilities and regulated accordingly. These regulations are in addition to all other provisions of the Town Code.

Section 4 Enactment of Chapter 75

A new Chapter 75 of the Town Code shall be enacted as follows:

CHAPTER 75 SHORT-TERM RENTALS

§ 75-1. Definitions.
As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the mean-

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ing indicated:
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER — Includes the Building Inspector, the Zoning Administrator, the Code Enforcement Officer and any other person charged with enforcing the Code or local laws of the Town and any applicable Building, Fire and Residential Codes of New York State.

OWNER or OWNERS — Includes the person or people actually owning real property, a person or people holding membership interests in a limited-liability company, a person or people holding a partnership interest in a partnership or limited liability partnership, the trustee or trustees of a trust, or a person or people owning shares in a corporation, when any such an entity owns the real property.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL — Any portion of a dwelling unit or housing unit (as defined in any applicable NYS Fire, Building or Residential Code) rented for compensation in exchange for lodging for a period of fewer than 30 consecutive days, while the Owner is present on the property. Short-Term Rentals accommodations may be located in a primary structure or a permanent accessory structure but may not be located in campsites, tent platforms, or other temporary structures on the parcel. For the purpose of this chapter, the term "Short-Term Rental" shall not include a bed-and-breakfast, boardinghouse/lodging house, hotel, motel, or ongoing month-to-month tenancies.

§ 75-2. Required permit; limitations on Short-Term Rental permits.

A. Short-Term Rentals are allowed anywhere in the Town, regardless of the zoning district, if they meet all the requirements of this section and obtain a permit.

B. Short-Term Rentals require the Owner of the property to be on site overnight throughout the Short-Term Rental period. Any rental for fewer than 30 days in which the Owner is not on site shall not be deemed a Short-Term Rental but may seek approval as a lodging facility or other appropriate use in accordance with the Zoning Code.

C. Owners shall not advertise or use their property as a Short-Term Rental without obtaining a revocable Short-Term Rental permit in advance. Short-Term Rental permits shall be lim-

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ited to one permit for any Owner(s) for each one-year cycle. Only an Owner or Owners of the property can obtain a Short-Term Rental permit.

D. A Short-Term Rental permit shall be valid for one year and must be renewed 60 days prior to expiration of current permit if the premises are to continue to operate as a Short-Term Rental.

E. The Short-Term Rental permit is not transferable to a new owner. The new owner of the premises subject to a Short-Term Rental permit must file a new permit application.

F. The Town Board may establish by resolution the number of short-term rental permits that may be issued at any time. The initial number of such permits shall be 50. As permits expire they will become available to others if the maximum has been reached.

G. Permits for Short-Term Rentals are a privilege that can be revoked pursuant to these regulations.

H. Notwithstanding the foregoing, those properties with short-term rental commitments existing on the date this chapter takes effect shall be permitted to honor such existing commitments and continue to make commitments for short-term rentals, but owners must submit a complete permit application within 90 days of this chapter's effective date if they wish to make future short-term rental commitments. In the event such application is denied, all commitments shall be cancelled.

§ 75-3. Short-Term Rental permit application requirements.

A. Applications and application forms for a Short-Term Rental permit may be obtained at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall or Town website, and fully completed applications shall be submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer, accompanied by payment of a nonrefundable application fee to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Town Board. The application shall include the following:

(1) The signatures of all property owners or their designated agents.

(2) A statement authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer or his designee to inspect the property to ensure compliance with all requirements and standards contained within this chapter.

(3) An acknowledgment

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ment of present and ongoing compliance with the Short-Term Rental standards as defined in this chapter.

(4) A list of each property owner and the name of any manager, management agency managing the property, or other party responsible for maintaining the property in the owner's absence, including names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of each individual.

(5) The name, address, telephone number and email address of a local contact person, who shall be responsible for and authorized to act on the owner's behalf to promptly remedy any violation of the standards outlined in this chapter. The contact person may be an owner, or an agent designated by the owner(s) to serve as a contact person, and shall respond to any correspondence or concern from the Town Code Enforcement Officer within 24 hours.

(6) An accurate, suitable floor plan for each level of the dwelling that can be occupied measuring at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches, and a plot plan, both drawn to scale and certified by the applicant. The floor plan and plot plan do not need to be prepared by a professional, but must include the following:

(a) The location of buildings, septic systems, wells, required parking spaces, any swimming pools, hot tubs and spas.

(b) For each floor (including basement and/or attic): all rooms, including bedrooms, windows, exits and any heating/cooling units, as well as location of house utilities.

(c) All rooms that are not included in the Short-Term Rental must also be shown.

(7) A statement that none of the owners of the subject property have had a Short-Term Rental permit revoked within the previous year for any rental properties owned individually or together with others.

(8) If access to the property is by way of a private road or shared driveway, proof that the owner has the legal right to use the road or driveway for access to a Short-Term Rental.

(9) Current Dutchess County Hotel Occupancy Tax Certificate.

