

SPARC Park renovation moves forward in Stanfordville

by Rich Thomaselli

SPARC Park, the children's playground in Sanfordville that is in disrepair, is closer to its' goal of getting a long-needed renovation.

Julia Descoteaux, who serves on the Stanfordville SPARC Park Playground Committee, and some of her fellow Town of Stanford residents have been trying for years to upgrade the facility. Now, after dotting all the I's and crossing all the T's, they are closer than ever to moving forward with plans.

For readers who don't know, SPARC Park was built over 30 years ago. Recently, Descoteaux sent a letter, part of which is reproduced below, soliciting the help of town residents to continue the rebuilding process for the park.

That includes everything from physical construction to communication to fundraising.

It is truly a process.

The first steps in that process included issuing a survey to the community, as well as executing a series of workshops with local school children to solicit feedback and ideas on their ideal park. The first event is SPARC Park Playground Rebuild Design Day – on May 5.

This is part of the letter from Descoteaux.

"Please save the date of May 5th at Cold Spring School from 6-7:30 p.m. to watch the unveiling of our first pass at the design of our soon to be updated SPARC Park. Our community built our beloved SPARC Park playground over 30 years ago for our community, and this summer, we're starting the community led process again for a renovated SPARC Park that will serve a new

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Earth Day events celebrate, educate

compiled by Kate Goldsmith

The 53rd anniversary of Earth Day is this Saturday, April 22. In 1970, there was very little public knowledge about the harmful effects of pollution to our health and that of our planet. We've come a long way since then, and now the focus of Earth Day is on how we can change human behavior and create policies to mitigate the climate crisis.

According to www.earthday.org, Earth Day is widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year.

What follows is a summary of events scheduled throughout the county.

Crews to clean up Dutchess Roadways to celebrate Earth Day

Dutchess County Public Works (DPW) Highway Division will again dedicate several days to highway cleanup as part of ongoing efforts to maintain the county roadway system. Starting Thursday, April 20, and continuing April 21, 24 and 25, DPW Highway crews will focus on litter cleanup on some of the county's most highly trafficked roadways.

DPW Commissioner Robert Balkind said, "Our crews work year-round to maintain our highway system, ensuring safe and beautiful roadways throughout

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Vlei Marsh in Rhinebeck is one of several sites for Earth Day events this week throughout the region. Some of the marsh's denizens include (from left) the Eastern Bluebird (male pictured, photo by Jane Barbieri) and the Eastern Newt. The Painted Turtle is seen at Burger Hill in Rhinebeck. Both sites are properties of Winnakee Land Trust. *Courtesy photos*

Renegades rout Ironbirds to win first series of season

by Rich Thomaselli

The series was practically over before it began.

The Hudson Valley Renegades won their six-game series against Aberdeen by sweeping the first four games at Heritage Financial Park, including a 4-1 win on Friday night.

The winning streak was snapped on Saturday and Sunday when the Ironbirds won by scores of 2-1 and 5-4 respectively.

On Friday, both teams had to endure an 85-minute rain delay just before the first pitch when a storm rolled through. Both squads received great starts from their starting pitchers. For Aberdeen, Jake

Lyons allowed just a walk and two hits in four scoreless innings. He retired the final seven batters in his outing.

Zach Messinger fired his second quality start of the season in his second outing of the season for the Renegades. The right-handed pitcher allowed just three hits and struck out seven across 6.0 innings. He worked around traffic on the base paths throughout his night, stranding runners on base in each of the first five innings, including four in scoring position.

Hudson Valley put together a two-out rally off Daniel Federman in the seventh. After he recorded the first two outs of the frame, the next five men reached base. Kyle Battle walked and stole second to

place himself in scoring position, and Caleb Durbin punched a ball through the left side of the infield to score Battle with the game's first run. After Ben Rice was hit by a pitch, Dylan Heid entered the contest for Aberdeen to face Spencer Henson, who doubled to plate two runs and push the lead to 3-0. Henson later scored on a Luis Valdez error to grow the advantage to 4-0.

Hudson Valley's Harold Cortijo (2-0) fired 1.1 scoreless innings of relief before giving way to Jack Neely in the eighth with a man on first. Neely allowed a double to Dylan Beavers, but stranded both men in scoring position.

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Dutchess County. This Earth Day, and throughout the year, we appreciate residents’ and volunteers’ efforts to help us keep Dutchess clean and green.”

Some of the county roads scheduled for the four-day cleanup include:

- West Road (CR 71) and North Avenue (CR 72)in Pleasant Valley;
- South Quaker Lane (CR 16) in Hyde Park;
- Slate Quarry Road (CR 19) in Rhinebeck;
- Kerley Corners Road (CR 78) in Red Hook;
- River Road (CR 103) in Red Hook/Rhinebeck;
- North Clove Road (CR 9) in Union Vale;
- Halls Corners Road (CR 24) and Bruzugul Road (CR 21) in Union Vale/Dover;
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- Old Route 22 (CR 6) in Dover;
- Dog Tail Corners Road (CR 22) in Wingdale;
- Beekman Poughquag Road (CR 7), Greenhaven Road (CR 8) and Sylvan Lake Road (CR 10) in Beekman;
- Carpenter Road (CR 29) in East Fishkill;
- Old Hopewell Road (CR 28) in Wappinger/East Fishkill;
- Noxon Road (CR 21) in LaGrange.

Additionally, several municipal highway departments have shared information on local Earth Day clean-up efforts; see the listings below for details.

Organizations and residents who are interested in helping keep Dutchess County’s roadways clean and scenic can participate in the County’s Adopt-A-Highway program. Organizations are encouraged to apply by calling (845) 486-2925.

EARTH DAY EVENTS IN MUNICIPALITIES

Residents should contact their local municipality for additional information on trash pick-up or other clean-up opportunities.

Amenia Town Cleanup & Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 22
Town Cleanup 9 a.m.-noon
Celebration @ Town Hall, noon-4 p.m. Repair Cafe, Amenia Parks & Rec Sporting goods swap, composting demo & raffle, Amenia Garden Club seed giveaway, Earth Day art activity, plus informative tables by local conservation organizations such as Trout Unlimited, Housatonic Valley Association and Dutchess Land Conservancy. Contact: smantel@ameniany.gov

Town of Clinton Curbside litter pick-up day:

Friday, April 21
In addition, the the Town of Clinton Scenic and Historic Roads Advisory Committee (SHRAC) held its annual Community Roadside Litter Cleanup on Saturday, April 15.

Hyde Park Visual Environment Committee

Help celebrate Earth Day by meeting the HPVEC at the Town Hall Parking lot at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, to pick up litter along Routes 9 and 9G. Bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes. Safety vests, helmets and bags will be provided. If you plan to participate, RSVP is requested at pvecboard@gmail.com.

LaGrange Trash Bash

April 22, 8 a.m.-noon, Town Hall
Sponsored by LaGrange Sunrise Rotary along with Royal Carting and Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency, an Earth Day activity to join friends, neighbors, and co-workers in sprucing up the community by picking up litter on LaGrange roads. Groups and individuals welcome.

Participants will meet at LaGrange Town Hall and receive road assignments as well as bags, vests, and pickers to be

returned by noon at Town Hall where LaGrange Sunrise Rotary will provide hot dogs, chips, and water. Register at <https://lagrangeny.myrec.com>

Town of Poughkeepsie Trash Pick-ups Volunteer groups will pick up trash throughout the town, including Marist College (April 19), Channingville Road (April 22), Route 44 in Rochdale (April 22), Manchester Road and Arlington town center (April 22), Sheafe Road (April 23), and Red Oaks Mill Park (April 23). Residents can contact Town of Poughkeepsie Conservation Advisory Commission at pamkingsley9cac@gmail.com to participate or coordinate other areas for cleanup.

Red Hook Cleanup

Saturday, April 23: E-Waste Day - electronic waste, bulbs, and batteries, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Town Recycle Yard, 21 Glen Pond Drive.

Sunday, April 24: Red Hook Clean-Up Day, 1-4 p.m., sign in and out at Town Hall. Equipment and pizza provided; you pick the road.

Stanford Roadside Cleanup

The Town of Stanford Conservation Advisory Committee will host a Roadside Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. rain or shine. Trash bags available for pick-up at Roosters Hardware. Filled bags can be dropped off at the Town Transfer Station for free. For more information, visit townofstanford.org.

Stanford Rec Events: Saturday, April 22, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Join the Stanford Rec Commission and the Stanford Community Garden Club for gardening, crafts and a scavenger hunt.

In addition:

- The Town of Dover held a town-wide Cleanup-Day on April 15;
- The Town of Pleasant Valley held its Roadside Clean-up on April 15;

OTHER EARTH DAY EVENTS

Earth Day at Vlei Marsh

Saturday, April 22
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Vlei Marsh Preserve
186 Vlei Road, Rhinebeck
(845) 876-4213
<https://www.winnakee.org/contact@winnakee.org>

Winnakee Land Trust joins with Pollinator Patrol, the Morton Seed Library, the Staatsburg Library, the Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club and others to host hands-on experiences that foster a culture of stewardship and invite deeper understanding of our local ecology. With guided walks, a bioblitz, native pollinator plant seed preparation and a tree planting ceremony, participants will experience all that our region offers in rich biodiversity and help revitalize our regional forests and the ecosystems they sustain.

“At Winnakee, our focus is on forest health as a key contributor to healthy habitats,” says Uri Perrin, Director of Outreach. “Earth Day is the perfect opportunity to invite our community to consider how our ecosystem is interconnected and what we can do for positive impact.”

One of the featured programs at Earth Day is a hemlock sapling planting ceremony at Vlei Marsh. This planting represents the fulfillment of a “dedication to the trees” made during the Sinterklaas festivities in 2022. A foundational species indicating a diverse and healthy forest, this planting symbolizes the commitment in practice and intent by Winnakee to regenerating forests in our region.

“Our forests need our help,” says Winnakee Executive Director, Bob Davis. “By taking action with careful restorative practices, we can help them sustainably regenerate for the next generation.”

A highlight of the day is a bioblitz using iNaturalist. Programming will be held at two of Winnakee’s most treasured

Rhinebeck locations: Drayton Grant Park at Burger Hill and Vlei Marsh Preserve. Each location offers diverse habitats, from grasslands at Burger Hill to wetlands and hardwood forest at Vlei. By contributing to the bioblitz, participants will reveal the diversity of species at these special places and learn their - and our - role in maintaining healthy habitats.

“Our region is rich in biodiversity,” says Bob Davis. “Vlei Marsh is designated by the DEC as Core Forest in a Forest Linkage Zone, and as a Significant Biodiversity Area. By preserving this land and opening it for public exploration, we can support critical species’ habitats and provide education on their importance to our water, land and wildlife health.”

To prepare for the event, download the iNaturalist app and join the Vlei Marsh and Drayton Grant Park at Burger Hill projects by Winnakee.

See the full schedule and register to attend at <https://www.winnakee.org/earth-day-2023/>.

Repair Your Items at the Red Hook Repair Café

Saturday, April 22, at the Red Hook Community Center (59 Fisk St.) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

What do you do with a broken lamp? Or with a bike when the tire runs flat? Or with a sweater full of moth holes? Toss it? No way! Repair Café is a free community meeting place to bring a beloved but broken item to be repaired...for free.

Follow Hudson Valley Repair Cafe on Facebook and visit repaircafehvh.org for information on upcoming events. Got a skill you want to share? Can you fix a lamp, radio, furniture, or bike, or sharpen a blade? Volunteer as a Repair Coach. Contact steven.appenzeller@gmail.com for more information.

