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Hometown Heroes banners coming to Hyde Park

The Town of Hyde Park and members of the Hyde Park Rotary Club are initiating the Hometown Heroes Banner Program, a tribute to the Town's military veterans who have served or who are currently serving, honorably in the United States Armed Forces.

Hyde Park Rotary Club members have raised over \$700 to help with the Hometown Heroes initiative. The money will be used to help pay for banners honoring local heroes to be put up around Hyde Park. A special event was held at Coppola's of Hyde Park March 30.

The event chairperson was U.S. Marine Veteran Dave Stewart who owns DS Electric in Hyde Park.

According to plans, Town of Hyde Park Veterans who died in action, were missing in action (MIA) or Prisoners of War (POW) who received distinguished honors and who were born in the Town and still residing in the Town will be honored first.

Then the program will be opened up to those who are no longer surviving and lived sometime during their lives within the Town of Hyde Park and lastly to those who are currently serving that reside or have resided within the Town of Hyde Park or who are members of the American Legion or the VFW.

Each banner will be 30" X 60" in size, made of a heavy vinyl, printed the same on both sides by displaying the individual's picture, full name, branch of military, distinguished honors and their years served.

The banners will be displayed starting along Route 9, Route 9G and the Veterans Memorial Highway (formerly St. Andrews Road).

The normal life expectancy of each banner is approximately three years, depending on weather conditions during the years flown. At

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Thompson House to close

Pandemic, 'difficult landscape facing nursing facilities' cited by administrator

Compiled by Curtis Schmidt

The Thompson House skilled nursing facility in Rhinebeck is preparing to cease operations.

The (COVID-19) pandemic has had substantial impacts on nursing home operations, which led to the decision to close, according to Thompson House interim administrator Richard Cleland.

"It has not been an easy decision," Cleland said on Friday, March 31. "This facility has provided excellent care to many people over the years. We only reluctantly came to this decision based on the difficult landscape facing nursing facilities today."

The Thompson House has 38 long-term care residents. Cleland said there is no set timeline and "closure will happen when all the residents are thoughtfully and carefully transitioned into new care facilities of their preference. We think that could be sometime in mid-May."

"While no closure is good news, the building will be turned over to Northern Dutchess Hospital as part of a long-term strategy to serve the aging community and meet their healthcare needs," said Denise George, president of Northern



The Thompson House opened in 1994 on the campus of Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck. Interim administrator Richard Cleland said the COVID-19 pandemic has had substantial impacts on nursing home operations, which led to the decision to close the skilled nursing facility. *Courtesy photo*

Dutchess Hospital.

The Thompson House is working closely with the New York State Department of Health to implement an

approved plan to safely relocate residents of the facility.

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Renegades open season Friday at Heritage Financial Park



Huge crowds are expected all season as the Hudson Valley Renegades will be playing home games this year at the newly named Heritage Financial Park. *Photo by Dave Janosz*

by Rich Thomaselli

Play Ball! Opening night for the Hudson Valley Renegades 2023 season is Friday, April 7 at 6:05 p.m. at the newly named Heritage Financial Park.

The Renegades will start the season with a nine-game homestand against the Greensboro Grasshoppers and the Aberdeen IronBirds.

"We are ready," says new general manager Tyson Jeffers. The franchise will not only be playing in a newly renamed facility, but they

have added new padding to the outfield wall, are in the process of renovating in the clubhouses, and have added new batting cages for both teams.

"We had a robust off-season," Jeffers said, "and it's still not over."

For the fans, the Renegades will open the season in style with the first of 21 post-game fireworks shows.

Fireworks shows will be hosted after every Friday home game, every Saturday home game from June

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Construction on Hyde Park sidewalk project to begin April 10

by Kate Goldsmith

Hyde Park Town Supervisor Alfred Torreggiani notified residents that construction on a sidewalk project is scheduled to start on Monday, April 10. The project is the second phase of the Route 9 Pedestrian Improvements, which includes installing new curbs and sidewalks to meet current ADA standards along the east side of Route 9 from Park Plaza to the Hyde Park Firehouse.

Drivers should expect delays and seek alternative routes when possible.

This second phase of the project had been scheduled for 2022 but was postponed due to procurement issues of some supplies, which would have inhibited the proper construction flow, Torreggiani told the Northern Dutchess News. The town incurred no additional costs as a result of the delay, he said, and the project is scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day, just in time for Hyde Park's parade.

Construction markings have already taken place and tree work, along with stone removal and the disconnection of certain lights, began on March 31.

Torreggiani thanks the public in advance for their patience and cooperation, and encourages anyone with questions to contact his office at (845)229-5111, ext. 104.

Blood Drive set April 10 in Poughkeepsie

The Town of Poughkeepsie will host a Blood Drive on Monday, April 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Town Hall Meeting Room, at 1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie.

All blood types are urgently needed. Please eat/drink before donating and

be healthy.

Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome.

Valid photo ID is needed. If you have New York Blood Center donor card, please bring it.

To sign up for an appointment and for

questions about eligibility to donate due to travel outside the U.S., medications or medical conditions, visit nybc.org or call 1-800-933-2566.

For other questions, contact the Town of Poughkeepsie at (845) 485-3607.

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Thursday, April 6
Maundy Thursday
6pm in the sanctuary and on Zoom*
Celebrating Communion

Friday, April 7
Ecumenical Good Friday
5:30pm walk from First Presbyterian
6pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
808 Traver Road, Pleasant Valley

Holy Week 2023 at
First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley
1576 Main St, Route 44, Pleasant Valley
pvpresby@gmail.com
www.pvpresby.com

Easter Sunday, April 9

Ecumenical Sunrise Service
6:00am at Mill Park, Route 44

Easter Sunday Service
9:30am in the Sanctuary & on Zoom*



Easter Services



**Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
Bright with a glorious splendor...**

Join us this Holy Week and Easter
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pleasant Valley
on the corner of Traver Road and Main Street (Rt 44)
The Rev. Heather K. Sisk

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 6th
7:00pm Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Music and foot washing

Good Friday, April 7th
6:00pm Stations of the Cross Ecumenical Service
(5:30 pm Procession begins at First Presbyterian)

Holy Saturday, April 8th
7:00pm The Great Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 9th
6:00am Sunrise Ecumenical Service at Mill Site Park
8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II w/Music



Grace Episcopal Church Easter Services

Stations of the Cross
Maundy Thursday & Good Friday
at 12 noon in the Grace Parish Hall

Maundy Thursday Liturgy
April 6th at 7pm

Good Friday
April 7th at 7pm

The Great Vigil of Easter
Saturday, April 8th at 7pm

Easter Services & Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 9th at 8am and 10am (family service
with choir and special children's sermon) 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

Thompson House to close

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"We will make every effort to support our residents and their families and facilitate a smooth transition to other skilled nursing facilities or appropriate settings," Cleland said. "And once we achieve that goal, we will close."

Karen Zobel, CEO & Administrator of Brookmeade Community in Rhinebeck, said "The Brookmeade Community and the Thompson House continue to collaborate to ensure that residents of the Thompson House receive continued care and support during their closure."

She said Brookmeade has accepted several residents and will work with those still needing placement while "recognizing the importance of ensuring that these vulnerable individuals receive uninterrupted access to quality care. Our long time partnership is a testament to the dedication of both facilities to providing exceptional care for their residents."

Zobel added, "The Brookmeade Community is honored to have been working alongside Thompson House to meet the needs of the community here in Rhinebeck since opening in the 1970s."

Referring to the difficulties faced by nursing home operations during the pandemic, Zobel echoed the concern of Cleland.

"Closures of nursing homes are real. They are happening and it is happening right here. Not-for-profit nursing homes have been struggling and many have not been able to survive the pandemic," said Zobel. "Our most vulnerable deserve more and our staff deserve better. We have been lobbying and advocating for years, pleading for help."

Cleland said that Thompson House medical providers and staff are a critical component of the transition and are helping with residents' relocations. He said, "We will work closely with the Human Resources Department and, where possible, staff will be transitioned to comparable open positions within our health system."

The Thompson House opened in 1994 on the campus of Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck. Cleland said the facility offered long-term residential nursing, eventually adding a short-term rehabilitation unit. During COVID-19, the landscape changed, with a shift to home-based nursing care for older adults, virtual rehabilitation sessions and an exodus of skilled labor.

Nina Lynch, President of Rhinebeck at home, described as an aging-in-place

organization of neighbors helping neighbors, said "My first reaction to the news of the closing of Thompson House Residential and Rehabilitative Care was shock and sadness over the loss of a facility that has served many people and families since 1994. On reflection however, I feel hope and confidence that Northern Dutchess Hospital's long-term commitment to the healthcare of older adults will prevail."

Lynch added, "In 2012, a group of us who were developing Rhinebeck at Home approached NDH President Denise George asking for some space in their new Center for Healthy Aging space. That space and the collaboration with the Center for Healthy Aging and the NDH administrative staff helped our non-profit grow and thrive. Our collaborative relationship continues and Rhinebeck at Home will do all that we can to support NDH in their long-term goals and strategy to serve older adults. We are especially sensitive to the need here in Rhinebeck for affordable housing, responsive, accessible transportation and a geriatric medical staff to meet the healthcare needs of older adults."

Project to replace light fixtures on Mid-Hudson Bridge begins

The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) announced that the popular necklace lights on the Mid-Hudson Bridge will soon be replaced with new fixtures. The necklace lights along the suspension cables are lit in different colors in commemoration of holidays as well as local and statewide events. The project begins on April 3 and is expected to wrap up sometime in May.

The necklace lights were first installed in 2001 and the fixtures have reached the end of their useful life. The original power cables and mount brackets will be retained during this project. The old light fixtures will be removed and the necklace lights on the bridge will be off once installation begins on April 3. The Mid-Hudson Bridge will be unable to participate in special lighting events while the project is under way.

The lights have been procured from

MagniFlood, Inc., who produced the original lights, with installation being done by Piasecki Steel Construction Corp. The project comes at a total cost of \$429,750.00 and is part of the Authority's capital plan.

The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) operates the Bear Mountain, Newburgh-Beacon, Mid-Hudson, Kingston-Rhinecliff, and Rip Van Winkle Bridges. It also owns and maintains the structure of the Walkway Over the Hudson pedestrian bridge. The Authority receives no operating funding through state or federal tax dollars, with nearly all of its revenue coming through tolls. Tolls are reinvested back into capital improvements on the Authority's spans, ensuring these critical pieces of infrastructure can continue serving the Hudson Valley for decades to come. Learn more at www.nysba.ny.gov.

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Members of the Hyde Park Rotary Club and supporters of the Hometown Heroes Banner Program gathered at Coppola's of Hyde Park on March 30. Courtesy photo

the end of the normal life cycle, sponsors will be removed from the list and replaced by a pending application and the banner will be turned over to the family.

The Town cannot guarantee banner placement location, but will do their best to accommodate reasonable requests.

To qualify, a "Hometown Heroes Banner Program Application" form must be filled out completely, and have a photo copy of the Veteran in uniform (if avail-

able), a copy of the individual's discharge papers/DD214, payment in check of \$250 made payable to "Town of Hyde Park" and mailed to the attention of the Supervisor's Office at 4383 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY, 12538 or dropped off during our normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Individuals can also email the application along with a PDF file of the Veteran verification requirements and a copy of a

digital photo of high resolution in PDF format to: hphometownheroes@hydeparkny.us

Any questions concerning the requirements of the program should be directed to the Town of Hyde Park Veteran Committee Chair Craig Elderkin at agoodjake@aol.com. Please send him a detailed email and include a contact phone number and you will receive a phone call within 24 hours.

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Are 'fire' and 'ice' our only choices?

To the editor:

Joe Biden may well put us over the top. From the vast oil fields of Alaska now open for business, to the tanks, planes and warships making their way to Ukraine and Taiwan, these assaults on reason threaten the very survival of our species.

We know that the world must drastically reduce its use of fossil fuel, but some greedy billionaires are willing to risk it all for a few more zeros after their net worth. If that weren't enough, we are challenging the other two nuclear superpowers of the world to a game of chicken. It seems as if the empire has lost its head.

Must the people of our planet choose between burning up from climate change or freezing to death from a nuclear winter? "Some say the world will end in fire, Some say in ice." Robert Frost seems to have foreseen our fate back in 1920.

So is it death by Joe Biden, or by that fascist crook who would rule us through ignorance, racism and greed? Isn't a democracy about having better choices? But of course, ours is a plutocracy, the rule of the very rich. Elites don't read poetry or think about their grandchildren. They accumulate money in some of the most despicable ways, by cheating workers, starving poor children, and perpetuating our present system of mutual and guaranteed military annihilation. Let the ruling class fly away in their rocket ships, so that the rest of us don't have to debase ourselves by wringing their necks.