B. All completed applications are subject to a floor plan review and plot plan review and approval by the Code Enforcement Officer.

§ 75-4. Short-Term

Rental standards.
A. Property requirements.
(1) Property must comply and meet all applicable NYS Uniform Building Codes and the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley, including all Zoning requirements.
(2) A Short-Term Rental must be located within a legal dwelling unit, and there may be no more than one Short-Term Rental per property.
(3) There shall be one working smoke detector in each sleeping room and one additional smoke detector on each floor. Carbon monoxide detectors shall be installed as required by the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.
(4) Evacuation procedures must be posted in each sleeping room to be followed in the event of a fire or smoke condition or upon activation of a fire or smoke-detecting or other alarm device.
(5) There shall be an ABC fire extinguisher on each floor and in the kitchen. Fire extinguishers shall be inspected prior to a renter occupying the property and no less than monthly by the permit holder(s) to ensure each contains a full charge. A record of the date inspected initiated by the permit holder shall be maintained and made available to the Code Enforcement Officer upon request.
(6) The house number shall be located both at the road and on the dwelling unit so that the house number is clearly visible from both the road and the driveway.
(7) Exterior doors shall be operational and all passageways to exterior doors shall be clear and unobstructed.
(8) Electrical systems shall be in good operating condition, labeled, unobstructed and shall be visible for the Code Enforcement Officer during the permitting process. Any defects found shall be corrected prior to permit issuance.
(9) All fireplaces, woodstoves, pellet stoves and similar heating devices shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
(10) The property must have a minimum of one off-road parking space for every bedroom shown on the floor plan.
(11) Vehicle access to the Short-Term Rental must meet current New York State Fire Code requirements.
(12) Maximum occupancy for each Short-Term Rental unit shall

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not exceed two people per bedroom shown on the floor plan. The maximum occupancy of a short-term rental unit shall not exceed sixteen people.

(13) In the event that the property has a septic system, the maximum occupancy shall be limited by the maximum and verified capabilities of the septic system, but in no event shall overnight occupancy for any short-term rental unit exceed sixteen people total.

(14) A septic system at the property must meet all state and county requirements with supporting documentation.

(15) The septic system must have a satisfactory inspection by a qualified septic disposal firm within 90 days prior to the initial application. Once a Short-Term Rental permit is issued, the septic system must be pumped and inspected every two years.

(16) The water supply to the property must meet all state and county requirements.

(17) For properties which include a swimming pool, there must be water safety equipment on the property including a long-handled hook or a buoy or flotation device with an attached line, in plain view and within 10 feet of the edges of the swimming pool, and must meet all relevant codes.

B. An informational posting within the rental area shall be required, including:

(1) Maximum occupancy limit
(2) Location of parking spaces
(3) Any conditions imposed by the Zoning Board of Appeals and/or Code Enforcement Officer
(4) The phone numbers for local emergency services (e.g., fire, police, EMT)
(5) Quiet hours

C. Insurance standards. All applicants and permit holders must provide evidence of property insurance and a certificate of liability insurance indicating the premises are rated as a Short-Term Rental and maintain such insurance throughout the term of the Short-Term Rental permit.

D. Waste removal provisions shall be made for weekly garbage removal during rental periods. Garbage containers shall be secured with tight fitting covers at all times to prevent leakage, spilling, or odors, and placed where they are not clearly visible from the road except at approximate pickup time.

E. It shall be unlawful

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for a Short-Term Rental to be used for any gathering involving more people than the maximum occupancy of the rental.

F. Short-Term Rental applicants and permit holders must have a rental contract, which includes the following:

(1) Maximum property occupancy;
(2) Maximum on-site parking provided; and
(3) Good neighbor statement, stating:

(a) The Short-Term Rental renters should be considerate of the residents in neighboring homes;
(b) Guests are requested to observe quiet hours from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.;
(c) All renters will be subject to New York Penal Law § 240.20 or any successor statute regarding disorderly conduct;
(d) Littering is illegal;
(e) Recreational campfires must be attended at all times, and the property Owner must advise renters when burn bans are active;
(f) Hunting, the discharge of firearms, pyrotechnics, motorcycles, motocross and off-road vehicles shall not be permitted or operated on the property which is subject to a Short-Term Rental.

§ 75-5. Procedure upon filing application.

A. Short-Term Rental permit applications shall be filed with the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning, Building and Zoning Office with all supporting documentation and the nonrefundable permit fee. Only completed applications will be accepted by the Town's Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer may decline to accept an application for consideration for any of the following reasons:

(1) The application documentation required by this chapter was not included or the full permit fee was not paid.
(2) A previously issued Short-Term Rental permit was revoked within the past year and defects and/or violations have not been corrected and inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer.

B. Upon the Code Enforcement Officer's acceptance of the completed permit application, including all documents and information required by this chapter and the permit fee, the Code Enforcement Officer shall have 30 days to conduct a property inspection to certify and approve that all Short-Term Rental require-

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ments have been met. C. Upon approval of the Short-Term Rental application by the Code Enforcement Officer, a Short-Term Rental permit will be issued for a period of one year.

