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Head of Collections Claudine Klose is pictured with visitors in the StoryStudio, Historic Red Hook's archive building at last year's "Then and Now" Festival. This year's festival is set for Saturday, June 1. Courtesy photo

'Then and Now' Festival celebrates Red Hook's past and present

June 1 event includes family fun, history driving tour

By Kate Goldsmith

Red Hook, like all small towns, has seen its share of changes over the years; but unlike some small towns, it has managed to retain its rural charm while adapting to the 21st century. On Saturday, June 1, Historic Red Hook will celebrate past and present with its free "Then and Now" Festival, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be fun and educational activities, music, food and more at the Elmendorph Inn and Green, 7562 North Broadway (Route 9) in the Village of Red Hook. A "Farms, Food, and Families" scavenger hunt and self-driving tour will cap a day suitable for one and all.

Elisabeth Tatum, Executive Director of Historic Red Hook, described some of the activities to be enjoyed at the festival:

"Kids can come and see local sheep; there will be arts & crafts stands where kids can do some drawings inspired by our collections ... barbecue fare will be offered [by food vendors]. We'll have a DJ with music throughout the entire day. It will be a nice atmosphere."

Tatum noted there will be some history displays focused on the "Farms, Food, and Families" theme from Historic Red Hook's collections.

"The stories speak to different strategies that farms have used over the years,

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Special project 'blooms' into new ThinkDifferently effort at Fairgrounds



Individuals from New Horizons Resources proudly show their talents and skills after planting flowers in boxes at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, May 22. Joining them are, at left, Olivia Clark, coordinator of Intellectual/Developmental Disability Services, Tony Capalbo of Phantom Gardens Nursery and Dana M. Hopkins, All Abilities Program Director, second from right. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

By Curtis Schmidt

A special project that combines the exceptional talents and efforts of many local individuals and a working-together community spirit is "blooming" into a variety of colorful planter boxes at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

This all revolves around the ever-evolving ThinkDifferently efforts of individuals representing the Fair, Dutchess County government and the local business community. On the organizing end, Vicki Imperati of the Fair is teaming with Dana M. Hopkins, County All Abilities Program Director and Tony Capalbo from Phantom Gardener Nursery in Rhinebeck.

"Last year we implemented a ThinkDifferently Recycled Garden Art class in the Horticulture Department, which was well received," said Imperati. "We had a brainstorming meeting in February with those that were involved and came up with the idea of having various agencies for those with a disability to participate by offering them the opportunity to come in and plant some of the planter boxes throughout our grounds."

Hopkins noted that the flower boxes are pre-existing boxes that have been previously used at the Fairgrounds. Capalbo prepped the boxes with soil and had the plants ready to go. Each individual

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Tour of historic landmarks in Clinton, Garden After-Party, set June 15

By Craig Marshall
Vice President,
Clinton Historical Society

Join the Clinton Historical Society's self-guided Historic Landmarks Driving Tour on Saturday, June 15. Docents posted at twelve landmark Clinton properties will offer exterior tours and historical information from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

followed by an After-Party in the gardens at Mole Manor.

The Town of Clinton is a Dutchess County gem remarkable for its rich tapestry of historic homes and well-preserved rural landscape.

"Clinton has an extraordinary number – 338, in fact – of historically significant properties," said Cynthia Koch, Clinton Historical Society president. "This is

almost 50 percent of the 777 structures in our town built before 1965, which shows how little the landscape has changed."

The tour takes participants at their own pace through the hamlets of Clinton Corners, Schultzville, Hibernia, and to visit old farm and mill houses nearby. A keepsake tour map includes suggested lunch spots along the route.

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4-H: Skills and Memories to Lead for a Lifetime!

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attending received at least a 2'x2' section to create their planter box design with flowers. She said they had 16 individuals participate on May 22 and 18 are registered for May 29.

“We had tremendous interest from our partner agencies – within hours of sending out the email that the planter box workshops were ready for registrants – the dates were filled,” said Hopkins, noting that the idea was a great fit for agencies and residents. “Most of the agencies are involved in gardening to some degree, whether it is in their day program or their residence.”

Hopkins pointed out that the Fair is “a showcase of talents for so many people in our community. These flowerboxes add to the vibrancy of the Fair and highlight how people of all abilities contribute to the fun and beauty of the Fair for everyone to enjoy.

“The guys and ladies who participated were so proud of their work. They wanted to learn, even if they hadn’t planted before. One person said they had bad hands, but still they were determined to do the plantings and they did it!”

Capalbo said, “I really enjoyed seeing all of the individuals smile and get excited to plant flowers. One of the biggest reasons I started working in the horticulture field was because of the enjoyment I get every time I’m outside planting and working with the plants and the soil. It was awesome to share some of that with the individuals. At Phantom Gardener, we work really hard to show people from all walks of life and abilities how enjoyable it can be to plant flowers and be outside and this was another avenue to continue that message.”

Signs will be made and attached to the planter boxes – noting that they were created by a specific agency. The agencies and individuals were given a choice of a group name or using their agency name and they chose their agency name, illustrating how proud they are of the agency.

The men and women who are doing the plantings came with the agencies day programs including In Flight Inc., Anderson Center for Autism, New Horizons Resources, Access Supports for Living, Greystone Programs and Cardinal Hayes Home for Children.

Hopkins noted that some of the day programs are considered WOW, or With Out Walls, meaning they are out and about in the community for the day, doing different activities and volunteer work. For the agencies that didn’t have the opportunity to engage in the DC Fairgrounds Flower Box Workshops, Hopkins’ staff were able to connect them to Susanne O’Neil and Serge Nalywayko from Dutchess County Parks. Those agencies, Abilities First and Devereux, will be working with Parks on plantings across Dutchess County Parks properties.

Hopkins added, “We have been grateful to partner with the Dutchess County Fair to offer ThinkDIFFERENTLY Thursday as part of Fair week since 2016, offering people of all abilities and their families the opportunity to enjoy the Dutchess County Fair. The Main Gate opens earlier this day for individuals with developmental disabilities or sensory challenges to enter ahead of the crowds. The rides, games, and other attractions on the midway lower their sounds and lights for the morning to reduce visual and audio over-stimulation.”



Above, Dana M. Hopkins, LCSW-R, All Abilities Program Director for Dutchess County, works with a resident from New Horizon Resources in planting flowers in boxes at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, May 22. Below, individuals from In Flight, Inc. of Red Hook take part in the project. Photos by Curtis Schmidt



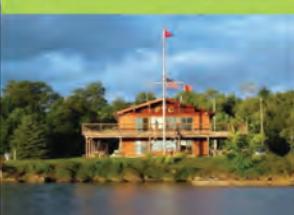
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New Water ‘Sprayground’ at Wilcox Park to open June 2

There will be a fun new way to keep cool this summer at Dutchess County Parks with the opening of a new water “sprayground” at Wilcox Memorial Park in Milan. There will be a special ribbon cutting celebration on Sunday, June 2 at 11 a.m. as part of a day of family fun as the park hosts the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County 4-H program’s “A-Fair to Remember” event from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

County Executive Sue Serino said, “Our new water sprayground is a great

addition to our beautiful Wilcox Memorial Park in the Town of Milian and we are excited for people of all abilities to enjoy it throughout the summer.”

The new, 1,900-square-foot water sprayground has 27 water-spray and sprinkle features including friendly characters and a water-table—all enclosed by a split-rail fence—for all ages and abilities to enjoy. The sprayground is located at the lake beachfront for families to enjoy a full day of summer fun. Work on the sprayground has been recently com-

pleted and Parks staff will be conducting equipment testing over the coming weeks, and it is expected to be open for use as Wilcox Park kicks off its summer beach season on May 30th. Once officially open, the sprayground will be available daily from 10am-6pm, weather depending, through Labor Day weekend.

The ribbon cutting for the new sprayground will be part of a full day of family fun at Wilcox as Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County’s 4-H program will be hosting its “A-Fair to Remember” event, featuring Dutchess County Fair-themed activities and attractions including farm animals, music, arts and crafts, hands-on activities, shooting sports demonstrations, and carnival games, plus everyone’s Fair favorite... milkshakes by the Dutchess County Dairy Committee – just like at the Dutchess County Fair!!! The event is a great opportunity to learn more about the 4-H program from participating Dutchess County young people. In addition to the beloved milkshakes, there will be other refreshments available for purchase, including lemonade, soft drinks, and food truck offerings. The event will be held rain or shine, and registration is not required. Learn more at dutchesscount4h.weebly.com/afair2remember.html

Parks Director Susanne O’Neil said,

“Dutchess County Parks along with the whole team at Public Works have been working hard to improve the lakefront at Wilcox Park. In addition to improved electric, sand and added aerators at the lake, we are thrilled to have this new sprayground amenity at the waters’ edge and encourage everyone to join us as we cut the ribbon and celebrate its official opening on June 2nd.”

The new sprayground is just one of many features available at Wilcox Memorial Park, including the popular swimming and boating/fishing lakes, pavilions and camp sites, paddle- and row boats for rent, as well as the award-winning 27-hole disc golf course.

Wilcox also boasts several accessible features, such as sand wheelchairs and an access ramp across the sand beach to the water’s edge for individuals with mobility challenges. Wilcox Park is open now through Labor Day from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends. The swimming lake will be open Thursday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., starting May 30th (subject to staffing, weather and water quality conditions). For more information about Wilcox Memorial Park, call 845-298-4603 or visit DutchessNY.gov/Parks for more information.

‘Then and Now’ Festival celebrates Red Hook’s past and present

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At last year's "Then and Now" Festival, The Elmendorph Handspinners and Weavers Guild displayed traditional textile practices. Courtesy photo

and how the town has helped to preserve the agricultural character,” she said.

The driving tour is “very self-guided,” Tatum said, allowing visitors to further explore this theme. Some of the locations are open to the public, such as Greig Farm Market & Café, Migliorelli Farm Stands, Montgomery Place Orchards Farmstand, Hearty Roots Farm Market, Rose Hill Farm Taproom, and Lasting Joy Brewery. Others are private properties to be viewed from the roadside. Look for green signs which mark tour locations and safe places to pull over.

Download the Scavenger Hunt form from www.historicredhook.org or pick one up at the Elmendorph. Afterward, bring it to the Then & Now Festival for a treat.

“A lot of work has gone into the event, mostly [by] volunteers,” Tatum said.

The festival’s rain date is June 2.

“[If rain is forecast] we’ll make a call that day and send out information,” said Tatum.

Check the website for more information.

Community conversation on agriculture set May 30

A moderated panel discussion related to the festival, “The Future of Farming in Red Hook,” will take place on Thursday, May 30, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Elmendorph. This in-depth community conversation will highlight Red Hook’s achievements in agricultural stewardship and next-generation practices to sustain farming. The event is free and open to the public, and reservations are not required.

Author and journalist David Sokol will lead the conversation with panelists Sam

Phelan, chair, Town of Red Hook Planning Committee; Ken Migliorelli, Migliorelli Farm; Sam Rose, Cultivar Community Farm; and photographer-author Pieter Estersohn, whose latest book is “Back to the Land: A New Way of Life in the Country.”

A press release for the event summarizes:

“In rural communities where soaring land prices threaten the traditional economy, new practices in technology, marketing, and ownership are securing agriculture’s future. These innovations are all on display in the Hudson Valley, where longtime suburban development and more recent pandemic-related migration have placed unique stress on farmers and their allies.

“In Red Hook specifically, mixed dairy and apple farms ruled the local landscape from before the Civil War well into the 1970s. Due to continually rising costs of labor, paucity of worker housing and a host of other pressing consumer, environmental, regulatory, and demographic issues, the nature and scope of farming in Red Hook is fast changing.”

Nationally, the average age of today’s farmer is just over 58; additionally, between 2017 and 2022, the number of farms nationwide declined by nearly 142,000 and farmland area shrunk by 20 million acres, according to Historic Red Hook’s press release. During that time, New York lost nine percent of its farms, including 1,865 dairy farms and 363,885 acres, the most significant drop in more than three decades.

Come listen to this community conversation about farming to see if Red Hook will be an exception to these trends.

DCFS office hours impacted on June 5

Poughkeepsie, Millbrook, Beacon offices affected

The Dutchess County Department of Family and Community Services (DCFS) will conduct staff training on Wednesday, June 5, and the department’s main Poughkeepsie office at 60 Market Street will be closed from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., except for emergencies. The department’s offices in Millbrook and Beacon will likewise be closed during the morning of June 5, and will open at 1 p.m.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) or public assistance is always available at [mybene](http://mybene.fits.ny.gov)

fits.ny.gov; those looking to recertify for SNAP or public assistance, to report changes or to view case details can use the same site.

Additionally, DCFS applicants and recipients can access the NYDocSubmit mobile application, available for free through their preferred app store, to take pictures of their documents and submit them to DCFS.

DCFS clients looking to make child support, Medicaid spend-down, assistance repayments or temporary housing share payments can do so through a secure link on the department’s webpage: dutchessny.gov/Departments/Community-Family-Services/DCFS-Make-a-Payment.htm.

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Dutchess volunteer firefighters honored at Firefighter's Home



Sunday May 19, was Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighter's Day at the Firefighter's Home in Hudson. It's the one day that Firefighters from Dutchess County come up and put on a barbecue for the members at the Firefighter's Home. We had members from Dover FD, East Fishkill FD, Hughsonville, FD, New Hackensack FD, Pawling FD, Pleasant Valley FD, Rhinebeck FD, Rombout FD and Wassaic FD. After the great barbecue lunch, it was time to give donations to the Home DCVFA, Rombout and Hughsonville FD gave donations to the ice cream machine fund, because everyone likes ice cream. Courtesy photo

Applications accepted for county's veterans microgrant program

The Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services is now accepting applications for its Veterans Microgrant Program, a competitive grant program that offers one-time grants to local non-profit organizations or municipalities to enhance activities and programming that address veterans' needs and recognize the service of local veterans. Grant applications are now available online via Dutchess County's online grant portal and will be accepted on a rolling basis while funds are available.

Grant awards of up to \$15,000 per organization or municipality can be used for purchases or needs, including equipment, resources or other one-time expenses to help enhance program offerings, as well as make the program more accessible for veterans. Dutchess County's 2024 Budget includes \$100,000 for the Veterans Microgrant Program.

Veterans Services Director Adam Roche said, "I am grateful County Executive Sue Serino and the Dutchess County Legislature have continued the microgrant program, which not only helps our veterans but also all the organizations throughout Dutchess County that work daily to serve our vets. The grant

clearly acknowledges the value of our veterans and ensures they are being cared for in a manner worthy of their service to our country."

Nonprofit organizations or municipalities that currently offers specific programs to and for the benefit of veterans of the United States Armed Forces in Dutchess County are encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to entities that do not already contract with Dutchess County to provide services to veterans. Organizations or municipalities which received funds from Dutchess County through its 2022 or 2023 Veterans Microgrant programs are not eligible to apply for this latest opportunity.

Examples of possible funding awards include:

- Enhancement, expansion of a program or service currently offered to veterans;
- New programming for veterans provided by an agency that already provides services to veterans;
- Purchase plaques, banners or monuments to honor veterans;
- Expenses associated with an event (picnic, holiday party) to honor veterans; and

• General capital infrastructure to facilities, including physical structures (roof, windows, doors, etc.), HVAC, plumbing, electrical, security, furniture, fixtures and equipment; the structure's primary purpose must be for veterans' services.

An example of projects funded through the County's previous Veterans Microgrant programs: The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 666 in Beacon received a \$14,000 microgrant in 2022 to purchase new appliances for its kitchen, which is used to prepare meals for veterans during meetings for various veteran organizations within the group's Veterans Memorial Building; to upgrade lighting and provide counter-top space for food preparation and cabinet space for storage; to replace the floor to enable better cleaning; to purchase a stainless steel sink to accommodate large pots; and replace water-damaged ceiling tiles.

Only one application per organization will be accepted. Funding should be utilized within one year of award. The complete list of Veterans Microgrant instructions and guidance is available online.

For more information on veterans services throughout Dutchess County visit: dutchessny.gov/veterans.