Celebrate Earth Day with Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

Saturday, Apr 22, 2-4 p.m. Free
Help Clearwater celebrate Earth Day in Waryas Park with a celebration of the Hudson River and the environment around us we all share. Drop by solo or with whole family out to catch and identify Hudson River fish with Clearwater educators, discuss challenges facing the river today with Clearwater’s Environmental Action Team, screen print (BYO shirt) with Hudson River themes, tour the sloop and more.

Activities in the park will be followed by a public sail (tickets must be purchased) at 5 p.m. featuring live music from Brazilian guitarist, Benji Kaplan. Tickets available at <https://www.clearwater.org/>

Tours of the Stanford Community Garden

Sunday, April 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Hosted by the Stanford Community Garden Club and the Stanford Conservation Advisory Committee

A Dutchess Land Conservancy nature tour of the landscape within Stanford Rec Par, from garden to woodlands.



UPCOMING NEXT WEEK Dutchess County celebrates Earth Day with free fun & educational event

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste will celebrate Earth Day with a free event on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the County’s Home and Garden Center, located at 2715 Route 44 in Millbrook. This family-friendly event, open to residents of every age, will feature a wide range of interactive activities focused on sustainable living and environmental education.

Attendees will learn about ways to reduce their environmental impact. Participants can learn about composting, gardening, natural resources, watersheds, recycling and organics through interactive demonstrations and hands-on activities. The event will include composting demonstrations and gardening instruction, as well as activities such as small jewelry repair and lessons on how to create a birdhouse.

Deputy Commissioner for Solid Waste Kerry Russell said, "We hope to motivate residents to take action and make a positive impact on the environment. We want residents of all ages to leave feeling inspired and empowered to make a difference in their own lives and in the world around them."

Nearly two dozen organizations are scheduled to participate in the Earth Day event, including the Division of Solid Waste; Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; the Trevor Zoo; and Riverkeeper. A full list of event participants and planned activities is available on the Division of Solid Waste’s webpage.

This April 29th event is just the latest way Dutchess County is working to support a greener, more sustainable future. Having long supported environmental protection efforts, County government is committed to promoting sustainable living and reducing its environmental footprint. Dutchess County has earned bronze-level certification in the New York State-Certified Climate Smart Community program and is taking steps to increase use of renewable energy sources, both in County government facilities and the community at large.

More information about the event is available at dutchessny.gov/solidwaste.

REGISTER NOW FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT SET MAY 13

Spots are filling up quickly for the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management’s next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Dutchess County of Public Works Facility, located at 626 Dutchess Turnpike in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The collection is open to Dutchess County residents only.

This popular event is first-come, first-served, and residents should expect to experience wait times when they arrive at the location on May 13. Registration is limited to the first 400 households; advance registration is required for this event, and there is a \$10 registration fee. Register online at www.dutchessny.gov (select Departments, Solid Waste Management) or by calling (845) 463-6020. The fee can be paid online using a credit card or paid by check. Checks should be made payable to “Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance” and mailed to or dropped off to the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

This will be the first of Dutchess County’s three 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Events, which provide residents with a safe and responsible way to discard a diverse range of household items that cannot be disposed of through regular recycling or garbage bins. Acceptable items include television sets, computer monitors, telephones, pesticides, pool chemicals, and more. A complete list of acceptable items to bring to this disposal day is included below. Hazardous waste in containers larger than 10 gallons will not be accepted.

Pleasant Valley celebrates Earth Day early

*submitted by the Pleasant Valley
Climate Smart Task Force*

The Town of Pleasant Valley and their Climate Smart Task Force celebrated Earth Day a bit early. On Saturday, April 15, bags, gloves and pickers were distributed to residents by the Town Clerk Mary Beth Muir assisted by councilwoman Mary Albrecht, along with a swag bag with information and goodies from Climate Smart. The residents set out on their task after grabbing some breakfast from the Pancake Factory Food Truck.

As the cleanup was under way, the Legal Shred truck arrived and found some shade and eager people awaiting their arrival down by the creek; while the sponsor of the truck, Hudson Valley Credit Union, set up their booth on the hill with the other vendors.

Habitat for Humanity set up next to them with their collection truck which started filling up fast.

Visitors to the Green Fair were greeted by organizer and Climate Smart member Jean Curlee along with a lineup of electric vehicles. Steve Wehr was on hand to answer any EV questions.

A stroll through the Green Fair offered visitors a plethora of information on how they can make a difference, a delicious Jamaican meal from Pat's, crafts, games and some surprise encounters.

The NYS DOT HV explained how a degree in environmental science might land you a job with the state. Veith Solar was happy to answer questions on how and why going solar can benefit the environment and the homeowner. Dutchess Land Conservancy offered an eyeopener as to how much of our county lands are in conservancy and how easy it is to do.

The Northern Dutchess Beekeepers Club showed visitors how anyone can be a beekeeper and reminded them of the importance of the bee.

New Yorkers for Clean Power offered

many alternatives and explained why they are important. D Rhode Heating & AC handled queries on heat pumps and showed that you don't need to be all in, there are actually hybrid systems.

The Pleasant Valley Lion's club collected used eyeglasses and hearing aids offering not only a chance to keep these items out of landfills but offering eyesight and hearing to those that cannot afford it.

The Earth to Table booth explained about their efforts to stock the food pantry and how to help and maybe get to play in the dirt. The Lonely Worm Farm introduced visitors to their flower, herb and vegetable farm which has wheelchair accessible paths and picnic tables.

Dutchess Solid Waste brought along their composter which is efficient and affordable and available on their website for all residents. Climate Smart offered a "cookbook" on home green alternative cleaning products and other home remedies along with some other goodies.

If you were drawn to Dutchess County Soil and Water's stream table with its free-flowing water and sandy shoreline to learn about erosion you may have been greeted by Matilda the sheep, a member of 4H.

The little and maybe not so little ones kept busy at Mama Bear and Debby's craft table turning old objects into new planters for their pollinator and native plants giveaway.

After all of that you could take a moment to take care of your mind body and soul by having a hand or foot massage from Nancy Persely's booth.

A good day was had by all, especially Matilda, and they are already planning for next year.

To keep up with Pleasant Valley's Climate Smart events, check <https://www.facebook.com/PVClimateSmart/>, Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/pvclimatesmartny/> or <https://www.pvclimatesmartny.org/>

Veterans One Stop open house set April 21 in Pleasant Valley

The Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services invites veterans, their families and all residents to come and visit the new MHA Veterans One Stop for a special Open House event on Friday, April 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. The new facility is located at 1335 Route 44 in Pleasant Valley. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the new space and learn about various services available to veterans throughout Dutchess County.

The Dutchess County Veterans One Stop is owned and operated by Mental Health America of Dutchess County (MHA). The building was donated to the MHA in 2022 by the owners of Pleasant Valley Medical Arts LLC. MHA Executive Director Andrew O'Grady said, "This building, the creation of this new Veterans One Stop, has been a game-changer. It has enabled us to expand our successful Vet 2 Vet programs and bring together the key veterans services agencies, including Dutchess County Veterans Services, under one roof, making it easier than ever for our veterans to access services."

Currently, the Veterans One Stop houses the following agencies/programs:

- MHA Vet 2 Vet program
- Dutchess County Veterans Services
- Hudson Valley Veterans Alliance
- Veterans Sportsmen Association
- Federal Veterans Administration offices

The public is invited to tour the welcoming and supportive space, which

includes a Veterans Food Pantry and a Clothing & Household Closet, each of which feature items donated by the community that are available free of charge to local veterans and their families. Attendees can also see how effective the new building is to connecting veterans from one resource to another.

"We have seen an immediate impact since moving into the Veterans One Stop," said County Veterans Services Director Adam Roche, whose office relocated to the One Stop in January. "While many veterans left our former office in Poughkeepsie with a referral to another agency, our staff can now walk them to that next provider down the hall, completing the warm hand-off so they can get several of their needs met under one roof. The convenient location has also resulted in the number of walk-in visits to our office tripling in just the few months we've been here, and we couldn't be happier to serve even more of Dutchess County's heroes."

In addition to touring the facility during the open house, veterans can sign up for the Find & Assist Veterans of Record (F.A.V.O.R.) discount card, accepted at many businesses throughout Dutchess County, while enjoying refreshments, music and entertainment from WRWD's Uncle Mike.

Additional information about Dutchess County Veterans Services is available at dutchessny.gov/veterans.

Village of Rhinebeck holds Spring Mulch Sale

Now through June 2, the Village of Rhinebeck will sell mulch at a discounted rate of \$30 per yard and \$15 per yard for bulk orders of 5 yards or more. Additionally, the commercial client pickup loading fee of \$150 will be waived.

- The following still apply:
- Free delivery to Village residents.
 - \$50 delivery fee within the Town of Rhinebeck, and \$60 delivery fee for out-

side of the Village/Town.

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

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

Place your order by contacting the Clerk Martina McClinton or Deputy Clerk Krissy Denu at (845) 876-7015.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Former Hyde Park town supervisor makes case for shorter Bellefield tax benefit

To the editor:
I write in response to the recent article on the Bellefield at Hyde Park project. I applaud your coverage of a transformational project for Hyde Park. However, the article omitted key details concerning the 20-year Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) proposal.
As required by law, the project developers submitted their proposal to the town board. The unusually extensive 20 Year PILOT proposal was approved by resolution of the Town Board, despite the huge tax give-away of \$137 million over the 20 years. Bellefield is also required to submit their proposal to the Hyde Park Central School District Board who is currently accepting public comment as it deliberates whether to approve.
Let's be clear: This is a gigantic tax give-away that will place the costs of the development on the backs of other taxpayers.
Based on my decade as Town Supervisor and Chief Fiscal Officer for Hyde Park, I cannot help but think how these millions of dollars would help our Town's considerable needs. Building our tax base was always a goal of my administration. The 20-year tax giveaway PILOT deprives us of this revenue and fails our community.
Residents and, especially existing Hyde Park businesses, should understand the proposal specifics, which will result in a loss of \$137 million to the Town, Hyde Park Central School District and other taxing districts over the 20-year period. This amount represents the difference in the monies the District would receive if the project were to be taxed at full assessment versus what Bellefield has "offered" to pay. The developers contend that without the full tax giveaway -- a 95% tax abatement -- they cannot proceed. This is clearly a negotiating ploy.
As Town Supervisor of Hyde Park, I supported a 10-year Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Phase I of the project. This made sense. It is not only a shorter-term tax break, but it provides for a greater percentage of the taxes due to be paid each year. I still believe this should be the proposal that is accepted for Phase II.
Taxpayers can inform the HPCSD Board know through e-mail, letter or by appearing at the HPCSD next Board meeting that a 10-year Payment in Lieu of Taxes is the best way to assure that our Town and our School taxpayers receive a fair deal.
Aileen Rohr
Former Hyde Park Town Supervisor

Communities must do more to prevent child abuse
To the editor:
April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, a time for communities to come together to promote awareness and prevention of child abuse. As a single mother who has personally witnessed the effects of child abuse and the lack of cooperation from local agencies, I believe it is crucial to do better to protect the children of our communities.
Child abuse is a serious problem that affects millions of children worldwide, with long-lasting effects that can persist into adulthood. Children who have experienced abuse may struggle with mental health issues, behavioral problems and difficulties forming healthy relationships. Child abuse can also have physical consequences, such as injuries and even death.
To combat this problem, it is essential to raise awareness about the warning signs of abuse and the resources available to victims and their families. It is also important to promote effective communication among agencies and programs that are responsible for protecting children.
Unfortunately, the Ulster and Dutchess County Child Advocacy Centers have a clear lack of internal communication and effective execution of programs to help families. This can result in a failure to properly investigate allegations of abuse or to provide adequate support for victims and their families.
To address these issues, communities must work together to create a culture of accountability and transparency. This can be accomplished through increased collaboration among agencies, providing better training and support for those working with victims of child abuse, and advocating for better funding for programs that support child abuse victims.
Another way to raise awareness and promote prevention is through education. Parents, caregivers, and educators must be informed about the warning signs of abuse and the steps they can take to prevent it. Children must also be taught how to recognize and report abuse, and what resources are available to them if they are victimized.
It is also important to remember that child abuse can occur in any community, regardless of income, race, or ethnicity. We must work to ensure that all children are protected and supported, regardless of their background.
In conclusion, Child Abuse Awareness Month is a crucial opportunity for communities to come together to promote awareness and prevention of child abuse. We must work to improve communication among agencies, promote education and awareness, and advocate for better funding and support for programs that serve victims of child abuse. By working together, we can create a safer, more supportive environment for all children.