§ 75-6. Permit compliance required.

Short-Term Rental permits are subject to continued compliance with the requirements of this chapter. A. If the Code Enforcement Officer has probable cause to believe that the homeowner is not in compliance with the provisions of this chapter, the Code Enforcement Officer may request permission from the Short-Term Rental permit holder to enter the premises and to conduct an inspection of the Short-Term Rental property for purposes of ensuring compliance with this section. If the permit holder refuses to permit the Code Enforcement Officer to inspect the property, the permit will be revoked. If an inspection authorized herein is conducted, the Code Enforcement Officer shall use the results of such inspection in determining whether to revoke the permit.

B. The Short-Term Rental permit holder shall ensure that current and accurate information is provided to the Code Enforcement Officer and that the Code Enforcement Officer is notified immediately of any change in the information displayed on the permit. If, based on such changes, the Code Enforcement Officer issues an amended Short-Term Rental permit, the owner(s) must immediately post the amended permit inside and near the front entrance of the Short-Term Rental.

§ 75-7. Application for renewal of permit.

Renewal permits will be granted for an additional one-year term if the following conditions are met:

A. Application for renewal of the Short-Term Rental permit shall be made 60 days prior to expiration of current permit and requires payment of renewal fee.

B. At the time of application for renewal, the owner or designated agent must present the previous permit for Short-Term Rental.

C. The property must undergo re-inspection performed by the Code Enforcement Officer.

D. Any violations, whether previously issued or observed during the reinspection, must be remedied prior to renewal of a

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permit for Short-Term Rental.

§ 75-8. Grounds for suspension or revocation of permit.

The Code Enforcement Officer may immediately suspend a Short-Term Rental permit based on any of the following grounds:

A. Applicant has falsified or failed to provide information in the application for permit or the application for permit renewal.

B. Applicant failed to meet or comply with any of the requirements of this chapter.

C. Owner is in violation of any provision of the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley or the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

D. Any violation of the Penal Code of the State of New York has occurred at, or related to the occupancy of, the Short-Term Rental.

E. Any conduct on the premises, which disturbs the health, safety, peace or comfort of the neighborhood or which otherwise creates a public nuisance.

F. Removal or disrepair of any safety devices, such as, but not limited to, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, and egresses.

§ 75-9. Penalties for offenses.

A. If the Code Enforcement Officer either witnesses or receives a written complaint (unless the suspected violation is of life, health or safety matters, in which case the Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to act on an oral complaint) of an alleged violation of this chapter or of any Short-Term Rental permit issued pursuant to this chapter, the Code Enforcement Officer shall properly record such complaint and immediately investigate the report thereon. If the Code Enforcement Officer determines there is a violation of this Code or this chapter, the owners shall be notified in writing by certified or registered mail, or personal service, of said violations, and the Code Enforcement Officer may take any or all of the following actions:

(1) Attach conditions to the existing Short-Term Rental permit.

(2) Suspend the Short-Term Rental permit. The notice of suspension shall be provided to a property owner and a copy filed with the Town Clerk.

(3) Require corrective action that remedies the violation(s). The corrective action must be completed and approved within 30 days of notice from the Code Enforcement Officer or the owner

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(or permit holder) risks revocation of the Short-Term Rental permit.

(4) Issue a court appearance ticket for violation of law.

(5) Revoke the Short-Term Rental permit. Should a permit be revoked, all owners of the Short-Term Rental are prohibited from obtaining a Short-Term Rental permit on the property for three years after the date of revocation. The Code Enforcement Officer shall send a notice of revocation to property owner(s) and shall file a copy with the Town Clerk.

B. The Town may initiate an action in Supreme Court for injunctive relief whenever such injunctive relief may be necessary to prevent any further violation of this chapter or any threatened and imminent violation of this chapter. C. The Town may initiate an action in Justice Court for violation of this chapter. Conviction of such violation shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation. For subsequent violations, the fines shall be doubled.

§ 75-10. Presumption of use as Short-Term Rental property.

A. The presence of the following shall create a presumption that all or a part of the property is being used as a Short-Term Rental:

(1) All or a part of the property is offered for rent on a short-term rental website, including but not limited to Airbnb, HomeAway and VRBO™, for a rental period of less than 30 days; and/or

(2) All or a part of the property is offered for rent for a period of less than 30 days through any form of advertising.

B. The foregoing presumptions may be rebutted by evidence presented to the Code Enforcement Officer that the premises are not operated as a Short-Term Rental.

C. Permitted Short-Term Rentals shall make clear in their advertising that the Owner will be present on the property during the rental period. Advertising indicating that an entire dwelling unit is for rent without an owner on the property shall create a presumption that the accommodation is not functioning as a Short-Term Rental in conformance with this chapter.

§ 75-11. Appeals and hearings.

