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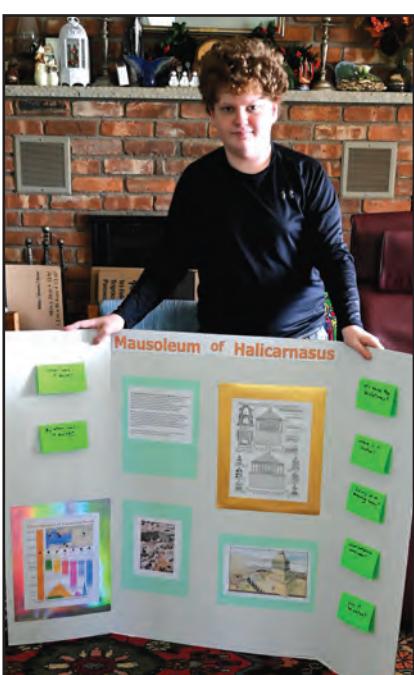
Ridge School opens 'Seven Wonders' exhibit at Clinton Town Hall

by Jim Donick

A creative exhibit by students of the Ridge School in Salt Point is opening May 31 in the Clinton Town Hall. A tour of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World is the theme chosen, and the students of the school have created models of each of the wonders and will be present to explain them to visitors.

While an exhibit at a town hall may seem less than newsworthy coming from any school, the Ridge School isn't just "any" school. The Ridge School doesn't meet the usual expectation of a small private school in the Hudson Valley. It is very special, maybe unique. Founded about 25 years ago, this fully New York State accredited school is the

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Sebastian shows a portion of the background display to accompany the model of the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, now one of the long-lost seven wonders of the Ancient world. Photo by Jim Donick

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Vintage Vibe treasures abound at Fairgrounds

by Olivia Fried

In today's world, we are constantly on the lookout for "good vibes" to brighten up our days. On June 3-4 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, Vintage Vibe Markets will present a weekend full of them. The market will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Vintage Vibe Markets was created by co-owners Dieter Kretsky and Dolores Fawkes and is a host for vendors selling a variety of hand-crafted, upcycled products with a vintage vibe flare. In addition to products ranging from furniture and home decor to clothing and jewelry, the event offers a fun-filled day with live music and food trucks.

As an artist and former gallery owner, Fawkes has decades of experience in the art world and knows the needs of the vendors and customers alike. Kretsky was a former CEO of the Atlanta Dogwood Festival and has the technical know-how to create a successful market. Together, the two make the perfect team.

The couple has been inspired by long-standing family traditions of preserving

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The annual Vintage Vibe Festival will bring together vendors, food and music at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on June 3-4. Products ranging from furniture and home decor to clothing and jewelry will be on display. Courtesy photos

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'Then & Now Festival' set June 3 in Red Hook

by Will Tatum

Nearly a century ago and three thousand miles away, English Historian W. G. Hoskins invented a new form of investigating the past - landscape history.

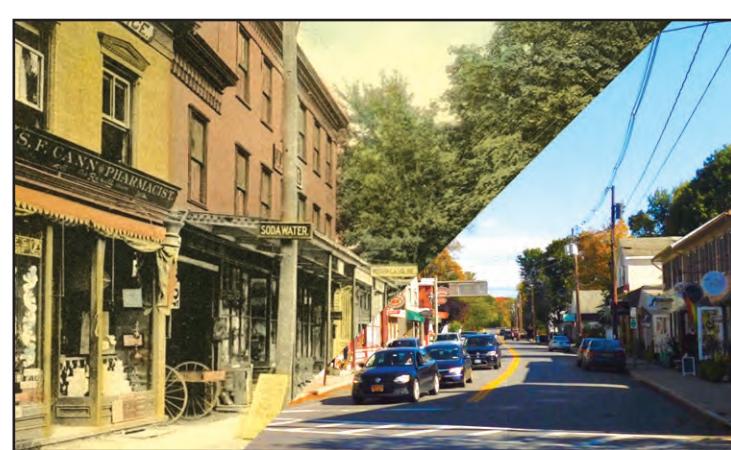
Conventional historians did and still do focus their research efforts on handwritten manuscripts, printed materials, and images from paintings and drawings to photographs. Hoskins maintained that in addition to those materials, the buildings, roads, and landscape features around which we live today

were equally viable sources of information on the past. The layouts of communities, the architectural styles of houses and businesses, where roads do (and do not) go: All of these features of modern life are deeply tied to decisions made decades or even centuries ago.

With Dutchess County set to observe its 340th birthday this November, the roots of our communities sink deep into the past as well as into the landscape.

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A postcard from Historic Red Hook's collections shows East Market Street in the early 20th century and a current photo by Elisabeth Tatum. Courtesy composite image

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brainchild of Michael and Linda Kondor, two educators dedicating their lives to students on the autism spectrum. While there are other institutions for autistic students, the Ridge School only focuses on extremely high functioning autistic students, mostly with Asberger’s syndrome.

“My kids are prepared for success,” said Michael Kondor. “I observe them and determine how to reach them.” His methodology relies heavily on expanding their curriculum beyond simply the education requirements of the state to unleash their confidence and creativity.

“My kids can all function well at the academic level,” said Kondor. “What they need are the social and personal skills to function on their own successfully.”

Kondor’s program boasts of amazing success. Nearly all go on to college.

“One of our graduates is now a college professor of history,” said Kondor. “Another is a very successful engineer, while others have gone on to success in college and to careers in the wider world.”

The upcoming exhibit at Town Hall in Clinton showcases a collection of models constructed by the students. To make the models, the students had to learn about each of the wonders, to know its history and the myths that surround some of them, and then imagine how to make a model. Each model will be presented sitting on its own table.

Part of the project was tied to their

Math training. After learning the construction of the Great Pyramid at Giza and what sort of stone was used, they imagined each table that holds a model to actually be a stone of that size that would have been used in the building of the pyramid. Then they calculated what its weight would be if it were one of those stones, and they have added that information to each of the tables.

The students found the study of the Seven Wonders captured their imaginations.

“I’ve personally spent a lot of time looking into the history of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon,” said Sebastian. “No one knows for certain exactly where they were located, and there is even a question as to whether they ever existed at all. That’s fascinating to me.”

For those who can’t recall their own school days to list the Seven Wonders, the students are happy to list them. They are The Lighthouse at Alexandria, the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, the Statue of Zeus at Olympia, The Colossus at Rhodes, the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, The Hanging Gardens at Babylon, and the Great Pyramid at Giza.

The exhibit should be open by Wednesday, May 31. It is expected to stay in place for at least a week and then move on to several other locations to be announced later.



Ridge School students Eric and Sebastian, part of the team that built the exhibits, enjoy the sunshine with Shiloh, the school's Mascot. Shiloh is a certified Autism dog, trained to identify autistic behaviors and to provide a calming effect for people with autism. Below: This model of the only surviving wonders, the Great Pyramid at Giza, opens up from one side to show a diagram of the passages inside the pyramid that have been discovered to date. Photos by Jim Donick



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LAUNCH OF ELEANOR ROOSEVELT QUARTER SET JUNE 8 IN HYDE PARK



On Thursday, June 8, the community of Hyde Park will host the launch of a new Eleanor Roosevelt quarter. As part of the U.S. Mint's American Women Quarters Program, the new quarter celebrates the life and legacy of Eleanor as a first lady, author, civil liberties advocate, and chairperson of the United Nations Human Rights commission.

The event at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, at the Ecolab Auditorium at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) is free and open to the public. Co-hosted by the CIA, the U.S. Mint, National Park Service, FDR Presidential Library and Museum,

The launch of the Eleanor Roosevelt quarter will take place on June 8 at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. The coin is part of the U.S. Mint's American Women Quarters Program. Courtesy image

"We are excited to bring this celebration to Hyde Park and launch the Eleanor Roosevelt quarter to the rest of the nation," noted NPS Superintendent Amy Bracewell. "We are proud to be a part of this event and encourage everyone in the community to come and celebrate with us."

The American Women Quarters Program is a four-year program that celebrates the accomplishments and contributions made by women of the United States. Begun in 2022, and continuing through 2025, the U.S. Mint will issue up to five new reverse designs each year. The American Women Quarters feature contributions from a variety of fields, including, but not limited to, suffrage, civil rights, abolition, government, humanities, science, space, and the arts.

For more information about the American Women Quarters Program, see www.usmint.gov/learn/coin-and-medal-programs/american-women-quarters.

Hyde Park welcomes USS Roosevelt officers at Memorial Day ceremonies



In the photos, clockwise from above: Mike Athanas, Commander of the Hyde Park American Legion 1303, honors Hyde Park soldiers, from the Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf War, who had fallen in service. Lt. Junior Grade Andrew Basco of the USS Roosevelt rings a bell as each name is spoken. Franklin D. Roosevelt High School students Thomas Iorio (singing "The Star Spangled Banner") and Christopher Percopo (playing "Taps") participated in the ceremony. Lt. Junior Grade Basco and Lt. Junior Grade Sarah Weinstein represented the USS Roosevelt (DDG 80), Dutchess County's adopted ship named after Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. Photos by Kate Goldsmith

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for additional photos and videos
of the ceremony.

by Kate Goldsmith

On a beautiful, clear day following Hyde Park's Memorial Day Parade, local officials and members of the public joined Hyde Park American Legion 1303 in a ceremony at the War Memorial site adjacent to Town Hall, honoring soldiers from the town who died in battle.

Mike Athanas, Commander of Post 1303, presided over the ceremony, which included the pledge of allegiance, the singing of the national anthem, a benediction by Pastor Gabor of Hyde Park Methodist Church, some words from Hyde Park Supervisor Alfred Torreggiani and more.

A special addition to this year's ceremony was the presence of two officers from the USS Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, Lt. Junior Grade (LTJG) Sarah Weinstein and LTJG Andrew Basco.

LTJG Weinstein offered inspiring remarks from the dais, and LTJG Basco joined Athanas for the naming of Hyde Park's fallen heroes, ringing the bell after Athanas spoke each name.

American Legion John Livingston Post 1466 Color Guard and Firing Squad took part in the ceremony, as well.

Wreaths were placed at the War Memorial, by Torreggiani on behalf of the Town of Hyde Park, by members of the American Legion, and by Basco and Weinstein on behalf of the USS Roosevelt.

The USS Roosevelt officers were scheduled to participate in an afternoon ceremony in the Rose Garden at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Home, where Basco was expected to deliver remarks.

See our Facebook page for more photos and videos from the ceremony.

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your heritage and keeping the "old" alive. Kretsky grew up in Vienna, Austria where [in Europe], "everything is old." He likens the ancient European buildings to his own personal taste.

"When it comes to furniture, when it comes to style, when it comes to tradition – that's very strong for me," he said.

While Fawkes was raised in the U.S., she said her ancestry is equally significant, noting "I think it's important to preserve your heritage. My family was very big on that."

Hands-on creativity

To keep that tradition alive in the market, vendors must apply to be a part of the event and show evidence, through photos and a description, of a created product with, of course, a vintage vibe to it.

"It is pretty easy to determine if their [potential vendors] product-line fits in with the whole vintage idea," Fawkes said. "We really want the vendor to have hands-on. We try not to have any commercial vendors."

In addition to the feel of the product, vendors also must put together a charming, visually pleasing booth, because the overall look of the show depends on the vendors. And that "look" fuels the entire event.

"Cece's and Patsy's Boutique," a small home-based business, is one of this year's 70+ charming vendors. Having refinished furniture with her dad as a kid, owner Pattie Mitchell started the business eight years ago to further her passion for art, using materials such as books and even glassware to refurbish her furniture.

"I love to take the old and unwanted and give them a new look, a new purpose," Mitchell said. She loves how

events like Vintage Vibe Markets give her the opportunity to find new homes for her products and tells of how successful the event is at making it possible for local artists to get their names out to local communities.

Peter Dumas of "Picture This Antiques" is another vendor to be on the lookout for at the market. With years of experience with antiques of all sorts, Dumas settled on "framed visuals," such as antique maps and newspapers. After discovering antique cameras five years ago, he has sold over 800 to collectors and customers. Even having appeared at multiple markets across the country, Dumas remarks on how his time at Vintage Vibe Markets last year was his most successful and memorable show – "friendly and engaging people of all ages were a constant throughout both days."

