

Renegades' home-opening series on tap

by Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades are opening their 2022 home season this week at Dutchess Stadium with six games against the Brooklyn Cyclones and then another six against the Wilmington Blue Rocks next week.

The Renegades, who are starting their second season as a High Class A farm team of the New York Yankees, won two of their first three road games vs. the Greenville (SC) Drive before going 2-4 against the Rome (GA) Braves. They started strong with 11-1 and 8-2 wins at Rome before dropping three of the four final games of the trip.

A variety of promotions are also on tap for the home-opening series with Horticulture Night with a

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Everson Pereira had two hits for the Renegades in Sunday's Game against the Rome (GA) Braves and has had a strong start for the team in 2022. Photo by Mills Fitzner

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Recreation renovation under way in Stanford



Committee members joined NYS Assemblywoman Didi Barrett for the ground-breaking event for Town of Stanford Park and Recreation Center on Friday, April 15. From left are Campaign Committee members Bettina Prentice and Steve Bruman, Barrett, Town of Stanford Supervisor Wendy Burton, Recreation Director Lauren Osterman, Julia Descoteaux and Theresa Sprague of the Campaign Committee and Committee Co-chairs Helen and Everett Cook. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

by Rich Thomaselli

Longtime Stanfordville residents Helen and Everett Cook are avid tennis players who have also become pickleball enthusiasts. So they went down to venerable Town of Stanford Park and Recreation Center (SPARC) looking for an open spot that could house a pickleball court, with a

plan on funding a pickleball court themselves if Town Supervisor Wendy Burton would sign off on the project.

What they found was much more disheartening than just an abandoned spot that could serve as a pickleball court.

"When I visited the park, I noticed a disparity in what I remember from 25

years ago," Everett said. "When we visited with a contractor to discuss a pickleball court, the contractor said the tennis courts should be condemned."

"It was disappointing," said Helen. "I've had my farm in Stanfordville since 1985. I remember SPARC Park. I

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Volunteers adapt to pandemic challenges

by Kate Goldsmith



Dutchess County SPCA volunteer David Stark plays with "Dandelion" at the Animal Shelter in the Town of Hyde Park. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

Editor's note: This is the second article in a two-part series addressing work trends in the nonprofit sector as a result of the pandemic.

National Volunteer Week – taking place this year from April 17 to 23 – is a time to thank the thousands of volunteers in our communities who donate their time, skills and talents to provide a myriad of services, some which wouldn't be available without them. From delivering meals to serving in local fire departments,

from working with shelter animals to tending community gardens, volunteers are vital threads in our social fabric.

The dollar value of the work they do can be measured in the hundreds of billions. According to learningto give.org, in 2018 voluntary service had a financial value of \$24.69 per hour, translating to a nearly \$300 billion economic impact. During the pandemic, those numbers increased dramatically. In an article published on The NonProfit Times website in April 2021,

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the hourly value had increased to more than \$28.

As the pandemic created a greater need for many services, some volunteers were able to step up while others had to take a pause because they were at increased risk of contracting COVID-19.

"I think there were different phases during the pandemic," said Sarah Olivieri, a nonprofit business strategist based in Ulster County. She noted that much of the volunteer base before the pandemic had been the retired population, "and it wasn't safe for them to volunteer during the [height of the] pandemic."

While volunteers have returned to a significant degree, Olivieri said, the pandemic forced organizations to realize that maybe they were relying too much on volunteers.

"The desire to volunteer is up," she said. "[It] makes people feel good; they feel like they're agents of change."

Leanne Lawson, executive director of the Mediation Center of Dutchess County, underscored the importance of volunteers in the Center's work.

"For nearly 40 years, the Mediation Center of Dutchess County has helped neighbors experiencing conflict," Lawson said. "We're proud to be a resource to the community - but we're even more proud to be resourced by the community."

The Mediation Center's volunteer mediators commit to more than 50 hours of training to help others in times of crisis, Lawson said, and volunteers facilitate more than 90 percent of the cases the organization mediates each year.

"Throughout the pandemic, our volunteers have consistently shown up - in courts and online - and we are deeply grateful," she added.

Weighing risks, meeting challenges

"The impact on volunteers during the pandemic was, of course, problematic in that everyone was in a different space around what risks they were willing to take or not take," said Jeanne Fleming, who produces the annual Sinterklaas festival in Rhinebeck. "My problem with volunteers is that most folks are aging out—and it is hard to find young folks to take on the work, since they are staying home during the pandemic with their kids AND often working from home."

"Our volunteers have been a little slow to return due to Covid, but that's improving now," said Chris Silva, executive director of the Bardavon, a nonprofit venue in Poughkeepsie. "Same with audiences, for that matter."

"Volunteerism for us was fragmented in that some people were uncomfortable with in-person events and others didn't mind helping regardless of the pandemic," said Frank Castella Jr., president and CEO of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce. "We are still seeing them come back slowly, but we're at about 95 percent now. Being that our organization thrives off of individuals that are looking for in-person contact, I do anticipate that we will be back to full capacity within a few months."

Nicole Fenichel-Hewitt, executive director of The Art Effect, said the pandemic has had its upside.

"Over the last two years, we have truly seen our volunteers and supporters step up and go above and beyond in their support," she said. "We have exceeded our fundraising goals, offered remote internship opportunities, and moved other opportunities to a virtual platform."

"As need increased in the community, our volunteers were on the front lines to

help their neighbors receive, food, support and other basic essentials," said Melissa Clark, senior director of community impact at United Way of the Orange-Dutchess Region. "At the same time many older volunteers, especially those who were immunocompromised, did need to take some time off until the vaccines were widely available. Fortunately our nonprofit sector is tremendous, and staff and volunteers stepped in to ensure people's everyday needs were met."

Clark added, "We also saw an increase in remote volunteers and hundreds of United Way volunteers wrote cards to seniors, delivered food to the homebound and participated in 21 Day Equity Challenges."

During the shutdown early in the pandemic, the Dutchess County SPCA (DCSPCA) didn't have volunteers coming to its shelter in Hyde Park.

"It was difficult for staff who rely on volunteers to assist with dog walking, pet socialization, laundry and office work," said Penny Schouten, marketing, communications and community relations director. "It was also difficult for dedicated volunteers to just stop helping. Quite a few checked in during the shut down to see if they could come back."

Out of an abundance of caution, volunteers were brought back gradually at the end of 2021.

"Now with mask mandates lifted, we have had an influx of volunteer applications," Schouten said. "We've trained new dog walkers and cat socializers, and have plans to add more volunteers through spring."

Town of Clinton resident Dave Stark is a returning volunteer. He's donated his time to the DCSPCA and other animal welfare organizations in Dutchess and Putnam counties for more than a decade. Pre-pandemic, Stark was primarily a dog

walker but would help in any way he could. Now, he's working with the shelter's cat population. In fact, he's so good with the felines that some call him The Cat Whisperer.

The modest Stark said, "If that's the case, it's probably because I try to pay attention to the cats' language. All cats are the same, but all are different. I try to build up a personal relationship with [each] cat, depending on its individuality."

Cats, said Stark, "send out very definite signals. You can tell by their bodies, certain signs or signals from their eyes, their tales, the tension in their skin, their movements, their posture. There are many different ways the cat can let you know what they are feeling."

Since returning to the DCSPCA, Stark said a few things have changed due to the pandemic.

"I would say that interacting with the public is little more formal now than it was previously. We require more information in advance; the application process is pretty much the same information but probably more thoroughly investigated in advance," he said.

"Now people are escorted around," Schouten added. "We found that a quiet shelter was so much better for the animals. We changed our ways because of what we learned during that time. It's been a little bit more of a culture shock for people, but it's so much better for the animals, it's so much quieter, they're much calmer. We learned a lot from the pandemic."

On April 30, there will be a recruitment event for Thrift Store volunteers at the DCSPCA shelter, located at 636 Violet Avenue (Route 9G) in Hyde Park. The shelter runs a Thrift Shop nearby at 600 Violet Avenue. Visit the DCSPCA Facebook page (@DCSPCA) for more information.



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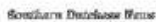


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Free rabies clinic in Clinton on April 23

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 Saturday, April 23, at Clinton Town Hall, at 1215 Centre Road in the Town of Clinton from 8 a.m. to noon. Advance registration is required and can be done on the DCSPCA website at DCSPCA.org or by calling their office at (845) 452-7722, ext. 425.

Dutchess County is giving residents the opportunity to obtain rabies shots free of charge for their dogs, cats, and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older. Proof of residency is required. Non-residents will be charged a fee of \$10 per pet vaccinated. All dogs must be on a leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years for pets with proper proof of prior immunization. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year.

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

DBCH Commissioner Dr. Santiago-Rosado reminds pet owners of the importance of vaccinating all dogs, cats, and ferrets, even if they are considered

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

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health is available 24/7 to assist with any questions or concerns regarding potential rabies exposure to people or domestic animals. Pet owners should report to DCBH any incident in which their pet has been bitten by or has an open wound exposed to the saliva or nervous tissue of a domestic or wild animal. Staff will investigate and advise the pet owner of any necessary steps they should take to ensure the safety of their animal.

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

To learn more about rabies, visit dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/Rabies-Zoonotics or contact DCBH at HealthInfo@dutchessny.gov

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went there a lot with the kids to visit. This wasn't the SPARC Park I remembered."

That was all the Cooks needed.

Together with more than a dozen other members of the Stanford community, a committee was put together in mid-2021 to raise funds to renovate and update the entire park.

And when we say committee, we mean committee.

This isn't a loose group of residents just batting around ideas. Everybody has a responsibility and either lead, or are a part of, a sub-committee. The Cooks are the co-chairs. Julia Descoteaux, a veteran marketer and publicist, chairs the Communications & Marketing Committee. There are also Community Liaison, Major Gifts, Events, Finance & Governmental Affairs, and Design & Construction committees.

With both Cooks having fundraising experience – Helen in the educational field and for the New York Botanical Gardens, Everett with the Dutchess Land Conservancy – the efforts to renovate the park has netted \$230,000 so far, including \$125,000 from the state through Assemblymember Didi Barrett's office and with the help of Burton and the Town of Stanford's Stanfordville's Recreation Department.

"Everyone we spoke to either grew up with the park, or had kids who grew up with the park," Everett said. "SPARC is just one of the multiple places they would go and they wanted to help with renovating it."

"You know what's the interesting thing? What's been the most fun for us? We're in our late 60s and we've been able to work with much younger people, who have been a part of this. It's really reinvigorated us," Helen said.

The last significant renovations to the park occurred about 30 years ago when members of the local community raised funds and completed the construction over a weekend – all by community members.

This time, the financial and emotional investment is much greater. It was agreed that the Plan should be organized and prioritized in several phases in response to safety, funding, budget, and aesthetic considerations.

A "quiet" phase was undertaken to begin fundraising through private donations. The group then conducted a survey among town residents in October 2021 with over 100 responses where areas of improvement were cited, including upgrading and resurfacing the tennis courts, which was the No. 1 priority and that's where ground was broken last week.

Future improvements include upgrading the playground, swim area, soccer field, walking path, and skate park, among others.

The Master Plan is being developed in partnership with Saratoga Associates, a multi-disciplinary, professional design firm with 50 years of experience providing landscape architecture, architectural, engineering and planning services throughout the Northeast. Now comes the public phase of the campaign that includes a series of open meetings – one already held in March, one scheduled for April 26 and another for mid-May.

Everett said involving the public was key, and he carefully watched how folks in the Village of Millbrook had approached setting up committees and a non-profit to tear down the ruins of Bennett College and turn it into an outdoor park.

"I met with Oakleigh Thorne and he strongly suggested we have a public hearing," Everett said. "They did that and they got a lot of great feedback they never would have thought of."

He said the public involvement has already helped the SPARC committee to prioritize what to renovate first.

"We had anticipated some issues and we thought maybe we're not doing it right. At the end of the (first) meeting I

felt like everyone was excited about it," Helen said. "Everyone saw that we don't have an agenda."

Well, maybe just one small – literally, small – agenda item.

"We have a grandchild that is three-and-a-half-years-old," Everett said. "All we kept thinking was, where are we and other grandparents and parents in the town going to take these little kids? So it's become important to us."

MIG PROGRAM APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH MAY 4

Dutchess County's Department of Planning and Development has opened the application process for the 2022 Municipal Investment Grant (MIG) Program, with approximately \$4 million available through a competitive grant process to entities which have taxing authority, including cities, towns, villages, fire districts, and water and wastewater public authorities, prioritizing projects that partner with other municipalities and taxing authorities, develop shared services, align with the county's priorities and needs, and create savings for taxpayers.

In addition to providing funding for traditional MIG municipal projects, this year's MIG program is prioritizing fire and rescue agencies, including municipal, non-profit and established fire districts. This year's MIG program also focuses on two additional areas:

General Shared Services: Transformative municipal cooperative activities that result in fiscal and operational efficiencies and/or cost savings, while optimizing municipal resources and providing an equal or better level of service. Priority will be given to entities that identify and demonstrate best practices that will result

in immediate savings, shared services, efficiencies, or an increase to the municipal tax base, while demonstrating a long-lasting community impact, including a reduction of the property tax levy.

Community Development: Projects that improve the quality of life for residents and strengthen and develop communities. Eligible projects include public facilities and improvements, water and wastewater, and environmental sustainability.