Fred Nagel
Rhinebeck

GUEST COLUMN / OPINION

We have our climate goals ... now what?

by Assemblymember Didi Barrett

As the new Chair of the New York State Assembly's Energy Committee, I am concerned, as are many of my constituents and colleagues, about how New York State will reach the ambitious renewable energy goals set forth in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) without burdening already cash-strapped New Yorkers.

With this in mind, the New York State Assembly's One-House Budget removed many of the Governor's energy policy proposals, intending to discuss them outside the budget process. The All-Electric Buildings proposal - which has been the focus of much media attention - was modified to only apply to new commercial and residential construction, not existing buildings or homes. Further there are specific exemptions from the required electrification of new construction for emergency backup power, commercial food establishments, laboratories, laundromats, hospitals and other medical facilities, agricultural buildings, manufactured homes, crematoriums, and critical infrastructure such as backup power for wastewater treatment facilities.

If the legislature has its way there will be no "ban" on gas stoves in existing buildings either. We all know that propane generators and natural gas fireplaces have kept people safe and warm through extended power outages during past harsh winters. Instead, offering incentives for consumers to make energy-efficient improvements to their homes and finding ways to meet households where they are as we strive to accomplish our goals is the path the state should be taking.

Let's be clear, climate inaction is simply not an option. We have set these goals to address a real climate emergency. It is therefore imperative that we consider all the reasonable and available - even outside-the-box - clean energy alternatives that are reliable and compatible with our existing infrastructure and energy consumption as we strive to meet those goals.

While there are a number of solar and wind projects set to come online, the power from these renewables is still years away. In the short-term, there are other fuel sources that could be used to significantly reduce emissions - today! These include biofuels, which are already commercially available, and developing technologies, like linear generators which are being used in other states.

It is also clear that there are industries that will be difficult, if not impossible, to completely electrify. But the goal of the CLCPA is not electrification, it is decarbonization. There are steps we can take now to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions while these renewables come online. Establishing a Clean Fuel Standard in New York State will make alternative fuels cost-competitive and more affordable for the transportation sector, enabling more widespread use right away. This will allow school and public buses to use biofuels to dramatically reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Right now, some airline companies are using sustainable aviation fuels to fly into New York State, but because the fuels aren't cost competitive, they fly out of the state with fossil fuels.

In addition, the state's refusal to recognize and count the emissions reductions seen with energy produced by farmers via anaerobic digestion (capturing gas emitted by cow manure and burning it for electricity) creates a barrier to reaching our climate goals. New York State is losing not only the renewable energy produced by widespread use of anaerobic digestion, but the ability to count the reduction in emissions because farmers are partnering with companies to clean up and sell the gas or credit to other states like California - who then are able to count those emissions reductions for their own state.

There are legislative fixes, as well, and we have already introduced bills to make this energy transition more accessible and affordable, including offering rebates for purchasing a previously owned hybrid or electric vehicle; expanding access to the personal income tax credit for residential



solar energy system installation; and allowing the State to utilize newly developed renewable energy sources.

I voted for and continue to support the CLCPA. As its very name suggests, this critical legislation calls for balancing our ambitious climate goals with protecting our communities. In the weeks since I became Energy Chair, my team and I have met with a wide range of advocates - from utilities to environmental organizations. Through these conversations, it has become clear that meeting our climate goals does not necessarily have a one size fits all solution, rather we need to utilize all of the tools available so New York State can rapidly decarbonize our economy while ensuring that our utility costs don't continue to soar.

Meeting the state's climate goals will impact every one of our nearly 20 million New Yorkers, and to ensure a just transition - one that protects and supports workers, disadvantaged communities, and our rural, urban, and suburban towns across the state - we must recognize the diversity of New York, balance economic burdens fairly, and ensure good green jobs. We must hear our neighbors, businesses and family members' concerns and work to bring them along with us, providing energy affordability and reliability to all New Yorkers.

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Yanks' Volpe leads list of ex-Renegades in MLB



by Rich Thomaselli

A former Hudson Valley Renegades player is now the starting shortstop for the New York Yankees.

Anthony Volpe, who played in Wappingers Falls just two years ago, started in the Bronx last week Thursday at shortstop, as the Yanks opened the 2023 season with a victory over the San Francisco Giants at Yankee Stadium.

As a High Class A farm team of the New York Yankees, the Renegades sell themselves on the future. They tell fans that you can come to the ballpark and possibly see a Major League players of the future. For anybody that came to see the Renegades play in 2021, they saw such an example.

For 55 games, the starting shortstop for the Hudson Valley Renegades was Anthony Volpe. He hit .286 and had 17 doubles and 15 home runs for the Renegades.

"We are so thrilled for all of these members of the Renegades family who are starting this season in the big leagues," said Tyson Jeffers, General Manager of the Renegades. "One of the

most magical experiences Minor League Baseball offers is the chance to see future Major League stars play in our community, and we are looking forward to showcasing more of the next generation of big leaguers at Heritage Financial Park this season."

Volpe is considered the jewel of the Yankees minor league system. In fact, he was named the most outstanding player in this year's spring training camp that recently concluded Tampa, Fla.

Volpe is just one of more than two dozen former Renegades players who started the season with a major league team this year.

Additionally, former Renegades manager Matt Quatraro made his MLB managing debut with the Kansas City Royals after spending six seasons on the Tampa Bay Rays staff, and Stephen Vogt begins his coaching career as the Bullpen/Quality Control Coach for the Seattle Mariners after retiring from a 10-year MLB playing career.

The full list of former Renegades players and coaches follows:

- Arizona Diamondbacks - Pitcher Merrill Kelly and infielder Evan

Longoria.

- Chicago Cubs - Pitcher Hayden Wesneski and infielder Miles Mastrobuoni.

- Chicago White Sox - Bench Coach Charlie Montoyo.

- Cincinnati Reds - Catcher Luke Maile and outfielder Jake Fraley.

- Kansas City Royals - Manager Matt Quatraro.

- Miami Marlins - Pitcher Dylan Floro.

- Minnesota Twins - Pitcher Joe Ryan.

- New York Mets - Catcher Omar Narváez.

- New York Yankees - Pitcher Jhony Brito and Volpe.

- Oakland Athletics - Pitcher Ken Waldichuk.

- Philadelphia Phillies - Pitcher Andrew Bellatti.

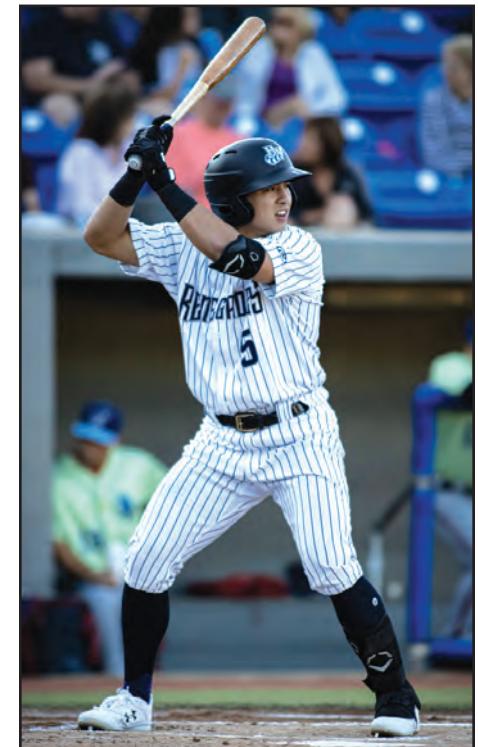
- San Diego Padres - Infielder Jake Cronenworth.

- San Francisco Giants - Pitcher Alex Cobb and Bullpen Coach Craig Albernaz.

- St. Louis Cardinals - Pitcher Wilking Rodriguez.

- Seattle Mariners - Bullpen/Quality Control Coach Stephen Vogt.

- Tampa Bay Rays - Infielder Taylor Walls and Third Base Coach Brady Williams.



Anthony Volpe hit .286 and had 17 doubles and 15 home runs for the Hudson Valley Renegades in 2021. Courtesy photo

• Texas Rangers - Pitcher Brock Burke and infielders Ezequiel Duran, Nathaniel Lowe and Josh H. Smith.

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through September, along with a special Super Fireworks Show on July 3 to celebrate Independence Day.

And – since April 9 is Easter Sunday, the Renegades will have a post-game Easter Egg Hunt on the field.

Sergio Santos takes over after leading the FCL Yankees to the Florida Complex League Championship in 2022. Santos had a six-year MLB career as a pitcher from 2010-2015, spending time with the Chicago White Sox, Toronto Blue Jays, Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Yankees. He is joined on the field staff by Pitching Coach Preston Claiborne, Hitting Coach Kevin Martir, and Defensive Coaches Rob Benjamin and Derek Woodward.

The Renegades play in the South Atlantic League (SAL), one of the most famous minor league systems in the country. They have teams as far south as Rome, Georgia. The Renegades will play 144 games, including 72 at home. Hudson Valley, now in its third season as the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, will once again play the majority of their schedule within the SAL North Division.

Renegades roster

The Yankees announced on Sunday the 2023 break camp roster for the Renegades. The roster features 14 returning players and 16 newcomers. Five members of the break camp roster rank within the Yankees' Top 30 prospects.

The Renegades roster features the Yankees' top two draft picks from the 2022 First-Year Player Draft – outfielder Spencer Jones and pitcher Drew Thorpe. Jones and Thorpe rank fifth and eighth, respectively, in MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Yankees prospects.

Returning to the pitching staff for 2023 are RHP Juan Carela, RHP Harold Cortijo, RHP Bailey Dees, RHP Carlos Gomez, RHP Trevor Holloway, RHP Jack Neely, and RHP Enrique Santana. Also returning to the Renegades after sitting out the 2022 season with an injury is LHP Clay Aguilar, who appeared in one game for Hudson Valley in 2021.

Newcomers on the pitching staff are

highlighted by a trio of top prospects in Thorpe (No. 8), RHP Zach Messinger (No. 23) and RHP Chase Hampton (No. 26). LHP Joel Valdez and RHP Tyrone Yulie both have started extensively throughout their careers, while LHP Ryan Anderson, RHP Nick Paciorek, and RHP Danny Watson have proven themselves as dependable relief pitchers.

• Catchers -The Renegades will feature an all-new catching corps, led by Antonio Gomez, the Yankees No. 27 prospect according to Baseball America. He is joined behind the dish by Rafael Flores and Ben Rice. Flores was signed by the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent out of Rio Hondo College in July 2022, while Rice was a 12th-round pick in 2021 out of Dartmouth.

• Infielders - Ben Cowles and Spencer Henson return on the infield, anchoring the right side. Henson clubbed a career-high 10 home runs in 71 games with the Renegades in 2022, while Cowles finished the season on a seven-game hitting streak.

They are joined by Marcos Cabrera and Alexander Vargas, both of whom spent 2022 with Single-A Tampa. Caleb Durbin will make his Yankees organization debut with the Renegades after being acquired in a trade with the Atlanta Braves in December, and Luis Santos returns to the Hudson Valley after playing 20 games with the club in 2021.

• Outfielders - Top pick Jones is joined by a trio of returning players in Aldenis Sanchez, Aaron Palensky and Kyle Battle. Sanchez spent all of 2022 with the Renegades, finishing second on the team with 32 stolen bases. Palensky was one of the most-consistent hitters in the lineup from the middle of May through the end of the season. Battle came up late in the year and showed a powerful bat with a key walk-off hit on the last homestand of the season against Jersey Shore. Rounding out the outfield is Anthony Garcia, who provides a potent combination of power and patience. In 2022, Garcia led the Florida State League with 83 walks.

Renegades to honor West Point's Leahy with first Community Star Award

The Hudson Valley Renegades have announced the first honoree in the new Community Star Award presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union. Rachel Leahy, the Director of Sports Medicine for Army West Point Athletics, will be honored on the field in a pre-game ceremony before the Renegades' Opening Night game at Heritage Financial Park on Friday, April 7.

Following the ceremony and presentation of the Renegades first Community Star Award, she will throw out a ceremonial first pitch to kick off the 2023 season.

On Jan. 5, Leahy, the athletic trainer for the Army Black Knights men's hockey team, sprang into action after junior forward Eric Huss was injured by a skate to the neck in a game against Sacred Heart University. She applied immediate pressure to the wound while on the ice to control the bleeding, and continued to apply pressure through the ambulance ride in a life-saving effort as Huss was transported to a local trauma center for emergency surgery.