An added, and rather "subliminal" positive, as Kretsky refers to it, is the impact of this upcycling and sustainability on the environment. Mitchell tells of how she uses natural and eco-friendly products such as beeswax for her finishes.

"I feel, in a small way, I am doing my part to save our landfills and our planet," she said. "With environmental concerns growing, this effort is an increasing part of the appeal to shoppers. It's a win-win."

Regarding the event itself, Vintage Vibe Markets is expanding its live music scene hosting "The Remnants" and "The Decoys."

"We try to make it an all-encompassing day, and a weekend, for some," said Kretsky.

He adds how part of that effort was selecting performers that would blend in well with the event. The two bands are

known for their "low-key, easy-listening and fun" nature that Fawkes says have their own "vintage vibe." The markets will also be selling packaged foods, the fairground cafe will be open and food trucks will be onsite.

This year, Kretsky and Fawkes have partnered with community-based nonprofit Astor Services for Children and Families as a new part of the event. In a combined effort to both make the event more family-friendly while also increasing mental health awareness, especially as May is Mental Health Awareness

Month, the partnership was more than ideal. Kresky marveled at the talent of the young artists at Astor that will have their work on display at the markets. Astor's tent will also serve as a place for other kids to come create artwork of their own and even dabble with sidewalk chalk.

"It's an effort to bring to the customer an enjoyable day, whether they shop or don't shop. Some may just sit and relax, bring their children or their grandchildren, have a glass of beer or a soda and a hot dog and listen to the live music," Kretsky said.

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Time for negotiations in Ukraine

To the editor:
Some years ago, my wife and I went to a jewelry exchange, looking to buy a fairly expensive ring for our young daughter. And there, in the first floor window, was the perfect ring – a pale blue stone in a simple, elegant setting. But my wife thought we could do better, and we checked the other five or six floors. Returning to buy what was still the perfect ring, we discovered someone else, not as hesitant, had jumped at the opportunity.

In April, 2022, with Russian troops holding a number of areas in Ukraine, casualties still relatively light, President Zalensky “came to the first floor window.” His negotiators had gotten Russia to agree to withdraw to the prior line of contact, evacuating areas just taken. All Russia got in exchange was Ukraine giving up possible NATO membership, Ukrainian security guaranteed instead by several countries.

But then British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, likely with U. S. backing, told Zalensky to reject the deal.

Now, one year later, some say Ukraine has lost the equivalent of two national armies, over 200,000 soldiers. Russia’s simple strategy, with numerical and military supply superiority, has mostly been to lob artillery shells at Ukrainian positions, with Ukrainian losses said to far outnumber Russian ones. The Ukrainian economy has been wrecked, and millions of citizens have fled the country.

Tragically, a large share of responsibility lies with our citizens, silent as our supposed leaders gambled with Ukraine’s soldiers to take down Russia.

That gamble looks to be failing. Speak up for a truce and negotiated settlement to save the next 100,000 soldiers’ lives.

Frank Stoppenbach
Red Hook

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Dutchess volunteer firefighters visit Firefighters Home in Hudson



Members of the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association visited members at the Firefighters Home in Hudson on May 21. Photo by Vincent Galvan

Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Day at the Firefighters Home in Hudson was held on Sunday, May 21.

It was the real first time that firefighters from Dutchess County and members from the Home could see each other without masks since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members said it was great to see the smiles on the members at the Home and the firefighters who came up to see them. The Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters provided a barbecue of ham-

burgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings that went with it.

At the end of lunch, a ceremony was held and donations were presented by the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters for \$500, Hughsonville FD for \$100 and the Rombout FD for \$1,000. All these donations help the members at the home on various projects they do and events they attend.

The Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association would like to thank the following they made the day a

success: East Fishkill FD, Hughsonville FD, J.H. Ketcham Hose Company, New Hackensack FD, New Hamburg FD, Rhinebeck FD, Rombout FD and the Wassaic FD.

They also thanked Keith Hinckley Home Administrator, Kelly Johnson, director of dining services and the entire staff that helped that day and thanks to all Dutchess County Firefighters who came out and shared their time with the members at the Firefighters' Home.

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'Then & Now Festival' set June 3 in Red Hook

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northern Dutchess County will have a new hands-on opportunity to explore how the past continues to shape our present at Historic Red Hook's Then & Now Festival on Saturday, June 3. Open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the festival will take place at the historic Elmendorph Inn near the center of the Village of Red Hook.

Building on the success of the History Happening event in 2019 and the perpetual popularity of then-and-now features such as modern and historic views of the same area combined, this celebration of local history combines demonstrations on applied historic preservation with displays from local businesses and historians juxtaposing lifeways of the past to the present. You may be surprised how much some aspects of local experience have changed over time, and how much other elements of everyday life has remained the same.

"This festival is three years in the making," said Elisabeth Tatum, Executive Director of Historic Red Hook. "We originally planned it for 2020, but the extra time has allowed us to create an even bigger/better event. We're excited to have a large festival focused on history and community."

Activities will extend across the entire Historic Red Hook campus, including inside the Elmendorph Inn, across the Green behind the inn, and inside the StoryStudio.

Visitors can orient themselves at a welcome table on the Elmendorph Green, where they will find historic maps of the village and town introducing the origins of the community. The Green will also feature fresh local cuisine from the Hudson Valley Food Dude Food Truck, Cider Tastings with Rose Hill Farm, and displays by local businesses including Chickadee Studio and Supply, Hudson Valley Vintage, and the Reclaimed Motel. A DJ will be spinning tunes from the past to today's top 40 to accompany an exhibit of how music has influenced our culture of the past 200-plus years as well, complete with a working 1954 Admiral television.

Hands-on experiences and great photo opportunities will abound on the front lawn and the Green. Fans of local farming will find much to see along with some great photo opportunities. The "Then" portion of the farming display will include a 1919 Model T Ford and a 1949 Farmall tractor alongside their modern equivalents: a Ford F-150 Lightning

Electric Truck and a 2021 Massey Ferguson Tractor. On the front lawn of the inn, skilled tradespeople will offer hands-on instruction and advice on a variety of historical skills necessary for maintaining old homes. You can experience the processes of restoration for colonial windows, old barns, and see how Windsor chairs are made. There will be spinning, artisanal crafts, and furniture restoration.

The festival will also feature the grand re-opening of Historic Red Hook's new center for the collection and study of local history. Launched in June of 2019, The StoryStudio on the Cherry Street side of the campus is designed to feature rotating local history exhibits, provide easy access to historical information and our extensive archives, and contain a mini-studio for the recording personal stories. Closed due to COVID, the center is now opening to the public again.

"Thanks to a grant from Dutchess County government, the StoryStudio has been equipped with state of the art furniture and archival materials," said Historic Red Hook Collections Committee Chair Claudine Klose. "Over the past year, we have relocated our collections of documents and photographs from the second floor of the Elmendorph to this new ADA-accessible spot. The furniture we purchased with county support is ergonomic, allowing easy wheelchair access, with desks that can be raised and lowered for standing or sitting patrons."

In addition to refitting the space, Historic Red Hook has launched a new collections management and access system using CatalogIt software. Moving forward, the StoryStudio will be open by appointment for researchers on Tuesdays to investigate house history, genealogy, and other topics of local interest. Visitors interested in recording oral histories of their experiences to ensure that there is a "then" for future researchers are welcome.

In addition to these many displays and demonstrations, lawn games and other family-friendly activities will be on offer throughout the day. Historic Red Hook will be unveiling a new pollinator garden, created in partnership with the Village of Red Hook's Public Spaces Initiative, as another form of exploring the connections between the past and present through the environment.

"It is a day dedicated to our mission of engaging the community in conversations about Red Hook's unfolding story," said



At Historic Red Hook's History Happening Festival in 2019, families enjoyed learning from historic preservation specialists about trades including window restoration, blacksmithing, painting, and barn restoration. Photo by Elisabeth Tatum

Tatum, "We pursue that goal through collecting, preserving, and promoting Red Hook's history, maintaining the historic Elmendorph Inn as a community space, creating dynamic public programs, and partnering with local community organizations, all of which you will see at the Then & Now Festival."

If you are interested in an advance peek at the festival offerings, visit Historic Red Hook's webpage at historicredhook.org/thenandnow. There you will find an interactive Then & Now map of the Village of Red Hook, which offers

a self-guided walking tour option along with a scavenger hunt. The map ties in with local businesses, in whose windows visitors will see images of how the businesses looked in the past. For more information on the festival and other local history activities, follow Historic Red Hook on Facebook and Instagram @historicredhook.

Will Tatum received his Ph.D. in History from Brown University in 2016. He has served as the Dutchess County Historian since October 2012.

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RENEGADES TRADE SLUGFESTS WITH WILMINGTON BLUE ROCKS

by Rich Thomaselli

This is why it's never over until it's over in baseball.

The Renegades fell 10-9 in extra innings to the Wilmington Blue Rocks on Wednesday at Frawley Stadium after leading 7-0.

Since the Renegades won on Tuesday and Thursday, it was the difference between starting a road series perfect and starting 2-1.

The Renegades took an early lead in the top of the first when Spencer Henson drove in Alexander Vargas with an RBI single. Aldenis Sanchez brought in another tally with an infield single as Hudson Valley opened up a 2-0 advantage against Kyle Luckham.

Aaron Palensky led off the third with a solo home run off Luckham, as the Renegades rallied for three more runs to extend their lead to 5-0. Palensky had a terrific game at the plate, going 3-for-4 with four runs scored, a home run, and RBI and two walks. The homer was his league-leading 11th of the season.

In the top of the fourth, Henson laced an RBI double and Rafael Flores followed with a run-scoring single off Marlon Perez to put the Renegades up 7-0. Henson finished 4-for-6 with two runs, two doubles and three RBIs in the game.

Tyrone Yulie cruised through four shutout innings to start his outing, but ran

into trouble in the bottom of the fifth. Wilmington rallied for four runs against him highlighted by a two-run home run by James Wood to cut the Hudson Valley lead down to 7-4. Another Henson RBI double and a Grant Richardson RBI single in the top of the sixth extended the Renegades lead to 9-4, but the Blue Rocks rallied back for three in the bottom of the sixth against Carlos Gomez. Trey Lipscomb collected a two-run single and scored on an RBI single from Jeremy De La Rosa.

Wilmington tied the game at 9-9 against Nick Paciorek in the top of the seventh thanks to a Jacob Young single and an RBI fielder's choice groundout by Lipscomb. The Blue Rocks bullpen kept the Renegades offense at bay during the comeback, with at one point Dannel Diaz, Todd Peterson and Tyler Yankosky combining to retire 13 consecutive batters. Harrison Cohen stabilized things for Hudson Valley, twirling scoreless innings in the eighth and ninth to send the game into extras.

After the Renegades failed to score in the top of the 10th, the Blue Rocks scored the winning run in the bottom of the 10th on an infield single by Jeremy De La Rosa off Cohen (0-1).

Showing turnabout is fair play, Hudson Valley won a slugfest on Thursday night, 10-8.

The Renegades opened the series on Tuesday with a 4-0 win.

Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	Avg	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Aaron Palensky	LF HV	30	117	27	39	7	1	12	32	14	33	9	0	.333	.414	.718	1.132
2 Spencer Henson	1B HV	33	119	28	32	8	0	7	24	13	31	1	1	.269	.353	.513	.866
2 Spencer Jones	CF HV	35	151	26	41	12	3	7	28	9	57	10	2	.272	.313	.530	.843
4 Alexander Vargas	SS HV	32	133	20	32	3	3	6	18	9	36	7	4	.241	.294	.444	.738
5 Benjamin Cowles	SS HV	30	106	18	28	5	0	5	13	10	44	4	0	.264	.336	.453	.789
6 Grant Richardson	RF HV	26	97	10	18	2	0	3	14	12	34	5	0	.186	.282	.299	.581
7 Marcos Cabrera	3B HV	25	89	9	18	3	1	2	10	8	34	2	1	.202	.268	.326	.594
7 Anthony Garcia	RF HV	18	63	15	10	3	0	2	9	12	33	1	2	.159	.289	.302	.591
7 Ben Rice	C HV	15	44	15	15	2	0	2	10	18	10	3	0	.341	.559	.523	1.082
10 Rafael Flores	1B HV	32	122	14	41	6	0	1	14	11	32	1	1	.336	.388	.410	.798
10 Antonio Gomez	C HV	30	115	11	23	5	0	1	13	11	44	0	0	.200	.273	.270	.543
10 Aldenis Sanchez	RF HV	28	91	17	22	4	3	1	15	13	23	9	1	.242	.327	.385	.712
10 Luis Santos	2B HV	16	45	5	9	1	1	1	5	8	16	3	1	.200	.315	.333	.648
10 Eduardo Torrealba	2B HV	10	32	6	11	1	0	1	4	5	5	3	1	.344	.432	.469	.901
15 Kyle Battle	LF HV	3	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	.000	.167	.000	.167
15 Juan Crisp	C HV	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
15 Caleb Durbin	2B HV	22	78	20	26	5	0	0	8	14	9	15	1	.333	.464	.397	.861

Pitcher Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	Avg
1 Zach Messinger	P HV	0	2	3.12	8	8	0	0	0	0	40.1	36	20	14	2	0	18	46	1.34	.240
2 Drew Thorpe	P HV	2	1	3.55	7	7	0	0	0	0	38.0	36	19	15	3	0	16	45	1.37	.259





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Richardson's potential tops low numbers to start season

by Rich Thomaselli

He doesn't have the gaudy numbers. At least, not yet.

But the New York Yankees organization has faith in Grant Richardson.

Why else would the outfielder play so much and be sixth on the team in at bats?

"I know I have to hit more. But there's a lot of season left," he said, striking an optimistic tone. "Obviously, this is not what I wanted."

Richardson is hitting .176 with three home runs and 12 RBI. And yet he seemingly is in the middle of every rally, and is seventh on the club in on-base percentage.

"He has a lot of potential," manager Sergio Santos said.

Richardson was drafted in the 17th

round, the 513th overall pick, by the Yankees in 2021. He hails from the Big 10, in Indiana University. Although the weather can sometimes inhibit a full college schedule in the conference, Richardson stood out with his left handed hitting power and his strapping frame. He stands six foot and weighs 210 pounds. For someone as big as he is, Richardson gets around quite well in the outfield.

"I will never compare myself to anybody else on this team," he said, "but I do what I have to do, and I try to do what they ask of me."

Richardson is by no means a spray hitter, but said he will try to get his average up.

"Getting on base is key," he said. "If that means being more selective, it means being more selective."

The New York Yankees organization has high hopes for outfielder Grant Richardson of the Hudson Valley Renegades. Photo by Dave Janosz



TYSON'S TIDBITS WITH TYSON JEFFERS

Great relationship with Heritage Financial and working with staff on improvements

Each week writer Rich Thomaselli sits down with General Manager Tyson Jeffers to discuss the Hudson Valley Renegades in particular and minor league baseball in general.

Based on the early going, and we're still not through with two full months of the season yet, how is the deal with Heritage Financial going?

Fantastic. I mean, we have done everything we talked about in our partnership, and now we're in the execution stage.

They have been really supportive of

everything that we have wanted to do, and we have worked well with their staff. We have gone out to fields in the city of Poughkeepsie. And we just started our education program. We have taught financial skills to kids that we all only wish that we had learned earlier. And their leadership has been very engaged and helpful. Like I said all along, we didn't want a partner that was just going to throw their name on the wall of the stadium, and that's it. They have been very, very engaged.

Has there been anything that has been problematic so far this year that you sit down and say, well, we have to work on that?

We always want to improve the fan experience. There are certain areas of the ballpark that we concentrate on. Remember, this is a 30-year-old facility.

Some places will get more of an investment of time and money, and the others will just have to wait until we are able to catch up. We are in that mood now. We can only do what is in our control. To us, there are so many things that you want to fix or make beautiful. You can't get to everything.

We're always walking around and looking at things and making a list. I'm trying to get our staff into that mindset, and they have been pretty good about catching things early.

Do you feel like you are settled into your new role, or do you have much to do and much to learn?

There's a lot to do and learn. But I do feel like I've settled in as far as a routine



and understanding how everything is supposed to work.

On a day-to-day basis of leaving the staff and making sure our fans have a good experience, yes. There are plenty of days when I get home, and I think, could I have done this differently? But for the most part, I am settled in. I am always trying to improve myself, because I think it has a trickle down effect on the staff and the operations.

RENEGADES, HERITAGE FCU HELP TO RENOVATE SAUTER FIELD AT SPRATT PARK

by Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades, in conjunction with their naming right partner, Heritage Financial Credit Union, sent staffers to the City of Poughkeepsie late last month to help renovate Sauter Field at Spratt Park.

The Renegades and Heritage Financial are working with City of Poughkeepsie Recreation Director Brian Laffin, the former Poughkeepsie High School basketball coach. The renovation work at Sauter Field, part of Youth Field Betterment Program presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union, took eight hours with an army of workers on April 26.

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Jocelyn Zimmer named first female president of Zimmer Brothers Jewelers

Honoring its commitment to being a trusted jeweler and celebrating its storied, 130-year history, Zimmer Brothers Jewelers announced the appointment of Jocelyn Zimmer to president. The appointment marks the first female president of the fifth-generation family business, which has an iconic flagship location in Poughkeepsie and another boutique shop in Rhinebeck.

Zimmer joined the family business in 2001 and since has become deeply invested in the local Hudson Valley community through her involvement with the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Arlington Business Improvement District, as well as several local nonprofit organizations. As a registered jeweler with the American Gem Society and continuing her education through the Gemological Institute of America, she brings over 20 years of experience in the fine jewelry trade to her new role – a position previously held by her father, Michael Gordon.

"The jewelry industry has always been a male-dominated profession, but women are continually breaking through," said Zimmer. "It's an honor to be in a position where I can use my voice and actions to support and elevate causes that I care deeply about. And as the mom of two daughters, it's even more special to reflect on what this represents for women in the industry."

Spearheading initiatives she's passionate about, and celebrating the business' many milestones, is important to Zimmer. As such, she has initiated a partnership with Moyo Gems, an organization that directly supports colored gemstone mining regions, to curate one-of-a-kind

pieces that will be handled by women throughout their entire journey – from mine to market. The pieces, which will be a part of the Zimmer Brothers Legacy Collection launching Summer 2023 in celebration of the 130th milestone, will feature a gemstone mined by a woman in East Africa, hand-selected by Zimmer and then cut and faceted by a woman in the United States. It will then be crafted by one of the jeweler's featured female designers. With each purchase, 15% will be donated to Gem Legacy, a nonprofit organization that provides support, vocational training, entrepreneurship and community development to East African gem mining communities.

Additionally, as part of her inaugural initiatives, Zimmer has inked a partnership with Diamonds Do Good, another global nonprofit organization whose mission is to support programs that develop and empower those in natural diamond communities. The focus of the alliance is to put the 5th C, community, into a conversation around diamonds that typically focuses on cut, clarity, carats and color, so that Zimmer Brothers Jewelers customers ensure their purchases contribute to creating social and economic opportunity for everyone who comes in contact with diamonds along their journey.

"After serving 52 years at our family business, the last 15 as president, it prides me to pass the torch to someone so capable," said Michael Gordon, former president, and member of the company's board of directors. "I have seen Jocelyn grow with this business and know that she will not only bring her deep expertise to this role, but her heart."



Jocelyn Zimmer, new president of Zimmer Brothers Jewelers in Poughkeepsie and Rhinebeck, is pictured with Michael Gordon, former president, and member of the company's board of directors. Courtesy photo

Popular KFest event returns to Heritage Financial Park June 25

It's back!

For the first time in seven years, the popular KFest musical event will be held at Heritage Financial Park, formerly known as Dutchess Stadium.

The show begins at 5 p.m. on the night of Sunday, June 25. Tickets are on sale now, including through Ticketmaster. The show has long had a reputation of bringing in superb up and coming talent and has featured singer Robin Thick and the group Fifth Harmony, featuring a then young budding superstar named Camila Cabello.

"The Renegades are excited to host the return of KFest and to continue our

wonderful partnership with Pamal Broadcasting to host amazing entertainment at Heritage Financial Park," said Tyson Jeffers, General Manager of the Renegades, in a statement. "This will be a show filled with nostalgia and we can't wait to rewind the clock and enjoy the sounds of some of the greatest artists from the 90's."

This year, the artists scheduled to perform include:

La Bouche, Charvoni from Black Box, Shannon, Wanda Dee of The KLF, 20 Fingers featuring Nyah Jewel, Quad City DJ's, Color Me Badd and Corina.

La Bouche has sold over 12 million

records worldwide, and boasts a multitude of multi-platinum hits, including "Be My Lover," "Sweet Dreams (Ola Ola E)," "Tonight Is The Night," and "SOS." Charvoni was part of the Italian house music group Black Box which had three No. 1 hits on the U.S. Dance charts, including "I Don't Know Anybody Else," "Everybody Everybody" and "Strike It Up," the latter two songs featuring Martha Walsh and peaking at No. 8 on Billboard's Hot 100.

Freestyle and dance pop artist Shannon boasts four No. 1 hit singles in

her career, "Let The Music Play," "Give Me Tonight," "Do You Wanna Get Away" and "It's Over Love." Wanda Dee from The KLF is a pioneering hip hop artist, and is the first female hip hop DJ as the protegee of DJ Kool Herc and Afrika Bambaataa, and the first female rapper to go platinum with her song "To The Bone."

20 Fingers are an American production team popular for their pop, dance and rap songs featuring humorous and risqué lyrics who have teamed up with Bronx singer and dancer Nyah Jewel.

Renegades, Heritage FCU help to renovate Sauter Field at Spratt Park

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"Our staff is really excited to roll up our sleeves alongside the Heritage staff and put in some sweat equity to make this field really shine," said Renegades General Manager Tyson Jeffers in a statement prior to the event. "In its own way, the wear on this field tells the story of young athletes creating memories that they will remember forever, and we hope our efforts prolong the life of this space to share the game of baseball for years to come."

"As a Credit Union that consistently strives

to give back to the communities we serve with opportunities to grow and succeed, Heritage Financial Credit Union is extremely honored and excited to be a part of this wonderful program to enhance Sauter Field in partnership with the Hudson Valley Renegades," said Rena D'Andraia, Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Communications for the Credit Union. "We look forward to seeing the members of this wonderful community enjoy this inviting and fun playing environment for years to come."

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Think DIFFERENTLY/ Disability, Dream & Do Baseball Camp returns to Heritage Financial Park June 17

Dutchess County is sponsoring the annual ThinkDIFFERENTLY/Disability, Dream & Do Baseball Camp, offering children with physical, developmental and intellectual disabilities a free day of baseball fun on June 17 at Heritage Financial Park, formerly known as Dutchess Stadium. A partnership among Dutchess County Government's "ThinkDIFFERENTLY" initiative, Disability Dream & Do (D3day) and the Hudson Valley Renegades, the camp takes place from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., providing participants the chance to learn baseball skills from Renegades players and coaches in a supportive and inclusive environment.

County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said, "This yearly camp showcases the spirit of our ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative, which has made Dutchess County a more welcoming and accessible place for residents and visitors of every ability. I'm grateful to the Hudson Valley Renegades and Disability, Dream & Do for their continued collaboration toward this wonderful event. I encourage families to sign up their children today and join us for a memorable day of baseball and fun."

Registration is free and can be completed online at d3day.com/register-hudson-valley. Space is limited, and spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. All participants will receive a complimentary event T-shirt, lunch and tickets to the Renegades' game on Sunday, June 18.

Renegades General Manager Tyson Jeffers said, "We are thrilled to host the ThinkDIFFERENTLY/Disability, Dream & Do Baseball Camp once again at our home park, Heritage Financial Park. Our players and coaches love working with these amazing kids and sharing their passion for the game. We are proud to be part of this community and this initiative that celebrates diversity and inclusion."