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Garden clubs join forces to celebrate and participate in ‘I Love My Park Day’

Members of the Millbrook Garden Club and the Garden Club of Orange and Dutchess Counties joined thousands of volunteers across New York State (NYS) on Saturday, May 4, at the City of Poughkeepsie and the Town of Lloyd to celebrate “I Love My Park Day” and to enhance Walkway over the Hudson, which is part of New York’s parks, historic sites, Greenway trails and other public lands.

The Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization is dedicated to supporting and improving Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park. The linear park spans the Hudson River between the Town of Lloyd in Ulster County and the City of Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County. Known as “The Great Connector,” the bridge literally and figuratively connects people, places, and generations.

“Our partners at the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic do a wonderful job keeping the Walkway clean, safe, and beautiful throughout the year,” said Lori Robertson, Executive Director, Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization. “On ‘I Love My Park Day,’ we’re glad to pitch in and volunteer to lend a hand beautifying our unique park space for our visitors.”

Walkway over the Hudson is the nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and improving Walkway Over

the Hudson State Historic Park. The linear park spans the Hudson River between the Town of Lloyd in Ulster County and the City of Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County.

“Garden club members are delighted to join many other New York State volunteers on I Love My Park Day, which is a perfect opportunity to clean up our favorite parks and shorelines, plant trees and gardens, restore trails and wildlife habitat, remove invasive species, and work on various site improvement projects,” said Pam Scott, Chair of the Conservation Committee at the Millbrook Garden Club.

“The Garden Clubs welcome the opportunity to inform the public about the benefits of planting Native Plants for Pollinators,” added Michele Lindsay, Vice President of Orange and Dutchess Garden Club.

After a one-hour docent-led walking tour of the Walkway on Saturday morning, garden club members will break off into small groups to help the Walkway Over the Hudson prepare its garden beds for the spring season. Tasks will include weeding, pruning, planting, mulching, and watering.

The Millbrook Garden Club and the Garden Club of Orange and Dutchess Counties donated native pollinator plants as well as seeds and seedlings for planters



Members of the Millbrook Garden Club and the Garden Club of Orange and Dutchess Counties helped with planting the entrance to the Walkway Over the Hudson on May 4 during “I Love My Park Day.” Courtesy photo

located near the entrance ways to the park. This joint initiative dovetails beautifully and naturally with the recent resolution from New York State Assembly creating New York State’s Native Plant month.

Both the Millbrook Garden Club and the Garden Club of Orange and Dutchess Counties are active members in Zone III

of the Garden Club of America whose mission is to bring clubs together to cultivate the bond among people, plants, and the environment. One of its main goals is to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.

Tours of historic landmarks in Clinton, Garden After-Party, set June 15

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Two of the 12 historic landmarks on the Clinton Historical Society's June 15 Driving Tour include (above) 359 Nine Partners Road and (below) the Creek Meeting House, both in Clinton Corners. Constructed in 1777, the Creek Meeting House is undergoing a \$1.5 million restoration. Courtesy photos



The Clinton Historic Landmarks Driving Tour is a follow-on of the Society's successful 2019 Driving Tour and seeks to raise awareness of the rich architectural assets of Clinton. Further, as Koch notes, “This is a major fundraiser to help support the \$1.5 million restoration of our 1777 Quaker stone meeting house, known as the Creek Meeting House, where the tour will begin. Listed on the National Register, the meeting house, which was built during the American Revolution, requires major restoration, including structural, safety, and HVAC improvements to keep it preserved for future generations.

“Just this year,” she continued, “we completed Phase I, which installed ADA-accessible parking, entrance, and restroom.”

Other highlights of the event include a Silent Auction, where donated items

include watercolors by artist Olin Dows (1904-1981), a ski week in Vail, Colorado, a week’s working stay at Primrose Hill Farm, a researched historic house history, a piece of jewelry from Zimmer Brothers, chef’s services for dinner for 10, and more. Visitors can test their knowledge of vintage farm tools and antiques in “What Is It?” contests along the tour.

Registration and tour maps may be obtained at the Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners beginning at 11 a.m. Registration is \$50 for Clinton Historical Society members, \$60 for non-members, and \$40 for Garden After-Party only. Free for kids 12 and younger. For more information and to register in advance for a 5% discount, visit the CHS website: <https://clintonhistoricalsociety.org/2024-driving-tour-registration/>.

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RENEGADES RAMBLINGS

'On road again...' and impact by Jace Avina

By Rich Thomaselli

TIME AWAY: The Renegades returned to the road last week in Brooklyn for a six-game series with the Cyclones, as they continue a stretch where they play 16 of 22 games away from home. After a two-week road trip to Aberdeen and Wilmington, Hudson Valley hosted Jersey Shore last week.

MIDWEST REINFORCEMENT: Jace Avina debuted with the Renegades on April 17 after being traded to New York for Jake Bauers in November from Milwaukee. The 20-year-old has quickly made a big impact for the Renegades. Avina had a 23-game on-base streak snapped last week. That streak is the second-longest in the South Atlantic League this season behind Kristian Campbell of Greenville.

NYC ARRIVAL: For the first time this season, the Renegades travel to Coney Island to face the Brooklyn Cyclones. The former NY-Penn League foes will play 24 times in the regular season, including 15 games at Maimonides Park. Brooklyn and

Hudson Valley faced off 24 times in 2023 as well, with the Cyclones taking 14 of 24 matchups from the Renegades.

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY PLEASE: Because of rain, Hudson Valley will now play eight games in six days vs. Wilmington from June 4-9. The Renegades have played only 36 games, three less games than Brooklyn, Jersey Shore, and Aberdeen, their fellow South Atlantic League North Division foes.

OFFENSIVE ASSISTANCE: Rafael Flores has made an instant impact for the Renegades since being reinstated off the IL on May 10. He has boosted his average from .200 on May 10th to .278, and his OPS has jumped from .676 to .825.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH: The Hudson Valley Renegades and the Bhutan Baseball & Softball Association have partnered to present Bhutan Night on August 20 at Heritage Financial Park. The team is currently fundraising to bring over several Bhutanese baseball players for baseball and cultural enrichment tour of the Hudson Valley and New York.

*Statistics taken on 5/24/24

Players Statistics																	
PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	Avg	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 JaredSerna SS	HV	38	144	29	36	10	0	7	26	29	28	4	5	0.25	0.38	0.465	0.845
2 OmarMartinez C	HV	33	116	16	29	6	1	5	16	29	32	0	0	0.25	0.401	0.448	0.849
2 JesusRodriguez C	HV	37	145	26	45	9	1	5	22	18	23	3	3	0.31	0.388	0.49	0.878
4 JaceAvina CF	HV	29	113	19	35	13	0	4	22	14	37	4	0	0.31	0.402	0.531	0.933
4 KikoRomero 3B	HV	26	78	13	17	4	0	4	13	17	34	4	1	0.218	0.378	0.423	0.801
6 RafaelFlores 1B	HV	29	98	11	26	10	0	2	18	15	28	1	1	0.265	0.365	0.429	0.794
6 RocRiggio 2B	HV	28	109	18	23	6	2	2	10	21	23	7	2	0.211	0.346	0.358	0.704
8 KyleBattle LF	HV	18	37	13	6	1	0	1	3	7	17	5	0	0.162	0.304	0.27	0.574
8 JoshMoylan 1B	HV	30	100	13	22	3	1	1	10	20	28	0	0	0.22	0.352	0.3	0.652
10 BeauBrewer 3B	HV	15	41	3	10	1	0	0	2	5	12	0	0	0.244	0.326	0.268	0.594
10 JuanCrisp P	HV	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 ColeGabrielson RF	HV	24	72	13	15	6	1	0	5	11	19	2	2	0.208	0.367	0.319	0.686
10 AnthonyHall RF	HV	11	33	3	3	0	0	0	1	9	13	1	0	0.091	0.286	0.091	0.377
10 TylerHardman DH	HV	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0.25	0	0.25
10 DJLeMahieu 3B	HV	2	7	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0.286	0.286	0.429	0.715
10 GarrettMartin LF	HV	15	48	7	10	4	1	0	9	3	17	5	1	0.208	0.321	0.333	0.654
10 NelsonMedina CF	HV	27	92	7	14	2	0	0	11	10	48	7	0	0.152	0.243	0.174	0.417
10 AlexanderVargas SS	HV	5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	0.2	0.316	0.4	0.716
10 JorbitVivas 2B	HV	2	8	3	5	1	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	0.625	0.667	0.75	1.417

Pitcher Statistics																				
PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 CamSchlittler P	HV	3	1	1.8	7	7	0	0	0	0	35	15	13	7	4	2	18	42	0.94	0.125
2 SebastianKeane P	HV	3	3	5.11	8	8	0	0	0	0	37	38	21	3	3	18	35	1.51	0.277	
3 BenShields P	HV	1	1	3.51	9	2	0	0	0	1	25.2	22	12	10	3	1	4	34	1.01	0.227
4 ColeAyers P	HV	1	2	2.52	15	0	0	0	0	2	25	20	10	7	1	2	7	33	1.08	0.215
5 TrentSellers P	HV	4	1	2.82	10	0	0	0	0	1	22.1	14	11	7	2	0	16	30	1.34	0.173
6 MattKeating P	HV	0	1	3.24	11	0	0	0	0	2	25	16	10	9	3	0	10	27	1.04	0.176
7 JacksonFristoe P	HV	0	2	5.4	7	7	0	0	0	0	20	18	13	12	1	1	18	24	1.8	0.257
7 JoelValdez P	HV	1	0	2.29	10	0	0	0	0	2	3	12	5	0	2	6	24	0		



Renegades Extra!



Youth Field Betterment Program held at Lee Town Park in E. Fishkill



Staff from the Hudson Valley Renegades and primary sponsor Heritage Financial Credit Union worked together to upgrade the fields at Lee Town Recreation Park in East Fishkill on Monday, May 20. Courtesy photos



By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades and primary sponsor Heritage Financial Credit Union worked together on their 2024 Youth Field Betterment project at Lee Town Recreation Park in East Fishkill on Monday, May 20.

2024 is the second year of the Youth Field Betterment Program presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union. In 2023, the Renegades and HFCU renovated Sauter Field at Spratt Park in Poughkeepsie. Lee Town Recreation Park was announced as the recipient of the 2024 renovation on March 29.

Lee Town Recreation Park is part of the East Fishkill Babe Ruth, and all-volunteer program with a focus on all-inclusive youth development in the game of baseball. The focus is on more than just baseball as they seek coaches and volunteers who can set positive examples and act as role models throughout the season and beyond for the children playing.

East Fishkill has also opened its enrollment to children from neighboring communities with baseball programs that have seen their enrollment numbers decline to the point of limiting their ability to continue their programs so that all children have a place to play.

Summer mindset and handling opportunities of a split-season

Each week Renegades General Manager Zach Betkowsk sits down with reporter Rich Thomaselli every week to express his thoughts on the Renegades and on minor league baseball in general.

Summer is unofficially here, so does the mindset and mentality of the front office change at all?

Not really. We have a mindset here that it's always opening day. It's always somebody's opening day. So we give an A+ effort, whether there's 500 people in the stands or 5,000. Plus, we still have to train the marketplace because for 25 years they were used to being a short-season team and the season started at Father's Day. But

I still think we've done the best job we have ever done in getting more people out to the ballpark. As far as the staff goes, we'll be ready.

What does it mean to the franchise to have a major league player do his rehab assignment here? Are you able to use it in some of your marketing strategies?

Of course. (DJ LeMahieu of the Yankees played for the Renegades last week in a rehabilitation assignment but the game was at Brooklyn.) But I would be remiss to say that I didn't wish the game was at home because we would have got a nice little ticket bump. But I think it does a lot for the franchise in that the Yankees know we have the proper accommoda-

RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades split games with Brooklyn, with Major Leaguer LeMahieu in lineup

By Rich Thomaselli

As Yankees infielder DJ LeMahieu made two rehab appearances with the Hudson Valley Renegades last week the team split the games with the Brooklyn Cyclones at Maimonides Park, losing 7-1 and winning 16-3. LeMahieu had one hit in each game.

LeMahieu is the fifth Major League rehabber in the Yankees era for the Renegades, and the first since Carlos Rodon in 2023.

On Tuesday, playing five innings at third base for Hudson Valley, LeMahieu was 1-for-3 in the game, with an RBI single in the sixth inning for the Renegades' lone run.

After three scoreless innings each from starters Cam Schlittler and Jonah Tong, the Cyclones got on the board in the fourth. Mateo Gil and Christopher Suero both walked. A throwing error by Rafael Flores on a groundball allowed Gil to score. Suero came home later in the inning, after an error by Omar Martinez on a pickoff attempt following a strikeout. In the fifth, William Lugo reached on an error and a two-run home run by Wilfredo Lara off Hueston Morrill extended the lead to 4-0.

In the sixth, the Renegades got on the board. Cole Gabrielson notched a triple to right, and came around to score on the LeMahieu RBI single up the middle. Hudson Valley had just five hits in the game, but four went for extra bases.

It didn't get much better a day later.

While it is difficult to have an afternoon start after a night game, try this one on for size – an 11 a.m. start because of a special promotion. The Cyclones won in a low-scoring affair, 3-1.

The Renegades jumped out to an early lead in the top of the first with Jesus Rodriguez kicking off a two-out rally with a single. After a Tyler Hardman walk, Jace Avina drove in Rodriguez with a single for his 19th RBI of the season to put the 'Gades in front 1-0. Brooklyn struck back in the top of the third against Jackson Fristoe when Karel Paz singled with one out and stole second base. Nick Morabito brought Paz home with an RBI single, and a throwing error by Fristoe (0-2) allowed Morabito to reach third. Fristoe then walked the next three batters to force in another run and put the Cyclones ahead 2-1.

In LeMahieu's second rehab game on Thursday night, the offense exploded for 18 hits in the 16-3 victory over the Cyclones. The team's 18 hits was the second-highest tally for the Renegades in a game this season.

LeMahieu went 1-for-4 with a double and run scored, getting a five-run first inning started for the Renegades. Minor League rehabber Jorbit Vivas had five hits and drove in five runs, while Omar Martinez was 2-for-5 with a two-run home run and five RBIs. Four Renegades had multi-hit games.

Results from the rest of the series were not available due to early holiday deadlines.

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MANAGER'S Q & A



tions for them. And they have a lot of trust in us. We take a lot of pride in that trust. But I think we still get a nice bump from a Facebook post or a tweet. While we might not have been able to monetize that because DJ wasn't physically here, it's still a nice piece of content that we can put out there to our fan base.

What are the benefits and the drawbacks of the split season?

Well, the benefits are, if you're a first-half winner, which we were last year, we have essentially two to three months to promote the playoffs, which is tremendous. There really aren't any drawbacks because it does give a lot of teams a fresh start. Maybe they sign their draft

picks and have a chance at the playoffs and clinching the playoffs in the second half. It's like it's a completely new team. I guess one drawback would be as if it doesn't work out in the second half. But I really like the way Minor League Baseball is set up.

HV Vipers capture league championship



Players, coaches and staff of the Hudson Valley Vipers are pictured after winning the American Premiere Hockey League championship last week against Toledo. Courtesy photo

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Vipers have won the American Premiere Hockey League (APHL) championship, defeating the Toledo Mobsters with a final score of 7-4.

The Vipers are based in Poughkeepsie.

Key performances were delivered from star players, including Captain Max Henry, who led the defense, while goalie Jack Messing saved 55 shots. The Vipers offense was led by Rob Clerc.

"The grit and determination from this Vipers squad never ceases to amaze me. All the tough battles through the season led to these final playoff games," said head coach Joey Bonitatibus. "Even after traveling so far and being down in the first period of both games, we never gave up. We never lost hope. There was no other option but victory. Ultimately, this

is a group of players who share a common goal and competitive mindset. Everyone pushes to do their absolute best for the teammate next to them. I've been part of a lot of teams before but this one is special. It's been an honor to coach them and couldn't be more proud for what they accomplished."

A victory parade is scheduled for June 2 outside the McCann Ice Arena at the MJN Center in Poughkeepsie. More information will be updated on social media so that fans can welcome their champions and join in the celebration.

Henry said, "The Vipers are a special group, we started this season with one goal in mind and that was to win the championship. We accomplished exactly that with everyone pulling their own weight from the front office to the coaching staff to every rostered player. We took this opportunity and ran with it as a team."