Leahy, a Hudson Valley native who lives in Newburgh, was named the Atlantic Hockey Player of the Week for her heroic, life-saving actions. Amazingly, Huss was able to return to the ice just over three weeks later on Jan. 27.

"I am so grateful to have been chosen

to throw out the first pitch at opening night for the Hudson Valley Renegades. I grew up going to Renegades' games and watching my older brother play baseball at Heritage Financial Park," Leahy said. "Those

experiences were part of my decision to enter the field of athletic training and continue a career in athletics. It's an honor to come full circle and be recognized in my hometown surrounded by my family and friends. I'm thankful for the entire Renegades organization for choosing to recognize athletic trainers and bringing positive light to our amazing profession."

"Rachel, like all of our medical staff, is a competent and selfless teammate," said Army West Point Athletic Director Mike Buddie. "Her training, instinct and passion for her cadet-athletes were on full display as she sprung into action to aid Eric Huss on Jan. 5. Her immediate care prevented what could have been a tragic outcome – and we are so fortunate to have Rachel at West Point."



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Hudson River Fish Advisories help people make healthier choices

Fishing is fun, and fish are an important part of a healthy diet. Fish contain high quality protein, essential nutrients, healthy fish oils, and are low in saturated fat. However, some fish contain chemicals at levels that may be harmful to health. To help people make healthier choices about which fish to eat, the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) issues advice about eating sportfish (the fish you catch).

Some fresh waters and marine waters (near New York City) are impacted by human activities and local or distant contamination sources. The fish from these waters are more likely to be contaminated than fish from other waters. People who eat the fish they catch, or get locally caught fish from others, often eat fish from a limited number of favorite fishing waters or locations. When those favorite waters/locations contain fish with higher contaminant levels, the people who eat them may have higher contaminant exposures. In general, fish from the market or a restaurant come from a wider variety of locations, including waters with less contaminated fish.

NYS DOH also issues advice about game, such as snapping turtles and wild waterfowl. Game may also contain chemicals at levels of concern.

Health risks from contaminants in fish and game

The primary contaminants of concern in New York State fish and game have been mercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Other contaminants such as cadmium, chlordane, DDT, dieldrin, dioxin, mirex, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS, previously known as perfluorinated chemicals or PFCs) are also concerns in fish from some of the State's waterbodies. These contaminants build up in your body as you continue to eat these fish and game over time. Health problems that may result from exposure to these contami-

nants range from small changes in health that are hard to detect to birth defects, reproductive and developmental effects, and cancer. For more detailed information about contaminants in fish and game, visit www.health.ny.gov and search for "About Chemicals & Bacteria in Fish."

Women who eat highly contaminated fish and game and become pregnant may have an increased risk of having children who are slower to develop and learn. Some contaminants may be passed on to infants in mother's milk. Exposure to contaminants may also have a greater effect on young children than adults.

People can get the health benefits of eating fish and reduce their exposures to contaminants by following the NYS DOH advice; visit www.health.ny.gov and search for "Hudson River & Tributaries Region Fish Advisories." The advisories tell people which fish to avoid eating, and how to prepare and cook fish to reduce their exposures to contaminants in the fish they do eat.

Women of childbearing age (under 50) and children under 15 are advised to limit the kinds of sportfish they eat and how often they eat them. Women beyond their childbearing years (over 50) and men may face fewer health risks from some chemicals. For that reason, the advice for women over age 50 and men over age 15 allows them to eat more kinds of sportfish and more often.

Basis for setting advisories

In New York State, fish and game advisories are primarily based on information that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) gathers on contaminant levels in fish and game. NYS DEC collects fish samples each year from different waterbodies. It varies from year to year, but NYS DEC annually collects and analyzes contaminants in about 1,500 fish from more than 50 locations/waters.

Sampling focuses on waterbodies with

known or suspected contamination, waterbodies susceptible to mercury contamination, popular fishing waters, and waters where trends in fish contamination are being monitored.

Also, testing focuses on those species that are most likely to be caught and eaten by sport anglers. NYS DEC also tests some game species (e.g., waterfowl and snapping turtles) that accumulate chemical contaminants. NYS DOH reviews the NYS DEC testing results for fish and game to determine if an advisory should be issued or revised for a given waterbody, or for a particular species of fish or game. See "Fish and Game Advisory Derivation" at www.health.ny.gov for more details.

Types of advisories

To reduce exposure to contaminants, and help anglers and hunters choose which fish and game to keep for food, NYS DOH has the following types of health advice:

General Advice for Sportfish: The general health advisory for sportfish consumption is that people can eat up to four, one-half pound meals a month of fish (which should be spaced out to about a meal a week) from New York State fresh waters and some marine waters near the mouth of the Hudson River.

If there is no specific advice for a waterbody, NYS DOH recommends following this general advice because:

- some chemicals are commonly found in New York State fish (e.g., mercury and PCBs);
- fish from all waters have not been tested; and
- fish may contain unidentified contaminants.

Specific advice for sportfish

For some waterbodies in New York, NYS DOH issues advice that is more restrictive than the general advice (eat up to four meals per month) for men over 15 and for women over age 50 because con-

taminant levels in some fish are higher. Waters that have specific advisories have at least one species of fish with an elevated contaminant level, which means that other fish species may also be affected. In nearly all cases, if a waterbody has any specific advice,

NYS DOH, to be more protective, has advised that women under age 50 and children under age 15 should not eat any fish from that waterbody. The specific advice for a waterbody also applies to tributaries and connected waters if there are no dams, falls, or other barriers to stop the fish from moving upstream or downstream. This is because chemicals remain in fish when they move from one waterbody or location to another.

The information at www.health.ny.gov/fish will help you find which waterbodies in New York State have specific advisories, where they are located, and what that specific advice is.

Regional advice for sportfish

Regional advisories are issued because of regional patterns for a specific contaminant across the state (i.e., mercury) for several species that can be reasonably anticipated to apply to most or all waters in the region including those that have not been sampled. NYS DEC data indicate that certain fish from Adirondack and Catskill region waters often have mercury levels approaching or exceeding levels of concern, generally higher than mercury levels in the same species from other regions in the State. With the regional advisories, NYS DOH seeks to simplify the advisory message and issue protective advice for those at greatest risk, reducing the need for waterbody-specific advice. The regional advisories also provide women under age 50 and children under age 15 opportunities to eat some fish from Adirondack and Catskill waters by providing a list of less-contaminated species.

Free tax filing for eligible residents

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance reminds taxpayers that Free File software options – available at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile – can make filing federal and state income tax returns fast and free for qualifying New Yorkers.

The Tax Department partners with the Free File Alliance to save eligible taxpayers the cost of buying tax software or hiring a tax preparer.

Eligibility requirements include:

- a federal adjusted gross income (AGI) for 2022 was \$41,000 or less, regardless of age; or
- filer is 57 years old or younger with a federal adjusted gross income of \$60,000 or less; or
- filer's federal adjusted gross income was \$73,000 or less, and filer served as Active Duty Military (including as a Reservist and or member of the National Guard).

taxpayers to take advantage of this free software to quickly and easily e-file their tax returns."

"Many New Yorkers are eligible to electronically prepare and file their taxes online using brand-name software through Free File," said New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller. "As the April 18 tax filing deadline approaches, we encourage eligible

taxpayers to take advantage of this free software to quickly and easily e-file their tax returns."

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County to host public forum discussing addiction and recovery

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) will host a public forum on Wednesday, April 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at 230 North Road in Poughkeepsie, to discuss services and programs in Dutchess County for people in all stages of addiction and recovery. Individuals, families and community providers are encouraged to attend in person, and all input will help shape the County's 2024 Local Service Plans to strengthen addiction and recovery services throughout Dutchess County. Registration is required, and residents can register at dutchessny.gov/forumcomments.

The event will offer attendees the opportunity to share their own experiences, hear from community members who found a pathway to recovery, learn about local services and speak directly with the County's recovery service providers.

The forum will also review the latest substance use-related efforts and initiatives, as well as discuss changes that may be needed. Attendees will hear about 2022 accomplishments and learn about Dutchess County's newest resources, such as the Empowerment Center and Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program. Local service providers will be on site sharing information about their programs and services, and DBCH will offer Narcan

training to those who are interested.

DBCH Deputy Commissioner Jean-Marie Niebuhr said, "We know many of our residents can relate to this topic, as either they or someone close to them is dealing with addiction and recovery. This forum is a crucial resource to our department as we hear directly from community members as to what has been successful and what may need changing. This event brings together the County's dedicated staff, local service providers and attendees with lived experience, and there is such value in that. I am confident that working together can make an immeasurable impact."

For those unable to attend, or do not feel comfortable speaking in public settings, DBCH welcomes written comments and questions to be read aloud by the forum moderator. Individuals may submit comments online at dutchessny.gov/forumcomments, by email to gcollins@dutchessny.gov, fax comments to 845-486-3691, or mail to: Addiction and Recovery Forum, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

Additional information about addiction and recovery services available in Dutchess County is available on DBCH's substance use webpage; access through www.dutchessny.gov and select Departments, Behavioral and Community Health.

Heart Walk set April 29

In 2022, the Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk literally "bridged" two communities when it took place on the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park.

"It was a great, first-time experience, very positive," said Donna Kosack, Systems Adoption Manager at Laerdal Medical and chair of both the 2022 and the 2023 Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk. "I agreed to chair again this year because the American Heart Association has a good mission, and I don't want to lose the momentum we started with our event on the bridge last year."

On April 29, the Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk will take place on The Walkway Over the Hudson State Park. Walkers can begin their walk on either side of the bridge, and at any time they choose, between 9 and 11 a.m.

"This is such a great opportunity to bring both Dutchess and Ulster counties together again, and show that we are united in the fight against the nation's No. 1 and No. 5 killers, heart disease and stroke," Kosack said. "Last year's walkers were pleased, and I can't wait to see what the turnout will be this year."

Kosack's family and her own health history have made her a strong advocate for educating people about heart disease.

When Kosack was in her 20s, her uncle, then in his 40s, had his first heart attack. Her father and grandfather had also had heart disease. But after her mother was diagnosed with cancer for the second time, Kosack was sitting on her couch and felt pressure in her chest. At the physical she had scheduled for the next day, doctors detected a heart murmur and sent her to a cardiologist, where she learned she had a bicuspid aortic valve – a congenital heart defect which means that her heart valve has two flaps instead of the customary three – which has created an aortic aneurysm.

Kosack immediately had her two daughters and son checked to make sure this isn't something they inherited. They don't have it.

"I'm monitored closely for the aortic aneurysm," Kosack said. "If it gets too big, doctors will operate on it, and replace my valve at the same time."

Kosack was also diagnosed with



Donna Kosack, who is the systems adoption manager at Laerdal Medical, will chair the 2023 Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk on April 29 at the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie. Courtesy photo

cancer last year, and says she is currently doing well. She keeps a close eye on her health and eats well and admits she can benefit from more exercise.

Personally and through Laerdal, Kosack has a long history of involvement with the American Heart Association. Laerdal is a longtime sponsor of the Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk and Kosack has volunteered and participated in Heart Association events in the 15 years she has worked at Laerdal. She was also a member of the BetterU program in the Hudson Valley, a 12-week heart-health improvement program for women that is part of the Go Red movement.

"I really want to stress how relevant this is to all of us," Kosack said. "Heart doesn't care what nationality, gender or age you are."

Kosack lives in East Fishkill with husband, daughters and son.

The Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk raises funds so the American Heart Association can continue to fund research and community programs to fight the No. 1 and No. 5 killers in America, heart disease and stroke.

Register for free rabies clinic in Red Hook April 30

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) is partnering with the Dutchess County SPCA to host a free rabies vaccination clinic for pets on Sunday, April 30, at the Red Hook Town Hall, at 7340 South Broadway in Red Hook. The clinic will run from 8 a.m. to noon, with free parking available. Registration is required; walk ins will not be accommodated. Registration will open on April 5 online at DCSPCA.org or call the DCSPCA at (845) 452-7722, ext. 425.

The rabies clinic offers Dutchess County residents the opportunity to obtain rabies shots free of charge for their dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets. Proof of residency is required. 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.

In New York State, rabies shots are required for all cats, dogs, and domestic ferrets by the age of four months. Animals must always remain up to date on rabies shots. Revaccination is required on a regular schedule to keep the animal properly immunized against the rabies virus. Owners can be fined up to \$200 if they fail to get their pets vaccinated and keep them up to date.