Through the MIG program, Dutchess County will continue to fund general shared services that result in cost savings, with a focus on redevelopment and improvements to existing municipal parks and recreation areas, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility improvements at public facilities, construction of new sidewalks and connector trails, and critical improvements to infrastructure and facilities.

Additional information, application instructions and guidance about the 2022 MIG Program is available online. Applications will be accepted via an online portal through May 4 at 3 p.m., and awards will be announced this summer.

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Sign up for Hyde Park's Town-Wide Tag Sale

Hyde Park will hold its annual Town-Wide Tag Sale on June 4 and 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Town residents who would like to add their address to the map must register by May 20. The cost to register is \$10 and can be paid online by visiting <https://hydeparkny.myrec.com> (select Register-Programs).

If you would like to mail in registration, send a check made payable to Hyde Park Recreation in the amount of \$10 to the following address:

Hyde Park Recreation - Tag Sale
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The registration form can be downloaded from the event page.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOTE: Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Dutchess News. Letters must be e-mailed to be considered for publication. We cannot accept handwritten or faxed letters.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7765
ATTN: Commander Brian Williams
30 Elizabeth Street
Red Hook, NY 12571

Dear Commander Williams:

I am writing to acknowledge and thank you and your Post for your efforts to support the children in the Red Hook Central School District. It is vital that we work in partnership with local organizations to demonstrate the importance of collaboration to our children. Your organization has provided us continuous outreach throughout the hardest times in education.

Our students have benefited from your numerous essay contests and having access to your golf simulators. The recent partnership for what is now the Fall Orchestra/Gala in our auditorium has opened doors to more ideas and creative ways to work together to benefit our whole community. It was incredibly thoughtful to think of including our music students in such a prestigious and honorable event. Most recently, were all astonished and tremendously grateful to hear of your donations for our Washington DC trip for eighth grade students in need. Many of our students are not afforded the opportunity to travel to see the important history of our country. You have provided something to those children that will be a memory for life. Not only the experience but your magnanimity will serve as a model for them as citizens. I sincerely hope the essays discussed impress upon the students the sacrifice many veterans have made.

I believe all these new initiatives have strengthened our community. We have opened the doors for continued dialogue and innovative ideas for the future. Your collaboration is appreciated by me and the district. We look forward to working together and welcome your Post in our schools. Schools thrive when they have a community that supports them. Thank you for being that group of individuals that are in service not only to our nation, but to our future-our children.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Janet Warden
Superintendent of Schools
Red Hook Central School District



NYS BUDGET INCLUDES BARRETT'S BILL TO CREATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-Dutchess/Columbia), Chair of the New York State Assembly Veterans' Affairs Committee, announced that her legislation to elevate the Division of Veterans' Services to an executive-level department, creating the Department of Veterans' Services, was included in the just passed 2022-23 NYS Budget. The legislation was Barrett's highest budget priority, and was included as part of the Education, Labor and Family Assistance bill (A.9006-C). This is the first time in more than 50 years that New York State has created a wholly new state agency, the last being when the Department of Environmental Conservation was established in 1970.

The state Division of Veterans' Services was established in 1945 to serve World War II veterans and their families returning home from overseas. As it is currently structured, the Division of Veterans' Services is not a cabinet-level agency. Most of the programs and services available to New York State veterans are actually administered by various other state agencies, including the Office of Mental Health, the Department of Labor, the State Education Department, and Department of Health.

Currently, it's estimated that only 17 percent of New York's veteran population are accessing their earned benefits, in part due to the decentralized distribution of these resources. This legislation will centralize the benefits and programs meant to support veterans under the newly created Department of Veterans' Services, making them more readily accessible to veterans and their families. Addressing this inequity and other needs specific to women veterans are issues that can be more effectively targeted under a Department of Veterans' Services.

This measure will allow for programs currently administered by other state agencies to be considered for transfer to the Department of Veterans' Services in order to provide a "one-stop-shop" for veterans and their families to navigate the variety of benefits and services available to them.

Thanks to volunteer Caterina Rivera

To the editor:

During National Volunteer Week, I would like to acknowledge Caterina Rivera for her exceptional service to the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter.

For over a year, Caterina has provided virtual educational programs throughout the Hudson Valley Chapter's seven-county area. Caterina took on the role of Community Educator while also working full time as a speech pathologist and becoming a new mother!

Without volunteers like Caterina, we would not be able to accomplish our mission of raising funds and awareness to end Alzheimer's and all dementia. We are so grateful for all that our volunteers like Caterina do to advance our cause.

Joan M. Carl, Community Engagement Manager
Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter
Poughkeepsie

Thanks to volunteers Cynthia and William Petry

To the editor:

During National Volunteer Week, I would like to acknowledge Cynthia and William Petry for their exceptional service to the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter. Cindy and Bill joined the Dutchess/Ulster Walk to End Alzheimer's event with their team "Walking the Cure" in 2016.

In 2017, they were invited to join the Walk Planning Committee are still serving in both volunteer capacities. Cindy also volunteers in our Poughkeepsie office. Without volunteers like Cindy and Bill, we would not be able to accomplish our mission of raising funds and awareness to end Alzheimer's and all dementia. We are so grateful for all that our volunteers like Cindy and Bill do to advance our cause.

Tina Eckert, Manager
Dutchess/Ulster Walk to End Alzheimer's

Congressman Delgado and energy costs

To the editor:

Recently, Congressman Delgado (D-NY-19) sent a letter to President Biden, which was reprinted in Northern Dutchess News edition 9-15 March 2022. In it, he discussed rising energy costs, a government program, and use of reserve supplies.

It is unfortunate that Congressman Delgado did not approach this issue with a solution that is viable and makes more sense, i.e., domestic drilling and supply that will provide quantities of energy that will truly reduce costs. It wasn't too long ago that the United States was exporting energy but we have seen in the news that the administration is chasing energy suppliers that are not our friends rather than freeing up providers in North Dakota, Alaska, Texas, and etc. Why does the President wish to enrich our enemies rather than keeping the production local? Why doesn't the Congressman pursue American energy suppliers?

The Congressman also mentions releasing inventory from the oil reserve. This plan is folly as it will reduce a reserve that is set aside for actual emergencies, will be a drizzle when we need a glow, will be expensive to restock, and promotes more government dependency. His promotion of renewable energy sources is also folly as was demonstrated by rolling brown-outs in California a couple of years ago, tremendous hardships and deaths in Texas in 2021 due to frozen windmill supply sources, and Europe's dependence on Russian fuel after shutting down fossil-fuel power plants.

At best, the Congressman's recommendations appear to be a band-aid on a severed artery. These policies are the kind of thing that show he should be replaced in November.

Rex S. Bridges
Rhinebeck

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- Letters appearing on the Viewpoints page are the views of the writers alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Dutchess News.

Field of Honor set Memorial Day weekend at FDR site

The Hyde Park NY Field of Honor® will take place on Memorial Day weekend, May 28-30, on the lawn in front of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site on Route 9 in Hyde Park. More than 300 full-sized American flags will be displayed on 8-foot poles, honoring local people of all walks of life.

There will be an opening ceremony on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m. The Field of Honor will be open free to the public Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There will be live, local entertainment and kids' activities, crafts and games on Saturday and Sunday.

After the Hyde Park Memorial Day Parade on Monday, there will be a Choral Concert featuring alumni of the F. D. Roosevelt High School Music Department. The event is organized by the Hyde Park Education Foundation, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

For more information, visit <https://www.HydeParkEducationFoundation.org>, or the Facebook page @HydeParkEducationFoundation or @HydeParkEdFoundation on Instagram.

Virtual forum on Public Utility Law Project April 21

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-Newburgh) announced that he will be hosting a virtual forum with the Public Utility Law Project to let customers of Central Hudson and other utility companies know their rights.

The forum will take place on Thursday, April 21, at 6 p.m., via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93040923349>

Jacobson said, "Last month, I brought Central Hudson to the table with a virtual forum that allowed my constituents to get their billing questions answered."

"Since Central Hudson has yet to straighten out its billing mess, I'll be co-hosting a forum with the Public Utility Law Project and my Hudson Valley colleagues to ensure that our constituents know their rights when it comes to these ridiculously high bills."

The forum will be co-hosted by Assemblymembers Didi Barrett, Kevin Cahill, Sandy Galef, Aileen Gunther, and Ken Zebrowski.

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Walk for heart health on April 30

by Kristine Coulter

The 2022 Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk is set for April 30, on the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park. Participants are invited to start their walk at either end, anytime between 9 - 11 a.m.

"Now more than ever we all need to get heart healthy! COVID has impacted all of us - some in a positive way (getting new hobbies or spending much needed time with family) but it also impacted many more of us in a negative way. Whether you have become stagnant, picked up bad eating habits and got out of the routine of the gym, or worse yet have become stressed and anxious about COVID or the stresses of the world...then you need to join us," remarked Donna Kosack, System Adoption Manager at Laerdal Medical and chair of the 2022 Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk.

Organizers expect more than 500 participants this year. They hope to raise \$250,000.

"Get your Red on and lace up your shoes - we will meet you on either entrance of the bridge!" remarked Kosack, who advised "Head out in the nice spring weather now and start taking walks so you really enjoy the day on the bridge!"

Maria Gonzalez, and Brian Vigorita

are the survivor honorees of the Heart Walk this year. Gonzalez, a RN, CEN, BSN, has a family history of heart disease. Last year, the chief nursing officer at Ellenville Regional Hospital had a blocked circumflex artery, according to a press release.

"My mother died of a heart attack at the age of 44," Gonzalez said in the release. "Although I ate well and exercised, I wasn't managing my stress." She noted she was in a bit of denial. Gonzalez had to have a stent.

Vigorita, who works at Laerdal Medical, went into sudden cardiac arrest in July 2021.

"I'm a body builder, and I lost 25 pounds after being hospitalized," Vigorita said in the release. "I looked like I had just deflated. There's a roller coaster of emotions, every day. We need to share that with the public. You think that survivors should be happy that their lives are saved, but there's so much going on inside that you don't see."

Vigorita gave credits to his family, wife and twin stepsons, being home the night was convulsing on the couch and called 911, administering CPR with saving his life, and emergency personnel using a defibrillator.

Danielle Schuka, development director, American Heart Association in the Upper Hudson Valley said, "We hope that



The 2022 Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk is set for April 30. The event will take place on the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie. Pictured are participants from a previous year's event. *Courtesy photo*

people come away inspired after seeing the participants, and hearing from our survivor speaker. The Heart Association and our sponsors will be providing a lot of great information about heart and brain health, so we also hope people learn more about ways to take care of their own health. And, I hope they come away feeling very proud of the difference they have made for everyone in our community. The funds we raise will help people living with heart disease or stroke, and will help

the American Heart Association prevent more disease, and create more health equity in our community."

Kosack noted, "Our mental health and physical health are directly tied to our Heart Health. By joining us on April 30th you will be outside in the fresh air engaged with a community that has been going through the same stresses and bad habits you are."

For more information and to register, visit DutchessUlsterHeartWalk.org.

CCE Family & Community Education kicks off Financial Literacy Month

April is Financial Literacy Month. It is a dedicated time to reflect on the state of financial education in local communities and across the nation. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County (CCEDC) is kicking off the month with free information and resources available to all community members and families.

"We are excited to be offering free information and resources to residents of Dutchess County about financial literacy starting in the month of April and continuing all year, as we expand our community education programs," said Jessica Canale, Family and Consumer Education (FCE) Program Leader, "and continue to provide the county with a variety of robust parenting and health and wellness education services."

The need for financial literacy is seen

in our local community as well as throughout the nation. According to a recent Bankrate survey, only 4 out of every 10 Americans can cover a surprise expense exceeding \$1,000. It is concerning that Americans do not have resources saved in preparation for a surprise expense. However, with this news comes a glimmer of hope as the number of people able to cover the expense is up 5% over last year.

Late last year, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported the balance of household debt in the United States at the end of the third quarter of 2021 was \$15.24 trillion. That number was a 1.9 percent increase over the second quarter data.

That amount of debt can be overwhelming and cause Americans to look for tools and resources to assist them.

The Family and Community Education Program has created a social media series of information for students starting to prepare for their financial

future, adults and families, as well as relevant resources from around New York State and federal sources for seniors who are being targeted by scams.

'Pull the Plane' set June 18 at Stewart Airport

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Bryan Blanton (above) and Michael Giacone combined for three scoreless innings out of the bullpen to close out the game for the Renegades on Sunday. Photo by Mills Fitzner

Flower Pot Giveaway on Wednesday, Calamari Competition on Thursday and Fireworks on Friday night.

A late-inning comeback fell just short for the Hudson Valley Renegades on Saturday night, as the team was defeated by the Rome Braves 3-2 at AdventHealth Stadium and then fell 7-3 in the series finale on Sunday afternoon.

The third straight loss dropped Hudson Valley to 4-5 on its season-opening nine-game road trip. The Renegades open the home season at Dutchess Stadium on Tuesday, April 19, against the Brooklyn Cyclones.

In his second professional start, Will Warren turned in a strong outing on Saturday. The right-hander allowed only one run on four hits in 4.2 innings, striking out five and not issuing a walk. Through two starts, Warren (0-1) has struck out 10 batters in eight innings of work.

The only blemish against his ledger came in the bottom of the fourth when Bryson Horne brought home Justyn-Henry Malloy with a fielder's choice groundout that gave Rome a 1-0 lead.