Volunteers play a crucial role in ensuring the success of this camp, and residents are invited to share their time and talents to help bring their neighbors with special needs a morning of baseball fun they'll long remember. Local individuals, teams, businesses and organizations are invited to sign up to volunteer at d3day.com/register-volunteer.

The spirit of inclusiveness is embodied by the ThinkDIFFERENTLY/Disability, Dream & Do Baseball Camp, and all residents are encouraged to nominate someone who goes above and beyond to help those of all abilities for the "Pulling Each Other Along" Award. The annual award, presented at the conclusion of each game, honors the notable contributions of those who have selflessly helped others in the disability community. Residents are encouraged to nominate someone they know for the "Pulling Each Other Along" Award at d3day.com/peoa-award.

Doug Cornfield, executive director of the Disability, Dream & Do, said, "We are honored to again partner with Dutchess County Government, the Hudson Valley Renegades and other community groups to empower children with disabilities to dream big and do what they love. We know so many in the community share that vision, and we urge residents to go online and recommend nominees for the 'Pulling Each Other Along' Award so we can recognize those in Dutchess County who consistently support individuals with special needs."

Dutchess County Government's ThinkDIFFERENTLY initiative was launched in 2015 to foster a more inclusive community for individuals with special needs. Since then, the initiative has expanded to include more than 100 municipalities throughout New York State and beyond that have adopted ThinkDIFFERENTLY resolutions. More information about the initiative is available at thinkdifferently.net.

New resource guide available for older adults caring for individuals with I/DDs

The New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA) recently unveiled a new resource guide for older adult caregivers of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DDs).

NYSOFA's "Future Planning Guidebook For Older Caregivers of Adults with I/DD" is available online at aging.ny.gov. It connects older adult caregivers with information and resources to begin the process of long-term planning. This includes financial and legal tools as well as supportive programs and services.

Approximately 1 million individuals aged 60 or older in the U.S. are providing care for an adult with I/DDs, such as autism, cerebral palsy, or Down syndrome. As individuals with I/DDs experience longer life expectancy, their parents or other family members are also more likely to continue providing care later in life.

NYSOFA Director Greg Olsen said, "If you are an older adult caring for an individual with intellectual or developmental disabilities, this guidebook is here to help, connecting you with vital information and resources. In many cases, these services and options are available to people of all ages who are in a caregiver role. Please share this important resource today with anyone you know who could benefit."

The resource guide was developed with support from the U.S. Administration for Community Living (ACL) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC).

Kerri E. Neifeld, Commissioner of the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), said, "This guide is a welcome resource for older New Yorkers who care and plan for the lives of their loved ones with developmental disabilities. Thank you to NYSOFA and the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council for creating this useful tool to help families explore the wide range of service options available through the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities and our provider network."

DDPC Executive Director Vicky Hiffa said, "People with developmental disabilities are living longer and fuller lives with many wanting to remain in their current

homes as they grow older. The DDPC was pleased to partner with NYSOFA to help ensure that caregivers and people with developmental disabilities have access to reliable resources as they age. This guidebook serves as a tool to help caregivers support aging adults with developmental disabilities to live with dignity and in a setting of their choosing."

NYSOFA Advocacy Specialist Colleen Scott said, "Through my more than a decade of serving on the DDPC, it has been apparent that siloed services have created challenges for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in accessing appropriate services as they age. With the expanding life expectancy of individuals with I/DDs, it is increasingly imperative that older adults have access to aging services. NYSOFA was thrilled to partner with the DDPC to bring training to the aging network and expand the network's capacity to serve individuals with I/DD through this guidebook and other efforts."

Kathryn Carroll, Disability and Program Coordinator for the Association on Aging in New York (AgingNY), said, "Older caregivers have been doing tremendous work supporting friends or family living at home and in the community. This guide is an offer of support to them and disabled adults of all ages so that they can access essential services and plan effectively. We all deserve to age with dignity with the support we need."

According to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), I/DDs are differences which are usually present at birth and uniquely affect the trajectory of an individual's physical, intellectual, and/or emotional development. Many of these conditions affect multiple body parts or systems.

Intellectual disability starts any time before a child turns 18 and is characterized by differences with both:

- Intellectual functioning or intelligence, which include the ability to learn, reason, problem solve, and other skills;
- Adaptive behavior, which includes everyday social and life skills.

The term "developmental disabilities" is a broader category of often lifelong challenges that can be intellectual, physical, or both.

Sheriff's Office participates in Project Lifesaver

Sheriff Kirk Imperati recently announced that the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office is now a proud partner of Project Lifesaver.

Project Lifesaver is an international organization which specializes in training, and providing equipment to, first responders to locate individuals who have gone missing and are at risk of serious injury or death due to a cognitive impairment. This includes people with Autism, Down Syndrome, Alzheimer's disease, and any other cognitive impairment that puts them at risk of wandering. The program uses a watch-like transmitter worn by the client which emits a frequency specific to them, as well as a receiver used by the first responder to locate the client through the transmitter on their wrist. To date the program has a 100% recovery rate with over 4,000 completed searches, during which all clients were recovered within an average time of 30 minutes with no serious injury or death.

At the present time the Sheriff's Office

has assigned a Project Lifesaver Coordinator and a supervisor to the program, with the hopes of training many more deputies in the future.

"Project Lifesaver has been proven to be an extremely valuable tool in locating missing people at risk of serious injury or death, and at the Sheriff's Office we are very excited to now have it available to us," Sheriff Imperati said. "We hope to never have to use it, but if an at-risk individual goes missing in Dutchess County its nice to know that we now have a greater chance of locating them unharmed thanks to this outstanding program."

For those wishing to become part of the program there is no monthly cost; however, there is an enrollment process and some out-of-pocket expense for the equipment that the client wears. Families or caregivers who would like more information about enrolling someone in the program should contact Deputy Russell Seymour at (845) 486-3658 or rseymour@dutchessny.gov.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Garden Association holding online plant sale

The Beatrix Farrand Garden Association is holding an Online Plant Sale through Jun 2.

Shop for beautiful greenhouse grown Farrand signature perennials and stunning annuals. Pick-up for all purchases is Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Bellefield Mansion driveway on the grounds of the Home of FDR National Historic Site in Hyde Park. Visit <https://www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org/> for more information.

County to host Caribbean American Heritage Month celebration at DCC

June is Caribbean American Heritage Month, an opportunity to celebrate the history and cultures of individuals from the various Caribbean islands. In the spirit of the month and its mission to promote and celebrating various cultures to increase inclusion and belonging, Dutchess County's Diversity and Inclusion Committee, in collaboration with Dutchess Community College (DCC), will host a free Caribbean American Heritage Event on Thursday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at DCC's Dutchess Hall, located at 53 Pendell Road in Poughkeepsie.

The event will feature speakers, workshops, cultural dance lessons, vendors, music and food. Registration is suggested and is available at <https://bit.ly/3B7bcD4>. There will also be community tables and vendors, including Dutchess Community College Admissions, the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc Major General Irene Trowell-Harris Chapter, and the County's Human Resources Department highlighting the County's current employment opportunities and various career paths.

Garden & plant sale set June 2-3 at Rhinebeck Reformed Church

The Rhinebeck Reformed Church will hold a garden and plant sale on June 2 and 3 to raise funds for the preservation and maintenance of the historic structure that is an integral part of the Village of Rhinebeck.

Container plants, hanging baskets, and pots of annuals, small shrubs, and perennials donated from local businesses or dug from local gardens will be offered. We are also asking for lightly used yard decorations, tools, birdhouses, wind chimes, lawn, porch furniture, and large size terra cotta planters.

Vendor space is available to sell local produce and garden-yard type crafts.

The church is at 6368 Mill St. in Rhinebeck. For further information, call or text Brenda Klaproth at bklaproth@ymail.com (845-309-3181) or Nancy Katrulya, (914-489-2001). Donations are tax deductible. <https://www.rhinebeckreformed.org>

Stanford's Salute to Veterans set June 3

The Town of Stanford's veterans will be honored on Saturday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Stanford Recreation Park, 33 Noller Way, Stanfordville. There will be light refreshments,

fundraising raffles and a ceremony honoring local veterans. There will also be a Veterans Resource Drive, collecting new clothing, bedding, toiletries and canned goods; monetary donations will also be accepted.

Organizers set 2nd annual Stanford Pride event

The Stanford Pride Committee will hold the second annual LGBTQ+ Pride event in the town on Saturday, June 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. at BANGALLWORKS, 97 Hunns Lake Road, Stanfordville. This year's celebration promises to be bigger and better than the last, with new activities for attendees of all ages.

Everyone is invited to enjoy food and refreshments and connect with neighbors and friends. The event will feature an ice cream truck and activities for all. Wendy Burton, Stanford Town Supervisor, and members of the Town Board will read a proclamation marking June as Pride Month in Stanford. A Pride flag will also be displayed at Stanford Town Hall celebrating Pride weekend in the town.

Bellefield Annual Design Lecture set June 4

The Bellefield Annual Design Lecture will take place on Sunday, June 4, from 2 to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$45. The lecture is titled "Immigrants & The Creation Of American Gardening." Just like the first American settlers, current era immigrants continue to introduce both beneficial and problematic plants and practices as they work in American landscapes. Wambui Ippolito takes participants through various immigrant landscape histories, showing how the American terrain has been altered forever in a very short time span. Register at <https://www.beatrixfarrandgardenhydepark.org/>.

Free rabies clinic set June 4

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) is again partnering with the Dutchess County SPCA to host a free rabies vaccine clinic for pets on Sunday, June 4, at the Town Center Park Pavilion located at 71 Town Center Boulevard in Hopewell Junction from 8 a.m. to noon. Free parking available on site. Registration is required, walk ins will not be accommodated. Registration is open at DCSPCA.org, or call the DCSPCA at (845) 452-7722, ext. 425.

'Cars for a Cause' set June 4 at Eastdale Village

Premier Cares Foundation will present the second annual "Cars for a Cause" on Sunday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Eastdale Village in Poughkeepsie.

More than 125 unique and classic vehicles will roll into Eastdale Village to be judged in four categories, plus a people's choice award. This event will include vendors, activities, live music, raffles, food, and more.

General admission is free. Car show entry is \$30.

Cars for a Cause is raising funds and awareness for Colon Cancer and local GI patients in need.

United Way to host Health Equity seminar June 6

The United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) will host a virtual Health Equity seminar on

Tuesday, June 6, from noon to 5 p.m. Those who register will receive a Zoom link for the seminar.

Join UWDOR to learn more about equity in action, the 10 Essential Public Health Services, and community research best-practices. Participants will hear from community partners statewide who are working to address equity. We will end with a practical exercise to help you implement what you learn.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.uwdor.org/>.

Pleasant Valley church to hold Yard Sale June 10

Weather permitting, there will be a Yard Sale on the front lawn of the First Presbyterian Church, 1576 Main St. (Route 44), Pleasant Valley on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Needleworkers event set June 7 in Lagrangeville

Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville, will host "What Do I Do With Old Textiles?" on June 7. Diana Louie, owner of the Village Fabric Shop in Red Hook, will discuss repairing, repurposing and learning from old textiles. Diana will bring samples and invites participants to bring an old textile if you have specific questions about it. Skyllkill Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guide of America invites you to join this program beginning at 12:30 p.m. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. or, come for this program only. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA or email to EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.

Anderson Golf Classic set June 15

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

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

Millbrook Historical Society meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interpretive tours of Vanderbilt gardens set

Beginning on Sunday, June 17, and every third Sunday of the month thereafter through Sunday, Sept. 16, the Vanderbilt Garden Association's interpreters will offer regular free monthly tours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tours meet outside the Tool House building.

Interpreters will discuss the history of the gardens, with a focus on 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 more information, e-mail info@vanderbiltgarden.org or visit <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org>.

Pine Plains Garden Club sets lectures

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

Meeting schedule for County's Mental Hygiene Board

The Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board meets on the third Monday of each month except for January, February and June (which due to holidays are held the fourth Monday of those months) and there is no meeting in August.

Upcoming meetings will take place at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, on June 26, July 17, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 18.