Kelly O'Campo
Marlboro

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generation of children
We issued a survey in early January to our community, and they spoke loud and proud about the pride and love we have for the existing design. Come see the first pass of our new Playground, let us know what you think, meet your neighbors and get involved! We're looking forward to building a park that pays respect to the beautiful history of our community while embracing the current generation of children. This will be the first of many community get togethers to bring this playground to life."

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Chamber Foundation scholarship application extended to April 29

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce announced the Chamber Foundation's scholarship applications are still open and the deadline has been extended until April 29.
Since 2001, The Chamber Foundation has awarded over a half-million dollars in scholarship funds to local students.
Students may apply for multiple scholarships within the application process. Questions on Chamber Foundation scholarships? Please contact Laura at laura@chamberfdn.org or (845) 454-1700 ext. 1025.
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Apply at <https://www.dccroc.org/scholarships>.



Record crowd attends 2023 Ag Breakfast at Fairgrounds

Four honored with annual Tractor Awards

Over 150 individuals formed the largest crowd to date at the 2023 Agriculture Breakfast, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCEDC) on April 13 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

The annual Tractor Awards were presented to Stephanie Radin of CCEDC, Melaine Rottkamp of Dutchess Tourism, Agriculture volunteer Mike Hansen and Tim Coon of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society.

Attendees included all four Dutchess County Future Farmers of America (FFA) officer teams and their agriculture instructors—from Pine Plains, Red Hook and John Jay High School and Dutchess BOCES.

Also attending were members of the Dutchess County Dairy Committee, Dutchess County Agricultural Society, Dutchess Putnam Westchester Farm Bureau Board and the Dutchess County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board.

Political officials and representatives included those from Congressman Pat Ryan's office, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's office, NY Senator Michelle Hinchey, NY Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, Dutchess County Legislators and Town Supervisors.

Additional attendees included the President and staff of Dutchess Community College, Dutchess Tourism, Inc., Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County Board and Staff and Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District Board and staff.

Donations of Food were provided by Hudson Valley Fresh, Soukup Farms, Ronnybrook Farm and Yellow Bell Farm. The breakfast was catered by Johnny O's of the Fairgrounds Café.

Here are Tractor Award honorees for 2023.

Stephanie Radin

She is retiring after 44 years at Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County. Stephanie has been honored for her work with New York State Integrated Pest Management, accolades from the International Association of Arboriculturists, a national winner for

media from the National Association of Agricultural Agents and more.

Stephanie has been a mover and shaker for the commercial horticultural industry for many years. She has served as a program assistant, agent, program leader and even interim executive director.

Melaine Rottkamp

Melaine is President and CEO of Dutchess Tourism. She is a champion for Dutchess County's agricultural community, spearheading efforts to promote local farms. She always makes sure to support the Dutchess County Dairy Committee milkshake stand at the Dutchess County Fair each year. She was instrumental during the COVID-19 pandemic, along with our Economic Development office, the Regional Chamber and CCEDC to create #FarmstandFridays in Dutchess County.

She is a certified destination management executive who has worked passionately since 2011 to support and highlight more than 1,200 tourism-related businesses and organizations in all parts of Dutchess County.

Melaine has shared her expertise as a presenter at regional, state and international tourism conferences providing insight, successful strategies, and encouraging collaborations as pathways toward success for destination organizations and tourism businesses.

Tim Coon

Tim grew up on Coon Brothers Farm, home of Smithfield Guernsey's in Amenia. He worked alongside his dad, uncle and brothers and became passionate about dairy farming and agriculture. He also learned the trade of hoof trimming from many hours spent with his dad trimming feet on their herd. He has gone on to be one of the most well-known hoof trimmers in the northeast.

His passion for the dairy cow continued as he built a business in not only hoof trimming, but in fitting cattle and preparing them for shows all the way to the international level. He still does this today and has prepared multiple Supreme Champions of the world.

He continues to hire young people to work for him, hoping to help them and



Above left: Melaine Rottkamp of Dutchess Tourism, right, and Stephanie Radin of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County are pictured with their Tractor Awards at the 2023 County Agriculture Breakfast on April 13 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds. Right: Tim Coon, center, holds his Tractor Award, which was presented by Brian Scoralick of the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District and Andy Imperati, president and CEO of the Dutchess County Fair. Below: FFA members of all four chapters in Dutchess County attended the Breakfast. Students represent Pine Plains, Red Hook and John Jay High Schools and Dutchess BOCES. *Courtesy photos*



give them guidance as they are looking to be involved in agriculture.

Mike Hansen

Mike Hansen has been the producer of the Farm and Agriculture Report, first with former County Extension Leader Dave Tetor and, for the last six years with Dutchess County Agriculture Navigator Jennifer Fimbel.

He has been commended for his work, dedication support and service to the

community of all U.S. Military Veterans, Hope for Heroes, the Honor Flights, Vietnam Veterans, the Warrior Wagon at the Dutchess County Fair, and so much more. He is an on-air radio personality with his current Sunday night classics, does many of the voice overs for the advertisements on iHeart media, and works as a producer. His favorite quote is "I'm much too young to feel this damn old."

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League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Greensboro PIT					7	2	.778	-	7-2	W4
	Hudson Valley NYY					5	4	.556	2.0	5-4	L2
	Aberdeen BAL					4	5	.444	3.0	4-5	W2
	Wilmington WSH					4	5	.444	3.0	4-5	L1
	Brooklyn NYM					3	6	.333	4.0	3-6	L2
	Jersey Shore PHI					2	7	.222	5.0	2-7	L4

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Bowling Green TB					5	2	.714	-	5-2	L2
	Winston-Salem CWS					5	2	.714	-	5-2	W2
	Hickory TEX					4	3	.571	1.0	4-3	W1
	Rome ATL					4	4	.500	1.5	4-4	W2
	Asheville HOU					3	4	.429	2.0	3-4	L1
	Greenville BOS					3	5	.375	2.5	3-5	W1

Renegades route Ironbirds to win first series of the season

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The IronBirds threatened in the ninth by loading the bases and scoring their lone run on a wild pitch by Neely. After Jud Fabian walked to load the bases once again and bring the tying run to the plate, Bailey Dees entered and struck out Beavers to end the contest and earn his first save of the year.

The Renegades have run out the bats and the pitching so far in this series with victories by the scores of 15-1, 12-5, 6-4 and 4-1.

In Sunday's series finale, both sides stormed out of the gates with three runs in the first inning. Drew Thorpe walked Frederick Bencosme to open up the contest before a pickoff error by Thorpe allowed Bencosme to advance to second. He would later reach third on a passed ball and score on a wild pitch. The next batter, Max Wagner, would walk, and Adam Retzbach crushed a two-run home run to finish off a three-run top of the first.

Hudson Valley responded immediately with three runs of their own in the bottom of the first. Leadoff hitter Spencer Jones walked, stole second, and advanced to third base on a pick-off error by Kyle Virbitsky. With runners on second and Jones at third, Caleb Durbin laced a two-run single to left-center to cut the IronBirds lead to

3-2. Durbin then stole second and advanced to third on a Retzbach throwing error. Antonio Gómez brought in Durbin with a groundout to shortstop to tie the game at 3-3.

Both pitchers settled in until Aberdeen struck in the top of the fifth. Luis Valdez led off the inning with a single and advanced to third on a throwing error on a pickoff attempt by Gómez. Thorpe then uncorked a wild pitch to score Valdez and put the IronBirds back in front 4-3.

The Renegades rallied back in the sixth on an Aldenis Sánchez sacrifice fly. Gómez notched a one-out double, and reached third on a Spencer Henson single, setting the stage for Sánchez' sac fly to tie the game at 4-4.

For the second straight day, the game's decisive run came in the top of the ninth for Aberdeen. Ryan Higgins bunted his away aboard with a single, followed up by an Isaac Bellony single off Ryan Anderson (0-1). Back-to-back flyouts by Noelberth Romero and Luis Valdez scored Higgins to hand Aberdeen the 5-4 advantage.

Hudson Valley goes on the road for 12 games to end the month, including six against Rome and six against Greenville.

Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Spencer Jones CF	HV	8	32	6	11	5	0	3	9	4	13	2	0	.344	.405	.781	1.186
2 Benjamin Cowles SS	HV	7	26	5	5	1	0	2	4	2	10	1	0	.192	.276	.462	.738
2 Spencer Henson 1B	HV	7	24	8	6	1	0	2	9	4	7	0	0	.250	.333	.542	.875
4 Marcos Cabrera 3B	HV	6	21	4	4	1	1	1	5	1	10	1	0	.190	.227	.476	.703
4 Anthony Garcia RF	HV	7	26	6	4	2	0	1	3	4	14	1	1	.154	.267	.346	.613
4 Aaron Palensky LF	HV	5	19	3	5	1	1	1	7	1	7	2	0	.263	.333	.579	.912
7 Kyle Battle LF	HV	3	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	.000	.167	.000	.167
7 Caleb Durbin 2B	HV	8	28	8	8	1	0	0	4	3	3	4	0	.286	.429	.321	.750
7 Rafael Flores 1B	HV	4	14	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	.214	.267	.286	.553
7 Antonio Gomez C	HV	7	27	4	6	2	0	0	2	4	11	0	0	.222	.323	.296	.619
7 Ben Rice C	HV	6	17	6	6	2	0	0	3	4	4	1	0	.353	.577	.471	1.048
7 Aldenis Sanchez LF	HV	6	21	3	5	1	0	0	3	3	5	4	0	.238	.320	.286	.606
7 Luis Santos 2B	HV	5	13	1	4	0	1	0	0	4	5	1	1	.308	.471	.462	.933
7 Alexander Vargas SS	HV	4	13	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	.077	.200	.077	.277

Pitcher Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
Ryan Anderson P	HV	0	1	1.59	3	0	0	0	1	1	5.2	4	1	1	0	1	0	5	0.71	.211
Nick Paciorek P	HV	1	0	0.00	2	0	0	0	0	0	3.1	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	0.60	.182
Danny Watson P	HV	0	1	1.80	3	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	2	1	1	0	1	3	5	1.00	.125
Clay Aguilar P	HV	1	0	2.45	2	0	0	0	0	1	3.2	1	1	1	0	0	2	4	0.82	.100
Harold Cortijo P	HV	2	0	0.00	3	0	0	0	0	0	4.1	3	0	0	0	1	2	4	1.15	.188
Enrique Santana P	HV	1	0	2.08	3	0	0	0	0	0	4.1	3	1	1	1	0	4	4	1.62	.188



Renegades Extra!