The property owner is entitled to appeal the Code Enforcement

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Officer's determination to the Zoning Board of Appeals when a property owner's application for a Short-Term Rental permit or a Short-Term Rental permit renewal is denied or a Short-Term Rental permit is revoked. A notice of appeal shall be filed with the Town Clerk and the Zoning Board of Appeals within 60 days of the Code Enforcement Officer's filing of the denial or revocation with the Town Clerk. A hearing shall be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals not more than 45 days after the filing of the notice of appeal.

Section 5 Changes to Chapter 98, Zoning

Chapter 98 of the Town Code, titled "Zoning," shall be amended as follows:

In Section 98-103, the definition of the following terms shall be replaced as follows:

DWELLING: A building designed or used exclusively as living quarters for one or more families on a long-term basis. A dwelling shall not include a motel, hotel, boardinghouse, or tourist accommodation. A residential unit rented for transient occupancy of less than 30 days shall not be considered a dwelling unless the rental activity is permitted as a Short-Term Rental pursuant to Chapter 75.

LODGING FACILITY: Any hotel, motel, inn, or other establishment providing sleeping accommodations for transient guests staying for periods of less than 30 days, other than a Bed-and-Breakfast as defined herein or a Short-Term Rental permitted pursuant to Chapter 75. A Lodging Facility may or may not include a dining room or restaurant. Rental of a residential unit for less than 30 days, if not permitted as a Short-Term Rental pursuant to Chapter 75 or other permitted use, shall be deemed a Lodging Facility.

Section 5 S u - persession

To the extent that any provision of this Chapter is inconsistent with Town Law or any other provision of New York State law, the provisions of this Chapter are expressly intended to and do hereby supersede any such inconsistent provision under the Town's municipal home rule powers.

Section 6 Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part of this Local Law shall be adjudicated in any court of competent ju-

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isdiction to be invalid, such judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the Clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and such invalidity shall not be deemed to affect the remaining portions thereof.

Section 7 E f - fective Date

This Local Law shall be effective as provided by law, immediately upon filing and acceptance by the New York Secretary of State.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

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M-M2RE HOLDINGS 13, LLC,
Plaintiff,

-against-

Index No: 53854/2018
BARBARA GIOR-D A N O - L E O N - AGGEO a/k/a/ BARBARA G I O R D A N O , ROGER LEON-AGGEO, a/k/a ROGER F. LEONAGGEO a/k/a ROBERT LEON-AGGEO, ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC, CATANIA, MAHON, MILLIGRAM & RIDER, PLLC, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, and RAZOR CAPITAL II, LLC A/P/O CREDIT ONE BANK, N.A.,
Defendants.

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In pursuance of and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated January 28, 2025, duly granted by the Court and entered in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on January 31, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Dutchess County Courthouse, 1st Floor, rear vestibule, 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601 on the **7th day of April, 2025 at 2:30 in the afternoon** of that day, the mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold and in said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece, or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Stanford, County of Dutchess and State of New York, at 151 Homan Road, bearing tax grid number,

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Section 135200, Block 6669-00 and Lot 573194-0000, and more particularly described in the "Schedule A" attached to the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, on file in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess. Anthony J. Centone, Esq., Referee Anthony J. Centone, P.C. 1950 E. Main Street, Suite 205 Mohegan Lake, NY 10547-1288 (914) 528-4529

Location of Property to be foreclosed: Town of Stanford, County of Dutchess, State of New York, as more fully described above. DATED: February 20, 2025

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LOCAL LAW CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 75 OF THE TOWN CODE TITLED "SHORT-TERM RENTALS"

P L E A S E

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on April 7, 2025 at 7 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law G of the Year 2025, to create a new Chapter 75 of the town code entitled "Short-Term Rentals".

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid. Time limitations may be imposed for each oral statement, if necessary.

Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York March 5, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. F OF THE YEAR 2025 TITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 86, TAXATION

Legal Notices

TO PROVIDE A NEW ARTICLE VII ENTITLED 'EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOME'

P L E A S E

TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Pleasant Valley will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York on April 7, 2025 at 7:05 o'clock, p.m., on Local Law F of the Year 2025, to Amend Chapter 86, Taxation to provide a New Article VII entitled "Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income".

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the office of the Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Friday between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

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Dated: Pleasant Valley, New York March 5, 2025

Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk

EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners will hold a Special Workshop Meeting for the new Facility Project on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting will be held at the East Clinton Fire District Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, NY.

