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'Move Over' Law expands to include all stopped vehicles on highways

By Kate Goldsmith

As of today, March 27, drivers must slow down or move over to avoid a crash with any disabled or stopped vehicle. New York's Move Over Law was first enacted in 2010 to protect emergency vehicles that were stopped on the highway. It has since been expanded several times to include hazard vehicles, highway worker vehicles, and tow trucks. Last year, Gov. Kathy Hochul signed a bill to further strengthen the law by including this protection for all vehicles stopped on the roadway.

Under the law, when a driver is approaching a vehicle stopped along either shoulder of the road, they should:

- change into a lane not immediately adjacent to the vehicle, or
- slow down to a reasonable speed if unable to safely make a lane change.

"The safety of all New Yorkers is my top priority, especially those pulled over to the side of the road," Hochul said. "If you see that you are approaching a disabled vehicle, slow down and move over as best you can to give them some space."

According to state data, from 2016 to 2020, 37 individuals were killed outside disabled vehicles in New York. Nationally, nearly 300 drivers are struck and killed roadside every year. The Move Over Law was enacted to prevent those tragedies and make New York's roadways safer for all.

Last week, the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee launched a public awareness campaign using radio, social media and other out-of-home elements to remind people they will need to "Slow Down, Move Over" as best they can when they come upon

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Families of premature babies give back for 'miraculous' births

By Rich Thomaselli

Marial Drivas vividly remembers the date and time.

It was just before Christmas of 2012 and she had just given birth a few days earlier to a premature baby. It was 4:30 in the morning. Her son had stopped breathing. The doctors and nurses in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Vassar Brothers Medical Center sprang into action.

Her son Sotirios was revived and today is a thriving young man. But at the time, he still had to be intubated. For nine days. In retrospect, it might seem like a small amount of time, but it was a lifetime to Marial and her family.

Drivas leans heavily on her faith and calls it "miraculous."

"He was so tiny he could fit in the palm of my hand," she said.

That's why she and the Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church of Poughkeepsie have a place in their hearts for the doctors and nurses at the NICU. And as Easter approaches, she is especially grateful and the group is just coming off an event in which they made 48 Build-a-Bear stuffed animals for children at the hospital and made a special



Members of the Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church of Poughkeepsie recently visited the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Vassar Brothers Medical Center to present special gifts and say "Thank You" for all of the efforts of the doctors and nurses of the unit. From left are Jimmy and Sotirios Drivas, Jimmy Sasso, Theodora and Cassandra Camburn, Spyroula Sasso, Marial Drivas and Catherine and Alex Doxy. At right is Sotirios Drivas in an incubator 11 years ago

Courtesy photos

financial donation to the NICU.

For Drivas and other mothers of premature babies, it's just their way of giving back and showing their love and appreciation to the doctors and nurses at the NICU, where her son spent the first 71 days of his life.

Drivas is not alone. Several other mothers in the church have given birth to



premature babies and they have a special bond and camaraderie.

"My son is 11 now. I wanted to do something to give back to the hospital where he was born," Drivas said. "It's

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Public hearing set April 1 in Red Hook on cell tower coverage

There is a dispute over a much-needed cell phone tower in northern Dutchess County and Red Hook residents are being encouraged to attend a public hearing at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 1, at the Red Hook Town Hall.

The Town of Rhinebeck has been engaging Verizon Communications to build a tower.

However, MK Levy Properties LLC has been in the process of negotiating with AT&T for nearly six years to build a tower.

Michael Levy, managing member with MK Levy Properties LLC, stated that he

has been speaking with AT&T since July of 2018. He said, AT&T has been diligently trying to improve the cell phone service near the Kingston-Rhinecliff bridge and approached MK Levy Properties LLC regarding the parcel of property that the company owns off Route 9G in the Town of Red Hook.

Levy said MK Levy Properties has leased this parcel with the hopes to improve cell phone service and safety measures (like calling 911) off the bridge and on Route 9G.

"As almost everybody knows, cell reception in the Kingston-Rhinecliff

Bridge area has been practically nonexistent for many years," said Levy.

He said, the lease with AT&T was signed as far back as November of 2021, although the discussions have long preceded that date. "We have been working on this for a long time," Levy said.

In fact, environmental studies of the property in the Town of Red Hook have already been completed, according to Levy. Moreover, the proposal in Red Hook has recently been set before the Red Hook Town Zoning Board of Appeals.

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County to offer free rabies clinic on April 7

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) and the Dutchess County SPCA continue their partnership hosting their next free rabies vaccination clinic on Sunday, April 7, at the Red Hook Town Hall, located at 7340 Broadway, in the Town of Red Hook, from 8 a.m. to noon. This clinic is open to dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older. Advance registration is required. Residents can register at DCSPCA.org or by calling the DCSPCA at (845) 452-

7722, ext. 425.

The clinic is free for Dutchess County residents; non-residents will be charged a fee of \$10 per pet vaccinated. All dogs must be on leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years for pets with proper proof of a prior immunization. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year.

Rabies vaccinations are required by New York State law for all cats, dogs, and domestic ferrets by the age of four

months of age. Pet owners are required to revaccinate on a regular schedule to keep the animal properly immunized against the rabies virus.

DBCH is available 24/7 to assist with any questions or concerns regarding potential rabies exposure to people or domestic animals. Pet owners should report to DCBH any incident in which their pet has been bitten by or has an open wound exposed to the saliva or nervous tissue of a domestic or wild animal. Staff will investigate and advise the pet owner

of any necessary steps they should take to ensure the safety of their animal.

Residents who see an animal acting strangely are advised to contact their local police agency. If a person has been bitten, or a domestic pet is bitten or is in contact, with any animal, they're to contact DBCH immediately at (845) 486-3404 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or (845) 431-6465 on nights and weekends.

To learn more about rabies, visit dutchessny.gov/rabies or contact DCBH at ehs@dutchessny.gov.

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someone stopped on the side of the road or in a driving lane.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all 50 states have "Move Over" laws to protect law enforcement officers and other first responders, yet one-third of Americans are not aware of these laws.

"We are excited about the new legislation because the safety of the officers, road crews and tow truck operators are very important to us," said Hyde Park Police Chief Robert Benson. "There are many close calls on the Route 9 corridor from East Market Street to Marist where vehicles are traveling a higher speed past the patrol officers conducting traffic stops and helping motorists with disabled vehicles."

Chief Benson added, "We will have officers working overtime details in the near future that coincide with the New York State 'click it or ticket' and selective enforcement patrols. These patrols will

be looking for compliance with the Move Over Law while trying to reduce injuries and accidents with these enforcement details."

Troop K Commander Major Kathryn M. Rohde said, "Every day the members of Troop K work hard to make our roadways safer. It is our duty to continue to educate drivers and enforce the law in furtherance of that goal." She advised drivers to "slow down to a reasonable speed even if you are on the opposite side of the roadway. Move over for any stopped or standing vehicle in the roadway or on the shoulder. We want everyone to reach their destination."

DMV Commissioner and Chair of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Mark J.F. Schroeder said, "The expansion of the Move Over Law is another example of New York State's commitment to making this state a safe place to live, work, and travel. You never know when you may need to pull over, but when you

do, we want to make sure you can do so without putting yourself or others in harm's way. Each of us is responsible for doing our part to prevent tragedies on our roadways, so please follow the law. Slow down and move over when you see another vehicle stopped."

Thruway Authority Acting Executive Director Frank G. Hoare, Esq. said, "Strengthening the Move Over Law by expanding the protection to all vehicles that are stopped on the side of the road will help save lives. The law is meant to protect motorists, emergency responders, Thruway personnel and others assisting disabled vehicles. When you see any vehicle pulled over, slow down and safely move over. We thank our partners at New York State Police Troop T for their work patrolling the Thruway and keeping motorists safe."

Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said, "The expansion of New York's Move Over Law to include disabled and

stopped vehicles in the roadway is critical to achieving the goal of eliminating fatalities on the roadways. With 37 individuals killed outside of disabled vehicles on New York's roadways from 2016–2020, Governor Hochul's actions to expand the Move Over law will fundamentally save lives by putting safety first."

New York State Police Acting Superintendent Steven G. James said, "The New York State Police remains committed to keeping our roadways safe - for those who travel them, and for those who work on them. By expanding the Move Over Law and vigorously enforcing its provisions, we will be able to further improve safety for all who utilize our roads throughout the state. I thank Governor Hochul for her shared dedication and steadfast commitment to enhancing safety on New York's roadways."

Visit <https://trafficsafety.ny.gov/move-over-law> for additional information about the Move Over Law and other highway safety initiatives.

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Poughkeepsie announces town-wide cleanup for Earth Month

April is Earth Month, and the Town of Poughkeepsie is asking residents to join with the Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC), Town government, and volunteers to clean up the Town of Poughkeepsie all during the month of April.

Town officials will announce specific clean-up events in the near future; they also encourage residents to plan their own clean-up event, with neighbors, family, church, or other organization.

To plan your own event, email Pam Kingsley, chair of the Town of Poughkeepsie CAC, at pamkingsley9cac@gmail.com. She can work with you to find a location, supply your volunteers

with contractor bags, and arrange for garbage pick-up the following week. All you need to do is pick a day in April and get your volunteers together.

The main goal is to keep Poughkeepsie clean, but it can also have a fun element. The Town will keep track of how much garbage has been picked up, and they ask volunteers to submit photos of themselves in action. At the end of month they will announce garbage pick-up grand totals and post a slideshow of everyone who took part, which will be posted to the Town's website.

For further information, contact the Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor's office at (845) 485-3607.

CLINTON ANNOUNCES NEW CAC WEBSITE

The Town of Clinton's Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) recently announced a new website, clintoncac.com, full of information about the natural resources of the town and how to protect them. Announcing the New

The website is also the home of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force, which is pursuing Bronze Level certification for the Town of Clinton.

On the site you can find information about both of these groups as well as articles on topics like understanding where our drinking water comes from, maintaining septic systems, the importance of wetlands, pollinator gardens, mowing, and more.

There are also several photo galleries and the opportunity to submit your own nature photos from around town.

Families of premature babies give back for 'miraculous' births

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Working on "Build A Bears" at the Poughkeepsie Galleria are, from left, Elizabeth Papamitoukas, Spyroula Sasso, Amalia, Alexandros and Melissa Toromandes, Barbara Sasso, Melissa Papamitoukas and Theodora Sasso. The children were taking part in a community service project to construct the bears for children in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Courtesy photo

something we'd like to do every year."

The church also donates bags of goodies and supplies to the homeless shelter every November And adopts a family for Christmas.

Drivas knows the frustrating and hopeless feelings.

"Oh man, it was tough," she said. "I mean, you're a first-time mom, and you don't even know if your child is going to make it. You want to take care of him. We even had an oscillator in the house that turned the outside air into oxygen. It was a different experience, to say the least. It was very scary."

She uses her own example and her faith and the openness of her church to guide her.

"Maybe they would want to come to our church and know that there are people out there who have been through the same thing as they are going through," Drivas said. "Maybe we can help them and guide them through a really dark time."

It's a bond and a community forged by

difficult circumstances. The uniqueness of the situation has forged lifelong friendships, she said. It's like having a whole other family. In fact, the nurses still check in on her and her son through social media.

That's why, as Easter approaches, she is grateful for the support from friends and family and church members. They donated what they could. It turned out to be quite a bit; the church put on a brunch a couple of months ago that ended up paying for the whole Build-a-Bear event.

"We're blessed," she said.

Susan Browning, President of Vassar Brothers Medical Center, commented, "We're incredibly thankful to the Greek Orthodox Church families in Poughkeepsie. Their fundraiser for our NICU at Vassar Brothers Medical Center not only helps us, but also brings comfort to families in tough times. Their generosity shows the power of community and compassion. Teddy bears play a big role in healing and comforting babies, and their gesture means a lot to us."

Village Election results

By Kate Goldsmith

RED HOOK

As no seats were up for election this year, no polling was held in the Village of Red Hook.

RHINEBECK

Democrat Vanessa Bertozzi was re-elected with 397 votes as a Trustee for a two-year term. Newly elected as a Trustee for a two-year term is Democrat

Eleanor Pupko, who received 385 votes. Republican candidate Derrick Sinon received 83 votes.

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Candidates were all incumbents running unopposed: Danielle Cordier for Village Justice, Emily M. Majer for Trustee, and Emily Mangieri for Trustee. Of the 738 registered voters, 57 voted; all in person, no absentee ballots. The tallies were 57 for Cordier, 57 for Mangieri, and 56 for Majer.

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Bridge to be replaced on Ridge Road in Dover

The Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) has announced work to replace a bridge on Ridge Road in the Town of Dover has begun as crews install temporary traffic signals. The bridge, located over the Mill River near the intersection of Cooperstown Road, will be replaced to ensure the safety and stability of the bridge and roadway for motorists.

Project work will include replacing the structure with a new, wider bridge that will include three-foot shoulders and slightly straightening the surrounding roadway to improve safety for motorists. Ridge Road will remain open during the project as the new structure will be built

adjacent to the existing bridge. The project is expected to be complete, with the road and bridge open to traffic by the end of 2024.

This section of Ridge Road averages approximately 522 vehicles per day.

Motorists are advised to plan for additional time and to exercise extra caution near the construction site, obey the posted speed limits, traffic advisory signs, and the directions from flaggers near the work zone to ensure the safety of workers and other motorists.

For more information, contact the Dutchess County Department of Public Works' Engineering Division at (845) 486-2925.

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Local food banks and farms urge Hochul to support 'Nourish New York' funding

By Tom Nardacci
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of Northeastern New York

One in four New Yorkers is struggling to put food on their table. The New York State Department of Health released these figures in their January report on food insecurity. They are our family members, friends, coworkers and our neighbors.

Food insecurity is impacting kids, retirees, single moms, and people working two, and even three, jobs. As food, gas prices, and healthcare costs continue to rise, so does the demand for emergency food programs. Simply put, New York State's Nourish New York program is a lifeline for individuals and families.

This critical program provides access to healthy, fresh food while expanding markets for local farmers to sell their products. The funding provided allows New York's emergency food providers, like the Regional Food Bank, to purchase surplus products from New York farmers and dairy manufacturers and deliver it to the communities we serve.

It's a win-win. But the current state funding allocated for Nourish New York

is not enough to meet the growing demand. Local food pantries are unable to keep their shelves stocked. Families are experiencing less access to fresh produce, meat, and dairy — the foundations of a nutritious diet. Food insecurity will continue to worsen if this funding isn't addressed in this year's state budget.

The Regional Food Bank supports the New York State Senate and Assembly one-house budget resolutions that would allocate up to \$75 million for the Nourish New York program in the FY 2024-25 state budget. This amount will help bring more New York agricultural products to people in need in communities across the state.

More children will have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Families of all races and religions will be able to get the food that fits their needs. More people will be fed. It will also provide much-needed support for local food producers and farmers.

The program has already helped hundreds of family farms and local producers to remain in operation. The increased funding will ensure more farms have a place to sell their surplus products.



We urge Governor Kathy Hochul to approve additional funding for the Nourish New York program, along with other important hunger relief initiatives. In this, the Empire State, no New Yorker should be hungry.

The views expressed in this column are not necessarily those of Northern Dutchess News. To submit a column, write to us at creativeliving@sdutchessnews.com

County launches new natural resources inventory website and environmental mapper application

The Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development has launched a new Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) website and an accompanying Environmental Mapper application to help guide land-use decisions and natural resource protection. The NRI website, nri.dutchessenvironment.com, represents a significant advancement from the County's previous NRI document, offering residents, municipalities, developers and County staff innovative tools to explore local natural resources and environmental datasets. The County's new Environmental Mapper can be accessed at gis.dutchessny.gov/nri.

NRIs serve as comprehensive repositories detailing the physical and biological attributes of an area, aiding in the creation and implementation of conservation strategies. With a focus on data and mapping, modern NRIs often incorporate online resource mappers to offer advanced visualization capabilities. The County's new Environmental Mapper exemplifies this technological approach, empowering users to identify conservation priorities and integrate them into

local land-use planning initiatives.

The new NRI offers residents, environmental groups and educators the opportunity to:

- Gain insights into physical and water resources, habitats and biodiversity, and land use patterns that are integrated within their local communities; and
- Understand the potential impacts of climate and climate change on local natural resources.

Meanwhile, municipalities, developers and County Planning and Development staff can leverage the app to:

- Serve as a dynamic reference for environmental-related discussions or actions;
- Assist Conservation Advisory Councils and Boards in advising on environmental policy, delivering education programs, implementing stewardship projects and disseminating information;
- Inform future planning endeavors, such as open space plans, climate vulnerability studies and action plans and municipal comprehensive plans; and
- Facilitate individual conservation planning projects.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "Dutchess County boasts an abundance of incredible natural resources which make our community ecologically vital. The valuable collaborations between County departments and our State and community partners have made these two new tools possible. I thank everyone involved in their creation, and I encourage residents to explore these new applications to examine the natural resources that make our environment unique."