Hudson Valley batters struggled to get anything going against Braves starter Tanner Gordon, who struck out 14 batters in six shutout innings while allowing only two hits. Rome tacked on two more in the bottom of the sixth against Nelson Alvarez on a two-run double from Javier Valdez.

In the top of the eighth, the Renegades rallied against Jake McSteen to cut the deficit to 3-2. Aldenis Sanchez led off with an infield single and scored on a two-out RBI double by Aaron Palensky.

On the very next pitch, Trey Sweeney lined a base hit to left to chase home Palensky and get Hudson Valley within one.

After Wellington Diaz threw a scoreless bottom of the eighth, the Renegades put the tying run on third base with two out in the ninth before Justin Yeager struck out Spencer Henson to end the game.

In game two of the new pitch clock rules, the contest took only two hours and 14 minutes to play, tying it with Friday's game for the shortest of the season for the Renegades.

In Sunday's game, Hudson Valley threatened in the early innings, loading the bases against Luis De Avila in the first and third, but could not score. Meanwhile, Rome pulled away with two runs in the fourth against Alex Mauricio, and two more in the fifth off Jhonatan Muñoz to take a 7-0 lead.

The Renegades finally broke through in the top of the seventh, with T.J. Rumfield lacing an RBI double off Alec Barger to score Everson Pereira. With two outs in the top of the ninth, Cooper Bowman blasted a two-run home run to left to cut the deficit to 7-3, but Dylan Spain closed out the frame without further damage.

Austin Wells went 3-for-4 with a walk in the game, while Bowman was 2-for-4 with a home run, two RBIs and a walk. Pereira and Rumfield also contributed two hits apiece.

Bryan Blanton and Michael Giacone combined for three scoreless innings out of the bullpen to close out the game for the Renegades.

Proactive approach guides preparations for opening series

Every week, Hudson Valley Renegades President Steve Gliner sits down with reporter Rich Thomaselli to discuss the team in particular and minor league baseball in general.

It's Easter Sunday afternoon. The home opener is just about, what, 54 hours away? What are you doing at this exact moment?

Putting up vinyl stickers. (laughs). Yup, walking through the stadium and putting up vinyl stickers.

You've gone through a few of these things in your career. Do you still get excited?

Oh, of course. Every opening day is special. What's really interesting is when I was in Florida I had two opening days — one for spring training and then one for when the minor league season opened. If you don't have a feeling for this, you shouldn't be in the business. This is my 35th year in the business. I still get that feeling of excitement.

Your first year in 1988 was with the Albany-Colonie Yankees, yes?

Yes, both my first two years in baseball were with Albany and both opening days were snowed out. I'll never forget that first one, we ended up having to play the next night and it was 34 degrees at first pitch. (Future Yankee) Andy Stankiewicz took a ground ball that took a weird hop and it ended up hitting him in the face. Broke his nose if I remember right. I mean the field was just frozen. It was like playing on concrete.

As we get closer to the home opener, what are the last-minute things that need to be done?

Just a lot of stuff around the park. A lot



of signage. A lot of cleaning. Just getting things ready. Our staff was off today and Major League Baseball sent a crew in here for the pitch clock. It's just a lot of things that you say 'Hey, why didn't we do that a month ago?' (laughs)

Starting Tuesday, what's a typical day for you?

It starts around 9:30, and ends around midnight, and I don't even remember what I do in between. That's how fast it goes. But this year we staffed up, which is good. My job is to oversee that things go well. I like to interact with the fans as well.

Are you proactive about that? Do you wait for them or do you go up and introduce yourself as the president of the Renegades and start a conversation?

I try to be proactive. One of the things I really like to do is be near the gates when the game is over and thank them for coming out. They'll stop me from time to time and let me know 'this happened tonight, that happened tonight' and I do appreciate that. It's important to find those things out.

Renegades launch 'give back' program

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, have announced the 'Gades Give Back Ticket Program, a brand-new community initiative that honors and gives back to groups of individuals that help lead, educate, secure, care for and protect our communities and nation.

The Renegades have selected different groups of people whom will have the opportunity to receive two (2) free Valley Reserved tickets to a home game during their group's honored month.

"We are always looking for ways to give back to the community and honor those who serve our communities," said Steve Gliner, President and General Manager of the Renegades. "The 'Gades Give Back' program is just another way that we can say thank you to the people who help our communities and our nation on a daily basis."

The selected groups for the 2022 season are as follows:

- April — Government Employees (includes town/city employees, county

employees, state employees and federal employees)

- May — First Responders (includes EMS, firefighters, police, corrections officers and security personnel)

- June — Education Staff (includes teachers, principals, school counselors and coaches, administrative staff, janitorial staff, and cafeteria staff)

- July — Healthcare Workers (includes nurses, doctors, administrative staff, janitorial staff, etc.)

- August/September — Military Personnel (includes active and retired military members of any branch)

To receive the two (2) free Valley Reserved tickets, fans must receive the tickets in-person at the Renegades Box Office and show a form of identification proving that you are part of one of the above honored groups. Tickets are limited to one game per individual during your honored month. Additional tickets beyond the two (2) free tickets will be subject to standard pricing for the selected ballgame.

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Scenic Hudson, GE have differing views on report about upper Hudson River cleanup

by Kristine Coulter

Scenic Hudson, on April 12, released a report from what it says are "leading natural resource damages (NRD) experts estimating the potential magnitude of damages for harm to Hudson River natural resources caused by General Electric's toxic Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination at \$11.4 billion." GE dumped millions of pounds of toxic PCBs into the Hudson River between 1947 and 1977-contaminating a 200-mile stretch of the Hudson from upriver factories to New York Harbor.

"GE's contamination has caused 70 years of harm, that is expected to last another 50 years or more into the future. Hudson River Trustees have documented PCB pollution of drinking water, fishery closures and fish consumption restrictions, compromised river navigation in marinas and canals, and threats to the health of waterfowl and mammals. After a thorough review of these studies, we have concluded that the Hudson has suffered adverse impacts at historic levels—estimated at \$11.4 billion," said Dagmar Schmidt Etkin, Ph.D., principal of Environmental Research Consulting and one of the report authors said in a statement on Scenic Hudson's website.

According to Scenic Hudson, the report evaluated existing data and previous reports to estimate the dollar amount of the natural resource damages. The 200-mile stretch of the Hudson River is one of the largest Superfund sites in the

nation, it was stated.

According to Mark Behan, spokesperson for GE, "GE's dredging of the Upper Hudson River has been hailed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a "historic achievement," and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, supported by the federal courts, has concluded no additional dredging is needed. This report by a private advocacy group is inconsistent with the wealth of scientific literature showing that Hudson River wildlife populations are healthy and thriving."

The report is not a Natural Resource Damage Assessment, which may only be conducted by the designated Trustees, Scenic Hudson stated. This analysis applied established NRDA procedures and used publicly available data and studies to provide a credible framework for assessing the damages GE could owe, according to Scenic Hudson.

"The people of the Hudson River Valley and visitors from across the nation have suffered for seven decades from pollution of the river and surrounding habitat by GE's PCBs, and the damage will continue for decades more. A once-vibrant commercial fishery closed overnight in 1976, and health officials continue to advise all people to severely restrict or avoid consumption of Hudson River fish," said Hayley Carlock, Scenic Hudson Director of Environmental Advocacy and Legal Affairs, "This first-of-its-kind report puts an estimated \$11.4 billion dollar value on the damage GE's

PCBs have caused. We're calling on NRD Trustees to negotiate a settlement with GE that will provide for the restoration of the river. The company should step up to compensate for its decades of pollution and lay the groundwork for clean drinking water supplies, healthy habitats, safe public access to the river for all and revitalized ecotourism."

According to the report, "The Hudson River Natural Resource Damage Assessment should provide the people of New York the resources to restore the Hudson to its condition before GE's PCB contamination by:

- Implementing restoration projects that foster new recreation and ecotourism opportunities;
- Helping restore the Hudson's once vibrant fisheries;
- Ensuring Hudson River fish are safe to consume and end reliance on consumption advisories that do not protect subsistence fishing communities;
- Eliminating threats to drinking water and additional costs to filter PCBs from

supplies;

• Healing the river's environment with substantive natural resource improvements.

Behan noted, "The government's natural resource assessment has not yet been completed. We are proud of our contributions and will continue to work closely with local, state and federal agencies."

This project was commissioned by Scenic Hudson, Inc., of Poughkeepsie, New York, under a Professional Services Contract with Environmental Research Consulting (ERC). RPS Group and Greene Economics LLC were subcontractors to ERC. This report is an update to a previous report issued in August 2019, Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Issues Related to Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Discharges into the Hudson River, prepared by Dr. Deborah French-McCay, Stephanie Berkman, and Dr. Dagmar Schmidt Etkin, according to Scenic Hudson.

Habitat For Humanity to host annual ReStore Donation Day in honor of Earth Day

In honor of Earth Day 2022, Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County Inc. will host its 2nd Annual ReStore Donation Day set for April. 23.

Five locations throughout Dutchess County will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on that day to accept gently used goods. Whether it's to make room for a new chair or a brand-new kitchen, the Habitat ReStore accepts items ranging from appliances and building products to furniture, home goods, and household fixtures such as lighting and cabinets.

By donating new or gently used household goods and building materials to the ReStore, you team up with Habitat to keep home goods out of landfills and give them a second life.

As an added benefit all Habitat Donors receive a gift voucher for 10% off to use on a future purchase at the ReStore. Sales of donated items help Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County partner with local families to build, rehabilitate and repair homes in our community.

"Every item donated and sold at the Habitat ReStore plays a vital role in improving lives of families in need of

better housing," said Maureen Brennan Lashlee, Executive Director. "Each year our ReStore saves over 100,000 tons of items from going into our local landfills. With the support of loyal donors and shoppers, we will continue to generate proceeds to further our mission and help save our local environment."

Premier sponsors are Stenger, Diamond & Glass, LLP, Baxter Built, and Mahoney's Irish Pub & Steakhouse.

Donations can be brought to the following locations Saturday, April 23, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

Habitat ReStore, 1822 South Road Wappingers Falls;
Dutchess Stadium, 1500 NY-9D, Wappingers Falls;
Unionvale Transfer Station, 2006 State Rte 55, Lagrangeville;
Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6636 U.S. 9, Rhinebeck;
Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1559 Main Street, Pleasant Valley.

For more information on donations, volunteer opportunities, and sponsorship please email Jessica.miuccio@habitatdutchess.org.

New area code approved by PSC for portions of Dutchess, other counties

A new area code for portions of Dutchess, Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties has been approved. The New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) announced its decision for the additional area code on April 14. The new area code is expected to take effect before the third quarter of next year. The PSC's authorization for the new area code came in response to a shortage of telephone numbers in the 845-area code forecasted by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator's (NANPA).

According to the PSC in its press release, "Per the petition, all existing wireline and wireless telephone customers in the overlay area would retain their current 845 area code and telephone numbers. The new area code would cover

requests for new phone numbers."

"As the economy continues to grow, and the need for more cellular service becomes apparent, there is a greater need for an additional telephone area code number," said Commission Chair Rory M. Christian. "I am confident that this new area code overlay will be able to address the needs of expanded telecommunication services in the mid-Hudson region."

The overlay has a projected life of approximately 28 years, stated the PSC.

For more on the PSC's decision, go to the Commission's Documents section of its website at www.dps.ny.gov and enter case number 21-C-0600 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number." Commission documents may also be obtained from the Commission's files Office, 14th floor.

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Pine Plains pharmacist, nurse among Board of Health honorees



Pharmacist Nasir Mahmood and registered nurse Kathleen Bartles of the Pine Plains Pandemic Initiative and Medical Reserve Corp of Dutchess County's (MRC) Coordinator Joseph Ryan are this year's recipients of the Dutchess County Board of Health (DCBOH) Public Health Partnership Awards.

"We are thrilled to honor Nasir Mahmood and Kathleen Bartles of the Pine Plains Pandemic Initiative, and Joe Ryan of the Dutchess County MRC, with this year's Public Health Partnership Award, due to their continued efforts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to assist in meeting the needs of our community," said Lobsang T. Lungang, MD, Board of Health President.

The Pine Plains Pandemic Initiative was designed in early 2021 as a civic cooperative effort in response to the shortage of COVID-19 vaccine opportunities in the rural eastern and northern sections of Dutchess County. As a result of their collaboration, 4,500 adults and children received their COVID-19 vac-

inations close to home.

In 2021, Mahmood from Pine Plains Pharmacy was able to link with policymakers at various levels to obtain vaccine and supervise vaccinations in a variety of local settings. In cooperation with Mahmood, Bartles, a retired public health nurse, mobilized professional nursing colleagues and citizen volunteers to staff "pop-up" vaccination clinics and provide necessary public health education regarding immunizations. These efforts were supported by Pine Plains Supervisor Darrah Cloud, who included the pop-up clinic information and volunteer opportunities in her weekly newsletter and social media to residents.