Dated: March 12, 2025

East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners
Carol Mackin, Secretary

The Stanford Cemetery annual Plowholders and Trustee Meeting is scheduled for April 8 2025 at 6pm. Meeting location 158 Shelley Hill Road, Stanfordville NY

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 303/2025
RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION
PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW G OF 2025, "A
LOCAL LAW CREATING A NEW CHAPTER 75 OF THE TOWN
CODE TITLED 'SHORT-TERM RENTALS' AND AMENDING
CHAPTER 98, 'ZONING'"**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is necessary to establish a system of licensure and regulation for short-term rentals; and **WHEREAS**, after considering multiple approaches to such regulation, the Town Board has determined that it is appropriate to allow and regulate hosted short-term rentals throughout the community and to classify transient rentals that are not hosted as lodging facilities; **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby withdraws Proposed Local Law D of the Year 2024, "A Local Law creating a new Chapter 75 of the Town Code titled 'Short-Term Rentals'" and cancels the public hearing scheduled for March 17, 2025; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law G of the Year 2025, "A Local Law creating a new Chapter 75 of the Town Code titled 'Short-Term Rentals' and Amending Chapter 98, 'Zoning'" for the purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA the Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of Proposed Local Law G is a Type I action (see, 6 NYCRR 617.4[b][2]), and the Town Board accepts the attached SEQRA EAF Part 1 for the proposed action; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board determines that it will be the only agency with approval authority over the proposed action and therefore declares itself to be the Lead Agency for conduct of the environmental review under SEQRA; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law G to the Dutchess County Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law D to the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on April 7, 2025 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give, publish and post notice of said public hearing, as required by law; and be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Town Clerk is directed to give notice to the New York State Department of Transportation Region 8 and all towns adjacent Pleasant Valley pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code.
Dated: March 3, 2025

MOTION BY: Councilman Rifenburgh
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Chapman

ROLL CALL:	AYE	NAY
Councilwoman Chapman	X	
Councilman Cookinham	X	
Councilman Degan	X	
Councilman Rifenburgh	X	
Supervisor Albrecht	X	
Carried.		

**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
LOCAL LAW NO. F OF THE YEAR 2025
A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY, DUTCHESS
COUNTY, NEW YORK, AMENDING CHAPTER 86, TAXATION TO
PROVIDE A NEW ARTICLE VII THEREOF ENTITLED: "EXEMPTION
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOME"**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.
This Local Law shall be known, and may be cited as, "A Local Law of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York, Amending Chapter 86, Taxation to Provide a New Article VII Thereof Entitled: 'Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income'"

SECTION 2. Chapter 86, Taxation, of the Town of Pleasant Valley Code is hereby amended to provide a new Article VII, which shall read as follows:

§86-19. Purpose, Statutory Authority.
This article is enacted pursuant to the provisions of §459-c of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York to grant a partial exemption from Town taxation to certain resident property owners of the Town of Pleasant Valley with disabilities who have limited incomes.

§86-20 Definitions.
As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
INCOME TAX YEAR

The twelve-month period for which the owner or owners filed a federal personal income tax return, or if no such return is filed, the calendar year.

PERSON WITH A DISABILITY
A. One who has a physical or mental impairment, not due to current use of alcohol or illegal drugs, which substantially limits such person's ability to engage in one or more major life activities, such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working, and who:
(1) Is certified to receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits under the Federal Social Security Act; or
(2) Is certified to receive Railroad Retirement Disability benefits under the Federal Railroad Retirement Act; or
(3) Has received a certificate from the State Commission for the Blind stating that such person is legally blind; or
(4) Is certified to receive a United States Postal Service disability pension; or
(5) Is certified to receive a United States Department of Veterans Affairs disability pension pursuant to 38 U.S.C. §1521.

B. An award letter from the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board or a certificate from the State Commission or an award letter from the United States Postal Service, or an award letter from United

States Department of Veterans Affairs shall be submitted as proof of disability.

SIBLING
A brother or a sister, whether related through blood, whole blood or adoption.

§86-21 Exemption Granted; Amount; Limitations.

A. Real property situate within the Town of Pleasant Valley, owned by husband, wife or both, or by siblings, at least one of whom has a disability, or real property owned by one or more persons, some of whom qualify under Real Property Tax Law §459-c and the others of whom qualify under Real Property Tax Law §467, or real property owned by a cooperative apartment corporation in which a tenant-stockholder of such corporation resides, and which is represented by his share or shares of stock in such corporation as determined by its or their proportional relationship to the total outstanding stock of the corporation, including that owned by the corporation, which for purposes of this article shall be deemed vested in the tenant-stockholder, and whose income, as hereinafter defined, is limited by reason of such disability, shall be exempt from taxation for real estate taxes to be levied by the Town for the year 2025 and thereafter by the percentage of exemptions hereinafter specified for the annual income ranges listed below to the extent of 50% of the assessed valuation thereof. Such exemption shall be based upon and be computed after all other partial exemptions allowed by law have been subtracted from the total amount assessed:

Annual Income Ranges	Exemption Percentage
\$35,000 or less	50%
\$45,000-35,999	45%
\$36,000-36,999	40%
\$37,000-37,999	35%
\$38,000-38,899	30%
\$38,900-39,799	25%
\$39,800-40,699	20%
\$40,700-41,599	15%
\$41,600-42,499	10%
\$42,500-43,399	5%
\$43,400 or more	0%

B. No exemption shall be granted:

(1) If the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption exceeds \$43,400. Where title is vested in either the husband or the wife, their combined income may not exceed such sum, except where the husband or wife, or ex-husband or ex-wife, is absent from the property due to divorce, legal separation or abandonment, then only the income of the spouse or ex-spouse residing on the property shall be considered and may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include social security and retirement benefits, interest, dividends, total gain from the sale or exchange of a capital asset, which may be offset by a loss from the sale or exchange of a capital asset in the same income tax year, net rental income, salary or earnings, and net income from self-employment, but shall not include a return of capital, gifts or inheritances or monies earned through employment in the federal foster grandparent program. In computing net rental income and net income from self-employment, no depreciation deduction shall be allowed for the exhaustion, wear and tear of real or personal property held for the production of income.

