

COVID-19 UPDATE

Parsing the data:
It's complicated

The county's Health
Commissioner discusses
new variant, other issues

by Kate Goldsmith

You've no doubt heard (and possibly been irked by) the following statement, or some variation thereof, uttered (justifiably) by officials for some time now:

"We may be done with the pandemic, but the pandemic is not done with us."

A spring reprieve? Not so fast. After leveling off following soaring infections in fall and winter, active cases have been rising for the last month or so in the Northeast and right here in Dutchess County. A highly transmissible sub-variant of omicron called BA.2 is the latest culprit; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently estimated that more than 90 percent of all new COVID cases in the Northeast are caused by BA.2.

That said, hospitalizations and deaths – these are called "lagging indicators" because they don't start rising until several weeks into a new wave – are still relatively low. Does this suggest that BA.2 is milder than previous variants?

And how should we interpret data such as active cases? With the prevalence of home testing, there's no way to know how many positive results (or negative results, for that matter) are actually being reported.

Last week, we spoke to Dr. Livia Santiago-Rosado, MD, FACEP, Commissioner of the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH), about these and other questions. Her answers reflected a watchful, respectful approach to a virus that truly isn't done with us yet.

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Youth members are first
to serve on Ag committee

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced the appointments of Stissing Mountain High School senior Cailin Halladay and John Jay High School junior Jenna Franco to the Dutchess County Agricultural Advisory Committee and its Education Subcommittee during the 2022 Agriculture Breakfast at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck on Friday, April 22.

Halladay and Franco are the first two youth leadership members who have appointed to the committee. Halladay and Franco were appointed to a one- and two-year term, respectively.

The Education Subcommittee, which reports to and advises the County Executive on issues and policies regarding agriculture and agri-business, provides organization and leadership in carrying out the vision of the agricultural plan, and facilitates the implementation of programs outlined in the agricultural plan. Both appointees are active in their local Future Farmers of American chapters (FFA) and participate in agricultural education programs through their schools.

Molinaro said, "Dating back to Dutchess County's founding, agriculture has been integral in our community's identity and success, and farming remains a fundamental part of our county's her-



Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, left, is pictured with new youth members of the County Agricultural Advisory Committee Cailin Halladay of Stissing Mountain High School and Jenna Franco of John Jay High School and County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver. *Courtesy photo*

itage and future. Today, we celebrate not only Dutchess County's agricultural legacy and current prosperity, but with the appointment of Cailin and Jenna, the future of farming in our community. Our Agricultural Advisory Committee will benefit from these young women's experience, expertise and perspective."

The County Executive also announced that a 2022 solicitation for farmland, open space and pocket park projects through the County's Partnership for Manageable Growth (PMG) program will open on Monday, May 2. The PMG program has enabled the preservation of more than

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Rhinebeck secures \$3M
water treatment grant

by Rich Thomaselli

The Village of Rhinebeck has been named as one of the recipients of a New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation Grant to improve its water treatment plant, Gov. Kathy Hochul's office announced.

The grant totaled \$3 million; the Village applied for the grant in Nov. 2021 with a total project cost of \$6,156,000.

"We are very happy that Governor Hochul has committed to work with municipalities for providing clean water to New York," Rhinebeck Mayor Gary

Bassett said in a statement. "This grant will help us with our commitment to modernize the water treatment plant and continue to provide clean water to our residents."

The next phase of the project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2024.

The grant was part of a total of \$638 million in grants to municipalities and public authorities for 199 water infrastructure projects across the state that protect public health or improve water quality. Nearly \$601 million in Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grants

and over \$37 million in additional federal subsidies will support approximately \$1.6 billion in total infrastructure investment.

"Modernizing our state's water infrastructure is critical to ensuring every New Yorker has access to clean drinking water," Hochul said in a news release. "Protecting the public health of New Yorkers will always be a top priority for my administration and this funding is a testament to that commitment. We will continue working collaboratively with every level of government to empower localities with the funding they need to

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Toll rates on local bridges to rise May 1

The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) is reminding Hudson Valley drivers of new toll rates set to take effect at midnight on May 1. These rates are part of the Authority's four-year, phased-in toll revision that was initiated in 2020. Tolls are collected while traveling eastbound on the Authority's five toll crossings: the Bear Mountain, Newburgh-Beacon, Mid-Hudson, Kingston-Rhinecliff, and Rip Van Winkle Bridges. As part of the Authority's recent conversion to cashless tolling, all tolls are paid through E-ZPass or Tolls by Mail NY.

The new rates are the third phase of a four-year, phased-in toll revision on the spans operated by the Bridge Authority. Starting in 2020, the Bridge Authority began an incremental increase in toll rates on May 1 of each year, with the final phase set to take effect on May 1, 2023. Passenger cars with E-ZPass, which make up the majority of customers, see an increase of \$0.10 each year during the toll revision. The new toll rate schedule was approved in early 2020 after a lengthy public review and regulatory process.

The following rates will be effective from May 1 through April 30, 2023:

- Cars, Pick-ups & Motorcycles (2 axles, Less than 7'6") will pay \$1.55 with E-ZPass or \$2 for Tolls By Mail
- Commuter Plan (Passenger vehicles only, minimum of 17 trips each month), \$1.30 with E-ZPass
- Class 2 (2 axles, more than 7'6"), will be \$5.70 with E-ZPass or \$7 with Tolls By Mail

The Authority receives no operating funding through state or federal tax dollars, with nearly all of its revenue coming through tolls. Tolls are reinvested back into capital improvements on the Authority's spans, ensuring these critical pieces of infrastructure can continue serving the Hudson Valley for decades to come. Most notable among these projects is the replacement of the deck on the north span (carrying westbound traffic) of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, which is approaching its final stages and expected to be substantially complete by fall 2022.

In March, the Authority completed its transition to cashless tolling. All physical toll booths have been removed to allow for more seamless travel and less engine idling, with motorists now passing under cashless tolling gantries at each bridge. E-ZPass users have their tag read by sensors; all other vehicles have a photo taken of their license plate and a Tolls by Mail NY invoice sent to the registered vehicle owner's mailing address. Tolls can also be paid through the award-winning Tolls NY mobile app.

The Bridge Authority continues to encourage the traveling public to sign up for E-ZPass to take advantage of convenience, lower toll rates, and seamless travel throughout the eastern United States. E-ZPass tags can be procured online at www.e-zpassny.com or at select retail locations around the state.

Information on the toll revision and the recent conversion to cashless tolling is available on the Authority's website at www.nysba.ny.gov.

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Q: We seem to be at a place now where, although cases are increasing due to the highly contagious omicron sub-variant, hospitalizations and deaths are not reflecting that trend. Does this point to a sub-variant that is even milder, relatively speaking, than the omicron variant seen in the U. S. this past fall and winter?

"I think that's a complicated question. I don't know that we can make that assertion," said Dr. Santiago-Rosado. "The data we have does not suggest that it's milder than omicron; [the virus is] encountering a more protected population, through vaccination and [previously infected] people."

She encouraged taking measures to increase the chances that, if infected, you can get through it without severe illness or hospitalization.

"Get a booster, a second booster if you're eligible," she said. "It's all creating a wall for that variant to hit. Its effects are going to be lessened."

Q: What are the hallmarks of this sub-variant, in terms of symptoms and contagiousness? I've heard it's as contagious as measles.

"There are multiple BA.2 sub-variants, a whole family tree of sub-variants, that are all particularly transmissible, probably mirroring measles transmissibility," Dr. Santiago-Rosado said, "but there have been so many layers [of protection]; it's becoming very difficult to predict all these variables."

Noting that BA.2 is "certainly very transmissible," Dr. Santiago-Rosado advises that people continue the familiar mitigation efforts, "anything that we can do to tamp down the possibility of transmission, and if there is transmission to be [as safe as possible]," she said.

Q: With the increase of home-testing, how accurate a picture are we getting of active cases?

"They're much more difficult to interpret, because we don't know what we don't know," Dr. Santiago-Rosado said. "I don't know how many people are taking home tests and testing positive and not reporting [or how many are testing negative]. The best we can do is look at the trends more than the specific numbers."

"But when we do look at the trends, certainly since the second or third week of March we've seen a steady increase [in active cases and community transmission] ... but as you noted we have not seen the [increase in] hospitalization and deaths," said Dr. Santiago-Rosado.

"That's certainly hopeful, but I would still stay cautious."

Accessibility to and availability of antiviral medications could be one reason for lower hospitalizations and deaths.

"Some of those testing positive might be hopefully reaching out to their primary care physician," she said.

Dr. Santiago-Rosado noted that the BA.2 sub-variant is breaking off into "sub-sub-variants, [and] we don't know if they're going to behave differently."

Protecting ourselves as much as possible is key, she said.

The Health Commissioner referenced the low rate of pediatric vaccination. While she understands that parents are weighing the risks and benefits of vaccinating their children, it's still a concern.

Q: In light of the situation as it stands, what advice do you have for the public, with regard to mitigation strategies such as mask-wearing, and attending indoor gatherings?

"We're pretty much adhering to recommendations by the CDC and the state," said Dr. Santiago-Rosado. "The CDC came up with their paradigm of low, medium, high community levels [see the sidebar on this page for details]. As long as we're remaining in the low category, for those people who it makes sense to mask anyway, it would still be advisable; otherwise it's an observation thing. Assess your possible risk and the situation that you're in. Kind of watch and wait."


She added a caveat.

"But if these cases continue to go up, there's certainly a possibility that we'll be hitting moderate and even high categories again. If we reach high community levels, we'd definitely start masking anywhere indoors, limiting numbers of people [at gatherings], but that's more when you get into the high community level," she said. "I want people to be aware of that, though ... I would hate for people to think it was coming out of nowhere. It's something we're watching, and we want to stay ahead of this."

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to add?

"[I'd like] to reiterate the importance of those vaccines and boosters," said Dr. Santiago-Rosado. "For some people it may be a while since they had their first vaccination series."

She recommends talking to one's primary care physician to determine the best way to proceed.




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PSC announces 329 as new area code for portions of Dutchess and other counties

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) announced that residential, business and wireless customers within the existing 845 area code region (Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties) should begin to prepare for the introduction of the new 329 area code, as early as the third quarter of 2023.

To meet the increasing demand for residential and business phone numbers, the Commission, on April 14, approved a new area code to be added to the current 845 area code that serves all or parts of Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties. Beginning the third quarter of 2023, customers in the existing 845 area code requesting new service, an additional line, or a move in the location of their service, may be assigned a number in the new 329 area code, according to the PSC in a press release.

Existing customers in the 845-area code will not be affected by the new overlay area code.

An overlay area code is the most effective possible use of numbering resources in the 845-area code region and results in long-term relief, with the least expense, and the least amount of disruption and frustration to consumers as possible. Customers will retain their current telephone numbers, and 10-digit dialing for local calls will continue.

The overlay area code will be assigned to newly issued telephone numbers in the region once all existing 845 telephone numbers are exhausted, and will apply to

all telephone numbers, regardless of service type.

Customers will retain their current telephone numbers, and 10-digit dialing for local calls will continue. The new area code is projected to provide telephone numbering relief for approximately 28 years, according to the PSC.

What consumers and businesses need to know about the upcoming 845 area code overlay are:

- Current telephone numbers, including current area code, will not change.

- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the overlay.

- What is a local call now will continue to remain a local call.

- Calls between 329 and 845 area codes are local calls.

- Consumers will continue to dial the area code + telephone number for all calls to other area codes.

- Calls to reach 911 Emergency Service will remain three digits.

The Commission's rulings in this proceeding may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at www.dps.ny.gov and entering Case Number 21-C-0600 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number."

Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission documents may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500). If you have difficulty understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.

50th Rhinebeck car show set May 6,7,8 at Fairgrounds

For everyone interested in hot rods, customs and classic cars, spring officially arrives on the first weekend of May with the Rhinebeck, NY Car Show.

"Rhinebeck 2022" – the 50th anniversary event - will be held at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on May 6,7 and 8. This event draws enthusiasts from all over to show off their vehicles or just to enjoy seeing one of largest displays of cars in the Northeast. About 1,000 cars are expected for both Saturday's "Rod and Custom Dust-off" and Sunday's "Antique and Classic Car Show."

The rest of the grounds will be full of vendors selling parts, supplies, literature, toys and services and a Car Corral with up to 500 vehicles for sale. Gates open Noon Friday for early buyers. Saturday's "Rod and Custom Dust Off" spotlights the creativity, craftsmanship, and ingenuity of the owners and builders of hundreds of the finest hot rod, and custom

cars and in the country. Rhinebeck also welcomes a new generation of hot rodders to the "Dust Off" showing off their tricked out compact cars and trucks. Also joining the "Dust Off" will be a large display of vintage race cars.

Sunday's "Antique and Classic Car Show" is for original, restored, antique, and classic cars. Hundreds of cars from all automotive eras up to 1995 will be on display on the show field. A team of 100 volunteer judges selects award winners in fifty different classes.

Rhinebeck 2022 is sponsored by the Hudson River Valley Antique Automobile Association Inc, an association of six local car clubs whose members volunteer hundreds of hours each year to organize and run this event.

Spectator fees are \$14 for adults, Children 12 or under are free admissions. For more information go to: rhinebeckcarshow.com.

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improve water quality."

The Village of Rhinebeck water treatment plant serves approximately 6,000 people along 25 miles of pipeline, both within the village limits and to areas outside of the Village in the Town of Rhinebeck. The source water is the Hudson River with the water treatment plant (WTP) located at 76 Slate Dock Road in Rhinecliff.

It was completed in 1968 and is permitted to produce 1.5 million gallons per

day (MGD) of potable water. A comprehensive water system evaluation was performed by Delaware Engineering of Rhinebeck water system and an Engineer's Report dated January 2021 was prepared to document the needs of the water system. The recommended upgrades include improvements to the water treatment plant, sludge dewatering, water tank, water mains, and other system apparatus.

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5,000 acres of farmland and open space in Dutchess County through the completion of 36 projects; an additional 1,000 acres will be preserved through eight pending projects. In January 2022, Molinaro announced PMG awards for four farmland projects: Hahn Farm in Pleasant Valley, Heritage Acres in East Fishkill, Obercreek Farm in Wappinger and Primrose Hill Farm in Clinton.

Dutchess County agricultural organizations, including the Dutchess County Dairy Committee Inc., Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District, Dutchess-Putnam-Westchester Farm Bureau, Dutchess County Ag and Farmland Protection Board, Dutchess County Agricultural Society, and Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, hosted Friday's event.

Dutchess County Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver, a former FFA member and multi-generational farmer in the Town of Pine Plains, said "Dutchess County remains steadfast in its commitment to farming, and we thank the Agricultural Advisory Committee for its guidance in efforts to both promote farming throughout our community and its insight to County leaders, which helps us make informed decisions to ensure agriculture not only survives but thrives in our community."

Organizers of the event presented the annual Tractor Awards to those involved in various aspects of agriculture for the work they do not only on the farm, but throughout their community. Awards were presented to Jen DeForest of Hudson Valley Fresh, Patrick Hancock of John Jay High School, Matt Sabellico of Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist and Dr. Mark Condon of Dutchess Community College.

The Agricultural Advisory Committee, created out of a recommendation of the 2015 Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan, continues to, as part of its mission, to implement the actions and initiatives outlined in the agricultural plan. As part of this effort, the committee will once again host a "Farming in Dutchess Virtual Series" to convene agricultural stakeholders and members of the public to discuss opportunities and challenges facing local agriculture; session topics for the 2022 series will be announced in August at the annual Agricultural Forum at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

Agricultural land comprises more than 100,000 acres in Dutchess County, which is almost one-fifth of the County's total acres. Accounting for nearly \$44 million in market value products, local agriculture is one of the County's primary industries.