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

Stanford Fire Co. golf tourney set July 28

Support your local volunteer firefighters on Friday, July 28, when the Stanford Fire Company holds its Golf Tournament at James Baird State Park. Registration is at 8 a.m. with a Shotgun Start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$150 per person and includes lunch and dinner. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit the Stanfordville Truck Restoration Fund. To learn more, contact Will Moriarty at wmoriarty39@optonline.net.

FARMERS MARKETS

Arlington: Vassar Alumnae Lawn, 123 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Thursdays, 2-6 p.m., June 3-Oct. 28. www.arlingtonhasit.org

Rhinebeck: Municipal Parking Lot, 61 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. Sundays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 17. www.rhinebeckfarmersmarket.com

The Littlest Farmers Market, Hackett Farm Supply, 2297 Salt Point Turnpike, Clinton Corners. The Littlest Farmers Market is a farmers market run by kids 12 years or younger who have grown, picked, created or crafted what they are selling. The market will start on June 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and reconvene on June 25, July 16, July 30, Aug. 20 and Sept. 10.

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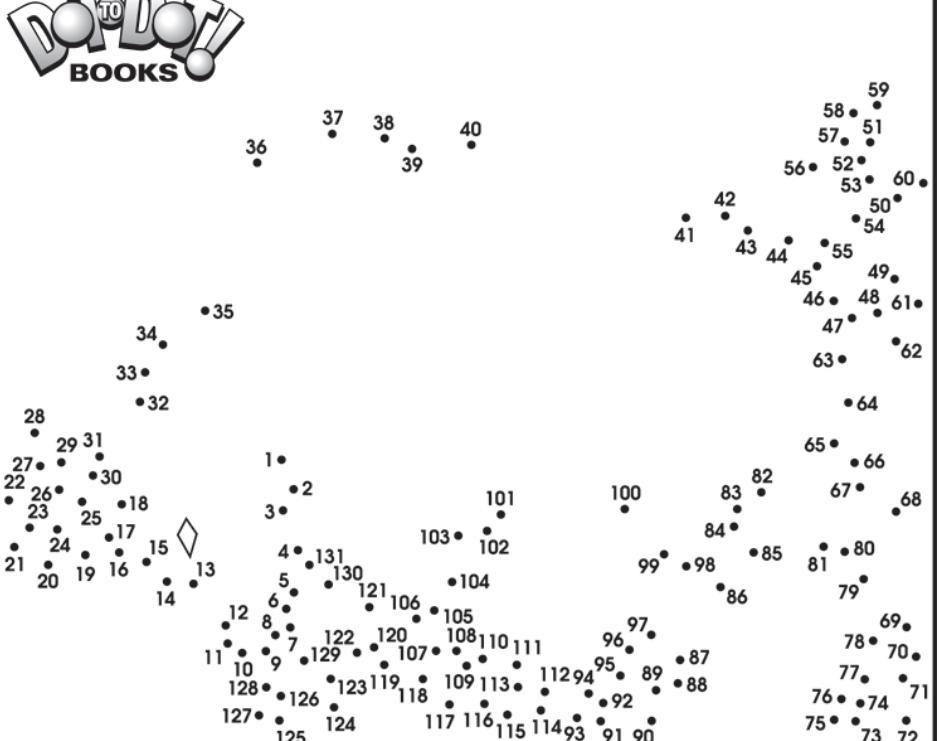
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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



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By David Kalvitis

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'Coppola tomatoes'

An heirloom variety that looks ugly but tastes great

The other day, my father, who is going to 91, started planting butternut squash in the garden at the restaurant. He was using seeds from the squash of last year. It reminded me of a story I wrote years ago and decided to run it again. Enjoy!

Both of my parents grew up in Italy right after World War II. Everyone was so poor. There wasn't much and whatever they had never got wasted. Very little was bought. You made do with what you had and learned to improvise with everything else.

Gardens were used to grow the staples of everyday life: tomatoes, eggplant, broccoli di rabe, to name a few, were grown. Seeds or plants were never bought. You dried out the last of your crop and removed the seeds which you would use to start the following year's crops. As such your crops, i.e. tomatoes, were your heirloom variety.

My good friend John worked for my father years ago when I was a kid. He would often look at my father's garden behind the restaurant and gush about how abundant everything was. He especially loved my father's tomatoes. You see, Pop grew giant, ugly misshapen tomatoes. These are not the ones you find at your grocery store. They also taste nothing like the ones at your grocery store.

One day, John asked my father what kind of tomatoes they were. "Special tomatoes," he said, "I brought the seeds from Italy. Here. Have a tomato, now

you have some seeds."

That's how easy it was. John dried those seeds just as my father has since he was a child in Italy, and planted a bunch the next spring on his windowsill. He ended up with a dozen or so tomato plants. Big plants, big tomatoes. Ugly tomatoes, great tasting tomatoes. He made sure to let a few get real ripe, took out the seeds and dried them for next year, just as my father told him.

Move up 25 years. John has learned a lot about growing tomatoes. The plants have to be at least 5 feet apart. They need airflow between the plants, and these plants do get big, some as tall as 5 feet. Some years are better harvest than others, but each year there are baskets and baskets of these giant, misshapen, ugly, stupid looking tomatoes that are the best tasting tomatoes you've ever had. John also took his initial "tomato education" and has a garden to rival anyone else's utilizing Pop's heirloom technique.

Back to the tomatoes. These are not hybrid tomatoes; they are an heirloom variety. So, they will breed true each year. He grows no other tomato for fear of interbreeding with the "Coppola tomatoes."

A few years ago, John discovered freezing tomatoes. He picks them just a little under ripe, and let them sit in baskets to ripen. On a given morning, you take these now perfectly ripe giant misshapen tomatoes, and peel them. Dip

them in boiling water, rinse under cold water, and the peels come off easily. You cut out any bad spots, any green areas, and squeeze out a bunch of the juice. These now large chunks of tomato are now packed into freezer bags, labeled and dated, and put in the freezer to forget about.

In the winter, long after tomato season, you think about the tomatoes. Thaw a few bags, and it smells like July. These are the best tomatoes you've ever tasted. In January. Use for soups, sauces, gravy, chili, on spaghetti, on chicken, whatever. John likes to make tomato concasse' by sweating some shallots, garlic, and basil, and putting in the tomatoes right from the bag, for one quick reheat. This is the finest mid-winter fresh food you can get.

Just remember to keep a few of the tomatoes for next year's seeds.

Thanks, John, for your great memories.

JOHN'S TOMATO CONCASSE'

Ingredients

5 small shallots, diced
5 cloves garlic, diced
10-15 fresh basil leaves, whole
1 lb. fresh tomatoes, peeled, squeezed,

and cubed

4 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil

Method

In a large skillet, heat 4 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil on low heat. Add shallots and garlic and sauté for 15-20 minutes or until shallots are translucent. Add fresh basil leaves whole and allow to cook for 10 more minutes.

Add tomatoes. Turn off heat and allow to sit with a lid on for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Use for pasta or as a topping for toasted Italian bread.

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



ART EXHIBITIONS

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through June:** Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. are the works of Robert Goldwitz; and at 12 Vassar St. are Susan Angeles in the Hancock Gallery and the ArtEast Dutchess Group Exhibit in the Reception Gallery. cunneenhackett.org or (845) 486-4571

Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Vassar College, 124 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. **Through Sept. 3:** "Between the Lines: Innovation and Expression in Women's Sewing Samplers," a fresh new look at a medium traditionally dismissed as "women's work" and relegated to the category of "female accomplishment." The exhibition explores how women makers from across Europe and the Americas expressed creativity and individuality from within the confines of this formulaic medium. (845) 437-5632 or <https://www.vassar.edu/thelob>.

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. **Through June 25:** "Impressions," photographs by Jane Haslam. (845) 490-2281 or www.landgalleryonline.com

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **June 2-30:** Silkscreen prints by Don Battershall. **Opening:** Fri., June 2, 5-6:30 p.m. (845) 876-2903

Olana State Historic Site, Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through Oct. 29:** "Terraforming: Olana's Historic Photography Collection Unearthed," an exhibition focusing on Olana's remarkable trove of nearly 5,000 19th-century photographic prints, collected by the artist Frederic Church between 1850 and 1900. An installation of 48 original photographs within Olana's Sharp Family Gallery will include original and historically significant works by pioneering early photographers, including Eadweard Muybridge, William James Stillman, and Claude-Joseph Désiré Charnay. (518) 828-1872 or www.olana.org

WomensWork.art, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. **Through June 24:** "Kitchen: Utilitarian Made Beautiful." **Artist Talk:** Sat., June 3, 3-5 p.m. (845) 293-3660 or www.womenswork.art

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Diversions

SUDOKU

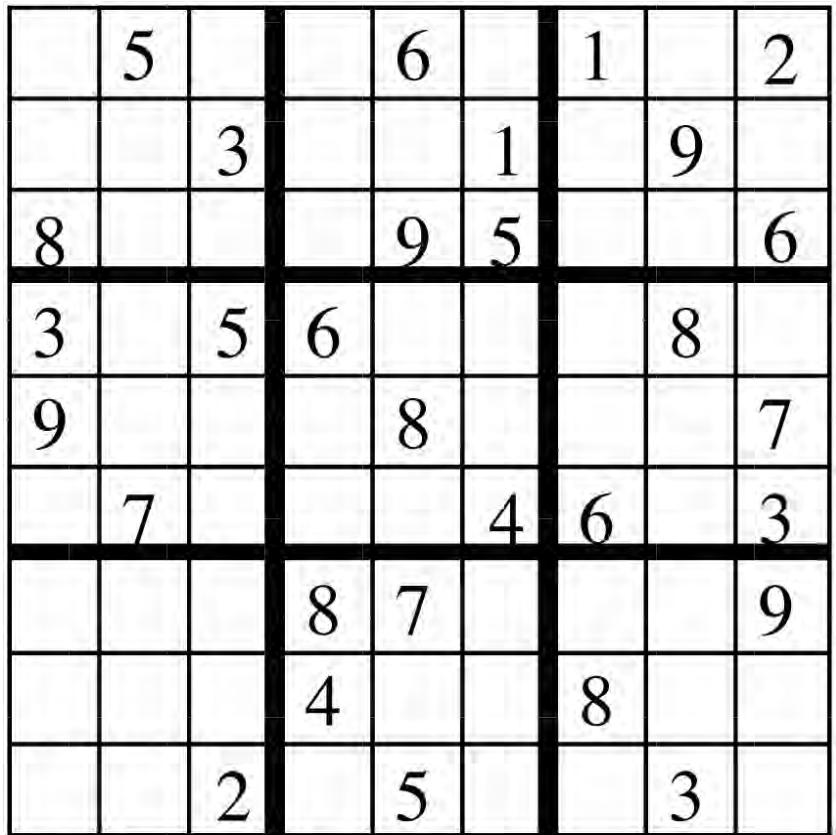
Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

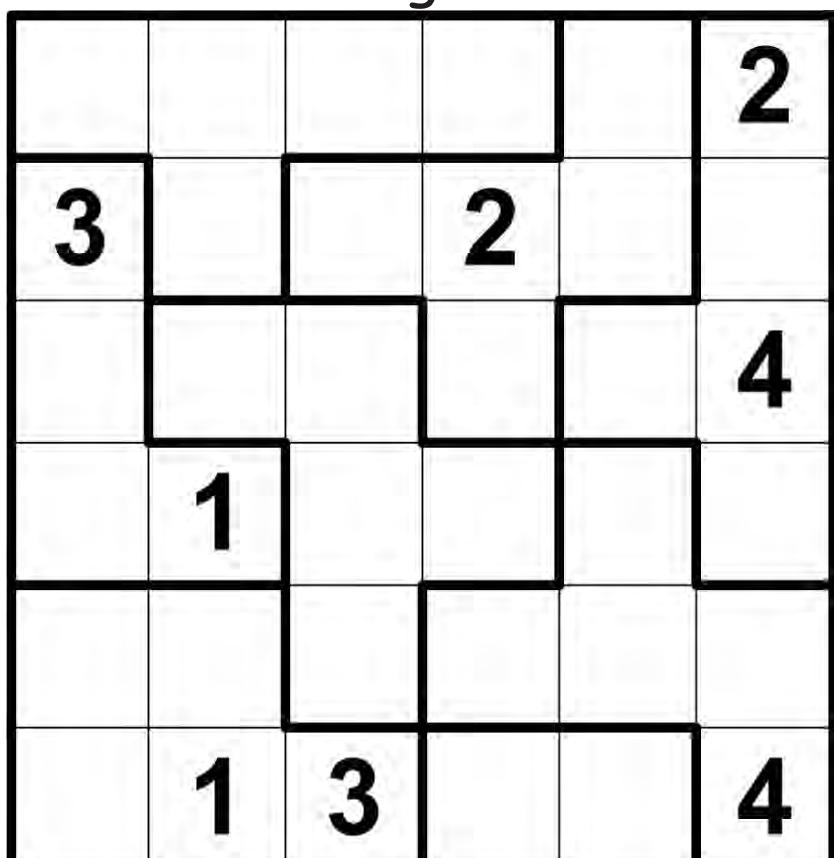
Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