If a pet has not been vaccinated or is not up to date on its rabies vaccination

and fights with a rabid or suspect-rabid animal, the pet must be promptly destroyed or placed in quarantine for six months to protect other animals and people in case the pet develops rabies. These mandates do not apply for a vaccinated pet in the same situation. In such cases, only a booster dose of rabies vaccine would be given within five days to treat the pet.

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health 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 with 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 displaying unusual or bold behaviors (such as approaching pets or people without fear, chasing bikers and joggers, or other erratic behavior) 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, contact DBCH immediately at 845-486-3404 Monday through Friday 9AM-5PM, or 845-431-6465 on nights and weekends.

To learn more about rabies, visit www.dutchessny.gov/rabies or contact DBCH at HealthInfo@dutchessny.gov.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Grace Bible Fellowship Church Holy Week services

April 7: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.
April 9: Easter (Resurrection Day) Services, 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. The church is at the intersection of routes 9 & 9G in Rhinebeck. For more information, call (845) 876-2122 or (845) 876-6923; or email fdcirone@aol.com.

Walk of the Cross set on Good Friday

The Hyde Park Clergy Association invites the community to an ecumenical Walk of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7. The group will gather at 10:15 a.m. at Regina Coeli Roman Catholic Church (2 Harvey Street, Hyde Park), then will progress through the town, taking turns carrying the cross and stopping at various locations along the way. The walk will conclude at the Hyde Park Reformed Dutch Church, with prayers and a time of fellowship. All are invited to attend.

Easter celebration set April 9 at MJN Center

Join the Calvary Chapel of the Hudson Valley at the MJN Convention Center (14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie) as they celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 9. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. and the parking and admission is free. Call (845) 454-5800 for assistance.

Hyde Park Chamber After Hours set April 13

The Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its After Hours on Thursday, April 13, at 6 p.m., at Coppola's Ristorante, Route 9, Hyde Park. Free event with cash bar. Sponsored by Anderson Center for Autism. Visit www.hydeparkchamberonline.com for more information.

Rally & Walk for Palestine set April 15

A Rally and Walk for Palestine will take place on Saturday, April 15, from 1 to 2 p.m., starting at the light in Rhinebeck. The recently elected government of Israel has increased its violence aimed at Palestinians in order to ethnically cleanse them from their land. Join us as we demand an end to this violence and a lasting peace. Cosponsored by Hudson Valley BDS, Jewish Voice for Peace-HV, Middle East Crisis Response, Peace and Planet News, NYC Veterans For Peace, and Women in Black-New Paltz. Contact: mecr@mideastcrisis.org or (845) 876-7906.

'Ice Cream for Breakfast' fundraiser set April 15 in Red Hook

Holy Cow in Red Hook will host "Ice Cream for Breakfast," the 13th annual St Jude Children's Hospital Fundraiser, on Saturday, April 15, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. There will be a special limited menu only. Cost of breakfast is donation of choice. Come help support St. Jude one "scoop" at a time. Holy Cow is at 7270 South Broadway, in the Hardscrabble Plaza, in Red Hook.

Grange sets take-out

Salisbury Steak Dinner April 15

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Salisbury Steak Dinner on Saturday, April 15, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. The menu will consist of Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner roll, and a homemade carrot cake cupcake with cream cheese frosting for dessert. Donation is \$15 per dinner. The dinner will be take out only, and dinners will be available for pick up at 5 p.m. Drive up to the Grange Hall back door, pay for your dinner, get your dinner through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. For reservations, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

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Penny Social set April 22 at Stanford Grange

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Spring Penny Social on Saturday, April 22, 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 and Summer items will be featured. The Grange Youth will have refreshments for sale. 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.

Rhinebeck Garden Club to meet April 26

The next Rhinebeck Garden Club Monthly Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 26, at 10 a.m., in the Community Room at the Starr Library, 68 East Market St., Rhinebeck. The program is "What's the Buzz? Native Plants/Cultivars/Pollinators: Planning Your Garden." Presenter: Joyce Tomaselli, Dutchess County Cooperative Extension. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcomed. Every year the Rhinebeck Garden Club puts together a series of meetings, field trips and events which are mostly open to the public. For meeting information, call (914) 263-5298 or log into Facebook.

Taste of Rhinebeck set April 26

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce is reintroducing Taste of Rhinebeck, a food festival, competition and fundraiser. The event will take place on Wednesday, April 26, from 5 to 8 p.m., at eateries throughout the Village of Rhinebeck. 'Taste' is a culinary crawl through the Village of Rhinebeck with samplings from approximately 25 restaurants, specialty food shops, and wine & liquor purveyors, featuring appetizers, entrees, beverages, and desserts. Participants donate the food, beverages, staff and time for this event.

All attendees will vote for their favorites in each category, and winners will be announced the following day. All winners will be presented with a Taste of Rhinebeck award plaque.

Tickets are \$75 and must be purchased in advance at <https://rhinebeckchamber.com/>. In-person registration will take place in Foster's Coach House parking lot. Net proceeds from this event will benefit the Village of Rhinebeck Autism Supportive Committee (50%) and the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce (50%).

Abilities First sets

pickleball fundraiser May 6

Abilities First will host the ThinkWealth Think Pickleball Classic on Saturday, May 6, at Sportsplex New Windsor, from 2 to 6:15 p.m. Cost per team is \$250 for 2 players, \$475 for 4 players. All players must be 21 or older to participate. Funds raised will benefit Abilities First. For questions or to register, email events@abilitiesfirstny.org.

Miles of Hope High Tea Brunch set May 7

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation will hold its 19th Annual Spring Brunch on Sunday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Grandview-on-Hudson Tent in Poughkeepsie. This year's theme is "high tea," and there will be a live cooking demonstration from Tina Zaccardi, winner of the Great American Bake-Off.

Tickets for this event are available at www.milesophope.org. Proceeds from the Annual Spring Brunch benefit people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley.

Roadside cleanup set in Clinton

The Town of Clinton Scenic and Historic Roads Advisory Committee (SHRAC) will hold its annual Community Roadside Litter Cleanup on Saturday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Each year Clinton individuals, families and neighbors join together to celebrate spring by walking the scenic Town roads and cleaning them up. It's a great way to get outside, get exercise, and get involved. It's also an opportunity to get children involved in their community.

Participation is easy! Go for a walk. Bring garbage bags and pick up trash and

debris from the side of the road. Then bring the roadside garbage you've collected to Town Hall and dispose of it for free in the designated dumpster (located behind Town Hall at the Highway Department entrance). Free disposal will be available on April 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. only.

All participants will receive a packet of sunflower seeds.

If you have any questions, contact SHRAC Chairman Rick McGlaulin at (845) 266-3003 or twistedoaks@optonline.net.

Chestney to present historic program at NSDAR event

The Chancellor Livingston Chapter, NSDAR, Rhinebeck, invites the public to an open meeting & program on Sunday, April 16, 2 p.m. at the General Richard Montgomery House, 77 Livingston Street in Rhinebeck.

Christopher W. Chestney, owner of the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home and trustee of the Frost Memorial Fund, will present a program entitled "Thomas Thompson Trust and the Frost Memorial Fund: History and Missions."

Chestney is well known to the Rhinebeck Community as a volunteer for many community organizations including the Rhinebeck Lions Club, the

Masons, the Baptist Home at Brookmeade, Thompson House and the Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce. He also serves as a director of Rhinebeck Bank.

Northern Dutchess Hospital would not exist today were it not for the unique story of Thomas Thompson traveling through the Village of Rhinebeck in the mid-1800s.

The Frost Memorial Fund was established in 2009 from the estate of Benson R. Frost, Jr. and his sister Barbara V. Frost to provide civic and charitable endeavors. Barbara Frost was a longtime member of the Chancellor Livingston DAR chapter.

County to offer Bystander Intervention Trainings

The Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights will host a series of virtual Bystander Intervention Training sessions to teach people tools they can use to intervene if they witness harassment in the community. There will be three sessions – each focused on a specific type of harassment: Anti-Asian/American and Xenophobic harassment, LGBTQIA+ Community harassment and Online Abuse harassment. All sessions will be held virtually and will teach participants five strategies for intervention: distract, delegate, document, delay, and direct; and how to prioritize their own safety while intervening.

The first session, Bystander Intervention to Stop Anti-Asian/American and Xenophobic Harassment, will be held Monday, April 17, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Learn about the types of disrespect many Asian and Asian American residents are facing—from microaggressions to violence —using a tool called the “spectrum of disrespect.” Participants will learn what to look for and the positive impact that bystander intervention has on individuals and communities. Residents can register for this Zoom event at: dutchessny.gov/BITraining5-22

Monday, Sept., 18, noon-1:30 p.m.
Bystander Intervention: How to Be an Ally When You Witness Online Abuse

Online hate and harassment are on the rise. In this interactive training, participants will learn the necessary tools to intervene safely and effectively in online abuse. Moderators will walk through what online harassment is and how to identify abusive tactics as well as the severe impact online abuse can have – on well-being, livelihoods, and free expression will be discussed. Residents can register for this Zoom event at: dutchessny.gov/BITraining9-18

After registering for any or all of the trainings, residents will receive a confirmation email and information explaining how to join the online event.

For more information about the trainings, contact Jody Miller, Executive Director of the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights, at (845) 486-2836 or DCHumanRights@DutchessNY.gov.

Dutchess County is committed to ensuring the local community is inclusive and respectful for all, with the human rights of every individual protected and championed. The mission of the Commission on Human Rights is defending human rights, bridging differences and embracing diversity. Residents can learn more about the commission at dutchessny.gov/Departments/Human-Rights/Human-Rights-Commission.htm.

Students display impressive math skills at Pi Day event

On Tuesday, March 21, The Math & Physics Exploration hosted the 8th Annual Pi Day Recognition event. This year at the Van Wyck Junior High School, 59 students were recognized for their competence in being able to multiply infinite power series to prove algebraic identities. However, this year was special because a fifth grade class of 21 students along with these 59 students were able to multiply 18 x 18 digits to get an answer of 35 digits.

Could this be the only class in Dutchess County, that can achieve such a feat? I am sure that they are willing to challenge any class that doubts this!

The students were asked to compare the approach that they learned with other techniques for doing long multiplication. They found that they could do the work three times as fast, and could be more confident that they had the correct answer. The students were learning how important the layout of a problem was to being able to understand what they were doing and being able to check and correct their work. They were encouraged to challenge what they were learning and to understand the strengths and weaknesses to different approaches for learning and doing long multiplication.

The success of teaching the students was how teachers Nelson, Patterson and Reaves - doing a residency with Dr. Irvin Miller, Executive Director of the Math & Physics Exploration - integrated Miller's

techniques with theirs. Most importantly, the work ethic of the students improved as they began to be able to easily identify the associative, commutative and distributive properties.

In the spirit of STEAM, a project was introduced to all the students, in which they were asked to make a ruler that could be used to add and subtract positive and negative numbers. All they needed was some cardboard, a pen, glue and their creative skills.

The Pi Day program began as Superintendent Dr. Bonk and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cardwell praised the students for their academic growth in learning math and their ability to transfer those skills to learning other subjects. Peggy Kelland, Vice President of the Wappingers Board of Education, continued the praises of Drs. Bonk and Cardwell, and discussed how appreciative she and the board were of their initiation and support of the Enriched Math Program. In gratitude for his interest in the efforts of the students, Mia from the 5th grade class presented Dr. Bonk with a picture she had painted.

The keynote speaker, State Senator Rob Rolison -- who has championed education even as Mayor of Poughkeepsie -- spoke about the importance of good quality education. He was pleased to see the future that these students would bring with their ethics and skill.

Town Supervisors Nicholas



The fifth-grade class of Mrs. Nelson took part in Pi Day activities through a partnership between Van Wyck Junior High School in Wappingers Falls and The Math & Physics Exploration. Courtesy photo

D'Alessandro (East Fishkill), Richard Thurston (Wappinger), Ozzy Albra (Fishkill) and Jon Baisley (Poughkeepsie) have been supportive of this program for about four years. Some of the aforementioned people, along with the students' principals, signed certificates of recognition. Dr. Shuchat through Theresa Maher provided the resources and skills to produce the trophies for the students.

The program continued as 5th grade teacher Nelson described the academic impact on her students as they changed as mathematicians, and improve their work ethic. Nicolette and her mom spoke about how importance math has been to their family. Her mom, Katherine, not only has been supportive of her daughter and son,

but she learned some math from them. Nicolette saw how doing the homework and studying made math easier for her than for children who did not.