Hudson Valley hockey team renamed 'Venom' after acquiring Elmira squad

By Rich Thomaselli

Former New York State Assemblyman Pat Manning, owner of the Hudson Valley Vipers, has acquired the Elmira River Sharks of the Federal Prospects Hockey League (FPHL). The team will be renamed Hudson Valley Venom and will continue to play in the FPHL.

"We are thrilled to be playing among the elite as the Hudson Valley Venom in the FPHL," said Manning. This acquisition allows us to strengthen our commitment to providing high-quality, affordable, family entertainment and

development opportunities within our community."

The FPHL attracts players from North America and Europe to participate in a paid, professional league.

In preparation for the upcoming season, the Hudson Valley Venom will be hosting and attending community events and meet-and-greet sessions to engage with fans and introduce the team's players and coaching staff.

Details about these events and ticket sales for the 2024-2025 season will be announced next month.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Yard Sale at Regina Coeli May 31-June 1

The Regina Coeli Parish Yard Sale will take place Friday, May 31 - 8a.m. To 3:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 1 - 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. rain or shine. Items are reasonable priced. For every \$5 spent get a free mug or glass from special table. Church is on Rt. 9 in Hyde Park.

Vendors sought for June 1 tag sale

Crum Elbow Cemetery and Meeting House at 490 North Quaker Lane will be holding a Tag Sale as part of the Hyde Park town-wide Tag Sale on June 1. Crum Elbow Cemetery is seeking vendors as a fundraiser for our historic property at \$25 per spot. If interested please contact Denise Byrnes at (845) 229-0062

Chicken BBQ set June 1 in Clinton

Clinton Volunteer Fire Department is holding a Chicken BBQ on Saturday June 1, at the East Clinton Fire House, 9 Fire House Lane Clinton Corners. Take-out only Pickup is from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$15. The menu includes BBQ chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, roll and dessert. For further information and to make a reservation, call (845) 266-5485. Reservations are recommended as this sells out quickly.

Spring Cocktail Party set June 1 to raise funds for Ryan McElroy Foundation

The Ryan McElroy Children's Cancer Foundation will hold its first Spring Cocktail Party on Saturday, June 1, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Kindred Creeks Farm, 8 Pleasant Ridge Rd. Poughquag. The event will be held inside in their wedding barn, and outside as well if weather permits.

Admission is \$150 per person or \$250 per couple, which includes open bar, heavy passed appetizers, carving stations, and live music.

Proceeds will benefit The Ryan McElroy Children's Cancer Foundation. For more information; purchase tickets and sponsorships, visit <http://www.ryanfoundation.org/upcoming-events.html>.

4-H fundraiser set June 2

The 2024 4-H A-Fair to Remember will be held on Sunday, June 2, at Wilcox Memorial Park, Route 199, Stanfordville. There will be free entry for all ages. This fun-filled, family-friendly event is presented in partnership with Dutchess County Parks. The day starts at 10 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting celebration of the new Splash Pad.

From 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., members of the 28 4-H clubs will provide entertainment and education to visitors, showcasing their projects and welcoming the public to explore what they do.

Everything purchased or donated in the 4-H area will go toward helping the youth of the county achieve their goals. Contact Jane at jr825@cornell.edu with questions and offers of support.

PV church sets Yard Sale June 8

There will be a Yard Sale, rain or shine, at the First Presbyterian Church, 1576 Main Street (Route 44), Pleasant Valley, on Saturday, June 8, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Something for everyone! Good weather location will be the front lawn. If we need to move inside, enter through the side door or elevator on the parking lot side of the building.

Italian Dinner set June 8 at Poughkeepsie church

An Italian Dinner will be held on Saturday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Church, 161 Mansion St., Poughkeepsie. The eat-in or take-out dinner will be prepared by JJ & his students from the CIA. The menu: Choice of Chicken Milanese or

Eggplant Parmigiana with 2 pastas (red & white sauces), green beans with garlic & bacon, garlic bread, strawberry shortcake, coffee, tea & water. The cost is \$20. Reservations required by June 3. Call (845) 452-8440 for reservations.

Poughkeepsie Yacht Club sets Open House weekend

Poughkeepsie Yacht Club will hold an Open House on Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9, from noon to 5 p.m. Experience the best Hudson views from our docks & clubhouse in Staatsburg as you discover our affordable welcoming community club for sailors, power boaters, paddlers and river lovers. Bring the family, rain or shine. www.poughkeepsieyachtclub.org

Vanderbilt Garden Association to offer tours

Beginning on Sunday, June 15 and every third Sunday of the month thereafter through and including Sunday, Sept. 21, Vanderbilt Garden Association's Interpreters will offer regular free monthly tours from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tours meet outside the Tool House building.

Interpreters will discuss the history of the gardens, with a focus on the 40th anniversary of the F.W. Vanderbilt Association, the Vanderbilt ownership and the mission of the not-for-profit Vanderbilt Garden Association to rehabilitate and maintain the plants, shrubs and trees within the formal gardens as they were in the 1930s just prior to Frederick Vanderbilt's death in 1938.

For further information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org or visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org>.

FARMERS MARKETS

Bangall/Stanfordville: Bear Creek Farmers Market, 108 Hunns Lake Rd., Bangall. Bi-weekly on Saturdays, starting on May 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., offering a rich array of locally sourced food for families to make complete at-home meals, and a lineup of community-centered events. More info: Debra Kaye, debra@bearcreekfarm.com or (914) 475-1150

Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390 Albany Post Road (Route 9, across from Town Hall), Hyde Park. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., June-October. Sponsored by the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. Local fruits & vegetables, meats & eggs, Italian specialties, baked goods, breads & bagels, arts & crafts, eat-there foods & beverages and much more. New vendors always welcome. (845) 229-9336 or oakgreen@optonline.net

Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market, the Pavilion at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum at 75 North Water St. in Poughkeepsie. Tuesdays, 2-5:30 p.m., May 21-Oct. 29. (845) 471-0589 or info@mhdhm.org

ONGOING

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

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Voters pass budgets; capital projects get mixed results

Compiled by Kate Goldsmith

There was a notable uptick this year in propositions to establish funds for various capital projects and upgrades in the districts within the Northern Dutchess News readership area. Some, including Arlington, Hyde Park, Pine Plains and Webutuck, received approval from voters; while those in Millbrook and Red Hook rejected their districts' propositions.

All eight districts in the Northern Dutchess News readership area proposed budgets with tax levies that met or were less than their state-mandated limit, requiring only a simple majority to pass. Originally called the 2-percent tax cap, the actual number varies by district depending on several variables.

Note: The tax levy increases listed for each district represent an average. The actual tax impact will vary from town to town, based on assessed values, STAR values and equalization rates that will be finalized in August. In addition, residents should know that there is no direct correlation between the tax levy increase and the amount of the increase in their individual tax bills.

Budget numbers have been rounded to the nearest hundred-thousandth; for example, \$230,574,118 would be \$230.6 million.

ARLINGTON

Voters in the Arlington Central School District handily passed a budget (1971-774) totaling just under \$264 million, representing a 3.02% increase over last year. The \$156.1 million (2%) tax levy increase was under the district's tax levy cap of 2.52%.

The \$3.14 million proposition for new buses and maintenance vehicles passed by a count of 1958 to 781. Bus costs totaling \$2.87 million are eligible for state transportation aid at the rate of 69.6%, so the local share is \$872,480.

The \$1.8 million Facility Upgrades proposition also passed, with a count of 1937 to 801. The facilities bond will fund renovations, upgrades and new construction throughout the district. More information is posted on the website.

Elected to the Board of Education are incumbent Mary Anne Meaden with 2,018 votes; Donna Logan received 2,029 votes; Sofia Bonnet Hollis received 1,686 votes; and Jennifer Boye received 1,332 votes. Meaden, Logan and Bonnet Hollis will serve terms beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027; Boye's term runs from May 21, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Visit www.arlingtontschools.org for more information.

DOVER

Dover's \$43 million budget passed by a count of 251 to 69. It carries an increase of \$2 million (4.9%) over last year. The proposed tax levy of \$17.3 million, an increase of 1.85% over 2023-2024, is within the district's tax cap.

Incumbent board member Joseph Tchorzyk was re-elected to his seat on the Board of Education. He received 252 votes.

Contact District Clerk Nicole Wilkinson at (845) 877-5700, ext. 1282, or email Nicole.Wilkinson@doverschools.org for more information.

HYDE PARK

Hyde Park voters approved a budget just under \$121 million, carrying an increase of 4.97% over last year. The count was 936 yes to 624 no. The tax levy carries an increase of 3.61% over last year, which is exactly what the tax levy limit is this year.

The \$886,937 transportation proposition passed by a count of 954 to 607.

The proposition continues the district's ongoing bus replacement plan. State aid will pay for about 59% of the purchase, making the net to taxpayers \$361,866. There are no electronic buses in this proposition.

Voters also approved (953-610) a proposition to establish and fund a Capital Reserve at a maximum of \$10 million over 10 years. The fund will be used for capital project improvements and various renovations. The Capital Reserve will be funded with the district's unassigned fund balance (funding has not been added to the budget). Because the expenses from this reserve would be classified as Capital Project expenses, NYS Education Department would consider them to be "aidable" at the current aid ratio.

There were three open seats on the Board of Education. Margaret Qatani, the only candidate appearing on the ballot, received 1,120 votes. Write-in candidates were Carl Tomik with 224 votes and Christine Pemberton with 184 votes.

Visit www.hpcsd.org for more information.

MILLBROOK

Millbrook's proposed budget of \$34.6 million passed by a count of 386 to 274. It carries an increase of \$592,367 (1.74%) over last year, with a tax levy increase of approximately \$844,231 (3.22%), which is within the district's calculated tax levy limit.

Voters rejected propositions to fund Capital Projects including building upgrades. Proposition 2 received 278 yes votes, 379 no votes; Proposition 3 received 234 yes, 418 no; and Proposition 4 received 208 yes, 445 no.

Two candidates, incumbents David Lavarnway and Chris Labelle, are on the ballot to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Incumbent Board of Education members Chris LaBelle and David LaVarnway were re-elected. Their new terms will begin on July 1, 2024 and end on June 30, 2027.

Visit www.millbrookcsd.org for more information.

PINE PLAINS

Voters approved Pine Plains' \$37.7 million budget by a count of 285 to 106. The budget carries 3.5% increase over the current year and tax levy increase of 3.24%, within the mandated limit.

The \$461,970 bus purchase proposition passed by a count of 261 to 128.

The Repair Reserve proposition passed by a count of 295 to 96. The Board of Education will transfer up to \$2 million of unappropriated, unassigned fund balance from the 2023-2024 school year to the create the fund.

The proposition to establish the office of Student Board Member passed with the greatest percentage, 327 to 63. This non-voting member of the Board of Education may sit with and participate with the Board of Education at all public meetings, except executive sessions, in accordance with the provisions of Education Law.

Incumbent Board of Education members Jean Staph and Joseph Kiernan received 334 and 319 votes, respectively. Claire Copley-Eisenberg received 307 votes. All three will serve terms beginning on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027.

Visit www.ppcsd.org for more information.

RED HOOK

The proposed budget of \$62.8 million passed by a count of 1,452 votes to 492. The budget reflects a 4.26% increase over last year and carries a 3.47% increase

over 2023-2024, just below the district's tax levy limit of 3.48%.

A transportation proposition to purchase electric school buses passed 1,155 votes to 789.

A \$14.95 million proposition to fund a variety of capital improvements throughout the district failed, with 1,052 "no" votes to 891 "yes" votes.

"Elements of Proposition 3 would have remedied longstanding safety issues with facilities, including our athletics field and gymnasium bleachers being out of Americans with Disabilities Act compliance," said Superintendent Janet Warden. "There are areas the district will need to look to address."

Both library propositions received strong support from voters. The Red Hook Library's request for an increase of \$16,000 to its annual appropriation passed 1,436-511, bringing the total amount to \$224,400. The Tivoli Free Library's request for its annual appropriation to be increased by \$15,071, passed 1,376-570, for a total of \$105,371. This funding for the libraries is separate and apart from the school district's annual budget. It is raised annually by a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, and by law, must be included as part of the school tax bill if approved by the voters.

Three seats on the Board of Education were contested by five candidates. Austin Crittenden (1,186 votes), incumbent Erin Misasi (1,020), and incumbent Jennifer Mañón (985), were favored for the positions over Seth Halvorson (961) and Mark G Maroney (731).

Visit www.redhookcentschools.org for more information.

RHINEBECK

Voters approved the district's \$40.1 million budget by a count of 355 to 99. It carries a 3.11% increase over last year, and a tax levy increase of 3.7%, just below the district's tax levy limit of 3.71%.

Incumbents Diane Lyons, the current Board Vice President; and Mark Fleischauer, former Board President, were re-elected. Lyons received 399 votes and Fleischauer received 402 votes. Their three-year terms will commence on July 1, 2024, and expire on June 30, 2027.

Visit www.rhinebeckcsd.org for more information.

WEBUTUCK

Voters approved by a count of 155 to 54 Webutuck's \$27.1 million budget, which carries a 4.16% budget-to-budget increase and a tax levy increase of 4.46%, well below the allowable cap of 6.02%.

A transportation vehicle purchase for \$222,238 was approved by a count of 153 to 56; it includes the purchase of two 20-passenger school buses and one pickup truck.

The Construction Capital Reserve Fund also passed with 157 "yes" votes to 52 "no" votes. The fund calls for \$4.5 million to install air conditioning in the classrooms at Eugene Brooks Intermediate School and Webutuck High School.

Voters also re-elected Joanne Boyd, who serves as school board vice president, and elected Amanda Gallagher to three-year terms on the Board of Education.