During her State of the County Address on March 14, County Executive Serino discussed the importance of Dutchess County remaining committed to our climate to ensure future generations of local children grow up with clean air and clean water. Later this year, Dutchess County will apply for Silver Certification under New York State's Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program, a statewide network of communities with common environmental goals, including increased

energy efficiency, increased use of renewable energy, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Having received its Bronze CSC certification in September 2019, Dutchess has continued to take steps to be certified as a Silver CSC community, including the addition of these two new online resources. Currently, only 10 New York communities, including just four counties, have earned that Silver-level distinction.

The new NRI website and Environmental Mapper application were made possible, in part, by a grant from the New York State Environmental Protection Fund through the Hudson River Estuary Program of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The content for these products were jointly developed between the County Department of Planning and Development and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County, with the County's Office of Central and Information Services providing development support for both online products.

Dutchess County Environmental Program Director Devin Rigolino said, "County residents recognize that the abundant environmental resources found in the Hudson Valley are what make Dutchess such a special place to live, work, and visit. These two products – the NRI website, paired with our new Environmental Mapper – will enhance our communities' comprehension and stewardship of the natural resources that enable Dutchess County to flourish."

The Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development is involved in many programs and projects related to understanding and improving our natural environment. Ongoing initiatives include preparing a County operations government greenhouse gas emissions inventory, developing a climate action plan and compiling a comprehensive annual report on the County's climate actions. Additional information on these and other projects is available at dutchessny.gov/Departments/Planning/Environment.htm.

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Federal and state income tax returns must be filed by Monday, April 15.

"We want to provide the most convenient tax filing experience possible," said Acting Tax Commissioner Amanda Hiller. "The resources available at www.tax.ny.gov can help taxpayers quickly and easily meet their filing obligations and receive any refunds they're owed."

Visit the Tax Department's Income tax filing season resource center webpage for helpful information about how to prepare and file your federal and state income tax returns.

Make it simple

To get started, gather the information and documents needed to file a New York State income tax return:

- an active email account (enables you to file electronically and keep track of the status of your return)
- a copy of last year's federal income tax return or your prior-year federal adjusted gross income (FAGI)
- a driver license or state-issued non-driver ID (for you and your spouse, if filing jointly)
- birth dates and Social Security numbers for you, your spouse, and your dependents
- proof of income and tax withheld (wages, interest, dividend statements):

Forms W-2, 1098, 1099

if you received unemployment payments, your Department of Labor 1099-G Tax Form

any other documents showing additional income

the total of any estimated payments you made throughout the year, as well as any overpayment from last year's New York State income tax return you asked to have applied to your taxes this year (more

information is available at Review your tax account balance before you file)

Forms 1095-A, B, or C, Affordable Healthcare Statement

information related to any Income tax credits you are claiming

your banking information for direct deposit of your income tax refund

NY 529 College Saving Account information (if requesting refund to be deposited)

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Taxpayers can quickly view the status of their New York State tax refund anytime by using the Check your Refund application on the Tax Department website: www.tax.ny.gov. It is the fastest and most convenient way to know when to expect your refund.

Make it free

New York State and the IRS have developed a new program that allows eligible New Yorkers to e-file their federal and state personal income tax returns for free. The Direct File pilot program is currently open to New Yorkers reporting certain types of income and claiming certain credits and adjustments.

Taxpayers may also be eligible to use Free File software to e-file their federal and state income tax returns—at no cost. Free File provides free tax preparation software options to eligible New Yorkers through the Tax Department's Free File web page at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/.

To avoid fees, carefully review eligibility criteria for each software provider and access the Free File software directly from our website: www.tax.ny.gov.

If you do not qualify to use one of New York's Free File software providers, you still have choices. See Other e-file options on the Tax Department website to learn more.

Transportation Council to host virtual meeting on Resilient Ways Forward study

Input sought on ways to address climate vulnerabilities across the transportation system

The Dutchess County Transportation Council (DCTC) has completed the first phase of Resilient Ways Forward, an assessment of climate change and its impact on transportation in Dutchess County. The assessment, which shows where the transportation system is most vulnerable to climate hazards such as flooding and landslides, is now looking at ways to reduce these impacts on transportation infrastructure and services.

The DCTC will host a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 10, at noon to provide an update on Resilient Ways Forward. This will be an opportunity for the public to learn more about where the transportation system is most vulnerable to climate hazards, and discuss the menu of tools and strategies to address these vulnerabilities. Registration is required: bit.ly/RWFVirtualMtg2.

The DCTC encourages the public to visit the website at ResilientWaysForward.com

Forward.com to learn more and read the latest reports:

- Climate Change Summary and Fact Sheet
- Vulnerability Assessment Fact Sheet
- Phase 1 System-level Analysis
- Phase 2 Asset-level Analysis

Resilient Ways Forward is one of several planning initiatives under way by Dutchess County to better understand and address current and future environmental issues. While Resilient Ways Forward focuses on the impacts of extreme weather on the transportation system, the data and analysis also support the County's Natural Resource Inventory and Hazard Mitigation Plan.

DCTC Transportation Program Administrator Mark Debald said, "We are excited to begin this last step of Resilient Ways Forward and explore ways to make our transportation system more resilient. Feedback from this virtual meeting will help guide the project team as we finalize a toolbox of adaptation strategies to reduce the transportation system's climate vulnerability. Ultimately, we want to provide decision-makers and agencies with actionable tools and data to help prioritize how and where we can build resiliency."

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Crossing boundaries, building bridges: The Bridge Club unites communities

The Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge, an iconic structure spanning over the Hudson River since its public opening in February 1957, stands not only as a vital link connecting communities but also as a testament to engineering ingenuity. With its cantilever truss structure stretching an impressive 7,800 feet, the bridge offers breathtaking panoramic views of the Catskill Mountains and the Hudson River, establishing itself as both a functional infrastructure and a soon to be sought-after scenic attraction thanks to a new club.

Even as Poughkeepsie's Walkway Over the Hudson is a top destination for visitors and residents, with its unique year-round programs, the Kingston-Rhinecliff bridge boasts its own dedicated walking path whose length trumps by 1,000 feet. The challenging incline and stunning backdrop of the Bridge have uniquely positioned it as a soon to be new favored location for individuals seeking physical and mental rejuvenation.

In light of this, Kimberlie Dykeman, a returning Hudson Valley native and entrepreneur has launched The Bridge Club, a grassroots initiative designed to infuse joy and connection into the community by organizing group walks across the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. Recognizing the bridge's easy access from both Ulster and Dutchess counties, she envisions these gatherings as a means to not only speak to the realness of post-Covid loneliness and separation, but also to prioritize physical health and promote a deeper affection for our beautiful environment.

The Bridge Club's concept is refreshingly simple: community members gather, walk across the Kingston-Rhinecliff

Bridge, engage in conversations with new friends, breathe in the clean air, and savor the stunning views of the Catskills and the Hudson River. Weekly meetups are scheduled on Sundays at noon, regardless of weather conditions, unless extreme.

"Walking is a funny thing. When you've got someone by your side, time and miles seem to fly by," says Dykeman. "From your parking spot right at the bridge approach, across and back, we cover the 3.4 miles in about 75 minutes...swapping out talking buddies, stopping for photos, and tossing in a lunge or two. The Bridge Club aims to elevate your walk!"

Pine Plains resident and Bridge Club walker Jane Aire says, "Exploring The Bridge for the first time unveiled the Hudson's magnificence from a unique angle and height, offering a different sensibility. The experience not only introduced me to the breathtaking beauty but also to a community of individuals, sharing stories, life lessons, and providing support—a true meet-and-greet in life's high lane."

Inspired by a personal journey of preparation for the 29029 Everesting Challenge (www.29029everesting.com) – an extraordinary endurance event scheduled for June in Sun Valley, ID – Dykeman aims to share her love of the Hudson Valley with the global community participating alongside her.

"I was seeking a physical challenge that would define my 2024 and recalibrate my life for decades—from the Japanese term misogi. 29029—hiking the equivalent of Mt. Everest in 36 hours checked that box as my ultimate means to connect with a like-minded tribe and



On a walk across the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge in February, Bridge Club walkers enjoyed the stunning views of the Hudson River and Catskills. Below: Members of the group met on the Dutchess County side of the Bridge. Photos courtesy of Kimberlie Dykeman

transform into the best physical, mental, and spiritual version of myself."

Local artist and Rhinebeck resident Betsy Jacaruso adds, "Kimberlie's bridge adventure not only overcame my timidity but also became a source of inspiration for my art. Her delightful company and positive outlook make it a great way to start the day. As an artist, it also gives me an opportunity to take some beautiful photos for painting that I would otherwise have to steal while driving (not the best idea)."

Reflecting on a life of unwavering

faith, hope, courage, and love, Dykeman's diverse career path—from fitness training, executive coaching and motivational speaking, to her present-company, Wingman Enterprises—an estate management, luxury real estate, private concierge service—her work's purpose has always been to help people work smarter, feel healthier, live happier, and leave a lasting legacy by removing stress and chaos in their daily lives.

For more information and to join The Bridge Club, visit Instagram and Facebook.

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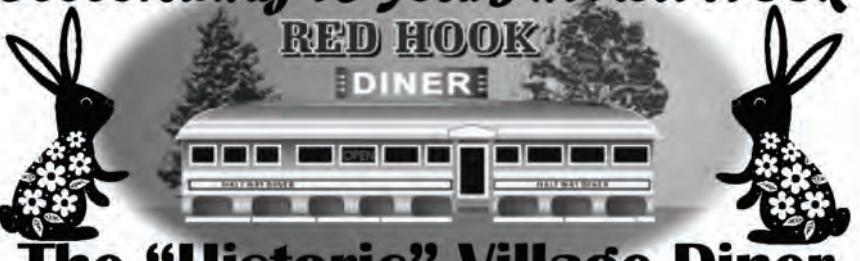
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\$32 million awarded for SUNY, Office for People With Developmental Disabilities partnership program

Governor Kathy Hochul announced on March 20, a \$32 million investment to expand the Direct Support Professional microcredential program offered by the State University of New York (SUNY) in partnership with the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD). The funding will allow SUNY to expand the program on campuses where it already exists and add programs at additional campuses to help grow the Direct Support Professional workforce in New York State and support New Yorkers with developmental disabilities. SUNY anticipates supporting up to 6,000 students by 2030 through this expansion.

"Every day, direct support professionals help New Yorkers with developmental disabilities thrive in their day-to-day lives," Governor Hochul said. "Through this \$32 million expansion, we are helping to grow this crucial field and ensure students have the training they need to pursue this vital career path and care for their fellow New Yorkers."

In February 2023, Hochul announced OPWDD awarded SUNY \$5 million to upskill, through microcredentials, the current Direct Support Professional (DSP) workforce, enabling direct support professionals to secure national certification and college credit toward a certificate, associate or bachelor's degree. Early this year, New York State invested an additional \$20 million in the program.

The announcement was made at Dutchess Community College (DCC), where SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr. and OPWDD Commissioner Kerri E. Neifeld joined President Peter Grant Jordan and the DCC community for a

recognition ceremony of the college's first DSP cohort. The new microcredential was completed by 15 students during the Fall 2023 semester. As of Spring 2024, DCC has 173 students participating in the program. [Learn more about DCC's DSP program at www.sunydutchess.edu/dsp]

King said, "Microcredentials provide a path for New Yorkers to boost their skills and increase upward mobility. The demand for the Direct Support Professionals microcredential program was vast, far exceeding expectations, which shows there are many people willing to learn to provide compassionate care for the most vulnerable New Yorkers. I'm proud to expand this program to additional SUNY colleges thanks to the amazing partnership between SUNY and OPWDD. Together, we can support the individuals who continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those with developmental disabilities."

OPWDD Commissioner Kerri E. Neifeld said, "OPWDD is thrilled with the success of the SUNY DSP Microcredential Program and with the participation that continues to expand statewide. The program is an opportunity for professional growth and a deeper understanding of the field of direct support. With the addition of six new campuses, SUNY is helping to increase the pipeline for this incredibly important profession that changes lives for people with developmental disabilities. I thank Chancellor King for championing this effort and we look forward to our continued partnership."

Dutchess Community College President Peter Grant Jordan said, "This

partnership with the New York State OPWDD and SUNY has been instrumental for us in building a truly innovative and successful program, which epitomizes the purpose of community college. It has helped us to build a robust curriculum and offer additional wrap-around supports, allowing more than 190 students who've participated in the program thus far to prioritize their education, while continuing to care for some of our most vulnerable citizens. We are proud to serve our community by offering this Direct Support Professional program and the accompanying certifications, and we look forward to its continued growth and impact within the Hudson Valley region."

The first class began at Niagara County Community College followed by SUNY Corning, Dutchess Community College, Empire State University, Finger Lakes Community College, Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Jefferson Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, SUNY Morrisville, Onondaga Community College, SUNY Schenectady and Tompkins Cortland Community College.

As the program continues to expand, six new campuses were announced today to begin offering the Direct Support Professional microcredentials, including:

- SUNY Canton
- Farmingdale State College
- Jamestown Community College
- North Country Community College
- SUNY Oneonta
- Orange County Community College

SUNY Canton President Zvi Szafran said, "SUNY Canton is excited to be a partner in SUNY's expanding partnership with OPWDD. By developing and offering microcredentials and other stackable credentials designed to expand employment opportunities for the developmental disability community, we enhance skills, unlock opportunities, and address work-

force needs in our area. Participating students will thrive in this program and be well-suited for an expanded range of meaningful jobs. SUNY Canton's participation helps us exemplify our campus motto of 'Everyone is Welcome Here.'

SUNY Orange President Dr. Kristine Young said, "New Yorkers with developmental disabilities are struggling to access quality care in part because our statewide workforce is lacking credentialed direct support professionals to serve them. Governor Hochul has identified a plan to address that shortage and SUNY, as a system, is stepping forward in partnership with the Governor and the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities. SUNY Orange is eager to join our colleagues across SUNY who have already begun this critical work."

Supported through federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, this microcredential program is aimed at helping to upskill and retain individuals already working in the profession and to encourage new professionals to enter the field. Each microcredential program was designed to support national certification from the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) and award academic credit that can be applied toward meeting degree requirements in human services, psychology, sociology, addiction studies and more at the certificate, associate, bachelor's and master's levels. Successful completion of up to four microcredentials in the series will result in a SUNY microcredential and up to four national certifications: DSP I, II, III and Front-Line Supervisor.

The program provides a \$750 stipend to eligible students who successfully complete each microcredential and certification in the series. In addition, grant funding will cover tuition, books, course materials, NADSP credentialing for students, and educational support.

Drug Task Force seizes fentanyl, crack cocaine, illegal handgun after raid

The Dutchess County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force began an investigation early this year into fentanyl and other dangerous drug sales occurring in the area of 455 Main Street in the City of Poughkeepsie. Drug Task Force Agents identified a narcotics dealer operating in that area that resulted in a search warrant being issued for a residence inside 455 Main Street. On March 20, Drug Task Force Agents with the assistance of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit executed a search warrant at an apartment within 455 Main Street. As a result of the execution of this warrant a significant quantity of fentanyl, crack cocaine, a handgun, handgun ammunition and rifle ammunition was seized by Drug Task Force Agents. This investigation resulted in the following arrest at the scene:

Tyrone A. Moye, age 37, charged with four counts of Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance in the 3rd degree, a

class B Felony. Mr. Moye is being held at the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office until his arraignment later this date. Several additional charges are pending.

The Drug Task Force was assisted by the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Patrol Bureau, K-9 Unit and Unmanned Aircraft Unit, the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department and the Town of Hyde Park Police Department. Additional charges are pending in this case.

If anyone has information regarding this case or about any other individuals selling drugs in Dutchess County, you are urged to contact the Drug Task Force confidential tip line at 845-463-6040 or by sending an email to the following web address: DrugTaskForceTips@gmail.com

As with any criminal case, the charges described above are merely an accusation and those individuals named in this release are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Town of Pleasant Valley to hold month-long cleanup

In celebration of Earth Month, the Town of Pleasant Valley has pronounced April as Clean-up Month.

The town encourages residents to help clean up local roadsides, parks and neighborhoods.

Orange bags and gloves will be provided. Leave bags and miscellaneous

items on roadsides to be picked up – don't bring them to the Transfer Station.