Sixth-grader Morgan from Fishkill Plains talked about the importance of practicing to perfect your skills. Johnny Price from Brinckerhoff looked forward to Tuesdays, when he could proceed at a new accelerated rate through the ever-increasing mystery of math. Dean from Oak Grove can now multiply large numbers that he could never have done without the program. Cillian from Oak Grove learned how to challenge what he was taught.

Dr. Miller thanked the Hudson Valley Savings Bank, Top's Markets, Adams Fairacre Farms, and the Daily Planet for their support of this recognition event.

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Be on the lookout for spotted lanternfly; pest threatens several fruit crops, hops

by Juliet Carroll, Nicole Mattoon
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New York State Integrated
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Cornell University

The spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) is a plant-hopper native to China and Southeastern Asia. Discovered in Pennsylvania in 2014, the spotted lanternfly presents a threat throughout much of the United States. While its list of hosts is large, the greatest agricultural concern falls on grapes, hops, apples, blueberries, and stone fruits.

There is great concern about its effect on vineyards, orchards, and hardwood trees. Its presence has led to crop loss, exporting issues, and increased management costs. Spotted lanternfly eggs are laid on practically any hard surface, including tree trunks, stones and metal. Because of this, egg masses may be transported unknowingly.

Spotted lanternfly nymphs are able to feed on many hosts, while adults prefer certain trees such as Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*), Maples (*Acer spp.*), and Grapevines (*Vitis spp.*). Furthermore, abundant excretions of sticky honeydew by swarms feeding on shade trees, and the associated growth of sooty mold, can restrict people's enjoyment of parks and their own backyards.

Description

Spotted lanternfly adults are very colorful when their interior hind wings are displayed. The hind wings are red with black spots. They have a black head, and

a yellow abdomen with black bands. Their beige-gray forewings have also black spots and a distinctive black brick-like pattern on the tips.

There is one generation per year, with adults developing in the summer, laying eggs in the late summer through fall, and overwintering as eggs. Each egg mass normally contains 30-50 eggs which are laid in rows and usually covered in a waxy substance. The first nymphs to hatch from the eggs in the spring are wingless, black, and have white spots, while the final nymph stage turns red before becoming winged adults.

Adult males are slightly smaller than the inch-long females, but are almost identical in appearance. Adults and nymphs commonly gather in large numbers on host plants to feed, and are easiest to see at dusk or at night.

Damage

This plant-hopper is able to feed using specialized mouth parts that can pierce the plant and suck up sap. Both nymphs and adults feed this way, on leaves, stems, and trunks. Spotted lanternflies also excrete honeydew while feeding, which, over time, may encourage the growth of sooty mold. Piercing the plant's tissues and feeding on the sap weakens the plant, sometimes causing it to ooze and weep, which may result in a fermenting odor and a gray/black trail on the bark. The presence of the fermenting odor and honeydew may also attract other insects.

Spotted lanternfly feeding can cause wilting, defoliation, flagging, yield loss, reduction in crop quality and cold hardi-

ness, dieback and plant death.

Found a spotted lanternfly in New York?

1. Take pictures of the insect, egg masses, or infestation you see and, if possible, include something for size, such as a coin or ruler.

2. If possible, collect the insect. Place in a bag and freeze, or in a jar with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer.

3. Note the location (street address and zip code, intersecting roads, landmarks, or GPS coordinates).

4. Email pictures and location to: spottedlanternfly@agriculture.ny.gov



The different life stages of the Spotted Lanternfly, clockwise from above: Spotted lanternfly egg mass. Photo by Holly Raguza, Bugwood.org. The black and white nymphs as they appear after hatching in the spring until their third molt in mid-summer. Photo by Richard Gardner, Bugwood.org. The final nymph stage of the spotted lanternfly, shown on a branch, is distinctively colored. Photo by Lawrence Barringer, PA Dept. of Agriculture, Bugwood.org. Collected spotted lanternfly adult with wings spread. The yellow sides of the abdomen are visible because this is a mated female, full of eggs. Photo by Lawrence Barringer, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Bugwood.org.

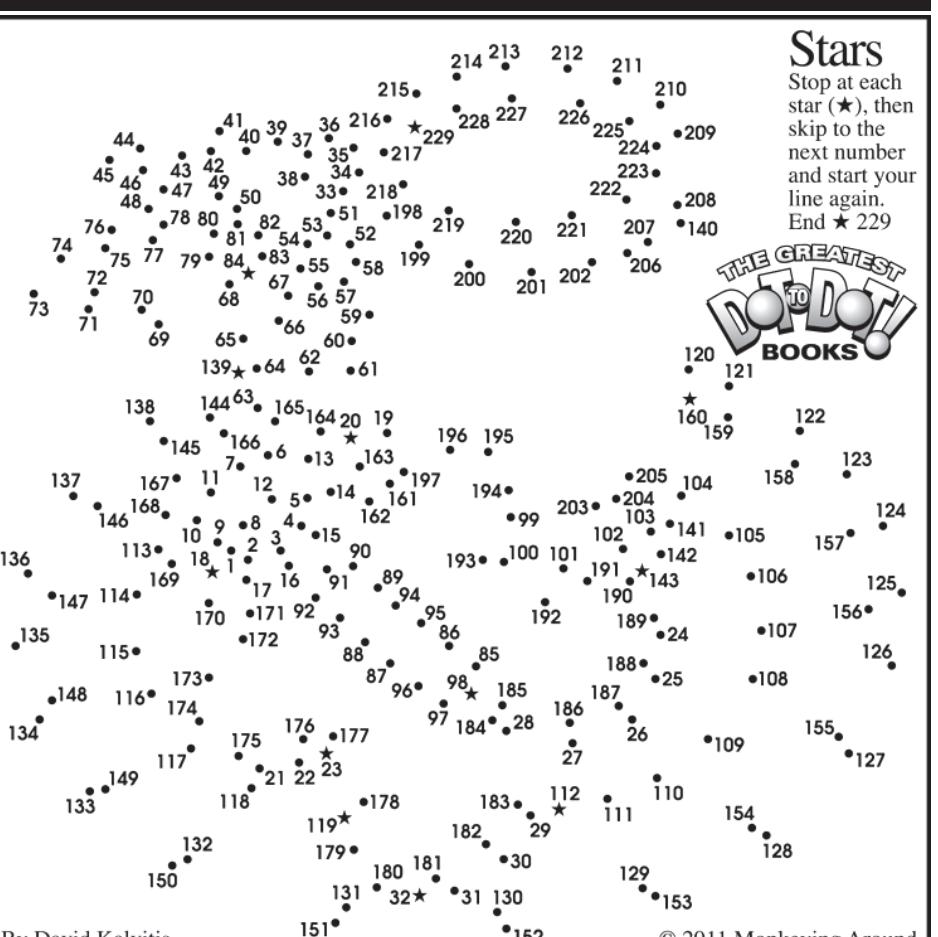
SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPEN HOUSE SET APRIL 15

Sheriff Kirk Imperati announced that the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office will host an open house at its Headquarters facility, the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Center at 108 Parker Ave. in the City of Poughkeepsie, on April 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The open house will include many of the Sheriff's Office's specialty units, information about the facility, and personnel from different areas of expertise to answer questions and provide further information. The open house is welcome to visitors of all ages, and those attending are asked to enter the grounds via the North Hamilton St. gate (across from Thrifty Beverage) and then will be directed from there.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

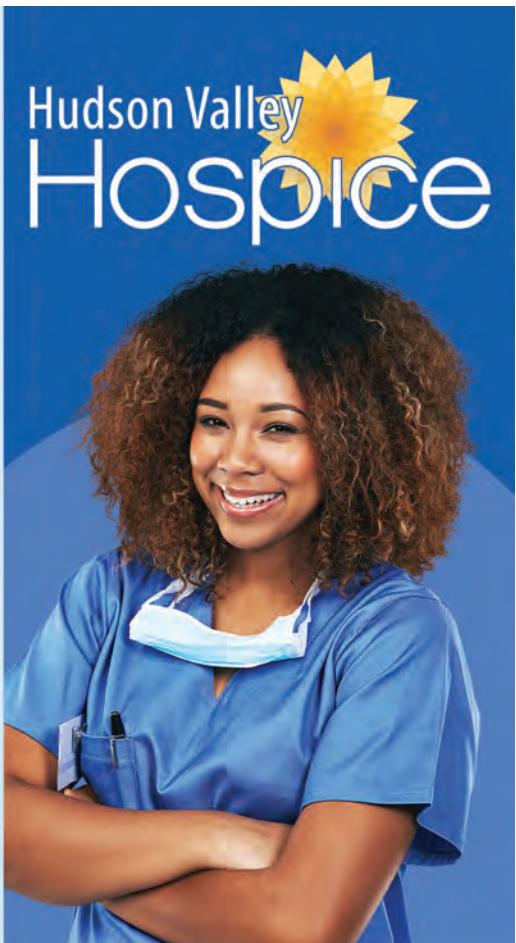
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Millbrook Arts Group sets ‘poetryline’ events

The Millbrook Arts Group is presenting the second edition of “poetryline,” a public art project that features a collection of contemporary poetry throughout the Village of Millbrook in celebration of National Poetry Month.

The organization has designed more than 50 graphic window panels that will be placed in storefronts and restaurants throughout the business district and on the edge of town. The poets featured appear courtesy of Four Way Books, a non-profit literary press based in NYC, publishing poetry and short fiction of emerging and established writers. Featured “poetryline” author, Cynthia Cruz was the 2023 recipient of the National Book Critics Circle award for poetry.

Local poet and Director of Four Way Press Ryan Murphy said, “It is an honor to share the work of these authors with my community.”

Authors include: Cynthia Cruz, Carlie Hoffman, Eugenia Leigh, Jen Levitt, Nathan McClain, Yesenia Montilla, James Fujinami Moore, Ryan Murphy, Victoria Redel, Glenis Redmond, Rob Schlegel and Soren Stockman.

In addition to “poetryline,” the Millbrook Arts Group has partnered with the Millbrook Library and area schools to present the “Tribute Garden Poetry Walk,” which will feature more than 30 poems written and illustrated by local young poets.

The Merritt Bookstore will be hosting adult and children’s One Hour Haiku Workshops and an Open Mic Poetry Day. The Millbrook Library will also be hosting an Open Mic Night and a Hudson Valley Writers Workshop. In addition, poems by 3rd grade students from Alden Place will be displayed at the library and community members young and old can stop by to hang their own verses from the branches of the “poet-tree” display.

“poetryline” public events

Through April 30 – Millbrook Tribute Garden Poetry Walk: Take a stroll and enjoy some fine literature from budding local poets. Select poems from children’s poetryline submissions will be on display for the month of April. Savor the creativity of some of our youngest minds.

Through April 30 – Alden Place Poems – Millbrook Library: Stop by the library during the month of April and enjoy the poetic musings of Alden Place’s 3rd graders. Over 60 poems will be on display for the entire community to enjoy.

April 8 – One Hour Haiku Workshop for Kids, ages 3 - 13, Merritt Bookstore, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join Kira on the lawn outside the shop to read and write haiku. The three lines of haiku center around a moment, and perception—there is (contrary to most American teaching) flexibility of syllables and ways to help us all get to the heart of something we have seen, realized, or pondered. All materials provided. (Event will be held indoors if needed.)

April 12 – Open Mic Night at the Millbrook Library, 6 p.m. Come with any writing—poetry, short story, essay, creative

nonfiction, manifesto, screed, or even a guitar and song. Readers will read on a first-come basis, so sign up on the library website early to ensure a slot! (millbrook-library.org/) or call (845) 677-3611.

April 15 – Adult One Hour Haiku Workshop, Merritt Bookstore, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Join Kira on the lawn outside the shop to read and write haiku! The three lines of haiku center around a moment, and perception—there is (contrary to most

American teaching) flexibility of syllables and ways to help us all get to the heart of something we have seen, realized, or pondered. All materials provided. (Event will be held indoors if needed.)

April 22 – Hudson Valley Writers Workshop, Millbrook Library, 1 p.m. Whether you’ve never written a word or are an established writer – try your hand at a five-minute spontaneous writing adventure, critique a short paragraph, or

just listen to group members read samples of their work in this two-hour workshop. Everyone is welcome. HVWW Membership is free.

April 29 – Independent Bookstore Day
- Open Mic Poetry – Kick off 11 a.m. On the lawn outside the shop, kids and adults can read their haikus and other poems throughout the day. All special and IBD books and such will be available starting at 9 a.m.