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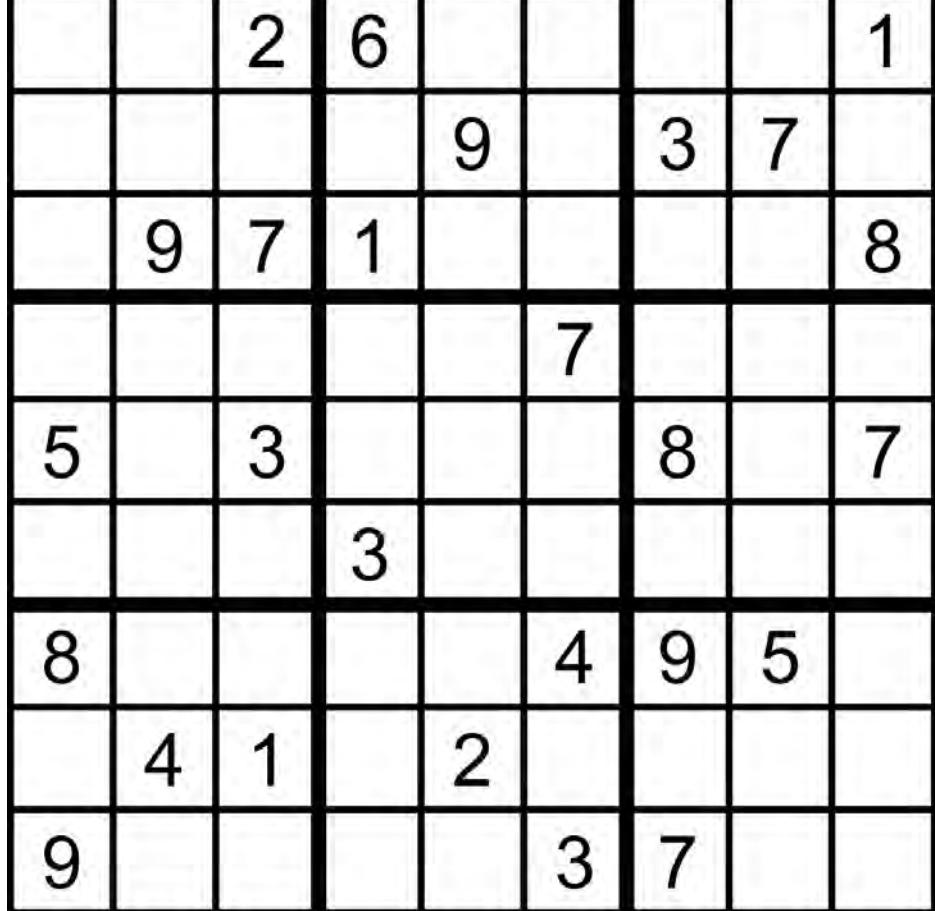
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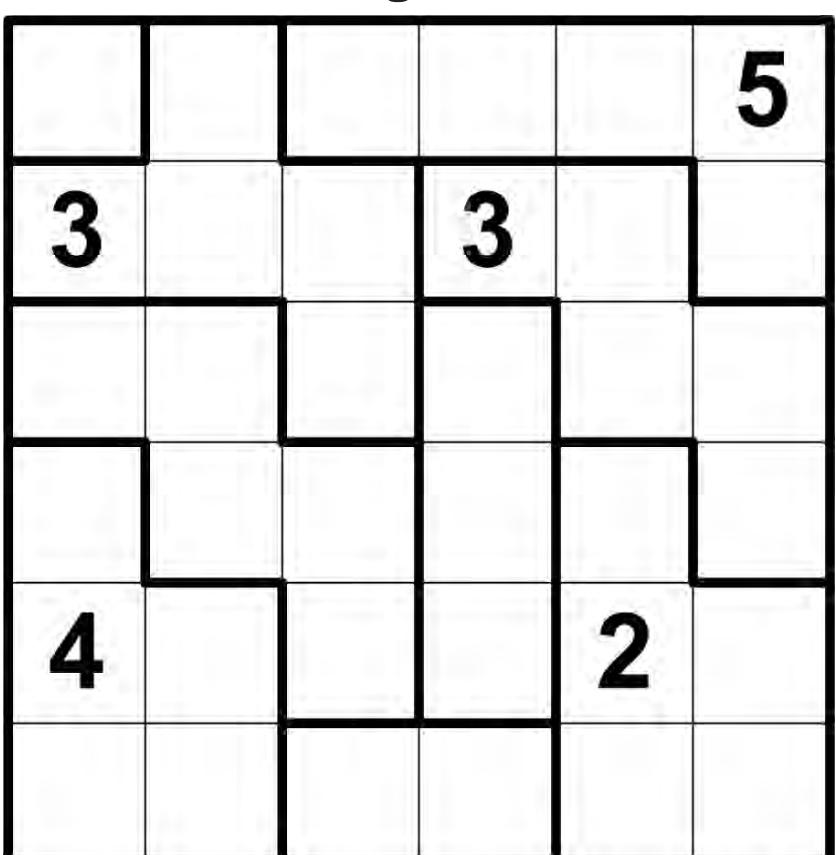
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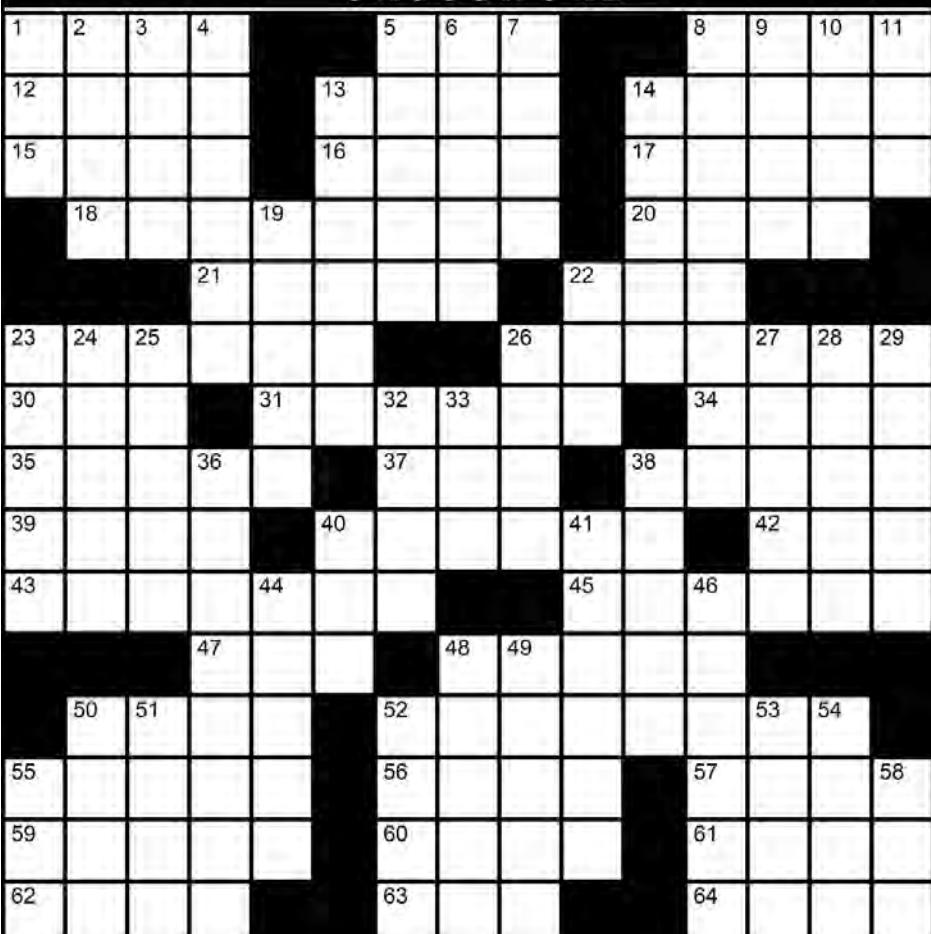
ACROSS

- Clothing joint
- *Opposite of good
- *Pre-
- Guesstimate (2 words)
- Sudden impulse
- Group dice game
- Stead
- Naive person
- Fancy necktie
- *Compass point opposites (2 words)
- A pinch between the cheeks
- Earth tremor
- Before skip and a jump
- Constantly worry about something
- More infinitesimal
- Catch a wink
- One weber per square meter, pl.
- *Pre-recorded
- Deed hearings
- Cribbage piece
- Bread spreads
- Plural of focus
- Making the way, in a way
- "I Like ___," 1952 campaign slogan
- Of somber color
- *Like bride's accessories (2 words)
- 60 mins., pl.
- Indiana ball player
- One of Three Bears
- *Day periods (2 words)
- Vernacular
- Part of church
- Soap bubbles
- Type of small salmon
- Bound
- Domingo, Pavarotti and Carreras, e.g.
- Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.
- Key next to spacebar
- Where users review

DOWN

- Fa follower
- Between Ohio and Ontario
- *Opposite of on land
- Fluffy dessert
- Hillsides in Scotland
- Anti-seniors sentiment
- *Opposite of awkward and clumsy
- *Door instruction (2 words)
- Fairy tale opener
- Flat-bottomed boat
- Bambino
- Not like #26 Down
- Popular breakfast item
- MCAT and LSAT, e.g.
- *Hers
- *Switch positions (2 words)
- Louisiana swamp
- Glasses, for short
- Three biblical sages
- A logical connection (2 words)
- Extract a memory, e.g.
- Stitch again
- R&R spots
- Tolstoy's given name, in Russian
- *Irwin Shaw's title opposites (2 words)
- Checked out
- Pimple fluid
- Marked
- Speak like Pericles
- *Not airtight
- Teacher's pet, e.g.
- Balance sheet entry
- *Cons
- Muslim honorific
- Facts
- Donned
- Nervous biter's victim
- College assessment test, acr.
- Janitor's tool

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Smithfield Chamber Orchestra to present annual Spring Pops Concert on June 1

The Smithfield Chamber Orchestra will present its fourth annual Spring Pops Concert on Saturday, June 1, at 4 p.m., at the Smithfield Church, 656 Smithfield Valley Road, Amenia. The event, which offers an eclectic mix of classical, pop and jazz, is part of the church's Bang Family Concert Series.

There is a suggested donation of \$20 to keep this music program going, but everyone is welcome to attend, and children are free. For more information, visit www.TheSmithfieldChurch.org/concerts. Doors open at 3:30 pm.

What's new

Four years ago, the Smithfield Chamber Orchestra performed its first

concert, the earliest indoor concert in Dutchess County on the heels of the pandemic. Eight professional wind and string players played a program of classical music with unique arrangements by director Matt Finley. Since then, with the strong support of the Smithfield community and sponsorship by The Bang Family Concert Series, the group has grown to 14 musicians who perform twice each year.

The orchestra has added a jazz rhythm section, a trombonist, a sax player, a percussionist, and starting with this concert, a conductor to help keep this larger group together.

Music selection has evolved to include jazz, pop, holiday and film music in addi-

tion to classical, with all songs short enough that the program retains interest for everyone. The annual Spring Pops Concert features an eclectic program of source material drawn from a jazz quartet to a symphony orchestra, a guitar duo to a brass choir, and a violin solo to a full concert band.

Director Finley says, "I haven't found the limit yet of what this terrific group cannot play. We have great fun doing it all, with one short rehearsal. This keeps our performances spontaneous and exciting."

The audience will recognize pieces such as Leroy Anderson's "The Typewriter," "Song Without Words" by

Gustav Holst, the Finale from Igor Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite," "Double Rainbow" by Antonio Carlos Jobim, "The Island" by Ivan Lins, and "Small Town Girl" by Larry Carlton, as well as be introduced to new and original music.

The Performers:

Lynnette Benner – flute; Michelle Demko – flute; Matt Finley - trumpet, arranger, director; Charles Gray - clarinet, sax; Larry Ham – piano; Steve Hubbert – trombone; Denise Jordan Finley – percussion; Piotr Kargul – viola; Milt Lee – conductor; Rob Murphy – violin; Lou Pappas - double bass; Jeff Siegel – drums; Kay Sutka – clarinet; Jean Vilkelis – cello



Matt Finley (standing) directs the Smithfield Chamber Orchestra, which will present its fourth annual Spring Pops Concert, on Saturday, June 1, at The Smithfield Church in Amenia. Courtesy photo

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER CAMP AT COUNTY'S CAMP NOOTEEMING

Dutchess County's Camp Nooteeming in Pleasant Valley will again welcome young people from across the county for outdoor camp experiences this summer, with scholarships available for families. The County partners with the Pathfinder Foundation for the operation of Camp Nooteeming, including summer camp programming. "Camp@Pathfinder," formerly known as Camp Pathfinder, offers a diverse range of programs for children ages 4-17 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., from July 8 through Aug. 23. Morning busing from select pick-up locations is included, and early/late care, starting at 7 a.m. and concluding at 6 p.m., is also available at no additional cost.

With funding provided by Dutchess County Government, two-week camp scholarships – both full and partial, based on financial need – are available to Dutchess County families, who can apply now through an online portal. Space is limited and parents/guardians are encouraged to apply quickly.

Full and partial scholarships will be offered on a sliding scale, based on a family's ability to pay. Families making up to 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (see attached chart) will qualify for camp sessions at no cost. Families at higher income levels can also apply for discounted camp session scholarships. All scholarships are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To learn more about the Camp@Pathfinder summer program at Camp Nooteeming, visit <https://www.pathfinderfdn.org>.

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Hummingbirds: A lot in a little package

I have a little buddy that sips nectar from my petunias in the summer. She zips about from flower to flower, and then she is gone in a flash! She is a Ruby Throated Hummingbird. Diminutive hummingbirds can illustrate several abstract biological concepts.

Co-evolution: The hand-in-glove match of narrowly shaped, nectar-bearing flowers to slender nectar-sipping hummingbird beaks is evidence that hummingbirds were shaped by co-evolution. Most flowering plants need pollinators. Some plants are pollinated by bees or bats. But flowers with long nectaries require specialized pollinators. Hummingbirds fill that niche.

Survival of the Fittest & Sexual Selection: Even the smallest hummingbirds can be quite aggressive against much larger birds. Their extraordinary mobility allows hummingbirds to successfully chase away potential predators like hawks and crows. Hummingbirds are also aggressive against other hummingbirds! This can result in fights over good feeding territories.

Evolution has acted not only to make flower and beak shapes complementary, but also to make some beaks weapon-like. Two examples of fierce hummingbird beaks are found on swordbill and tooth-billed hummingbirds. The beak of a swordbill is as long as its body. Male tooth-billed hummingbirds' beaks are thick, rigid, and hooked at the end. The weaponized adaptations of those hummingbird bills make them more fit for their environments. The birds use their beaks to fight off rivals for mates, thus improving their chances of passing their genes to future generations.

Our local Ruby-throated Hummingbirds don't have long or hooked beaks. But they can still be quite aggressive! This is especially true near hummingbird feeders or desirable flowering plants like trumpet creepers and lobelia.

Respiration and Nutrition: Cellular respiration is the process of getting energy from nutrients, specifically sugar. Unlike humans, whose bodies suffer ill-effects from high sugar consumption, the bodies of hummingbirds efficiently move sugar through their digestive and circulatory systems and into their muscle cells very quickly. As the tiny birds zip about, they're burning the sugar that they've eaten within the last hour. With all of their frenetic movements, it's not surprising to

learn that their metabolism is 77 times faster than humans'.

In the human body, sugar is processed through a complex series of steps. Excess sugar is stored in the liver. Hormones regulate the absorption and release of sugar so that our bodies have a steady supply for our daily activities. In humans, elevated blood glucose can damage the cardiovascular system, kidneys, eyes, and nervous system.

Aerodynamics: Hummingbirds have the musculoskeletal system of birds, but fly like insects. They specialize in the most energy-expensive form of locomotion in nature: hovering. They can also perform aerial maneuvers, including 180 degree turns.

The birds rotate their wings in a figure-eight pattern. That movement pushes air forward, backward and downward, generating lift force on both the forward and back strokes of the wing. By adjusting the angle of its wings and tail, hummingbirds can hover in one spot, move forward or backward, or pivot to either side.

Researchers are inspired by hummingbirds' flight forms and agility. They are working to design aerial vehicles that mimic hummingbird movement. Some flying robots, such as drones, have been developed that can hover. Improvements are still necessary in terms of duration of flight and the amount of noise produced.

Scientific Inquiry: Hummingbirds are good research subjects. They will fly to feeders, undeterred by humans. They also fly well in wind tunnels and cages. The tiny birds are capable of learning. Scientists have speculated that, because they live on the edge in terms of their energy budget, they may require greater intelligence to remember the locations of food sources.

The next time you catch a glimpse of a hummingbird, take a moment to appreciate their awesomeness. They can teach us much about science. They are a lot in a little package.

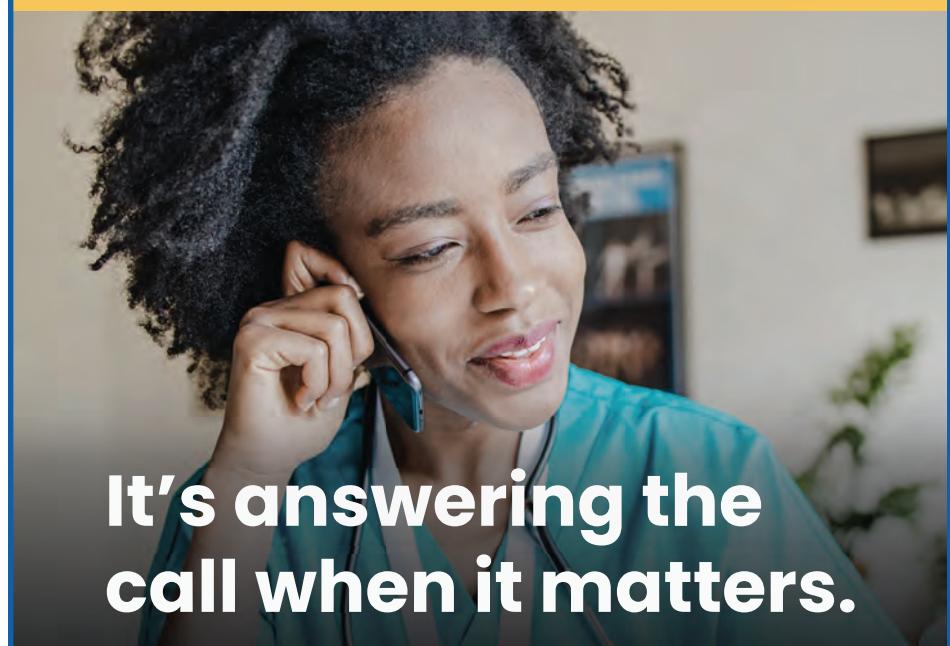
Francine Wizner is a native of the Hudson Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com/> and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>



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A & E CALENDAR

Through June: Fairy House Hunt Family Program, Locust Grove Estate, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. Enjoy this fabulous outdoor scavenger hunt with whimsical and adorable Fairy Houses hidden among the blooming flowers and trees at Locust Grove, Saturdays & Sundays in June. Each Fairy House celebrates a different heirloom flower or historic tree on Locust Grove's park-like property. Tickets: \$10/person, kids under 4 are free. Timed entry tickets available at www.lgny.org or (845) 454-4500.