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

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



Suguru



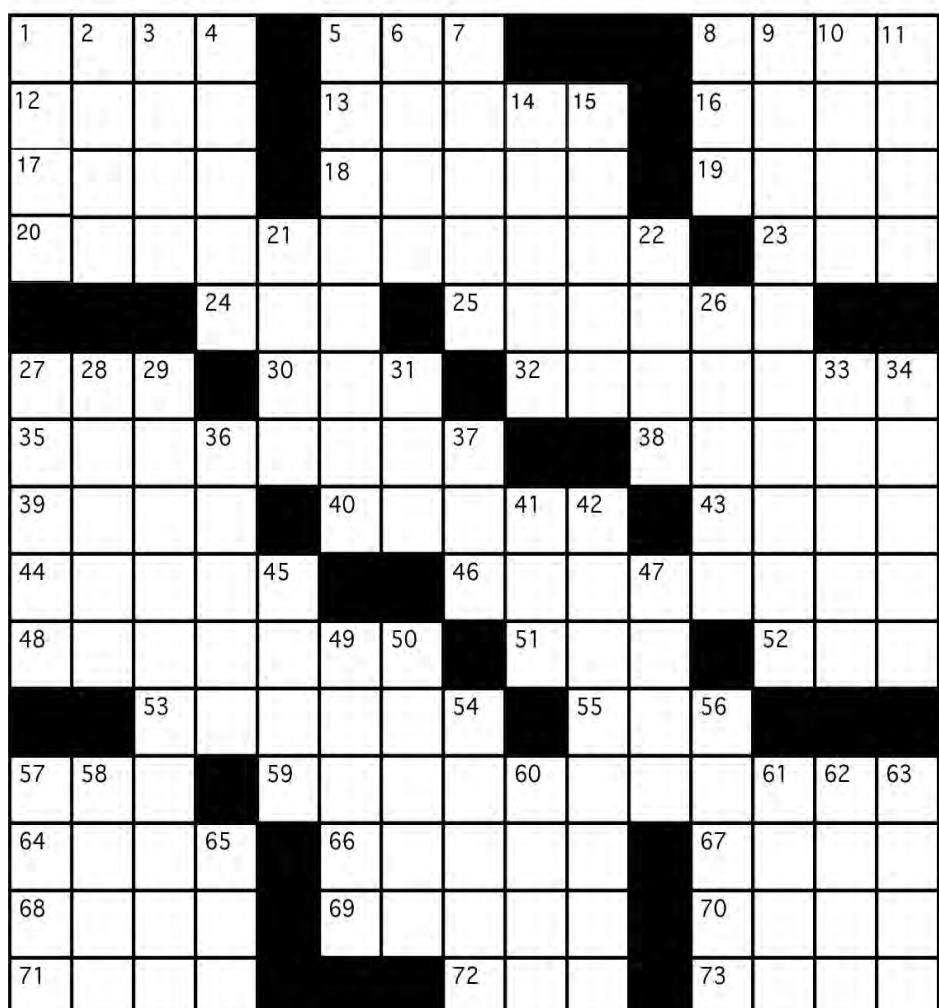
The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally,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

ACROSS

- Coin
- Jacuzzi
- Performs
- Nostribs' detection
- Ciaos
- "Get lost!"
- Dry
- Of __; rather inferior
- School event
- Crushing force
- Suffix for social or graph
- Preschooler
- Tiers
- Uncle to millions
- Thirst quencher
- Elected official
- Word on a peanut can
- Moment
- Holy Roman Emperor
- Social events
- Entrance
- Make a new bow
- Sea mollusks
- Bridge framework
- __ off; bribe
- Bernadette, for one: abbr.
- Slant again
- Weapon owners' rights advocate: abbr.
- Silvery-gray color
- Performer
- Unfriendly
- Recipient
- Miffed
- Long-eared animal
- Goose's response?
- Cut of meat
- White-tailed eagle
- Bradley and Begley
- Suffix for persist or depend

DOWN

- Female animals
- Emend
- Slangy response
- Take to lunch
- Surprised
- El __
- Island with a distinctive shape
- Poisonous creature
- Jesus' followers
- Use one's horn
- Word with day or body
- City in France
- Allen or Martin
- Castle's surrounding
- Ripped apart
- Key __
- Wear proudly
- Modify
- Part of the Swiss-Italian border
- Generation
- Musical group
- Della __
- Din
- Engineer's stop: abbr.
- Recede
- Strolls
- Ending for Nan or Ann
- Northern constellation
- Actress Evans
- __ John
- Nervous
- Walkway
- Persistent pain
- Ascend
- Marsh growth
- PM's beginning
- Greenland's discoverer
- Descartes or Coty
- Majors, for one



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

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ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Qi Gong with Vince (online)
(Optimistic Aging)
Mon. 06/05, Mon. 06/12, Mon. 06/19,
Mon. 06/26 at 9:30 a.m.

Wed. 06/07, Wed. 06/14, Wed. 06/21,
Wed. 06/28 at 9:30 a.m.

Vince Sauter will teach you how to lower stress and keep calm with Tai Chi. Class will focus on breathing in the calm and breathing out the tension. Register to receive the Zoom meeting link.

Story time on the Dot (in-person)
Tue. 06/06, Tue. 06/13, Tue. 06/20,
Tue. 06/27 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us every Tuesday at 10:30 for Story time! Listen to fun stories, sing songs, and have fun, all centered around a different theme every week.

Mah Jongg (in-person)
(Optimistic Aging)
Tue. 06/06, Tue. 06/13, Tue. 06/20,
Tue. 06/27 at 2-4 p.m.

Fri. 06/02, Fri. 06/09, Fri. 06/16, Fri.
06/23, Fri. 06/30 at 2-4 p.m.

If you're looking for a game to keep your mind sharp, or if you enjoy games that make you think strategically, you'll want to give Mah Jongg a try! Players of all levels welcome

Mah Jongg for Beginners (in-person)
(Optimistic Aging)
Fri. 06/02, Fri. 06/09, Fri. 06/16, Fri.
06/23, Fri. 06/30 at 1-2 p.m.

Interested in learning to play Mah Jongg? Join our new beginners group! Fridays at 1PM, our pro players will be here from 1PM-2PM to coach you on learning the game. Then feel free to stick around to watch them play starting at 2PM. Sessions take place prior to regularly scheduled Friday Mah Jongg sessions.

All Level Yoga (in person & online)
Wed. 06/07, Wed. 06/14, Wed. 06/21,
Wed. 06/28 at 6 p.m. (online)

Sun. 06/04, Sun. 06/11, Sun. 06/18,
Sun. 06/25, at 10 a.m. (in-person)

Join Mia Tomic and explore classical seated, standing and supine yoga poses linked with breath in a creative way to stretch, strengthen, and rejuvenate your body, breath, and mind. Contact CCL for registration information.

Chair Yoga, (in-person or online)
(Optimistic Aging)
Fri. 06/02, Fri. 06/09, Fri. 06/16, Fri.
06/23, Fri. 06/30 at 11 a.m.

Join Samantha Free on zoom for Chair Yoga for ALL. Learn the basics of breath, meditation, and movement. This class will help you stretch and strengthen. Registration required so that you can get the link. Register online or call the library.

Zumba, (in-person)
Sat. 06/03, Sat. 06/10, Sat. 06/17, Sat.
06/24 at 9 a.m.

Join Ginny Morrow for a fun fitness routine every Saturday at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is not required. You may sign in at the door.

Free Tech Help (in-person)
Sat. 06/10, Sat. 06/17, Sat. 06/24 9
a.m.-1 p.m.

Do you need help with your Kindle, tablet, smart phone or computer? Drop-in anytime on Saturdays between 9AM-1PM or call the library at (845)-266-5530 to book an appointment.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Monday 06/05 – Friends Group Meeting (in person)

The public is always welcome to attend. You may view the current board packet on our website.

Monday 06/12 – Board of Trustees Meeting (in person)

Held 6:30 p.m. The public is always welcome to attend. View the current board packet on our website.

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS:

Tea Time Book Club (in-person) June Selection: "One Italian Summer" by Rebecca Serle

Thu. 06/08 at 2 p.m.

Join Tea Time Book Club the second Thursday of every month. Come talk about the monthly selection and enjoy tea and a snack with members of the club.

Global Literature Book Club (in-person) June Selection: "The Years" by Annie Ernaux

Mon. 06/19 at 7 p.m.
The Global Literature Book Club discusses novels from around the world, often in translation, selected by members of the club. These works are challenging, but gratifying, and provide insights into a wide variety of nations, cultures, and styles of writing.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Monday June 5 at 1:30 p.m. (in-person)

Crafts & Coffee

Join us for a lovely afternoon of coffee, crafts (and conversation!) For June we will meet ONCE on the first Monday of the month at 1:30, Diane will guide you as you create a project covering a wide range of techniques, from card making to book crafts to stitchery and more

NOTE: We're switching to a once a month meeting for the Summer. We'll gather on the first Mondays: June 5, July 3, and August 7 for some great seasonal projects (and of course cookies!) Space is limited. Register Online.

Saturday June 3, at 10:30 a.m.

Drawing Landscapes with The Art Effect

Join The Art Effect and learn to capture compelling natural scenery, such as mountains, forests, cliffs, trees, rivers, and valleys, whether it's something you've seen, something you've read about, or even just what's in your own backyard! Space is limited. Register Online.

Saturday June 10 at 10:30 p.m.

Drawing with Color with The Art Effect

Come learn how to incorporate color into your sketches in this workshop! Practice color mixing with colored pencils through a color wheel, then move into using lights and shadows to add vibrant depth to any drawing. Space is limited. Register Online.

Saturday June 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Author Visit/Q&A: The Low Road by Tommy Zurhellen

Marist Professor Tommy Zurhellen visits Clinton Community library to discuss his memoir "The Low Road: Walking the Walk for Veterans." Zurhellen's memoir chronicles his journey of walking across America to raise awareness for veteran suicide and homelessness. Space is limited. Register Online.

Thursday June 22 at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch & Learn: A.T. Cook - A Seeds Man, Nurseryman and Postcard publisher

A.T. Cook was a seeds man, nurseryman and more to our point a postcard publisher. Cook was born in Clove, N.Y. in 1846. By 1876, Mr. Cook had established himself in the business of selling seeds at Clinton Hollow. By 1890 he enjoyed a wide success and moved a few miles to Hyde Park, N.Y. Cook continued in business until 1923 when he died suddenly. Mr. Cook published approximately 150 post cards that promoted good cheer, conservation, poetry of the countryside and the pleasures of a well-regulated life. Among them, were temperance and anti-smoking cards.

Author Larry Laliberte is a retired installation and repair technician for Verizon. He is a past president of the Putnam Philatelic Society and a long-time member of the Empire State Postal History Society. He has been serving as Editor of the Society's quarterly Bulletin for the last 5 years. His interest in Dutchess County postal history has led

him to investigate the histories behind many items in his collections and write articles about them. He also collects post card of Dutchess and Putnam Counties which can expand the understanding of those items.