'I'm only in competition with myself.'

Renegades' Jones shrugs off early comparisons to Judge

by Rich Thomaselli

Spencer Jones dismisses all of the comparisons.

Yes, he also bats right-handed and is known for hitting titanic home runs.

Yes, he also is a strong defensive performer in the outfield.

Yes, he stands well over 6 foot, comes in just three inches shorter than the 6'9" Aaron Judge.

And yes, he bears an uncanny resemblance to the New York Yankees captain and superstar.

But that's where the comparisons end. Or that where Jones wants them to end.

"He is an incredible player obviously," Jones said of the reigning American League Most Valuable Player. "But I just have to be me and not get caught up in comparisons."

Jones, who won't turn 22 until mid-May, was hitting .379 to begin the season with the Renegades. He is the next logical person to move through the Yankees farm system, much as shortstop Anthony Volpe did. Volpe played in 55 games for the Renegades as recently as two years ago,

and found himself the starting short stop of the Yankees on opening day last month. He set a Yankees team record for most stolen bases by a Rookie in a game with three on Saturday.

"Again, I try not to compare myself to anybody else," Jones said. "I'm only in competition with myself."

Jones is one of the top prospects for the Yankees and was the 25th overall selection in the 2022 amateur player draft. Jones, who, like Judge, is from California, originally committed to Vanderbilt University. He decided to pursue his dream instead after being drafted by the Yankees. Judge hails from Sacramento, Ca., while Jones grew up near San Diego in Encinitas, Ca.

"My role here?" Jones said. "I don't think I have a role here other than to drive in runs and get better and progress through the system."

"He's definitely a special kid," Renegades manager Sergio Santos said. "He can definitely do some special things."

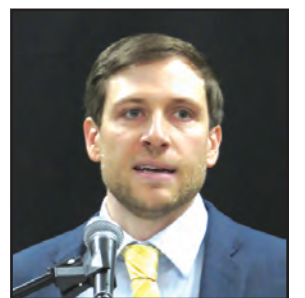
Hey, where have we heard that before?



Spencer Jones prepares to take a swing during a recent game with the Hudson Valley Renegades. He has already hit three homeruns to begin the season and has a .379 batting average. Photo by Dave Janosz

TYSON'S TIDBITS

Dealing with the super-early start and engaging fans in fun environment



Every week, new Renegades general manager Tyson Jeffers will sit down with reporter Rich Thomaselli and talk about the team in particular, and minor league baseball in general.

You started the season with a nine-game homestand. Was that a good thing?

I think we would have liked an extra week, like some teams had, just to get the ballpark ready. But we are pretty happy and pleased with the way things came out. I mean, we got lucky with some great April weather. In future years, if we base it on this, I don't think it comes off very well. But we're happy that we had 60-70- and even an 80-degree days. Historically, you just don't get that in April.

What about you in particular? You have a background with the Renegades, so you kind of knew how things ran. But is it different when you are the one making the final decisions?

I try to get out of the office and talk to our fans, and talk to our staff. I always tell people, 'if you want to work here and you want to work in baseball, that's great. But you can be the biggest baseball fan in the world, and you're never going to see a game from start to finish.' There's obviously some pressure there as we try to take care of our customers. We want to continue to have a customer-first centric. Our staff and I, we are never on the defensive. I mean, you try to be perfect, but nobody is perfect.

Did you learn anything from the first home stand?

Just to be detail oriented, and see things from a fan's perspective. Make notes. See what works and what doesn't, and then regroup and try to put it all together with our staff. We've already been getting good feedback from our fans. Whether it's operationally or the ballpark experience, people have brought up some great things. We have been collecting our own data, so when the team is on the road for the next couple of weeks, we can implement some things - and go 100 miles an hour by the time they get back. We want to be in mid-season form by the time the team gets back.

Steve (longtime GM Steve Gliner) said he rarely, if ever, was able to watch a game from start to finish. Have you found that to be true?

There's never going to be a time when I sit down and watch the game from start to finish. Steve learned that early in his career. And that's just the nature of the beast. Too many things to tend to, and too many things that pop up during the course of a game that you just didn't think about. We're really just engaged with our fans. It's a fun environment to be around.

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County announces resurfacing, reconstruction projects

The Dutchess County Legislature unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$9,447,724 in bonds that will be used to pay for a portion of bridge, culvert, and highway improvements in the County. The total cost estimated to complete the proposed projects is \$14,643,542 and the remaining balance will be paid using funds received from New York State through the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIP), PaveNY, and Extreme Winter Recovery Aid.

“I applaud the Dutchess County Department of Public Works efforts in getting these dollars on the ground to ensure that our public highways are as safe and drivable as they can be,” said Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver. “In an effort to prevent our local roads and bridges from deteriorating, it is one of the Legislature’s top priorities to ensure that these roadways are safe and dependable so that our neighbors have roads that they can rely on.”

“As Chair of the Public Works Committee, I know that investing in our infrastructure needs to be a top priority of the Dutchess County Legislature, and I am proud to support this measure that will help ensure our transportation systems are dependable for our county’s residents,” said Legislator John Metzger. “Having safer roads and bridges paves the way for future economic development, and I thank the Department of Public Works for their efforts in ensuring our public roadways are second to none. Dutchess County has a proven record of getting funds out the door that protect our infrastructure, and this is another clear

example.” Included in the proposed projects include the resurfacing or reconstruction of 12-15 miles of County highways. Other projects include:

- Bridge WP-34 replacement on CR 110 (Jackson Road) over Greens Pond Outlet in the Town of Wappinger;
- Bridge M-20 replacement on Salisbury Turnpike over Little Wappinger Creek in the Town of Milan;
- Bridge S-13 replacement on CR 53 (Cold Spring Road) over Wappinger Creek in the Town of Stanford;
- Bridge D-34 replacement on Ridge Road over the Mill River in the Town of Dover;
- Bridge D-66 replacement on CR 6 (Old Route 22) over Swamp River in the Town of Dover;
- Bridge W-21 replacement on Stanford Road over East Branch Wappinger Creek in the Town of Washington;
- Culverts PA-37 and PA-40 replacement on CR 69 (Harmony Hill Road) over an unnamed creek in the Town of Pawling;
- Culverts D-6 and D-7 replacement on CR 23 (Little Rest Road) over an unnamed creek and CR 24 (Chestnut Ridge Road) over an unnamed creek in the Town of Dover;
- Culvert M-29 replacement on CR 52 (Round Lake Road) over an unnamed creek in the Town of Milan;
- Culverts PA-1 and PA-4 replacement on CR 68 (North Quaker Hill Road) over an unnamed creek in the Town of Pawling.

County to host Health Fair at Dutchess Community College

As part of its continuing efforts to promote healthy living and wellness, the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) will host its second annual Y.O.U.R (Young, Old, Urban, Rural) Health Dutchess County Health Fair on Saturday, April 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., held this year at Falcon Hall at Dutchess Community College, 53 Pendell Road in Poughkeepsie. The free event will offer residents and families access to health services and information in a fun setting, featuring more than 75 exhibits and demonstrations.

Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado, DBCH Commissioner, said, “We are excited to host our second annual Health Fair and provide our residents with a wealth of health information and resources in a fun and interactive way. Health and wellness are so important to our residents’ quality of life, and we want to show that living a healthy lifestyle can be easy. Learn hands on CPR, check out how to be active with local step team and Zumba demonstrations, get your blood pressure checked, meet our friendly health team and so much more! We can’t wait to see you there.”

The event’s health topics include, among others:

- Pediatric, women’s and elder health;
 - Mental health;
 - Resources available to veterans;
 - Sexual health;
 - Physical activity and wellness; and
 - Emergency preparedness.
- Participants can enjoy games, giveaways and enter to win several exciting raffles for the chance to win local business gift certificates,

experiences, wellness baskets and more. Attendees will receive free health-related items, such as tick removal kits, first aid kits and COVID-19 test kits. Families can also spin DBCH’s prize wheel for the chance to win more fun giveaways.

Other interactive experiences include:

- Touch a Bus;
- Performances by local students;
- Jeopardy games with prizes;
- Car seat and bike checks; and
- Sensory-friendly games for children.

County Executive William F.X. O’Neil said, “Dutchess County prioritizes the health of our residents, and our Health Fair is a great way to make them aware of all the resources available to them. On top of the educational aspect, it will sure to be a day of fun for the whole family. I hope many can attend, and we thank Dutchess Community College for allowing us to use its facility to host this impactful event.”

The event aligns with the County’s inclusive Think DIFFERENTLY initiative and will include a separate tranquil area for those with sensory needs. The area will also provide information on services for those living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dutchess County Public Transit will provide free shuttles from the Transit Hub on Market Street in Poughkeepsie to Falcon Hall, running continuous loops from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

To receive more information on the Dutchess County Health Fair email healthfair@dutchessny.gov.

To learn more about health resources available in Dutchess County visit dutchessny.gov/health.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Clinton Town Justice to present talk on Rymph Family history

On Friday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m., the Clinton Historical Society Presentation will take place at the Creek Meeting house, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. James Brands, Clinton Town Justice and direct descendant of Johannes Rymph, one of the first settlers in the Hyde Park/Clinton region, will present a talk on the Rymph Family history at the meeting house and available by Zoom. A special surprise gift to the historical society will also be presented. More information at: clintonhistoricalsociety.org.

Starr Library Book Sale set April 21-22

The Friends of Starr Library will hold their April Book Sale at Starr Library, 68 West Market St., Rhinebeck. Hours: Friday, April 21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call (845) 876-4030 or visit www.starrlibrary.org for more information.

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.

Talent Show set April 22 to benefit Mid-Hudson Love INC

Mid-Hudson Love INC presents their first Showcase of Talent and Dessert Event on Saturday, April 22, at 7 p.m. This fun evening 'out' promises great stage performances by local talent as well as sales of fabulous desserts. In addition, a gallery of watercolors, photographs, gardening baskets, and unique artistic pieces will be available to view and purchase. The Showcase is hosted by Faith Assembly of God Church at 25 Golf Club Lane in Poughkeepsie as a benefit for Love INC.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10 per person, with children 10 and under admitted free. The Showcase and Dessert Event is a fundraiser to benefit the ministry work of local churches through Mid-Hudson Love In the Name of Christ. Mid-Hudson Love INC is a partnership of churches that helps local families experiencing poverty, providing personal attention, skill-building classes, and tangible goods such as personal care items, linens, and furniture.

For further information about Mid-Hudson Love INC, visit www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org or call (845) 471-0102.

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 for Taste of Rhinebeck 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.

Blood Drive in Clinton April 29

The East Clinton Fire District will host a Blood Drive on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners. Schedule to donate at RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code ECFD.

Milan church to celebrate 185th year

The Rowe Methodist Church, at 1376 Route 199 in Milan, will celebrate its 185th year in a Special Sunday Service on Sunday, April 30, at 10 a.m. The church is the oldest continuously operating organization in the Town of Milan. There will be readings on the historical significance of the church and special music, followed by a luncheon. For information, call (518)398-5521

Free Rabies Clinic set April 30 in Red hook

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.

Needlework discussion set May 3 at Lagrangeville church

Skyllkill Chapter will present "What's In Your Yarn Box," a discussion of the love of knitting, ways to use some of the many yarns and fibers available now for knitting, crochet and needlework. Marie Stewart, owner of the Yarn Box in Pawling, will also discuss her adventures as a business owner. This program will be held on Wednesday, May 3, beginning at 12:30 p.m., at the Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville.

Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. or, come for this program only. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA or email to EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.