May 30: Game Changers" Film Series: "Beau Travail," UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Free series features films that revolutionized cinema, 7:30 p.m. Reserve your free ticket by stopping in to the Bardavon or UPAC box office, or by calling Bardavon at (845) 473-5288 or UPAC at (845) 339-6088.

May 31: A Chamber Music Experience: HotWrk Ensemble, East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction. A free, no ticket required concert series presented by the Howland Chamber Music Circle, sponsored by the town of East Fishkill, held in the rotunda at the East Fishkill Community Library, 6:30 p.m. (845) 221-9943 or elibrary.org

May 31-June 1: Live Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. May 31: The Slambovian Circus of Dreams, 8:30 p.m. This is The Slambovians' final show before their UK 2024 tour which begins June 12-23. Another reason this is a "must attend" event: The Slambovians are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of "A Good Thief Tips His Hat," so they'll be playing a lot of the "Good Thief" album at this show.

June 1: Back To The Garden 1969, 8:30 p.m. America's premier Woodstock tribute band features renditions of hits by Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, Joe Cocker, Sly & the Family Stone, Santana, Janis Joplin and many others who took the stage on that historic weekend in August 1969. Tickets: \$30 advance, \$35 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

June 1: Ballet Arts Studio Spring Concert: Time Steps, Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Time Steps will feature ballet from the 18th and 19th century; tap from the 1920s, '30s and '40s; theater dance from the 1950s and '60s; hip hop and jazz from the 1980s and '90s; and contemporary and modern from the 21st century, 2 & 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 adult; \$14 seniors, students & children under 12. (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org

June 1: Open House, Ancram Center for the Arts, 1330 County Rte. 7, Ancram. Free, family-friendly Open House, 3-5 p.m. RSVPs are not required but are encouraged and may be made at ancramcenter.org/community-open-house-spring-2024.

June 2: Michael Carbonaro: "Lies on Stage," Bardavon, 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie. Best known as the star and executive producer of the hit series "The Carbonaro Effect" on truTV, Michael Carbonaro showcases his unmatched blend of humor and charisma along with inventive illusions which amaze audiences of all ages, cementing himself as one of the most dynamic entertainers of his generation, 7 p.m. Tickets \$45, \$65, \$85; \$115 (VIP). (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org

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PV Rec hosts 'prom night' for children



On May 10, the Pleasant Valley Recreation staff hosted their first Kids Prom, called the "Tall & Small Ball." Over 50 kids and their plus one walked the red carpet into the Town Hall Community Room for their very first "Prom." They danced the night away to old classics and new hits alike, and fun was had by all. Assistant Recreation Director Nikki Santos and Recreation Clerk Kristin Hannon led the kids in games and group dances, while volunteers served light refreshments. PV Recreation resident DJ Jason Velez kept everyone dancing all night. To learn more about upcoming activities and events, check out www.pvrec.com. Courtesy photos

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Local FFA chapters attend 99th annual convention

BUFFALO, NY- On May 1 through May 4 The New York FFA Association (Future Farmers of America) hosted its 99th annual convention. Hudson Valley Chapters from the following schools were in attendance: Stissing Mountain (Pine Plains), Taconic Hills (Craryville), John Jay (Hopewell Junction), Ulster County BOCES (Port Ewen), Dutchess County BOCES (Poughkeepsie), Rondout Valley (Accord) and Mount Academy (Esopus). Over 2000 students from across New York State gathered to learn more about the food and agriculture industry of the state. A number of informational and inspirational speakers addressed the gathering, including Richard Ball, NYS Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets. Highlights of the trip included competitions in various agricultural disciplines (ranging from veterinary science and floriculture to forestry and public speaking), tours of farms and related agribusinesses (such as Niagara Falls Culinary Institute, Lakeside Sod Supply, Hoover's Dairy, Lactalis American Group - Sargento Cheese, and the New York Power Authority), and participation in local public service projects (preparing flower arrangements for local hospitals and nursing homes, working in local parks or the Erie County Fairgrounds). In addition, students were able to visit an extensive vendor expo which enabled conversations with businesses and institutions of higher education from around the state. Depending on their individual choices, each school had a somewhat different experience:

Pine Plains: The Pine Plains FFA had a very successful State Convention in Buffalo, NY. On Wednesday, May 1st we headed to Buffalo with other chapters from our area - John Jay, Rondout, Taconic Hills and Ulster BOCES. We made a stop on the way at Niagara Falls, where we made a lasting memory getting completely soaked!

Day 1 - Addison Staph competed in "Junior Extemporaneous Speaking," while other members went on a tour to H.H. Dobbins. At H.H. Dobbins members experienced commercial apple processing and packing for stores like Sam's Club. Following tours and competitions, we attended the first general sessions. At this session Hope Miller was recognized as a State Finalist for the "Dairy Breed Award" in the Holstein category! Results were also in for "Junior Extemporaneous Speaking" and Addison Staph won first place! Congratulations to Hope and Addison! Addison also

received a Jacket Award!

Day 2 - Our "Junior Quiz Bowl" team of Addison Staph, Coghlan Mullen, Aerianna Sommerville, and Liam Bathrick competed, making it past the first two rounds of competition. Hope Miller, Coghlan Mullen, and Addison Staph attended important delegate meetings and voted on state-level FFA decisions. We ended the day at "Fun Night" at Sahlen Field.

Day 3 - After the final awards session, we had a good lunch and made the long drive home. A great convention was had by all. Congratulations to all FFA members who participated and thank you to those who made our trip possible!

Taconic Hills: On Wednesday, May 1st, Taconic Hills embarked on a journey to Buffalo alongside four other FFA chapters: John Jay, Rondout, Pine Plains, and Ulster BOCES. Upon arriving in western New York, the students had a remarkable tour of the majestic Niagara Falls aboard the Maid of the Mist. This proved to be an exhilarating experience, with the term "mist" barely encapsulating how thoroughly soaked the students were by the ride's end.

Thursday, May 2nd - convention started with students receiving their name tags, shirts, and pins. Subsequently, an engaging expo unfolded, allowing students to interact with various vendors, potential employers, and college representatives. Meanwhile, Gabriela Coons and Kaleb Hoyt delved into the "Junior Tool ID" competition, where students were tasked with identifying various agricultural tools. Carly Busch, Ava Hodges, and Gracie Sheak embarked on the Dobbins, Inc. Apple Processing Tour, gaining insights into apple processing and packaging. Kaiden Klein, Zach Somers, and Natalie O'Reilly participated in a day of service at the Erie County fair by sweeping and cleaning the barns. In the evening, Taconic Hills FFA attended Session 1, during which Carly Busch and Gracie Sheak received the state jacket award.

Friday, May 3rd - They had an early start with a variety of competitions. Zach Somers showcased his expertise in the "Jr. People in Agriculture" contest, having progressed from the district level with his agricultural career poster. Ava Hodges competed in "Agriculture Education," earning a commendable placement in the top 10 out of 26 contestants with her flower-focused lesson plan. Taconic Hills fielded two teams for the "Floriculture" contest, engaging in tasks such as soil



Students from FFA from Pine Plains. Courtesy photo

calculation, boutonniere crafting, and plant propagation. The "Senior Quiz Bowl" team, composed of Gracie Sheak, Carly Busch, Kaiden Klein, and Gabriella Coons, demonstrated their knowledge admirably. The day concluded with Friday Fun Night at Sahlen Baseball field, offering a plethora of activities and entertainment, including mini-golf, football, bouncy houses, and the renowned Sahlen hot dogs.

Although Saturday, May 4th primarily involved the journey back home, students attended the final session of the state FFA convention. Here, one of Taconic Hills' own students, Julia Thomas, was awarded with the State FFA Empire degree, a testament to her dedication and contributions to FFA

during her tenure at Taconic Hills.

John Jay: 16 students from the John Jay FFA Chapter attended the 99th Convention in Buffalo, NY. High points included a stop at Niagara Falls on the way out. At Convention, Francesca Oliva

made us proud with a second place finish statewide for her Chapter Secretary Portfolio. In addition, the team competing in "Veterinary Science", consisting of Amaya Jones, Matthew Mulligan, Fiona Kennealy and Jenna Lawrence, placed in the top 20 out of 60 entries. Like other chapters, numerous workshops were attended, tours of farms and agribusinesses were taken and time was given to public service projects. This is the biggest group John Jay has taken to Convention and we thank our supporters for making the trip possible.

Dutchess County BOCES: The Dutchess BOCES FFA had the pleasure of bringing almost all of their members to the New York State Convention this year. All students participated in a competing

event including "Aquaculture", "Floriculture", "Veterinary Science" and the "Agriscience Fair". Senior, Maleah Bishop, took first place in the state for the Plant Science category Division 5 with her year-long research project during the "Agriscience Fair". She plans on submitting and participating at the National level.

When they were not competing, students and advisors joined workshops, contributed to community service at state parks, took a tour of Niagara Falls, explored the Expo of colleges and business, and of course, the raucous sessions that seat the entire New York congregations.

Through the whole convention there was constant laughter, bonding, support, pride and growth among the group. The chapter boasts of being made up of risk-takers, never-fakers and record breakers!

FFA is a national youth organization with chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. With over 900,000 members, FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Students are engaged in a wide range of activities leading to more than 250 unique career opportunities in the agricultural science, food, fiber and natural resources industries. Agriculture and its related industries (processing, distribution, retail, etc) remains the largest source of employment in New York State.

For most FFA students in New York, the State FFA Convention is a highlight of their year and the culmination of much fundraising and effort. They are looking forward to the 100th Convention next year, to be held in Syracuse.

Central Hudson to hold two in-person customer service events

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. will host two more in-person customer service events in its Kingston District Office on Thursday, June 6 and in its Poughkeepsie District Office on Thursday, June 27. Central Hudson began hosting open house events in 2022 to provide customers the opportunity to meet with representatives to address concerns in a face-to-face setting.

Customers will be contacted via email with an invitation to set up an appointment. When signing up, customers will be provided a time slot to meet with a customer service representative who will walk each customer through their account in a one-on-one setting. In order to provide the highest level of customer service, customers must make an appointment to meet with a representa-

tive to discuss their account.

The Kingston open house will be held at Central Hudson's district office located at 2001 Ulster Ave. in Lake Katrine from 5 - 7 p.m. Poughkeepsie's open house will be held at Central Hudson's Poughkeepsie office, at 284 South Ave., also from 5 - 7 p.m.

Central Hudson will continue to host additional by appointment only customer service events, as well as other informational events, throughout its service area in 2024.

Visit <https://www.cenhud.com/en/account-resources/assistance-programs/>. Customers looking to learn more about Central Hudson's transition to monthly meter reading can visit <https://www.cenhud.com/en/account-resources/monthly-meter-reading/>.

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County public safety dispatchers recognized for accomplishments with EMS Awards

The Dutchess County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council hosted its annual EMS Awards Ceremony on May 22, which was during EMS Week, at the Dinsmore Golf Club in Staatsburg, to recognize dedicated EMS providers, agencies and local hospital staff. Several Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response 9-1-1 Public Safety Dispatchers were among the honorees recognized for their work and dedication in the field. Public safety dispatchers have a critical, behind-the-scenes role in EMS, particularly during recent high stress incidents that have included suicide attempts, explosions, and other life-threatening situations.

County Executive Sue Serino said, "As we continue to highlight the importance of EMS as an essential service, we are thrilled to celebrate the accomplishments of so many dedicated people who are serving in the EMS field, helping to save lives every day, including our own Dutchess County Public Safety Dispatchers. When people call 9-1-1 for help, they have the expectation of getting help quickly. We are grateful to all those who are diligently working every day to ensure that happens. We recognize the challenges facing the EMS profession across the nation, and we are committed to developing solutions to ensure this essential service continues to be available to anyone who needs it."

Erin Downing was honored with the EMS Communications Specialist of the Year Award. Downing began her career with Dutchess County's 9-1-1 Center in 2021 and was promoted to Public Safety

Dispatcher in October 2023. In her role, she has taken numerous calls from individuals, or those whose family members were experiencing significant medical emergencies or mental health crisis, including suicide attempts. Downing handles these intense and sensitive calls with compassion, empathy and professionalism, remaining on the line with the caller until first responders arrive on the scene, and has been a critical part of saving lives. This is the second time Downing has received the EMS Communications Specialist of the Year Award.

Public Safety Dispatchers Peggy Mulligan, Linda Polinsky, Kerry Vittone, Joe Dingee, Doug Eighmy, Dan Emery, Andrew Ludwig, Catherine Larkin and Brian Labulis, who comprised the Dutchess County 9-1-1 Center's "Group Three" team were all honored with the Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety Award, given to EMS personnel who have made a significant contribution to enhance the focus on the delivery of EMS in the community, leading to a measurable and sustainable improvement in EMS safety, patient care quality and/or the efficiency of response or resource development. Group Three was recognized for its speed, accuracy and compassion in taking calls during crises, including the November 2023 gas explosion and house fire in the Village of Wappingers Falls and the June 2023 tractor trailer rollover accident into a body of water in the Village of Millerton. During incidents such as these, dispatchers must manage a rapid influx of calls, dispatch hundreds of



The EMS Communication Specialist of the Year Award went to Erin Downing. Courtesy photo

units and assist with essential communications, all while handling other 9-1-1 calls from throughout the rest of the county. Despite the stress and intense nature of such emergencies, the dispatchers remained focused, working together and in collaboration with first responders, both on the radio and the phone.

In 2023, public safety dispatchers at the Dutchess County 9-1-1 Center answered more than 210,000 individual phone calls and dispatched assistance to over 118,000 individual incidents through the 9-1-1 Computer Aided Dispatch system.

Director of Dutchess County 9-1-1 Timothy Darcy said, "Our 9-1-1 Center Dispatchers handle every call with a consistent level of calm professionalism. Whether coordinating resources during significant emergencies, helping individuals in mental health crisis or answering accidental 9-1-1 calls, our dispatchers treat each caller with the same calm empathy and skill, while helping ensure first responders receive relevant information. We are proud to celebrate these individuals' dedication to their work and the wellbeing of our community."

Highlighting the importance of EMS and addressing challenges that plague EMS response has been a top priority for County Executive Serino. EMS across the nation, and here in Dutchess County, has been challenged by dwindling numbers of people choosing to volunteer or pursue careers, due to multiple factors, including the high stress nature of the profession, often coupled with low pay. Empowering the current workforce and finding new ways to recruit and retain talent in EMS is part of a multi-pronged effort, led by Dutchess County Emergency Response, in collaboration with local municipalities and fire and ambulance districts, to deliver a comprehensive EMS strategy that is patient-centered, consistent, reliable, affordable and sustainable.

Commissioner of Emergency Response Dana Smith said, "We continue to work with our municipal partners to find sustainable ways to ease the burden on our EMS system and are proud to celebrate the work of the EMS professionals who remain tirelessly dedicated to meeting the needs of residents every day. Our staff at the 9-1-1 Center are committed to helping save lives and make a difference in our community, and we are grateful for their professionalism and compassion for callers and first responders alike."

This year's recipients of the Dutchess County EMS Council Awards include:

Basic Life Support Provider of the Year: Kyle Maxwell, Northern Dutchess Paramedics (NDP) EMS

Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year: Heather Fraleigh, NDP EMS

EMS Agency of the Year: East Clinton Rescue Squad

Harriet C. Weber EMS Leadership Award: Jeffrey Cotter, Rhinebeck

EMS Educator of Excellence Susan Prezzano, NDP EMS

Communications Specialist of the Year: Erin Downing, Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response

Excellence in Quality and Safety: Dutchess County 911 Group 3

Registered Professional Nurse of Excellence: Heather Fraleigh, Northern Dutchess Hospital

Physician of Excellence: Dr. Dan Miller, Northern Dutchess Hospital

EMS Mentor: Susan deHaan, East Clinton

Serino concluded, "This week and all year long, we are grateful to the brave men and women who serve as first responders within our communities, including all those who serve in EMS. Congratulations to all the honorees on this well-deserved recognition."