The Pine Plains Pandemic Initiative began providing vaccinations to first responders from the region in their local firehouse. As the demand grew, the initiative found more opportunities to increase vaccine availability and opportunity and provided home visits for those who were unable to attend clinics. Coupled with education, the initiative was able to repli-



Left: Pharmacist Nasir Mahmood and registered nurse Kathleen Bartles of the Pine Plains Pandemic Initiative display their plaques as 2022 recipients of the Dutchess County Board of Health Partnership Awards. Also receiving the honor (above) was Joseph Ryan, coordinator of the county's Medical Reserve Corps. *Courtesy photos*

cate its program on a larger scale at Stissing Mountain High School increasing its outreach to staff, teachers, administrators students, and families. The program was soon replicated by other school districts and towns.

County Executive Marc Molinaro said, "It is great to see Nasir Mahmood and the Pine Plains Pandemic Initiative being recognized with this award. We appreciate Nasir always stepping up in times of need. His kind heart and hard work is an integral part of our community."

The Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County's (MRC) was established in 2002 to provide a way to recruit, train and activate medical and public health professionals and other volunteers to respond to community health needs during disasters and other public health emergencies. As MRC Coordinator, Ryan has spent several years providing education, training and practice drills in preparation of a public health emergency to many volunteers. Through his leadership, dedication, passion and commitment to the residents of Dutchess County, the Dutchess County MRC has staffed more than 150 large-scale COVID-19 vaccine clinics, donated more than 22,000 hours to vaccination efforts and received a variety of emergency response trainings, such as Pet Safety & Health in an emergency, Stop the Bleed, Active Shooter and

Incident Command System.

Additionally, through Ryan's leadership during the pandemic, the MRC's volunteer members have contributed more than 40,000 hours of training, contact tracing/case investigation, organized community outreach, call center, and COVID-19 testing sites and distributed food, COVID-19 test kits, Personal Protective Equipment, and educational materials.

"Thanks to Joe's commitment to our volunteers and our community, we have been able to weather through the largest and longest pandemic in our lifetime," said Dana Smith, Emergency Response Coordinator for Dutchess County. "Our response and success would not have been as significant if it were not for Joe Ryan. Throughout the pandemic, he and the MRC volunteers continued to rise to each challenge, without hesitation."

DBCH Commissioner Dr. Livia Santiago Rosado said, "The board selected three very worthy recipients for its Public Partnership Awards, who each have embraced the spirit of community and volunteerism wholeheartedly. We are so grateful for their time and effort that went into helping our residents get through the past 26 months."

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The program is open to Dutchess and Orange residents in Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. It cannot be used for drive-thru vaccination sites. Medicaid recipients are not eligible for this program. They can call their Medicaid provider to cover the cost of transportation. Sign up to receive your unique code at udwr.org/vaccinerides and click the "apply" button. The code can be used for a round trip.

Rides can only be used as transportation to and from a vaccine clinic site. People can apply for a second code to use for transportation to and from a second vaccine and/or booster.

Hudson 7 to meet April 21

The Hudson River Drinking Water Inter municipal Council (Hudson 7) will meet on Thursday, April 21, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Meetings are live-streamed on the Hudson 7's YouTube channel, which can be accessed via <http://www.hudson7.org>. The public is advised to subscribe to this channel to receive notifications when meetings begin.

The Hudson 7 is a collaboration of the mid-Hudson municipalities that draw drinking water from the Hudson River: Town of Esopus, Town of Hyde Park, Town of Lloyd, Town and City of Poughkeepsie, Town and Village of Rhinebeck.

DC Board of Health meeting April 21

The Dutchess County Board of Health will be holding their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 21, at 4 p.m. at the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health at 85 Civic Center Plaza - Suite 106 in the City of Poughkeepsie or one may participate via Microsoft Teams by calling 1-516-268-4602 and enter the Conference ID number: 436 030 659#.

Broadway stars featured in fundraiser for Lourdes Rowing Association

The Lourdes Rowing Association presents "A Night of Broadway Stars" on Friday, April 22, at 7 p.m., at Poughkeepsie Day School's James Earl Jones Theatre, 260 Boardman Road, Poughkeepsie. Enjoy songs from your favorite shows performed by the stars themselves, including Laurel Harris, Carter Calvert and Richard Todd Adams. Tickets are \$75. Following the performance is a meet-and-greet with the stars and a dessert reception. Purchase tickets at www.LRA.ticketleap.com/a-night-of-broadway.

Pleasant Valley sets Earth Day Clean-Up on April 23

The Town of Pleasant Valley will hold its 52nd anniversary Earth Day Clean-Up on Saturday, April 23, at Pleasant Valley Town Hall, Route 44. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., with clean-up from 9 a.m. to noon.

Bags, vests, pickers and gloves will be provided.

There will be an ongoing Earth Day Celebration, rain or shine, with demonstrations and events at Town Hall. Troop 55 will be collecting deposit cans/bottles.

For more information, contact MALBRECHT@pleasantvalley-ny.gov.

'Fun-Run' has theme of disability awareness

The Inaugural Chicken Run 5K Fun-Run will be held on Saturday, April 23, at Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill. Hosted by Chickens with Attitude, the event has a goal of funding publication of the children's book, "Jolene, the Disability Awareness Chicken." Twenty percent of net proceeds will be donated to The Foundation for Beacon Schools.

Run-day registration/check in starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 9 a.m., with the run commencing at 9:30 a.m. At 11 a.m. there will be a live reading of "Jolene, the Disability Awareness Chicken" given by voice-over artist Laura Basil. All are welcome to attend the book launch and live reading. There will be music, a raffle, refreshments and live chickens to entertain the crowd. Visit www.ChickenRun5k.com for more information.

Hyde Park Community Forum set April 23

Dutchess County Legislators Will Truitt and Ben Geller, along with the Hyde Park Town Board, will host a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, April 23, at 10:30 a.m. Residents are invited to come and ask questions, voice their concerns and receive updates on what is being worked on currently. Hyde Park Town Hall is at 4383 Albany Post Road (Route 9). Email bgeller@dutchessny.gov for more information.

Free rabies vaccination clinic set April 23

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health and the Dutchess County SPCA will hold a rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to noon, at Clinton Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck. This is a free clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets of county residents (\$10 per animal for non-county residents). Proof of residency is required.

To receive a 3-year vaccination certificate, proof of previous rabies vaccination is required. Dogs must be on a leash; cats and ferrets must be in carriers.

Advance registration is required at www.dcpspc.org or call (845) 452-7722, ext. 425.

Delgado to host mobile office hours April 25

Congressman Antonio Delgado (NY-19) will hold mobile office hours on Monday, April 25, at the Staatsburg Library, 70 Old Post Road, Staatsburg, from 10 a.m. to noon; and at the Rosell Jansen Community Library, 9091 NY-22, Hillsdale, from 2 to 4 p.m. Contact his district office in Kingston at (845) 443-2930 or in Hudson at (518) 267-4123 for more information.

Blood Drive set at Poughkeepsie Town Hall

New York Blood Center (NYBC) will hold a Blood Drive on Monday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Poughkeepsie Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Overlook Road, Poughkeepsie. Blood and platelet donations are urgently needed for all blood types.

Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment, go to https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_scheduled302924. Bring your NYBC Donor ID card if you

have one. 16-year-olds are allowed to donate with parental consent (form at drive). Valid photo ID is needed. For questions about eligibility to donate due to travel outside the U.S., medications or medical conditions, visit <https://www.nybc.org/> or call 1-800-688-0900.

Financial Literacy Seminar set April 28

Rhinebeck Bank & United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region will present a free webinar on Thursday, April 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This free online webinar will cover "An Introduction to Credit: Important terms and best practices when applying for credit cards and loans" and "Planning for College: An introductory look at known (and unknown) college costs and how to pay for them." Register via <https://www.udwr.org/>.

Clinton Community Day Committee will meet April 28

Volunteers are needed for the Town of Clinton's Community Day, planned for Saturday, Sept. 3. Mark your calendars for the next meeting on Thursday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road. Call (845) 266-3204, ext. 110 or email the Highway Dept. at highway@townofclinton.com with your ideas and interests. Activities are planned from dawn to dusk with a fireworks display in the evening.

Rummage sale set in Salt Point

Westminster Presbyterian church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, will be having a spring rummage sale on Friday, April 29, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a \$3 bag sale from 2 to 4 p.m. Featured summer clothing, linens, kitchen, toys, books, CDs, shoes, games, perennial plants and much more. Baked goods with lunch on Saturday. For information or directions, call (845) 656-9959.

Concert set at Millbrook Library

The Millbrook Arts Group will conclude "Southland, Swing & Spain," a monthly concert series, at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane. The final concert of the series will take place on April 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. and feature Flamenco guitar master Maria Zernantauswaki.

Stanford Grange sets take-out Meatloaf Dinner

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Meatloaf Dinner on Saturday, April 30, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. The menu will consist of meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, dinner roll, and a homemade carrot cake cupcake with cream cheese frosting for dessert. Donation is \$15 per dinner. The dinner will be take out only, and dinners will be available for pick up at 5 p.m. Drive up to the Grange Hall back door, pay for your dinner, get your dinner through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. For reservations or more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

County Aging and Parks departments present Free Mother's Day Bingo and Exercise Event

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging and Dutchess County Parks present a special free Mother's Day Bingo and Exercise event on Friday, May 6, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafte Road, Wappingers Falls. Enjoy an afternoon of bingo, mixed with simple age-appropriate exercises presented by Jill Bubel, Trauma Injury Prevention Coordinator at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Space is limited at this event; call the Office for the Aging at (845) 486-2555 to register.

Baer to perform Mark Twain show to benefit Pomona Grange

"Samuel Clemens: Tales of Mark Twain" will be performed by writer/performer Joe Baer at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, with two performances: Friday, May 6, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, May 7, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person. Total proceeds from these shows will benefit the Dutchess County Pomona Grange #32.

Purchase tickets at the door, electronically through

EventBrite, or by calling (845) 868-7869 and leaving a message. For more information, contact Pomona Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869 or visit www.BaerhandsTheater.com.

A Mother's Day Sweets and Treats Sale

St. James' Episcopal Church, 4526 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, will present A Mother's Day Sweets and Treats Sale on Saturday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Choose from delicious homemade desserts, cakes, cookies, candies and more. Call (845) 229-2820 for more information.

Green Fair set May 14 in Clinton

The Climate Smart Task Force of Clinton, with help from Pleasant Valley and Hyde Park, will host a Green Fair on Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Francis Mark Park in the Town of Clinton. More information will be available soon.

Miles of Hope Spring Brunch set May 15

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

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

United Way to hold Celebration of Service on May 24

The United Way will hold its annual Celebration of Service on Tuesday, May 24, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. The organization will honor Adams Fairacre Farms with the Distinguished Service Award. The celebration will be held, in person. Tickets are \$150 (\$125 for United Way's nonprofit partners). The program will feature a performance by the winner of the 2022 Talent United contest. For more information, contact Susan Marchewka at (845) 471-1900 ext 3126 or email events@udwr.org.

Wilderstein sets summer fundraiser

Wilderstein Historic Site in Rhinebeck will hold its Summer Celebration Benefit Fundraiser on Saturday, July 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. The theme is the "Roaring 20s," with food and libations, silent auction, house tours, music and fun. Visit www.wilderstein.org or call (845) 876-4818 for more information.

Abilities First to hold Golf & Tennis Classic

Abilities First's 2022 Golf & Tennis Classic will be held on Monday, Aug. 1, starting at 8:30 a.m., at The Powelton Club, 9 Old Balmaine Road, Newburgh. All proceeds from the event will benefit the services and programs of Abilities First and the Foundation for Abilities First NY.

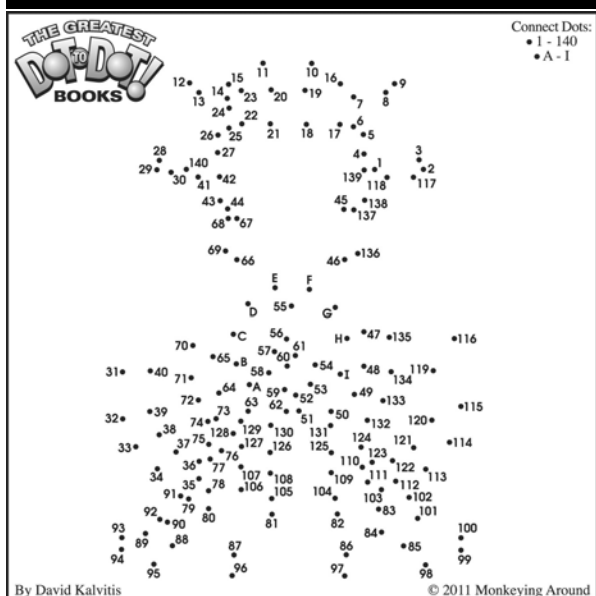
For more information about sponsorship opportunities or to reserve your spot, contact Teresa Walsh by calling (845) 485-9803, ext. 9394, emailing teresa.walsh@abilitiesfirstny.org, or visiting www.AbilitiesFirstNY.org/golf-tennis.

ONGOING

The Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association is looking for volunteers to perform all tasks required to plant and maintain the garden. No gardening expertise is needed, we will train as we work. You need to be 18 years old or older and be able to perform, at minimum, basic physical labor such as bending, kneeling and carrying buckets. Garden work is done during the spring, summer and fall months on Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You are welcome to work as often and on any days that suit your schedule. For further information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org, visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call (845) 229-6432.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 18 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



FALL FOR ART APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH MAY 15

The 26th Fall for Art will once again take place virtually this year, from 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, through 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11. The Call for Entry is open to Hudson Valley artists; applications will be accepted up to Sunday, May 15. Visit fallforart.org for more information.