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arts and entertainment happenings

April 6-8: "Twelfth Night, or What You Will," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. William Shakespeare's beautifully human comedy is about a set of twins, Viola and Sebastian, who get shipwrecked then separated in a strange new country. As they try to make their way in this new world, they experience true love, self-awareness, gender switching,

mistaken identities, and the high cost of revenge. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

April 7: "COW" Special Screening + Panel Discussion, Rosendale Theatre, Rosendale. 7 p.m. Acclaimed director Andrea Arnold's ("American Honey," "Big Little Lies") first documentary immerses the audience in life on a dairy farm in rural

England through the eyes of Luma, a cow. Empathetic and nearly wordless, the film opens during calving season and captures a world of animal existence that is ordered around service to humans. A special collaboration with Woodstock Farm Sanctuary. Tickets \$15. www.woodstockfilmfestival.org

April 8: Contra Dance, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie. The Russet Trio, with caller/caller Maggie McRae. Doors open 7 p.m., beginners' lesson 7:15 p.m., Sliding scale admission \$15-\$20, FT students \$7-\$10. This is a vaccination optional dance. Masking will be required in the hall if CDC Covid community level in Dutchess or Ulster is medium (yellow). (The dance may be canceled if the community level is high (red)). No partner needed; beginners and all ages welcome. Bring your own water and snack to consume outside the hall. (845) 473-7050

April 8: The Orchestra Now: Naomi Woo Conducts Ravel, Sosnoff Theater, Fisher Center, Bard College, Annandale-on-

Hudson. Canadian conductor Naomi Woo, named one of the "Top 30 Classical Musicians under 30" by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, makes her TON debut with a program that includes two beloved works by Maurice Ravel and a Béla Bartók violin concerto with Lincoln Center Emerging Artist Award winner Stella Chen, 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$25. (845) 758-7900 or fishercenter.bard.edu

April 12: Conversation & Book Signing, Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To mark the 78th anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt's death, the FDR Presidential Library and Museum will present a conversation and book signing with David B. Woolner, Roosevelt historian and contributor to "Mourning the Presidents: Loss and Legacy in American Culture," 6 p.m. The event will be held in the and streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube, Twitter and Facebook accounts. This is a free public event (local health metrics permitting), but registration is required for in-person attendance. (845) 486-7745

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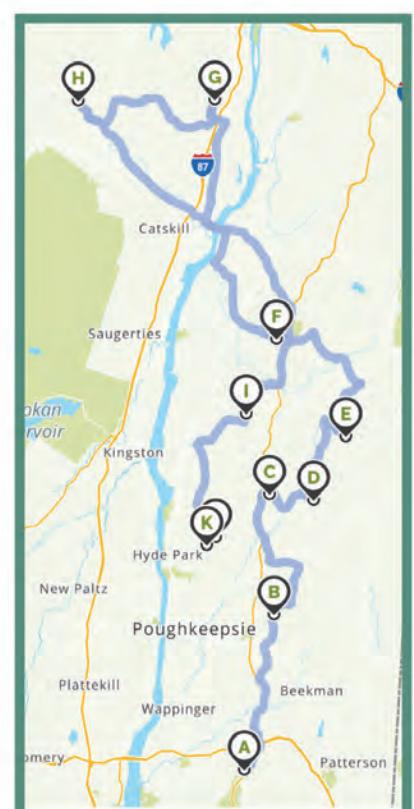
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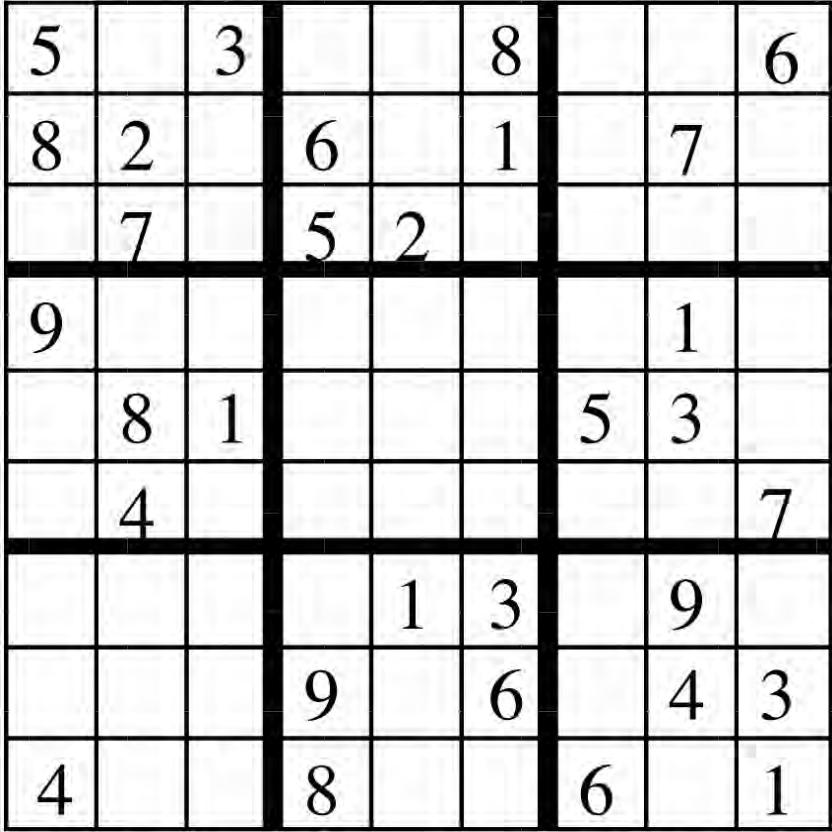
Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

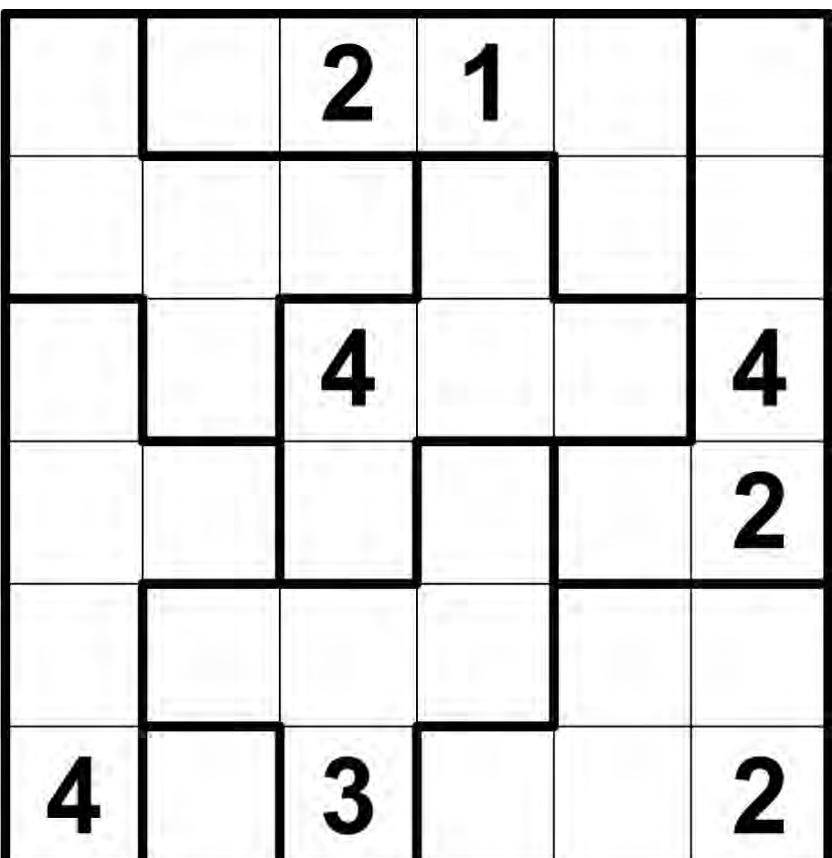
Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

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

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



Suguru



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

ACROSS

1. Sinai and Whitney: abbr.
4. Member of The Mamas and the Papas
8. Uncanny emanations
13. Skin
14. Frank
15. Striking effect
16. And
17. Rescuer
18. River in France
19. Help mother
22. Snake's warning
23. Jester
24. Kernels
26. Remainder
29. Negative atoms
32. Carousels
36. Sausage, perhaps
38. Neglect
39. In one's twilight years
40. Poisonous lizards
41. Lunch shop
42. Fashion
43. Sign
44. Holy meal
45. Preliminary coat
47. Grating sound
49. Ancient homes
51. Insect stages
56. Poor ___ church mouse
58. Changes
61. Destined
63. Recipe direction
64. ___ Cong
65. Rugged mountain ridge
66. Stethoscope detection
67. Unwanted spots
68. Stairway piece
69. Horizontal additions
70. Permit

DOWN

1. Confused conflict
2. Seed covering
3. Las Vegas machines
4. Stick
5. In ___; sore
6. Poison remedies
7. Haughty people
8. Singer/actor Ben
9. German pronoun
10. Flowered
11. Lambs
12. Heavenly miles.
13. Over
20. Towel word
21. Plumbing problems
25. Semiconductor device
27. Opposite of chubby
28. Floor installer
30. World's longest river
31. Mix
32. Incline
33. Mr. Stravinsky
34. Sets apart for a special purpose
35. Water-retention problem
37. Dog in "Peter Pan"
40. Punctured
44. Quarrel
46. Weasel
48. Bluish-gray colors
50. ___ saw; electric tool
52. Competitor
53. Utter
54. About
55. This: Sp.
56. O'er yon
57. Calcutta wear
59. Sound
60. Lofty
62. Summer at the Sorbonne

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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 19



Siri goes Italian

Conversation with brother John's iPhone gets complicated.

This morning my brother John was talking to his phone. "Siri, I need the number for Monroe Muffler."

Siri answered, "looking for the number for Monroe Mortuary."

John asked again, "Siri, I need the number for Monroe Muffler."

Siri answered, "looking for the number for Money Muffins."

John asked again, "you %^&^%^* Siri, give me the &*#@#*& Number for &^!@#\$ Monroe Muffler!"

I started to think what if Siri were Italian. What would it sound like?

Johnny: "Hey Siri! I need the numba for Coppola's."

Siri: "Hey how ya doin?"

Johnny: "I'm Beuuutiful. I need the numba for Coppola's."

Siri: "A fanabola (go to hell)! What do I look like, a freekin phone book?"

Johnny: "Hey stunad (idiot), just give me the numba. I need some manigott (manicotti)."

Siri: "Their manigott (manicotti) is

beuuuuutiful. Luigi makes a niiice pasta fasul."

Johnny: "Strunz (jerk)! Gimme the freekin..."

Siri: "After, have a little ganool (canoli) and a zutz (sip) of sambuc (liqueur) wid some express (espresso)."

Johnny: "(curses) You're pazo (crazy)! Gimme the freekin number! Now I gotta agita (upset stomach)."

Siri: "Capidan (captain). Sorry, Ima little calabrese (hard headed)."

Johnny: "Fuggedaboutit (don't worry about it). You a little giacchierone (blabbermouth)."

Siri: "Beep! Ima gonna get yu the numba. But yu gotta get me some galamad (calamari)."

Johnny: "OK. Gimme the numba."

Siri: "Too too niiine (229)..."

Johnny: "Yeah?"

Siri: "Don't freekin rush me, yu stuned (Idiot)."

Johnny: "Mannaggia dial (damn the devil)!"

Siri: "Too too niiine. Niiine won won

tree (229-9113).

And you thought your phone gave you trouble? Thank God for Siri, and enjoy this recipe for Calamari Fra Diavolo.

CALAMARI FRA DIAVOLO

Ingredients

1 lb. squid, cleaned and cut up
4 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
4 tbsp. fresh chopped parsley
4 ounces Marsala wine
1 pinch oregano
1 pinch pepper
1 pinch salt

1 32 oz. Jar Coppola's Fra Diavolo Sauce

1 lb. bow tie pasta
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup grated Pecorino Romano

Method

In a large pot, add your olive oil and garlic. Sauté on high heat until the garlic turns brown. Add parsley and spices and

sauté for one more minute. Add your calamari and Marsala wine and reduce to low heat. Let simmer for a half-hour, stirring occasionally.

Add 32 oz. jar of Coppola's Fra Diavolo Sauce and let simmer for 10 more minutes.

Add 1/2 cup of water and uncooked pasta and bring back to high heat. Let cook for 10 minutes or until pasta is tender.

Add grated cheese.

Serve with crusty Italian bread and a nice white wine.