The Dutchess County 9-1-1 Center's "Group Three" team was honored with the Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety Award. Pictured, from left, are Public Safety Dispatchers Joe Dingee, Linda Polinsky, Dan Emery, Andrew Ludwig, Doug Eighmy, and Kerry Vittone (not shown Peggy Mulligan, Brian Labulis and Catherine Larkin). Courtesy photo

Melanie's Law passes in the Assembly

Melanie Chianese was a resident of Dutchess County who fell victim to a loophole in order of protection laws. Chianese's mother's ex-boyfriend — who was previously barred from visiting Chianese's mother and son — killed Chianese. She was mourned within the community, and through the partnership of Assemblyman Anil Beephan, Assemblyman Brian Cunningham, and Sens. Rob Rolison and Michelle Hinckley,

a bill to close that loophole and provide equal orders of protection to all members of a family has been approved by both legislative bodies. The bill, Melanie's Law, now makes its way to Gov. Kathy Hochul's desk.

Senator Rolison (39th District) said in a statement, "This is a great day for New Yorkers and one step closer to the goal of protecting domestic violence victims and families across our state. Melanie's Law

is bipartisan legislation that will close a dangerous legal loophole and empower survivors. Now Democrats and Republicans alike must come together to urge Governor Hochul to sign this critical bill into law as soon as possible."

"This could not have happened without bipartisan support, which is why I want to thank my colleague in the Assembly, Assemblyman Cunningham, and my colleagues in the Senate, Senators Hinckley and Rolison, for their unwaver-

ing support and dedication to this important issue," Beephan said.

"I want to thank Cheryl, Melanie's mother, for sharing her story and bringing awareness to this issue. I feel incredibly honored to have been part of this body of advocates and legislators to enact real change that will protect people in the future. The best of government is people coming together to solve problems, and in Melanie's memory, I was glad we could do that here," Beephan concluded.

Applications now open for Hudson Valley Agribusiness BIPOC Microloan Accelerator

Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC) has opened applications for its upcoming BIPOC Microloan Accelerator, a Business Technical Assistance (BTA) and access to capital program.

The nine-month program will be accepting 12 BIPOC and other minority agribusiness entrepreneurs from the Hudson Valley counties of Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Rensselaer, Sullivan, Ulster and Washington. The deadline for application is June 20.

Participants will receive training that will help them improve their businesses' financial literacy and access microloans through HVADC's Agribusiness Loan

Fund. The curriculum for the BIPOC Microloan Accelerator will combine virtual, in-person and on demand training, and will be conducted in-group, and one-on-one. Topics will include how to manage debt, using credit to increase FICO scores, credit repair, personal and business management budgeting, choosing the right loan for a business, managing cash flow, and achieving loan readiness to access capital. Additional programming will address operational and management skills, as well as mental and physical well-being.

As a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), HVADC facilitates training such

as the BIPOC Microloan Accelerator as part of its mission to provide financial services and investment in local communities and the residents who live there by providing critically needed financing often unavailable from mainstream financial institutions. HVADC is the only CDFI in the region exclusively dedicated to providing funding to farm and food enterprises in economically disadvantaged communities. Funding for the BIPOC Microloan Accelerator has been made possible through a grant received from Empire State Development.

The entrepreneurs selected to participate in the BIPOC Microloan Accelerator will be those that have promising business concepts where greater financial

literacy and access to capital can make a significant and positive impact on the future of their business. These impact measurements include significant sales growth, increased profitability, job retention and creation, and enhanced sustainability of the business. Those successfully completing the program benchmarks will each receive a low-interest \$5,000 microloan from the HVADC Agribusiness Loan Fund.

To learn more about the BIPOC Microloan Accelerator and to apply, visit <https://www.hvadc.org/business-technical-assistance/bipocmicroloanaccelerator>. Questions about the program may be addressed to Duane Stanton dstanton@hvadc.org.

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Pat Herlihy

LAGRANGE - Pat Herlihy, of LaGrange, passed away Sunday at Vassar Brothers Hospital. He was 86 years old.

Patrick Francis Herlihy was born on November 21st, 1937, in Brooklyn, NY, to Michael and Mary (Dillon) Herlihy, immigrants from Ireland. He was raised in the Park Slope neighborhood and graduated from St. Francis Preparatory School in 1956. After serving in the United States Marine Corps under Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy at the 8th & I Barracks in Washington, D.C. (where his duties included guarding the White House and the Capitol), he began a 26-year career in the New York City Fire Department. Serving primarily with Ladder 59 in the South Bronx, he battled one of the most ferocious waves of arson in American history during the 60s, 70s and 80s. During this time, he completed his bachelor's degree in fire science at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Mr. Herlihy married Kathleen M. Murphy on September 18th, 1965. In October of 1969, the Herlihy's moved to Noxon Road in LaGrange, where they fulfilled Mr. Herlihy's lifelong dream of raising chickens, steers, pigs, ducks, geese, goats, dogs, cats and children.

During his firefighting career, Mr. Herlihy was also the owner/operator of two local busi-

nesses: Expert Chimney Sweeping and the Holly Coal Co. After retiring from the FDNY in 1987, Mr. Herlihy served as fire safety director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan.

Mr. Herlihy is survived by his wife, and four children: Tim (Tricia) of Ridgefield, CT; Kathleen (Andrew) Grieemann of Poughkeepsie; Michael (Lisa) of Hopewell Junction; and Patrick (Bridget) of Poughkeepsie, as well as eight beloved grandchildren: Martin, Jane, Julia, Terry, Dean, Gwen, Lily and Charlotte Herlihy.

A devout Roman Catholic, Mr. Herlihy was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He also held a pilot's license, though none of us were crazy enough to go flying with him.

Visiting hours were Wednesday, May 22nd, at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, May 23rd, at St. Kateri Church 1925 Route 82, LaGrangeville, followed by interment at St. Denis Cemetery.

Keith J. Lurken

LAGRANGEVILLE - Keith Joseph Lurken of Lagrangeville, NY, a beloved son, brother, husband, father, and friend, passed away on October 9, 2023. Born on April 27, 1948, and raised in New Rochelle, NY, Keith

was the cherished son of the late Ferdinand Lurken and the late June (Cowels) Alexander.

Keith's life was one filled with love, dedication, and selflessness. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Joanne Humphreys, his brother Mark Lurken, his daughter Mollie Lurken, his sister-in-law Carol Humphreys and his brother-in-law Harvey Insler. Although Keith faced profound loss in his life, he remained a pillar of strength for those around him.

Keith is survived by his loving daughter Joanne Massi (Daniel); his stepson Stephen Dakin (Christina); cherished siblings Kathy Lurken, Diane Hogan, Yvonne Lurken, Scott Lurken (Shelly); His Uncle John Cowles; brother-in-law Joseph Humphreys (Eileen); sister in law Rosemary Finch; and many nieces, nephews, friends, and extended family.

His grandchildren, Daniel Keith Massi and Emmy Mollie Massi, were the light of his life and brought him immense joy. He would do, and has done, anything for them regardless of his situation and their needs. To Daniel and Emmy, they will fondly and forever remember their "Pop-Pop".

On November 25, 1972, Keith married the love of his life, Joanne Humphreys. Their union was one of strength and commitment, lasting until Joanne's passing on March 17, 2004. Their story and devotion to each other served as an inspiration to all who knew them.

After graduating from New Rochelle High School in 1966, Keith's pursuit of knowledge led him to Flint Michigan to attend the General Motors Institute of Technology (now Kettering University). He then embarked on a fulfilling career as an independent contractor, while also working for McDonald's as a certified commercial repair technician, for most of his professional life, retiring in 2012. Keith's dedication to his work and his exceptional skills were admired by all who knew him.

Aside from his professional endeavors, Keith had a passion for the weather and enjoyed helping friends and family with any repairs, maintenance, or support they needed. His kind and generous nature knew no bounds, and he was always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need.

A man of integrity and compassion, Keith touched the lives of many with his gentle spirit and warm smile. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A celebration of life to honor Keith will be held by the family over Memorial Day Weekend. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charity of your choice in Keith's memory.

Keith Joseph Lurken's legacy of love, kindness, and generosity will forever live on in the hearts of those who were lucky enough to have known him. May he rest in eternal peace.

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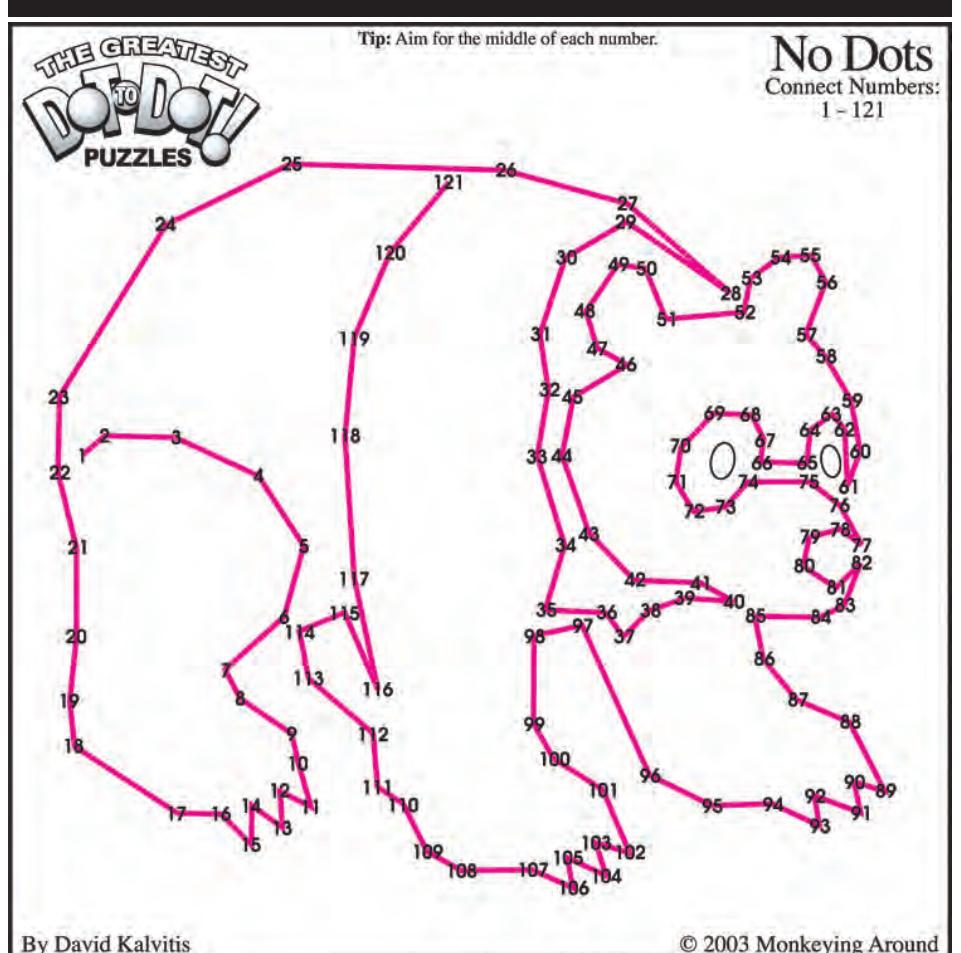
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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A OF 2024 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTERS 20 AND 98 TO SPECIFY TRAINING AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, CHANGE THE NUMBER OF ZBA MEMBERS, AND SPECIFY USE OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS FOR BOTH BOARDS

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapters 20 and 98 to Specify Training and Attendance Requirements for Members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, Change the Number of ZBA Members, and Specify Use of Alternate Members for Both Boards".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

A. The Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley appreciates the dedication and service of the members and alternate members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA") and wishes to modify and clarify certain requirements and procedures to maximize the boards' effectiveness.

B. The Town Board finds that appropriate training and regular attendance of the ZBA and Planning Board members is essential to the proper functioning of said Boards.

The Legislature of the State of New York has recognized the importance of training and has established training and attendance requirements in its recent amendments to the ZBA and Planning Board statutes as contained in §§ 267 and 271 of the Town Law.

C. It is the purpose of this local law to ensure that ZBA and Planning Board members obtain appropriate training to enhance their ability to carry out their duties under applicable provisions of law and to pay the reasonable costs of such training as a Town charge. It is the further purpose of this article to establish minimum attendance requirements for such members at meetings to assist in the proper functioning of the Planning Board and the ZBA.

D. The Town Board also finds it appropri-

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ate to modify the number of ZBA members to five to conform to Town Law § 267.

E. Finally, the Town Board finds that the functioning of the Planning Board and ZBA, and the Town's review of land use applications, would be best served by clarifying the role of alternate members of the Planning Board and ZBA. The Town Board deems it appropriate for alternate members to take part in board deliberations so that they are able to step in as voting members when needed to ensure business can be conducted.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY.

This law is enacted pursuant to Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE.

A. Chapter 20, "Planning Board", is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

Chapter 20: Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

§ 20-1. Training and Attendance Requirements for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

A. Each member of the Planning Board shall be expected to review and familiarize himself/herself with the Town's Subdivision Regulations and those portions of the Zoning Law which relate to the powers and duties of the Planning Board, and Article 16 of the Town Law.

B. Each member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) shall be expected to review and familiarize himself/ herself with those portions of the Zoning Law which relate to the powers and duties of the ZBA, and Article 16 of the Town Law.

C. The members of the Planning Board and ZBA shall be expected to conduct themselves in conformity with all rules and regulations that may be adopted by the Town Board and/or by the Planning Board or ZBA, as the case may be, for the conduct of meetings and public hearings of the respective Boards.

D. Each member of the Planning Board and ZBA shall complete, at a minimum, four hours of training each year designed to enable such member to more effectively carry out their duties. Any training received by a member in excess of four hours in any one year may be carried over by that member into

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succeeding years in order to meet this training requirement, all in accordance with the provisions of Town Law §§ 267 and 271.

E. Any such training for Planning Board and ZBA members shall be approved by the Town Board and may include, but not be limited to, training provided by a municipality, regional or county office or commission, county planning, federation, state agency, statewide municipal association, college or other similar entity, and such training may be provided in a variety of formats including, but not limited to, electronic media, video, distance learning and traditional classroom training. The Town Board shall pay or reimburse the Board members for the reasonable cost of their four-hour training sessions.

F. To be eligible for a reappointment at the expiration of a Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals member's term, such member shall have completed the training as required by this article and by Town Law §§ 267 and 271.

G. The training provided by this law may be waived or modified by Resolution of the Town Board when, in the judgment of the Town Board, it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

H. No decision of the Planning Board shall be voided or declared invalid because of a failure of a member to comply with the training or other requirements of this Resolution.

I. No member of the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals may miss three regularly scheduled meetings of the Board during a calendar year, other than for a medical or other emergency or for any other just cause approved, in advance, by the Chair of the Planning Board. It is expected that Board members be on time and call the Chair or Secretary if he/she cannot attend a meeting.

J. The Town Board shall have the power to remove, after public hearing, for cause, any Planning Board or ZBA member. Cause for removal shall include, but shall not be limited to:

(1) Noncompliance with the minimum requirements relating to training and education as established in this article and/or by Town Law;

(2) Noncompliance with the meeting attendance requirements as established by this article;

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(3) Failure to comply with the residency requirements as are set forth for Public Officers or in the Town Law;

(4) Failure to disclose a conflict of interest as required by the Town's Code of Ethics;

(5) Failure to comply with the applicable provisions of the Pleasant Valley Code of Ethics;

(6) Failure to comply with any rules or regulations as may be prescribed for the conduct of Board members by the Town Board, Planning Board or ZBA; and

(7) Such other and further cause as may be established by the Town Board by local law.

K. Prior to the conduct of any public hearing for the removal of a Planning Board or ZBA member for cause, the Town Board shall provide the Board member with a statement setting forth the alleged grounds for such removal at least 30 days prior to the conduct of the public hearing. During the public hearing, the Town Board shall have the power to hear testimony and receive evidence presented by the Town Attorney, by the Chair of the applicable Board or by any other person in support of, or against, the grounds for such removal. The Board member shall have the right to present witnesses and other evidence in defense of the removal action and the Town Board shall have the power to hear other witnesses and members of the public, and receive documentation and evidence relevant to the issue of the alleged cause for the Board member's removal. In cases where the grounds for removal consist of an alleged violation of the Pleasant Valley Code of Ethics, procedures for a hearing, discipline and/or removal set forth in the Code of Ethics shall be also followed.