All participants must sign a Volunteer Waiver form.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Reformed Church in Poughkeepsie presents the Living Last Supper

DaVinci's painting comes to life on Holy Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Reformed Church, 70 Hooker Ave., in Poughkeepsie. Free will offering. For more information, e-mail info@poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com, visit www.poughkeepsiereformedchurch.com, or call (845) 452-8110.

Walk of the Cross set March 29

The Hyde Park Clergy Association will hold a Walk of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29, at 10:15 a.m. Join us for a communal act of devotion that has long been a custom in Hyde Park. Meet at Regina Coeli Church (4337 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park). Process through town with the cross, hearing portions of the Passion story along the way. Conclude at Hyde Park Reformed Dutch Church with prayers and a time for fellowship. All ages are welcome.

PV Easter Egg hunt rescheduled to March 30

Pleasant Valley Recreation's Easter Egg Hunt, originally scheduled March 23, was postponed due to inclement weather. It will now be held on Saturday, March 30, at 22 Camp Nootemming Road in Salt Point. Ages 1-4 will hunt at 11 a.m.; ages 5-8 at 12:30 p.m.; and ages 9 & older at 2 p.m. Admission is free into this event but registration is required at <https://pleasantvalley.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>.

If anyone who registered for March 23 cannot attend for any reason due to the date change, please let PV Rec know as soon as possible so they can offer those spots to other participants.

Easter Egg Hunt set March 30 in Stanford

Stanford Recreation Commission will present an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m., at Cold Spring Early Learning Center, 358 Homan Road, Stanfordville.

Screening of 'Israelism' set March 30

On Saturday, March 30, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Mountain View Studio, 20 Mountain View Avenue, Woodstock, there will be a showing of "Israelism," a movie about the experiences of two young American Jews who have been raised to unconditionally love Israel. When they witness the way Israel treats Palestinians, their lives take a sharp left turn. All donations will go to aid Gaza. Cosponsored by: Middle East Crisis Response mideastcrisis.org, Hudson Valley BDS hudsonvalleybds.blogspot.com, Jewish Voice for Peace-HV hudsonvalley@JVP.org, Veterans For Peace-Catskill Mountains, and New Paltz Women in Black for Peace and Justice. Contact: mecr@mideastcrisis.org or 845 876-7906

Anderson Center celebration

set April 4 at Mill House Brewing Co.

Raise a Glass of Mr. Anderson Ale in Anderson Center for Autism's Centennial Year to celebrate a century of impact, and a decade of beer on Thursday, April 4, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Mill House Brewing Company, 289 Mill St., Poughkeepsie. Open to the public; advance ticket purchase required. Cost: \$35. For more information: andersoncenterforautism.org/mranderson

Stanford Grange Penny Social

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Spring Penny Social on Saturday, April 6, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. (strictly enforced) and calling begins at 7 p.m. There will be penny prizes, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme

baskets, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. Spring items will be featured. The Grange Youth will have refreshments for sale; no outside food/beverages, please, as it takes money away from the kids. Total proceeds benefit continuing maintenance for the Stanford Grange Hall and the Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Holy Cow annual St. Jude Fundraisers

set April 6 & 20

Ice Cream for Breakfast, Holy Cow's 14th Annual St. Jude Fundraiser, will be held on Saturday, April 6, and Saturday, April 20, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., at Holy Cow on Route 9 in Red Hook. Special guests include Bee Bee the Clown, Dr. Willie's Magic and Jace (illusionist and hypnotist). Special limited menu only. Cost is donation of your choice. All proceeds go to St. Jude. These events have raised \$79,000 over the years thanks to all of you! All helping to support..One Scoop at a Time.

Repair Cafes set in Stanford

The Stanford Free Library will host a series of Repair Cafes on April 6, July 6 and Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, toys and more to be repaired, instead of throwing them away. The cost is a voluntary donation. The library is at 6035 Route 82 in Stanfordville. Visit repaircafe.org for more information.

Choir performance to raise awareness of Walter Hoving Home

Walter Hoving Girls Choir, representing The Walter Hoving Home in Garrison for women who are in need of help to heal and rebuild their shattered lives, will be performing and sharing their stories at the Beekman Baptist Church on Sunday, April 7, at 11 a.m. The church is located at 1068 Beekman Road, Poughquag.

DAR meeting set April 7

On Sunday, April 7, at 2 p.m., the Chancellor Livingston Chapter NSDAR will meet at the CLC Chapter House and Museum, 77 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. The program, "Early Rhinebeck Stories," will be presented by Henry (Huck) Hill & Paula Schoonmaker. Visitors are welcomed. For more information, call (845) 871-1777.

Skilled Trades Fair set April 18 at Ketcham HS

The Skilled Trades Fair will take place on Thursday, April 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Roy C. Ketcham High School at 99 Myers Corners Road in Wappinger. The free event is open to the public and students from across Dutchess County are encouraged to attend. It is a walk-in event; student registration is not required.

ONGOING

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

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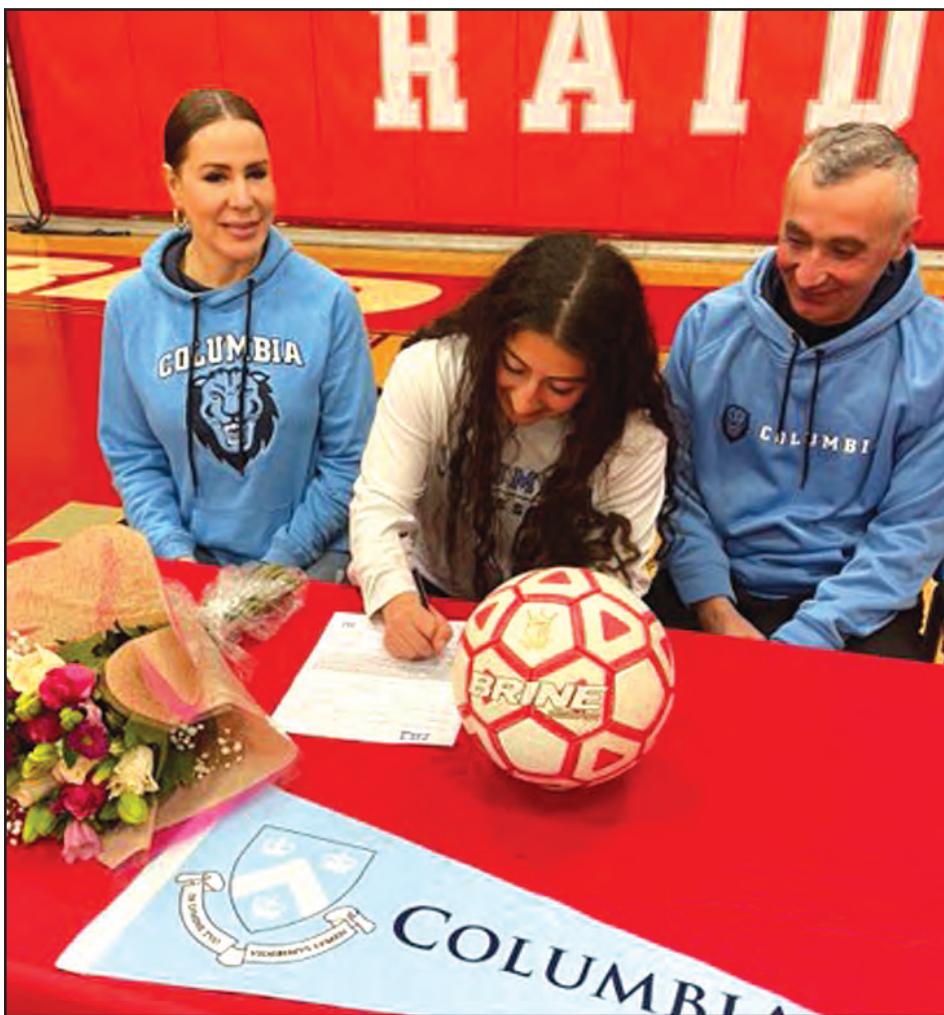
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LOCAL SPORTS

By Rich Thomaselli

Red Hook soccer star Ani Safaryan signs letter of intent with Columbia



Ani Safaryan, valedictorian of her senior class at Red Hook High School, is joined by her parents in signing a National Letter of Intent to play soccer next fall at Columbia University. Courtesy photo

Red Hook High School's Ani Safaryan will be off to the next level to play and to learn.

Safaryan has signed her National Letter of Intent to play soccer next fall at Columbia University.

Arlington Winter Guard team Wins Class A championship

Another title and another banner.

Arlington High School Winter Guard has emerged triumphant as the Winter Guard International (WGI) Sport of the Arts Eastern Power Regional Scholastic A Class champions.

The Winter Guard is an indoor color guard competition. In addition to the school's athletic prowess, Arlington has a stellar band and color guard team.

The team's performance catapulted them to the top spot amid 30 groups hailing from across the northeast, including Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. The event took place in Bethlehem, PA and included two rounds of competition.

Arlington secured a resounding victory, clinching a lead of more than four points ahead of its closest competitors. That is considered a rout in Winter Guard.

This achievement positions them as the current No.1 seed for the upcoming World Championships set to take place April 11 and 12 in Dayton, OH. At this national contest, the Admirals will face off against 120 of the best teams in the United States.

The squad performed a rendition of its own called "Lizzie." The performance illustrates the haunting tale of Lizzie Borden, weaving together elements of her trial and the mystery surrounding the crimes she faced.

Winter Guard is in part a stage production and a color guard performance.

Arlington High School has a long history with the activity, and performed at the national level in the 1980s and 1990s. After a hiatus, the team was reestablished in 2009. The school made the national championship finals in 2016.

Ex-Renegades player Jones stars in Spring Breakout game

As the High Class A affiliate of the New York Yankees, the Hudson Valley Renegades partially market themselves as a team where you can see the Major League stars of tomorrow.

One of the more recent players could be former Renegades' outfielder Spencer Jones.

Jones hit two home runs in the very first Spring Breakout game at George M. Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, Florida, last week.

And they weren't fence-scrappers, either, for the team's No. 2 prospect. They were towering shots, according to MLB.com.

"They're all cool -- all home runs are fun, right?" Jones told the website. "But that one was fun. Getting to share it with the guys in that dugout was pretty cool."

Jones, who has drawn comparisons to Yankees slugger Aaron Judge, was the breakout star of the Renegade's last season. His two home runs in the spring game went for 399 feet to the opposite field and 427 feet later in the game. As spring training comes to a conclusion, his assignment will be known later this week.

"That kid, he's a specimen. He's awesome," said Yankees left-hander Brock Seligman. "He's very fun to watch. The athletic build; he can do everything. It's really cool to share the field with guys like that, who are studs. Obviously, everyone on our team is a stud, but it was super cool to watch him."

In addition to his power, Jones also showed off his speed by beating out an infield single. Jones played 117 games last season between High-A Hudson Valley and Double-A Somerset. Hudson Valley's 2024 season begins with a road game on April 5.

GOLDEN LIVING

News for Older Adults,
Their Families and Caregivers
Todd N. Tancredi, Director
Dutchess County
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'FRIENDLY CALLS' ORIENTATIONS AT OFA IN APRIL

There's plenty of room on the band-wagon for fans of the Office for the Aging's "Friendly Calls" program, now entering its second year of keeping Dutchess County's older adults connected to the community, and less at risk of loneliness and social isolation.

There's a difference between being alone and loneliness. Being alone is a physical state, a preference for solitude, whereas loneliness is an emotional state, a feeling. Many people enjoy pursuits that can be done solo, like running, golf, or just putting around in the yard. On the other hand, you can feel lonely regardless of whether you're physically by yourself or in the middle of a crowded party.

You can help make a real, positive impact on the lives of our older friends and neighbors; and if volunteering is new to you, being a "Friendly Calls" volunteer

caller is among the most convenient and flexible options there is. You can make calls to an older adult at risk of isolation, from anywhere your phone works – even if you're on vacation.

We regularly schedule orientation sessions. You can find them on the Dutchess County Calendar at www.dutchessny.gov/calendar, or you can sign up to have OFA newsletters emailed to you weekly by emailing your request to ofo@dutchessny.gov.

If you can't come to any of the scheduled orientations, contact OFA and we'll work on arranging an orientation that works with your availability.

UPCOMING 'FRIENDLY CALLS' ORIENTATIONS (UPDATED LIST)

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer caller for OFA's "Friendly Calls" program, we have plenty of orientation sessions on the March calendar, and a little bit beyond. Most orientations take place at OFA unless otherwise indicated below. Orientations typically last 40-60 minutes. Pick one, and contact OFA at 845-486-2555 to set up your orientation:

- Tuesday, April 2nd, 10 am
- Thursday, April 4th, 10 am

- Monday, April 8th, 1:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 9th, 10 am
- Thursday, April 11th, 10 am

If none of those work with your schedule, contact Friendly Calls Program Manager Linda Edgar at 845-486-2548 or ledgar@dutchessny.gov, and we may be able to work out something that fits your schedule.

If you're part of a workplace or civic organization that would like an onsite Friendly Calls orientation, contact Linda Edgar as noted in the previous paragraph.

If there's a meeting room with a TV that has an HDMI connection, that's all we need to bring the orientation to you.

HOW 'FRIENDLY CALLS' WORKS – THE BASICS

"Friendly Calls" volunteers and participants connect for eight weeks, with once-a-week phone calls lasting 20-30 minutes. Before the calls begin, volunteers and participants complete applications that include questions about their interests, hobbies, skills, and primary language, so we can match up participants and callers in a way that they're most likely to hit it off.

If you're fluent in languages in addi-

tion to English, chances are there are Dutchess County older adults who also feel comfortable communicating in that language. Statistics from the New York State Office for the Aging indicate that aside from English, the most common languages spoken among Dutchess County older adults are Spanish, Korean, Italian, Chinese, Polish and German, along with the many languages spoken in the South Asian subcontinent.

FOR THOSE WHO WISH THEIR PHONE WOULD RING MORE OFTEN

If you're an older adult in Dutchess County who'd like to receive calls as a Friendly Calls participant, call us at 845-486-2555 to get the ball rolling. Through Friendly Calls, it's possible you'll learn about OFA services of which you might not have been aware, in addition to reducing your risk of social isolation and loneliness.

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2024 Town of Poughkeepsie Highway Department Transfer Station schedule

The Town of Poughkeepsie Highway Department will open its Transfer Station 12 times, from April through September for town residents to discard unwanted bulk items at 8 Burnett Boulevard on the following dates: April 8-9, May 13-14, June 10-11, July 15-16, Aug. 12-13 and Sept. 16-17.

Operating hours are from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Current proof of Town residency and a photo ID must be provided before entering the facility.

Commercial haulers and businesses will not be allowed access to this station.

A complete list of acceptable items may be picked up at the Town of Poughkeepsie Town Clerk's office or Highway Department offices, or on the Town website: www.townofpoughkeepsie.com.

You may call Solid Waste Mgt. Dept. at (845)463-6020 for information on how to dispose of certain electronics and hazardous materials.

COLLECTION STATION ITEMS

Bulk accepted: Brush & lawn debris, lumber, furniture, carpets, clothes, books, magazines, toys, bedding, plastics, wood fencing, pool covers, pool liners, vinyl siding, tires, VCRs, computer towers

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Bulk not accepted: TVs, Computer monitors, paint, solvents, chemicals, aerosol cans (any hazardous materials), blacktop, concrete, bricks, slate, rocks, roofing-materials, asbestos, car parts, household-garbage, sheet rock, recyclables and dead animals

PLEASE NOTE: All open trucks/trailers must be tarped.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STANFORD FARMERS MARKET

Stanford residents are invited to dive into the heart of local agriculture and community spirit by volunteering at the Bear Creek Farm Farmers Market, to be held every other Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting May 4, at 108 Hunns Lake Road, Bangall (Stanfordville).

Volunteers are needed to help set up, welcome visitors, and support local farmers participating in the market. As a volunteer, you will receive perks for your time: shirts, caps, flowers, and more. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/xc5hMN2UorpMXpBFA>

Contact Nora Leibold at nora@bearcreekfarm.com with any questions.

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The Town of Clinton is participating in an upcoming bid to consider an electricity supply contract through Hudson Valley Community Power. This is a community choice aggregation (CCA) program helping municipalities secure more favorable terms for electricity supply and supporting renewable generation sources.