(2) Unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event that any portion of such property is not so used exclusively for residential purposes but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this article.

(3) Unless the real property is the legal residence of and is occupied in whole or in part by the disabled person, except where the disabled person is absent from the residence while receiving heal-related care as an inpatient or a residential health care facility, as defined in §2801 of the Public Health Law, and provided that any income accruing to that person shall be considered income for the purposes of this article only to the extent that it exceeds the amount paid by such person or spouse, or sibling or such person for care in the facility.

A. No parcel may receive an exemption for the same municipal tax purpose pursuant to both this article and Article I of this chapter, Senior Citizens Partial Exemption, as amended, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §467.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the provisions of this article shall apply to real property held in trust solely for the benefit of a person or persons who would otherwise be eligible for a real property tax exemption, pursuant to this article, were such person or persons the owner or owners of such real property.

§86-22 Application for Exemption.

A. Application for such exemption must be made annually by the owner or all of the owners of the property on forms to be provided by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services through the Assessor's office. Such applications shall furnish the information and the forms are to be executed in the manner required or prescribed in such forms and shall be filed in the Assessor's office on or before taxable status date; provided, however, that proof of a permanent disability need be submitted only in the year exemption pursuant to this article is first sought or the disability is first determined to be permanent.

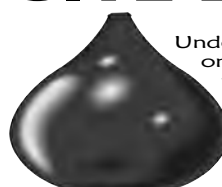
B. At least 60 days prior to the appropriate taxable status date, the Assessor shall mail to each person who was granted exemption pursuant to this article on the latest completed assessment roll an application form and a notice that such application must be filed on or before the taxable status date and be approved in order for the exemption to be granted. Failure to mail any such application form or notices or the failure of such person to receive any of the same shall not prevent the levy, collection and enforcement of the payment of the taxes on property owned by such person.

§86-23 When Effective; Applicability.

This article shall take effect upon filing in the Secretary of State's office and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on or after March 1, 2024.

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**TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY
TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 301/2025
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. F OF THE
YEAR 2025 TITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 86,
TAXATION TO PROVIDE A NEW ARTICLE VII ENTITLED
'EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND
LIMITED INCOME'"**

WHEREAS, §459-c of the Real Property Tax Law provides authority to the Town to grant a partial exemption from Town taxation to certain property owners of the Town of Pleasant Valley with disabilities who have limited incomes; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town has drafted a proposed Local Law amending Chapter 86 to provide a new Article VII titled: "Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income"; and

WHEREAS, the said Local Law has been reviewed and approved by the Town Board and has been found to be acceptable in form and content; and

WHEREAS, the said action is a Type II action under SEQRA which does not require environmental review.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby schedules a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. F of the Year 2025 titled: "A Local Law Amending Chapter 86, Taxation to Provide a New Article VII entitled 'Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income' for April 7, 2025 at 7:05 p.m. at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to publish such notice of said public hearing as required by law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call on March 3, 2025 which resulted as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Rifenburgh

SECOND: Councilwoman Chapman

ROLL CALL:	AYE	NAY
Supervisor Albrecht	X	_____
Councilman Rifenburgh	X	_____
Councilman Degan	X	_____
Councilwoman Chapman	X	_____
Councilman Cookinham	X	_____
Carried.		

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on March 10, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York,
March 19, 2025.

LEIGH WAGER
Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2025024
BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 10, 2025.
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$828,200 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$3,280,000 GRANT-IN-AID MONIES TO PAY THE COST OF ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

Class of objects or purposes: Road reconstruction
Period of probable usefulness: 15 years
Maximum estimated cost: \$4,108,200
Maximum amount of bonds to be issued: \$828,200 bonds
Other monies: \$3,280,000 grant-in-aid
SEQRA status: SEQRA compliance to be completed during the final design stage and prior to the financing thereof.

DCC Foundation to recognize Flowers, Imperati at Our Community's Bridges to the Future gala on March 29

The Dutchess Community College Foundation's annual Our Community's Bridge to the Future gala will be held on Saturday, March 29, at 6 p.m. at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. The event will honor the 2025 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees and recipients of two awards for outstanding service to the College and community. The Foundation provides more than \$1 million annually to DCC to support student scholarships, emergency grant needs, student technology and other educational initiatives.

City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Yvonne D. Flowers and Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk A. Imperati, both lifelong residents of Dutchess County, will be inducted into the DCC Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Dutchess BOCES, Poughkeepsie City School District and Wappingers Central School District will receive the College's

Bridge to the Future Award, and Eleanor ("Ellie") Charwat will receive the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award.