Space is limited. Register Online

Saturday June 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Paper Marbling with The Art Effect

The Art Effect joins CCL again to explore a variety of world-wide paper marbling techniques while enjoying the calming and meditative nature of this art-form. We will take paper and dip it in water combined with colorful inks and paints, using layering to create swirling and patterned marbled masterpieces to take home with you. Space is limited. Register Online.

Thursday June 29 at 1:30 p.m.

Money Smart Adult Workshop

Financial Literacy Educator Heather Ohlson from The Cornell Cooperative extension will be at CCL to teach you how to be "money smart"! Money Smart for Older Adults is designed to provide you with information and tips to help prevent common frauds, scams and other types of elder financial. We welcome older adults and the people who provide their care to join us for this lively discussion. Space is limited. Register Online.

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Music in the Library

Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.-noon

Classical guitarist Andrew Baffi will sit and strum for us! No need to register, just drop in and enjoy the music. Andrew will be here on the first Saturday of every month.

Defensive Driving

Tuesday, June 6, and Wednesday, June 7, 6-9 p.m.

MUST ATTEND BOTH CLASSES

Fee \$38. Save 10% on your auto insurance and reduce 4 points on your driving record. For questions and registration, contact Bill Owens at (845) 756-2481.

Game Time for Grownups

Wednesday, June 14, 1-3 p.m.

We have a growing collection of games available or bring your own! Coffee and tea provided but feel free to bring a snack to share. No registration necessary. Games for adults will be held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Cookbook Group with Lenny - NEW Wednesday, June 14, 6-7 p.m.

Join us for the "Kick Off" meeting. Bring your favorite cookie and the recipe to share and learn how the "Cookbook Group" works.

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A&E Calendar

June 1: Levyosn: Jewish Song in Rhinecliff, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. 7:30 p.m. Admission \$10-\$20 sliding scale. (845) 876-2903

June 2: Arlington Business Improvement District Family Concert Night, War Memorial Parking Lot, 791 Main St., Poughkeepsie. Music by The Crew, 7-8:15 p.m. www.arlingtonhasit.org

June 3-24: A Backyard Concert Series, Hyde Park Library, ?2 Main St., Hyde Park. Free Saturday concerts performed by local talent in the courtyard (or in the Annex in case of rain). No RSVP needed. June 3: Rod MacDonald, 7 p.m. A tenor with a

clear voice and wide range, MacDonald is often cited for both his musicality and the content of his songs about political and social events. June 10: Lara Herscovitch, 4 p.m. Herscovitch is a singer-songwriter-poet-performer-author gem who leads with authenticity, integrity, humor and heart. June 17: Flash Company, 4 p.m. Local Celtic music trio (Eric Garrison, Jim Pospisil and Bryan Maloney) will bring a taste of Ireland to you wherever you are. June 24: Betty and the Baby Boomers, 4 p.m. Acoustic quintet from the Hudson Valley wraps distinctive harmonies around songs of their own creation and others from tradition, classic folk singers like Pete Seeger, as well as contemporary artists. (845) 229-7791 or hydeparklibrary.org

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Sheriff's Office warns of increasing phone scams

The Dutchess County Sheriff's Office would like to take this opportunity to warn the residents of Dutchess County and surrounding areas about scams that once again seem to be on the rise.

Scams are ways in which criminals will attempt to get money from people by contacting them and making up elaborate stories. In some cases the perpetrators have tried, sometimes successfully, to use the victim's emotions about a loved one in trouble to get money. It's common for the perpetrators of these scams to try to get money by telling people that one of their relatives has been seriously hurt or is in jail, and that they need money right away. In many cases they will pose as a law enforcement official or another relative to try and convince the victim that it's legitimate.

The latest scam involves the perpetrators posing as representatives of law enforcement. In at least one case the perpetrators posed as "Sergeant Adam Harris" and sent the victim a text implying that they owe \$5,000. If you receive a text or message similar to this one it is most assuredly a scam; delete it immediately and DO NOT follow the instructions in it or click on any links provided. Remember that scam emails and texts, as this one did, will very often contain misspelled words and/or confusing language.

Finally the Sheriff's Office would like to offer the following tips to help people avoid these scams:

- Legitimate law enforcement would

not attempt to satisfy a warrant or make promises to avoid prosecution by soliciting money.

- If you receive an email about an order you didn't place or asking you to send money call the company using a legitimate number. DO NOT follow the instructions in the email, click on any links in the email, or call the number provided in the email.

- If someone asks you to purchase merchandise, transfer money, provide bank information, or enter a code given to you by them use caution as it is likely a scam.

- Do not meet up with someone that you don't know; if you're asked to do this it is surely a scam, and it is very dangerous as well.

- If you're contacted by someone you don't know asking for money, for any reason, that's a signal that it's most likely a scam.

- If someone calls you and tells you that a relative has been hurt or is in jail, confirm it first before sending any money. Call other relatives or a legitimate law enforcement agency for confirmation before any money is sent. If they're posing as a relative, try and contact that relative for confirmation.

- Sending money overseas is especially risky; use extreme caution.

- Ask the person for their call back number and ask to speak to their supervisor to confirm the info; if it's a scam they will most likely hang up at this point and

the number they give you will be bogus.

- If the person is telling you that a loved one is in the hospital or jail, find out which one and contact the institution yourself to confirm.

- If a loved one has recently passed away be wary; in some cases perpetrators have even preyed on victims by searching through the obituaries and calling surviving loved ones. If you get calls from people you don't know soon after someone passes away, be careful and confirm it before you send any money.

- In some cases someone will call and tell the victim that they've won money, but to "process the claim" they need to first send money. Beware this is most definitely a scam and don't send any money — you should never have to pay money to claim a prize. If it seems too good to be

true, it most likely is.

- If there's any doubt about a phone call or email you've received contact the Sheriff's Office before sending any money.

- Scams tend to increase during the holiday season, be especially alert for them during those times.

It is very important to not send any money to anyone that you don't know until you've confirmed the situation through an independent source and feel comfortable with it. If it's a scam once the money is sent it's very difficult, and most times impossible, to get it back. If anyone thinks they may have been the victim of a scam they are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at (845) 486-3800 or via the tipline at (845) 605-CLUE or dcotips@gmail.com.

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ONGOING EVENTS

Brain Games

Thursdays, 10:30-noon

Calling all seniors! Join in the fun and laughter of our brain games! Fun, stimulating, invigorating word games, board games, card games, conversation, and laughter.

Homeschool Stories and STEAM Workshops

Thursdays, 1-2 p.m.

For students in Grades K-2

These workshops will contain a story-time component along with crafts and STEAM related activities.

Knitting

First, Third and Fifth Thursday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m.

Come for knitting, tea and conversation. All levels welcome. Advanced knitters will teach beginners.

Mahjong for Intermediate Players

Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon

Come and play Mahjong with this fun, friendly group.

In-Person Yoga with Mia

Saturdays, 10 a.m.

Registration is required EVERY week. Class size is limited to 8. One time waiver must be filled out prior to your first class. Bring your own mat or 2 (extra cushioning).

Bridge

Mondays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Literacy Connections Classes for English Language Learners

Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

All levels welcome.

Water Color Workshop

First, Third and Fifth Tuesday of each month, 1-4 p.m.

Beginners Welcome! Individuals can bring an image or work from a smart phone to paint in class or choose from ones provided. Learn how to use this medium to express your creativity with the technique that benefits you the best, wet on wet, layering, dry brush or very detailed. Supplies are not provided; a list of needed materials is available at the library.

Story Time

Tuesdays

Preschoolers (Ages 3-4) 10-10:45 a.m.

Toddlers (Ages 18 months-2 years) 11-11:45 a.m.

Meditation Class

Third Wednesday, 10 a.m.

In-Person (Masks Required) or via Zoom

Susan Olin-Dabrowski will lead this one-hour monthly meditation program. First timers and experienced meditators are welcome! Headset or earbuds recommended.

Link sent upon registration.

June Hybrid Book Club

Monday, June 12, noon

June's selection is Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel. You may choose to attend in person or via Zoom. Zoom link will be sent upon registration.

STARR LIBRARY

68 West Market St., Rhinebeck

(845) 876-4030

www.starrlibrary.org

Over the first weekend, we'll be hosting the Dutchess County and Rhinebeck Historical Society Sampler Survey. Bring your embroidery samplers and have them cataloged and documented by the pros! We're also hosting Elizabeth Clarke & Ann Sandri on Tuesday, June 6, who will present on their newly published book chronicling the history and establishment of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association and its Regatta (1891-1950).

On Friday, June 9, we'll have a one-of-a-kind celebration of kinship with nature and community featuring husband and wife team Erik Kiviat and Elaine Colandrea. The evening will bring together ecology and spirituality, inner and outer landscapes, breathwork, and chocolate. That same weekend, we're hosting a paper lantern making workshop for the whole family sponsored by the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project.

On the morning of the Summer solstice, herald the longest day of the year by learning to play a traditional Andean flute with our neighbor Bob Burroughs. A bit later in the month, there's another installment of our collaboration with the Beatrix Farrand Garden and Staatsburg Library featuring Staatsburg's children's librarian Lisa Prentiss, and a talk with debut author Claudia Cravens about her new book, *Lucky Red*, a beautiful, queer coming-of-age novel.

We're also cooking up some big things for children and families for Summer Reading's SummerStage this year, which we'll officially kick off on Saturday, July 8.

More highlights:

Wednesday, June 7, 6-7:30 p.m.

Cookbook Club Foodie Memoirs, "Tender at the Bone: Growing Up at the Table" by Ruth Reichl. Read, cook, eat and discuss with fellow food lovers.

Sunday, June 11, 2-5 p.m.

First Rhinebeck-Red Hook Pride Party Church of the Messiah, 6436 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck

?Celebrate LGBTQ+ folks and their friends, families, and allies! Join us to hear speakers share their stories and for multi-generational activities, resources, food, music, and more.

Wednesday, June 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Planet Seniors Live with Rita Vanacore of Radio Kingston
Outdoor Stage at Starr Library

Elder fraud cost Americans over the age of 60 more than \$966 million in 2020, according to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3). Here and in other countries, it's a growing problem, as criminals increasingly use online scams to target older adults, especially those who are living alone.

Join Rita Vanacore, host of Radio Kingston's Planet Seniors, for a fun and informative live discussion about how to avoid fraud and scams. Sharpen your internet awareness and stay savvy!

GOLDEN LIVING

MEDICARE FRAUD PREVENTION WEEK

(June 5-11)

(Part 1 of 2)

American taxpayers lose over \$60 billion a year to fraud, errors, and abuse within Medicare, according to an estimate from Senior Medicare Patrol (smpresource.org). That's a loss of about \$180 a year for every American.

The exact amount lost due to fraud is uncountable, because of the nature of fraud. It's not like criminals can be surveyed to find out how much they're stealing.

Put yourself in the criminal's shoes for a moment. For a criminal, the ideal crime is one that can be committed repeatedly without detection – and that's what Medicare fraudsters do. They don't go for one big score; that would draw attention. Instead, they file fake claims that blend in because they look like everybody else's real claims.

The same vulnerability can apply for a variety of insurers including Medicaid and private insurers, plus any benefits program that relies on an automated claims-paying process. The New York State comptroller's office has estimated that \$11 billion was lost to COVID unemployment insurance fraud, to name just one.

Waiting for the simplest federal fraud prevention action can be frustrating; after all, it took Congress 50 years to require that your Medicare ID be something other than your Social Security number.

SCAMMERS FOLLOW THE HEADLINES

Scammers have been basing their latest schemes on the recent expiration of Medicare coverage for at-home COVID-19 test kits. Investigators have recently noticed sudden growth in complaints involving large quantities of test kits delivered to homes that didn't order them. It's a sign that a scammer may be using a stolen Medicare ID to file fraudulent claims. The kits themselves may be fake or past their best-by date, so don't use them. Instead, report the suspicious shipments to Medicare.

If you really need a test kit, the Office for the Aging has a limited number of free kits available for Dutchess County residents over age 60. Each of the eight OFA Friendship Centers has a limited supply. Call ahead before stopping by. You can find Friendship Center contact information and operating hours at www.dutchessny.gov/OFAnutrition or by calling 845-486-2555.