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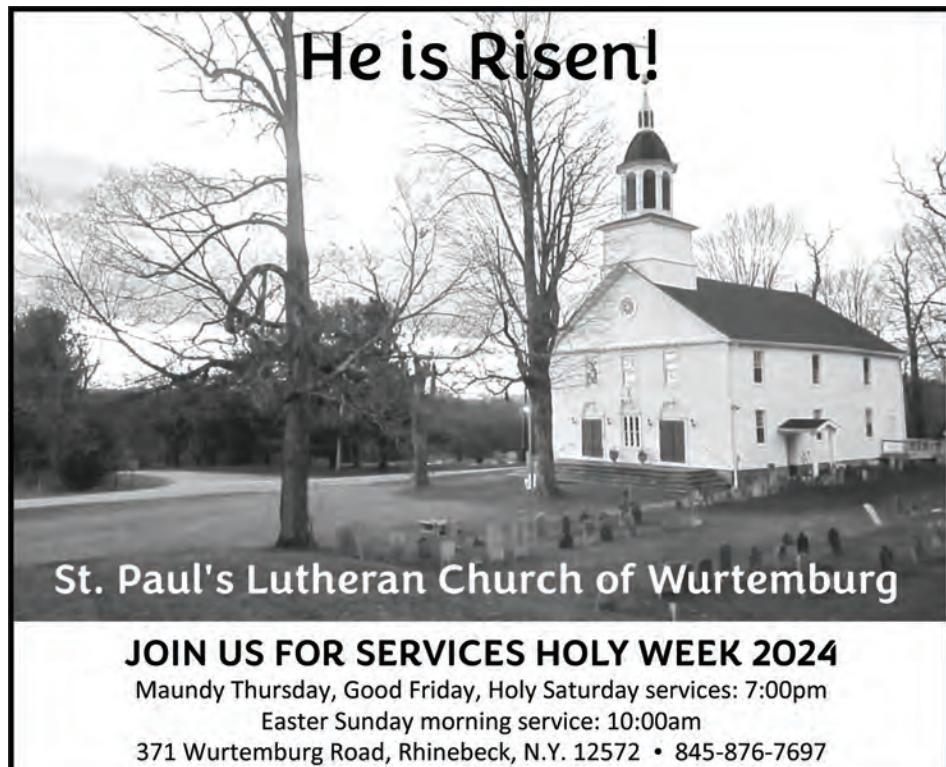
campus. Actors, directors, and writers hone their respective crafts through both class work and practical experiences. By engaging with professional theater companies and artists who are in residence each summer, students deepen their understanding of the art and the industry. A summer at Powerhouse exposes stu-

dents to new theater making possibilities through a process of self-discovery.

A Powerhouse day includes morning and early afternoon classes, led by some of the country's leading theater practitioners and instructors. The core classes for all disciplines are acting, movement,

and Soundpainting. Powerhouse afternoons and evenings consist of rehearsals, masterclasses, performances, talkbacks, and much more.

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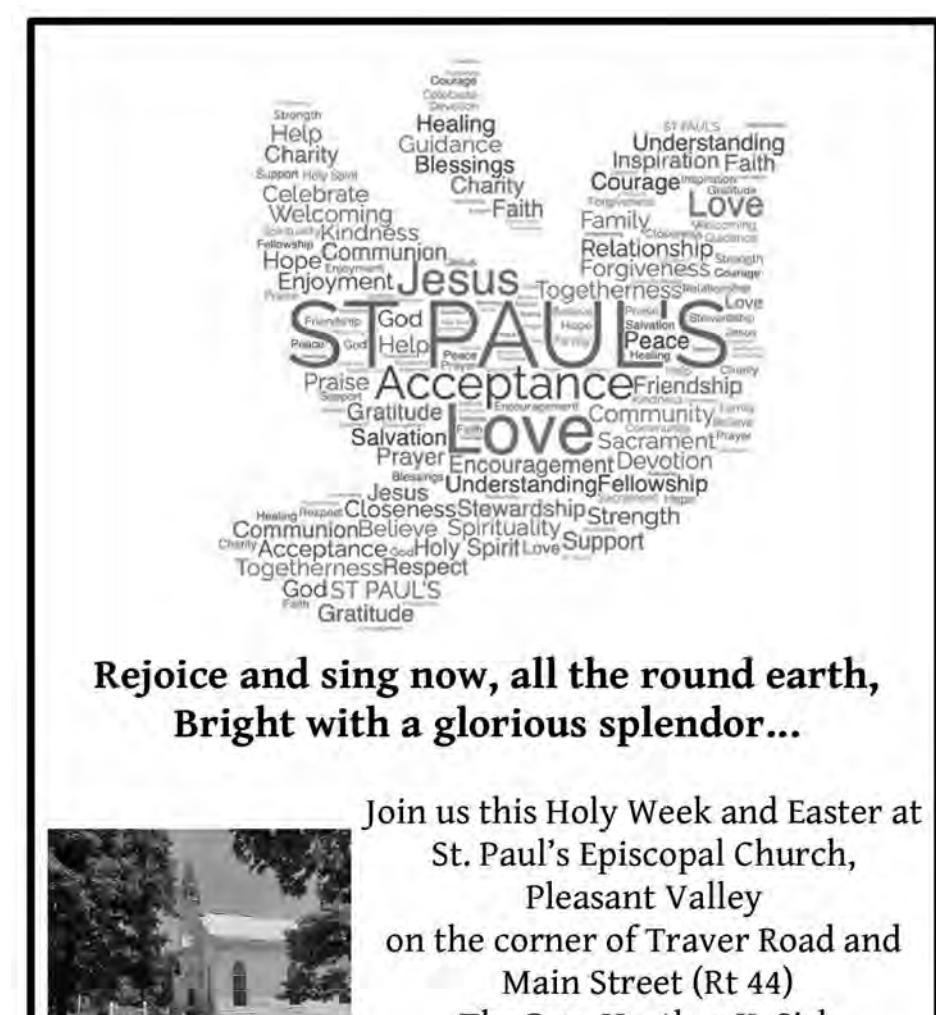


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St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Wurtemburg

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Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday services: 7:00pm
Easter Sunday morning service: 10:00am
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Holy Week

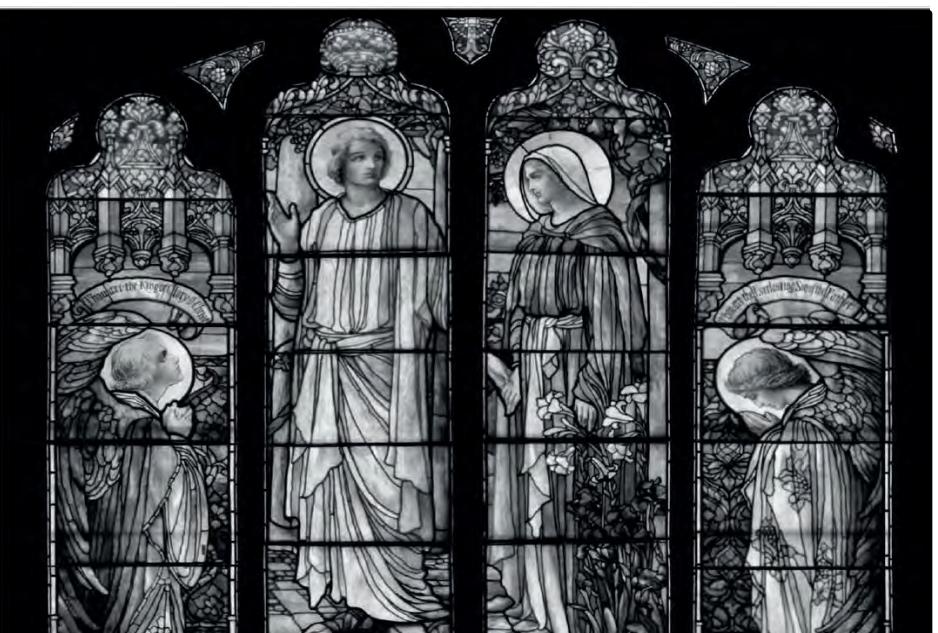
Maundy Thursday, March 28th
7:00pm Service foot washing & stripping of the altar

Good Friday, March 29th
5:30pm Procession from St. Paul's to First Presbyterian
6:00pm Ecumenical service at First Presbyterian

Holy Saturday, March 30th
7:00pm The Great Vigil w/music and bonfire

Easter Sunday, March 31st
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Ecumenical Service at Mill Site Park
10:00 a.m. Sunday Service with music

Easter Services



Grace Episcopal Church Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Liturgy
March 28 at 7pm

Good Friday
March 29 at 7pm

The Great Vigil of Easter
Saturday, March 30 at 7pm

Easter Services & Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 31 at 8am and 10am
Both services include music and the sermon.
The 10am family service is lead by the choir
followed by the traditional Easter Egg Hunt. Bags
will be provided for the egg hunt.

Grace Church, 3328 Franklin Avenue, Millbrook, NY
(845) 677-3064 www.gracemillbrook.org

Sign up for virtual event on having 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 virtual event aimed at empowering college students with essential career information and resources in the arts industry. The virtual event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, from 4-5 p.m. on Zoom. The following organizations will be participating: The Bardavon, Bethel Woods Center for the Performing Arts, Dia: Beacon, Metropolitan Museum of Art, OPUS 40, The Art Effect, Woodstock Artist Association and Museum, Woodstock Film Festival.

In today's competitive job market, it's more important than ever for college students to be well-equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to stand out as qualified candidates in the arts sector. THRIVE offers attendees the opportunity to gain valuable insights into career prospects after graduation and to better

prepare for the workforce.

Participants will have the chance to network with art employers, learn about various career pathways in the arts, and discover upcoming internship opportunities. This event is free to attend, but RSVP is required to secure your spot.

To RSVP and reserve a spot, visit <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E231621&id=424>

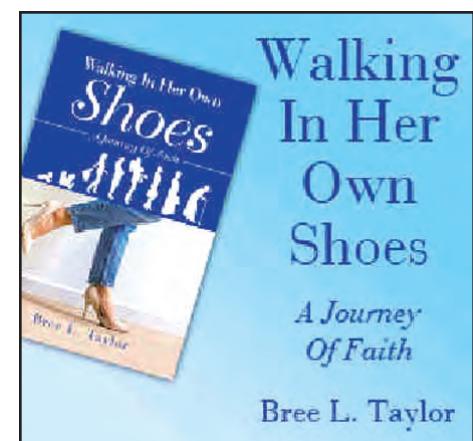
One of the key messages of THRIVE is that knowledge is power. Understanding the role that art plays in our daily lives and learning how to prepare for the various opportunities available is at the heart of this event. By connecting with local resources and engaging with experienced professionals, attendees can gain the knowledge and confidence needed to pursue a fulfilling career in the arts.

Lagrangeville author releases new book

"Walking In Her Own Shoes: A Journey of Faith" is written by local Lagrangeville author Bree L. Taylor. The story is about Ariana and her childhood, journeying through her teens, and then through her mid-twenties, in which she faces one trial after another. She was tested time and again.

As the product of two controlling parents, who loved through discipline, they desired to mold their children into who they wanted them to be, leaving no room for individuality. As she matures, Ariana fights her way through obstacles, often coming to terms and persevering through what life is handing her, and what her purpose is in the vast canvas of her life, according to information from the author. The journey it cost her is sad, trying, and wonderful in many ways.

Ariana longs to discover her place and purpose and where in life she needs to be. Ariana's journey is extraordinary and her will to persevere and succeed through faith is remarkable. As she matures, she realizes many of the "whys" that brought her through each trial. Her path also crosses others that have had obstacles to



The cover of the new book, "Walking In Her Own Shoes, A Journey Of Faith," by Bree L. Taylor. Courtesy image

overcome and sometimes those trials cost them – turning the course of their lives.

"Walking In Her Own Shoes" may be ordered from online bookstores, including Amazon and Barnes & Noble. One may also order a copy from Westbow Press.



Easter Services

Holy Week 2024

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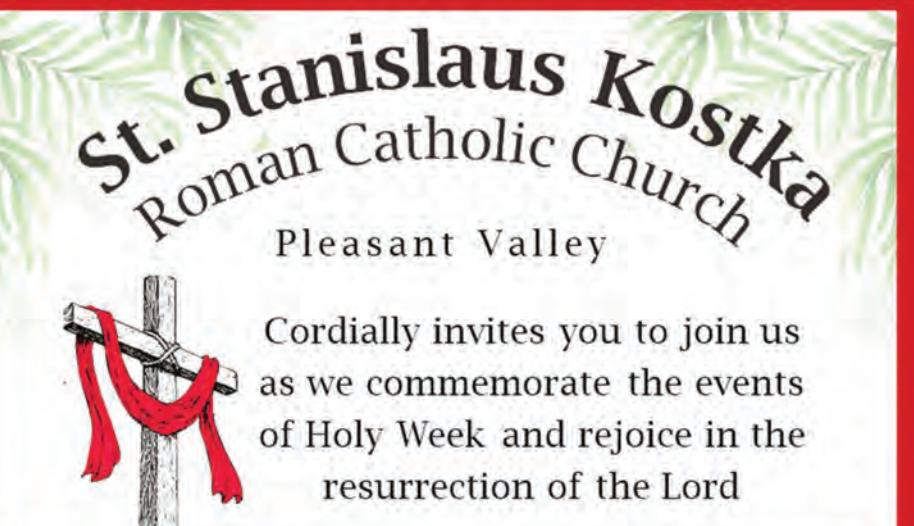


Thursday, March 28, Maundy Thursday, 6pm in the sanctuary and on Zoom #875 4632 2297

Friday, March 29, Ecumenical Good Friday, 6pm in the sanctuary and on Zoom #875 4632 2297

Easter Sunday, March 31, Ecumenical Sunrise Service 6:30am at Mill Park, Route 44

Easter Sunday Service, 9:30am in the sanctuary and on Zoom #380 532 465, password 6353289



HOLY THURSDAY 28 MARCH
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GOOD FRIDAY 29 MARCH
3:00 PM Passion of the Lord
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 30 MARCH
7:30 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY 31 MARCH
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Bard presents a contemporary native photography exhibition April 6-12 at Montgomery Place

Rethinking Place: Bard-on-Mahicanck and Montgomery Place Mansion at Bard College proudly hosts Returning Home, an exhibition curated by Rethinking Place Post-Baccalaureate Fellow Olivia Tencer and Rethinking Place Administrative Coordinator Melina Roise, open from April 6-12. This groundbreaking exhibition features works by four contemporary Indigenous photographers, Kali Spitzer (Kaska Dena/Jewish), Dana Claxton (Wood Mountain Lakota First Nations), Cara Romero (Chemehuevi Indian Tribe), and Wendy Red Star (Apsáalooke (Crow)), along with a written commission by Bonney Hartley (Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican) and archival records of local land transfers and the United States' Indian boarding school history.

The exhibition, centered around narratives of Indigenous families, particularly women and children, will delve into the experiences of Native peoples facing settler colonialism, focusing specifically on Indigenous child removal practices and policies.

Returning Home aims to highlight Indigenous representation, narrative, survivance, futurism, and resilience through contemporary Native art. The show will include pieces from the Forge Project's collection, as well as a written commission from Bonney Hartley, who is an MFA candidate at Institute of American Indian Arts. An accompanying publication will provide in-depth contextualization of land dispossession in the United States, forced removal of Native peoples in New York State, and the impact of Indian boarding schools.

The exhibition will fill various rooms within the historic Montgomery Place mansion, situated on Bard College's 380-acre estate. While the estate is renowned

for its ties to the Livingston family, Montgomery Place is committed to exploring marginalized histories, including the forced removal of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community and the estate's use of enslaved African American labor.

"I am grateful for all the support my artwork and cultural work has received. I am indebted to the sun and my sundance teachings – mni ki wakan – water is sacred," says artist Dana Claxton.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. Registration is required via EventBrite, with timed entry every half-hour.