Clay Shoot for HOPE set May 5

Registration is now open for the 12th Annual Clay

Shoot for HOPE on Friday, May 5, at Orvis Sandanona in Millbrook. All proceeds from the events will benefit Hope For The Warriors, a national non-profit that has served over 40,000 service members, veterans and military families through a variety of support programs focused on health and wellness, sports and recreation and transition.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and registration. Shooting begins at 10 a.m. with lunch and an auction at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$500 and include sporting clays (round of 100, including four boxes of shells, and shotguns), a golf cart, breakfast and lunch. Register at hopeforthewarriors.org/2023clayshoot.

Pine Plains Garden Club sets lectures

The Pine Plains Garden Club will host three free lectures presented by Dutchess County Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners. The series includes: May 4 at 7 p.m. Four Season Gardening; June 17 at 2 p.m., Cutting Gardens: How To Create An Endless Supply of Vase Worthy Flowers; and Sept. 9 at 2 p.m., Bulbs For All Seasons. All lectures are held at the Pine Plains Community Room. 7775 South Main St., Pine Plains. Any questions, email Pine Plains Garden Club@gmail.com.

Abilities First sets pickleball fundraiser May 6

Abilities First will host theThinkWealth 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.milesofhope.org.

Proceeds from the Annual Spring Brunch benefit people affected by breast cancer within the nine counties of the Hudson Valley.

Meeting schedule for County's Mental Hygiene Board

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 15, at noon, at the Community Mental Health Center located at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie.

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board meets on the third Monday of each month except for January, February and June (which due to holidays are held the fourth Monday of those months) and

there is no meeting in August.

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

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

Millbrook Historical Society meetings

Millbrook Historical Society hosts programs on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Millbrook Library, unless noted otherwise. The schedule for the remainder of the year includes:

May 18: Innisfree Garden: Visit to a Remarkable 185 Acre Landscape (meet at the parking lot at Innisfree 4:30 p.m.). Kate Kerin, Innisfree Garden, Landscape Curator.

June 15: Annual Tea @ Orvis Sandanona: Legacy of J. Morgan Wing Sr. Speaker: Ed Gerrard, Orvis Sandanona, General Manager. Note: Tea will be held 3:30-5 p.m. at Orvis Sandanona, Sharon Turnpike.

Sept. 21: Exploring the Anthony Family Collection, Archive Committee

Oct. 19: Washington Precinct: Fate of the Poor prior to the 1864 County Almshouse. Speaker: Will Tatum, Dutchess County Historian.

Nov. 16: The Bacons: A Local Gentleman Farmer and a Celebrated Actress of the 20th Century. Speaker Ezekiel Sanger, Marist College graduate.

For more information, contact Robert McHugh, President, at (845) 677-4381 or millbrookhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Historic Red Hook to present Then & Now Festival

Then & Now Festival: Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (Rain Date Sun. Jun. 4), The Elmdorph Inn, 7562 North Broadway, Red Hook. Come to the Elmdorph Inn and Green for a summer festival celebrating Red Hook, the things that have changed and that have stayed the same. Enjoy demonstrations, family friendly activities, live music, and local vendors. Volunteers needed to help out by setting up and closing down, or participate by hosting an activity or info table. Email info@historicrodhook.org for more details.

Anderson Golf Classic set June 15

The 2023 Anderson Center for Autism Golf Classic will take place on Thursday, June 15, at The Links at Union Vale, 153 North Parliman Road, Lagrangeville. Cost: \$300 per person; includes golf, raffles, prizes, and breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, and awards dinner. Unlimited beverage cart and stations are included. All golfers will receive a golfer gift and favor bag. Sponsorships are also available.

For more information, call (845) 889-9208, email: info@AndersonCares.org or visit www.andersoncenterforautism.org/andersonclassic.

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‘Reel Women’ film screening set at Rosendale Theatre

by Kate Goldsmith

“Life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans.”
John Lennon, from his song “Beautiful Boy”

At times in lives, circumstances will inevitably interrupt our normal flow, causing us to throw our busy schedules out the window and reach into our emotional depths; and sometimes, these incidents make us come to a screeching halt. Two short documentaries by board members of Upstate Women In Films & TV (UPWIFT), set to be screened in Rosendale this weekend, address this theme in slightly different ways.

“Left ... Here” by Mia DiFrancesco and Paul Colangelo finds DiFrancesco clearing the items left behind by her late parents, as well as embracing the memories the items evoke. In “Serendipitous Spill” by Megan Sperry, the filmmaker and subject of the project attempts to document the timeline of events of a traumatic biking accident (the cause of which she had no memory, and which landed her in the hospital) through the voices of the people who responded to the crash and helped her on her recovery journey.

This “Reel Women Film Screening” will take place at the Rosendale Theatre, at 408 Main St. in Rosendale, on Saturday, April 22, at 3 p.m. A Q&A will follow the screenings. There is a \$5



Upstate Women In Film & Television (UPWIFT) will present a screening of two short documentaries on Saturday, April 22, at the Rosendale Theatre. Above: “Left ... Here,” by Mia DiFrancesco and Paul Colangelo, explores the loss of family and the task we all must face: clearing the items left behind as well as embracing the memories. Facing page: In “Serendipitous Spill” by Megan Sperry, the filmmaker attempts to chronicle her traumatic bicycle crash in August 2020. *Courtesy images*







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suggested donation, and RSVP is requested at www.upwift.org.

DiFrancesco, a resident of LaGrange, started her acting career in the 1990s.

“I always thought that the Hudson Valley would translate really well [as a prime place to film]: the terrain, the different locations,” said DiFrancesco. “It’s happening now. It’s getting to be the mecca.”

She said “Left ... Here” is “basically about ... something that everyone has to face in life: the death of your parents, and you have this task of finding out what to do with all the [items] in their home.”

DiFrancesco’s childhood friend Paul Colangelo “was in town [at the time] and we decided to do this documentary,” she said. “Everything is really local.”

Both films are about “dealing with trauma in life,” said DiFrancesco, “the theme of ‘everything is going great [until it isn’t].’”

DiFrancesco’s film trailer is at <https://tinyurl.com/an347k5h>; a trailer of Sperry’s film can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/578935829>.

Both filmmakers will take questions from the audience following the screenings.

According to its website, UPWIFT is a nonprofit, volunteer-based organization that supports women in film, television and digital media. Its goal is to increase opportunities for women in the field by increasing public and industry awareness of women’s achievements and stature via

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HV History Reading Festival set April 22 at Wallace Center

‘Reel Women’ film screening set at Rosendale Theatre

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The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and the Friends of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District present the 10th annual Hudson Valley History Reading Festival on Saturday, April 22. In four sessions, beginning at 10 a.m., authors of recently published books on Hudson Valley history will present author talks followed by book signings. Copies of the books will be for sale in the New Deal Store.

The event will be held in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home and streamed live to the official FDR Library YouTube, Twitter and Facebook accounts. This is a free public event, but registration is required for in-person attendance. Visit fdrlibrary.org to register.

Schedule:

10 a.m. Leslie Melvin and William B. Rhoads; “Elverhoj: The Arts and Crafts Colony at Milton-On-Hudson”

11 a.m. Kathryn W. Burke; “Bridges of the Mid-Hudson Valley”

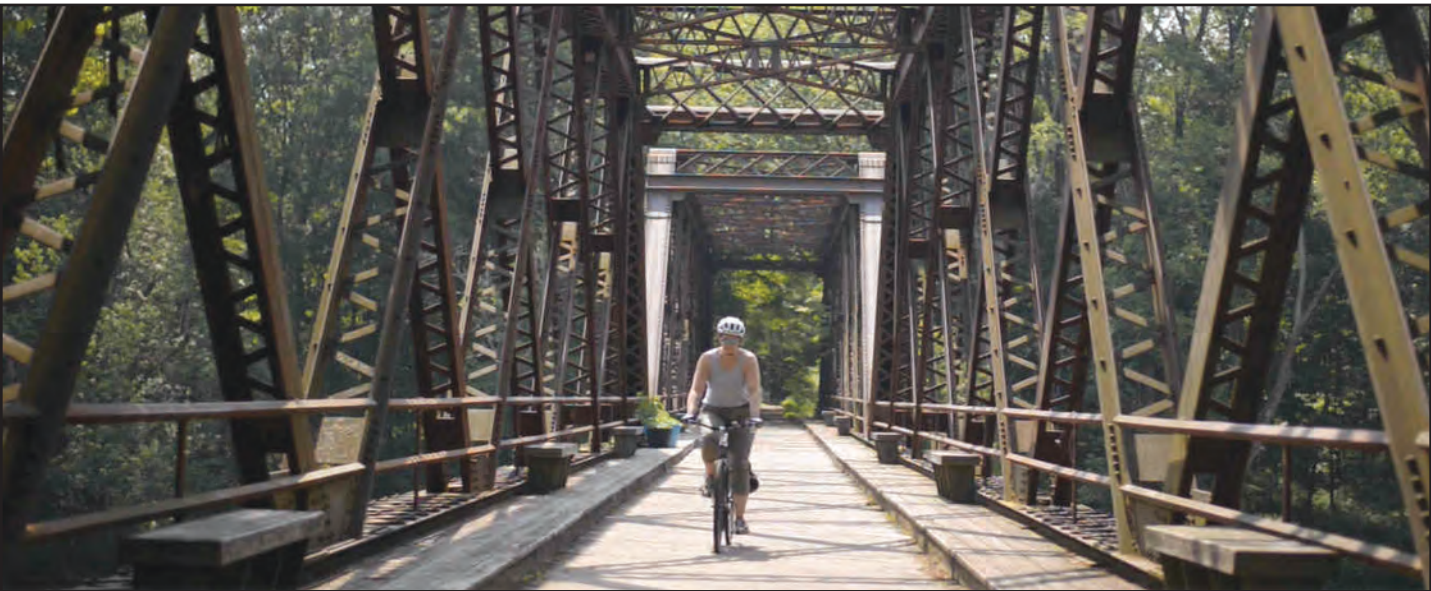
Noon Lunch Break (on your own)

1 p.m. Philip Dray; “A Lynching st Port Jervis: Race and Reckoning in the Gilded Age”

2 p.m. Anthony Musso; “Mothball Fleet on the Hudson: The Post-World War II National Defense Reserve”

Contact Cliff Laube at (845) 486-7745 with questions about the event.

The FDR Presidential Library & Museum is at 4079 Albany Post Road (Route 9), Hyde Park.



providing news and targeted programs for members and the public. The organization provides training, professional development, and networking opportunities; it also supports the broader efforts of other organizations in the area, and advocates for equity of access, inclusion and compensation for women.

“We really want to get more support

for Hudson Valley artists, [and want more] filmmakers to get involved,” said DiFrancesco, adding, “We are going to do a lot of events on this side of the river” in the coming months, include a summer event at the Overlook Drive-In.

DiFrancesco said women filmmakers offer different outlooks from their male counterparts.

“In this industry for so long we didn’t have women’s perspectives ... [they bring] a different light, a different view,” she said. “It lends both to interesting compassion, but shows a lot of strength.”

Visit www.upwift.org for more information.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SHEEP & WOOL GROWERS SPRING FARM TOUR SET APRIL 22

Celebrate Earth Day with the Dutchess County Sheep and Wool Growers Association as it presents the 2023 Spring Farm Tour on Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit and tour local farms and shop in their stores.