L. Any determination of the Town Board with regard to removal of a Planning Board or ZBA member shall be made by the Town Board, in writing, and a copy shall be provided to the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals member and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk within five business days after the Town Board's determination.

M. Each member of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals shall be required to keep records of his/her

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attendance at required training sessions and to provide to the Planning Board and Zoning Board Secretary, as the case may be, certificates of attendance for completion or other proof of completion of training courses on an annual basis.

The Planning Board and ZBA Secretary shall keep records of the attendance of each Board member at the required training courses and shall present, at the close of each calendar year, a list of each Board member's courses and credits earned in that year, together with any credits carried over from previous years, to the Town Clerk and to the Town Board.

N. The Planning Board and ZBA Secretaries shall also keep records of the attendance of Board members at meetings and shall provide attendance records to the Town Clerk and to the Town Board on a quarterly basis.

O. A copy of this article shall be supplied by the Town Clerk to each member of the Planning Board and ZBA.

B. In Chapter 98, "Zoning," section 98-92, "Planning Board organization," is repealed and replaced as follows:

§ 98-92. Planning Board organization.

A. Powers and Duties

(1) The Town Planning Board shall have and exercise the following powers and duties:

(a) To approve all plats of subdivision showing lots, blocks or sites, with or without streets or highways, within the Town.

(b) To pass upon and approve the development of plats already filed in the office of the Clerk of Dutchess County if such plats are entirely or partially undeveloped.

(c) To approve or disapprove changes in the lines of existing streets, highways or public areas shown on subdivision plats or maps filed in the County Clerk's office.

(2) The Planning Board may recommend to the Town Board regulations relating to any subject matter over which the Planning Board has jurisdiction pursuant to § 271 of the Town Law, or any other statute or under any local law or ordinance of the Town. Adoption of any such recommendations by the Town Board shall be by local law or ordinance.

(3) The Planning Board shall submit a report to the Town

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Board on any matter or class of matters other than those in § 271, Subdivision 13, referred to the Planning Board by the Town Board for review and recommendation, before final action is taken by the Town Board or other office or officer of the Town having final authority over said matter. The Town Board may stipulate that final action shall not be taken until the Planning Board has submitted its report thereon, or has had a reasonable time to submit the report. Such a time period shall be fixed by the Town Board in the resolution to submit the report.

(b) Number and term of alternate members. The Town Board shall appoint, by resolution, two alternate members to the Planning Board for a term of two years, with their terms to expire on December 31 of the second year after the date of their appointment.

(c) Designation of an alternate member.

[1] The Chairperson

of the Planning Board shall designate an alternate member to substitute for a member when such member is absent or is unable to participate on an application or matter before the Board. If there are two alternate members, they shall be designated for service on a rotating basis. When so designated, the alternate member shall possess all of the powers and responsibilities of such member of the Board. Such designation shall be entered into the minutes of the first meeting of the Planning Board at which the substitution is made.

[2] Provided that all other requirements of this section are satisfied, the designation of an alternate member to serve as a member may be made for a particular meeting or meetings, or for a specified period of time, but no event beyond the duration of the alternate member's appointment as an alternate member.

The designation to substitute shall take place only when a regular Board member in whose place the alternate member shall act is absent or otherwise unable to serve as specified herein.

[3] Upon the return of an absent regular member or the resumption of the regular member's ability to serve, the alternate member shall automatically resume his/her status as an alternate member and shall no longer be allowed to vote on Board affairs. The alternate member shall remain eligible to substitute in the future for the same or other regular members, subject to the same requirements of eligibility set forth herein, including redesignation as an acting member of the Board.

(6) Alternate Members.

(a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ALTERNATE MEMBER — An individual appointed by the Town Board available

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for service when a regular member of the Planning Board must be absent or is unable to participate on an application or matter before the Board due to a conflict of interest or otherwise, as provided herein.

(b) Number and term of alternate members. The Town Board shall appoint, by resolution, two alternate members to the Planning Board for a term of two years, with their terms to expire on December 31 of the second year after the date of their appointment.

(c) Designation of an alternate member.

[1] The Chairperson of the Planning Board shall designate an alternate member to substitute for a member when such member is absent or is unable to participate on an application or matter before the Board. If there are two alternate members, they shall be designated for service on a rotating basis. When so designated, the alternate member shall possess all of the powers and responsibilities of such member of the Board. Such designation shall be entered into the minutes of the first meeting of the Planning Board at which the substitution is made.

[2] Provided that all other requirements of this section are satisfied, the designation of an alternate member to serve as a member may be made for a particular meeting or meetings, or for a specified period of time, but no event beyond the duration of the alternate member's appointment as an alternate member.

The designation to substitute shall take place only when a regular Board member in whose place the alternate member shall act is absent or otherwise unable to serve as specified herein.

[3] Upon the return of an absent regular member or the resumption of the regular member's ability to serve, the alternate member shall automatically resume his/her status as an alternate member and shall no longer be allowed to vote on Board affairs. The alternate member shall remain eligible to substitute in the future for the same or other regular members, subject to the same requirements of eligibility set forth herein, including redesignation as an acting member of the Board.

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[4] When an alternate member is not designated to serve as a member at a particular meeting, the alternate member may sit with the Board and may take part in discussion so that the alternate will be prepared if called upon to vote on an application at a future meeting.

(d) Duties and responsibilities of alternate members. All provisions of state law relating to the Planning Board member eligibility, vacancy in office, removal, compatibility of office and service on other boards, as well as any provisions of a local law/local ordinance relating to training, continuing education and attendance, shall also apply to alternate members.

C. Planning Board Procedure.

(1) Meetings of the Planning Board shall be held at the call of the Chairperson and at such other times as such Board may determine. Such Chairperson, or in his or her absence the Acting Chairperson, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses.

(2) The Planning Board shall have the power and authority to employ experts, clerks and a secretary, and to pay for their services, and to provide for such other expenses as may be necessary for the Planning Board to carry out its duties, not exceeding the appropriation made for such purposes.

(3) The Town Planning Board may adopt rules and regulations in respect to procedure before it and in respect to any subject matter over which it has jurisdiction under this chapter or any statute, after public hearing by such Board and subject to the approval of the Town Board.

C. In Chapter 98, "Zoning," section 98-95, "Establishment and powers of Zoning Board of Appeals," is repealed and replaced as follows:

§ 98-95. Establishment and powers of Zoning Board of Appeals.

A. Creation, appointment and organization.

(1) This chapter shall be administered by a Zoning Board of Appeals maintained in accordance with Article 16, § 267, of the Town Law.

(2) The Zoning Board of Appeals shall consist of five members appointed by the Town Board. The Town Board shall designate the Chair

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and fix the terms of office of the members. The Town Board shall appoint a Secretary and shall prescribe rules for the conduct of its affairs.

(2.a) The Board shall transition from seven members to five as follows: For the year 2024, the Board shall consist of seven members. Beginning in January 2025, the board shall consist of five members. If there are more than five members whose terms extend into 2025, the members with the least time on the board shall be changed to alternates or removed from the Board to ensure a five-member Board.

(3) Alternate Members.

(a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ALTERNATE MEMBER — An individual appointed by the Town Board available for service when a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals must be absent or is unable to participate on an application or matter before the Board due to a conflict of interest or otherwise, as provided herein.

(b) Number and term of alternate members. The Town Board shall appoint, by resolution, two alternate members to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of two years, with their terms to expire on December 31 of the second year after the date of their appointment.

(c) Designation of an alternate member.

[1] The Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall designate an alternate member to substitute for a member when such member is absent or is unable to participate on an application or matter before the Board. If there are two alternate members, they shall be designated for service on a rotating basis. When so designated, the alternate member shall possess all of the powers and responsibilities of such member of the Board.

Such designation shall be entered into the minutes of the first meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals at which the substitution is made.

[2] Provided that all other requirements of this section are satisfied, the designation of an alternate member to serve as a member may be made for a particular meeting or meetings, or for a specified period of time, but no event beyond the duration of the

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alternate member's appointment as an alternate member. The designation to substitute shall take place only when a regular Board member in whose place the alternate member shall act is absent or otherwise unable to serve as specified herein.

[3] Upon the return of an absent regular member or the resumption of the regular member's ability to serve, the alternate member shall automatically resume his/her status as an alternate member and shall no longer be allowed to vote on Board affairs. The alternate member shall remain eligible to substitute in the future for the same or other regular members, subject to the same requirements of eligibility set forth herein, including redesignation as an acting member of the Board.

[4] When an alternate member is not designated to serve as a member at a particular meeting, the alternate member may sit with the Board and may take part in discussion, so that the alternate will be prepared if called upon to vote on an application at a future meeting.

(d) Duties and responsibilities of alternate members. All provisions of state law relating to the Zoning Board of Appeals member eligibility, vacancy in office, removal, compatibility of office and service on other boards, as well as any provisions of a local law/local ordinance relating to training, continuing education and attendance, shall also apply to alternate members.

B. Powers. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have all the powers and duties prescribed by law and by this chapter, which are more particularly specified as follows:

(1) Interpretation. Upon appeal from a decision by the Zoning Administrator, to decide any question involving the interpretation of any provision of this chapter, including determination of the exact location of any district boundary if there is uncertainty with respect thereto.

(2) Special use permits. To issue special use permits when appropriate for any of the uses for which this chapter requires the obtaining of such permits from the Board of Appeals.

(3) Variances. A variance is permission granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals so

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that property may be used in a manner not allowed by zoning. It is only the Zoning Board of Appeals that has the power to provide for such exceptions from the zoning. Since zoning is meant to implement the municipality's development objectives and protect the health, safety and general welfare of the people, there are strict rules governing when exceptions may be provided. In granting any variance, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall prescribe any conditions that it deems to be necessary or desirable.

(3.a) No variance from the strict application of any provision of this chapter shall be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals unless it finds:

[1] That there are special circumstances or conditions, fully described in the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, applying to such land or buildings and not applying generally to land or buildings in the neighborhood, and that said circumstances or conditions are such that strict application of the provisions of this chapter would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of such land or buildings.

[2] That, for reasons fully set forth in the findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the granting of the variance is necessary for the reasonable use of the land or building and that the variance as granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals is the minimum variance that will accomplish this purpose.

[3] That the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this chapter and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

(3.b) Any variance which is not exercised within one year from the date of issuance or which has now been or hereafter remains unexercised for a continuous period of one year is hereby declared to be revoked without further hearing by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

(3.c) The regulations for the two types of variances are as follows:

[1] Use variances.

[a] The Zoning Board of Appeals, upon appeal from the decision or determination of the Zoning Administrator, shall also consider each of the following factors:

[b.i] Whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the

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would not be allowed or would be prohibited by the terms of this chapter.

[b] No such use variance shall be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals without a showing by the applicant that the applicable regulations and restrictions imposed by this chapter have caused unnecessary hardship. In order to prove such unnecessary hardship, the applicant shall demonstrate to the Zoning Board of Appeals compliance with each of the following criteria:

[b.i] That under the applicable regulations and restrictions imposed by this chapter, the applicant is deprived of all economic use and benefit from the property in question, which deprivation must be established by competent financial evidence.

[b.ii] That the alleged hardship relating to the property in question is unique and does not apply to a substantial portion of the district or neighborhood.

[b.iii] That the requested use variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the district or neighborhood.

[b.iv] That the alleged hardship has not been self-created.

[c] The Zoning Board of Appeals, in the granting of a use variance, shall grant the minimum variance that is deemed necessary and adequate to address the unnecessary hardship proven by the applicant and at the same time preserve and protect the character of the neighborhood and the health, safety and welfare of the community.

SECTION 5. SUPERSESSION.

It is the intent of the Town Board to supersede any provisions of the New York State Law to the extent that they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this local law,

pursuant to the Town's supersession authority under Municipal Home Rule Law § 10. The Town Board acknowledges that the provisions for alternate members prescribed herein differ from those in Town Law §§ 267 and 271

and the Town Board exercises its authority to supersede those provisions.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this local law is held invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this local law.

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neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will be created by the granting of the area variance.

[b.ii] Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some other method feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance.

[b.iii] Whether the requested area variance is substantial.

[b.iv] Whether granting of the proposed area variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or zoning district.

[b.v] Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created, which consideration shall be relevant to the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals but shall not necessarily preclude the granting of the area variance.

[c] The Zoning Board of Appeals, in the granting of an area variance, shall grant the minimum variance that it shall deem necessary and adequate and at the same time preserve and protect the character of the neighborhood and the health, safety and welfare of the community.

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Town of Hyde Park Republican Committee Public Notice

Please take notice that the Town of Hyde Park Republican Committee will hold a caucus:

Tuesday, June 11, 2024
6:00pm

Hyde Park Town Hall,
4383 Route 9
Hyde Park, NY
12538

To nominate the following office to be voted on at the General Election to be held November 5, 2024, and to conduct any other business that may come before the caucus:

Town Clerk
Sign in will be from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.

All residents of the Town of Hyde Park, who are enrolled in the Republican Party, are eligible to vote.
The Town of Hyde Park Republican Committee
Leigh Wager, Chairman

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-39-24 Part 820 OASAS Stabilization and Rehabilitation Beds (Reissue)

Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of June 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE Index No.: 2022-53169 Date Filed: 10/03/2022 Mortgaged Premises: 2436 Route 83 Town of Pine Plains County of Dutchess SBL: 6 8 7 1 - 0 0 - 455865-0000 Assigned To: Hon. Christi J. Acker, J . S . C . DALEO.MITCHELL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE DALE O. MITCHELL LIVING TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- 2436ROUTE83,LLC and NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Defendants.

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted by this Court and entered in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on the 3rd day of May, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Dutchess County Courthouse 10 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York (rear lobby), on the 24th day of June, 2024, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, the mortgaged premises directed in and by said Judgment to be sold and in said Judgment described, as follows:

See "SCHEDULE A -- LEGAL DESCRIPTION", attached.

Subject also to each and every other term of said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale as well as the Terms of Sale. The approximate amount of the lien due to the Plaintiff pursuant to the Judgment, with costs and allowances, excluding the expenses of the sale, is \$281,047.59.

Dated: May 16, 2024 Poughkeepsie, New York

Anthony Carlini, Jr., Esq. - Referee Handel & Carlini, LLP 1984 New Hackensack Road Poughkeepsie, New York 12603 Telephone: (845) 454-2221

Daniel J. Bloom, Esq., of Counsel BLOOM & BLOOM, P.C. (Attorneys for Plain-

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tiff)
530 Blooming Grove Turnpike Post Office Box 4323 New Windsor, New York 12553 Telephone: (845) 561-6920 Location of Property to be Foreclosed: 2436 Route 83, Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess, State of New York (SBL: 6871-00-455865-0000.)