Exhibition Viewing Hours:

April 6 and 7, 1:00pm–5:00pm
April 10 to 12, 1:30pm–4:00pm

Schedule of Events:

April 6, 1:30pm: Opening Remarks & Activation, poetry reading by Bonney Hartley. Doors open at 1:00pm. Registration required

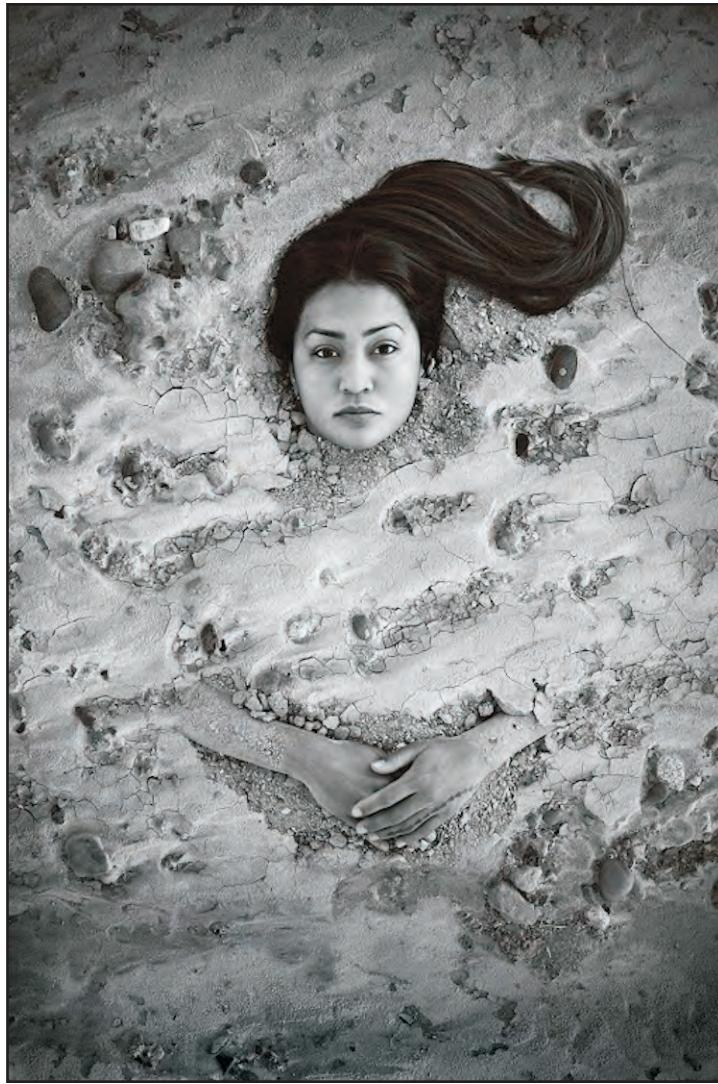
April 6, 4:00pm: Cara Romero in conversation with Suzanne Kite. Registration required.

April 7, 3:00pm: Dana Claxton Artist Talk, on zoom, seating available at MP visitor's center. Registration required

April 10, 6:30pm: Cara Romero: Following the Light, Preston Cinema, Bard College. A short documentary on the work & practice of Cara Romero. No registration required.

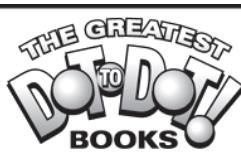
For more information about Returning Home, please contact Melina Roise, Rethinking Place Administrative Coordinator, Exhibition Co-Curator at mroise@bard.edu.

Pictured: "Abigail" by Cara Romero.
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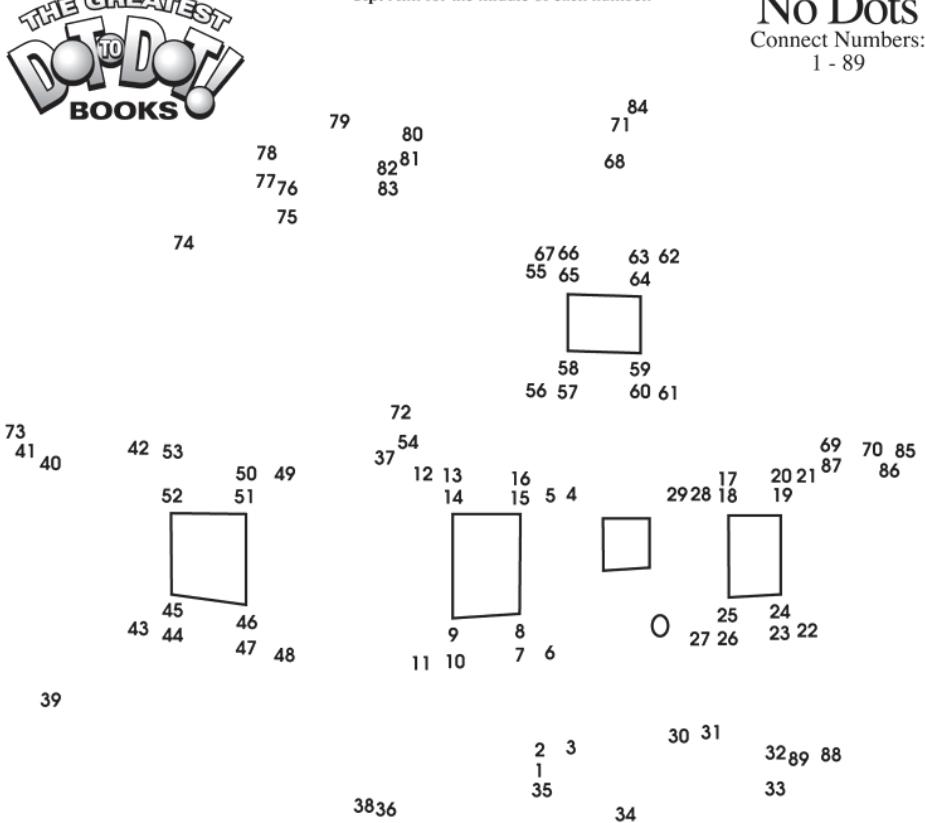
DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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The \$64 Tomato – For Real!

Mark weighs the pros and cons of growing one's own food.

Not yet, but soon, a tomato might cost \$64. That was a joke back in 2007, when Bill Alexander wrote a book called "The \$64 Tomato: How One Man Nearly Lost His Sanity, Spent a Fortune, and Endured an Existential Crisis in the Quest for the Perfect Garden."

Nobody's laughing now. Food prices keep climbing, so it might be a good time to revisit that "existential question" - can you save money by growing your own food?

My answer would be – it depends. If you are an investment banker who has to call in sick when the beans are ready to pick, maybe not. If you choose to eat only organic produce, possibly. If you love delicious fresh vegetables that the whole family can have fun growing, then YES!

At the supermarket, I checked a few prices. Here are some vegetables you can grow to save money:

- Herbs in containers – A one-ounce package of thyme costs \$1.99 – that's \$32 a pound! If you need a pinch of thyme for an occasional meal (the dried stuff just doesn't cut it), it sure pays to have some growing right outside the kitchen door. One plant will do, and it's a hardy perennial. The same goes for basil, oregano, parsley, and especially chives, which will never die. Cilantro can be cut back so it won't bolt up to seed, but if it does, you have coriander.

- Onions – Why are onions so expensive? According to Siri, "unprecedented demand and rapidly declining supply

have me wondering if onion prices are defining a new normal." Large Spanish onions in the supermarket, at 99 cents per pound, or about 80 cents each, doesn't seem so bad. But how many times have you been forced to drive to the store for one onion to complete a recipe? In the garden, onions stay in the ground for months, and are never bothered by pests.

- Lettuce – Wow! \$2.99 for a head of lettuce. Or how about those instant salads in the plastic clam shells that cost \$16 a pound? (Do the math. A 4-ounce package is \$3.99). A single row or container with three or four different colors and flavors will save you big bucks, and it's easy to grow from seed.

- Spinach – I admit it's not all that easy to grow spinach, because it is at risk for soil-borne diseases, especially fusarium. But it grows quickly, and costs a small fortune in the supermarket, if you can find it. Spinach does better in sweet soil, so I add lime to keep the soil less acidic.

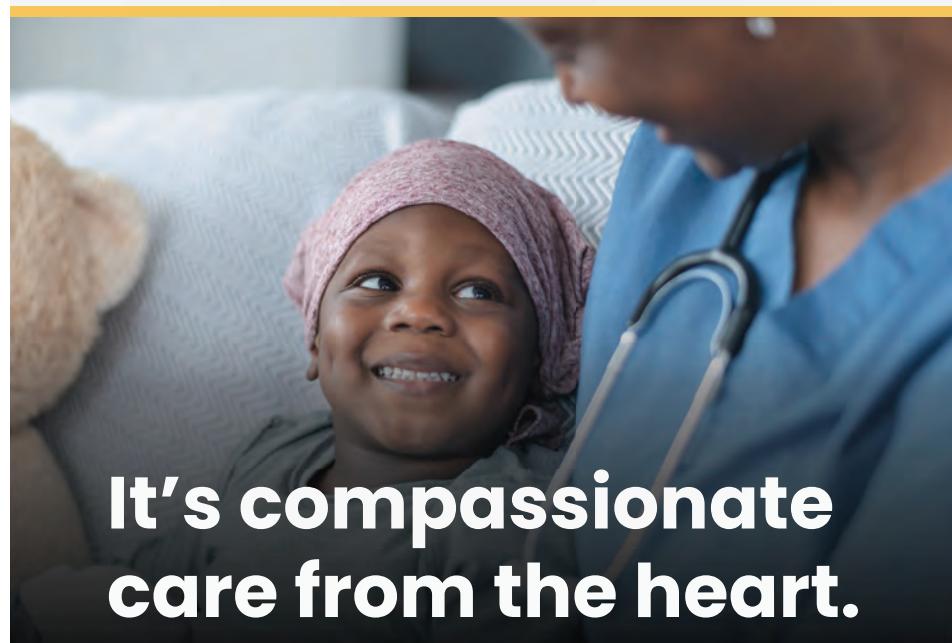
- Red Peppers – They cost more than the green ones, but if you wait long enough, green peppers naturally turn red. Bell peppers are not the easiest crop to grow. Even with prices of about \$1.25 per pepper, you might not save money. You'll need to buy the started plant for maybe \$5 dollars, so you'd need to get four peppers off each plant. Frying peppers like Cubanelle or Gypsy, or hot peppers, will give a much higher yield and a bigger

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Above: Soon-to-be \$64 tomatoes? Below: \$54 dollars a pound for salad (do the math)!
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Puff the Magic Pastry

These creamy delights are an elegant dessert for Easter or any special occasion.

As seems to be the case more and more, time is flying and I got a late start on planning this year's Easter menu. I took over Easter some forty years ago (yikes!) and with a lot of menus and tested recipes to choose from, I hardly need to reinvent the wheel. Still, I try to mix it up each year with different combinations and bring new recipes into the mix whenever I can.

I love planning a big meal. Choosing the menu, making shopping and to-do lists and getting the timing and plating just right is always a satisfying accomplishment. Over the years I've learned a trick or two and know how to combine dishes with the same cooking times and temperatures, most that can be made a day or two ahead, and the value of time-saving shortcuts. My Easter recipe binder has become sort of a some-from-column-A-some-from-column-B reference for menu building with everything from appetizers to desserts. Only recipes that checked all the right boxes for success made the final cut, so I know they work. I don't recommend trying a new recipe for the first time when the pressure's on. You can trust me on that! Although I have done it, it hasn't always been successful, so it's always best to try it out beforehand when you can.

This year, though, I haven't left myself much time to do that, so I'll be relying on some favorite go-to recipes. I did want to add something new to the mix, though, so that's what's going on in this article. To be fair, it's a simple dessert recipe using elements I've made before with mostly store-bought ingredients to save time, but with one added component I can make ahead. The dessert is a take on cream puffs; the store-bought element is frozen puff pastry, which will replace the typical pate a choux, and the make-ahead factor is Italian pastry cream. Yes, it's a bit of a cheat, but one that saves time and is pretty easy while impressive enough that no one will know, so I won't tell if you won't!

And now a word or two about working with frozen puff pastry. First, a huge part of the appeal of puff pastry is its crisp, airy flakiness. One key to that is keeping the dough as cold as possible while working with it and, very importantly, re-chilling the finished product for 15-30 minutes before baking for the flakiest layers and highest puff. Second, and most obvious, it's frozen and you can't work with it that way, so ideally you should let it thaw in the fridge overnight first. You want to just be able to unfold it without cracking, lightly roll out the fold seams without rolling over the edges (pressing too hard and thinning the edges will not result in

the best puff) and cut it as needed without it getting sticky-soft, warm and hard to transfer to the baking sheet intact.

If you're in a pinch, leave it on the counter and check it often until it's right, rechilling a bit if you miss that magic moment. I actually prefer this method because it gives me a bit more control over the all-important chill factor. One added tidbit you may not know: many brands of frozen puff pastry are not made the traditional way with butter. Butter is better, not gonna lie, and I've made puff pastry from scratch, but the alternatives are really fine and certainly convenient, and I've used them many times with great results when I followed these steps.

The Italian pastry cream is a lemon-kissed custard perfect for spring desserts. I love lemon for Easter, and the simple addition of some fresh zest to the custard is a nice touch that makes this special and distinctive. While pretty simple, it takes a little finesse to get it to the right consistency. It can be made days ahead too, perfect for spreading out the workload. The puffs should be baked the day you plan to serve them. Just let them cool, cut in half and assemble before plating.

ITALIAN CREAM-FILLED PASTRY PUFFS

Another great thing about this recipe is that you custom-cut the pastry to any size. I've made 6-8 large (4-5-inch) individual desserts or, as I did here for buffet-style, about 40 (2-3-inch). I have a set of graduated biscuit cutters, which are perfect. Their varied sizes and sharp cutting edges make for clean, easily customizable puffs, which should be cut and re-chilled the day of. They only take 15 minutes to bake but will need to cool completely before cutting in half to fill, so plan accordingly. The cream can be made in advance and kept chilled. You can serve them with fresh berries or a spoonful of your favorite jam for extra flavor and color.

YOU WILL NEED powdered sugar to dust on top. Fresh berries, too, if you like.

ITALIAN PASTRY CREAM – As I said, this seems more custard than cream, but it's how the Italians do it and I'm sure not going to argue. When done right, it's silky smooth and firm enough to stand up well as a filling. You can use it in lots of ways – to top fresh berries, in crepes, slathered on brioche or in layer cakes – so it's a good recipe to master.

INGREDIENTS for cream

- 2 cups whole milk
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Fresh lemon zest (from about half a lemon)
- 4 egg yolks (preferably room temperature)
- 1/2 cup sugar



Above: Italian Cream-Filled Pastry Puffs. Left: The cream is done when it sticks to the spoon. Photos by Vicki Frank Day

ing sheet as this step is crucial.

INGREDIENTS

1 package frozen puff pastry (see previous tips on thawing/handling)

METHOD for puffs

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Have baking sheet ready.

Place 1 unfolded, thawed but still cold, pastry sheet, fold creases smoothed out (see previous tips) on parchment-covered work surface. Cleanly cut out shapes with firm pressure. Remove excess pastry. Carefully transfer parchment to the baking sheet and chill for 15-30 minutes.

Bake until puffed up and golden brown, about 15 minutes.

Cool completely.

ASSEMBLY

When ready to serve, cut pastry puffs in half to create a top and bottom. Place a dollop of chilled pastry cream on the bottom of each, and fresh berries if using, add tops and lightly dust with powdered sugar. Serve immediately.

Amount depends on the size of the cutter you use.

If you're looking for a little something sweet and elegant to treat a few or a crowd, these pastry puffs are worth a try. Once you know the tricks for success you can serve them any time, for breakfast, brunch or an Easter-worthy dessert. They're perfect for parties because they're impressive enough for company, easily customizable and pretty easy on you. A little patience and know-how and you may just have a new go-to for when time gets away from you, but you still want to impress. Like I said, I promise I won't tell if you don't! Enjoy!

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A & E CALENDAR

EXHIBITIONS

March 28: Author Event, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Oblong Books Presents: Lyn Slater, "How to be Old: Lessons in Living Boldly from the Accidental Icon," in conversation with Sari Botton, 6:30 p.m. Free, but registration required via EventBrite. (845) 876-2903

March 28: Vassar Haiti Project's Art & Soul Gala, Vassar College's Alumnae House, 161 College Ave., Poughkeepsie, 5:30-8 p.m., with live entertainment from Vassar's Student Jazz Band. For tickets visit www.thehaitiproject.org.

March 28-30: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. March 28: Latin Dance Jam with Beacon Dance Beat, 7 p.m. All seats \$10. March 29: Bossa Blue: A Tribute to James Taylor Songbook, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. March 30: The Prezence – Led Zeppelin Tribute, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door

March 30: Poughkeepsie Book Festival, Dutchess Community College, Falcon Hall, Poughkeepsie. Meet and greet authors and illustrators (covering reading ages from preschool to Young Adult), take your picture with your favorite costumed book characters, and make some fun crafts, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Books will be available to purchase, and to have signed by the authors and illustrators who made them. Parking at Lot D, 95 Cottage Rd. Free to attend. No registration required.