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Supporting Dr. Catrina Rocco in Spackenkill

To the editor:
School board elections largely go unadvertised, yet they exert a considerable influence on our daily lives and future. That is why on May 17 voters in the Spackenkill Union Free School District should support Dr. Catrina Rocco.

As a front-line educator and administrator – serving as a principal in a parochial school – Dr. Rocco knows the modern school system’s ins and outs, as well as patterns in educational trends. She will bring a wealth of experience and know-how to Spackenkill UFSD’s board. More importantly, she brings a sorely needed dose of common sense.

Common sense alone tells us that in the absence of competition, the sky’s the limit with prices. This is why Spackenkill voters should be concerned about the no-bid contracts which have ballooned the district’s budget. There needs to be an adult in the room to insist that the district gets the best goods and services, but also at the fairest price.

In terms of actual education, again common sense tells us that if a complete stranger were to show some of the books being supplied in the school library – like “Gender Queer” amongst others – to a child, we’d be rightfully arresting the stranger for child endangerment. School can be an environment in which students discover themselves, without officially supplied materials --- accessible to children as young as 13 -- glorying in the depiction of sexual practices which can’t even be mentioned in this newspaper. Dr. Rocco will steer the board toward the basics on which every parent can agree; that school is to teach the sciences and humanities, as society’s future depends on them.

Having heard Dr. Rocco speak at Moms for Liberty candidate showcasing in Hyde Park, I was thoroughly impressed and wished that we had someone of her caliber running in my district. On May 17, voters in Spackenkill can turn my envy to their benefit by electing Catrina Rocco!

Daniel Donnelly
Amenia

Our energy future

To the editor:
Amidst recent energy dislocations, some blame renewable energy as impractical, saying if only we had kept, or built, more nuclear power plants.

Fossil fuels were so plentiful and cheap that society and industry used them with little regard to efficiency.

That lack of efficiency is now a burden as energy costs rise and supplies diminish. And also an opportunity, helping companies do the same with much less energy use.

The government made some efforts in setting direction (appliance efficiency, auto mileage standards), but far less than was possible.

A house in Florida illustrates the potential. A local utility had a contest for most efficient home. That house used no electricity for heating or cooling, not exactly what the utility was looking for. But high efficiency is indeed practical, even in colder climates, as designs like PassivHaus show.

Designs for very high mileage cars have been around for decades. The reason they are not on the road is largely due to industry wishing to get the maximum use from existing fixed investment before retooling for very high mileage. Among other things, that retooling would likely require carbon fiber technology for weight reduction. An activist government could have set rules and incentives to make high mileage happen sooner.

The outlines for a renewable energy future were in place in the 1970s. What would have been an easy transition if started then is much more challenging now.

Back in the 1970s, the U. S. government did plan a massive

nuclear program, bringing a new plant on line almost every month. Hardly any were ever built. Nuclear power plants are lengthy, costly, and capital intensive projects, with cost overruns. Even then the alternatives were more cost effective. Today, it is not even a contest.

Nuclear power plants have a few other concerns: proliferation, nuclear waste, decommissioning – and the possibility, seen in Chernobyl and Fukushima, of rendering an area the size of Switzerland unusable for generations. Without the government relieving the nuclear industry of liability for accidents, none would have ever been built.

A statistician, Jay M. Gould, with Ernest J. Sternglass, documented an apparent connection between breast cancer and proximity to nuclear power plants, which routinely emit radioactivity.

Critics note that renewable energy sources like solar and wind are intermittent. But large scale battery technology is advancing rapidly, and there are other alternatives such as pumped storage and having a diverse portfolio of generation.

Frank Stoppenbach
Red Hook

Why local school board elections matter

To the editor:

The Mid-Hudson region bears the unfortunate distinction of currently being the only area in New York where school boards have voted to ban books from public school curricula and libraries, according to PEN America’s Freedom to Write Index. The Yorktown School District in Putnam County has banned 10 books; the Wappingers Central School District in Dutchess County has banned one book; the Marlboro School District in Ulster County has banned two.

In two of the three districts, the books - of which all received national awards for literary merit and deemed appropriate for teens by the American Library Association - were banned only after a member of the Florida-based “parental rights” group Moms for Liberty, which recently opened chapters in Putnam, Dutchess and Orange County, demanded their removal. That organization’s website reveals that its members deliberately target local school districts. If school board members fail to do what they want (kudos to the Arlington School Board for recently refusing to kowtow to a Moms for Liberty member’s ban-this-book request), the activists promise to replace school board members with their own candidates.

While calls to censor the teaching of certain concepts and books they claim “indoctrinate children in sexual perversion and the need for social justice” is just the latest tactic far-right lawmakers and activists have embraced to energize their base, school boards are meant to be nonpartisan, focusing solely on serving the best interests of all students and not on advancing any political agenda. Mid-Hudson residents can help ensure that our local school board members remain nonpartisan by carefully reviewing each candidate’s statement on their school district’s website before voting in school board elections on May 17.

According to the National School Boards Association, as few as five percent of registered voters participate in school board elections. It’s a mistake to let a tiny minority of residents determine the composition and direction of Dutchess County’s 13 school boards when those votes impact the future of more than 46,000 students and their families.

Finally, children and teens alike continue to struggle to get back on track academically after the disruption of the pandemic. As such, public school teachers, administrators, and school boards desperately need our support. That alone should be enough of a reason to vote on May 17.

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Molinaro presents State of the County

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro presented his 2022 State of the County Address on April 20 at the Stissing Center in Pine Plains, as residents, business and nonprofit leaders, as well as local and state officials, attended to hear the County Executive's vision for the coming year.

"The state of Dutchess County remains strong, as our County has overcome unforeseen obstacles and come through the other side more united and robust than ever," Molinaro told the more guests in attendance. "Today we are poised for more growth and prosperity because of our decade-long commitment to smart, fiscally conservative and compassionate government. To continue along this path, we must redouble our efforts to keep Dutchess County safe and affordable, creating opportunities and optimism for every County resident."

During his address, the County Executive highlighted priorities for Dutchess County in 2022:

Affordability

Since taking office in January 2012, Molinaro has employed sound, conservative fiscal leadership to not only close the \$40 million budget gap Dutchess County Government faced when he began his tenure, but bring the County's fund balance to \$60 million entering 2022.

In light of recent inflation, the highest the nation and county have experienced in four decades, Dutchess County remains committed to fiscal responsibility that cuts costs and delivers relief, whenever possible. Molinaro has provided local residents unprecedented tax relief in 2022, including the eighth straight property tax reduction, cutting the tax levy by \$5.5 million – the largest tax cut in County history – and the seventh consecutive property tax rate decrease for homeowners and businesses, cutting the rate by 10 percent, all without reducing services to residents.

This year, the County Executive led the way with additional tax relief for residents and businesses, including:

- Elimination of County tax on clothing and footwear items up to \$110, becoming only the ninth county in the state and the first in the Hudson Valley to provide such relief;
- Cutting and capping the County tax on gasoline, limiting the County tax on fuel to just \$.08 per gallon, no matter the purchase; and
- Continuing to fund the County's Municipal Innovation Grant (MIG) program, which in 2022 focuses on projects that improve quality of life, and strengthen and develop communities, reducing residents' local taxes through shared services.

Dutchess County spends 28 percent less per capita than the statewide county average; has a tax levy that is 27 percent lower per capita than the statewide county average; and has outstanding debt that is 50 percent lower per capita than the statewide county average. Additionally, Standard & Poor's has again reaffirmed Dutchess County's AA+ bond rating, the highest among any county in New York.

Safety

During these unprecedented times, Molinaro has supported the safety of Dutchess County residents, including urging State leaders to change the bail system and discovery rules, which have led to an increase in crime.

To further safeguard County residents, Molinaro has renewed his commitment to protect by dedicating resources and funding to programs and initiatives that provide for public safety, including:

- Partnering with Westchester Medical Center Health Network to develop a state-of-the-art behavioral health Center for Excellence bringing 60 mental health professionals and in-patient beds to create one of the largest behavioral health systems in New York State;
- Investing opioid settlement funds to

develop the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program, a community-based diversion approach which focuses on a harm-reduction/housing-first framework which allows officers to re-direct low-level offenders engaged in drug or other risky activity to community-based services, instead of jail and prosecution;

- Expanding the successful Intensive Treatment Alternatives Program (ITAP), an alternative to incarceration for those in the grip of substance use disorder;
- Supporting the overall health of the community with a mobile vehicle, planned for deployment later this year, which will bring operations to every region of the County, offering immunizations, case work, sexually transmitted disease testing and education, veterans counseling, group sessions, referrals to community providers and more;

- Investing \$10 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding for the design and development of a new, consolidated two-way radio system for first responders, which will replace outdated and uncoordinated two-way radio systems utilized by various emergency services throughout the County, providing all agency interoperability and a reduction in costs for most emergency services;
- Allocating \$4 million for this year's MIG program, which prioritizes fire and rescue agencies, including municipal, non-profit and established fire districts, to enhance their capacity and ability to respond to emergencies;
- Investing more than \$2 million to purchase three vehicles critical to the Department of Emergency Response's mission of preparing and responding to emergencies in the community, including a new state-of-the-art Mobile Communication Command Post vehicle;
- Increasing the diversity of the applicant pool for local law-enforcement agencies, which resulted in a record number of applicants for a recent police officer examination, as well as diversity in the latest graduating class from the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Academy; and
- Building on the successful Re-Entry Stabilization Transition and Reintegration Track (RESTART) program at the Dutchess County Jail to establish the Re-Entry Community Housing and Resource Guided Empowerment (RECHARGE) program, which provides individuals housed in the jail who are at high risk for re-offending with safe and secure housing, case management and employment assistance.

Opportunity

Earlier this month, the County released its 2022 Housing Needs Assessment (HNA), an extensive report detailing countywide demographic and housing data, an evaluation of housing trends over recent years and projections for affordable housing needs over the next 20 years. To address the housing gaps identified in the HNA and help eliminate them, Dutchess County is dedicating \$20 million in ARP funds to invest in several interventions, including, among others:

- The creation of a housing trust fund, with a recommended initial funding of at least \$2 million per year, which will be a valuable source of flexible funding to aid the implementation of a variety of affordable housing efforts;
- Offset the costs of new or upgraded infrastructure, such as water and sewer, to ensure the viability of mixed-income housing developments; and
- Identifying sites that would be suitable locations for multi-family developments and ensure those locations are properly zoned for such development; such sites include those with access to household services, alternative forms of transportation and other necessary infrastructure, such as water and sewer.

Molinaro also elaborated on the



Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro presents his 2022 State of the County Address this evening at the Stissing Center in Pine Plains. *Courtesy photo*

County's plan to use ARP funds to build a countywide emergency housing facility, which will provide both temporary housing and wrap-around services for those experiencing homelessness all under one roof, transforming the County's emergency housing response system. Based on a nationally acclaimed model in Bergen County, N.J., Dutchess County's facility will be based on a core philosophy of moving individuals to permanent housing by offering evidence-based programs and intensive case-management services – including, among others, addiction and substance use counseling, mental health and domestic violence counseling, Behavioral Evaluation & Assessment Team (BEAT) and community policing, financial and job assistance and faith-based connections – to help them secure and maintain stable accommodations. The County Legislature will vote on this solution approach at its May board meeting.

Among other efforts to create opportunities for local residents, Dutchess County has undertaken:

- Dedicating \$25 million, including \$10 million in ARP funds, to the construction and development of a countywide Youth Opportunity Union, the YOU, located in the City of Poughkeepsie;
- Investing \$4.1 million in the successful Learn, Play, Create: Supporting Our Kids grant program, which provides one-time grants awards to local non-profit organizations that serve children and families and were negatively impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including \$3 million which funded 147 projects in 2021;
- Engaging in accurately mapping

internet access throughout Dutchess County and completing a strategic plan for high-speed internet access across the County;

- Investing \$1.2 million in ARP funding to establish and equip the Mechatronics Lab at DCC Fishkill, which will provide local students a comprehensive classroom, laboratory, and on-the-job learning program to train them to install, alter, troubleshoot, repair, and maintain electronic, mechanical, computer, control systems and components;
- Continuation of the successful Think Ahead college program, which will graduate its fourth cohort of Dutchess Community College (DCC) students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at DCC's graduation in May; and
- Investing \$180,000 to fund various summer youth programming, including summer youth employment, through the County's Agency Partner Grant program.

More information about Molinaro's 2022 State of the County Address, including video of his remarks is available at www.dutchessny.gov. The County Executive invites residents to participate in conversations about the 2022 State of the County at town hall forums to be held over the next several weeks, including:

- Office for the Aging Tri-Town Senior Friendship Center, First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley, 1576 Main Street, Pleasant Valley on Tuesday, May 3rd at 12:30 p.m.
- Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk Street on Tuesday, May 10th at 5:30 p.m.
- American Legion Post 427, 7 Spring Street, Wappingers Falls on Tuesday, May 17th at 5:30 p.m.

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SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Aberdeen BAL					10	5	.667	-	6-4	L2
	Hudson Valley NY Yankees					8	7	.533	2.0	5-5	W2
	Brooklyn NY Mets					8	7	.533	2.0	6-4	L2
	Wilmington WSH					8	7	.533	2.0	5-5	L1
	Greensboro PIT					6	9	.400	4.0	4-6	W2
	Jersey Shore PHI					6	9	.400	4.0	5-5	W4

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Bowling Green TB					11	4	.733	-	7-3	W2
	Rome ATL					9	6	.600	2.0	6-4	L2
	Winston-Salem CWS					9	6	.600	2.0	7-3	W5
	Greenville BOS					7	8	.467	4.0	4-6	L5
	Hickory TEX					6	9	.400	5.0	3-7	W1
	Asheville HOU					2	13	.133	9.0	2-8	L4

Renegades wrap up opening homestand with 3-0 victory

by Rich Thomaselli

Six Hudson Valley Renegades pitchers combined to two-hit the Brooklyn Cyclones in a 3-0 triumph on Sunday afternoon at Dutchess Stadium. Blane Abeyta started for the Renegades by firing 4.0 hitless innings, striking out five and not issuing a walk. Rodney Hutchison (1-1) followed with a perfect inning in back of him. Wellington Diaz, Michael Giacone and Nelson Alvarez all added to the pace with scoreless innings of work, and Alex Mauricio earned his first career save, shutting the door in the ninth. After opening the season with a nine-game road trip in which they went 4-5, the Renegades – the High Class A farm team of the New York Yankees – came back to The Dutch for the first time in 2022.

They won their home opener on Tuesday and took four of the six games against the Cyclones and improved to 8-7 on the young season. The Renegades took the lead in the bottom of the first inning on a sacrifice fly from Tyler Hardman scoring Austin Wells, who had doubled earlier in the inning. They tacked on another run in the bottom of the third on an RBI single by Cooper Bowman. Everson Pereira drove in Aaron Palensky with an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh to extend the lead to a comfortable 3-0. Aldenis Sanchez finished the game 3-for-4 as Hudson Valley rapped out nine hits in the game. Wells went 2-for-3 with a double, a walk and a run scored, and is a blazing 10-for-18 in his last five games played.

Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 T.J. Rumfield 1B	HV	12	48	8	17	5	0	2	11	8	11	3	2	.354	.439	.583	1.022
2 Eduardo Torrealba 2B	HV	9	31	4	12	2	1	0	4	3	5	4	1	.387	.441	.516	.957
3 Trey Sweeney SS	HV	7	32	7	8	1	1	2	7	3	11	1	1	.250	.333	.531	.864
4 Cooper Bowman 2B	HV	13	46	9	12	3	0	2	10	11	11	9	1	.261	.400	.457	.857
5 James Nelson 3B	HV	4	12	1	4	0	0	0	3	4	3	3	0	.333	.500	.333	.833
6 Austin Wells C	HV	12	45	7	14	4	0	0	4	10	14	5	0	.311	.429	.400	.829
7 Everson Pereira CF	HV	13	53	15	16	1	1	1	5	9	17	6	1	.302	.403	.415	.818
8 Aldenis Sanchez LF	HV	12	44	5	12	0	0	1	7	7	16	8	1	.273	.385	.341	.726
9 Aaron Palensky LF	HV	9	27	5	5	1	1	0	5	3	16	0	0	.185	.290	.296	.586
10 Carlos Narvaez C	HV	10	37	4	7	2	0	1	2	3	11	1	1	.189	.250	.324	.574
11 Pat DeMarco RF	HV	11	42	3	9	1	0	0	2	3	13	1	1	.214	.267	.238	.505
12 Tyler Hardman 3B	HV	13	42	3	6	3	0	0	3	5	18	1	0	.143	.224	.214	.438
13 Cristian Perez SS	HV	3	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	.182	.182	.182	.364
14 Spencer Henson 1B	HV	8	31	1	3	0	0	0	2	1	17	0	0	.097	.152	.097	.249
15 Saul Torres DH	HV	2	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000

Pitching Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 Edgar Barclay P	HV	2	1	1.42	5	1	0	0	0	1	12.2	8	3	2	0	1	1	19	0.71	.178
2 Will Warren P	HV	1	1	3.46	3	3	0	0	0	0	13.0	9	5	5	1	1	5	19	1.08	.209



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Renegades’ pitching off to record-setting start



Wellington Diaz was one of six pitchers who combined to shut out the Brooklyn Cyclones, 3-0, on Sunday afternoon at Dutchess Stadium. *Photo by Dave Janosz*

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by Rich Thomaselli

People might dig the longball, as the old baseball commercial used to say, but pitching wins games.

And the Hudson Valley Renegades’ pitching has been absolutely scorching, a trend that has been evident through the first 15 games of the season and not just on Sunday.

Six Hudson Valley Renegades pitchers combined to two-hit the Brooklyn Cyclones in a 3-0 triumph on Sunday afternoon at Dutchess Stadium and it was just the latest outstanding pitching performance by the team.

The combined two-hitter was the second two-hitter thrown by the Renegades in the series, and came on the heels of a one-hitter on Saturday.

Renegades President Steve Gliner is not surprised.

Gliner said weeks ago that while the emphasis in the Yankees’ organization has been on its player prospects, such as Anthony Volpe, Oswald Peraza and Jasson Dominguez, the farm system has been blessed with some tremendous pitching arms as well.

“We had 49 strikeouts in three games. I don’t know for sure, but it has to be a team record, at least in our history,” Gliner said. “It’s not entirely surprising but from a standpoint of the game, yeah

it’s indicative of the organization as well. Great pitching is coming down the pike.”

Hudson Valley pitchers combined to strike out 56 Brooklyn batters in the first four games of the current series, setting a new season-high for the staff in each of the first two nights (17 Tuesday, 18 Wednesday). In 2021, the Renegades struck out 17-or-more batters in a game five times, including a season-high of 18 three times. Notably, two of those three games came against Brooklyn (5/22 @ BRK, 9/9 @ HV). In 2021, the Renegades struck out 408 Cyclones, a rate of 11.81 K/9. With 152 strikeouts through 13 games, Hudson Valley ranks third among all High-A teams in strikeouts, trailing only Aberdeen (166) and Rome (163).

Hudson Valley pitching has been so dominant of late, it has combined to log 21.0 consecutive scoreless innings dating back to the seventh inning on Friday night, a Yankees-era team record. The back-to-back shutout wins are a first for the team since June 10 and 11, 2021, when the ‘Gades shut out the Brooklyn Cyclones in consecutive games at Maimonides Park.

The Renegades were off on Monday before welcoming the Wilmington Blue Rocks to Dutchess Stadium on Tuesday, April 26, for a six-game homestand.

GLINER’S KORNER

Renovated suites and improving fan experience

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.

So you opened up the 2022 home season on Tuesday (April 19) against Brooklyn. What were your first impressions?

The ballpark looks great. That’s he first thing. New ownership has given us some new resources to improve the fan experience. We moved the whole fence line out and created a whole new interior space. We moved the inflatables to the front area, upgraded the suites, and the new signage in the ballpark is much cleaner. Opening night was cold and windy though, so we’re really looking forward to these Sunday 2:05 p.m. games (laughs). Overall, it was just good to get the park open and get the people back in the building.

Anything that you noticed that needs revising, or changing, or needs to be worked on?

Nothing major, maybe just operationally. It’s no different than the players, you have to work things out as the season goes along.

You’ve mentioned a couple of times now so far in the early season during our chats about the suites being renovated. Talk a little about that.

The suites are much fully renovated - new cabinetry, new countertops, new painting, new lighting, everything except for the windows and the floors. We did it in all eight suites. Now we have the Sensory Suite available and so far every family that has been up there has loved it. We have two suites that are rented out season-long, a couple of others that are shared, and a few that are for individual game purposes. As the season progresses the usage gets better. I think since it’s still

April, we’re still going through a little bit of an education in the market and we’ve heard from people this week who said they didn’t know we were already playing. They’re so used to us starting in June like we did for 25-plus years that part of our market outreach has to include that we’re open for business right now.

I think I already know the answer to this question, but how much of the game did you watch on Opening Night? Or even at all during this first week of the homestand?

A little here and there. Not a full game. Certainly not as much as I would like to.

Now that the team has come back home after opening with nine games on the road, how has your interaction been with the new manager?

Oh, Tyson (Blaser) is great. Again because of the way the protocols are and not as tight as they were last year, I have access to the team. We’ve had more



one-on-one contact. I’m very much a one-on-one contact type of person and I like to do that instead of a phone call. He’s very good to work with. He’s very appreciative of everything we do. On the flip side, he’s been very good with helping us, whether its with media or a meet-and-greet with fans.

The future of Castle Point

Unless you’ve been completely isolated over the past few weeks, you know what most folks in our veteran community have been talking about recently: the news of the potential closure of the VA Hospital at Castle Point, which is located in Dutchess County and serves thousands of veterans who live all over the Hudson Valley. The news has certainly provoked a bit of anger and confusion among our veteran population, but of course, it’s important to have a full understanding of any issue before we react to it. Now I’m certainly not an expert in any sense, but I do feel like I have gained a good amount of perspective on this particular issue.

In March, the Veterans Administration (VA) released a report detailing recommendations for its medical facilities across the country, including our VA Hospital located here at Castle Point. Specifically, the report recommended Castle Point be replaced by a more modern facility to be built in the area; notably, the new proposed facility would not offer all the services now provided at Castle Point. Veterans who need those services not provided at the new facility would have to travel down to Montrose in Westchester County, or else receive those services through a private provider. The time frame recommended in the report

for this transition to occur was five years.

As you might expect, many veterans have become critical of this proposed change. Veterans generally don’t like change, and it can take a very long time for a veteran to trust a doctor, nurse, or a medical facility. Furthermore, veterans might be wary of their care being transferred to a private practice because outside medical professionals are not trained to deal with the unique circumstances veterans have in their health care, especially their mental health care.

The veterans I’ve talked to about this potential closure at Castle Point all have shared their frustration with this news. They feel like the VA is looking at the financial benefits of closing an old facility that was built in 1923, without first looking at the impact that change would have on the veterans who depend on this facility every single day.

One added issue that many folks haven’t thought about with this proposed change is transportation. Our VetZero Heroes ride program gives free rides to veterans, and most of those rides are to Castle Point; the program is trying to keep up with demand now. However, if you ask our veterans to transfer their care to a variety of private providers, near and far – well, you can see how much more



U.S. Senator from New York Charles Schumer makes remarks on a recent Veterans Affairs report outside the Castle Point VAMC campus on March 25. *Courtesy photo*

challenging transportation would become if Castle Point closed. We would need a better transportation solution for such a massive change.

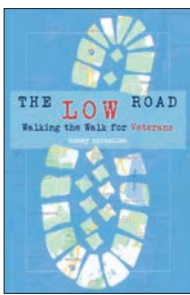
I can understand the VA wanting to build a more modern facility in Dutchess County to replace Castle Point. That makes sense in some ways, since the number of veterans in America will continue to decline in the decades to come. But today, the thousands of veterans who see Castle Point as a sort of second home feel forgotten. I think we should always think of our veterans first, and in this case, it seems like the VA was thinking about efficiency rather than the human cost of such a change. That’s just one veteran’s opinion, though.

Thankfully, many of our local leaders

have also used their voices to express the veteran community’s disappointment with this recommendation from the VA. We’ll have to wait and see if the VA’s recommendation becomes reality. Personally, I hope it doesn’t.

Thanks for listening! See you next time!

A Navy veteran, Tom Zurhellen has been Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Poughkeepsie for the past three years. In the summer of 2019, he walked across America from Portland, Oregon, to Poughkeepsie to raise awareness on veteran suicide and veteran homelessness in our country. He continues to work with local veterans in need through the VetZero Project, in partnership with Hudson River Housing.



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Tom Zurhellen chronicles his 2019 VetZero Walk Across America in his new book, "The Low Road: Walking the Walk for Veterans." The Walk raised awareness of the plight of many veterans in our country, and called attention to the fact that, every day, 22 veterans take their own lives. Proceeds from "The Low Road" will go directly to help local veterans in need through the VetZero Project at Hudson River Housing. The book costs \$22 and can only be purchased at www.hudsonriverhousing.org.

Roche vows to advocate for local veterans, invites officials to April 30 forum

The following remarks were offered by Adam Roche, Director of the Dutchess County Veterans Services, at the April 21 "Hudson Valley Veteran Services" public forum held at the VFW 8645 in New Paltz, which included comments on the possible closure of Castle Point:

"Thank you for inviting us and allowing me to speak on behalf of Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and the

veterans of Dutchess County and their families today.

"County Executive Molinaro sends his best and regrets he cannot be here today due to a previously scheduled engagement.

"On behalf of Dutchess County’s veterans, who County Executive Molinaro represent, and who I work with every day as the Director of Veterans Services, I am

here to express our collective frustration with the federal government’s lack of transparency, and our opposition to the proposal outlined in the Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission Report.

"Dutchess County has been a willing and able partner in the mission to protect and honor our veterans. For years, we’ve had an excellent working relationship with Castle Point and local organizations like our VFWs, Hudson River Housing, Mental Health America of Dutchess County and so many more.

"We’ve funded projects like our Housing, Employment, Reintegration and Outreach (or HERO) program, the Tom Zurhellen Fund, and the Vet Zero ride program. The Vet Zero ride program, by the way, offers veterans FREE rides to appointments at Castle Point. Dutchess County has always been a boots-on-the-ground partner of the VA, and of Castle Point. And as such, we want and demand a seat the table whenever changes to the services our veterans depend on are being planned, especially when we are talking about such a monumental shift in programming and policy.

"County Executive Molinaro deliv-

ered his State of the County address last night, during which he re-affirmed our commitment to our veterans with several new initiatives (including even more funding for the Vet Zero ride program) as well as opposition to this shortsighted plan. We stand with our veterans and demand there be no reduction in the physical and mental health services offered in Dutchess County and veterans can continue to access the services they depend on.

"To that end, I’d like to invite everyone here, including both of you, [Ulster] County Executive (Pat) Ryan and Congressman (Antonio) Delgado, to our Veterans forum we had already previously scheduled with the VA on April 30th at the Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge.

"Dutchess County, will continue to fight for, advocate for, and support our veterans community in every way possible. We will not abandon the men and women who have served us, as the federal government seems so keen on doing with the current proposal. Dutchess County is prepared to take legal action, if necessary, to keep the services veterans have come to rely on in our community."

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County Parks to celebrate Arbor Day at Wilcox Memorial Park April 30

In celebration of Arbor Day, Dutchess County Parks will host a special event on Saturday, April 30, at Wilcox Memorial Park in Milan to honor and celebrate the beauty and history of the park.

The day kicks off at 10 a.m. Saturday with an unveiling ceremony for new historic panels that recount the story of the Wilcox family, who owned the 615-acre property formerly known as Oakdale Farm. The descriptive panels are displayed on a kiosk built by Boy Scout Troop 50. The ceremony will also include planting two pine trees in honor of the Wilcox family, who were celebrated for their visionary commitment to re-forestation of the property in the early 20th century, as well as gifting numerous Wilcox family historical materials to the town of Milan historian. Following the ceremony, attendees will have the opportunity to take a guided hike to learn more about the park's history. Attendees can register by emailing soneil@dutchessny.gov. The event will be held light rain or shine.

From the earliest days of settlement in Dutchess County, the forest was an essential resource. Farmers harvested trees to create fields for growing crops and rais-

ing livestock. Miners used wood to create charcoal for refining local iron ore. Sawmills turned lumber into boards for building homes and barns. As a result, vast tracts of the county became deforested. In the early 1910s, Frederick Wilcox saw an opportunity to reverse this trend on his family's estate, Oakdale Farm, planting as many as 10,000 trees per year for several years. Following the deaths of her husband and son, Irene Wilcox sold Oakdale Farm to Dutchess County in April 1961 on the condition that it be transformed into a public park.

Residents will have an opportunity to help develop the popular Disc Golf course at Wilcox Memorial Park clean and beautiful on Saturday, May 7th from 9am-2pm as Dutchess County Parks hosts an "I Love My Park" tee-pad building event. Volunteers ages 13 and up are needed to help construct tee pads on the park's disc golf course in preparation for upcoming tournament play. Registration is required through the New York Parks and Trails I Love My Parks Day website. Volunteers should enter their information and select the Wilcox Park event from the drop-down menu at the bottom of the

form. This event is sponsored by Capital Discs in partnership with Dutchess County Parks.

For more information call (845) 298-4603 or visit dutchessny.gov/Parks for more information.

4-H 'A-Fair to Remember' set June 5 in Millbrook

MILLBROOK – On Sunday, June 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Dutchess County 4-H program will present "A-Fair to Remember," its new fundraiser gala lunch. The program's goal to make it possible for any child in Dutchess County to participate in the 4-H program and experience the benefits of everything that comes with it, especially the opportunity to experience the Dutchess County Fair.

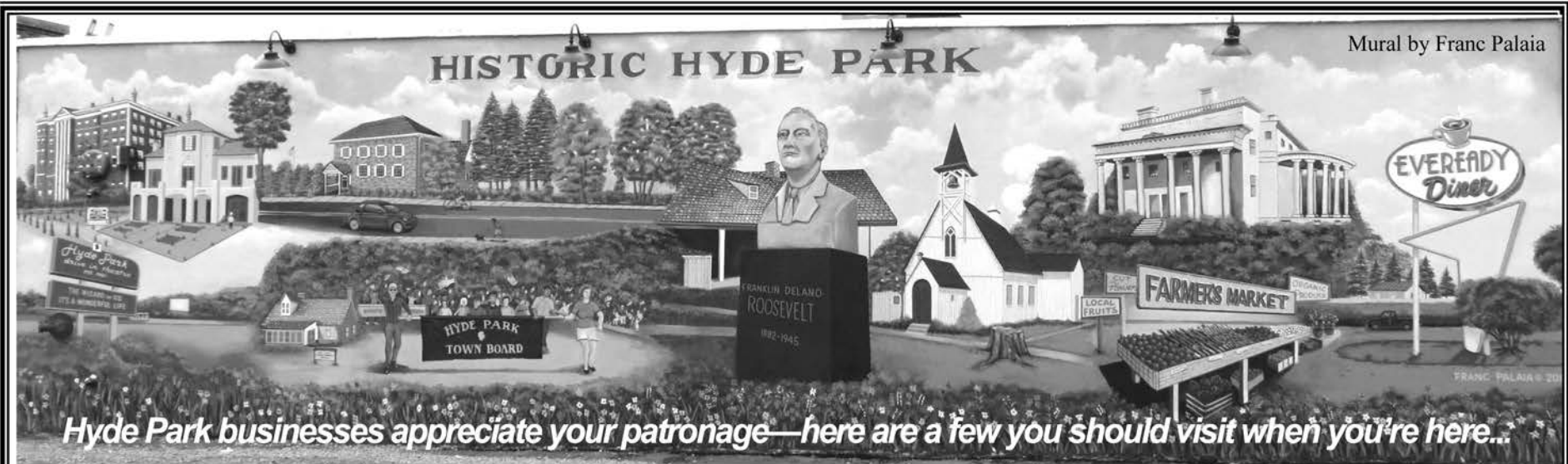
The event will take place at the Millbrook Vineyards and Winery.