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

Upcoming auditions at The Center

Rhinebeck Theatre Society will hold auditions for "The Prom," an inclusive, boundary-challenging, thought-provoking, timely, contemporary musical comedy. We are seeking a diverse, open-minded, and honest cast of performers to fill a range of roles. Members of the LGBTQ+ community are strongly encouraged to audition.

Audition Dates: Saturday, April 15, at

1 p.m.; and Sunday, April 16, at 7 p.m., at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck.

Up In One Productions will hold auditions for "Sister Act: The Musical," a feel-good Broadway musical comedy hit based on the acclaimed 1992 film starring Whoopi Goldberg. Featuring original music by Tony- and eight-time Oscar

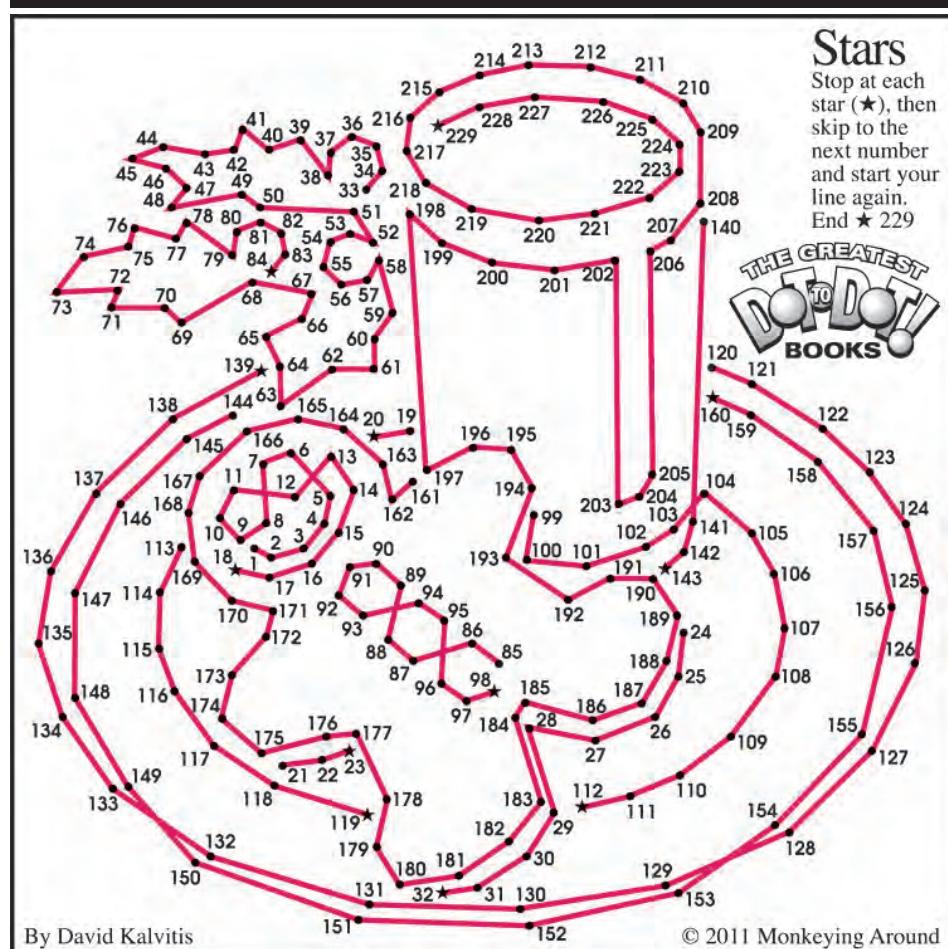
winner, Alan Menken (Newsies, Beauty and the Beast, Little Shop of Horrors), this uplifting musical was nominated for five Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Audition Dates: Saturday, May 13, at 1 p.m.; and Sunday, May 14, at 7 p.m. Callbacks: Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m.

Auditions and callbacks will be held at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Route 308, Rhinebeck.

More information is available at centerforperformingarts.org or by calling (845) 876-3080.

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



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ONGOING PROGRAMS

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Flash Fiction Writing Group Monday, April 10 6:30-7:45pm

Pleasant Valley Climate Smart Documentary Movie: "Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story" Tuesday, April 11 6-8pm

Senior Movie Morning: "Driving Miss Daisy" (1989, rated PG), Wednesday, April 12 11:30am-1:30pm

Chess Club

Thursday, April 13 6:00-8:00pm
Thursday, April 27 6:00-8:00pm

Family Movie Matinee: "Puss In Boots: The Last Wish" (2022, rated PG) Saturday, April 15 2:00-4:00pm

Chair Yoga with Samantha Free Tuesday, April 18 1:00-2:00pm

Meditation with hypnotherapist Susan Olin-Dabrowski, Tuesday, April 25 6:30-7:30pm

All-level Gentle Flow Yoga with Samantha Free, Wednesday, 26 6-7pm

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Microplastics Are Everywhere - and Dangerous! with Meta Plotnik of Pleasant Valley Climate Smart

Tuesday, April 18 6:00-8:00pm

Learn about the increase of microplastics and their chemical components in our environment and in our bodies, how to reduce dependency on plastics, and how to contact our representatives who have the power to generate change.

Earth Day Crafterday: Recycled Tin Can Planter, Saturday, April 22, noon-1pm. Make an easy and eco-friendly decorative flower pot from a recycled tin can, and also receive a free packet of pollinator flower seeds.

Impossible Blossoms: Exploring Poetry's Power Power to Foster Joy and Well-Being Thursday, April 27 7-8pm

Danielle Gasparro, poet and teaching artist with Brooklyn Poets, will give an eye-opening presentation on the art of engaging with poems as a means to enrich our connection to the world around us and within us.

Bird Identification Walk at Peach Hill Park, Saturday, April 29 9-11am

Alan Peterson of Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club will lead a 1-mile walk and will identify and give facts about the birds and their habitat in Peach Hill Park, 32 Edgewood Drive, Poughkeepsie. Attendees will meet at the parking lot on Edgewood Dr. off of Salt Point Tpk, and are asked to wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. In case of inclement weather, we will reschedule for a later date.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Spring Break Crafts

Thursday, April 6

For Kids age 3-6 11:00am-12:00pm

For Kids age 6-12 1:30-2:30pm

Hop Into Spring Lego Day - for Kids age 6-12, Friday, April 7 1:00-2:00pm OR 2:30-3:30pm

Reading Fur-iend Brianna, Reading Therapy Dog for kids of all ages who are shy readers (no registration required)

Wednesday, April 12 3:30-5:00pm

Wednesday, April 26 3:30-5:00pm

Drop-In Creative Crafts - Kids age 3-12 (no registration required)

Thursday, April 20 1:00-2:30pm

Thursday, April 27 1:00-2:30pm

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Tuesdays, April 11 & 25, 11:30am-12:30pm - Knit Stitch, Purling, & More! Beginner's Knitting

Tuesday, April 11, 6:30-8pm - Memoir

Writing Workshop

Wednesdays beginning April 12, 10:30am-11:30am - Tai Chi for Health and Healing with MVP Health resumes!

Tuesday, April 18, 1:15-2:15pm - All Abilities Story & Craft Program with Anderson Center

Thursday, April 20, 10:30am-11:15am

- Good Vibrations: In-Person Sound Meditation with Anna Kaselis

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30-7:30pm with Morton Library & Oblong Books - At the Center of All Beauty: Fenton Johnson and Joan Silber in Conversation about Solitude and the Creative Life

Thursday, April 27, 7-8pm - Soundings: National Poetry Month Reading With David Gonzalez

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

YOUTH & FAMILY

Thursday, April 6, 4-5pm - STEAM for Teens AND Kids with Mikelison Womack: Fast Fashion vs. Sustainable Fashion

Thursdays, April 13 & 27 beginning at 10:15am - BACK TO BACK Music & Movement sessions with Terry Watson!

Wednesdays, April 5 & 19, 4pm - After School Dungeons & Dragons with DM Jack. Note: New players should arrive by 3:30pm to create a character before joining the campaign!

Saturday, April 29, 1-3pm - Earth Day Art Making Workshop with Henry Klimowicz

Every Tuesday beginning at 10:15am - BACK TO BACK Story times with Miss Robbie!

Every Tuesday at 4pm - Super Lego Hour!

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AT STARR

Monday, April 24, 5-7pm - The Rhinebeck Democrats Club presents a talk with Emily Sachar, Founder/Editor-in-Chief and CEO of The Daily Catch

Wednesday, April 26, 10am-11:30am - The Rhinebeck Garden Club presents: What's the Buzz? Native Plants, Cultivars, and Pollinators with Joyce Tomaselli, Dutchess County Cooperative Extension.

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File: 09/16/2022
Index No.: 2022-52973 SUMMONS AND NOTICE Mortgaged Premises: 15 Balsam Road Hyde Park, (Town of Hyde Park) NY 12538 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other

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manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is for the foreclosure of: Mortgage bearing the date of July 28, 2004, executed by Mary F. Walker to Sovereign Bank to secure the sum of \$168,000.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County on August 13, 2004 in Document No 012004 20360. Loan Modification bearing the date of March 7, 2011, executed by Mary F. Walker to Sovereign Bank to secure the sum of \$157,519.73, with interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess County on May 19, 2011 in Document No 01 2011 4918. Santander Bank is successor by merger to Sovereign Bank. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the County in which the Mortgaged Premises is situated. Section: 6264 Block: 04 Lot: 8 4 5 1 1 4 DATED: September 14, 2022 Rochester, New York NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF

Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other

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(MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SCHEDULE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION ALL that lot of land situate in the Town of Hyde Park, County of Dutchess, State of New York, more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the West line of Balsam Avenue and at the intersection of the North line of Lot #6 of Cary Subdivision shown on Map #2786 as recorded in the Office of Dutchess County Clerk; THENCE RUNNING North 70 degrees 30 minutes West 230.0 feet to the southwest corner of the herein described parcel; THENCE North 19 degrees 30 minutes East along other lands of Cary 149.5 feet; THENCE South 70 degrees 30 minutes East 230.0 feet to the West line of Balsam Avenue; THENCE South 19 degrees 30 minutes West along Balsam Avenue 149.5 feet to the place of BEGINNING. EXCEPTING a lot of land measuring 90 feet by 200 feet formerly deeded to parties of the second part; THENCE northerly 70 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground; THENCE easterly a distance of 200 feet to a point in the West line of the right-of-way; THENCE southerly along the West line of the right-of-way a distance of 70 feet to the point or place of beginning. ALSO granting to the grantees herein the right to use for the purpose of ingress and egress a right-of-way 50 foot in width, leading from the aforementioned road to the lot of land above described in company with others whose property fronts on said right-of-way. ALSO ALL that parcel of land situate in the Town of Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York, described as follows: BEGINNING at the southeast corner of a parcel of land transferred by a prior deed to parties of the second part; said point being distant 684.5 feet from the North line of Willow Cross as measured along the West line of Balsam Avenue, per survey of J.D. Manning, C.E.; THENCE measured westerly along the Barrett South line 200 feet to southwest corner of Barrett lot; THENCE southerly at right angles 20 feet to a point and iron pipe driven in the ground and marking the southwest corner of the herein described parcel; THENCE easterly in a course parallel with Barrett South line 200 feet to a point in the West line of Balsam Avenue; THENCE northerly along said Balsam Avenue 20 feet to the

place of beginning. ALSO ALL that piece or parcel of land situate on the Westside of Balsam Avenue in the Town of Hyde Park, County of Dutchess, State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the West line of Balsam Avenue and at the intersection of the North line of Lot #6 of Cary Subdivision shown on Map #2786 as recorded in the Office of Dutchess County Clerk; THENCE RUNNING North 70 degrees 30 minutes West 230.0 feet to the southwest corner of the herein described parcel; THENCE North 19 degrees 30 minutes East along other lands of Cary 149.5 feet; THENCE South 70 degrees 30 minutes East 230.0 feet to the West line of Balsam Avenue; THENCE South 19 degrees 30 minutes West along Balsam Avenue 149.5 feet to the place of BEGINNING. EXCEPTING a lot of land measuring 90 feet by 200 feet formerly deeded to parties of the second part by C.O. Barrett and his wife.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF MILAN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Milan will hold a public hearing at the request of Glenn Marron seeking an area variance pursuant to Table B, Schedule of Area and Bulk Regulations of the Town of Milan Zoning Ordinance, to build an attached garage located approximately 74 feet from the front property line where 80 feet are required. The property is located at 564 Milan Hollow Road, tax grid number 6470-00-646771-00 in the LC zoning district.