SCHEDULE A DESCRIPTION

All that land, situate in the Town of Pine Plains, County of Dutchess, State of New York, shown as Lot 2 on a map entitled "Survey & Lot Line Adjustment Map of Lands of Dale O. Mitchell Living Trust", prepared by Mercurio-Norton-Tarolli-Marshall, Engineering-Land Surveying filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office on 3/22/2017 as Filed Map #11026A, bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the northeast side of County Road 83, at the common corner of lots 1 and 2 as shown on the above described Lot Line Adjustment map; Thence from said point of beginning, and through the lands of Dale O. Mitchell Living Trust, Deed Reference Document No. 2-2014-3975;

North Forty-Eight Degrees, Thirty Minutes, Twenty-Six Seconds East, One Hundred Fifty-One and Twenty Hundreds Feet (N 48° 30' 26" E 151.20'), and South Sixty-Six Degrees, Seventeen Minutes, Fifty-One Seconds East, Four Hundred Twenty-Four and Forty-Six Hundreds Feet (S 66° 17' 51" E 424.46');

Thence along the lands of Tomlaw of Pine Plains, LLC, Deed Reference Document No. 2-2004-3535, and being lot 2 of filed map number 11026;

South Eight Degrees, Fifty-Nine Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds East, One Hundred Twenty-Seven and Eighty-One Hundreds Feet (S 08° 59' 37" E 1125.81'), South Seventeen Degrees, Zero Minutes, Twenty-Three Seconds West, Seventy and Zero Hundreds Feet (S 17° 00' 23" W 70.00')

South Fourteen Degrees, Zero Minutes, Twenty-Three Seconds West, Two Hundred Fifty-Seven and Zero Hundreds Feet (S 14° 00' 23" W 257.00'), South Fifty-Seven Degrees, Twenty-Three Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds East, Forty-Eight and

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Twenty-Four Hundreds Feet (S 57° 23' 37" 48.24'), and South Eleven Degrees, Eleven Minutes, Seven Seconds West, Two Hundred Thirty-Six and Ninety-Three Hundreds Feet (S 11° 11' 07" W 236.93') to a found concrete monument, marked "DC", 7" above grade, on the northeast side of County Route 83;

Thence along the northeast side of said road;

North Fifteen Degrees, Fifty-Eight Minutes, Fifty-Three Seconds West, One Hundred Fourteen and Fifty-Two Hundreds Feet (N 15° 58' 53" W 114.52'), North Twelve Degrees, Fifteen Minutes, Seventeen Seconds West, Sixty-Nine and Forty-Eight Hundreds Feet (N 12° 15' 17" W 69.48'), North Fourteen Degrees, Fifty-One Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds West, Fifty-Nine and Sixty-Two Hundreds Feet (N 14° 51' 37" W 59.62'),

North Twenty-Two Degrees, Thirty-Two Minutes, Seven Seconds West, Sixty-One and Seven Hundreds Feet (N 22° 32' 07" W 61.07'), North Thirty-One Degrees, Seven Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds West, Seventy-Seven and Thirty-Eight Hundreds Feet (N 31° 07' 37" W 77.38'), North Thirty-Six Degrees, Twenty-Four Minutes, Thirty-Seven Seconds West, One Hundred Seventeen and Eighty-One Hundreds Feet (N 36° 24' 37" W 117.81'), North Thirty-Seven Degrees, Fifty-Six Minutes, Seven Seconds West, Two Hundred Fifty-Seven and Nine Hundreds Feet (N 37° 56' 07" W 257.09'), and

North Thirty-Seven Degrees, Fifty-Seven Minutes, Thirty-One Seconds West, One Hundred Twenty-Seven and Seventy-Nine Hundreds Feet (N 37° 57' 31" W 127.79') to the point of beginning.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY, NOT INSURED: Containing 4.00 acres of land. As surveyed by Mercurio-Norton-Tarolli-Marshall, Land Surveying-Engineering, P.C., 45 Main Street, Pine Bush, NY, 12566. Bearings refer to north datum of filed map number 11026.

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LAW B OF 2024
A LOCAL LAW
AMENDING
CHAPTER 48 OF
THE TOWN CODE
TO ESTABLISH
ALTERNATE
MEMBERS AND
SPECIFY TERMS
AND ATTENDANCE
REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE FIRE AND
LIFE SAFETY
REVIEW BOARD
BE IT ENACTED by

the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Local Law shall be entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 48 of the Town Code to Establish Alternate Members and Specify Attendance Requirements for the Fire and Life Safety Review Board".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

A. The Town Board determines that it would be appropriate for the Fire and Life Safety Review Board (formerly called the Fire Prevention Advisory Board) to have alternate members to serve in place of regular members when such regular members are absent or unable to vote on a matter.

B. The Town Board also determines that the Fire and Life Safety Review Board should be subject to attendance requirements to ensure efficient board function.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY.

This law is enacted pursuant to Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE.

A. Chapter 48, Section 48-11, "Fire Prevention Advisory Board", is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

§ 48-11 Fire and Life Safety Review Board.

A. The Town shall have a Fire and Life Safety Review Board, previously established as the Fire Prevention Advisory Board.

B. Said Board shall meet on a monthly basis or as needed as determined by the Chairman of the Fire and Life Safety Review Board.

C. Membership.

(1) Said Board shall consist of seven members. There shall be two standing members, the Fire Inspector and the District Fire Chief. There shall also be three appointments by the Town Board. The final two members shall be recommended by the Board of Fire Commissioners, one member of each of the two fire companies in

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the Town, and approved by the Town Board.

(2) The Town Board shall appoint the Chairperson.

(3) All appointments, except the standing members, shall be at the pleasure of the Town Board. The three members selected by the Town Board shall be appointed for three-year terms with one term ending each year. The Town Board may remove members with or without cause at any time.

(4) The Town Board shall appoint a Recording Secretary.

(5) The Board shall adopt rules and procedures for its meetings. It shall keep accurate records of its meetings and activities and shall file an annual report with the Town Board.

(6) No member of the Fire and Life Safety Review Board may miss three regularly scheduled meetings of the Board during a calendar year, other than for a medical or other emergency or for any other just cause approved, in advance, by the Chair.

It is expected that Board members be on time and call the Chair or Secretary if they cannot attend a meeting.

(7) Alternate Members.

(a) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ALTERNATE MEMBER — An individual appointed by the Town Board available for service when a regular member of the Fire and Life Safety Review Board must be absent or is unable to participate on an application or matter before the Board due to a conflict of interest or otherwise, as provided herein.

[3] Upon the return of an absent regular member or the resumption of the regular member's ability to serve, the alternate member shall automatically resume his/her status as an alternate member and shall no longer be allowed to vote on Board affairs. The alternate member shall remain eligible to substitute in the future for the same or other regular mem-

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bers, subject to the same requirements of eligibility set forth herein, including redesignation as an acting member of the Board.

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(d) Duties and responsibilities of alternate members. All provisions of law relating to the Fire and Life Safety Review Board member eligibility, vacancy in office, removal, compatibility of office and service on other boards, as well as any provisions of a local law/local ordinance relating to training, continuing education and attendance, shall be designated for service on a rotating basis. When so designated, the alternate member shall possess all of the powers and responsibilities of such member of the Board. Such designation shall be entered into the minutes of the first meeting of the Fire and Life Safety Review Board at which the substitution is made.

[2] Provided that all other requirements of this section are satisfied, the designation of an alternate member to serve as a member may be made for a particular meeting or meetings, or for a specified period of time, but no event beyond the duration of the alternate member's appointment as an alternate member. The designation to substitute shall take place only when a regular Board member in whose place the alternate member shall act is absent or otherwise unable to serve as specified herein.

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SECTION 5. SUPERSESSION.

It is the intent of the Town Board to supersede any provisions of the New York State Law to the extent that they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this local law, pursuant to the Town's supersession authority under Municipal Home Rule Law § 10.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

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DUTCHESS COUNTY NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, New York, has duly adopted Resolution No. 2024088 on May 13, 2024, published herewith, and is **SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**. Any petition requesting a referendum on such resolution must be presented to the Clerk of the Legislature no later than 45 days from the date of adoption.

LEIGH WAGER
 Clerk
 Dutchess County Legislature
 DATED: May 17, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 2024088

RE: ESTABLISHING ZONE "028A" AND ZONE "028B" ZONES OF ASSESSMENT IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

IN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK

Legislators D'AQUANNI, TRUITT, HOUSTON, POLASEK, FAUST, GARITO, GORMAN, MC HOUL, and PAOLONI offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature, by Chapter 592 of the Laws of 1991 (\$1123, Public Authorities Law), created the Dutchess County Water & Wastewater Authority ("WWA"), and established the Dutchess County Water District covering all the areas within the boundaries of Dutchess County, and

WHEREAS, WWA has proposed to construct a water main extension to the existing Hyde Park Regional Water System in order to provide water service to eight properties located along West Dorsey Lane, Old West Dorsey Lane and Albany Post Road (U.S. Route 9) in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, WWA's ability to provide the referenced water services is contingent upon the creation of the two Zones of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District encompassing all eight properties in the said water system which will support those customers in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, WWA has presented to this Legislature a notice of project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law which outlines WWA's plan to establish Zones "028A" and "028B" Zones of Assessment in the Dutchess County Water District for the extension to the Hyde Park Regional Water System, located in the Town of Hyde Park, and

WHEREAS, this Legislature has before it a Map, Plan and Report entitled "Map, Plan and Report, Dutchess County Water District Zones of Assessment "028A" and "028B", which was submitted to it by the WWA with the Notice of Project pursuant to Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law, and

WHEREAS, WWA proposes to enter into a Restatement of the Amended Service Agreement with Dutchess County (County), on behalf of the proposed Zones of Assessment "028A" and "028B" whereby the District will provide water services to the customers within the Zones at rates established by WWA, and

WHEREAS, the Map, Plan and Report identifies the parcels to be included in each of the Zones of Assessment, describes the infrastructure to be used to provide water service, and provides the estimated annual cost for water service for the typical property in the proposed Zones of Assessment herein, and

WHEREAS, the first year annual customer cost to the typical single family home is estimated to be One Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty-One and 00/100 (\$1,941) dollars, and

WHEREAS, this Legislature conducted a public hearing on this proposal on May 13, 2024, and heard all persons interested, and

WHEREAS, the establishment of said Zone "028A" and Zone "028B" Zones of Assessment will ensure an economical, efficient water system for the properties within the service area, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby waives the notice provisions of Section 1124 of the Public Authorities Law and by this Resolution consents to this project, and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is hereby determined that the properties and property owners within the proposed Zone "028A" and Zone "028B" Zones of Assessment are benefited thereby and all the properties and property owners benefited are included with the proposed Zone "028A" and Zone "028B" Zones of Assessment, and it is in the public's interest to create the Zone "028A" and Zone "028B" Zones of Assessment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Zone "028A" and Zone "028B" Zones of Assessment in the Town of Hyde Park as aforementioned and more particularly described in "Attachment A" attached hereto is hereby established, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

ATTACHMENT A

COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT 028A
TAX PARCEL LIST:

Tax Parcel #(133200)	Owner	Address
6063-02-985544	GSP Properties LLC	3726 Albany Post Rd
6163-01-001527	Turner, Crystal J.	4 Old W Dorsey Ln
6163-01-016534	Pettey, John A.	6 Old W Dorsey Ln
6063-04-986483	Four Seasons Deli	3700 Albany Post Rd
6063-04-992465	Hess Retail Stores LLC	3694 Albany Post Rd
6063-04-912484	Hoe, Polly Diane	3703 Albany Post Rd
6063-04-965422	Mobile Investors	
	New York LLC	3677 Albany Post Rd

COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT 028B
TAX PARCEL LIST

Tax Parcel #(133200)	Owner	Address
6063-02-987506	Culinary Institute of Am	3710 Albany Post Rd

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TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 503/2024

RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A OF 2024, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTERS 20 AND 98 TO SPECIFY TRAINING AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, CHANGE THE NUMBER OF ZBA MEMBERS, AND SPECIFY USE OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS FOR BOTH BOARDS"

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that certain changes are appropriate to the Town Code with regard to the Planning Board and ZBA, including to specify training and attendance requirements for members of both boards, change the number of ZBA members, and specify the use of alternate members for both boards; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town has drafted a Local Law to codify the changes the Town Board requested; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the Local Law is acceptable for purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law A of the Year 2024, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTERS 20 AND 98 TO SPECIFY TRAINING AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, CHANGE THE NUMBER OF ZBA MEMBERS, AND SPECIFY USE OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS FOR BOTH BOARDS," for the purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA the Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of Proposed Local Law A is a Type II action (see, 6 NYCRR 617.5[c][26]) and does not require further environmental review; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law A to the Dutchess County Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board directs the Town Clerk to forward Proposed Local Law A to the Town of Pleasant Valley Planning Board for its review and advisory opinion pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a public hearing on said Local Law will be held on June 3, 2024 at the Town of Pleasant Valley Town Hall, located at 1554 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, New York at 7:05 p.m.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give, publish and post notice of said public hearing, as required by law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to give notice to the New York State Department of Transportation Region 8 and all towns adjacent Pleasant Valley pursuant to Section 98-101 of the Pleasant Valley Town Code.

Dated: May 20, 2024

MOTION BY: Councilman Rifenburgh

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Adams

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Adams

AYE

NAY

Councilman Iapichino

X

Councilman Degan

X

Councilman Rifenburgh

X

Supervisor Albrecht

X

Carried.

TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION NO.: 504/2024

RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B OF 2024, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 48 OF THE TOWN CODE TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATE MEMBERS AND SPECIFY TERMS AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REVIEW BOARD"

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that certain changes are appropriate to the Town Code with regard to the Fire and Life Safety Review Board, including adding alternate members and specifying terms and attendance requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney to the Town has drafted a Local Law to codify the changes the Town Board requested; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the Local Law is acceptable for purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts Proposed Local Law B of the Year 2024, "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 48 OF THE TOWN CODE TO ESTABLISH ALTERNATE MEMBERS AND SPECIFY TERMS AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REVIEW BOARD," for the purposes of commencing the local law adoption process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of SEQRA the Town Board hereby determines that the adoption of Proposed Local Law B is a Type II action (see, 6 NYCRR 617.5[c][26]) and does not require further environmental review; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give, publish and post notice of said public hearing, as required by law.

Dated: May 20, 2024

MOTION BY: Councilman Rifenburgh

SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Adams

ROLL CALL:

Councilwoman Adams

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Councilman Iapichino

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Councilman Degan

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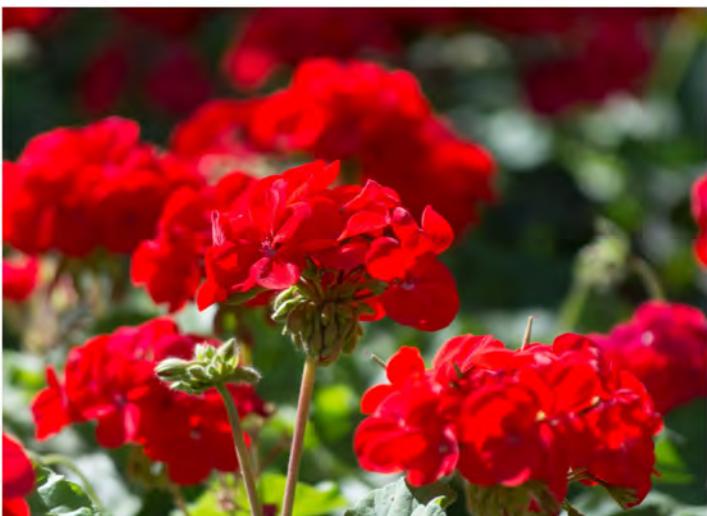
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Pull the Tank event in June to support local veterans



A World War II Sherman Tank. Below: The UPS Pull the Tank Team in 2023. Courtesy photos

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is thrilled to announce the return of its Pull the Tank event! This exciting fundraiser, taking place on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m., aims to raise critical funds to support Mission United, a program dedicated to assisting veterans and military families in the community.

Pull the Tank offers a unique opportunity for individuals and teams to test their strength for a worthy cause. Participants will work together in teams of 20 to pull a veteran, World War II Combat Sherman Tank, on a flatbed – weighing a staggering 120,000 pounds – across a 50-foot runway in the fastest time possible. The event will be held at the Orange County Airport in Montgomery, NY and is open to anyone 13 years of age or older (parental permission required for participants under 18). Pre-registration is required and limited spots are available so sign up as soon as possible.

Last year's inaugural event saw over 200 participants compete across 13 teams. The enthusiastic crowd enjoyed warm-up exercises, a designated children's area with games and face painting and fierce competition on the tarmac. The winning team in 2023 Pulled the Tank in an impressive 17.87 seconds!

"We're excited to bring back Pull the Tank and show our unwavering support for our local veterans and military families," said Jeannie Montano, President & CEO of United Way of the Dutchess-

Orange Region. "This fun and engaging event allows our community to come together and raise crucial funds for Mission United. Every dollar raised will help veterans access vital services, including housing assistance, legal support, mental health treatment and basic necessities."

Individuals and teams can register for Pull the Tank today. Teams are encouraged to fundraise and compete for prizes based on their combined fundraising and pulling power. All participants who raise \$200 or more will receive a commemorative 2024 Pull the Tank t-shirt, a goody bag, lunch, and the chance to win prizes for the "Ultimate Tug of War" victory. Attendees can also enjoy sponsor booths, a DJ, raffles and yard games.

For more information and to register for Pull the Tank, please visit www.udor.org/pullthetank.

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