The "A-Fair to Remember" will be an exciting, interactive event for the whole family, showcasing the project areas that 4-H offers. The event will feature a fair food-themed luncheon, catering for all tastes, including the famous milkshakes

made by the Dutchess County Dairy Committee. There will be a live auction for great prizes. And best of all, youth from every 4-H project area will provide demonstrations and activities you can choose (or not) to engage in, such as interacting with the animals, trying out archery, and learning a craft.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities, and more information, are available at <https://dutchesscounty4h.weebly.com/afair2remember.html>

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United Way offers free transportation for COVID-19 vaccine appointments to Poughkeepsie residents

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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 uwdor.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.

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.uwdor.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.

Grace Church Millbrook to host rummage sale

On Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Grace Church in Millbrook will host the Great Whale of a Weekend Rummage Sale. Hundreds, maybe thousands, of quality items will be offered at prices to sell quickly. Items will include clean clothing, children's toys, books, puzzles, games, household items, glassware, sports gear, book shelves, furniture, jewelry, linens, bedding, and collectibles. All items must go. Snacks will be available for purchase.

Funds raised by the rummage sale will be used to further Grace Church community outreach programs. The Grace Church Parish Hall is located at 3328 Franklin Street, Millbrook (opposite the Millbrook Bandshell). For more information, call (845) 677-3064, visit www.gracemillbrook.org, or follow us on Facebook. To donate items, contact Evelyn at (917) 705-9600. To donate books, contact Lynda at (914) 456-1097.

Heart Walk set April 30

The 2022 Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk is set for

Saturday, April 30, on the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park. Participants are invited to start their walk at either end, anytime between 9 and 11 a.m. For more information and to register, visit DutchessUlsterHeartWalk.org.

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 Zemantauswki.

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 \$17 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.

Learn how to compost at PV Library May 4

The Pleasant Valley Climate Smart Committee will present Composting Made Easy on Wednesday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m., at the Pleasant Valley Library, Route 44 (Main Street). Master Gardeners will do a demo on how to make your own composting barrel out of a trash container. It will be given away at the end of the event.

Come learn why it is important to compost. Registration is required.

Call the library at (845) 635-8460, or sign-up online www.pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

County Aging & 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 Sheafe 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.

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/>.

Sign up for Hyde Park's Town-Wide Tag Sale by May 20

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, c/o Hyde Park Town Hall, 4383 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park, NY 12538. The registration form can be downloaded from the event page.

Plant Sale set May 21 in Pine Plains

The Pine Plains Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the American Legion Hall, North Main Street, Pine Plains. Purchase flowers, vegetables, and herbs grown by members. Proceeds benefit the Pine Plains Garden Club scholarship. Additional information or questions may be sent to pineplainsgardenclub@gmail.com.

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@uwdor.org.

Field of Honor set Memorial Day weekend in Hyde Park

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.

'Pull the Plane' set June 18 at Stewart Airport

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region will hold its annual Pull the Plane at New York Stewart International Airport on Saturday, June 18. Come on out and join your fellow community members to have some fun while raising funds for a great cause.

Sign up as an individual or a team of any size. Each person who pulls will commit to a \$20 non-refundable registration fee and to fundraise \$200 to participate (including your registration fee). There are prizes for top individual and team fundraisers, for the fastest pull and others.

Go to www.pulltheplane.org to sign up.

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 Balmville 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 teresawalsh@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 our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call (845) 229-6432.

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Through the proceeds from the sale of the milkshakes at the Dutchess County Fair each year, the Dutchess County Dairy Committee (a not for profit organization) provides undergraduate, agricultural scholarships to Dutchess County students.

All forms must be completely filled out and received no later than May 20. Scholarship applications are available by emailing Jennifer Fimbel at jlf20@cornell.edu.

The Dutchess County Dairy Committee Agricultural Scholarship provides \$2,500 for the first year and \$1,500 each academic year thereafter, for a total of 4 years. Priorities are given to, but not limited by those students pursuing a career related to agriculture. Those careers may include: Ag Education, Ag Engineering, Agronomy, Ag Economics, Animal Science, Pre-Vet, Communications, and Environmental courses of study.

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Pleasant Valley shows its ‘climate smarts’ in Earth Day celebration, clean-up

by Jean Curlee
Pleasant Valley Climate Smart
Task Force member

It was a beautiful, sunny day on Saturday, April 23, and the sun kept shining on the 52nd Annual Earth Day Cleanup and Climate Smart Earth Day Celebration in Pleasant Valley.

Groups and individuals arrived early for the 8:30 a.m. clean-up registration. They kept streaming in to register their clean up location and collect a vest, gloves, bag and picker. There was also coffee, snacks, and a large multi-use shopping bag compliments of Royal Carting filled with delights for the whole family.

The bag contained a folder filled with Climate Smart information on how families can do their part to adapt and mitigate climate change, adapt to the extreme heat, flooding and the air we breathe. A description of what a Climate Smart Community is and a list of upcoming climate smart events including information on creating a Pollinator Pathway in Pleasant Valley.

Also tucked inside the folder were seed packets donated by Adams Farms and a tire pressure gauge (keep those tires properly inflated to improve fuel efficiency) compliments of Climate Smart.

The cleanup crews (parents with kids in tow) arrived back after gathering their trash to report where they left their bags for the Town to pick up later that day. They reported lots of liter, plastic drink cups & bottles, coffee cups, masks, and

tires.

Attendees perused the Climate Smart information booths, which included information about composting; two different types of compost bins, one from Dutchess County Solid Waste Management, and a tumbler type that is available from the local hardware store. Another booth had the dangers of plastic in water, lakes, oceans and our own blood, and ways to mitigate the use of plastic. There was a native and pollinator plant table with info why it is important to use native plants and the importance of pollinators to save the bees, insects and butterflies, that have seen a huge decline in their population in the past 10 years. Without bees, means life without food for us. Bees are responsible for one in every three bites of food we eat.

A solar table, with a representative from Sun Common Solar, had information for residential solar and a sign up for a Community Solar project coming soon to Pleasant Valley. There was a rain barrel on display and information on how to make your own; information about the Pollinator Pathway, and how to create a friendly habitat for the pollinators in your own yard; there was info on the upcoming Repair Café on June 4, where you can bring broken items to the Repair Café and get them fixed for free. There was also a survey with simple questions so Climate Smart can bring info the community needs about adapting to climate change and Climate Smart future events.

There was also a very busy craft table



The Climate Smart booths featured information about composting as well as displays of different types of composting containers. Left: Alison Jolicoeur, owner and founder Beacon of Light Wellness, visits with Joe Baldwin of Earth to Table. Courtesy photos



Celestino is new coordinator at ND Community Coalition

Expanding its community leadership and impact, the Northern Dutchess Community Coalition (NDCC) recently appointed Dora Celestino as coalition coordinator. In this role, she will be responsible for the management of program goals, objectives and activities, and will work collaboratively with volunteer coalition members and community partners to maximize participation in programs and activities that promote a substance-free lifestyle for local youth.

“We could not have chosen a better person for this role,” said Crissy Groenewegen, agency director at the Council on Addiction Prevention and Education (CAPE), which oversees NDCC’s activities. “Dora first started as a volunteer with CAPE’s ‘Teen Driving – A Family Affair program,’ and quickly became engaged with the organization’s prevention-focused mission and work with youth. This lends well with her strong love for our community and dedication to making it better for all who

call it home. Plus, her extensive management experience makes her the ideal choice to continue running NDCC at the highest level.”

Prior to joining NDCC, Celestino honed her skills as an operations manager at a Level 1 Trauma Hospital in Westchester County. Outside of the office, Dora volunteers with several different organizations including as an ambassador for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and as a coach for a Special Olympics team.

Celestino holds two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Human Services and Business Administration from Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth, Florida. She has received numerous awards across her field including the CARE Award for Compassion and Outstanding Character and Cross Country’s Best of the Best in Healthcare Presidents Award. She currently resides in Poughkeepsie with her husband of 31 years and three children.

where busy artists were taking trash and making them into treasure with Mama Bear and Debby, to take home, and some included more plants.

Earth to Table demonstrated natural food alternatives and information on food to grow that would make your body and soul feel good with samples galore. Joe Baldwin donates lots of farm fresh food to food pantries and believes good food is good health and wealth.

Scout Troop 55 was there to collect

recycled bottles, and also do clean-up, including Cady Field behind Town Hall.

Restore -Habitat for Humanity, was collecting furniture and kitchen wares to furnish the homes they build.

All in all it was a good day in Pleasant Valley. Roads were cleaned and the community came together to celebrate the Earth and learn how to keep it going for many years to come. Hope to see everyone at our Earth Day Celebration next year.

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Pomona Grange to host ‘Tales of Mark Twain’ at Stanford Grange Hall



Joe Baer as Samuel Clemens, a.k.a. Mark Twain. Courtesy photo

What better way to spend Mother’s Day Weekend than by taking her to the theater - the Grange theater, that is. “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 with an evening performance at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Tickets for both shows are only \$15 per person.

“Samuel Clemens: Tales of Mark Twain” tells the story of Samuel Clemens’s life, taking the audience on a journey that reflects how life and story become one. The story unfolds beginning with Clemens’s rough childhood, evolves with his adventures as a steamboat pilot on the Mississippi, his western escape from the Civil War, and leads to his success as Mark Twain, writer and lecturer. The performance wades with the ebbs and flow of Clemens’ life and ends with reflections that bring the story full circle.

This 1 hour 40-minute production has one intermission and is narrated by Joe Baer as Samuel Clemens, told in the context of the nearly eight decades in which he lived. The performance is peppered throughout with passages and numerous sayings culled from Mark Twain’s many humorous works, in front of a backdrop

of historical visual projections. Act 2 includes condensed passages from Clemens’s masterwork “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.”

Total proceeds from these shows will benefit the Dutchess County Pomona Grange #32, a county unit of the National Grange, the nation’s oldest community service organization with a basis in agriculture.

Celebrating its 125th year of service to Dutchess County, the Dutchess County Pomona Grange hopes to raise money for their annual scholarships for Grange members in Dutchess County pursuing higher learning and for those specifically going into the fields of agriculture or education.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, opportunities to raise scholarships in the last two years have been curtailed.

Doors open one half hour prior to show time. Tickets may be purchased at the door, electronically through [eventbrite.com/e/samuel-clemens-tales-of-mark-twain-tickets-249858803407](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/samuel-clemens-tales-of-mark-twain-tickets-249858803407), 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.



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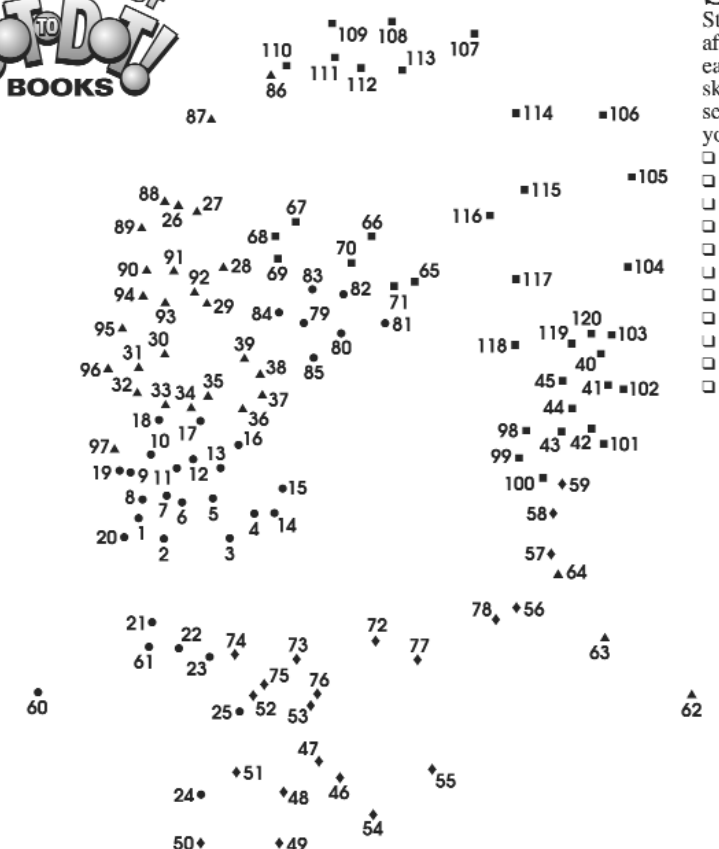

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By David Kalvitis

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Sounds of support: Towne Crier to host Ukraine benefit concert

by Kate Goldsmith

“With the horrors going on in Ukraine, the Towne Crier and friends are making a community statement to show our support for Ukrainians on Thursday, April 28, with music and guest speakers,” said Phil Ciganer, owner/operator of the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon.

Several notable performers from around the Hudson Valley are scheduled, including David Amram, Tom Chapin, Aaron Parks, Joe Louis Walker, Vanaver Caravan, Dylan Doyle, John Sebastian, and Annalyse & Ryan – plus special guests.

The show begins at 7 p.m., and there is a minimum suggested donation of \$25, with proceeds to benefit humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

Tables will only be reserved for dinner guests; call (845) 855-1300 for reservations.

The situation in Ukraine resonates deeply with Ciganer, who was born in Moldova, an Eastern European country and former Soviet republic, just after the end of World War II.

“It’s a part of the world where I was born but never knew firsthand,” he said. “My parents experienced a similar situation [as Ukrainians do now] after World War II. They found themselves fleeing on foot, living in detention camps ... I was the infant you see the mothers carrying. They just literally walked from Moldova

to Genoa, Italy.”

Ciganer’s family “jumped an ocean freighter to Cyprus,” he said, and eventually settled in Israel, later moving to the United States when he was a pre-teen.

Keynote speakers at Thursday’s event will include Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou as well as Natalie Pawlenko, President of Ukrainian National Women’s League of America (UNWLA).

Ciganer said the Mayor will be out of town, but he’ll make a virtual appearance via Zoom.

Kelly Garcia, one of the event organizers, lauded the work of UNWLA. Garcia is not affiliated with the organization but noted its focus on supporting women and especially children.

“There is much more money needed there than we could possibly raise [with the concert], but we’d like to do our part,” said Ciganer. “This is more of a consciousness raising event, from the Beacon community, [letting Ukrainians know] that we stand with them.”

“Oftentimes, we do get a little hung up on [wondering] will our efforts really help? And I sincerely believe that they do, that every little bit helps,” Garcia said. “It’s a significant group that’s coming together, and a testament of Phil’s integrity in the community.”

The Towne Crier is at 379 Main St. in Beacon. Visit www.townecrier.com for more information.



The Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon will host a fundraising concert on Thursday, April 28, to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. Performers include (from top) Joe Louis Walker (photo by Arnie Goodman), Annalyse & Ryan and Tom Chapin. Courtesy photos

NEWS FROM THE OLD DUTCH VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

The Great Plant Sale

by Pat Owens

It’s almost here! The annual Old Dutch Village Garden Club Plant Sale will be at our memorial garden (across from CVS) on Saturday, May 14, at 9 a.m. promptly. No earlier sales, because this is a popular event! Last year we had more than 800 plants, and this year proves to be even better: Perennials, some annuals, bushes, plants, gardening books, and gently used garden implements and ornamentation. Thanks to more community plant donations, we will have five trailer loads for sale until sold out. It’s a fantastic time.