SAID HEARING will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, at which time all interested persons shall be given the opportunity to be heard. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and this application will be heard in the order at which it appears on the agenda.

Dated:
March 29, 2023
By Order of the Zoning Board of Appeals

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-19-23

Uniform Rental and Facility Services for Dutchess County Public Transit

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 10th day of April 2023 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.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a review of Dutchess County's Agricultural

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Districts is being conducted pursuant to Section 303-a of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law. This review is coordinated by the Dutchess County Legislature, and by the Dutchess County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board, acting as an appointed body of the Legislature. The Legislature shall thereby determine if the County's Agricultural Districts should be continued without modification, modified, consolidated, or terminated.

PLEASE

TAKE NOTICE that the County has 4 Agricultural Districts: District #20 - Towns of Red Hook, Milan, Rhinebeck, Clinton, Hyde Park, and Pleasant Valley comprised of 42,696 acres; District #21 - Towns of Pine Plains, North East, Stanford, Amana, Washington comprised of 97,912 acres; District #22 - Towns of Poughkeepsie, LaGrange, Wappinger, East Fishkill, and Fishkill comprised of 18,059 acres; and District #23 - Towns of Union Vale, Dover, Beekman, and Pawling comprised of 38,815 acres.

PLEASE

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Dutchess County Legislature is required to review the continuation of Dutchess County Agricultural Districts 20, 21, 22, and 23 on or before March 12, 2024, pursuant to Article 25AA of the Agricultural and Markets Law of the State of New York.

PLEASE

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, maps of the parcels in each of the existing Agricultural Districts are on file and open to the public for viewing during regular business hours, Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm at the offices of the Dutchess County Clerk, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, and located on the website at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/>

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, during this regular review of the Agricultural Districts, the 303-b annual inclusion process will not be held in 2023. Any landowner wishing to add land to these Agricultural Districts must instead submit their request pursuant to the 303-a review process by May 30, 2023. The application can be submitted online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3Z3LV28> or a hardcopy of the worksheet can be obtained from Cornell Cooperative Extension at the Farm and Home Center located at 2715 Route 44 in Millbrook, NY, or by calling 845-605-2075 or email agdistrict23@cornell.edu

PLEASE

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, at such time as a proposal is made by the Dutchess County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board to continue, modify, consolidate, or terminate the Agricultural Districts, maps showing all such modifications to the Agricultural Districts will be reviewed by the Dutchess County Legislature and will be on file for at least 30 days beginning on a date anticipated to commence no later than September 20, 2023, at the following locations: the office of the Clerk of the Legislature, the town halls of the above-mentioned municipalities, and at the Dutchess County Farm and Home Center located at 2715 Route 44 in Millbrook, NY. Landowners or municipalities within each District may propose a modification of the proposed district by filing such a proposal with the Clerk of the County Legislature, no later than October 20, 2023.

Dated: April 5, 2023
Dutchess County Legislature
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ROUTE 9 RAMPS AT SPACKENKILL ROAD CLOSURES PLANNED THROUGH APRIL 14

The New York State Department of Transportation is advising Dutchess County motorists that the U.S. Route 9 ramps at Spackenkill Road in the Town of Poughkeepsie will close weekdays through Friday, April 14, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., to accommodate paving work, weather permitting. Motorists should follow the posted detours.

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OBITUARIES

Anna M. Bartolotti

MILLBROOK - Anna M. Bartolotti, 81, a longtime resident of Millbrook, NY, passed away on Monday, March 27, 2023 at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY. Born on September 1, 1941 in the Bronx, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Domenica (Longo) Junta. On November 26, 1961 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in the Bronx, she married Frank J. Bartolotti. In addition to her loving husband, Anna is survived by her six children: Jeanette Mazzarella and her husband, Richard, of LaGrangeville, NY; JoAnn Dentry and her husband, Timothy, of Stockton Springs, ME; Francine Ferris and her husband, Paul, of San Francisco, CA; Minerva Rule and her husband, Sidney, II, of Millbrook, NY; and Anne Marie Rifenburgh of Worcester, NY; and Frank Bartolotti, Jr. of Millbrook, NY. She is survived by her sister, Josephine Letezia of Glens Falls, NY and her two brothers, Frank Junta of Mahopac, NY and Nicholas Junta of Yonkers, NY. She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Christina A. Mazzarella and her husband, Christopher Kirk; Danielle, Marco and Michael Frankie; Sidney Rule III, Samantha Rule and Katrina Rifenburgh. Besides her parents, Anna was predeceased by a brother, Louis Junta and three sisters, Frances Consalvo, Mary Meleti and Louise Cirillo. Calling hours were held on April 1 & 2, 2023 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, Dover Plains, NY. A prayer service was offered on April 2, 2023. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Town of Dover Lions Club, P.O. Box 441, Dover Plains, NY 12522. to send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Francis J. Flandreau

RED HOOK - Francis J. "Frank" Flandreau, 76, a longtime resident of Red Hook, NY, passed away Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 at the Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. Born on February 14, 1947, in Rhinebeck, NY, he was the son of the late William Marr and Mary Elizabeth (Kohn) Flandreau. Frank married Carol Daigle on October 6, 1973 in Waterbury, CT, and she survives at home in Red Hook. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1968. In addition to his loving wife of 49 years, Carol Flandreau of Red Hook; he is survived by his children, Scott (Jackie) Flandreau of Red Hook, NY, Lori (Thomas, Jr.) Miller of Red Hook, NY, and Michael (Jennifer) Flandreau of Germantown, NY; his loving grandchildren, Taylor Flandreau, Kelsey Flandreau, Kristine Miller, Emma Flandreau, Alex Miller, Connor Flandreau, Nathan Miller, Sammy Flandreau, Noah Flandreau, and Sara Flandreau; his siblings, William (Jean) Flandreau of Red Hook, NY, Patricia Murray of FL, and Joanne

Palen of FL; his in-laws, Ron (Chris) Daigle of Waterbury, CT, Allan (Judy) Daigle of Erlanger, KY, Donna Tortorici of Boxspring, GA, Thomas Grattan of Brandon, FL and Jeanine Flandreau of Grandville, MI; along with extended family, and friends. His daughter, Kristine Flandreau (Nov 4, 1994), and his siblings, Jean Grattan, Mary Westbrook, and James Flandreau all predecease him. Friends called at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Red Hook on April 3, 2023. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 4, 2023 at St. Christopher's Church, Red Hook, NY. Burial is in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Red Hook. Memorial donations may be made in Frank's memory to the Red Hook Post #7765 Veterans of Foreign Wars, PO Box 5, Red Hook, NY 12571. Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, NY, to sign the online guest book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com.

Nancy Flannery

Nancy Flannery, 63, of Tivoli, NY, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at the Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY. She was born on November 4, 1959, in Queens, NY, to Nicholas Johnson and the late Josephine (Talluto) Johnson. She graduated from Roy C. Ketcham High School, where in her senior year, she met her husband Michael Flannery. They married September 22, 1984 in Wappingers Falls, NY. Nancy and Mike eventually settled in Red Hook, NY where they built their home and raised their two daughters. Nancy is survived by her husband Michael; her daughters Ciara and Marisa; Ainsley Mannino, the Flannery's third daughter; her father, Nicholas Sr.; her brother, Nicholas Jr and his wife Donna; her sister Christine Nastasi; numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends. Memorial donations may be made in Nancy's memory to the Dutchess County R.I.D. (Remove Intoxicated Drivers). The family received friends for memorial visitation at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes on April 1, 2023. A funeral service was held on April 2, 2023 at Burnett & White Funeral Homes. Interment was private. Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes, Red Hook, NY.

Deacon James R. Hayes

HYDE PARK - Deacon James R. Hayes of Hyde Park, N.Y. departed this life on March 25, 2023. James was born on December 18, 1929 in Poughkeepsie, NY. He was the son of the late James T. and Irene J. Hayes. James graduated from Poughkeepsie High School, he was in the Seabees in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Korean War and was a member of the Hyde Park Knights of Columbus. James married the love of his life Barbara E. Jaycox, whom he called "Queenie", on May 4, 1957. Barbara predeceased him in 2019. James

is survived by his children: Sharon Hayes of Poughkeepsie, Felicia Ritters of Hyde Park, Colleen Berrian and her husband Robert of Hyde Park, Jaime Vincent and her husband Steven of Dover Plains, James P. Hayes of Elizaville, Jennifer Mund and her husband Paul of Rhinebeck, and former daughter-in-law Lisa Hagadorn of Germantown. James is also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Additionally, he is survived by his brother Jerry Hayes and his wife Mary of NY, brother Jack Hayes of Arizona, sister-in-law Margaret Hayes of Virginia and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Richard Hayes and Charles Hayes, and his sister Jean Morabito. Calling hours were held on March 30, 2023 at the Regina Coeli Church, Hyde Park, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 31, 2023 at Regina Coeli Church. Inurnment followed at St. Peter's Cemetery Community Mausoleum in Poughkeepsie. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Roosevelt Fire District, P.O. Box 394, Hyde Park, N.Y. 12538. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. To send an online condolence, please visit www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Foster Nathaniel Liming

DOVER PLAINS - Foster Nathaniel Liming, 91, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, NY, passed away on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Putnam Hospital in Carmel, NY. Born on February 6, 1932 in Philadelphia, PA he was the son of the late John and Mary (Schiell) Liming. Mr. Liming proudly served in the US Army from 1952-1954. On October 16, 1954 in Dover Plains, NY, he married Annette E. Brown who survives at home. In addition to his loving wife, Mr. Liming is survived by a daughter, Lori Chamberlain of Florida and a sister, Berniece Drayton of Mt. Laurel, NJ. He is also survived by a granddaughter, Kelly Chamberlain of New York, NY. Besides his parents, Mr. Liming was predeceased by two brothers, Charles and John Liming; two sisters, Louise and Mary Louise. Calling hours were held on March 31, 2023 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, Dover Plains, NY. A memorial service followed. To send the family a condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Thomas L. Morgan

STAATSBURG - Thomas Louis Morgan, 83, a Staatsburg resident for almost 60 years, died on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Poughkeepsie. Born September 17, 1939, in Alliance, Ohio, he was the son of Edward V. and Ruth Derry Morgan. Tom proudly served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1965. On April 3, 1965, in Alliance, Ohio, he married the former Nancy A. Snider. Mrs. Morgan survives at home. In addition to

his wife, he is survived by his son, Thomas J. Morgan, of Hyde Park; two daughters, Jill Morgan of Poughkeepsie and Janna Buzga and her husband, Robert, of New Jersey; two granddaughters, Morgan and Brooke Buzga; brother, Edward Morgan of Columbus, OH; and several nieces and cousins. He also leaves behind his beloved cat, "Dini" (short for Houdini). He was predeceased by his parents; an aunt, Jane Ray; niece, Linda Hall; and sister-in-law, Valerie Morgan. Calling hours were held March 30 at Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park. Funeral services took place with military honors at the Community Mausoleum Chapel of Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Cremation followed and his ashes were inurned at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, the Morgan family respectfully requests memorial donations to the Dutchess County SPCA, 636 Violet Ave., Hyde Park, NY 12538. (www.dcsPCA.com) To send an online condolence, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Michael R. Rock

HYDE PARK - Michael Robert Rock, 84, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully at home on March 28, 2023 with his family by his side. Born in Poughkeepsie on August 14, 1938, Mike was the son of Michael and Gladys Birchall Rock. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1963. On November 30, 1963, in St. Paul's Church, Staatsburg, he married his true love, the former Jean Sullivan. His wife predeceased him in 2008. Survivors include his three children, Patricia Rock Jeanne Rock and Jennifer Rock and husband, Ian Smith, all residing in Hyde Park; and three grandchildren, Lauren Rock, and Teresa and Michael Wheeler. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his loving daughter, Christine Ault, in 2014. Calling hours were held on April 2 at Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Hyde Park. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Fr. Daniel D'Allessio on April 3 at Our Lady of the Rosary 185 Hudson View Dr., Poughkeepsie. Burial followed in the family plot in St. Peter's Cemetery, Poughkeepsie. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. (www.hvhospice.org) To send an online condolence, please visit Mike's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Ruperto Bales Sarmiento

HYDE PARK - Ruperto Bales Sarmiento a WW2 veteran, faithful husband, father and grandfather, age 96, a longtime resident of Hyde Park, NY and currently residing in Rochester, NY, died peacefully on Friday, March 24, 2023. For Funeral information, send an online condolence, please visit www.farrellryan.com (Rochester, NY), www.sweetsfuneralhome.com (Hyde Park, NY).

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