Twenty-six years ago, Judy Polinsky suggested that the Jewish Federation of Ulster County sponsor an art event for Hudson Valley artists to gather together in one space to show and sell their artwork. Judy and Barbara Cohen asked celebrated artist Katharine McKenna if she thought this idea would work. Katharine said: "Absolutely!"

Twenty-six years later, Fall for Art is now established as a premier art and community fundraising event. Proceeds from FFA are allocated to the artists (70 percent of individual sales), Federation causes and local nonprofits.

This year, Fall for Art will support the Federation, Hudson Valley artists, and local nonprofits including Circle of Friends for the Dying, Hudson Valley Food Bank, Jewish Family Services, Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center, Oncology Support Services and People's Place.

A seamless, user-friendly, eye-pleasing virtual platform has been created by Mike Rice, owner of Net Prophet, and graphic artist Supattra Samanyaphon. Art lovers will be able to "visit" 34 Hudson Valley artists spaces, representing a variety of 2- and 3-dimensional media.

To become a Fall for Art sponsor, visit www.fallforart.org, call the Federation office at (845) 338-8131 or email bacohen@gmail.com.

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‘Shakespeare in Love’ set at The Center

Up In One Productions presents Lee Hall's stage adaptation of Marc Norman's and Tom Stoppard's highly acclaimed Academy Award-winning screenplay "Shakespeare in Love" at The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck. The sparkling, romantic comedy will be presented April 22-May 8 on The Globe set designed by Broadway scenic artist, Richard Prouse, at The Center.

Performances will start at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$25 and may be reserved by calling the box office at (845) 876-3080 or online at www.centerforperformingarts.org.

The story follows young Will Shakespeare, who suffers writer's block as the deadline for his new play quickly approaches. He is in desperate need of inspiration until he meets his muse, Viola. This beautiful, aristocratic, young woman is Will's greatest admirer and she will stop at nothing (including breaking the law) to appear in his next play. Against a

bustling, comedic backdrop of mistaken identity, ruthless scheming and backstage theatrics, Will's love for Viola quickly blossoms, inspiring him to write one of his most beloved, epic masterpieces.

"Shakespeare In Love" is directed by Thomas Netter and produced by Diana di Grandi. Wendell Scherer plays Will Shakespeare opposite Cassiopeia Outtulich as Lady Viola De Lesseps. The cast includes Michael Risio as Shakespeare's talented colleague and friend Kit Marlowe; Kevin McCarthy as loan shark-turned-producer Fennyman; Justin Doro as Viola's insufferable fiancé, Lord Wessex; David Foster as theatrical entrepreneur Richard Burbage; Frank McGinnis as famous thespian Ned Alleyn; Jody Satriani, as Viola's abetting nurse; Tom Starace in double roles as The Lord Chamberlain, Edmund Tilney and Sir Robert De Lesseps; Andy Crispell as rival theater manager Philip Henslowe; and Diana di Grandi as the indomitable Queen Elizabeth I.



Cassiopeia Outtulich (Viola), Wendell Scherer (Shakespeare), Suzette Haas (Lady DeLesseps) and Justin Doro (Wessex) are featured in "Shakespeare in Love" at The Center for Performing Arts in Rhinebeck. *Courtesy photo*



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Calling All Singers: Hudson Valley Gospel Choir Gathering

Always wanted to sing in a gospel choir? The Hudson Valley Gospel Festival Committee and Festival Choir invite you to this informational meeting and maybe even an impromptu song. On Monday May 9, at 7 p.m., we will gather to discuss the Hudson Valley Gospel Festival 2022 and the festival choir. Please RSVP to <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/HVGFCChoirCall>

The Hudson Valley Gospel Festival held its inaugural event in February 2020 featuring the Hudson Valley Gospel Festival Choir, Just Voices, the West Point Gospel Choir,

the Livingstone College Gospel Choir, Everett Drake, and Edwin Sutton. The 2021 Festival featured the festival choir, Just Voices, the Jazz Pioneers, and Renee Bailey. We also introduced praise dance to the festival with Bethel Missionary Baptist Church Sisters of Glorious Praise. Planning is in the works for the 2022 Hudson Valley Gospel Festival on Oct. 1, 2022. And this year we are adding a festival dance praise group. There will be a series of events leading up to the festival, including monthly presentations on Gospel in the Hudson Valley and beyond.



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ART EXHIBITIONS

Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St., Beacon. **Through May 29:** "The Transylvania Effect," new works by Surrealist Painter K.P. Devlin. (845) 416-8342 or www.bannermancastle.org

CCS Bard, The Hessel Museum of Art, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. **Through May 29:** "Interference," 14 new exhibitions and curatorial projects that probe the hybrid conditions, change, and adaptation that have defined life and, in turn, contemporary art and curatorial practice, since the start of the pandemic. Each exhibition is independently curated by a member of CCS Bard's graduating class, who began their study in Fall 2020, and draws upon the Marieluise Hessel Collection and CCS Bard's Library and Archives as a launch pad to put forward original research on emerging and overlooked contemporary art and artists. <https://ccs.bard.edu/>

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

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

Montgomery Row, 6422-6423 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through April:** The Friends of the Starr Library Art Sale, the paintings, cynotypes, and works on paper were created by Lili Farrell, Carol Leib, and Syd Brown among others. The remaining works were collected by Lili Farrell during her worldwide travels or given to her by friends and fellow artists. All proceeds will support The Starr Library's programs and collections. <http://montgomeryrow.com/>

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through April:** "The impeded stream is the one that sings," photographs by Adrianna Ault. (845) 876-2903 or <http://morton.rhinecliff.lib.ny.us/>

Pine Plains Free Library, 7775 S Main St., Pine Plains. **Through April:** The Friends of the Pine Plains Library are sponsoring a Community Art Exhibit. The theme is Welcome to Spring. Artists are of varied ages and demonstrate a range of techniques to include watercolor, acrylic, pencil and oil. Styles run from still life to landscape and abstract. (518) 398-1927 or <https://www.pineplainslibrary.org/>

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through April 21:** Botanical artwork by Ellen Crimmins, a collection of 19 traditional and waxed watercolors. Artwork@RhinebeckBank.com

Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through April:** Sunny Allis (they/them) is a trans non-binary artist, filmmaker, educator and musician. Many of their projects have focused on community building through various forms of storytelling and play. Through their paintings, Sunny explores the body's ability to evolve and transform; its boundaries unfixed and fluid. They find wonder and hope in the queer body as something that can morph spontaneously, reminding us that acts of becoming lead to liberation. (845) 876-4030 or www.starrlibrary.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through May 1:** "Captured Light," the gallery's annual photography show highlighting photography and all its myriad of forms. The displayed work will include traditional photography, digital photography and alternate photography methods. (845) 757-2667 or www.tivoliartists-gallery.com

WomensWork.art, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. **Through April 23:** "Alvin S. Chiappolini: Small Works," curated by Gallery Director Nikki Hung. www.womenswork.art



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A saucy situation

Is it Sauce or Gravy? The age-old debate continues...

In the beginning Italians had tomatoes. Not really though. Tomatoes originated in America and it is believed they were brought back to Europe by Christopher Columbus in 1793. Primarily used in flower gardens, tomatoes were not widely eaten and often used as ornaments. Many people thought that they were poisonous. The use of tomato sauce on pasta doesn't appear till the late 1700s. However, the question of sauce vs. gravy doesn't appear for another 300 years.

Growing up in a house with two "off the boat" Italians, we always called it sauce. My aunts, uncles and cousins also called it sauce. Pasta was pasta, not macaroni. Macaroni was elbows (an argument for another time). Everything else was pasta. Sauce went with pasta. Gravy was for turkey. I remember being a teenager and going to a friend's house for dinner for the first time. When I asked him what was for dinner he said macaroni with gravy. I remember thinking that it must be an American dish so I kept my mouth shut. When I saw bowls of pasta with sauce, I was really confused. So being the shy Italian boy that I was, I asked his mother what was going on.

Joey said we were having macaroni with gravy. This was pasta with sauce. She then explained that in their house, they called tomato sauce "gravy." When I said that gravy was for turkey, she told me to shut up and eat. I went home confused.

I told my mother what had happened, that Joey's family called sauce gravy. My mother wiped her hand on her apron, looked at me with the most serious look in her eyes and said, "Sauce is for pasta, gravy is for turkey! You capisce?" So began the "great" debate for me and the quest for the ultimate answer.

My quest began very innocently, by asking my Italian friends whether they called it sauce or gravy. Vinny Justibuono told me they called it gravy. Anthony

Mustacelli told me they called it sauce. I started noticing a trend, that the further North on the boat that your ancestors came from predicated how you termed sauce, or gravy. Northern Italians called it sauce. Southern Italians called it gravy.

I had some of my friends tell me that if it's called gravy then those people were not Italian. I had other tell me that only true Italians called it gravy. I also had a few people tell me to shut up and mind my own freakin' business.

I realized that a question that brought out such passion, and such anger was something that needed to be answered. To try to break the tie, I asked my non-Italian friends what they called it sauce or gravy and they just looked at me like I had three heads. I had reached an impasse.

I did a little internet research and found some comments on the "great" debate. Some folks attach "gravy" on a South Philly upbringing. Other's say it's a Jersey thing. Still others say it's from growing up in the Bronx. One article said that it came from Long Island at the turn of the 20th century in the Port Washington section.

While some Italian-Americans may call it gravy, people from Italy don't have the same habit. One Italian chef from New York, who was born in Naples, had this to say: "In an Italian family we make 'sauce' for a pasta meal. Gravy is brown and for turkey only." Another chef commented "My husband's family from Jersey says gravy, but I lived in Italy and can promise it was never referred to as 'gravy' by any Italians!"

I saw one theory that tomato sauce is a meatless marinara; when you add protein such as meat to it like meatballs and sausage, it becomes gravy. Sauce is made from just tomatoes.

One friend of mine who owns an Italian restaurant in Jersey has had an ongoing argument with his "off the boat" grandmother. When he served her his

baked ziti in red sauce, she demanded he call it gravy. Then, for Christmas, she got him an ornament that said "It's Gravy, not Sauce." Naturally, he didn't hang it.

Sauce vs. Gravy is the Italian version of "Less filling! Taste Great!", "Yankees vs. Mets" and "Giants vs. Jets" all rolled into one. Whole families have been ripped apart because of this argument. I've heard of people not talking for years because they believe it's sauce not gravy.

One Philadelphia restaurateur remarks, "It's a South Philly thing to throw meatballs into your red sauce and overcook it and then call it gravy." After a little more internet research I found a historical article about the great debate. Our southern Italian ancestors prepared both salsas and sugos. A salsa is a vegetarian sauce with little or no meat that is not cooked very long. Sugo, or gravy, is a tomato and meat preparation that slowly cooks all day.

I remember going to my grandmother's house in Marlboro, NY after Sunday mass and watching her make her sauce. First she would fry a chunk of fatty pork meat in olive oil. She would then add sausages, meatballs and bracirole with garlic, onions, spices, red wine, tomato paste and crushed tomatoes and let it simmer for 2-3 hours. All afternoon we would sneak into the kitchen and tear off a hunk of bread and dip it in the sauce. We would have to be quick or Nonna would smack us with her wooden spoon.

We would then have it with a hearty pasta, such as rigatoni, with loaves of home-baked crusty Italian bread and fresh shaved Reggiano Parmigiana cheese. We would have a chunk of cheese on the table with a cheese grater and pass it around to freshly grate cheese on our pasta. I remember the taste of the sweet sauce combined with the sharp creamy cheese. We would ladle out the meat onto our plate right out of the pot. Those meatballs had to be handled delicately because they were sitting in the sauce for hours. They would just fall apart in your mouth. The addition of the homemade sausage to the sauce gave it just enough "kick" to tingle your tongue. It's amazing how well balanced those sauces were. You had sweet, sharp, and spicy flavors all coming together in perfect harmony.

If one accepts that gravy is basically sauce slow-cooked with meat, does it matter what kind of meat? Some say that if you don't add pork bones to it, it's sauce. Others say that the amount of time it takes to make, makes it sauce or gravy. As I said, there were more than a few arguments during my quest to settle the "great" debate once and for all. I for one agree to disagree. Either way, once you combine with pasta it's delicious.

So what have I discovered in my quest for the answer to the great debate? If you want to call it gravy, call it gravy. Want to

toss in some pieces of chuck steak instead of pork shoulder, go ahead. Prefer spaghetti over rigatoni, you got it. For each and every Italian-American family, the spicy, thick tomato-based chili styled ragu that becomes the pinnacle of every Italian-American's Sunday dinner may be made differently, taste different and be called something different, but at the end of the day, no matter which way you stir the pot, it's really all the same. Pasta, sauce (or gravy), bread, cheese, wine (definitely).

To me, gravy isn't a food, it's a memory of good times, relatives and friends, and coming together. Memories of a meal so incredible and so tasty that even the most curious, wide-eyed Italian American boy can forget to worry about what's in a name and instead focus on more important things — like what's for dessert.