In other news the ODVGC met for its annual Anniversary Luncheon on April 14 at St. John’s Reformed Church. A catered affair which was even more beautiful due

to the efforts of several hosting members. There were even favors of plants and seeds. The guest of honor was Anita Sprague, who at age 101 is the oldest active member, joining the club in the late 1970s. She was excited to be honored in this way and to visit with all the attendees.

Also at the luncheon was an extremely interesting presentation by member Nancy Bendiner on the History of the Garden Clubs of Red Hook dating back to the 1940’s. Over the years, there was the Red Hook Garden Club, then the Upper Red Hook, then the Old Dutch Village Garden Club. In the beginning you had to be nominated and be approved to be a member. Thank goodness that has ended as we are welcoming to anyone who has an interest in the garden as an actual gardener or a wannabe gardener. Some members only have window boxes but the interest in the beautification of our world is paramount.

The next scheduled meeting of the ODVGC is May 12 at the church at 12:30 p.m. and will be a presentation by Perry Foster Allen regarding the “Red Hook Public Spaces Initiative.” This initiative “is promoting a grassroots garden project celebrating our local flora and fauna, attracting the beauty of pollinators to our village, and engaging the public through hands-on experiences.” There will be booth on pollinators at the plant sale as well. On June 9 it will be “All About Flutterbys ... er, Butterflies.”

We meet at St. John’s Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook at 12:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, except for August. New members and visitors are always welcome. Please contact Linda Lawson at (845) 758-5653 for additional information.

Come join us; the worst that could happen is that you would get your hands dirty.



Anita Sprague, 101, is the oldest active member of the Old Dutch Village Garden Club in Red Hook. Anita was the guest of honor at the club’s April luncheon. Courtesy photo

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Signs of spring

Finally, wildflowers usher in the season.

Native spring wildflowers take advantage of the few weeks when the sun shines down on the forest floor, before the trees sprout their foliage. April temperatures have been running almost four degrees below normal, so the wildflowers are biding their time, keeping their roots, tubers and bulblets tucked underground. I was itching to see some sign of spring, so last Friday (April 22), I grabbed Sue and granddaughter Ambika and headed south to the wilds of Westchester County.

The Mianus River Gorge Preserve, 197 Mianus River Road in Bedford, N.Y., was set aside in 1953 to protect a glorious old growth forest – 935 acres of scenic trails, woodland, steep cliffs and canyons. It was in these protected glens, an hour south of Poughkeepsie, that I expected to discover emerging native blossoms. Alas, after an hour of trekking, it seemed that the preserve, to paraphrase Monty Python, was curiously devoid of wildflowers. Heading back to the car, we stumbled upon the holy grail of native wildflowers, in full bloom:

• **Wake Robin** – The red trillium is one of the 39 trillium species native to the eastern U.S. I’ve seen white trilliums, with their three petaled blossoms at the

Jane Colden Wildflower Sanctuary in Vales Gate, but this was my first glimpse of the red kind. These blossoms are the earliest to bloom in spring, hence the name. Since bees are rarely active this early in the year, the trilliums give off a foul odor to attract flies for pollination. We also saw lots of skunk cabbages, which I would not count as wildflowers, emerging in the low wet valleys, also pollinated by flies.

Back at the parking lot, we almost got locked inside the gate. As the park ranger was letting us out (the preserve closes at 5 p.m. sharp), he explained that the second weekend in May is prime time for Mianus River Gorge wildflowers. But if you want to save gas, here are a few spots closer to home:

• **John Burroughs Nature Sanctuary** – This is the place to see native wild red columbines. They cover the crags of this rugged 200-acre oasis on Floyd Ackert Road in West Park (just north of Highland, N.Y.). Burroughs (1837-1921) was a naturalist, conservationist and author of 23 volumes of essays, including his first, titled “Wake Robin.” He sounded prophetic when he wrote, “The fuel in the earth will be exhausted in a thousand



Native spring wildflowers found on recent walks include Wake Robin and (below) Wood Anemone. Photos by Mark Adams

or more years, and its mineral wealth, but man will find substitutes for these in the winds, the waves, the sun's heat.”

• **Franny Reese State Park** – This relatively new park (opened in 2009) is chock full of Dutchman's Breeches, the little white relatives of the bleeding heart, with blossoms shaped like the pantaloons of the Hudson Valley's early Dutch settlers. The park itself, located just to the west of the Mid Hudson Bridge, is named for Frances Reese (1918-2003), a founder of the environmental group Scenic Hudson, who famously fought to keep a power plant from being built on Storm King Mountain.

• **Wappingers Creek Greenway Trail** – This 11-mile ramble, starting at 91 Sleight Plass Road in Poughkeepsie, is studded with Erithronium, a native lily, also known as Trout Lily, because they bloom on the first day of trout season (but not this year), or fawn lily, because the leaves are dappled like a fawn's coat, or dog tooth violet, because the blossoms look like dogs' teeth, or adder's tongue. An adder is a snake, but I've never seen its tongue. Also along the Wappingers Creek, you'll find ramps, the broad

leaved wild leeks, which are considered to be a delicacy, but not if you plan on going out in public for a few days after eating them. It is legal to harvest ramps for personal consumption, but not to sell commercially.

• **Creekside Park** – Opened just last year, this 20 acres along Wappingers Creek was donated by the developers of Eastdale Village, the humongous mini-town on Route 44 just east of Poughkeepsie. I have seen just about every type of wildflower there, including bloodroot, spring beauty and marsh marigold. Unfortunately, a look-alike of the marsh marigold called Lesser Celandine, with up to 12 petals on each blossom, is taking over the area around the creek's banks. You can see genuine marsh marigolds along the paths at Roosevelt Historic Site and Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park, down by the Hudson River.

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







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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.bannermancas-tle.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. **May 3-June 30:** Five new art displays in the Visual Art Galleries. Featured will be Harriet Forman Barrett's "SOULFUL Renditions (in turbulent times)" exhibit in the 9 Vassar St. Hallway Art Gallery; and in the Hancock Gallery at 12 Vassar St., Carrie Decker, Joanne Thorne Arnold and Cheryl McBride will showcase their work in the "Time & Textures" exhibit. Also at 12 Vassar St. will be Helena Palazzi in the Reception Gallery who will present her photographic/encaustic pieces. **Public Art Opening Receptions:** Friday, May 5, with a 4-6 p.m. reception in both of the 12 Vassar St. Galleries; and a 5-7 p.m. reception in the 9 Vassar St. Gallery. 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 flac.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 water-color, 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 June 22:** "Performance Photographs," a collection of works by Harvey L. Silver, who has photographed musical icons including The Band, The Byrds, Poco, Pete Seeger, Gram Parsons, Bonnie Raitt and Buddy Guy. His work can be viewed on the virtual Rhinebeck Fine Art gallery at www.rhinebeckfine-art.com/harvey-silver.

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.starr-library.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.tivoliartistsgallery.com



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Diversions

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

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

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

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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

- Rose or peach
- Malayan boat
- Direction
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- Boatman's items
- Pi times radius squared
- Fine tablecloth fabric
- Slowpoke
- Charge
- Connects
- Single
- Group of animals
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- Firmly fastened
- Set off on a voyage
- Jacuzzi
- Pretigious school
- __ acid
- Up to the time that, for short
- 1977 Bancroft/MacLaine movie
- Rose Kennedy's youngest
- Buckets
- Before: pref.
- Conjunctions
- Plum variety
- Man of the cloth
- Hammer part
- Civil wrong
- Dazzling display
- Desertlike
- New Testament bk.
- Board game
- Omit a syllable in speech
- Multitude
- Sign
- Adamant refusal
- Makes a choice
- Difficult situation
- Minute

DOWN

- Young animal
- Acting award
- Word with punch or waist
- Elegant poem
- Lease signer
- Sat for an artist
- Vermin
- Boston Bruin Bobby
- Pretty __ picture
- Bird of prey
- __ Guthrie
- Observed
- Biblical weed
- Fast pace
- Wrath
- Search
- Principal electrical lines
- Ending for duck or earth
- Fight
- Old anesthetic
- Certain collegians
- Facial expression
- Restrict to a scanty amount
- Bean variety
- Make changes in
- Negatively charged atom
- Surprising game results
- Abnormal chest sound
- Oven
- Fermented taro root
- Passionate
- Histories
- General tendency
- Resound
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The solutions to both the Sudoko & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 18



Salad days

It's that time of year, when cravings turn to lighter, fresh fare

I don't know about you, but I'm craving eating lighter . Spring does that to me. I'm outside more, working in the garden, taking walks or playing with the dog, and my body tells me it's time to lighten up and fly right, eschewing the comfort of melty, cheesy casseroles and meat and potatoes for salads and fresher entrees. It's like there's some kind of nutrition clock that's running the show and, you know what? I'm listening!

I'm not saying I'm a health nut or that I'm going on a raw diet any time soon (or really ever), but warmer weather and finally being more active certainly plays into my getting the itch to take better care of myself, which I admittedly didn't over the winter.

So these days and nights you're apt to find me tucking into a nice fresh green salad for dinner, sometimes accompanying a piece of chicken or fish but, more often than not, just a big old bowl of the green stuff loaded with a variety of vegetables and a handful of nuts, sunflower seeds or homemade croutons thrown in for literally good measure. The dressing is left up to the whim of the moment so I try to keep a nice selection on hand since I don't always feel like making my own.

Lately my favorite go-to is Greek salad, which I also love to take for lunch,

but when it's dinner I want garlic bread or a light flatbread pizza with it. That's what I'm sharing this go-round; it's fresh on my mind as well as my plate.

GREEK SALAD

An easy side or meal to toss together quickly, it's great for a healthy lunch or dinner, alone or as a side. If you use a seedless, or English, cucumber there's no need to peel it and, while you can certainly make your own dressing, I'd opt for local Four Brothers (my favorite which, if not found in your store of choice, is available to purchase by the case or gallon from their website or in one of their area restaurants), but Newman's Own is also good.

INGREDIENTS:

Toss in a large bowl:

- 1 head Romaine lettuce, or 3 Romaine hearts, chopped
- 1 pint grape tomatoes
- 1 cucumber, peeled and diced
- 1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup whole black olives
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta
- 6-8 pepperoncini (pickled small peppers with mild heat), optional

Greek dressing (bottled) or whisk together:

- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried
- salt and pepper to taste

Makes about 4 side or two dinner servings

And now for the flatbread pizza part of our program. In the past I always made mine with pizza dough but these days, hey, I've got things to do so I often opt for packaged flatbread or, even better, naan, which is more individually sized, thinner and has a lovely soft yet slightly chewy texture thanks to its base of egg and yogurt.

Whatever base you choose you really don't need a recipe. If you're using packaged flatbread or naan it's likely it will come with heating directions. Generally brushing naan with olive oil, adding toppings and baking in a preheated 400 degree oven for about 5 minutes should do the trick, or until your cheese melts if you're topping it. They're great on the grill too.

Here are some of my favorite combinations:

Loads of freshly grated Parmesan, minced garlic and fresh herbs

Fresh ricotta, lemon zest, salt, pepper, baby arugula

Pesto, fresh mozzarella and chopped tomatoes

Burrata, fig jam, arugula and a drizzle of balsamic glaze

And then sometimes, if no one is watching, I'll even pile some of that Greek salad on a warm naan and go to town. What? It saves time so I can get back outside to play AND it's delicious! I have no regrets. Why would I? I'm eating better than I have in months and it's spring! Maybe you'll join me in this spring fever-driven food kick. I hope you do and I hope you enjoy!

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THE ARTS CONNECTION

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 Edwrin 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.

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.

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 two- and three-dimensional media.

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Luigi Coppola shares stories and recipes.

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A&E Calendar

Through 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. As the deadline for his new play quickly approaches, Will Shakespeare has writer’s block. 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 his greatest masterpiece. Directed by Thomas Netter and produced by Diana di Grandi. Tickets \$25. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

April 28

Yonder Mountain String Band, Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Colorado-based quintet continues to solidify its place as not only a pioneering jam-grass act, but also one of the most innovative groups in live music —something the group has proudly held high for the better part of a quarter-century, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$39 (members get \$5 off). (845) 473-5288, (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. More info at www.bardavon.org

April 30:

Big Read Event: NEA Block Party, Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. Morton and Starr libraries collaborate to host this fun DJ’d event which will celebrate the efforts of many community partners that have programmed all the Big Read events, the work and life of Sandra Cisneros, the local Latine community, and more, 3 p.m. DJ Uncle Rudy’s sets weave funk, house, disco, balearic and more for the dancer to be set free. This special set will reflect his ethnicity and cultural upbringing as a Latino. Selene will make handmade tamales, flautas and churros. Soft drinks will be for sale as well. This is an all ages, inclusive, event. (845) 876-4030 or www.starlibrary.org

April 30

Contra Dance, St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 55 Wilbur Blvd., Poughkeepsie. Calling and great music by Jeff Walker and family. Come to a welcoming, inclusive dance community of all ages; no partner is needed and beginners are welcome. Bring your own water and snack to consume outside the hall. Doors open 6:45 p.m.; Lesson, 7:15 p.m.; Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Admission \$10 or \$5 w/ student ID. Proof of complete vaccination series + booster required. Visit www.hudsonvalleydance.org for more information.

David Wilcox; special guest Jesse Ruben, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Wilcox taps into the reveries of humanity and turns out vignettes that we can all relate to. But most importantly, these are tunes that make us feel, think, laugh and cry. 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

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Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra: “Americana,” Marriott Pavilion, The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park. From the Wild West to the Mississippi river this program takes its inspiration from our American Heritage, 8 p.m. The program includes Copland’s “Hoe Down,” Broadway Show Music from “Oklahoma” and “Showboat,” Morton Gould’s “American Salute” and even a nod to America’s favorite pastime, baseball. Tickets \$38 adult, \$30 senior, \$10 student. <https://www.ndsorchestra.org/> or (845) 635-0877

Pedro Giraudo Tango Quartet, The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. Latin GRAMMY winner Pedro Giraudo Tango Quartet is a virtuoso quartet that elegantly brings the beauty and passion of the tango repertoire into the world of chamber music, 8 p.m. The quartet’s fervent and virtuosic musical style takes elements from Argentine tango, European classical music, and American jazz, and combines them gracefully and organically, bringing something new and exciting to the form while retaining all the lushness and beauty that characterizes the genre. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. www.thestissingcenter.org

May 1

Howland Chamber Music Circle: Attacca Quartet, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. Their repertoire for this performance includes: “Entr’acte” by Caroline Shaw; compositions by 3 contemporary classical composers: Richard Wilson, Philip Glass and Arvo Part; as well as a chamber work by Maurice Ravel, 4 p.m. Tickets \$40 general, \$10 student (age 25 & younger). <https://howlandmusic.org/Tickets.html>

Answer to this week’s Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 12)

By David Kalvitis © 2011 Monkeying Around

AAUW honors DC Commision on Human Rights Director

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro congratulates Jody Miller, Executive Director of the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights, who has been honored as 2022 Woman of the Year by the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Each year, AAUW’s Poughkeepsie Branch selects a local woman to honor as the Woman of the Year. This award is given to women who exemplify the goals stated in AAUW’s mission statement, which is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Jody Miller serves as the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights, whose mission is defending human rights, bridging differences, and embracing diversity. She was appointed to this position by County Executive Molinaro in 2016 and was instrumental in the reconstruction of the Human Rights Commission. Prior to her current role, she served for sixteen years as the Executive Director of the Mediation Center of Dutchess County, where she

helped create many new and diverse mediation programs that are utilized in many courts. She also headed new initiatives including the Coalition on Elder Abuse in Dutchess County and the Anti-Bullying initiative. Jody is a certified mediation trainer through New York State Unified Court System’s Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs (ADR) and has been a presenter at many conferences around the globe.