Participating Dutchess County farms include: Snook Farm in Hopewell Junction; Lilymoore Farm in Pleasant Valley; Arrow M Southdowns in Clinton Corners; Point of View Farm in Stanfordville; Black Sheep Hill Farm in Pine Plains; Morehouse Farm in Red Hook; Clover Brooke Farm in Hyde Park; and Patchwork Pasture in Hyde Park.

Visit <https://www.dcswwga.org/> to see a map of all the participating farms.

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Additional displays will include a table dedicated to Eleanor Roosevelt and inspiring women, a community display for all women who have greatly impacted our lives, and selected student pieces from Rhinebeck Central School’s women’s rights arts project.



**Learn more and purchase tickets
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Our concert season is made possible, in part, through funding from the County of Dutchess and Dutchess Tourism, which is administered by Arts Mid-Hudson and by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

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

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

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

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Suguru

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

ACROSS

- Issue a traffic ticket to
- Beige colors
- Out of danger
- Jewish month
- Former Attorney General Edwin
- Greek love deity
- Good luck symbols
- Railway systems
- Scottish Gaelic
- Ewe's coat
- Makes indignant
- City in France
- Fruits
- Process hide
- "Go ___!"; words of encouragement
- Johnny ___
- City in Southern California
- Temporarily
- Greek portico
- Modern music style
- Kate's friend, in TV series title
- Apiece
- Trump and Duck
- Memory slip
- Lyrical works: Sp.
- Medium
- Extended family
- Suffix for cynic or Hindu
- Become violently angry
- Youth
- Eta-iota connector
- Exclamation of sorrow
- Dagger
- Blisters and boils
- Asks for charity
- Fraternity letters
- Slip up
- Come forth
- Stops
- Allude
- UCLA's cross-town rival
- Word with her or your
- Divide
- Spinning
- Coerce
- Curvy characters
- Distance from end to end
- Pearl Buck heroine
- Girl's name
- Curb
- Kills, in Mafia talk
- Plant part
- Irish exclamation
- Father of Robert Todd, Edward, William & Tad
- Headstone letters
- Bartok and Lugosi
- Little brook
- ___, Oklahoma
- Periods
- Prior to
- Waterproof canvas
- Top ___; bigwig
- Ill-gotten gains
- Remove
- Nebraska Indians
- Attics
- Late actor Richard
- Check recipient
- Griddle cake
- Yellow shade
- Salamanders
- Doing nothing
- Smelting refuse
- Disorder
- Nevertheless, to a poet
- Catch

DOWN

- Lunch spot
- Kelly Clarkson or Carrie Underwood

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The solutions to both the Sudoko & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 15



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Dutchess County
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The Roosevelts before Eleanor and Franklin

by Bill Jeffway

Although the photograph is faded from age, it gives us personal insight into the so-called “Guilded Age,” and the kind of jostling for greater social, political and economic standing that could go on through strategic marrying. The words “Sally Delano” scribbled on the back of an old photograph caught our eye.

When we think of the Roosevelts, especially through the lens of Dutchess County, we think of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt of Hyde Park, and his wife (and cousin) Eleanor Roosevelt.

But this photograph takes us back a generation to Sarah Delano (the woman seated to the left in a lighter dress) who was known by family and friends as “Sally,” and who became known to the world as FDR’s mother. At the time of the photograph, which we believe to be around 1878, Delano was a few years away from marrying the much older James Roosevelt of Hyde Park in 1880, which led to the birth of their only child, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in 1882.

Printed on the back we learn that the photographer is named “C.W. Pach” at 841 Broadway, New York City. Its branches are listed as “Harvard, Yale, Poughkeepsie” and the elite summer ocean resort towns of “Long Branch and Ocean Grove, New Jersey.” We can tell by the clothing, and a few holding whips that would be used in horse riding, that the words on the back that say, “an excursion,” refer to an excursion to a horse-riding park.

The two young women standing at the back, who appear to wear hats that are similar to a man’s top hat, are actually wearing outfits that ladies would wear when riding a horse. They would sit side saddle. The dress had to be configured in just the right way to accommodate this. Her hat had to be firmly fixed. And the lady rider would need to rely on a gentleman to help her be properly seated on the horse.

Those two women stand out for other reasons that relate to the drama of the Roosevelts. The woman to the left is (as is indicated on the back of the photograph) “Bamie Roosevelt.” Bamie was a nickname for Anna Roosevelt, the older sister of siblings U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, and Eliot Roosevelt, the father of the better-known Eleanor Roosevelt who was both FDR’s cousin, and wife.

Bamie was known as a pillar of strength in the family, stepping in when her younger brother, Theodore, lost his mother, and his wife in childbirth within 24 hours. Bamie took responsibility for the newborn Alice Roosevelt until

Theodore could get back on his feet. Bamie also stepped in when her youngest brother, Eliot, was committed to an asylum, leaving a six-year-old daughter, Eleanor who we mentioned earlier, needing guidance and guardianship. Although Bamie was helpful to a young Eleanor, over the years their relationship grew strained as the Theodore Roosevelt branch of the family struggled to regain the upper hand in national politics.

President Theodore Roosevelt’s son, Theodore Roosevelt, III, launched a political career at the exact time that Franklin Roosevelt did. The former was a Republican, and the latter was a Democrat. Franklin was clearly having more success. This put a strain between Bamie and Eleanor.

Standing to the right of Bamie is Kassie Delano, the younger sister of Sarah Delano. Although Sarah Delano Roosevelt disapproved of at least the timing of Franklin and Eleanor’s conjugal plans, Kassie was, in part, responsible for it happening when she was loose in her role as chaperone of the two. While she left them alone, it was then that FDR proposed to Eleanor.

Sarah married James Roosevelt in 1880 and FDR was born in 1882. The age difference between James and Sarah Delano Roosevelt is revealed when we understand that James Roosevelt had two grandchildren through his first wife born just before his son FDR was born through his second wife. James had two grandchildren, and a son, close in age.

The gentleman standing at the left behind Sally Delano is Homer Ramsdell of Newburgh, whose father founded the Ramsdell transportation corporation and was involved with the Erie Railroad.

At the far right, seated, is Mr. Julian Weir. He was the son of West Point head of art and Hudson Valley landscape painter Robert Weir, and became a well-known artist in his own right.

The gentleman second in from the right is Henry Sayre Van Duzer. Like the Roosevelts, he descended from the earliest Dutch settlers in the Hudson Valley and came from generations of successful business dealing. The gentleman third in from the right is George Wallace Forsyth, another successful Newburgh businessman. The woman seated, in dark clothing, just to the right of Sarah Delano is Miss Katherine Sayre Van Duzer, seated and in dark clothing, is the sister of Henry Sayre Van Duzer.

The photograph is from the Wing family (of Millbrook) Collection. The Wing family estate was known as Sandanona in



Sarah Delano, seated at left and dressed in lighter color in this ca. 1878 photo, would soon become the bride of James Roosevelt, and the mother of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Left to right standing: Henry Ramsdell, Bamie Roosevelt, Kassie Delano. Seated to the right of Sarah Delano (left to right): Kassie Van Duzer, George Wallace Forsyth, Henry Sayre Van Duzer, and Julian Weir. Photo courtesy of DCHS Collections

Millbrook. Although we do not yet understand the exact connection, one of the last generations of Wings to live there was Henry Van Duzer Wing (1913 to 1983). Through marriage or high regard (we are not sure which) we seen another connection or alliance or allegiance of two great Hudson River Valley families.

Bill Jeffway is the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society and can be reached at bill.jeffway@dchsnyc.org or (845) 293-7711.



‘Annie Jr.’ at St. Martin de Porres Friday, Saturday

St. Martin de Porres School in the Town of Poughkeepsie will present “Annie Jr.” on April 21st and April 22nd at its school gymnasium on Cedar Valley Road. With a cast of 30 students from Grades 5 through 8, this one-and-a-half-hour-long, family-friendly adaptation will have showings at 7 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Based on the 1924 newspaper comic strip, “Little Orphan Annie,” by Harold Gray, and a book by Thomas Meehan,

this production boasts music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charmin. Set in the 1930s, the story is about an orphan named Annie, who is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years before on the doorstep of a New York City orphanage, which is run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. Annie eventually foils Miss Hannigan’s evil ways, finding a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

“Annie Jr.” is produced and directed by Jackie Hourani and is open to the public. Refreshments will be served throughout each production, and souvenir merchandise will be available for purchase.

Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased by calling 845-452-4460. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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This depiction of the Hudson River Driving Park in Poughkeepsie is from 1876, the same timeframe as the photo. Whether racing or trotting, watching or riding, there was a lot of room for the elite families of the Hudson Valley. Photo courtesy of DCHS Collections



Learning how to swim

Luigi finds himself in the deep end.

When I was little we had a swimming pool in our backyard. I remember swimming with a giant orange life vest on. I would paddle all around and I thought I was cool. I could swim anywhere in the pool I wanted, whether it be the deep end or the shallow end – because I had my giant orange life vest on.

One day we had a family party, and everyone came over. Aunts, uncles, cousins, it was a full house. Pop was grilling lemon mint chicken on the Weber grill. Mom and her sisters were putting salads and homemade wine on the long picnic tables in the back yard. Uncles and cousins were playing bocce.

I was excited to show everyone how I was able to swim. I started hinting that we should all go swimming, and by hinting I mean incessantly asking, “can we go swimming?” Finally my mother relented and told everyone to go jump in the pool before dinner. I took off like a jack rabbit sprinting to the pool. I put on my giant orange life vest in no time and jumped into the pool. Proudly I paddled my way around the pool, showing off how I could swim with my giant orange life vest. Looking, I am sure, like a proud little poodle. Arms and legs frantically churning under water. My head sticking out from my giant orange life vest.

My uncle, seeing how well I was doing, reached down and grabbed me by my giant orange life vest and pulled me

out.

“Ima gonna teach you how to swim senza (without) the vesta,” he told me. I was so excited that I was quickly graduating to the next level. I was sure that no one ever advanced so quickly. I was sure that I was going to be an Olympic swimmer. I quickly took off my vest ready for the next step in my swimming education.

“Youa ready?” he asked me. I just nodded my head, ready for my lesson. I turned around to see all of my cousins looking at me with smiles on their faces.

Wait, that wasn’t a smile. They were all holding in laughter. Why were they all looking at me that way? I was going to be the next great Olympic swimmer! They shouldn’t laugh at me.

I turned back to my uncle with a look of anger. I looked up to him as he reached out and grabbed me by the arms. It was in that split second that I realized that all my cousins were taught to swim the same way. It was also in that split second that I realized how my lesson was going to be conducted. I also realized that I was flying in the air into the deep end. Somehow I knew enough to hold my nose and my breath as I hit the water.

It’s funny how when you’re underwater how quiet and still everything is. It’s rather peaceful. I could see everyone’s legs and all the different colored swim suits. As I started to float up, my legs and arms started paddling just like they did

with my life vest on. When I broke the surface of that water, I had that feeling of fear, excitement, relief and pride all at once. I started to laugh and cry at the same time and everyone started to cheer. I was swimming all by myself.

I looked up to my uncle and he was cheering louder than everyone else. He was yelling “Forza, forza!”

It’s funny, today you go to swimming lessons, skiing lessons, riding lessons, karate lessons, bicycle lessons, dance lessons, etc. When we were kids we were just thrown into the pool. Enjoy this recipe for grilled lemon mint chicken. Buon Appetito!

LEMON MINT CHICKEN

Ingredients

8-10 pieces of chicken drums and thighs

1 cup olive oil
zest from one lemon
1 cup lemon juice
10 fresh mint leaves
5 garlic cloves
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon oregano
1/4 teaspoon ground rosemary
1 cup white wine

Method

In a food processor or blender place the olive oil, lemon zest, lemon juice,

mint leaves, garlic cloves and sugar and blend till creamy.