April 5: "Mystery at the Mansion," Edgewood Mansion at Hutton Brickyards, Kingston. Presented by Murder Cafe. For info and tickets, visit www.huttonbrickyards.com

April 5-6: Taconic Stage Company Presents "Your Town," Copake Grange, 618 Empire Rd., Copake. An original bicentennial play with songs, written by Carl Ritchie with music by Wayne Moore and Chuck Pelletier and accompaniment by Joe Rose. Directed by TSC founder and Artistic Director Carl Ritchie. Performances: Fri., 7 p.m.; Sat., 2 & 7 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m. Free, but reservations required at www.copakegrange.org

April 6: Calling All Poets 25th Anniversary Anthology Reading, Arts Mid-Hudson, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. Calling All Poets and Arts Mid-Hudson are collaborating to celebrate 25 years of poetry performance and the publication of the CAPS 25th Anniversary Anthology Reading, 2 p.m. All ages are welcome, and refreshments will be provided. This event is free but please RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/3py4exxd>

April 6: Theater Tour, County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls. County Players, a local all-volunteer community theater company, will help commemorate their 66th Season of producing quality theatrical productions by offering visitors a rare glimpse behind the backstage theater magic, noon-4 p.m. Free. www.countyplayers.org

LEARN ABOUT EMBROIDERIES MADE LOCALLY DURING SKYLLKILL EVENT ON APRIL 3

Sampling Dutchess Schoolgirl Needlework from Dutchess County will be held at the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville on April 3. Stacy Whitaker will present examples of schoolgirl embroideries made locally and the stories of some of the stitchers. Stacy will also provide an overview of the Dutchess County Sampler Initiative. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America, presents this program beginning at 12:30 p.m. Join other needleworkers for learning at 10 a.m. or, come for this program only beginning at 12:30 p.m.

For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA or email EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through April 1:** Paintings by this month's featured artist, Julia VanDevelder, whose principal subject is the natural world, particularly the Hudson Valley, a region she has called home for many years. www.artgallery71.com

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Turnpike, Suite F, Poughkeepsie. **Through April 21:** "Artists Respond to Poetry," exhibit featuring 16 poets and 16 visual artists in Arts Mid-Hudson's seventh annual celebration of National Poetry Month. The participating visual artists have selected a poem to respond to through their own work. www.artsmidhudson.org

Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St., Beacon. **Through April 7:** Annual "Art of the Garden" art exhibition, floral & still-life garden themed art show featuring paintings, watercolors, and other mixed media. All works for sale, part of the proceeds help further restoration projects on Historic Bannerman's Island. Contact (845) 831-1001, 845-416-8342 or bannermangallery150@aol.com for more information. www.bannermancastle.org

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April:** Showcased in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. are works by Liliana Washburn, and at 12 Vassar St., Arquimedes Mejia and Naomi Berkery display their artwork in the Reception Gallery and Hancock Gallery, respectively. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access. More info: cunneen-hackett.org

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through June 2:** "Making A Life In Photography: Rollie McKenna," the first survey of the prolific career of American photographer Rosalie (Rollie) Thorne McKenna. The exhibition, presented thematically in four galleries, features over 100 gelatin silver prints made during the artist's lifetime, drawn primarily from the Loeb's collection with the addition of several key loans. (845) 437-5632 or www.vassar.edu/theloeb.

Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, 4097 Albany Post Rd. (Rte. 9), Hyde Park. **Through December:** Developed in collaboration with a distinguished committee of scholars, "Black Americans, Civil Rights, and the Roosevelts, 1932-1962" centers the historical voices of many Black community leaders, wartime service members, and ordinary citizens who engaged the Roosevelt administration directly and who pushed for progress. Within this context, the exhibit examines the political evolution of both Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt regarding racial justice. www.fdrlibrary.org

Gallery 40, 40 Cannon St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April 28:** "Coming Home," an exhibition by LongreachArts Collective. www.gallery40pok.com

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through March:** "Photographs and Improvisions" by Jim Stasiak. (845) 490-2281

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through March 30:** Morton Talent Show Art Exhibition. Sales will benefit the library. (845) 876-2903

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through April 12:** "Emotions: A to Z," 26 paintings made by students from Rhinebeck High School's Advanced Drawing and Painting Class as a collaborative project that will result in a 32-page Alphabet picture book.

Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St., Catskill. **Through April 7:** Pop-Up Exhibition & Book in partnership with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute School of Architecture. "Imaginary Wilds: Architectural Interventions for the Thomas Cole National Historic Site." RPI Architecture students spent a semester dreaming up a new building for the Thomas Cole Site campus. Ten student projects, including both 3D models and digital illustrations are on display in Thomas Cole's New Studio. www.thomascole.org

WomensWork.art, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. **Through March 30:** "The Remnants of Summer," new photo works by Nikki Hung. (845) 293-3660 or www.womenswork.art

Woodstock School of Art, Robert H. Angeloch Gallery, 2470 Rte. 212, Woodstock. **Through May 4:** "Segalman at 90," an exhibition of select oil paintings, watercolors, monotypes, charcoal drawings, and pastel paintings of Richard Segalman from the private collections of his Woodstock circle of friends. 845-679-2388 or visit woodstockschooolart.org.

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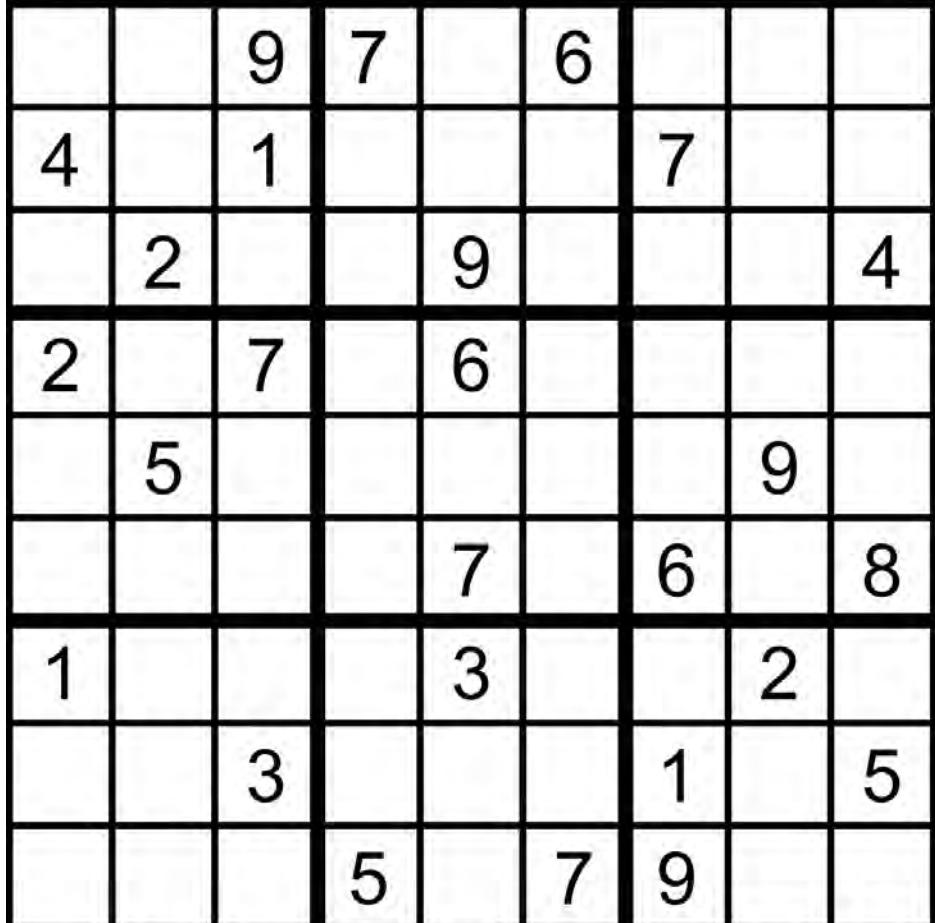
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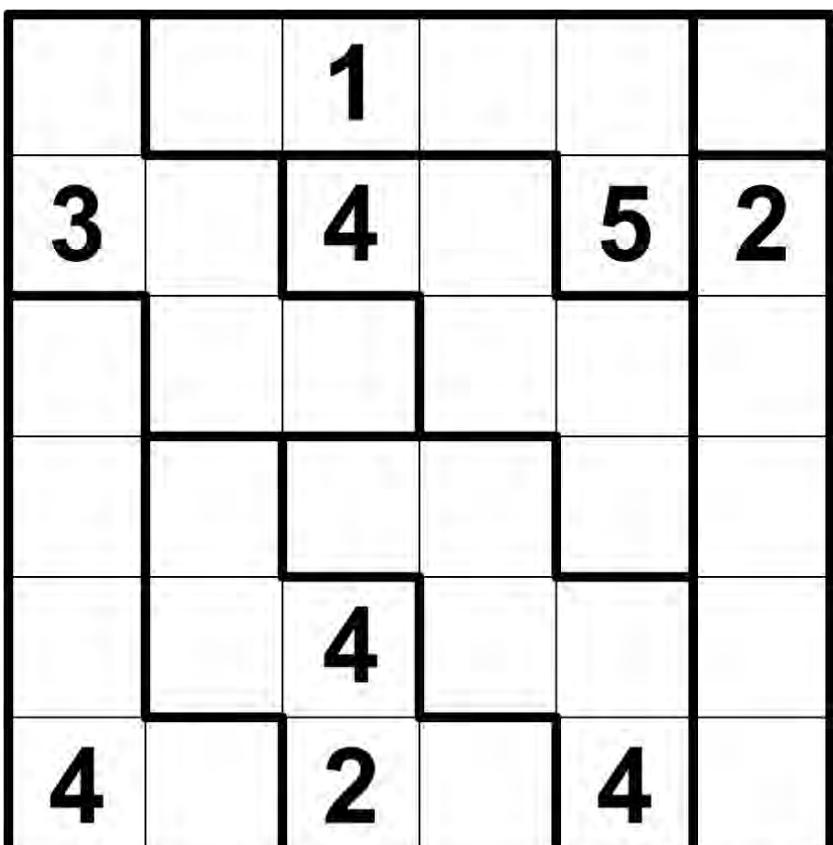
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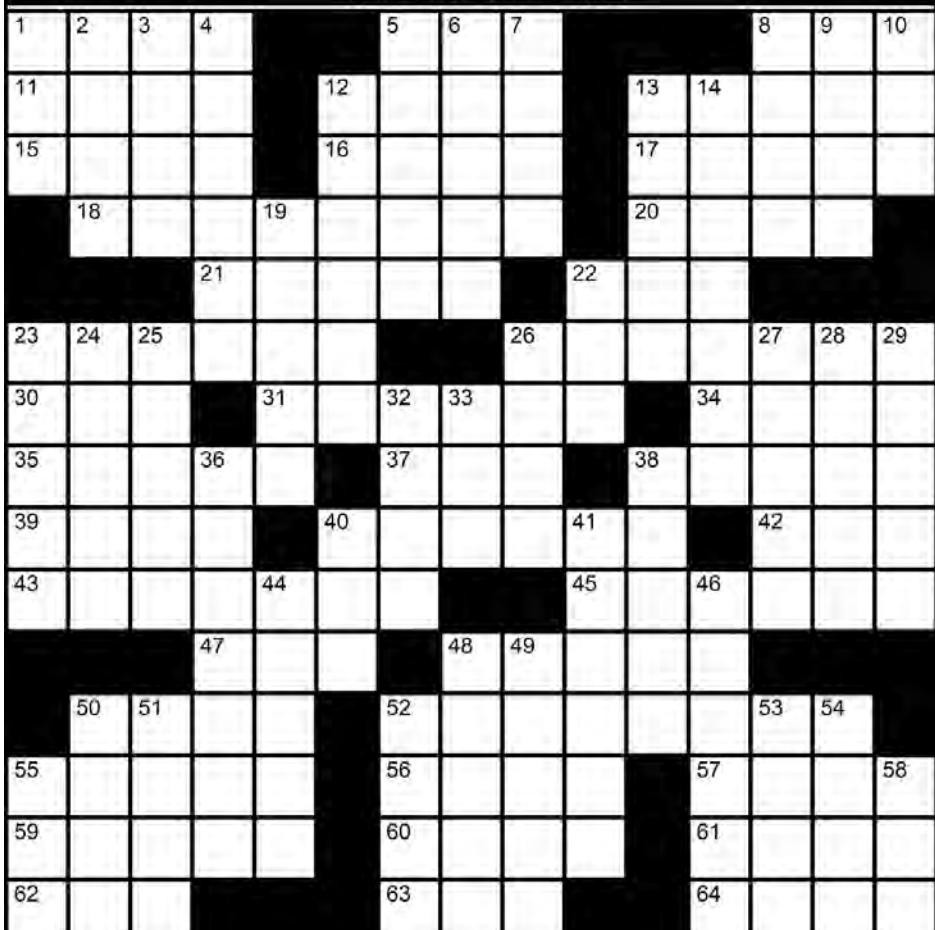
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- College cadet program
- Comedian Schumer
- Not square
- October birthstone
- Dueling weapon
- Flambé
- Capital of Azerbaijan
- Rugged rock
- Actress Vergara
- *What many chicks are doing in spring
- "Me and Bobby McGee" singer-songwriter
- *What the weather does in spring across the U.S.
- Make a seam
- Old name for 5-iron in golf
- Facing
- 20s dispenser
- Bodily fluids
- Steak choice
- Dungeness and snow, e.g.
- "Chapter" in history
- African antelope
- Republic of Ireland
- Made a feline sound
- 34th U.S. President
- Knock-at-the-door onomatopoeia
- the Great, king of Persia
- Give it a go
- Fraternity K
- Dr Pepper, e.g.
- *The Beach Boys: "Spring _____, good vibration"
- Member of Nahuatl people
- #23 Across, e.g.
- Articulated
- Salary increase
- Umbilical connection
- Volcano in Sicily
- Robinson or Doubtfire
- Bajillion years
- One-horse carriage

DOWN

- What highwaymen do
- Moonfish
- Bangladeshi currency
- Type of purse
- *Simon & Garfunkel: "_____, come she will"
- Wealth
- Safecracker
- High quality sound reproduction, for short
- *Purple flower that starts blooming in spring
- Fairytales insomnia cause
- Like repeating tunnel sound
- Off kilter
- **Spring _____, fall back"
- Spring mattress filler
- Acronym in a bottle
- Ceremonial staff bearer
- Skylit lobbies
- "Designing Women" star Jean _____
- *Become soft, as in ground
- Radices, sing.
- "Way 2 Sexy" rapper
- "Battle of the _____" movie
- Swimming competition, e.g.
- Not amateur
- *The _____: "Little darlin', it's been a long, cold, lonely winter"
- Highly skilled
- *Official start of spring
- Make bigger
- Vanish without this?
- Elevates
- Dry plateau in South Africa
- Oak nut
- Same as tsar
- "The Dock of the Bay" singer
- Joe Biden, once
- Solemn promise
- Pinta and Santa Maria companion
- Vegas bandit's body part
- *It gets longer

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 Mon. 04/01, Mon. 04/08, Mon. 04/15, Mon. 04/22, Mon. 04/29 at 9:30 AM
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Vince Sauter will teach you how to lower stress and keep calm with Tai Chi. Class will focus on breathing in the calm and breathing out the tension.

Audience: Adults & Seniors

Storytime on the Dot (in-person)
 Tue. 04/02, Tue. 04/09, Tue. 04/16, Tue. 04/23, Tue. 04/30 at 10:30 AM

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

Audience: Children & Caregivers

Mah Jongg (in-person)
 Tue. 04/02, Tue. 04/09, Tue. 04/16, Tue. 04/23, Tue. 04/30 at 2:00-4:00 PM

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

Audience: Adults & Seniors

All Level Yoga (online only for April)
 Wed. 04/10, Wed. 04/17, Wed. 04/24 at 6:00 PM (online)

Sun. 04/07, Sun. 04/14, Sun. 04/21, Sun. 04/28, 10:00 AM (in person or online)

Join Mia Tomic and explore classical seated, standing and supine yoga poses linked with breath in a creative way to stretch, strengthen, and rejuvenate your body, breath, and mind. You may also participate online. Please plan according to your comfort and needs as class is held indoors.

Audience: Adults & Young Adults

Chair Yoga, (in-person or online) (Optimistic Aging)
 Fri. 04/05, Fri. 04/12, Fri. 04/19, Fri. 04/26 at 12:00 AM

Join Samantha for Chair Yoga for

ALL. Learn the basics of breath, meditation, and movement. This class will help you stretch and strengthen. Registration required so that you can get the link. Please register online or call the library at (845)-495-0655.

Audience: Adults & Seniors

Zumba, (in-person)
 Sat. 04/06, Sat. 04/13, Sat. 04/20, Sat. 04/27 at 9:00 AM

Join Ginny Morrow for a fun fitness routine every Saturday at 9 AM. Pre-registration is not required. You may sign in at the door.