AAUW chose Miller to be the 2022 Woman of the Year due to her hard work and compassion. Over the past few years, Miller has steered the community through a series of discussion topics such as police reform as well as coordinated events such as the “United Against Hate March” which called for equality and inclusion for all. Her work leading the Commission’s community dialogue virtual events over the past two years demonstrates the essence of leadership that AAUW strives for.

Miller said, “I am honored to be recognized by such an impactful organization as the American Association of University Women. I want to thank the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights for their amazing work where we have created programs and events that have supported and strengthened our community. With the state our country and world are in, it is more important than ever to join together and work to make the world a more inclusive place for all.”

The American Association of University Women, Poughkeepsie Branch was founded in 1925 and has been active in the areas of education, international understanding, community needs, the arts, and the status of women since. The branch promotes education in many ways such as supporting two yearly Dutchess Community College scholarships for female students who plan to continue to a four-year degree.

To learn more about the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights visit: dutchessny.gov/humanrights.

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

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Millbrook Library events in May

Coming in May to PV Library

May 4th @ 6:30 - 8 pm
Library Jam with Eric Marshall
Tired of playing alone or singing to your showerhead? Want to make music social again? Eric Marshall is holding jam sessions on the first Wednesday of every month. You can come with a guitar or ukulele and Eric will show you some chords, but no instrument or experience is required and all skill levels are welcome. This event is good for all ages and will be held in the Millbrook Library fiction room by the fireplace or on the porch depending on the weather.

May 6th @ 10 am
May 20th @ 10 am
Qigong Class
Qigong is a Chinese mind-body exercise system proven to lower blood pressure, build strength, improve balance and flexibility, and transform stress into energy. Its pleasant, easy-to-learn movements are similar to Yoga but more circular and flowing--- great for returning mobility to stiff or achy joints. These classes will include acupressure self-massage techniques and a bit of history about Qigong's fascinating roots in Taoism.

May 10th @ 4 pm
Helping Refugees in Crisis
What constitutes a 'refugee crisis' in an era of multiple, compounding crises? This talk will explore the nuanced experiences and precarities that refugees face across the world, focusing particularly on why certain refugees get media attention and others do not. It intends to foster a larger dialogue and growing movement that seeks to better apprehend and support refugees in a way that does not treat them as agentless and 'voiceless' recipients of humanitarian aid, but rather as meaningful members and contributors to our community. Resources for a better understanding of the contexts from which refugees come from and ways to support them will be provided.

May 12th @ 6 pm
Movie Night - Frida
You've celebrated Cinco de Mayo, now come to the library to watch Frida, the biopic about acclaimed painter Frida Kahlo. Starring Selma Hayek and directed by Julie Taymor, Frida is a thoughtful portrayal of the revolutionary artist, from her relationship with her mentor and husband, Diego Rivera, to her chronic injury, to her illicit and controversial affair with Leon Trotsky. It's a deeply moving film you shouldn't miss! Movie nights are open to all and a wonderful way to join the community of film lovers here in Millbrook. Plus! We're starting to serve popcorn and cookies, so come for the snack and stay for the movie and community.

May 17th @ 3 pm
Paint the Sound: Music and Art Zoom Workshop
How can you paint the rhythm of a drum or the sound of a piano? This live zoom tour and workshop will explore the ways in which modern artists such as Pollock, Matisse, Bearden, and others were inspired by the Jazz Age. Following a presentation and tour of the Pollock/Krasner barn studio, work alongside Joyce as she demonstrates techniques for creating abstract art inspired by music. Have paint, drawing, or collage supplies on hand.

May 18th @ 6pm
Open Mic Night
Join us for our monthly Open Mic Night organized and hosted by Loredana Ingenito. Come with any writing -- poetry, short story, essay, creative nonfiction, manifesto, screed, or even a guitar and song. Or just come to listen. There will be a chance to sign up at the event, but readers will read on a first-come basis, so sign up early to ensure a slot! This event will either be held on the library lawn or in the Bennett Room depending on the weather.

May 21st @ 1pm
Green Words: Walking Book Discussion of "Ways of Seeing" by John Berger
Join Local Artist June Glasson & Millbrook Adult Programs Coordinator Kristin Perkins in the Innisfree Gardens for a walking discussion of John Berger's classic book Ways of Seeing. Afterward, participants are invited to bring a journal or sketch pad with them for a writing and drawing session to reflect on the reading and gardens. You must be registered to attend; register by emailing millbrooklibrary@millbrooklibrary.com.

May 21st @ 4pm
Gabriella Radujko - Art Opening
Join us for an art reception at the Millbrook Library. We will be showing From Librarian to Homoaestheticus, an art show from Gabriella Radujko, an assemblage and book artist. This opening will also include a short artist talk detailing the artist's career journey and inspiration on how anyone can become an artist. Wine and light refreshments will be served. Come learn about the work, walk through the gallery, and mingle with the community.

May 25th @ 6pm
Jazz Concert - Gabriel Minninberg and Dani Zanuttini-Frank
Join us for a special evening of jazz at the Millbrook Library! Saxophonist Gabriel Mininberg and guitarist Dani Zanuttini-Frank will play thoughtful reimaginings of standards, complemented by some of their original compositions. Fast friends since their college days, Gabriel & Dani's improvisations sound like friendly conversation through music. So, lay out a blanket, bring some snacks or a whole picnic, and enjoy free music in Millbrook village. The Library will be providing seating for those without their own.

May 26th @ 6 pm
Movie Night - Jojo Rabbit
We're celebrating Jewish Heritage Month at the library by showing Jojo Rabbit. This coming-of-age comedy is a Taika Waititi film with Waititi portraying a buffoonish Adolf Hitler, the imaginary friend of a Hitler Youth who discovers his mother is hiding a Jewish girl in their house. Heartwarming and funny, Jojo grapples with his own prejudices and the naivete of childhood as WWII rages around him. Movie nights are open to all and a wonderful way to join the community of film lovers here in Millbrook. Plus! We're starting to serve popcorn and cookies, so come for the snack and stay for the movie and community.

Visit www.pleasantvalleylibrary.org to register for these programs.

Recipe For Regeneration... Composting
Wednesday, May 4 6:30-7:30pm
Join us during International Compost Awareness Week, as we welcome Dutchess County Master Gardeners Cathy Lane and Kathy Smith to teach all the basics for backyard composting and so much more. Registration is required.

What Do Your Flowers Say Today?: Flower Readings by Sue Adams
Thursday, May 5 7:00-8:00pm
The language of flowers, or floriography, was popular during the Victorian-era as a means of communication in which flowers were used to send coded messages, allowing individuals to express feelings which otherwise could not be spoken. Join us as local author Sue Adams takes us back in time to not only enjoy the beauty of flowers, but also their meanings, and learn how flowers can help us in our everyday lives. After a brief lecture, she will conduct flower readings for all attendees. Her newly-published book "What Do Your Flowers Say Today?" will be available for sale at \$25.00, and all proceeds will be donated to the Pleasant Valley Library. Sue Adams is vice-president of Adams Greenhouses, a five-acre operation in Poughkeepsie. She is an award-winning container designer, graduate of Cornell University, president of New York State Flower Industries and serves on the New England Floriculture Board. Registration is required.

Face & Lymphatic Yoga
Friday, May 6 1:30-2:30pm (First Friday afternoon of each month)
Monday, May 9 6:30-7:30pm (Second Monday evening of each month)
Join yoga teacher Rosalia Henry for an all-level yoga class for your whole body. Learn how to engage the muscles in the face and neck to help firm and tone. Remove toxins from your face and body by activating your natural immune support system. Please note the entire body will be engaged during class. Please bring a water bottle, face lotion and a yoga mat. We'll provide yoga mats for those without one. Registration is required.

Flash Fiction
Monday, May 9 6:30-7:45pm (Second Monday evening of each month)
If you love writing fiction, or if it's something new that you want to try, join us for our monthly fiction writing group. At each meeting, participants will be given a writing prompt, time to write, and an opportunity to share their work with the group, if they want. *This is not a critique group, but a place where people can come and exercise their creativity in a fun, supportive environment. Registration required.

Chair Yoga
Tuesday, May 10 1:00-2:00pm (Second Tuesday afternoon of each month)
Samantha Free has been teaching chair yoga for everyone for many years. Whether you are a senior, in a wheelchair, have an injury or balance issues, or are just getting interested in yoga, Samantha will work with you, with a combination of breath work, seated poses, and standing poses. Attendees will not get down on the floor and there are modified poses for those who don't wish to stand. This class is intended to be light-hearted and enjoyable. Registration is required.

Movie Night with Pleasant Valley Climate Smart: "Wasted: The Story of Food Waste"
Tuesday, May 10 6:00-8:00pm
Join Pleasant Valley Climate Smart to watch this informative and entertaining 2017 documentary, produced by Anthony Bourdain. "Wasted" takes you around the world, showing the 1.3 billion tons of food that gets thrown out each year and the people fighting hardest to prevent it. Famous chefs will show how they make the most of every

kind of food, transforming what most people consider scraps into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system. Afterwards, members of Pleasant Valley Climate Smart's Task Force will lead a brief discussion of the movie, and will also talk about their work to support our community in building a sustainable and balanced climate action program, one step at a time - and how you may be able to help! Registration is required.

Gentle Flow Yoga
Wednesday, May 11, 5:00-6:00pm (Second Wednesday evening of each month)
Join yoga instructor Samantha Free for all-level slow vinyasa flow yoga - a floor/mat yoga that coordinates breath with movement through different variations of postures. It's a great way to balance, strengthen and stretch the body. Modifications for postures will be implemented if necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing, and bring a water bottle and yoga mat. We'll provide yoga mats for those without one. Registration is required.

Crafterday - Pop-Up Cards with 3D Card Designer Kristen Capogna
Saturday, May 14 11:00am-12:00pm
Join local crafter and 3D card designer Kristen Capogna as she guides you in making a beautiful 3D pop-up birdhouse card. Kristen has been a paper card designer for past 10years, and is thrilled to bring you this program. Registration is required.

Local Author and Actor David Bean: "When You're a Jet"
Monday, May 16 6:30-8:00pm
Join us to welcome local author and "West Side Story" actor/dancer David Bean, as he shares stories of his years in dance and his later years as a Hudson Valley restaurateur, from his new memoir, "When You're a Jet: A Dancer's Extraordinary, Ordinary Life." Copies of his book will be available to purchase as well. Registration is required.

Native Plants Program with Pleasant Valley Climate Smart
Tuesday, May 17 6:00-8:00pm
Join us as we welcome the Pleasant Valley Climate Smart Committee for this informative gardening program. Native plants are essential if native birds, bees and butterflies are to survive and thrive. Learn about the problems with imported and invasive plant species and endless lawns, and how to make your garden come alive with the many native plant species in our area. Registration is required.

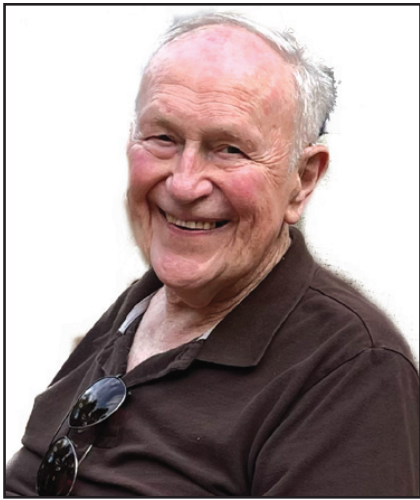
Friday Night Flicks: "West Side Story" (2021) Friday, May 20 6:00-8:00pm
Join us as we screen filmmaker Steven Spielberg's acclaimed and award-winning remake of the classic musical "West Side Story," that reimagines the timeless tale of Romeo and Juliet in 1957-era New York City, where the new love between Tony, a founder of the Jets, and Maria, the sister of the Sharks leader, helps to ignite a war between the rival street gangs. Registration is required - visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Children's Programs
Pre-K Stories
Tuesdays - April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24, May 31 1:00-1:45pm
Independent children ages 3 to 5 years are welcome to enjoy a story and themed craft with Miss Julie in our Children's Room. This session will run for six weeks through May 31. Registration is required and will open on Monday, April 18. Registration required.

Lego Days
Friday, May 20 and Friday, May 27 1:00-2:30pm
No school? No problem! Come and make a Lego creation to be displayed in our Children's Room! The theme is "The Magnificent Month of May"! This program is for school-aged children 6 years and up. Registration is required.

OBITUARIES

EDWARD J. SHAUGHNESSY



Edward J. Shaughnessy, PhD, longtime resident of the Village of Millbrook, New York, died peacefully in his sleep on Saturday morning, April 2nd, in his favorite home library room, surrounded by family and after a 10 month battle with cancer and other complications. He was 87.

Edward was the younger of two children born to Edward J. Shaughnessy, Sr., and Jane Walsh Shaughnessy in Brooklyn, New York on December 2, 1934.

He is most remembered for his broad smile, irrepressible wit, compulsive word play, instant recall of historical facts, and as a handyman extraordinaire. Ever evident was his love for family and friends, but most especially for “the gift of the grands.”

Edward graduated from St. Augustine High School in Brooklyn and received his BA with honors from Catholic University in Washington DC where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He continued his graduate education at Fordham University in European History, receiving a Master of Arts and was later awarded a Masters degree in Theology studies from Manhattan College.

He spent his early career during the late 1950's to early 1960's teaching in Harlem and later in Kenya, East Africa, helping to establish a health dispensary for the local Kikuyu tribe and college classes for future Nyeri elementary school teachers. In the process he became fluent in Swahili and Kikuyu languages, a skill he retained and used as recently as his summer 2021 hospital stay in Vermont.

His facility with languages was also evident during a Fulbright fellowship to Norway and experiences with various UN consulting assignments in Italy and the Netherlands and diverse travels over the years.

After receiving his PhD from the New School for Social Research in NYC, in 1973, Edward began his university teaching career, specializing in sociology of law at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, where he served as Chairman of the Department and was awarded the Bramshill Faculty Exchange to England. He also maintained a joint appointment to the Graduate Center of CUNY where he is professor emeritus.

For many years, he lectured in the graduate public administration program at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY. During that

time, he founded Education and Justice Services, his consulting company servicing law and education entities. He was active in his scholarly disciplines both as a writer and speaker, concentrating on criminal justice reform.

Affectionately known as “Mr. Volunteer” among family and friends, Edward served his community over time as board member and officer: 1st Lieutenant of the Millbrook Fire Department Rescue Squad; Chairman of the Church Alliance Building Committee; President of the Dutchess County Historical Society; Acting Village Justice for the Village of Millbrook, among many other public service commitments and committees.

Ed's genealogical research interests led him to join the Sons of Union Veterans upon discovering two great grandparents who served as Marines for the Union in the Civil War. He became an active member and officer of the international O'Shaughnessy Society when he traced his family's immigration from Gort, Ireland in 1834 to Brooklyn, NY. He persevered researching into obscure archives to authenticate his Quaker built 18c home in the Village of Millbrook.

Edward enjoyed writing and illustrating story books for his grandchildren, designing, cutting and soldering stained glass chess sets, and fixing old clocks. His repertoire of old songs and show tunes delighted many and he sang for over a decade in Millbrook's St. Joseph's Church choir.

He had a number of surreptitious local appearances as Santa and a few acting parts in June Kaufman's theatre productions at the Thorne Building in Millbrook. For three sequential years, he won first place in the triathlon events for those aged over 60 at John Jay College, CUNY.

Edward is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Mary Ann Keelan, of Millbrook, New York, and his beloved children: Celia Jane Shaughnessy (Jeremiah Wille) of Grafton, Wisconsin, and John Edward Shaughnessy (Autumn Cruger) of Millbrook, New York; the gift of four grandchildren: Julia, Madeline, and Claire Shaughnessy- Wille, all of Grafton, Wisconsin, and Logan Patrick Shaughnessy, of Millbrook, New York.

He leaves his nephew Daniel Walsh (Larissa), niece Dorothy Walsh Gay (Bruce), in-laws Donald and Verrall Keelan and Kevin and Elizabeth Keelan and many cousins, nieces, nephews, colleagues, and faithful friends.