NONNA'S SUNDAY SAUCE OR GRAVY

Ingredients

- 1 lb. Pork Shoulder meat cut into 1 inch cubes
- 4 Meatballs
- 4 Spicy Sausage
- 2 qt. Crushed Plum Tomatoes
- 1/2 cup Water
- 1/2 pint Tomato Paste
- 1 small Finely diced Onion
- 4 cloves Finely diced Garlic
- 10 oz. Red Wine
- 1 tbspn. Sugar
- 1 tspn. Salt
- 1 tspn. Pepper
- 1 tspn. Oregano
- 1 tbspn. Dried Basil
- 1/4 cup Olive oil

Directions

In a large pot add olive oil, onions and garlic. Simmer on low heat until onions become translucent (about 10-15 minutes). Add pork meat and brown. Bring heat up to high. Once ingredients begin to sizzle add the red wine and scrape the bottom of the pot with a wooden spoon. Add in remaining ingredients except meatballs and sausage and return the heat to low. Leave on the fire for two-three hours stirring occasionally. Until sauce, or gravy, becomes thick. A half-hour before service, add meatballs and sausage. Serve over hearty pasta such as rigatoni.

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.

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Civil War Living History Weekend and 'A War to Petrify the Heart'

by William P. Tatum III

Driving along Palen Road between Routes 82 and 52 in Hopewell Junction, one might notice a sign on the west side of the road for the East Fishkill Historical Society and the Brinkerhoff House Historic Site.

For those few in the know, that's not necessarily the Brinkerhoff House you are thinking of (home of the late Todd Brinkerhoff). This structure is the "other" Brinkerhoff House, technically the Brinkerhoff-Pudney-Palen House, which gives you a rough idea of the chronology of family occupation. Houses that once belonged or were constructed by the Brinkerhoffs, Van Wycks, Storms, and other ancient southern Dutchess families still abound in East Fishkill and Fishkill. The East Fishkill Historical Society, which formed in 1960, has occupied and preserved this remarkable surviving home from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries since 1975.

Over the intervening decades, the society has filled the house and adjoining property with treasures of the local past, including an original nineteenth-century schoolhouse, ice house, and blacksmith's shop, all relocated from other sites in East Fishkill.

The Brinkerhoff house holds and protects a trove of objects and documents, among them a stack of nearly 200 letters home from Richard T. Van Wyck. Van Wyck enlisted in the 150th New York Volunteer Infantry in October 1862 for three years, which coincidentally turned out to be the duration of the Civil War. While some may be aware of the draft riots of 1864, the federal government had threatened conscription two years earlier to fill up its field armies.

In response, Dutchess County promised to raise a full regiment of volunteers, which local leaders accomplished in short order. After gathering in Poughkeepsie, the regiment sailed to Baltimore later in the autumn of 1862 and went on to participate in the major campaigns of the eastern and western theatres through the rest of the war. Van Wyck experienced it all and shared his views with friends and family at home. In 1997, the East Fishkill Historical Society published versions of the most moving letters, edited by Virginia Hughes Kaminsky, under the title "A War to Petrify the Heart,"



The Brinkerhoff-Palen-Pudney House, flanked by the 1820s schoolhouse and 1880s blacksmith shop at the East Fishkill Historical Society's campus, 68 N. Kensington Drive, Hopewell Junction. *Photo courtesy of Dutchess County Historian*

inspired by a passage from a December 1862 letter that is the title of this article.

The East Fishkill Historical Society still has many copies of "A War to Petrify the Heart" available: It was among the first local history books I read after moving to the area in 2012 and remains one of my favorite. You can pick up your copy and experience a live-action look into the life and soldiering experience of Richard T. Van Wyck on the weekend of April 30-May1, when the 150th New York Volunteer Infantry Historical Association presents a special Civil War Living History Weekend at the Brinkerhoff House.

Unlike most Civil War re-enactments that happen away from historical battlefields, this event is structured around a primary source linked to the area: Van Wyck's letters. The re-enactors will offer vignettes drawn from that collection, ranging from "Hotel Terra Firma" to a detailed display on a care package that Van Wyck's family sent to him in the field.

There will be demonstrations of camp cooking, weapons, and tactics, including rolling your own faux Civil War cartridge, along with displays of original

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artifacts and presentations on the 150th's exploits. Relatively few units from the Hudson Valley could claim to have experienced their baptism of fire at Gettysburg, then to have subsequently participated in Sherman's March to the Sea and been present for the surrender of the final Confederate Army in the east. You will have the chance to learn about these and other adventures that Richard T. Van Wyck personally experienced, rain or shine, on the last weekend of this month. The East Fishkill Historical Society requests a \$5 donation to support their ongoing public programming.

For individuals whose interest in history does not coincide with Civil War armies, never fear: There are offerings on hand for you as well. Local Blacksmith James Burr, Jr., will be on hand at the shop to demonstrate heavy metal history. Next door to that shop, James Fehr will explain how sawyers transformed a log into usable timber before the days when 2x4s were only a Home Depot trip away. The outdoor beehive oven is likely to be in operation as well. These and other demonstrations and tours by East Fishkill Historical Society volunteers offer insights into the world that Van Wyck and other Dutchess County soldiers left and to which they longed to return.

For those interested in period music, the society is happy to feature Max "Lumpy" Rowland, the infamous Long Island Balladeer, who is equally skilled on the banjo, German button accordion,

and concertina. Steeped in eighteenth and nineteenth century music, Mr. Lumpy will be delivering a special concert on Friday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Brinkerhoff House (68 N. Kensington Drive, Hopewell Junction), sharing songs and history of the era. He will be playing throughout the weekend to provide a musical accompaniment for the other demonstrations.

While Dutchess County's geographical location sets it far from the seat of what remains America's defining conflict, the Civil War nevertheless continues to loom large within our local history. Every site surviving from 1865 or earlier was marked by it in some fashion and local archives throughout the county hold material that testifies both to residents' experience of the war and the hold it has exercised over our imaginations ever since. William Faulkner's line about the Civil War's impact on the southern experience—"The past is never dead. It's not even past"—is a mantra for the entire local history sector. So if you have some time to spare at the end of the month, please visit the crew at the East Fishkill Historical Society to learn more about how those choices and experiences of earlier generations that still impact us today.

William P. Tatum III earned his Ph.D. in History at Brown University in 2016 and has served as the Dutchess County Historian since 2012.



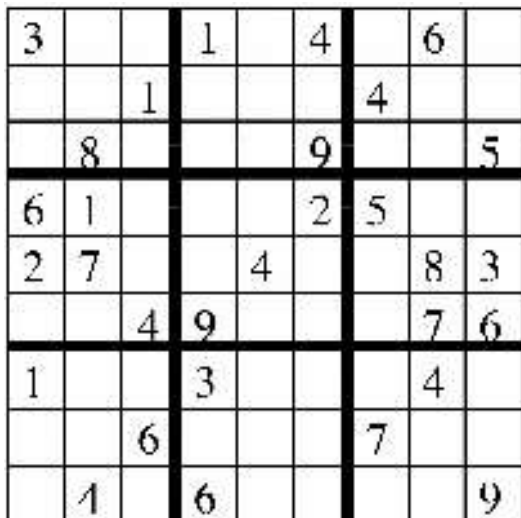
Hotel Terra Firma, as Robert T. Van Wyck described sleeping in the field. Learn more about his experience of soldiering during the Civil War at the East Fishkill Historical Society. *Photo courtesy of Mike Peets*

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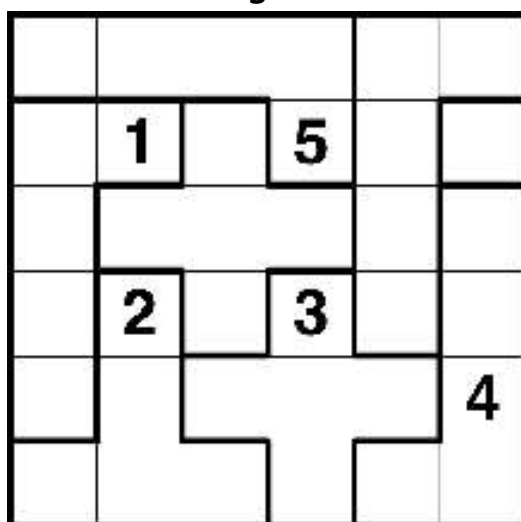
Diversions

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.



Suguru



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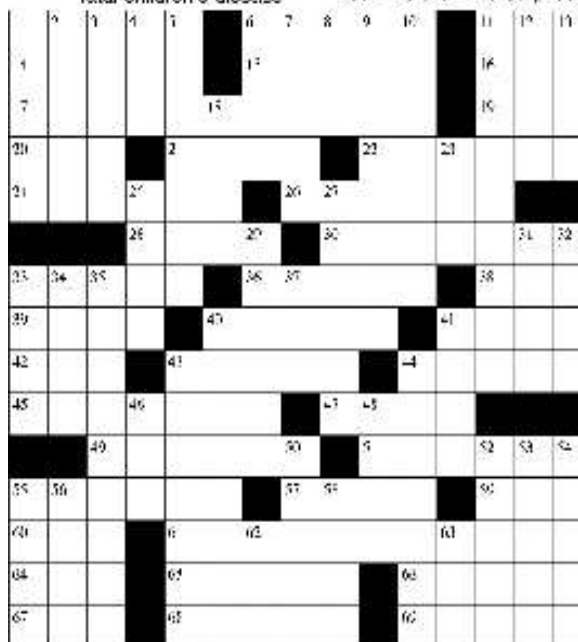
The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally,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

ACROSS

1. Christie Brinkley or Twiggy
8. Not as many
11. Denver or Hope
14. Sharp
15. Small
16. Spinks' 1978 opponent
17. High desserts
19. ___ ot; tree from
20. Scrap
21. Makes a lap
22. Horned animals, for short
24. Empty ___ parent; whose kids have flown the coop
26. Trimmers
28. Orna more
30. Supplied oxygen to
33. Jobs
36. Archaeologist's interest
38. * to Billy Joe*
39. Material fever
40. Intended
41. Soft cheese
42. Douglas
43. Red card
44. Fruits
45. Garment
47. Story
49. ___ show; directed
51. Driver's license item
55. Civil War battle site
57. Actor Richard
59. Southern constellation
60. Belonging to that guy
61. Putting in a different order
64. "The Walzout State", abbr.
65. Cafe customer
66. Weird
67. Got hitched
68. Uses a blue pencil
69. ___ Syndrome; potentially fatal children's disease

DOWN

1. City in Georgia
2. Yellow shade var.
3. Musical numbers
4. Somme summer
5. Diminishes
6. Truism
7. Wipe away
8. Cooking replacement
9. Arising
10. Bacon servings
11. Give stunt flying exhibitions
12. Conglomeration
13. Others
15. Ireland
19. Tax-deferred acct
25. Snailish
27. Delicately pretty
29. Christmas decoration
31. Ms. Adams
32. Shameful grades
33. U. S. President
34. Exchange fee
35. Taken a back
37. Former Wildcat alliance; abbr.
40. Nincompoop
41. Former capital city
43. One fable
44. Mirror hogger
48. Presidential nickname
49. Taj Mahal's site
50. White-plumed bird
52. Cow's employer?
53. Man's nickname
54. Hits the ceiling
55. Fox nation
58. Bring on board
59. Commits a boner
62. Philippine native
63. Word of mild surprise



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

A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

April 21

Air Supply, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. 1980s hit-makers bring their "Lost in Love Experience Tour" to Poughkeepsie, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$125. (845) 454-5800 or www.midhudsonciviccenter.org

April 22

Film: "Monterey Pop," UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. On a beautiful June weekend in 1967, the first Monterey International Pop Festival roared forward, capturing a decade's spirit and ushering in a new era of rock and roll. D.A. Pennebaker's psychedelic documentary features featuring Jimi Hendrix, Otis Redding, Janis Joplin, and more, at the height of the Summer of Love. 7:30 p.m. All seats \$6 (members get in free). All audiences at Bardavon and UPAC must be fully vaccinated and wear masks at all times. Ticket holders must show proof of vaccination and government issued ID on show days. (845) 473-2072, (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org.



Jimi Hendrix captured the world's attention with his performance at the Monterey Pop Festival. *Courtesy photo*

Murder Cafe: "The Mystery of the Alien Invasion," Le Chambord at Curry Estate, Hopewell Junction. It's 1954 and a spaceship has landed atop Mount Beacon. Dr. E. T. Mars will seize the opportunity to claim an invasion is approaching. Where is the alien that landed the ship? Evidence shows he has assumed human form and has made himself part of the convention. As a conflict between the believers and the doubters escalates a number of the guests are suddenly acting strangely. 7 p.m. \$75 per person, includes three-course dinner, show and cash bar. Reservations: (845) 221-1941. Tickets: curryestate.com

April 22-May 8

"Shakespeare In Love," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Up In One Productions presents the sparkling, romantic comedy based on the Academy Award-winning screenplay by Tom Stoppard & Marc Norman and adapted for the stage by Lee Hall with music by Paddy Cunneen. Directed by Thomas Netter and produced by Diana di Grandi. See the story on page 12 for more information. Tickets \$25. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

April 22-23

Jim Kweskin & Happy Traum, Beacon & Pine Plains. Jim Kweskin is best known as a singer and bandleader, but he also created one of the bedrock guitar styles of the folk revival, adapting the ragtime-blues finger-picking of artists like Mississippi John Hurt and Pink Anderson to the more complex chords of pop and jazz. Happy Traum is a much-loved and admired folk singer, writer, teacher, recording artist and first-rate fingerstyle guitarist. They'll perform together at two venues this week: On Friday, April 22, 8 p.m., at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon; and on Saturday, April 23, at 8 p.m., at The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. Towne Crier: (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com; The Stissing Center: (518) 771-3340 or www.thestissingcenter.org. *Courtesy photo*



April 23

"The Family Plot" Book Launch Party, Arts Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway, Kingston. Celebrating the new poetry collection by Linda McCauley Freeman, 2-4 p.m. In this, her first full-length collection of poems, McCauley Freeman tells the story of an American girlhood spent in a large and boisterous family that is sometimes dysfunctional, sometimes dangerous. www.Facebook.com/LindaMcCauleyFreeman

Hudson Valley Philharmonic: Virtuosos, Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. An HVP String Competition winner and the HVP's principal pianist perform works by two masters of the form, 8 p.m. Works include Sarah Kirkland Snider, "Something for the Dark"; Max Bruch, Scottish Fantasy, op.46 w/ 2018 HVP String Competition winner Max Tan, violin; and Ludwig van Beethoven, Concerto, piano no 4, op.58, G major w/ Yalin Chi, piano. Audience members are invited to a pre-concert talk with the guest conductor and soloists and/or members of the orchestra at 7 p.m. Tickets \$20-\$58. (845) 473-5288 or (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org. All audiences at Bardavon and UPAC must be fully vaccinated and wear masks at all times. Ticket holders must show proof of vaccination and government issued ID on show days.