Audience: Adults

Free Tech Help (in-person)
 Sat. 04/06, Sat. 04/13, Sat. 04/20, Sat. 04/27 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Do you need help with your Kindle, tablet, smart phone or computer? Drop-in anytime on Saturdays between 9AM-1PM or call the library at (845)-495-0655 to book an appointment.

Book Club Meetings:

Never Been in a Book Club, Book Club (in person)

April Selection: Nancy Drew: Mystery at Lilac Inn by Carolyn Keene

Thursday April 4, at 1:30 PM

Never been in a book club? This is your chance! Join a new group of people new to the book club world! Come with your thoughts, feelings and anything you'd like to share about the monthly selection. Don't be shy, everyone is new just like you!

Audience: Adults

Tea Time Book Club (in person)
 April Selection: Tom Lake Anne Patchett

Thursday April 11, at 2:00 PM

Join Tea Time Book Club the second Thursday of every month. Come talk about the monthly selection and enjoy tea and a snack with members of the club.

Audience: Adults & Seniors

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Community Solar Eclipse Viewing (in-person)

Monday April 8 2-4 p.m.

Join us at the library to safely watch the eclipse together! Our area is expected to experience the eclipse at approximately 93% of totality. Participants will be required to sign a safety waiver. We will have eclipse glasses available.

Parents/Guardians are required to stay and monitor any children, minors or indi-

viduals they are responsible for.

Crafts & Coffee (in person)
 Monday April 8 at 1:30 PM

Join us for a lovely afternoon of coffee, crafts (and conversation!) On the second Monday of the month at 1:30, Diane will guide you as you create a project covering a wide range of techniques, from card making to book crafts to stitchery and more. Note: You must register for each individual who is attending and would like to participate. Materials are limited and there will not be extra!

Audience: Adults & Seniors

Lunch & Learn: The Native History of the Catskills

Thursday April 25 at 12:30 PM

For centuries, native people traveled through the Catskill Mountains on well-known paths and visited select locations for hunting elk, passenger pigeons and other game. By the 18th century, secluded valleys became a refuge for families retreating from Euro-American settlement. This presentation will explore the identity of these communities and tell their stories. About the speaker: Justin Wexler of Wild Hudson Valley has spent the last 20 years conducting archival and ethnographic research to understand the

history, culture, and land management practices of the native people of the Hudson and Delaware Valleys.

Audience: Adults & Seniors

Alternatives to Lawns

Saturday April 27 at 10:30 AM

Presented by Wendy Tremper-Wollerton. Come learn the history of how Americans went from gardens and live-stock areas at their homes to mega-lawns! The presentation will teach you about various plant selection choices to help eliminate lawn areas. You will also receive information to take home of suggested books from MHLS catalog and information on plant selections.

Audience: All Ages

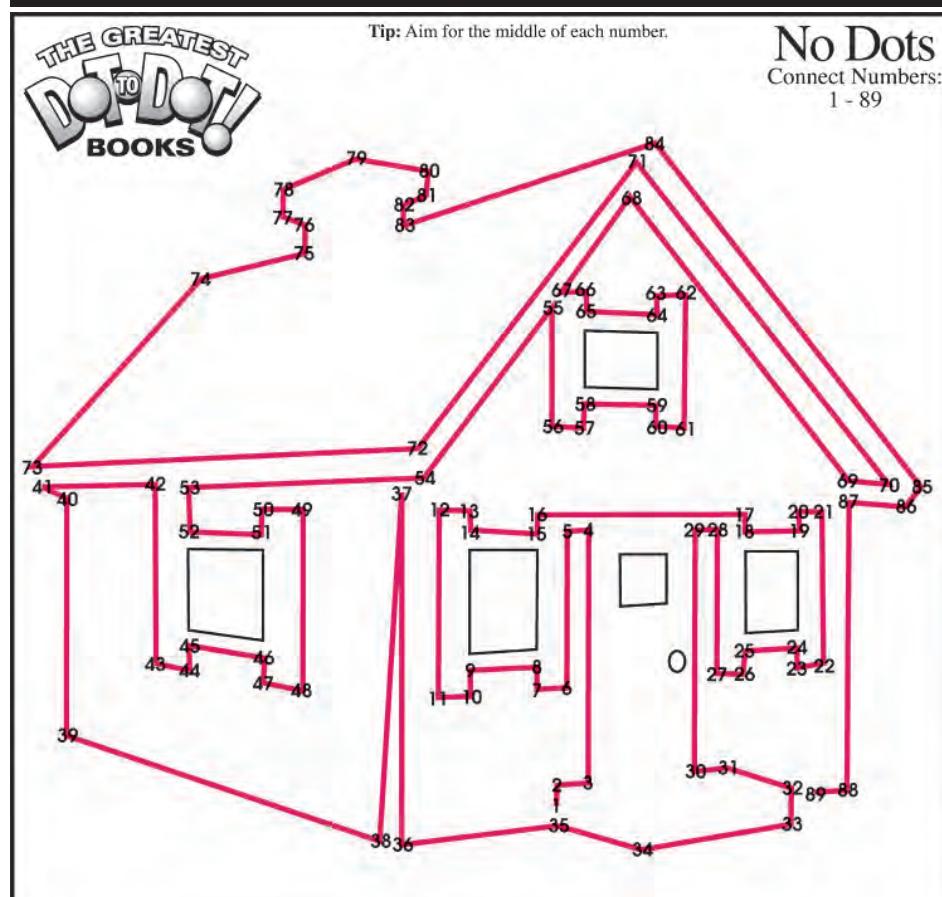
Smokey the Bear Reading Challenge Begins in April

For Children Ages 4-10

Celebrate Smokey's 80th Birthday by joining the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge! This challenge is meant to engage youth in reading about wildfire prevention, forests, and natural resource careers while they explore their local environment. It also goes along with the 2024 Collaborative Summer Reading Program theme of "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Stop in the library to sign up and receive your packet!

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Knit 'n Knatter

Wednesday April 3 @ 3:00 pm

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Lauren Nelson Art Opening

"Fever Tree"

Friday, April 5, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Exhibition: April 5 - April 27

Lauren Nelson is an artist based in Rhinecliff, NY. Since receiving her B.A. in Studio Art from Bard College in 2020, she's completed projects in a range of media including painting, illustration, poetry, and furniture design. She seeks to tell mysterious and engaging stories through her artwork that feel both foreign and familiar. Art purchases and donations for the library are welcome. Library open hours for exhibition.

Elizabeth LaPrelle and Brian Dolphin in Concert

Thursday, April 11 @ 7:00 pm

Elizabeth LaPrelle and Brian Dolphin are a married duo who share a love of bright vocal harmonies, eerie traditional songs, and heartfelt originals. Elizabeth is a world-renowned ballad singer and scholar from rural Virginia and Brian is a songwriter, producer, and ethnomusicologist who has studied folk music all over the world.

There will be many stringed instruments and decades of experience at their backs. A concert with them is like being a guest at their kitchen table, so very welcoming that you will be invited and inspired to sing along.

Suggested donation: \$15.

Live "The Back Room with Andy Ostroy" A Conversation with Jonathan Burkhart

Friday April 12 @ 6:00 pm

Radiofreerhinecliff.org invites you to a live taping of Andy Ostroy's The Back Room. Please join for a fun, insightful chat with television, film, theater and commercial producer and Nantucket Film Festival co-founder Jonathan Burkhart. A Q&A will follow.

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Poughkeepsie Book Festival scheduled March 30 at DCC

The Poughkeepsie Book Festival, scheduled for Saturday, March 30, at Dutchess Community College, is set to be the biggest one yet, with over 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.

The book festival, organized by the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (PPLD), is an opportunity for children to find a deeper connection with books, and for the authors to make a personal connection with their readers. "What I love about the Poughkeepsie Book Festival is the chance to meet readers - actual kids who are excited about books and stories," said Laurie Calkhoven, author of "Roosevelt Banks and the Attic of Doom." "In this age of streaming television and video games, it's wonderful to meet children who get excited about reading."

And excitement about reading is what the festival is all about! Children and parents will be surrounded by different

genres and types of books, offering exposure to new authors and series. Being surrounded by so many different types of genres and books can help children find themselves in the stories, illustrated by an experience that Diana Murray, author of "Someday, Maybe" had when a young girl with a cochlear implant was able to identify with a character in the book that also had a cochlear implant.

Favorite book characters will be there, such as Clifford from the Clifford the Big Red Dog series. "We hope the book festival helps encourage reading and a lifelong love of books and learning," said John Torres, Librarian and Head of Youth Services at PPLD, the festival organizer.

In addition to the opportunity to meet and interact with the authors, there will be activities, crafts, and all sorts of fun! Volunteers from the Leadership Experience Opportunity (LEO) Club from Spackenkill High School and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), as well as other local youth groups will be helping to put on a great festival.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Friends of the Pleasant Valley Library announce HUGE Book Sale

More than 20,000 books, CDs, and DVDs will be available for purchase at the Pleasant Valley Library, 1584 Main Street (Route 44), Pleasant Valley the weekend of April 19-21. The sale features almost 1,000 antique books donated by the estates of two local college professors and includes many first editions.

The sale begins on Friday, April 19, from noon to 6 p.m., and continues Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids' books and all CDs and DVDs are just 5 for \$1. All adult books are 6 for \$5. Sunday, April 21, is "Name Your Price Day" for all remaining items from 10

a.m. to 3 p.m., when you can take as many books as you want and you decide the price.

You'll find a coupon for a free Book on our Facebook page during the month of April: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofthePVLibrary>

Donations of books, CDs, DVDs, video games and puzzles are being accepted through Saturday, April 13. Donations are accepted on Wednesdays between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If bringing more than two boxes, please call the library in advance at (845) 635-8460.

BATAVIA, NY – Elizabeth Mashburn, a resident of Red Hook, was among 243 students from Genesee Community College who were named to the Provost's List for the Spring 2023 semester. Students honored on the Provost's List have maintained part-time enrollment and earned a quality point index of 3.75 (roughly equivalent to an A) or better.

WILKES-BARRE, PA – Aiden Plant of Salt Point was named to the Dean's List at Wilkes University for the fall 2023 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, students must obtain a minimum 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 credits.

OLD WESTBURY, NY – Nicole Ziminski from Red Hook was named to the Fall 2023 Dean's Honor List at New York Institute of Technology. To qualify for this academic honor, a student must earn a GPA of at least 3.5 and complete 12 or more credit hours without any incomplete grades.

ALBANY, NY – Sean Lyder of Poughquag has been awarded the Fall 2023 Dean's Letter of Commendation. The Dean's Letter of Commendation at the University at Albany recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of part-time undergraduate students. To qualify, students must earn a grade point

average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher in their first semester of study and a GPA of 3.50 or higher in subsequent semesters.

ALBANY, NY – The Dean's List at the University at Albany recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of full-time undergraduate students.

The following students have been named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List: Lorraine Affigne of Pleasant Valley, Carmela Annunziata of Salt Point, Rachel Bertomeu of Red Hook, Jordyn Briehof of Pine Plains, Allison Desmond of Hyde Park, Dylan Eidle of Rhinebeck, Alejandro Farias of Stanfordville, Giancarlo Giannattao of Hyde Park, Zoey Henderson of Stanfordville, Skylar Hollingsworth of Millbrook, Haley Kafowitz of Hyde Park, Alexa Liguori of Hyde Park, Danielle Long of Pleasant Valley, Emily Lyons of Clinton Corners, Payton Mance of Red Hook, Daniel O'Sullivan of Staatsburg, Owen Oleszewski of Rhinebeck, Colby Piotti of Red Hook, Sharie Rhea of Tivoli, Maarten Rosse of Millbrook, Emma Rowland of Hyde Park, Marissa Staffa of Pleasant Valley, Nicholas Tsironis of Tivoli, Rene Vannaken of Red Hook.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 or higher in their first semester of study and a GPA of 3.50 or higher in subsequent semesters.



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OBITUARIES

John Battistoni

STANFORDVILLE - John Battistoni, 88, passed away at his home on March 15, 2024. He was born in Poughkeepsie on April 25, 1935 to John and Kathleen (Boyles) Battistoni. On September 1, 1956, in Lake George, NY, John married Barbara Grant. They were married 65 years, until Barbara's death in 2021.

John spent his childhood in Stanfordville and graduated from Pine Plains High School. He received his BA in 1957 from Hartwick College and his MPA from Rockefeller School of Public Affairs in 1971. His career began in 1959 when he was appointed as a Caseworker in the Public Assistance Unit of Dutchess County Department of Social Services. He was recognized early in his career as a leader in his field and was first appointed as Dutchess County Commissioner of Social Services in 1978, a job he held for over 17 years. In 1995, he retired with over 36 years of committed and compassionate service to the people of Dutchess County. Outside of Dutchess, John was well known and recognized statewide for his knowledge and expertise. He served as President of the New York State Public Welfare Association, also chairing the Mental Health and Legislative Committees. He served on the New York Association of Counties, devoting many years to the Task Force on Welfare Reform. He was later elected President of The National Association of Counties Human Services, devoting many years to several Task Forces, including Work and Welfare Reform, AIDS/HIV, and Human Services and Education.

John served on the Board of Directors of Dutchess County United Way. He was a member of the championship Red White Softball Team and was inducted into the Dutchess County Fast Pitch Hall of Fame in 2001. He was a lifetime member of the Grange. In 1988, he was named the Dutchess County Grange Community Citizen of the Year.

Outside of his college years, John lived in Stanfordville, a town and community he loved. He was a member and chairman of the Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees, United Church of Christ. He was a Trustee of the Stanford Cemetery Association. He served on the Town of Stanford Planning Board, Recreation Commission and Zoning Commission. He truly leaves a legacy of devoted and humble community service.

When John retired, a bit earlier than expected, many wondered what he would do after his busy career. He continued with volunteerism and serving on several boards. But he also did just as he had planned. He learned to play golf, a game he enjoyed for 20 years. He reconnected with old friends and shared good times. He traveled to his favorite places. But most important to him, he, along with Barbara, spent time making lasting, wonderful memories with his family, his children and grandchildren. John's life was truly well lived.

He is survived by four children: Lori (Edward) Conklin of Parsonsburg, MD; Debra (Gary) MacElveen of Poughkeepsie; Mark (Catherine) Battistoni of Millbrook; and Carol (Eric) Waldschmidt of Verbank, ten grandchildren (Christofer, John, William, Joseph, Daniel, Nicole, Joseph B., Ema, Samuel and Anna) and four great-grandchildren (Giovanni, Lillianna, Aaliyah and Talia). He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law Richard and Betty Battistoni, one niece and three nephews.

Services will be private. Interment will take place in Stanford Cemetery. Donations in John's memory may be made to the Hudson Valley Hospice at <https://www.hvhospice.org/donate-now/> or to the United Church of Christ, P.O. Box 424, Stanfordville, New York 12581. Please visit www.peckandpeck.net to leave a message of condolence for John's

family.

Thomas Lown

RHINEBECK - Thomas Lown, 87 of Rhinebeck, NY passed on March 18, 2024 lovingly surrounded at his home by his wife Lynn, daughter Ellen and his beloved Jack Russell Terriers Jake and Levi. Tom, as most knew him, died after bravely fighting Alzheimer's for multiple years. He was the son of Raymond and Elizabeth Lown. He was one of 6 children. For many years he co-operated the successful and award winning Lown Brothers Dairy Farm and Apple Orchards. In 1980 he sold the majority of the farm and together with Lynn built their home that she designed on the property he retained. Tom and Lynn were deemed by the Rhinebeck Historical Society to be owners of the longest continuously owned property in Dutchess County and Tom had direct bloodline ties that dated back to 1715 on the property which were during the earliest founding days of Rhinebeck. After he retired from farming, he became a heavy machine operator and did that for over 30 years. During his post-farming days his passions were John Deere tractors, his landscaping and gardening. Some would say visiting Tom's and Lynn's home was like going to a botanical garden. With his wife he was a member of the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club for over 20 years, a member of Brits on the Hudson and a long time member of the Neighbors Gun Club. Tom loved watching his dogs play and being with his devoted wife. All of their friends, family and anyone that met him would share how kind and patient he was as well as him being a gentle soul. Throughout their 50 years together Tom was a protective, generous and supportive husband and father. Even in his last hours of lucidity he expressed a strong desire to be there for his wife and daughter and to take care of them. Lynn and Ellen are grateful to the Hudson Valley Hospice for their support and compassionate care for Tom. Later this year, in lieu of a service, Lynn and Ellen will be having a private celebration of life.

William Moss

HYDE PARK - William "Bill" Moss, 73, a resident of Hyde Park, New York for over twenty years and formerly of Montgomery, Alabama, passed away on March 15, 2024, at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, New York.