His parents and older sister, Genevieve Shaughnessy Walsh, predeceased him as did his brother-in-law Thomas Keelan.

The Shaughnessy Family extends a special thank you to Hudson Valley Hospice for their care and compassion extended to Edward and his family on his return from his Vermont hospital stay to his Millbrook home in late August, 2021.

Friends will be received Thursday, April 28, 2022 from 10:30am-12:30 pm at the Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave. in Millbrook, NY, and then proceed to St. Joseph's RC Church where at 1:00 PM a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow in the St Joseph's Parish Cemetery, Millbrook.

SPC William C. Bean IV

HYDE PARK – Specialist William Christopher Bean IV, 26, of Hyde Park, died unexpectedly on Monday, April 18, 2022, in Albany, NY. Born March 9, 1996, in Poughkeepsie, he was the son of Jinny R. Carmalitano and his stepfather, Scott T. Schreibman, of Hyde Park. A 2015 graduate of F.D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park, Bill proudly served in the NY Army National Guard as a Combat Medic since 2020. When not spending time with his son, Nathan, his hobbies included playing the guitar and listening to the music he loved, especially his classic vinyl records. He also liked to spend time in his home gym and practice mixed martial arts. Bill was a volunteer firefighter with Roosevelt Engine Company #3 in Hyde Park. The Roosevelt Fire Department will conduct services during the visitation. On June 10, 2020, in Staatsburg, he married Tiffany M. Whyble. His wife survives at home. In addition to his wife, mother, and stepfather, survivors include his son, Nathaniel J. Cote, of Hyde Park; two brothers, Tyler A. Bean of Hyde Park and Corey Lattrell of North Carolina; sister, Cassandra Reed, of North Carolina; several nieces and nephews, and aunts, uncles, and cousins. Bill was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Vito and Sophie Carmalitano, and his great-aunt, Anne Stoehr. Cremation has taken place. Memorial calling hours will be from 2 to 5 PM, Sunday, May 1st at Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. A celebration of Bill's life will take place at 4 PM during the visitation with United States Army honors to follow. Specialist Bean's family respectfully requests memorial donations to Stop Soldier Suicide, PO Box 110605, Durham, NC 27709. (www.stopsoldiersuicide.org) To send an online condolence, or for directions, please visit Bill's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Robin R. Day

STAATSBURG – Robin R. Day (Rose), 62 of Staatsburg, NY passed away on Good Friday, April 15, 2022 at home after a long battle with cancer. She was born on March 10, 1960 in Poughkeepsie, NY, the daughter of Harry & Julia Merritt Rose. She graduated from F.D. Roosevelt High School and Dutchess Community College with a degree in Criminal Justice. She was employed for many years in Manufacturing and also worked with developmentally disabled adults at Taconic DDSO. Robin was very talented in many ways. She had a love for crafts, using her hands to crochet and jewelry making. Camping was one of her enjoyments of life with her camper “Lucy.” Survivors include her partner: Liborio Montero at home; daughter: Sara King of Greenly, Colorado; mother: Julia Rose of Poughkeepsie, NY and grandchildren: Bradley & Zachary of Greenly, Colorado. A brother: Richard Rose of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, sisters: Carol Rose of Poughkeepsie, NY; Donna Rose of California and Sherry Moon of Red Hook, NY. There are several nieces, nephews and many Face Book friends. She is also survived by her beloved pets Whiskey and Willow. She was predeceased by her father and several aunts, uncles and grandparents. The family would like to thank the Staff of Hospice for assisting in her needs for comfort. Services were private and have been held. Inurnment took place in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Memorial Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in Robin's name. Arrangements are under the direction of the Wm. G. Miller & Son FH, Inc. To send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

George L. Emmett

LAGRANGE – George L. Emmett, 90, of LaGrange, NY passed away on April 16, 2022 at home. He was born on June 14, 1931 in Poughkeepsie, NY, the son of Joseph & Lillian Lewis Emmett. George was employed with the Arlington Central School District as a Custodian working in The Noxon Road School. He retired in 1998. He was a USMC Veteran serving from 1949-1951. He enjoyed traveling. Survivors include his sons: Donald Jackson, Jr. of LaGrangeville, NY and Shequann Burrwell of Arcadia, Florida. Brothers include Wayne & Peter Emmett of Poughkeepsie, NY; Sisters: Barbara Pendergast of LaGrange, NY and Linda Rushano of LaGrangeville, NY. Grandchildren include: Cloe, Jilliana, Shequann, Jr., Skye, Aria, Kyrie and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother: Joseph Emmett. Visitation was Thursday, April 21, 2022, at the Wm. G.

Miller & Son FH, Inc., 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Services were Friday, April 22, 2022 in the Funeral Home. Burial followed in the family plot in Freedom Plains Cemetery, LaGrange, NY. If you wish to send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com.

Michael Gaddis

PLEASANT VALLEY – Michael William Gaddis, 48, of New Hope Community, Loch Sheldrake, NY, passed away on April 16, 2022 after a long illness. Michael is survived by his parents, Floyd and Judith Gaddis of Pleasant Valley. His sister Hillary Gaddis-Clegg (Lawrence) of Clinton Corners. His niece Emma Catherine and nephew Andrew Henry. His Aunt, Virginia Deragon, his Godparents, Chuck and Sharon Tuttle and many cousins. And his New Hope Community Family for which he was a resident for the last 22 years. Michael was an angel sent from Heaven. He was loved by all who knew him. A man of no words but he spoke volumes with his smile and eyes. A true blessing to us all. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at Good Shepherd Church in Rhinebeck, NY with Fr. Douglas Crawford on Friday, April 22. The burial will be at the convenience of the family. In leu of flowers, donations can be made to New Hope Community, PO Box 289, Route 52, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759 or Hospice of Orange and Sullivan County Inc., 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550. For condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Pleasant Valley.

James T. Hendren

RHINEBECK – James T. Hendren, 95, died peacefully at the Thompson House on Monday April 18th surrounded by his family. James was born in Glasgow, Scotland on September 15, 1926. He married Rena Richardone on May 8, 1949 and shared 64 years together. James was the son of the late Lewis and Margaret Hendren of Brooklyn, NY. James had a long career at Shell Asiatic Petroleum in Rockefeller Center in NYC. He loved traveling and spent many summers at Lake Bomoseen, VT with his family. He was an avid reader and loved music of all kinds, and was a big baseball fan, especially the San Francisco Giants. He was a wonderful father and provider to his 4 children and his wife. He was the rock of the family and was always referred to as a gentleman. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his three daughters, Patricia Hill of Rhinebeck, and her children, his grandchildren, Leslie Hill and her partner Jeffrey Miranda, both of Rhinecliff, NY, and Colin Hill and his partner, Jessie Lima and their daughter, Lilia Hill, Louann Huh and her husband, Mike Huh of Morgantown, W. Virginia, Susan Murray of Rhinebeck, NY and his son James M. Hendren, and his wife, Jennifer and their three children, Georgia, Reilly, and Jackson Grzywacz of Wilton, CT. James was predeceased by his beloved wife, Rena. Calling hours were Thursday April 21, at the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, 51 W. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday April 22, at the Good Shepherd Church, 94 E. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY. Interment followed in the Rhinebeck Cemetery. To sign the online register, please visit www.dapsonchestney.com.

Edward Jessup

LAGRANGE – Edward P. Jessup, age 66, passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2022, leaving all who loved him heavy-hearted. Born on October 5, 1955, the only child of proud parents, Albert and Jane Jessup, Eddie's large personality was immediately evident. On July 4, 1976, while still a college student, Eddie married his high school sweetheart, Jean Jessup (Vanderbilt). He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Mercy College. In 1978, he welcomed his first child, Ryan. His second child, Ashley, arrived in 1982. Dedicated husband and father, and astute businessman, Eddie founded Jessup Associates, Inc. in 1987 and served as its President and CEO until his passing. Eddie proudly served his community as Town of Lagrange Councilman and Deputy Supervisor from 2009-2021, Town of LaGrange Republican Committee Chairman from 2015-2019 and Dutchess County Republican Committee Vice Chairman from 2019-present. A man of many passions, he was a lifelong Green Bay Packer fan and shared the love of the game with his son, Ryan, and many friends. He enjoyed spending his winters in sunny Florida. His greatest love was

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Defendants-Index No. 2021-54094 Plaintiff Designates Dutchess County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Dutchess County. To the above named Defendants–YOU

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD
Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, NY
Please take note that the Planning Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley, NY, will hold a public hearing on the following proposition: 938-965 Freedom Road, Pleasant Valley Grid#6463-03-033195 Area Subdivision Request: The applicant would like to subdivide 33.5 acres that is bisected by Freedom Road, in order to create a 3.77 acre lot on the west side of the road. SAID Meeting will take place on May 9, 2022 at the Pleasant Valley Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, N.Y., and begins at 6:30 p.m.

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ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); the United States of America may appear or answer within 60 days of service hereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated March 31, 2022. NOTICE- YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME – If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE; New York State law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this Foreclosure Action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney of your local legal aid office to

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SECTION I-- INTRODUCTION AND INTENT OF SOFTWARE AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES RFP: Notice to Vendors Sealed proposals will be received by the Town Clerk for The Town of Pleasant Valley N.Y. for the following software and technology services: 1.Town meeting organization 2.Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request management Proposals may cover either or both of the services above. Proposals will be accepted until May 13, 2022 at 12:00 NOON in the Town Clerk's Office 1554 Main Street Pleasant Valley, NY 12569.

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obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. We are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Christie L. D'Alessio, J.S.C. dated March 31, 2022. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 47 Clay Hill Road, Tivoli, NY 11023 located at Section 6174 Block 02 and Lot 637913 Dated: April 4, 2022 Filed: April 4, 2022 Pincus Law Group, PLLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: George J. Weissinger, Esq., 425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 (516) 699-8902.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHARLESTON IN THE PROBATE COURT NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO.: 2021-GC-10-188 SUMMONS FOR PUBLI-

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Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope identifying the Contractor's name, the RFP title, and the RFP due date on the face of the envelope. Proposals shall include the Proposal Sheet in Section IV. Submission of a proposal signifies the Contractor's agreement that its proposal and the content thereof are valid, and all pricing submitted with the proposal shall remain in effect for at least one year. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk of Pleasant Valley

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CATION Thomas Legrant Colleton, Jr., Petitioner vs. Willie Simmons, Jr., Patrice Simmons and Glynice Simmons, Respondents. TO THE RESPONDENT PATRICE SIMMONS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition a copy of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Charleston County, 100 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Petition upon the subscriber, at 3775 Spruill Avenue, Suite B, North Charleston, South Carolina, 29405, within thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this Summons; if you fail to answer the Petition, judgment by default can be rendered against you for the relief requested. Charleston County, South Carolina Rachael Arora Legal Access 8 4 3 - 6 4 0 - 5 9 8 0 ext. 701 rachael@charlestonlegalaccess.org

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

BEACON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS, INC. WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING AND ANNUAL ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY, MAY 5th AT 7:30 P.M.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL Pursuant to §506 & §526 of the Real Property Tax Law: NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessor of the Town of East Fishkill, County of Dutchess, has completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year 2022. A copy of which is filed with the Town Clerk. The Assessor will be in attendance with such tentative roll at: East Fishkill Town Hall, located at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533 The Town Assessor will be

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, State of New, adopted at a meeting held on the 18th day of April 2022 at the Town Hall, 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York, a resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$75,000.00 from its Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of one new Crew Cab 4x4 truck. Such resolution does not take effect until thirty (30) days after its adoption or until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority

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available on the following days: May 9, 2022 between the hours of 12pm and 4pm May 10, 2022 between the hours of 12pm and 4pm May 16, 2022 between the hours of 2pm and 6pm May 21, 2022 between the hours of 12pm and 4pm Written complaints with respect to the assessments may be filed with the Assessor any time prior to, or on Grievance Day and shall be transmitted by the Assessor, to the Board of Assessment Review, on or before Grievance Day. A publication containing procedures for contesting an assessment is available at the Assessor's office or online at: www.tax.ny.gov/pdf/publications/orpts/grievance-booklet.pdf 24 ASSESSOR GRIEVANCE DAY May 24, 2022 (\$508 RPTL) (\$525 RPTL) NOTICE is hereby given that the BOARD of ASSESSMENT REVIEW for the Town of East Fishkill in Dutchess County, shall hear and determine complaints in relation to assessments at: 330 Route 376, Hopewell Jct., NY 12533. Contact telephone number for the Assessor is 845-226-6353. The BOARD of ASSESSMENT REVIEW will be in attendance on the following day: May 24, 2022 between the hours of 2pm and 4pm, and 6pm and 8pm. The BOARD of ASSESSMENT REVIEW will then file a copy of the determination with the Town Clerk to become a matter of public record. BOARD CHAIRMAN rev 03/12 REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-33-22 On-Site Drug Test Kits Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 18th day of May 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

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of the electors of the Town of Pleasant Valley affected, qualified to vote at an annual election of the Town voting on such proposition if, within thirty (30) days after its adoption, there shall be filed with the Town Clerk a petition signed and acknowledged in the manner required by Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, protesting such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the electors of such Town for their approval or disapproval. Dated: April 18, 2022 MARY BETH MUIR Town Clerk of Pleasant Valley

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 11, 2022, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice. Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, April 19, 2022. Leigh Wager Clerk, County Legislature RESOLUTION NO. 2022048 BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 11, 2022. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$9,466,985 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY a portion of THE COST OF bridge, culvert AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY. Class of objects or purposes: Highway, culvert and bridge improvements, including incidental improvements and expenses Period of probable usefulness: 15 years Maximum estimated cost: \$13,693,733 Maximum amount of bonds to be issued: \$9,466,985 bonds Other monies: \$4,226,748 CHIPS and PaveNY monies from State SEQRA status: Will be on a project-by-project basis. SEQRA compliance materials on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature where same may be inspected during regular office hours. Notice of Permissive Referendum NOTICE IS HEREBY

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GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, at a meeting held on the 11th Day of April, 2022, duly adopted the following Resolution, subject to a permissive referendum. RESOLUTION #1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHELSEA FIRE DISTRICT, TOWN OF W A P P I N G E R , DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE FIRE DISTRICT CONSISTING OF A 2005 INTERNATIONAL PIERCE PUMPER, WHICH VEHICLE IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR ANY OF THE USES OR PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT AT SUCH TIME, AND UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE BOARD IN ITS DISCRETION MAY DETERMINE; SAID MONIES REALIZED THEREFROM TO BE USED TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 2022 PIERCE RESCUE PUMPER. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, as follows: Section 1. The Board of Fire Commissioners is of the opinion that the present 2005 International Pierce Pumper is determined to be obsolete and the District is in need of a new 2022 Pierce Rescue Pumper and the Fire District is to sell or otherwise dispose of the present 2005 International Pierce Pumper. Section 2. That it is determined that the monies to be received from the sale of the 2005 International Pierce Pumper will not exceed \$ 65,000.00. Section 3. Any monies or sums to be realized from the sale of this 2005 International Pierce Pumper shall be paid into the Fire Fighting Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund, established pursuant to Resolution #1 herein. Section 4. Pursuant to Section 6-g Subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law, any monies received therefrom shall be paid into such Capital Reserve Fund. Section 5. This resolution is adopted subject to a permissive referendum. By Order of the Commissioners of the Chelsea Fire District. Claire Gibson, Secretary Chelsea Fire District Dated: April 11, 2022

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Beacon Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be continued by the Planning Board of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York, on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 immediately following the training session/workshop which begins at 7:00 PM, and prior to the Planning Board's SEQRA determination, to hear and consider comments related to any environmental impacts of the proposed Site Plan Approval for property located at 16 West Main Street, for a 62-unit multi-family building, identified on the City Tax Maps as Section 5954, Block 25, Lot 616969, submitted by Farrell Building Company. Said Planning Board will, at said time and place hear all persons in support of such matter or any objections thereto. Individuals may appear in person, by agent or by attorney.
E. Grogan
Secretary
Beacon Planning Board

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2022-12, NAME OF PROJECT: Wilcox Park Splash Pad, PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Installation of a splash pad, including all underground water supply lines, splash pad equipment and recirculation system. The anticipated start of construction is June 20, 2022; the anticipated substantial completion date is July 29, 2022 with final completion August 12, 2022, respec-

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tively. Beginning April 27, 2022 at 8:00AM: Bid Specifications and Drawings may be obtained in person Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents will be distributed on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone Number, E-mail Address. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 is required for each bid set, in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance or cash will be required for each set of bid documents. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102 and will be made by the County upon receipt of a written request accompanied by said USB Flash Drive. Bids due on or before Wednesday , May 18, 2022 at 11:00AM and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Denise Spens-Gallagher, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW), 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY

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12603. Due to COVID-19, the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All calls will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 964 400 060# All Addenda will be issued to Plan Holders via E-mail, but also posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business May 10, 2022 and

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emailed to Denise Spens-Gallagher at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2022002692. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM: Dutchess County requires that any contractor or subcontractor have, prior to entering into a Contract for the process of building, renovating or demolishing a public building, owned, operated and maintained by Dutchess County, with a value in excess of \$250,000., apprenticeship agreements appropriate for the type and scope of work to be performed and which have been registered with NYS Department of Labor in accordance with Article 23 of the Labor Law. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT OF THE TOWN CODE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Wappinger will conduct a Public Hearing on the 23rd of May 2022, at 7:00PM at the Town Hall, 20 Middlebush Road, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the

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Town Board of the Town of Wappinger should adopt Local Law of 2022 which would amend Chapter 240, Zoning, of the Town Code with Respect to the Shopping Center Zoning District and Large-Scale Mixed-Uses. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Town Board has reserved its right to make its Determination of Significance pursuant to SEQRA at the conclusion of the Public Hearing to be held on the adoption of the proposed Local Law. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the proposed Local Law will be available for review and inspection at the office of the Town Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. DATED: April 11, 2022 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER JOSEPH P. PAOLONI Town Clerk Town of Wappinger

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL Local Law No.