Movies with Spirit: "The Father," Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 22 Livingston St., Kingston. The poignant drama stars Anthony Hopkins and Olivia Colman (below) in a bracingly insightful and compassionate look at encroaching dementia, 7 p.m. The 2020 film runs 97 minutes and is rated PG-13. The screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person. Movies With Spirit screenings comply with all federal, state and local health and safety protocols, including those of the screening venues. More info: Gerry Harrington, (845) 389-9201 or gerryharrington@mindspring.com. *Courtesy photo*



April 23-24

Impact Wrestling Rebellion, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Anthem Sports & Entertainment Inc. sponsors this two day event. Sat. & Sun., 7:30 p.m., with pay per view Saturday only starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets (845) 454-5800 or www.midhudsonciviccenter.org

April 24

Bard Conservatory of Music: Celebration of Vocal Music, The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Young professional opera singers from Bard Conservatory of Music's Vocal Arts Program will perform selections of opera arias, art songs, and musical tunes, 4 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$5 students. (518) 771-3339 or TheStissingCenter.org

NEA Big Read Event, virtual via Zoom. Authors Adi Alsaid, Margarita Longoria and Maria Andreu will talk with Amy Smith about their new books and the themes that resonate with this year's Big Read featured book, "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros - the immigrant experience and the meaning of home. 5 p.m. This free event is hosted by Oblong Books via Zoom Webinar & presented in partnership with Red Hook Public Library, Tivoli Free Library, Starr Library & Morton Memorial Library as part of the NEA Big Read Hudson Valley. All are welcome. Advance registration is required; available through the websites of participating libraries or www.oblongbooks.com.

April 27

NEA Big Read Event: Movie Screening of "Ghost Fleet" with director Jon Bowermaster, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. "Ghost Fleet" follows a small group of activists who risk their lives on remote Indonesian islands to find justice and freedom for the enslaved fishermen who feed the world's insatiable appetite for seafood. Bangkok-based Patima Tungpuchayakul, a Thai abolitionist, has committed her life to helping these "lost" men return home. Facing illness, death threats, corruption and complacency, Patima's fearless determination for justice inspires her nation and the world. 6:30 p.m. Free. Writer, filmmaker and adventurer, Bowermaster, is a Visiting Lecturer at Bard College, in the Environment and Urban Studies Department, and will lead a discussion of his film Ghost Fleet after a screening of the film. (845) 876-2903

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Grammy winner, Rotary Clubs to be recognized during gala

by Kristine Coulter

Members of the Vassar Haiti Project (VHP) will honor Jerry Wonda, a three-time Grammy Award winner and Platinum music producer, and The Rotary Clubs of the Hudson Valley at its Art & Soul Gala, which will be held virtually on Thursday, April 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. To register, go to <https://thehaitiproject.org/events/art-and-soul-gala-2022>.

"At the Art and Soul Gala event, people who attend the event will learn how their donations directly affect the people in rural Haiti who would not ordinarily have access to health care. They will see how the Rotary Clubs of the Hudson Valley believe in the work of the Vassar Haiti Project over the past 10 years. They will also get to see how Jerry Wonda, the Grammy award winning musician and producer has been able to accomplish all he has to affect the music industry...and Haiti..." remarked Lila Meade, who co-founded VHP with her husband, Andrew.

The annual gala, which VHP stated is supported by local physicians and businesses from throughout the Hudson

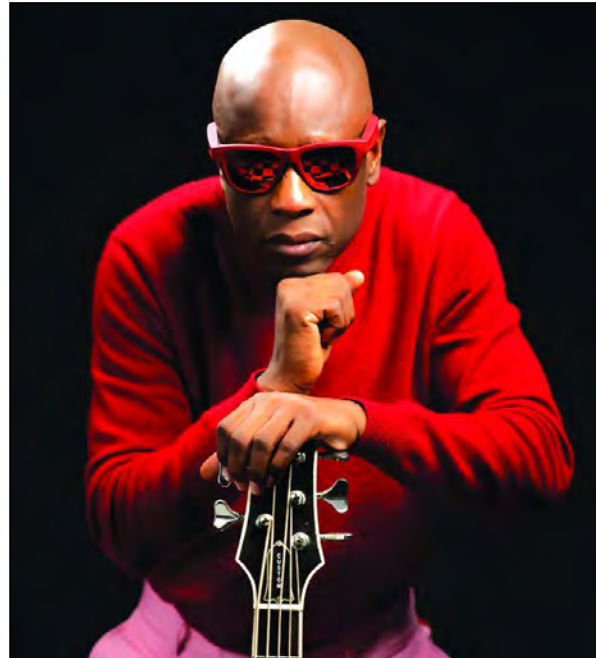
Valley, provides funding for a medical clinic in Haiti that is also financed through the sale of Haitian art and crafts.

"The program will give our viewers a chance to learn a bit about our work in Haiti. There will be amazing musicians from Haiti playing as well, including Jerry Wonda! Many surprises as well, which we can't tell you about now...but we invite you to join us," Meade said.

If one attends the virtual gala, what will the funds go toward?

"The funds will pay for a full year of medical care to thousands of people in the rural mountains of Haiti. This will be our 7th year opened as a full-time clinic. These include a doctor's salary, two nurses salary, a midwife and medications that we give to the people. We ask the patients to pay approximately \$1 for a visit, including medications but often they cannot even afford that," replied Meade.

VHP Student Co-President Alice (Yiqing) Fan said that Art & Soul is one of the most meaningful events the organization plans "it is a night of celebration, remembrance, and looking forward. The funds raised support our clinic in Fiervil,



Grammy Award-winner Jerry Wonda and The Rotary Clubs will be honored by Vassar Haiti Project members during a virtual gala on April 28. Courtesy photo

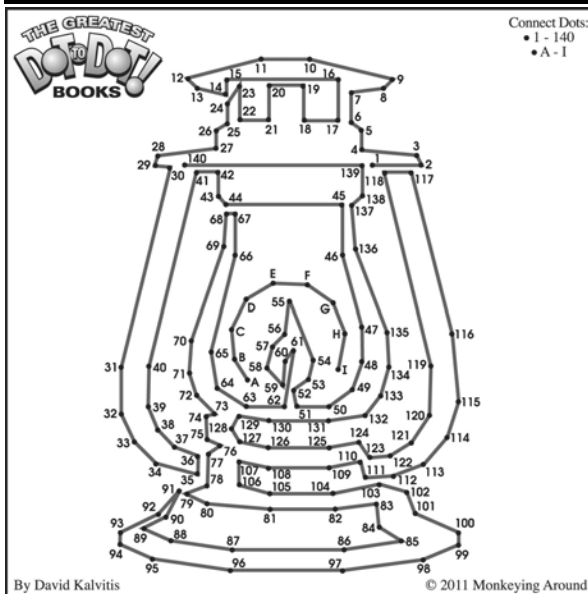
Haiti, for a whole year. All VHP'ers are looking forward to this event and all the new possibilities we will create!"

The program is free and open to the public with registration required.

"We request donations if people are moved to support our work in Haiti," noted Meade.

To register, visit <https://thehaitiproject.org/>.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 11)



Winnakee launches 'Forever Forests' to protect 10,000 acres in 10 years

In celebration of International Day of the Forests, Winnakee Land Trust has announced "Forever Forests," a 10-year campaign to protect 10,000 acres in ten years across the Hudson Valley.

Winnakee invites members of the public to a free, special presentation of "Forever Forests" on Sunday, April 24 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at CO, 6571 Spring Brook Avenue in Rhinebeck, as part of Earth Week. The event will detail Winnakee-led strategies for measurable impact at the local level to this global issue.

"The importance of acting to protect local forests, and the ecosystem services they provide, is at a crucial window in the

next ten years, before they are lost to development, pests and pathogens and the effects of climate change," said Winnakee's Executive Director Bob Davis.

"Within the lifetime of a child born today, many of the environmental and economic benefits of our forests will be denied to their generation, and those to come," added Davis.

"Additionally, 70 percent of NY's forests are not viable to regenerate without timely and comprehensive stewardship action, a key component of Winnakee's conservation strategy to restore protected forests. The Hudson Valley, in particular, has the lowest forest regeneration rates in NYS. Coupled with one of the nation's highest population growths in recent years, this could mean outright disaster for local forests and the public benefits they offer our region as one of the most desired places to live in the U.S."

Winnakee's Forever Forest campaign lays out a strategy to protect and restore 10,000 acres of forest to their fullest ecological potential. Winnakee is making this announcement on International Day of Forests, a day proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012, to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests.

Answers to this week's diversions (puzzles on page 16)

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Chicken Run 5K to bring disability awareness

by Kristine Coulter

The inaugural Chicken Run5K will take place on April 23 at The Fresh Air Fund's Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill. The run, which is being hosted by Chickens with Attitude, will fund the publication of a children's book. The book is titled "Jolene, the Disability Awareness Chicken."

"Race day begins with registration from 7 - 9 a.m. and then the race begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by an awards ceremony, live music, a raffle and storytelling with Laura Basili," explained organizer Karen Finnegan. Registration is \$30 to race and free for individuals who want to enjoy the music, raffle and storytelling.

"The run is open to anyone who loves fun events, especially families and children. This is a fun-run with live music, a book signing and trophies in the shapes of chickens will be handed out," said Finnegan.

What is "Jolene, the Disability Awareness Chicken" about?

"Jolene was one of six chicks hatched in the Hudson Valley in the spring of 2021. Jolene's egg was blue while all the others were brown or white," remarked Finnegan. "Jolene was born with a birth defect known as perosis which made it impossible for her to fly or run. In the book, Jolene and her sister, Christopher,

help inspire children to embrace what is special and different in each other. Christopher, the actual chicken from the story, will be present at the event (Jolene passed away last year, Christopher has become her advocate and even lays blue eggs in her memory!)." Copies of the book will be available for purchase on race day.

According to organizers, a percentage of the proceeds will go to The Foundation for Beacon Schools, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

"We're delighted that the organizers of the first annual Chicken Run 5K are donating 20% of the proceeds to the Foundation for Beacon Schools. Our mission is to help fund innovative and enriching learning experiences in the Beacon City School District which allow more students to find and cultivate their talents," said Anna Sullivan, Board Chair, The Foundation for Beacon Schools.

Sullivan stated, "The donation from the Chicken Run 5K will go directly to our fund for teacher grants and district-wide learning initiatives that advance this mission. The community support for this wonderful family event has been heart-warming to see. We are so grateful to the organizers, sponsoring businesses, and the support of all our local communities."

For the runners who participate,



Bill Elkins, co-coordinator of The Chicken Run and owner of Black Rock Runners, runs the course of The Chicken Run5K at Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill. Inset the cover of "Jolene, the Disability Awareness Chicken." *Courtesy photos*

Finnegan described the course as "a mix of trail and road crisscrossing Sharpe Reservation full of rolling hills and beautiful views, past deep blue lakes and through established old growth forest."

Sponsors of the event are Your CBD

Store - Wappingers Falls. Other sponsors include the Hudson Valley Renegades, Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, iHeart Radio and more.

For more information, visit www.ChickenRun5k.com.

20 complete basic course at DC Law Enforcement Academy

Dutchess County Acting Sheriff Kirk A. Imperati announced the graduation of the 25th session of the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy Basic Course for Police Officers. The ceremony was held in the James and Betty Hall Theatre at Dutchess Community College.

"Today is the culmination of 26 weeks of commitment and perseverance by individuals who have chosen the path of police service within their communities. These graduates have completed an intensive training program that has provided them with a strong foundation to be guardians of their community and to protect and preserve the rights of others," said Imperati. "I congratulate the graduates and their families, and I wish them all a safe and successful law enforcement career."

Twenty officers from seven different police agencies successfully completed the training program. The curriculum included instruction in such topics as penal law and traffic law, police procedures and investigative techniques, domestic violence, mental health and crisis intervention, de-escalation techniques, CPR/AED/first aid, procedural justice and implicit bias training, physical fitness, defensive tactics, firearms, and emergency vehicle operations.