In a small bowl mix the salt, pepper, oregano, and rosemary.

Rub each piece of chicken with the spice mixture and place in a roasting pan.

Pour the marinade over the chicken, wrap in plastic, and let sit over night or at least 12 hours.

Light your grill and close the lid to make sure it reaches a high temperature. 500 degrees if you are checking.

Place the chicken skin side down and let it grill for 5 minutes. Remove and place in the marinade and grill the other side for 5 more minutes.

Repeat the process for each side again.

Turn off the grill and let sit for another 5 minutes on the grill before serving.

Serve with a nice Pinot Grigio.

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.

A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

April 20: Jazz Concert, Olin Hall, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. Marcus Roberts' Modern Jazz Generation and the Bard Jazz Innovators, a concert led by award-winning pianist and composer Marcus Roberts. Roberts, who is also a professor of music at Bard, will perform with his eight-piece professional ensemble, Modern Jazz Generation, in a variety of player combinations throughout the evening with the Bard Jazz Innovators, a nine-piece student ensemble, 8 p.m. Suggested donation \$15. <http://bard.edu/conservatory>

April 20: Movies from the Balcony Series, “Dazed and Confused,” UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 1993 film is a classic tale of coming of age in 1970s Texas. This screening is of the new 4K restoration on the big screen, 7:30 p.m.

Plus happy hour in UPAC's Upstairs Lounge, featuring a pre-show performance by renowned local puppeteer Paper Heart Puppets. Free, but ticket required; pick up at the UPAC Box Office, or call (845) 339-6088. For more information: www.bardavon.org

April 21: Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring The Moonlighters, David Hemingway, Storm King Skyline, Dave Kearney, 8-10:30 p.m. Donations suggested. More info at (845) 876-7007

April 21-23: “Bernhardt/Hamlet,” The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Mark Twain wrote: “There are five kinds of actresses: bad actresses, fair actresses, good actresses, great actresses. And then there is Sarah Bernhardt.” In 1897, the world-

wide stage celebrity set out to tackle her most ambitious role yet: Hamlet. Even before the 20th century dawned, this exceptional woman leveraged her extraordinary talent and international fame to play the iconic role of Hamlet on a Broadway stage. Written by Theresa Rebeck. Directed by Joe Eriole. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

April 22: Showcase of Talent and Dessert, Assembly of God Church, 25 Golf Club Lane, Poughkeepsie. A benefit for Mid-Hudson Love INC, the event promises great stage performances by local talent as well as sales of beautiful art and fabulous desserts, 7 p.m. Tickets at the door \$10 per person; children 10 & younger admitted free. www.mid-hudsonloveinc.org or (845) 471-0102.

April 23: “Judy Blume Forever” Screening + Q&A with Producers, Tinker Street Cinema, Woodstock. The radical honesty of the books by young adult fiction pioneer Judy Blume changed the way millions of readers understood themselves, their sexuality, and what it meant to grow up, but also led to critical battles against book banning and censorship. Screening at 4 p.m., followed by Q&A with producers Sara Bernstein and Marcella Steingart. Moderated by Jacqueline Kellachan, co-owner of the Golden Notebook. Price: \$15. woodstock-filmfestival.org

April 25: Author Event, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. “At the Center of All Beauty,” Fenton Johnson and Joan Silber in conversation about solitude and the creative life, 6:30 p.m. Free, but registration requested. (845) 876-2903

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Starr Library events at a glance

Starr Library
68 West Market St., Rhinebeck
(845) 876-4030
www.starrlibrary.org

Through April: Local artist Henry Klimowicz's sculpture using recycled materials "Spirals #5 with Circles Used Five Times" is on view in the library through the end of Earth Month.

EVERYONE
Saturdays, April 22nd, and 29th, 1-3pm - Teen Tech Support
Friday, April 21st & Saturday, April 22nd - Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

TEENS & ADULTS
Wednesdays, 10:30am-11:30am - Tai Chi for Health and Healing with MVP Health resumes
Thursday, April 20th, 10:30am-11:15am - Good Vibrations: In-Person Sound Meditation with Anna Kaselis
Tuesday, April 25th, 11:30am-12:30pm - Knit Stitch, Purling, & More! Beginner's Knitting
Tuesday, April 25th, 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 27th, 7-8pm - Soundings: National Poetry Month Reading With David Gonzalez

YOUTH & FAMILY
Thursdays, April 27th, May 11th & May 25th. First session: 10:15am-10:45am. Second session: 11am-11:30am. Back-to-back Music & Movement with Terry Watson
Wednesday, April 19th, 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 29th, 1-3pm - Earth Day Art Making Workshop with Henry Klimowicz
Every Tuesday beginning at 10:15am - Toddlers (2-3 years old): 10:15am-11am. Preschoolers (up to age 6): 11:15am-12pm. Back-to-back Story Times with Robbie!
Every Tuesday at 4pm - Super Lego Hour

EXHIBITIONS

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April 28:** Featured are the works of Penny Dell in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St., and Archil Pichkhadze in the Hancock Gallery and Logan Lesley in the Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar St. cunneen-hackett.org or (845) 486-4571

Green Kill Gallery, 229 Greenkill Ave., Kingston. **Through April:** The works of Tom Corrado, Deirdre Day & Franc Palaia. <https://greenkill.substack.com>

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

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

Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through April 29:** "Madagascar: ?More than Just Lemurs," MadagascarConnect introduces local students to the environment, economy, culture and people of Madagascar. Students examine local and global issues as they prepare for a biennial trip to the country. While there, they engage with community-based organizations and leaders, teach rudimentary English to artisan-vendors, participate in a reforestation project and connect with local children through dance and games. This exhibition allows students to share their experiences with the community, raising awareness and building cultural connections through photographs, objects, video, music & stories. (845) 876-4030 or www.starrlibrary.org

WomensWork.art, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April 22:** "Visions of Spring," a group exhibition of contemporary women/femme identifying artists conveying the theme of Spring, and the different underlying themes of Renewal, Beauty, Nature and New Beginnings. (845) 293-3660 or info@womenswork.art

Dine at your favorite restaurants And support Child Abuse Prevention

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Hudson Valley residents can eat at some of their favorite restaurants this week while raising funds to combat child abuse and provide life-saving resources and programming.

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA) is partnering with 22 restaurants for its third annual Restaurant Week for Child Abuse Prevention. Partnering businesses will donate between 10 and 15 percent when patrons dine in or take out from Sunday, through Saturday, April 22. Featured restaurants are in Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, Hopewell Junction, Hyde Park, Rhinebeck, Red Hook, and Wappingers Falls.

The complete calendar of restaurant participation in Restaurant Week for Child Abuse Prevention can be viewed at thecpca.org/cpcarestaurantweek2023.

In addition, the Champions Against Child Abuse Awards Celebration will cap off Child Abuse Prevention Month at 5:00PM on Thursday, May 4, at The Grandview. This year's celebration will honor Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response and Arlington Fire Fighters Local 2393 for their efforts to prevent and end child abuse. The evening will also feature a cocktail hour, silent auction, and dinner.

The Champions Against Child Abuse Awards Celebration tickets are \$150. Additional information can be found at thecpca.org/champions2023.

COLLEGE NOTES

Adrianna Tassone earns professional certifications in Mental Health First Aid, Ageism First Aid
NEWTON, MA -- Adrianna Tassone, a Lasell University student from Salt Point, earned a professional certification in Mental Health First Aid from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing and in Ageism First Aid from the Gerontological Society of America.

Students are trained in the ALGEE principles of the National Council for Mental Wellbeing: Assessing for risk of suicide or harm, Listening nonjudgmentally, Giving reassurance

and information, Encouraging appropriate professional help, and Encouraging self-help and other support strategies. The coursework and its resulting certification can help students in supporting loved ones and in managing difficult work situations.

The Ageism First Aid course features a specific focus on combatting negative misconceptions about aging - a benefit for students who work with older populations or family members.

CANTON, NY -- Alleigh Szabo from Staatsburg has been named to St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for achieving academic excellence during the Fall 2022 semester.

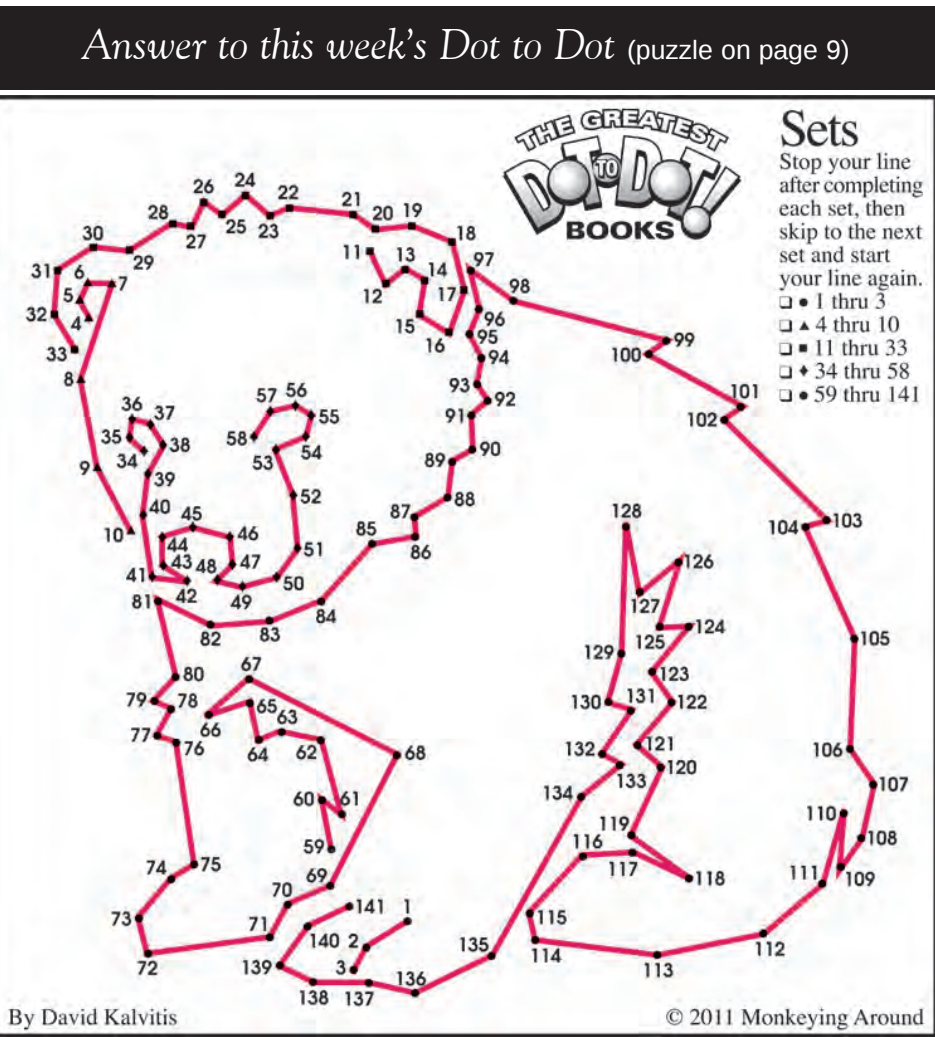
Szabo is a member of the Class of 2024 and is majoring in psychology. Szabo attended Rhinebeck Central School.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

UNION, NJ -- Kean University congratulates Amber Ortiz of Pleasant Valley for earning a place on the Fall 2022 Dean's List.