- Yvonne Flowers '90 made history in 2024 as Poughkeepsie's first African American mayor after four terms as Fifth Ward councilwoman. She completed her bookkeeping certificate in 1990 and Accounting A.A.S. in 1995 at DCC, dedicating 33 years to the College before retiring in 2023 as grants and contracts finance officer. Inspired by her father, John Flowers, she continues his legacy of community engagement and advocacy.

- Kirk Imperati '89 became sheriff of Dutchess County in 2023, building on a 30-year law enforcement career. His leadership has garnered numerous awards, including the Lifetime Service Award from the Child Advocacy Center and the Community Service Award

from the John Flowers Organization. A graduate of DCC's Criminal Justice A.A.S. program, he earned a bachelor's in criminal justice from Marist University, completed the FBI National Academy, and is currently pursuing a master's in public administration.

- Dutchess BOCES serves more than 1,200 students across 60 school districts, including all 13 in Dutchess County. It offers career and technical education, special education and literacy programs while providing business, technology and professional development services to schools.- Poughkeepsie City School District serves approximately 4,000 students annually. In 2020, it designated all seven schools as Community Schools, strengthening school and community partnerships. In 2023-24, all elementary schools achieved "Good Standing" status from the New York State Education

Department for the first time in 13 years, demonstrating the positive impact of its school, home and community approach.

- Wappingers Central School District is one of the largest in New York state, serving 10,500 students across 120 square miles. Formed in 1938, it now includes 10 elementary schools, two junior high schools, two senior high schools and one alternative high school. Located within commuting distance of New York City, the district emphasizes academic excellence, career readiness and community partnerships.

- Eleanor "Ellie" Charwat has dedicated her life to education, civic engagement and public service. She served as executive director of the Marist College School of Adult Education and has held leadership roles with the Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, the Dutchess County League of Women Voters and the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. A longtime advocate for literacy and civic engagement, she remains active in multiple local organizations.

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Answers to this week's diversions

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Advocating for yourself

Aging in place works well when it’s the result of older people enjoying their homes and adapting them to anticipate needs that arise as they age; but there’s a second type of aging in place that’s less appealing. This second type happens when the older resident sees no practical alternative to their current housing situation, because of financial constraints or because housing and infrastructure policy doesn’t allow it – yet.

Older adults and caregivers can drive improved policy. Strength in numbers is on the side of older adults, 80,000 of whom live in Dutchess County, plus nearly as many caregivers.

Maybe an older adult would like to sell their home and downsize into something more suitable. OFA can offer guidance; through our NY Connects unit, we keep close tabs on available housing that’s suitable for older adults.

But other obstacles to successful aging in place exist for older adults. Maybe they’re happy with where they live but the tax bills are unsustainable, or the neighborhood isn’t walkable, or the closure of their local supermarket or doctor’s office left them with a long drive to the next closest ones. Many would like to add smart home security features, but the necessary broadband internet access is not

sufficient. Others envision moving into an accessory dwelling unit on a family member’s property, but they don’t know if local zoning allows it.

It’s possible they’re leaving money on the table; AARP reports that federal housing assistance reached only 36.5% of eligible households, as of 2021.

Again, contacting OFA can help older adults discover the many forms of housing and home-improvement aid for which they qualify.

Time to ask yourself: Where will you be in 2, 5, 10 years or more?

Keep your future in mind as you make plans for aging in place - or aging in a new place. Maybe your current home meets your needs now, but what about in 2030 or 2040? Think about whether you’ll have the skills and budget to make the upgrades you’ll need over the years, or whether you need to look for a newer residence where the adaptations have already been made. OFA can help this process along. We won’t make up your mind for you, but we can help you get to a place where whatever you decide, you’ll know you had the best available information.

A few quick, free, and/or low-cost steps you can take

- If you need to replace a doorknob, consider a lever-style knob that’ll be easier to operate for arthritic hands. Under the same principle, replace cabinet knobs with pull bars.
- Get to know your neighbors. You can keep an eye out for each other in the event of trouble.

- Open up floor space with safe movement in mind. Keep only the furniture you need.

- If your home has a den on the first floor, it may make more sense as a bedroom, especially if the current bedroom is on the second floor.

- Remove area rugs, when possible, especially if the rugs slide when stepped on.

- If you’re investing in grab bars, go for the kind that are bolted securely to a wall, rather than a suction-cup-style bar that can pop loose at the worst possible time.

- A raised toilet seat makes it easier to transfer on and off the toilet.

If you can invest in your home, think longer-term

Remember: you’re not just making the improvements you need now, but also for the rest of your life. It’s easier and less expensive to include aging-friendly features during a project than after it’s done.

You and your caregivers can ask us more questions in person at an OFA event near you, like this next one coming in April...

YOUR Health Fair - Saturday, April 12

The Dutchess County Department Health will host its third annual Y.O.U.R. (Young, Old, Urban, Rural) Health Dutchess County Health Fair on Saturday, April 12th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Falcon Hall at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie.