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Training Bureau is responsible for directing and administering the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy. The academy is recognized by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Public Safety as an approved police academy to conduct the Municipal Police Training Council Basic Course for Police Officers. This training is required for all newly appointed deputy sheriffs and police officers in New York state.

Although the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office is the lead agency for the academy, the City of Poughkeepsie, City of Beacon, Town of Poughkeepsie and



Twenty individuals recently completed their basic course at Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy. *Courtesy photo*

Town of East Fishkill police departments, as well as other law enforcement agencies, provide support and instruction throughout the academy that is essential to this successful collaboration. There is also a strong partnership with the legal community, mental health clinicians, substance abuse counselors, domestic violence prevention advocates and representatives from the special needs community who provide valuable guidance and instruction during the police academy.

"We engage key stakeholders to ensure that the police recruits are educated in the challenges they will encounter and well versed in the services available to help people in need, especially those experiencing a mental health crisis or substance addiction," said Imperati.

The Acting Sheriff noted "this class represents the most diverse group of graduates in the history of the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy," adding, "I will continue our efforts to diversify by working closely with our community leaders and elected officials, including County Executive Marcus

Molinaro and the County Legislature, as we strive to get better every day."

Graduates of the 25th Session of the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy:

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office: Deputy Sheriff John Andersen, Deputy Sheriff Travis Beyea, Deputy Sheriff Devin Carpenter, Deputy Sheriff Ishmael Chisholm, Deputy Sheriff Carisma Collins, Deputy Sheriff Kristy Garcia, and Deputy Sheriff Christian McGaw.

City of Poughkeepsie Police Department: Police Officer Gary Beahan, Police Officer Sequan Heard, and Police Officer Christopher Warrick. Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department: Police Officer Klaus Kutz and Police Officer Tanner Scheible.

City of Beacon Police Department: Police Officer Stephen Donovan.

Town of East Fishkill Police Department: Police Officer Bret Filancia and Police Officer Steven Snyder. Columbia County Sheriff's Office: Deputy Sheriff Dana Scott, Deputy Sheriff Daniel Stang, Deputy Sheriff

Tyler Suchoski, and Deputy Sheriff Micah Weaver.

Town of Lloyd Police Department: Police Officer Cole Nicolis.

Award recipients of the 25th Session of the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy:

The Sheriff Adrian H. Anderson Award: Deputy Sheriff Carisma Collins, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office

"Top Cop" Achievement Award: Police Officer Tanner Scheible, Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department.

Academic Achievement Award: Deputy Sheriff Micah Weaver, Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

Physical Fitness Achievement Award: Deputy Sheriff Christian McGaw, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office.

Firearms Proficiency Achievement Award: Deputy Sheriff Micah Weaver, Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

Esprit De Corps Award: Deputy Sheriff Ishmael Chisholm, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office Police Officer Klaus Kutz, Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TO ANN OF WAPPINGER

DUTCHESS COUNTY
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Town of Wappinger Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the 26th day of April, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Wappinger, 20 Middlebrook Road, Wappinger Falls, NY pursuant to Section 240-37 of the Zoning Law of the Town of Wappinger to consider the following variance:

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, the Zoning Board of Appeals has informed a determination of a final decision pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and hereby reserves its right to make such determination after the conclusion of the public hearing.

Appeal No.: 22-749 (Area Variance)

Gerard and Patricia Heidt: Seeking an area variance Section 240-37 of District Regulations in an R40 Zoning District.

Where 25 feet to the rear yard property line is required, the applicant can provide 18 feet for construction of a 30 x 17 deck, thus requesting a variance of 7 feet.

The property is located at 19 Fieldstone Boulevard and is identified as Tax Lot No. 6257-1D-27 TID09 in the Town of Wappinger.

All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals at the public hearing as stated above.

Signed: Peter Gakotti, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Wappinger

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April 13, 2022

Notice is hereby given that a license, number 2229185 for beer and wine has been applied for by CBOCS NY, LLC d/b/a Ciocker Barrel Old County Store #350 to sell beer and wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 4 Merritt Blvd., Fiskville, NY, District County for on premises consumption. CBOCS NY, LLC d/b/a Ciocker Barrel Old County Store #350

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Separate sealed bids on enclosed form as prepared by the Engineer to the Village of Wappinger Falls will be received at the offices of the Village of Wappinger Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappinger Falls, New York until 11:00 A.M. (Local Time) on Friday, May 13, 2022 for:

ROUTE 9 SEWER

Village of Wappinger Falls, Dutchess County, New York

For the construction of Route 9 sewer improvements in front of Dutchess Plaza on Route 9 in the Village of Wappinger Falls, including installation of new sewer, abandonment of existing sewer, and pavement restoration.

Bids received after 11:00 A.M., Friday, May 13, 2022 will not be accepted or considered.

Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:15 A.M. (local time) on Friday, May 13, 2022 at the offices of the Village of Wappinger Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappinger Falls, New York.

The information for Bidders, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be reviewed at the

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offices of the Village of Wappinger Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappinger Falls, New York 12590, and at the office of KC Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., 15 Governor Drive, Second Floor, Newburgh, New York 12550.

Drawings and other Contract Documents will be available on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 and may be obtained ONLY at the Village Hall open deposit of \$50.00 per set. Deposit made by check shall be made payable to the Village Clerk. Contact Village Clerk or Village Staff Assistant. Said deposit shall be totally refunded to the successful bidder (if) who holds a proper bid deposit. Refunds shall be made only if plans are returned in good condition (in tact and unmarked), within thirty (30) days following the bid opening.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of five (5%) percent of the base bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the information for Bidders. The bid deposit shall be made in Certified Check from the bidder or in a bid bond on the form of said Bid Bond attached to the Specifications or similar and be drawn payable to the Village of Wappinger Falls.

No bidder will draw a bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening of the bid.

To all prospective bidders, there will be a strongly recommended pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. The pre-bid meeting will take place at 9:00 A.M. at the Village Hall Court Room, at 2582 South Avenue. It is recommended

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that all bidders familiarize themselves with the plans prior to the pre-bid meeting so that questions and concerns can be addressed. Bidders are to promptly notify the Engineer of any errors, omissions, conflicts and/or ambiguities in the contract documents. No oral interpretations of the meaning of the Plans, Specifications, or other Pre-Bid Documents will be made to any prospective bidder. All requests for interpretation are to be in writing, addressed to KC Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., 15 Governor Drive, Second Floor, Newburgh, New York 12550. To be given consideration, requests for interpretation must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids. Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written Addenda to the Specifications with it, if issued, will be provided to the prospective bidders, not later than three (3) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids. Addenda will be issued by email to the bid document holders. All addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents. The first addenda will include bid document holders listed pre-bid meeting attendees list.

OWNERS' RIGHTS RESERVED: The Village of Wappinger Falls, hereinafter called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formality or technicality in any bid in the best interests of the Owner and in accordance with the Law.

STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION: Bidders on the Contract are required to execute the Non-Collusion Bidding

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Certificate, in the form attached to the Specifications, pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Bidders are also required to comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law as set forth in Article 15 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

The work required by this Contract shall consist of finishing all labor, equipment, materials, expenditure, and performing all work necessary to complete the project as herein described. The major components of said work are approximately:

1. Sewer pavement and pipe replacement.
2. Finish and install new sanitary sewer manholes and gully sanitary sewer pipe with Village easements.
3. Sewer connections and invert rough modification to two existing sanitary sewer manholes.
4. Abandonment of existing sanitary sewer manholes and gully sanitary sewer pipe within NYS Route 9.
5. Full depth trench repair, pavement restoration, asphalt crack seal at edge of pavement restoration, and restoration of pavement markings.
6. Maintenance and Protection of Traffic.

Work to be performed under this contract will be within Village easements on private property and on NYS owned property. The Contractor is to assure themselves that all work is being performed within easements or on NYS owned property. The Village of Wappinger Falls is exempt under the Tax Law of New York State, Article 28 - Part III, and is exempt from payment of Sales and Compensating

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Use Taxes of the State of New York on all materials which are incorporated in the work pursuant to the provisions of the Contract. These taxes are not to be included in the bid under Article 28, Part III.

The project is under New York State prevailing wage rates.

This notice is issued in the name of the Owner, the Village of Wappinger Falls, Wappinger Falls, New York.

Dated: Wednesday, April 20, 2022
John Karge
Village Clerk

or
Wappinger Falls, 2582 South Avenue
Wappinger Falls, New York 12590

Legal Notice
Notice of
Public Hearing
Village of
Wappinger Falls
2022-2023 Final Budget
Meeting

Please be advised that the Village of Wappinger Falls Mayor and Board of Trustees will hold a Final Hearing to adopt the 2022-2023 budget on April 27, 2022, 6:00 P.M. The purpose is to have public participation. Public may view and/or participate by following instructions on the village website: <https://www.wappingerfallsny.gov/village-board-meetings/>

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF WAPPINGER FALLS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Village Board of the Village of Wappinger Falls will con-

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duct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 27th day of April 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, Village of Wappinger Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappinger Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Village Board of the Village of Wappinger Falls shall adopt a proposed local law entitled "Local Law No. _____ of the Year 2022, to Overrule the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2022."

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the purpose of the proposed local law is to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of Wappinger Falls and authorize the Village Board to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2022 in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-6.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Village Board of Trustees has determined that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (2) the proposed adoption of the aforementioned local law is a type II action not requiring environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and, accordingly, no environmental review has been undertaken.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the proposed local law is available for review and inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappinger Falls, New York.

Dated: April 13, 2022

OBITUARIES

John J. (Jack) Brinckloe
KENNEBUNK AND HYDE PARK — John J. (Jack) Brinckloe, 91, of Kennebunk and former longtime resident of Hyde Park, NY, passed away Wednesday, April 6, 2022, in Maine. He was employed as Nurse Supervisor with Hudson River Psychiatric Center until his retirement and was a lifetime member of the Hyde Park Fire Department. Jack is predeceased by his wife, Mary Ellen Brinckloe, who died in 2015. Survivors include his daughter Jean Anne Brinckloe Bettes and her husband David of Kennebunkport, two nieces Roberta Maureau and her husband Tom of Glendale, NY and Patti Jo Zabrowski and her husband Ken of Beth Page, NY, great nephews Alexander and Andrew Maureau and their wives Dani & Lisa, and dear friend Millie Cluff of Kennebunkport. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at St. Martha's Church, 30 Portland Rd., Kennebunk. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Kennebunk. Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to The Dutchess Community College Foundation 53 Pendell Road Poughkeepsie NY 12601 or to Vassar College Office of Advancement, 140 College Avenue, Box 14, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, on both reference John Brinckloe. To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, please visit Jack's Book of Memories Page at www.bibberfuneral.com. Arrangements are in care of Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

Dominic Cerniglia
FORMERLY OF HYDE PARK — Dominic Cerniglia of Ocean Isle Beach, NC died peacefully in his sleep at home on March 24, 2022. He was 71 years old. He was born on June 10, 1950 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. the son of Mariano and Doris Cerniglia. He graduated from Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in 1968. Soon after graduating Dom

enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served in Vietnam receiving five medals of honor including the Bronze and Silver Star Oakleaf medal for valor and distinguished service. For most of his life, Dominic and his family lived in Hyde Park, NY. He was a wonderful and loving husband and father. He cherished spending time with his many friends and experiencing the beauty of the Hudson Valley. Dominic studied at Dutchess Community College and Marist College and enjoyed a long and successful career with IBM and Philips Semiconductors. He was talented with a broad skill set, was an accomplished electrician and a jack-of-all-trades. He was generous with his time and always available to lend a helping hand to a friend when needed. He is survived by his wife Pamela Cerniglia of 44 years, Ocean Isle Beach, NC, his loving daughter Andrea Stewart and her husband Shawn and grandchildren Dylan and Jackson and loving daughter Jenna and grandchild Jayden, his siblings Frances Evangelista and her husband Barney, Marianne Cerniglia, Mark Cerniglia and his wife Veronica Cerniglia, Angela Rhoderick and her husband David, and many nieces, nephews and cousins all residing in NY, MA, NC, OH, and SC. Dominic will be especially remembered for his love and devotion to family and friends. He brought light and love everywhere he went. He will be missed but will always live on in the hearts of those who knew him. A memorial will be held at a future date.

John Van Gent
COHOES/MILLBROOK — John Van Gent, 44, of Cohoes, NY, passed away on April 10, 2022. He was born on June 18, 1977 in Poughkeepsie, NY. Johnny, known for his kind and gentle heart, was loved by everyone who knew him. Growing up in Millbrook, Johnny was an outstanding athlete, excelling in High School and College, receiving many awards. He had a great work ethic, both on and off the field. Johnny is survived by his

daughter, Sammi Gent; his mother and step-father, Michele and Anthony Lupoli; brother, Chris Gent; step-mother, Jennie Gent; half-brother, Charlie Gent; step-sister, Jené Sena; step-brother, Patrick Lupoli; grandmothers, Connie Magliocca; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was pre-deceased by his father, Robert Gent; his grandfather, Anthony Magliocca; and his

grandparents, Edward and Marie Gent. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 15 North Avenue, Millbrook, NY 12545 at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wilcox & Regan Funeral Home of Ticonderoga. To offer online condolences, please visit www.wilcoxfan.dreganfuneralhome.com.

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