Born November 8, 1950, in Madison, Wisconsin, he was the son of the late Wade and Mildred Hines Moss.

On October 6, 1984, in Jamesburg, New Jersey, he married the former Kathleen Korbobo. His wife, Kathleen "Tad" Moss survives at home.

Bill lived and worked in a variety of places in the country, beginning at Jackson Hospital in Montgomery, Alabama, where he developed an interest in healthcare computer systems programming. He worked for several hospitals including Children's Medical and Rose Medical in Denver, Colorado, and Tulane Medical Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. At various times he was employed by private companies including Medcom Inc., Healthcare International, and HBO & Company.

In 1991, he returned to Auburn University to complete his undergraduate degree and ultimately graduated with a Ph.D. in plant pathology in 2000.

He taught at Our Lady Queen of Mercy School in Montgomery for two years and then Regina Coeli School in Hyde Park from 2002 until his retirement. The school closed in 2015.

In his retirement, Bill devoted a lot of his time to studying the methods of Buddhist meditation.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his two children, Mary L. Moss (partner - Carl Naumann) of Kingston, and Beatrice P. Moss of Hyde Park.

He is also survived by his sister, Betty

McAuliffe (Gary), of Richmond, VA; brother, Sam Moss (Sheilia), of Cummings, Georgia; and nieces and nephews, Katie, Will, Neal, Merrily, Stephen, Shawn, and Chris.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of Bill's life will be held by his family, for more information please email inmemoryofbillmoss@gmail.com.

To send Bill's family an online condolence, please visit his obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

ter, Annie Tucker.

Bob is also survived by his cousin, Barbara (West) Wood, of Delaware; sisters-in-law Jonebet Bardin, Bridget Davis, and Mary-Virginia Conklin (Stephen), and four nephews.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place. Memorial visitation was scheduled on Tuesday, March 26th, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park, NY. A prayer service was held during the visitation.

In lieu of flowers, the Tucker Family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to the East Clinton Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 1, Clinton Corners, NY 12514.

To send an online condolence, or for directions, please visit Bob's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Evelyn M. Zimlinghaus

DOVER PLAINS - Evelyn M. Zimlinghaus, 94, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, NY, passed away on Monday, March 18, 2024 at her home in Dover Plains surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Zimlinghaus and her husband, Ernest, owned and operated Zimmy's Service Station in Dover Plains for 27 years.

Born on November 21, 1929 in New Milford, CT, she was the daughter of the late Jeremiah and Anna (Peterson) Espitee. She was a graduate of New Milford High School Class of 1947. On December 27, 1947 in New Milford, CT, she married Ernest Zimlinghaus who died on July 11, 1995.

In her youth, Mrs. Zimlinghaus was an outstanding basketball player and was active in her High School Drama Club. She was a member of the Dover-Wingdale Senior Citizens and a parishioner of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Dover Plains.

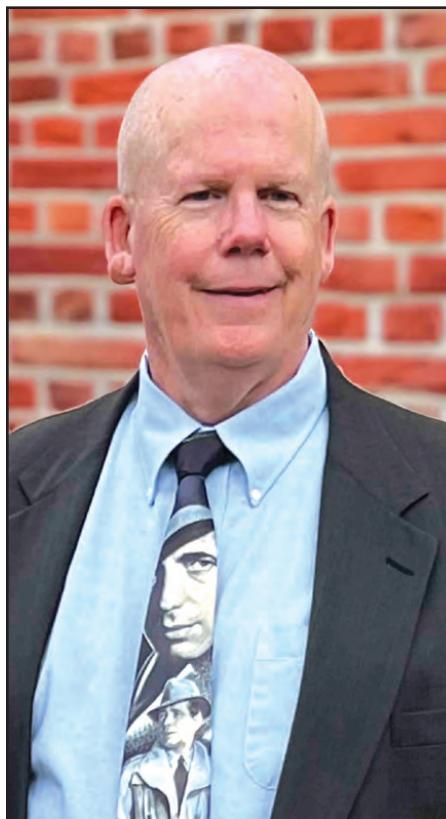
Mrs. Zimlinghaus is survived by five loving children: Edward Zimlinghaus and his wife, Michele, of Dover Plains; Paula M. Roberts and her husband, Anthony, of Chatham, NY; Diane Zimlinghaus of Dover Plains; Caroline Breitenbach and her husband, Karl, of Buchanan, NY and Georgette Wendover and her husband, Robert, of Waxhaw, NC. She was a beloved grandmother who is survived by 11 grandchildren: George, AJ, Lisa, Cassie, Josh, Justin, Megan, Bobby, Michael, Matthew and Kimberly and great-grandmother to 18 great-grandchildren: Tre, Amanda, Callie, Noah, Rachel, Ava, Jacob, Jonathan, Gage, Collin, Thomas, Herbert, RJ, Gabrianna, Garrett, Alexis, Laura and Dahlia; and 12 great-great grandchildren, Attalie, Aiden, Melody, Liam, Lincoln, Indie, Carter, Blaine, Caden, Delilah, Noah, Navail and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and husband, she was predeceased by six sisters, four brothers, a daughter, Laura Mae Zimlinghaus and a great-grandson, Jonah Zimlinghaus.

The family wishes to thank Hudson Valley Hospice and the Meals on Wheels Program for their compassion and kindness to their mother and grandmother.

Calling hours were held on Sunday, March 24, 2024 at Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, March 25, 2024 at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 62 Mill Street, Dover Plains, NY with Rev. John F.X. Palatucci. Burial followed at St. Charles Cemetery in Dover Plains.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist-St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 39 East Main Street, Pawling, NY 12564.



Robert B. Tucker

CLINTON CORNERS, NY - Robert B. Tucker, 75, of Clinton Corners, NY died on March 19, 2024, at Vassar Bros. Medical Center with his family by his side after a brief battle with cancer.

Born May 20, 1948, in Jamaica, Queens, he was the son of Charles Tucker and Shirley (Wellbrock) Tucker Remington, both of whom predeceased him.

In 1970, Bob received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute / NYU Tandon School of Engineering. He worked at IBM for forty-two years until his retirement. His work at IBM brought him to several Hudson Valley locations and around the world.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army reserves.

Bob was a member of the United Commercial Travelers fraternal benefit society, member and former president of the Nine Partners Lions Club, former member of the St. Joe's Men's Club (when St. Joseph's Chapel was open in Clinton Corners,) and former Assistant Scoutmaster for the Hyde Park Boy Scouts Troop #80. He was a long-standing volunteer at the Northern Dutchess Hospital Wound Care Center.

Bob enjoyed woodworking, stained glass, model railroading, and travelling the world. His final project was the 2023 Clinton Community Day Welcome Booth.

On February 21, 1976, in Newburgh, NY he married Kathleen Bardin. Kate survives at home.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Brian C. Tucker, and wife, Ann Marie; daughter, Megan Bourgoine, and husband, Stephan; and grandson, Brian P. Tucker, all of Clinton Corners. He was predeceased by his granddaughter.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-16-24 Maintenance and Repair of Fences and Gates for Dutchess County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 16th day of April 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.							
REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-24-24 Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Concrete Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 10th day of April 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.							
LEGAL NOTICE - WORKSHOP EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners will hold a workshop on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the firehouse located at 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, New York for the purpose of discussions regarding a new firehouse. Dated: March 20, 2024 By order of the East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners Karen Buechele, Secretary							

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS-
RFB-DCH-2024-07
NAME OF PROJECT:
INSTALLATION AND
LAYOUT OF GUIDE
RAIL AT VARIOUS
HIGHWAYS IN
DUTCHESS COUNTY
Project Description:
Dutchess County is seeking to contract the hourly, daily, and weekly rates for (1) Guide Rail Post Installation Machine (truck mounted) with (2) Operators to provide Guide Rail Layout and Post Installation on designated Dutchess County Highways. The successful bidder shall honor bid prices for all municipalities and special districts within Dutchess County. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification

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System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Caroline A. Miller, Contract Specialist Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. On or before 11:00AM Friday, April 26, 2024, and at that time publicly opened and

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read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud via Teams, will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 873 560 901#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy. Each bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Friday, April 19, 2024, and emailed to Caroline Miller at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours

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before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is May 1, 2024; the anticipated Substantial Completion date is April 30, 2025. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2024003287. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

LEGAL NOTICE –
MEETING RE-
SCHEDULE
EAST CLINTON
FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
PLEASE TAKE
NOTICE, the East
Clinton Fire District
Board of Commissioners regular meeting
scheduled for
Wednesday, April 10,
2024 has been
re-scheduled to
Wednesday, April 17,
2024 at 7:00 p.m. at
the firehouse located
at 9 Firehouse Lane,
Clinton Corners, New
York.
Dated:

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March 20, 2024
By order of the East
Clinton Fire District
Board of Commissioners
Karen Buechele,
Secretary

**PRIMARY
ELECTION NOTICE**
**Pursuant to the
provisions of
Section 4-118 of the
New York State Elec-
tion Law, NOTICE IS
HEREBY GIVEN that a
Primary Election will
be held in Dutchess
County on Tuesday,
April 2, 2024, for the
following:**

**DEMOCRATIC
PARTY**
**President of the
United States
(1 to be nominated)
National Delegates
District 17
(8 to be nominated)
National Delegates
District 18
(7 to be nominated)**

REPUBLICAN PARTY

**President of the
United States
(1 to be nominated)
POLL'S ARE OPEN
6:00AM TO 9:00PM
HANNAH R. BLACK
and
ERIK J. HAIGHT,
COMMISSIONERS
DUTCHESS COUNTY
BOARD OF ELEC-
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112 DELAFIELD
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POUGHKEEPSIE,
NEW YORK 12601
845-486-2473
www.elections.dutchessny.gov**

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**LEGAL NOTICE
To all voters of
Dutchess County,
New York
Primary Election,
Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

The following is a true and correct list of all nominations of candidates for the offices to be filled at the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 certified to us or filed in our office pursuant to the provisions of Election Law.

**Democratic
Primaries:
President of the United
States**

Joseph R. Biden Jr.
Marianne Williamson
Dean Phillips

**Republican
Primaries:
President of the United
States**

Vivek Ramaswamy
Chris Christie
Nikki R. Haley
Donald J. Trump

**D e m o c r a t i c
National Delegate –
District 17**

Nicole Doliner-
supporting Biden
Vedat Gashi-
supporting Biden
Schenley D. Vital-
supporting Biden

Lauren Leader-
supporting Biden
Mondaire Jones-
supporting Biden

Beth J. Davidson-
supporting Biden
Jennifer Colamonicoo-
supporting Biden

Mario Cilento-
supporting Biden

**D e m o c r a t i c
National Delegate –
District 18**

Zachary Constantine -

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supporting Biden
Julie Shiroishi-
supporting Biden
Christopher Drago-sup-
porting Biden
Christine Stage-
supporting Biden
Barbara Graves-Poller-
supporting Biden
Brandon Holdridge-
supporting Biden
Frank L. Cardinale-sup-
porting Biden
**ERIK J. HAIGHT
HANNAH BLACK
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'Our Only Planet: Art for Sustainability' exhibition at Tivoli Artists Gallery

Opening Reception Saturday April 27 5-7pm

The environmentally themed exhibit will feature images that highlight the urgent need to protect our planet and its inhabitants. There is no Planet B! For this very special exhibition we have partnered with Sustainable Hudson Valley and proceeds from the event will be provided to TAG and SHV. Sustainable Hudson Valley's mission is to speed up, scale up, jazz up and leverage progress against climate change, creating communities where people and nature thrive.

TAG member artists as well as other local artists will display two and three dimensional artwork in a variety of mediums and materials including repurposed, recycled and found objects. Our Only Planet will feature themes depicting the

beauty of the environment and the life it holds as well as a reminder of the losses we are experiencing as the planet changes due to human influences.

Very special thanks to our outside sponsors including Williams Lumber, Malcarne Contracting and the Hotel Tivoli for their support of this exhibition.

In addition to the exceptional artwork, there will be a number of workshops offered to the public as follows:

Foraged and Found - Homemade ink-making for beginners (for adults)

With Roberta Zwiembra Saturday May 4th 10-11:30 am

This hands-on workshop will teach you how to create drawing ink from natural materials. From acorns to invasive weeds, the possibilities are endless. Participants will also have time to draw and experiment with pre-made inks.

Nature Journaling (for adults and chil-

dren)

With Wendy Hollender Sunday ,
May 5th 1:30-4:00 pm

Nature journaling combines science and art to help you slow down, observe, and interact creatively with the natural world. In this workshop, we will use all our senses to develop illustrations, words, diagrams and numbers to inform and share our experiences in nature.

Upcycled Art (for children)

With Peggy Farrington May 11,
10:30am

Panel—Climate/Creative Roundtable
May 18, 2pm

TAG will host Climate/Creative, a conversation on climate action in our region. Speakers will include:

Melissa Everett, PhD, Executive Director of Sustainable Hudson Valley; Dorna Schroeter, Biomimicry Mentor,

Sustainability Educator & Author of the series, How An Idea From Nature Changed Our World; Andrew Willner, Principal, Sustainability Solutions. Andrew has been a city planner, furniture designer, sculptor, boat builder, environmentalist, Permaculturist, Transition advocate, story teller, and blogger; Paul Fletcher-Hill, tech founder, former programmer and enthusiast of the optimistic, climate-focused sci-fi genre called Solarpunk.

The Our Only Planet exhibition will be open all weekends between Friday, April 26 and Sunday, May 26. Fridays 5:00 - 8:30 pm; Saturdays: 12:00 - 8:00 pm; Sundays: 11:00 AM - 7:00 pm

Tivoli Artists Gallery is at 60 Broadway Tivoli. For more information, contact the curator Elisabeth Barnett, barnettelisabeth1@gmail.com; or visit <https://www.tivoliartistsgallery.com/>.

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**Answers to this
week's diversions**

(puzzles on page 16)

April events at the Copake Grange

Saturday, 4/20/24, 9am - 12 pm
Celebrate Earth Day and help us keep Copake beautiful! We're organizing to pick up litter along roads in Copake hamlet, Copake Falls, Craryville and Copake Lake. Pick up along your nearby roads or meet us at the Grange Hall (628 Empire Road, Copake, NY 12516) at 9am. We will provide trash bags. Bring your own gloves and sturdy shoes. You may drop off your collection by noon at the dumpster at Town Hall, 230 Mountain View Rd. or, if the umpsiter is full, bring it to the Copake Park dumpster or the transfer station. Please do not leave trash on the ground next to the dumpsters. Take photos of you and your trash and send them to copakegrange@gmail.com

for more information:
<https://www.copakegrange.org/events>

Saturday, 4/20/2024 3:30 pm -
5:00 pm
Free Program
Beyond Plastics: Earth Day 2024 -

Planet vs. Plastics
The Copake Grange, the Friends of Taconic State Park, and the Copake Conservation Advisory Committee invite you to celebrate Earth Day with us. The theme for Earth Day 2024 is Planet vs. Plastics, and we have invited speakers James Sullivan and Deb Welch from the organization 'Beyond Plastics' to share their experience and knowledge with our community. Learn about the risks to our health and our planet caused by plastics, and be empowered to take positive steps towards becoming part of the solution.

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Woodwind Trio L'AREMA ENSEMBLE

Saturday, 4/27/2024 7:00 PM -
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Reception following concert

The woodwind trio L'AREMA ENSEMBLE has been bringing their eclectic programs of classical, contemporary, Broadway, jazz, pop and disco arrangements to audiences throughout New York State for the past 50 years. Flutist Pamela Sklar and clarinetist Joseph Rutkowski began their collaboration together in the fall of 1974 with Arema Wind Quintet while students at Mannes College of Music. In the fall of 1975, Pam and Joe met the Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Karel Husa who informed them that he composed a trio for flute, clarinet and bassoon. They immediately found a bassoonist to work on Husa's Wind Trio (Deux Preludes) and began re-arranging other wind trios for their instrumentation. The following

Summer they also began to arrange more popular works by Scott Joplin, George Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein, Lennon and McCartney, John Denver, Led Zeppelin, the Bee Gees and works from Broadway musicals. They began performing throughout the Metropolitan area and on live radio broadcasts over WNYC, WFUV and WQXR, including Robert Sherman's The Listening Room. L'Arema made its New York debut in 1978 and continued performing at the Museum of Modern Art, Summer Pier at the South Street Seaport, the Annual Beethoven Festival on Long Island, the Whitney Museum, the inaugural concert series for the Brooklyn Public Library Foundation and were featured in the Contemporary Music Festival at Cornell University. (628 Empire Road, Copake, NY 12516)

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