[Introductory] of 2022 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Fishkill, New York, will hold a Public Hearing at Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52 Fishkill, New York 12524 on May 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon after as the matter may be heard to consider Local Law No. (Introductory) of 2022, amending Town Code Chapter 50, Building Construction, by adding a new section 50-27 entitled

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Code Interpretation. The Town of Fishkill will make every effort to assure that the public hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or accommodations should contact the Town Clerk. By Order of the Town Board Town of Fishkill Becki Tompkins – Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LMD HOMES, INC. - SIX (6) LOT SUBDIVISION FRESHWATER WETLANDS, WATERCOURSE AND WATERBODY PERMIT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to § 82-9.E of the Code of the Town of Fishkill, a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill on Thursday, May 12, 2022 in the Francois R. Cross Meeting Room (Main Meeting Room at Town Hall), 807 Route 52, Fishkill, New York, beginning at 7:00p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the matter of an Applicant's request to obtain a Freshwater Wetlands, Watercourse and Water Body Permit to conduct regulated activities within a Town regulated wetland, watercourse and/or the associated buffer area. The activities involve the disturbance of the 100' wetland buffer for the proposed driveway entrances, the water service and main connections, and detention pond grading, all shown on the

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Applicant's subdivision plans to be constructed off of Baxtertown Road as part of the LMD Homes, Inc. - Six (6) Lot Subdivision. These regulated activities are defined in Sec. 82-7.C of the Code of the Town of Fishkill. A public hearing for the preliminary subdivision plat was held and closed by the Planning Board on November 18, 2021. The parcels for this proposal are identified as Tax Map Parcel No's.: 6156-03-387216 consisting of 4.811 acres and 6156-03-413195 consisting of 1.94 acres located at 234 Baxtertown Road in the R-40 Zoning District to be subdivided into six (6) residential lots. The proposed lots will range in size from 0.99 acres to 1.27 acres. An existing home will remain on proposed Lot No. 3. Access to three (3) of the proposed lots will be gained off of Orchard Place and access to the remaining three (3) proposed lots will be gained off of Baxtertown Road. All interested persons will be heard by the Planning Board of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing to be held as aforesaid. For any persons unable to attend the public hearing, email comments may be submitted in advance to dcolonna@fishkill-ny.gov. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF FISHKILL, NEW YORK Debbie Colonna, Planning Board Secretary

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reserved for his grandsons, Nicholas Edmond and Brayden Edward. He could regularly be heard playing ball with them in the backyard and cheering them on from the sidelines. Eddie is also survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Jean; his son Ryan and his fiancé, Leanne Ficker; his daughter, Ashley Scelia and her husband, Edmond Scelia, his two grandsons, Nicholas and Brayden Scelia, and many many close friends. To know Eddie, was to love him. Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Funeral Service was held at the funeral home followed by interment in Hillside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wilson Disease Association, 1732 First Avenue, #20043, New York, NY 10128 (www.wilsondisease.org), in honor of Eddie's grandson, Nicholas.

Mary Rodriguez

RHINEBECK – Mary C. Rodriguez, 82, a longtime Rhinebeck resident, passed away on Monday, April 18, 2022 with her loving family by her side. Born on April 15, 1940, in Bronx, NY, she was the daughter of the late Patrick and Katherine (McGettrick) Carolan. Mary married Raymond Rodriguez on Nov. 6, 1965 at St. Nicholas of Tolentine in Bronx, NY. Mary and Ray enjoyed many years together in Rhinebeck, NY. They loved to play golf and to visit the ocean each year on vacation. Raymond predeceased her on October 19, 2012. Prior to moving upstate, Mary worked as an executive secretary in New York City. She was a devoted wife, mother, caregiver, and friend. She also valued education and enrolled in college while raising her family and working. Mary was proud to receive her bachelor's degree in Healthcare Management. She worked at Ferncliff Nursing Home in Rhinebeck New York for over 20 years, including as Director of Volunteer Services, and Director of Medical Records. Mary was a faithful communicant of Good Shepherd Church in Rhinebeck and a member of their Women's Society. She also was a longtime member of Edgewood Golf Club in Tivoli, NY. She is survived by her children, Jean (Joseph) Leirey of Lake Katrine, NY, Cara (Robert) Rainboth of Glenville, NY, and Michael (Larissa) Rodriguez of Columbia, MD; a sis-

ter-in-law Gail Carolan of North Hampton, NH; her loving grandchildren, Katie, Erin, & Amy Leirey, Colin & Abigail Rainboth, and Adam & Daniel Rodriguez; along with a niece, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to her husband, a brother, James Carolan, and her sister-in-law, Rita Bodie, predecease her. Mary's family wishes to express sincere gratitude to her caregivers Lebo, Thina, Belle, and Sue, as well as the staff with Hudson Valley Hospice. Friends called at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes in Rhinebeck on Friday, April 22, 2022 and on Saturday. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, April 23rd, 2022 at Church of the Good Shepherd, Rhinebeck, NY. Burial will be at St. Sylvia's Cemetery, Tivoli. Memorial donations may be made in Mary's memory to the Shriner's Children's Hospital New England, or Hudson Valley Hospice. Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 91 E. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com.

Jack Russo

HYDE PARK – Jack (Gioachino) P. Russo, 94, formerly of Peekskill, NY, passed away on April 17, 2022, Easter Sunday at Vassar Brothers Hospital. Jack was born on September 6, 1927, in NYC to Teresa (Stafforini) and Giuseppe Russo. He grew up on a farm in Montrose, NY and graduated from Hendrick Hudson High School. While a teen, Jack had multiple paper routes and worked for the railroad during the summer months. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1946 where he served aboard the USS Rochester until he was honorably discharged to care for his ailing mother. Jack later was employed as a boiler operator for the VA Medical Center, Montrose, NY until he retired at 83. While there, he illegally fed every feral cat on the premises. On the side, Jack dabbled as a loan shark and bookie and was the master of inventions (clothes pin patent). Mr. Russo is survived by his daughter Jacqueline Russo (Hyde Park, NY), his sister Caroline (Russo) Serrano (Maryland) and numerous nieces (Rosemarie Post) and nephews. Mr. Russo is predeceased by the love of his life Barbara Roll, his sisters Margaret (Russo) O'Connor and Letitia Russo and brothers, Rudolph

Russo and Albert Russo. Jack's daughter Jacqueline was his world and he passed on so much to her: a strong faith in God, love of all animals, ridiculous sense of humor, education, and a strong work ethic, to look for compassion in the face of despair, operating a stick shift (you will never be stranded), and the importance of a really good Italian wedge (provolone has to be sharp) and to never give up. Until we meet again Daddy...I love you more. A thank you to all the friends Jack made while at the Manor at Woodside (Bird Man) and, more recent, at Lutheran Care Center. A private burial will take place at the Assumption Cemetery, Cortlandt, NY. Arrangements by Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park, NY 12538. www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Frieda A. Thompson

AMENIA – Frieda A. Thompson, 95, a longtime resident of Amenia, NY passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at Sharon Health Care Center in Sharon, CT. Born on October 3, 1926 in Bronx, NY she was the daughter of the late Philip and Frieda (Finger) Arms. Frieda graduated High School at the age of 16 after successfully completing 7th and 8th grade in one year at Walton High School in the Bronx. At age 16, Frieda moved to Amenia to work in Admissions at Viewpoint School. After that, she worked as an aide at the Maplebrook School. She was a telephone operator for a time and later a secretary at Immaculate Conception School in Amenia. She had also worked at Kildonan and Webutuck Schools retiring in 1997 at the age of 71. Freida was a Cub Scout den mother and also active in Girl Scouts. She was a longtime volunteer at Sharon Hospital and an active member of Smithfield Presbyterian Church in Amenia. Frieda was also a dedicated member of the Dutchess County GOP with over 50 years of service. She was also an avid bowler and belonged to the women's 600 club; Frieda enjoyed crossword puzzles and spending time with her grandchildren. Frieda was Citizen of the Year for the Amenia Grange in 1983. In April of 1951, Frieda married Harry Thompson and had five children: Harry Thompson, Jr., and his companion, Donna Brainard, of Pensacola, FL, Susan Colleran and her husband, James, of Ossining, NY,

Marion Stone and her husband, Jerome, of Ancram, NY, Louise Thompson of San Diego, CA and Liz Gallagher and her husband, William, of Glenville, NY. She was the proud Gram of eight grandchildren: Joseph Thompson, Thomas, Katie, Timothy and Kieran Colleran and Veronica, Adam, and Bryce Stone and three great grandchildren: Annie, Declan and Charles Colleran. Calling hours were held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. Funeral services took place on Friday, April 22, 2022 at the funeral home with Rev. Douglas Grandgeorge officiating. Burial will follow at Kensico Cemetery in Valhalla, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to: Stanford Grange No. 808, PO Box 108, Stanfordsville, NY 12581 or the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516. For directions or to send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Vincent Walsh

HYDE PARK– Vincent Walsh, 81, of Hyde Park, NY, died on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Poughkeepsie, NY. Born on December 18, 1940, in Poughkeepsie, he was the son of Robert and Dorothy Zeleznik Walsh. On August 13, 1957, he married Theresa A. Bunten at St. Mary's Church, Poughkeepsie, NY. He retired as a Union Electrician from IBEW Local 363, Harriman, NY. In addition to his beloved wife, Theresa of 64 years, he is survived by a son, Vincent J. Walsh, Hyde Park, a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia T. and Alfred Montanino, Clinton Corners, grandchildren, Jessica, Stephen, Rebecca, Clayton, David, and Gabby; great-grandchildren, Emmett, Marlee, Jolie, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Robert, John, Joseph, Thomas, Frank, and his sister, Dorothy. Relatives and friends called on Sunday, April 24, 2022, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., 4365 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

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Programs for adults at Red Hook Public Library in May

Red Hook Composts!
6-6:30pm, Wednesday, May 4
Come learn more about the newest service offered at the Red Hook recycle yard: bring your food scraps, and they will be recycled into compost instead of going to the landfill. Hear more details during this presentation by our town's Conservation Advisory Council.

Boat Trip: Wrecked & Abandoned - Hudson River Maritime Museum
12-4pm, Thursday, May 12
Visit the Hudson River Maritime Museum with time to enjoy a cruise around the many wrecked and abandoned vessels dotting the Rondout Creek and Port Ewen Bay from over 200 years of commercial maritime use. Bus transportation from Red Hook included. Registration required. Please call the library at 845-758-3241 or email Renee at programcoordinator@redhooklibrary.org to register.

Hands On: Botanical Flower Painting
11am-1pm, Saturday, May 14
Not a horticulture specialist but love flowers? You would fit right in with our no pressure Hands On art class. Have fun painting some colorful watercolor flowers this spring. All supplies provided. Registration required. Email programcoordinator@redhooklibrary.org to register.

Quickbooks Online for Business Owners
1-3pm, Saturday, May 21
Curious about QuickBooks Online for

your business? Join instructor Matthew Watzka of Financial Services Center, Inc. for an information packed class. We'll cover subscription options, linking your bank accounts, invoicing customers, paying vendors and employees, running reports, and other time saving tips and tricks. Registration required. Email programcoordinator@redhooklibrary.org to register and for more info.

Medicare 101
4-5pm, Monday, May 23
Medicare is a complex and multifaceted insurance. Please join us for a basic introduction with plenty of time for questions. Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program (HIICAP) volunteer for Dutchess County Office for the Aging, Nina Lynch will present. Please call the library at 845-758-3241 or email Renee at programcoordinator@redhooklibrary.org to register.

Virtual Spanish as a Second Language
5:30-6:30pm, Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26
Improve your Spanish in our series of virtual Spanish classes. This class continues on Thursday evenings into June. Best suited for advanced beginner level. Email Renee at programcoordinator@redhooklibrary.org to register and for more info.

Virtual Sign Language ASL
5:30-6:30pm, Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26
Learn a new language and expand your

world. American Sign Language is often cited as the third most common language in the United States. Join this ongoing virtual class on Zoom, open to teens and adults. Email Amy@redhooklibrary.org to register and for more information.

The Tuesday Afternoon Book Group
2:30 pm, Tuesday, May 10
This month the group will meet to discuss *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich. The discussion will be held on Zoom. Contact Paul at assistant@redhooklibrary.org for the Zoom link and questions regarding the discussion.

The Monday Evening Book Group
7 pm, Monday, May 16
This month the group will meet to discuss *The Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead. The discussion will be held in the Library's Community Room. A Zoom link option will be made available to anyone interested. Contact Paul at assistant@redhooklibrary.org for questions regarding the discussion.

All Abilities Adults
12:30 pm, Fridays, May 6, 13, 20 & 27
All Abilities Adults is an hour of social fun in the Community Room for adults with intellectual, cognitive and/or developmental disabilities. Our activities range from seasonal crafting to scientific experiments, but friendship and community are constant. In person program, limited spots available, registration required. For more

information and to register, email Amy@redhooklibrary.org.

Knitting Group
4 pm - 6 pm, Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
Meet in the library Community Room for weekly knitting, crocheting, spinning, quilting, and crafting. Email Dawn at director@redhooklibrary.org if you are interested in attending.

Study Time
10am-12pm on Tuesdays & 12-2pm on Thursdays
Need a quieter place to study or a change of location? Use our 3rd floor Community Room for studying or working on Tuesdays and Thursdays during our Study Time. We also have laptops and Chromebooks available. No sign up necessary.

Red Hook Public Library has been serving the community of Red Hook and its need for lifelong learning since 1898. It has been designated a five-star library by Library Journal each year since 2013. The library was chosen as a finalist for the Best Small Library in America award, given by Library Journal and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in 2015.

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