Ortiz, a freshman speech and hearing student, is among more than 3,100 students to achieve this honor.

Selection to the Dean's List is based on successful completion of at least 12 credits in the semester with a grade-point average of 3.45 or higher.



Answers to this week's diversions (puzzles on page 12)

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

SANTANDER BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. Any unknown heirs to the Estate of MARY F. WALKER A/K/A MARY WALKER next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest, as well as the respective heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest of the aforesaid classes of persons, if they or any of them be dead, all of

whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff; CLARENCE RUDOLPH; ULSTER SAVINGS BANK; TRANSAMERICA CREDIT; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE REALTY CORPORATION OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTER-NAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. MERS ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR CBSK FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., DBA AMERICAN HOME LOANS; GMAC

MORTGAGE CORPORATION; MID-HUDSON VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.) Defendants.

Filed: 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

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service where service is made in any other 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

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (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 westerly line of the right of way leading to the old road to Union Corners, said point being 725 feet northerly along the West line of the right-of-way, and from a point in the stone wall on the North side of the aforementioned road; RUNNING THENCE westerly a distance of 200 feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground; which said iron pipe marks the southwest corner of the lot intended to be conveyed to the 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

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along said Balsam Avenue 20 feet to the place of beginning. ALSO ALL that piece or parcel of land situate on the West side 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.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFP-DCP-17-23 Consulting Services for the Dutchess County Threat Assessment Group Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 9th day of May 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.dutchess.ny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF MILAN PLANNING BOARD PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board of the Town of Milan will hold a public hearing pursuant to Table A, Schedule of Use Regulations of the Town of Milan Zoning Code, at the request of Glenn Marron for site plan and special use permit approval to construct a garage addition to the existing dwelling on

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property located at 564 Milan Hollow Road, tax grid numbers 6470-00-646771 in the LC (Land Conservation) zoning district. SAID HEARING will be held at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 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. April 12, 2023 By Order of the Town of Milan Planning Board

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-28-23 Inspection, Training and Repair of Vehicle Lifting Equipment for Dutchess County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 10th day of May 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.dutchess.ny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS- RFB-DCB-05-23 NAME OF PROJECT:

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 10, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice. Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, April 10, 2023.

Clerk, County Legislature

RESOLUTION NO. 2023050 BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 10, 2023. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,447,724 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY a portion of THE COST OF bridge, culvert AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY. **Class of objects or purposes:** Highway, culvert and bridge improvments, including incidental improvements and expenses **Period of probable usefulness:** 15 years **Maximum estimated cost:** \$14,643,542 **Maximum amount of bonds to be issued:** \$9,447,724 bonds **Other monies:** \$5,195,818 CHIPS, PaveNY and Extreme Winter Recovery monies from State **SEQRA status:** Will be on a project-by-project basis. SEQRA compliance materials on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature where same may be inspected during regular office hours.

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REBID EMERGENCY RESPONSE G E O T H E R M A L VALVE VAULT RELOCATION Multi Prime Bids shall be received for the following classes of work: General Construction, Electrical and Mechanical. Beginning April 17, 2023 at 8:00AM: Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on Bid-Net Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. A refundable fee of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of cash, credit card or check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before **11:00am Tuesday, May 16,**

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2023, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 118 705 597# . Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a

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sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walk-through is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2023 at 9:00AM at Emergency Response, 392 Creek Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding. Questions will be accepted by the close

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of business May 9, 2023 and emailed to Diane McKenna at **d m c k e n n a @ dutchessny.gov** and cc'd **dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov** with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023004063 View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to

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waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-21-23 Heavy Equipment, Agricultural and General Vehicle: Tire Retreading, Repair, Dismounting, Removal, Installation and Tire Disposal

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Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 5th day of May 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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The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-27-23 Dutchess County Jail Planning and Moving Services

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 4th day of May 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

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

OBITUARIES

Donald J. Howe

PLEASANT VALLEY - Donald J. Howe, 73 of Pleasant Valley, passed away on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center after a brief illness. Born in Poughkeepsie on August 15, 1949, he was the son of the late John C. and Bertha Quick Howe. He enjoyed both gardening and watching the New York Mets and the New York Rangers. His favorite past time was mowing the lawn on his family home on South Avenue. Once the family home was sold, he moved to a smaller property and promptly planted a garden and took great pride in his property. Donald is survived by his wife of 55 years, Phylis; his three children, Melinda (husband Jeff), Jody and Mark; his grandchildren, Matthew, Trevor (wife Sam), Caleb, Skylar and Corey, who he very much enjoyed; his two great grandchildren, Archer and Korra; his two sisters, Margaret (husband Lee) and Jeanne and several nieces and nephews. A visitation was held on Saturday, April 15 at Allen Funeral Home, 1605 Main St., Pleasant Valley, N.Y. A memorial luncheon followed immediately afterwards at the Pleasant Valley Fire Company. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Pleasant Valley Fire Department, an organization that meant a lot to Donald as a longtime member. Their address is P.O. Box 583, Pleasant Valley, N.Y. 12569. For directions and condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com.

Walter D. Kuhn

STAATSBURG - Walter D. Kuhn, 78, a longtime resident of Staatsburg, died peacefully on April 10, 2023, at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia. Born April 2, 1945, in Tallahassee, Florida, he was the son of Walter Lurman Kuhn and Eva Vasti Dennis Kuhn. He was a graduate of F.D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park. Walt was a driver for United Parcel Service for over fourteen years before founding Stat Construction in 1981. He retired in 2015. Walt was active with the Brookfield Garden Tractor Pullers Association, the Clinton Business Association and the Nine Partners Lions Club. Always willing to help out his community, he delivered meals for the Dutchess County Dept. of the Aging, was part of the committee that took care of the Staatsburg Veterans Memorial (especially for Memorial Day) and helped coordinate many of the Town of Clinton Recreation Dept. events, most notably the former annual Daffodil Festival where he organized vendors, ATV mud bog and tractor pulls. Walt was proud to be a longtime member of Alcoholics Anonymous and a devout member of Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church, Clinton. In both capacities, he dedicated his life to helping and healing many people along the way. In 1982, he married the former Carolyn T. Brown, his wife and loving partner of thirty-six years who predeceased him in 2018. Survivors include his three children, Debra N. (John) Slizewski, Lisa Keto, and David (Elizabeth) Kuhn, their mother, Beverly Lord; stepson, David (Maria) Brown; grandchildren, Ashley, Rebecca, Joshua, Cori,

Raquel, and Mateo; and great-grandchildren, Caiden and Addison. His extended family includes Lauren Lyon, Marilyn (Buzz) Wykoff, John Dale (Linda) Kuhn, Brian (Patricia) Quinn, and their families. Calling hours were on Sunday, April 16th, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Lions Club services took place during visitation. Funeral services were held Monday, April 17th, at the Funeral Home with Pastor Dave Way. Burial followed in the family plot at Pleasant Plains Cemetery, Town of Clinton. Walt's family respectfully requests memorial donations to Cornerstone Bible Fellowship Church, 1592 Hollow Rd., Clinton Corners, NY 12514 or the Nine Partners Lions Club, PO Box 161, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. To send an online condolence, or for directions, please visit Walt's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Roger L. Lintner

FORMERLY OF AMENIA - Roger Lee Lintner, 82, a 12-year resident of Kent, CT, formerly of Amenia, NY, died peacefully on Friday, April 7, 2023 at his home in Kent. Mr. Lintner was a supervisor at Taconic Developmental Disabilities Services Office in Wassauc, NY for 33 years retiring in 1995. Born on May 20, 1940 in Malone, NY, he was the son of the late Thomas and Mildred (Quilliam) Lintner. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by three brothers, Thomas, Donald and Darrell. He was a former member of the Amenia Lions Club in Amenia. Roger is survived by five children: a son, Jamie and his wife, Kendra, of Hanover, NH and four daughters, Megan and her husband, Keith, of Lugoff, SC; Kara and her husband, Eric, of Millerton, NY; Ellen of Fort Covington, NY and Karen of Fort Covington, NY. In addition to his five children, he is survived by his former wife, Bonnie, of Vero Beach, FL. He is also survived by a sister, Gloria of Rochester, NY and two brothers, Paul of North Bangor, NY and Carl Lintner of Florida; eight grandchildren: Ruby, Vera, Hugh, Rachel, Lauren, Cole, Bryce and Sydnie. While normally reserved, if Roger liked you, he would have plenty to say. After many years of working for the state, including the last 12 on the night-shift to accommodate the raising of his children, Roger retired early at 55. He enjoyed retirement, spending time around his home in Amenia, mostly puttering, gardening, and cooking BBQ on the back deck. Luckily, Roger was blessed with amazing neighbors, Ned and Pat, who treated him and his kids like family. A loving thank you to the Ahearn family. The little house in Amenia was its own community, with three young kids going in all directions, often accompanied by too many friends to count. In recent years, Roger was able to experience it all again, with the addition of grandchildren, and always there to offer advice when asked. The best part about living into your 80's is watching the family grow, and the experiences that accompany a long life. Funeral services and burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Amenia Lions Club, P.O. Box 472, Amenia,

NY 12501. Arrangements are under the direction of Hufcut Funeral Home in Dover Plains. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com. For comments, or related info, email Jamie at jlhintner@yahoo.com.

Ardith Darlene Orr

Ardith Darlene Orr, 76, a long-time resident of Salt Point, NY, passed away on April 10th, 2023 at her home in Salt Point. Ardith, also known by the endearments 'Sloopy' and 'Doodie,' grew up in Tivoli, NY and graduated (1964) from Tivoli Union Free School, with a graduating class of 12. A woman of keen intellect, enormous generosity and kindness, with a strong commitment to community, she served a long career in public accounting, school finance, and volunteer activism. Her college plans were postponed because of family priorities and the need for self-discovery, to include attending Woodstock in 1969 with her beloved brother Terry Moore in their shared Volkswagen Beetle. A proponent of holistic studies, she was a lifelong learner with a focus on personal, social and cultural change. Community achievement Jujitsu black belt (if it existed) would have been a slam dunk. Later, in her 40's, she pursued an accounting degree at Marist College, while working full-time, graduating Magna cum Laude. She loved Latin and Ballroom Dance and visited many venues within the Hudson Valley, NYC, Florida, and in 2001, Cuba,

where locals loved dancing with her. She introduced the family to Cape Cod, MA – the Cape became a family forever love affair. Rachel, Eric, and Cordelia now live there. A cottage was bought on the Cape and 'Sloopy' enjoyed seeing her granddaughter growing up, doing sudoku puzzles, and living near family (9 houses away). Also, in recent times, bird walks were replaced with the 'Big Sit', very clean living room windows and bird books within reach along with binoculars on the ready. Born on July 13th 1946 in Rhinebeck, NY, she was the daughter of the late William S. and Ardith (Forell) Moore of Tivoli, NY. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, John Griesemer; her daughter and her husband and her grandchild – Rachel, Eric and Cordelia Youngling of West Yarmouth, MA; her aunt Darlene Iosty of Dewey, AZ.; in addition to many cousins. She was also predeceased by her brother, Terry Moore. The family would like to extend gratitude to the staff of Hudson Valley Hospice for their compassionate medical care during this difficult time. They would also like to thank the doctors, nurses and medical staff at New York Oncology Hematology in Hudson, NY for their ongoing excellent treatment. In memory of 'Doodie,' friends may send a gift to Pleasant Valley Free Library in Pleasant Valley, NY, or to a local library of their choosing. A celebration of life will take place in the Summer of 2023.

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