The Office for the Aging will join dozens of other agencies and service providers at the health fair for resources and fun activities for all ages; fire and police safety; mental health and substance use services; a sensory friendly area; and indoor/outdoor exhibitors, raffles, giveaways and more.

Visit www.dutchessny.gov/healthfair for more information.

‘EMPOWERED CAREGIVER SERIES’ AT OFA THIS SPRING

Are you the caregiver of a Dutchess County resident living with dementia? The Dutchess County Office for the Aging is partnering with the Alzheimer’s Association Hudson Valley Chapter to host the “Empowered Caregiver Series” in May and June at OFA headquarters, 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie.

Each session takes place on a Tuesday at 3:00pm. Seating is limited, so reservations are required. Call the Office for the Aging to save your seat at any session(s) you can attend, at 845-486-2555 during business hours. We cannot accept reservation requests made via voice mail or email. Topics in the program include:

- May 6 - Building foundations of caregiving
- May 13 - Supporting independence
- May 20 - Communicating effectively
- May 27 - Responding to dementia-related behaviors
- June 3 - Exploring care and support services

This free program is open to caregivers of all ages and is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

‘PANCAKES IN THE PARK’ – STILL SPACE LEFT IN RHINEBECK (April 2)

The FREE annual OFA “Pancakes in the Park” events for Dutchess County older adults (60+), co-hosted by Dutchess County Parks, are filling up fast. One of the two events is already full, but there’s still room left at the other.

There is still room – while it lasts - to sign up for the second “Pancakes” event at the Pavilion at Brookmeade, 34 Brookmeade Dr. in Rhinebeck, on Wednesday, April 2nd.

The first “Pancakes in the Park” event, at Bowdoin Park on Thursday, March 27th, is at capacity.

Both events begin at 10:30 am. Guests must be Dutchess County residents age 60+. Call OFA at 845-486-2555 during business hours to register. We cannot accept reservations left on voice mail or by email.

Each participant gets a pancake breakfast accompanied by a splash of maple

syrup tapped from Dutchess County maple trees. A limited amount of syrup will be available for purchase.

CENTRAL HUDSON OLDER ADULTS’ FORUMS

If you’re a Dutchess County older adult (60+) and Central Hudson utility customer looking to make your energy budget last, Central Hudson outreach personnel will be at the OFA Friendship Center in Poughkeepsie (114 Delafield St.) on Thursday, April 3rd at 2:30, to help older adults understand the available assistance programs, along with valuable energy usage and safety information.

Seating is limited, and required reservations can be made by calling OFA during business hours (weekdays, 9a-5p) at 845-486-2555. We cannot accept reservations made by voice mail or email.

A second Central Hudson outreach event has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th at 1:00pm at the NorthEast-Millerton Library Annex (28 Century Blvd.), which also serves as an OFA Friendship Center. Register for the April 15th event via the library’s website, www.nemillertonlibrary.org, or call the library at 518-789-3340.

Both events are geared toward savings rather than complaints about the cost of utilities. That said, we recognize the importance of advocating for oneself in successful aging, and the importance of being able to reach the right people when raising one’s concerns.

It’s recommended that you speak with your utility company’s customer service division first; then, after you have contacted your utility to express your concerns but are not satisfied with the result, use this link to find out more about filing complaints with the New York State Department of Public Service.

AARP SHREDDER TRUCK / POUGHKEEPSIE (May 2)

Help protect yourself and your family from identity theft, deed theft, and other scams by joining AARP New York for a free paper shredding event!

On Friday, May 2, 2025, AARP New York will host its annual free paper shredding event with an on-site mobile shred truck in Poughkeepsie, NY from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event will be held at St John’s Evangelical Lutheran, 55 Wilbur Blvd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Registration closes March 25th.

Paper only. Please remove paper clips and metal binder clips in advance. There is a three bag or three box limit per participant. Boxes will be emptied and returned to participants. Event ends at scheduled time or when the truck is full, whichever comes first.

Can’t get to this event? Check with your local authorities and financial institutions to locate shredder truck events in your area. They’re most common during tax season.

SAVE THE DATE – CAREGIVER CONFERENCE (Wednesday, May 7th – registration begins in April)

Caregivers looking for help on being the best caregiver they can be while maintaining their own well-being will want to set aside Wednesday, May 7th for the annual “Caregiver Conference.” It’ll be held at the Wallace Center, on the grounds of the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park.

Registration is expected to get underway in the springtime; watch this newsletter for the specific date of registration opening – space will be limited!

The event begins with sign-in at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 2 p.m.

There will be plenty of time for your questions and concerns, and dozens of experts and vendors will be on hand with answers and solutions.

The conference is organized by the Office for the Aging, the Alzheimer’s Association Hudson Valley Chapter; Hudson Valley Hospice; Parkinson’s Disease Support Group of the Mid-Hudson Valley; and community members Cathy Regan and FaLisia Cotten-Swain.

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