For a criminal, stolen insurance credentials such as a Medicare ID are a license to print money, because the credential can be repeatedly used to file fraudulent claims, and the person whose credentials are being used might not ever notice unless they're carefully reading the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) that Medicare periodically mails out. You can also read your MSN online by setting up an account at medicare.gov.

The MSNs may read "This is not a bill," but that doesn't mean you're home free. Take a closer look at the MSN, to be sure that the claims listed match up with the services and prescriptions you received. Scammers are constantly probing Medicare and Medicaid for vulnerabilities, but you can thwart their attempts at theft.

More tips next week!

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE ON 'HEAP' COOLING ASSISTANCE

(The print version of the Aging News that's distributed to homebound Dutchess County older adults with limited internet access includes a message from County Executive William F.X. O'Neil. This week's message covers the summer phase of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and how qualifying Dutchess County older adults can benefit from it. It's reprinted below.)

The weather forecast for the coming week says it's going to feel like summer,

with high temperatures well into the 80s. By the time you read this, we may even have reached 90.

For older adults with conditions that are worsened by heat, who may not be as able to adapt to heat and humidity as the young, it's time to find out whether they qualify for the cooling benefit provided under the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

HEAP is most commonly known for providing heating assistance during the winter, but its hot-weather programs are just as valuable. Air conditioning units can be provided to income-qualified older adults throughout Dutchess County, with fans also available for those whose homes aren't suitable for air conditioning installation.

OFA has been accepting HEAP cooling applications throughout May and will continue to accept applications for as long as the program's New York State funding remains available this summer.

If you think you could qualify, especially if you already qualify for other benefit programs, don't wait for the thermometer to hit 90 or more. Reach out to OFA's HEAP division at 845-486-2555 or zserrano@dutchessny.gov.

Stay healthy! – William F.X. O'Neil, County Executive

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE (Friday 6/23)

The Dutchess County Office for the Aging is hosting an in-person AARP Smart Driver Course on Friday, June 23rd, 9 am - 4 pm, at the OFA Poughkeepsie Friendship Center, 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie. It's open to all licensed drivers from Dutchess County over age 60. Lunch from OFA can be provided, or you can bring your own.

The AARP Smart Driver course is the nation's first refresher course specifically designed for older drivers. In many states, including New York, drivers may benefit from a discount on their auto insurance premium upon completing the course. And you will learn something new along the way. One evaluation of the course found that 97% of participants changed at least one driving habit because of what they learned.

Advance registration for this class is required and can be made by calling OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555. Class capacity is limited by space.

There's a \$30 fee for the course, payable on the day of the course by check, money order or cash. The fee for AARP members is \$25.

The Smart Driver course can help you:

- Receive a multi-year discount on your auto insurance. Consult your insurance agent for details;
- Refresh your driving skills and your knowledge of the rules — and hazards — of the road; and
- Reduce your chances of receiving a traffic violation or getting into an accident.

NEXT OFA FRIENDLY CALLS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS AND INFO SESSIONS

Register today for an upcoming OFA Friendly Calls Volunteer Orientation session. It's a great opportunity to help our older adults avoid loneliness and social isolation, with the convenience of volunteering from home if you so choose. Each orientation session lasts 40-50 minutes. Our next orientation sessions will be held at OFA's City of Poughkeepsie headquarters: Thursday, June 1st – 3:30 pm Monday, June 5th – 10:00 am Monday, June 12th – 3:30 pm We're also holding Friendly Calls information sessions, for those who want to learn more about the program before committing to volunteering. The next one takes place Thursday, June 8th, 10:00 am, at Beekman Library (11 Town Center Blvd., Beekman).

If you speak a language in addition to English, you'd be a fantastic addition to

our Friendly Calls volunteer team. Other commonly spoken languages in Dutchess other than English and Spanish include Chinese (any dialects), Arabic, German, Italian, Korean and Polish...but speakers of all Earth languages are welcome! To register for orientation at OFA, or to request a group orientation at your place of business or meeting venue, call 845-486-2555 or email ofa@dutchessny.gov. We plan to schedule additional orientations throughout the summer.

OFA VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

OFA Senior Picnic season begins this week! We have volunteering opportunities available at all Summer Picnics, which are held on most Wednesdays from May 31st to August 30th. For volunteers under age 18, a signed parental waiver is required.

We'll need help on picnic days getting tables and chairs set up, guiding drivers to parking spaces, bringing food and drinks to senior guests, and more. For a picnic schedule, see www.dutchessny.gov/ofapicnics.

This coming week, we'll be at the first summer picnic, at Thomas Boyce Park in the hamlet of Wingdale (6420 NY 55), on Wednesday, May 31st. Many thanks to the Town of Dover for making the park available for this year's picnic, and for helping with picnic planning and logistics.

For information on other OFA volunteering opportunities, visit www.dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer or email bjones@dutchessny.gov.

OFA PICNICS FILLING UP

The always-popular OFA Summer Picnic season is once again a big hit, with several of the season's earlier picnics already at capacity.

If you've made your reservation for your community's picnic but it turns out you can't make it that day, please contact OFA at 845-486-2555, to cancel your reservation so that space can be freed up for another Dutchess County older adult.

We mail picnic reminder cards to tens of thousands of older-adult households in the county, but you don't need to have received a card to be able to make a reservation for your community's picnic. You need only be a Dutchess

County resident over age 60, and call us during business hours at 845-486-2555

to make your reservation.

The full picnic schedule is available at www.dutchessny.gov/OFApicnics.

Parking is at a premium for picnics, so we strongly recommend carpooling on your picnic day.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION/OFA RURAL COMMUNITY FORUM THIS WEEK (Thursday, June 1st)

Learn about Alzheimer's, dementia, and memory loss, along with Office for the Aging services, in a community-focused listening session aimed specifically at rural older adults and caregivers:

Thursday, June 1st, 1:00 – 2:30 pm – at Sun River Health, 3360 NY 343 in Amenia. (Masks are required at all Sun River Health facilities and will be available there.)

Registration is required, via the Alzheimer's Association, at 800-272-3900.

We'll review the basics of Alzheimer's and related dementias and hear from participants how OFA and the Alzheimer's Association can expand the reach of

local programs and services, especially as applicable to rural older adults and their caregivers. Bilingual (English/Spanish) OFA staff are scheduled to be available at the event.

SUMMER GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS

Here are some of the federally and locally observed holidays coming up over the summer:

Monday, June 19th – Juneteenth – commemorating the 1865 emancipation of enslaved African Americans

Tuesday, July 4th – Independence Day – commemorating the 1776 signing of the Declaration of Independence

Monday, September 4th – Labor Day – A celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers.

OFA offices and Friendship Centers will be closed for each of the above holidays, and clients of OFA's Home Delivered Meals program should use the shelf-stable meals provided in advance of the holidays.

Golden Living is prepared by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, New York 12601, telephone 845-486-2555, email: ofa@dutchessny.gov website: www.dutchessny.gov/aging

COLLEGE NOTES

DELHI, NY -- Courtney Woodard of Hyde Park was among top-performing SUNY Delhi students inducted into the Phi Eta Sigma honor society in a recognition ceremony on campus this April. Phi Eta Sigma is the third oldest university honor society in the US. Its mission is to award students for achieving high scholastic performance during their first year in the baccalaureate programs. SUNY Delhi students must achieve a cumulative GPA 3.50 and maintain full-time enrollment in a four-year program to be invited into the society.

ELMIRA, NY -- Elmira College released its Dean's List for Academic Achievement for the Winter 2023 Term. Local students on the list include Taylor Albrecht of Pleasant Valley, Emma Clegg of Clinton Corners, and Alexander Gross of Hyde Park.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were registered for at least 12 computable credit hours and who earned a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

ELMIRA, NY -- The Center for Mark Twain Studies (CMTS) announced this year's winners of the "Portraying Mark Twain" art competition.

In its seventh year, the annual competition is open to all Elmira College (EC) students, regardless of academic major. Four final images were selected from 54 submissions that included representations of Mark Twain, his literature, or aspects of his life in Elmira and at Quarry Farm.

This year's first-place winner is Marissa Fuller '23, a Nursing major from Pleasant Valley.

Three honorable mentions went to: Dakota Weatherly '23, Psychology major;

Sienna Fell '25, Nursing major; Gabby Caporossi '24, Speech and Hearing major.

Visit <https://portrayingmarktwain.weebly.com/2023-entries.html> to see all of the EC student submissions including the winning pieces.

Hinchey announces Hudson Valley wins in final state budget

State Sen. Michelle Hinchey recently announced highlights of the final enacted state budget for Fiscal Year 2024, which includes investments she championed on behalf of Hudson Valley residents in the 41st Senate District.

Some of the budget items championed by Hinchey include:

DELIVERING NEW TAX RELIEF & INCREASING AFFORDABILITY

Due to Hinchey's leadership, the final budget includes several provisions she secured to put more money in New Yorkers' pockets and deliver much-needed tax relief for Hudson Valley residents:

- Lower Personal Income Tax: Hinchey and her Senate Majority colleagues continued a phase-in of the lowest personal income tax rates for working and middle-class families making it the lowest it has been in over 70 years.

- MTA Payroll Mobility Tax Exemption for Dutchess County: Hinchey secured a commitment from the State that Dutchess County is exempt from paying an increase in the MTA Payroll Mobility Tax.

- SUNY New Paltz Impact Aid: As the new representative of SUNY New Paltz in the State Senate, Hinchey secured Impact Aid to provide financial relief to Village of New Paltz residents from the costs of meeting the safety needs of SUNY students. Hinchey fought to secure a \$100,000 increase in SUNY New Paltz Impact Aid over previous years for a total of \$300,000 — the first time since 2021 that this aid has been attained for the Village of New Paltz.

- Investment Tax Credit (ITC) Expansion for NY Farmers: Hinchey was successful in extending the Investment Tax Credit for farmers for the next five years through 2027 and expanding it to ensure that small and beginning farmers can realize the full impact of this tax credit. The tax credit refunds farm businesses for the costs of purchasing new equipment and machinery so that farmers can invest in their businesses and better position themselves for the future.

- Raising the Minimum Wage: The final budget increases the state minimum wage by \$2 over the next three years, after which it would increase at a rate determined by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), giving hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers who earn minimum wage a pay increase to keep up with rising costs of living.

EXPANDING FREE SCHOOL MEALS

- Free School Meals: Due to Senator Hinchey's leadership, the final budget provides \$135 million to significantly expand free school meals in communities across New York State, covering 30,992 students in the 41st Senate District, which is 88.7% percent of the total student population. Under the plan, which will start in the 2023-24 school year, schools that participate in the federal Community Eligibility Provision program (CEP) will be reimbursed by SED for the cost of all meals the schools provide that are not covered by the federal government.

MAKING CHILD CARE MORE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE

The final budget includes historic investments championed by Hinchey to expand access to childcare for working families in rural and Upstate New York, including the following measures:

- Expanded the Child Tax Credit to include children from ages zero to four, allowing approximately 584,000 more households to claim the credit, benefiting 993,500 adults and 993,700 children in those households. This means that a family can receive these benefits starting from when their child is born.

- \$500 million towards a Workforce

Retention Grant Program, providing up to \$2,000 in grants to daycare employees who work a minimum of 15 hours per week and \$1,500 to employees of school-age or after-school childcare providers.

- \$34 million to childcare providers for recruitment assistance. Grants can be used for signing bonuses, advertising, job fair attendance, or other activities, including \$4,000 for group daycare, daycare centers, and school-aged childcare providers; \$1,600 for group family daycare providers; \$800 for family daycare providers.

- \$25 million to support the Employer Child Care Tax Credit.

SUPPORTING NEW YORK'S K-12 EDUCATION & BOOSTING HIGHER EDUCATION

- Fully Funding Foundation Aid & Bolstering School Aid: New York is fully funding Foundation Aid for public schools for the first time, initiated via a three-year phase-in by Hinchey and her Senate Majority colleagues in 2021, which ensured every K-12 school district received a minimum year-to-year increase of 3 percent. The final budget also includes the largest annual School Aid allocation of \$34.5 billion.

- Universal Pre-K Expansion: After delivering 1,000 full-day pre-K seats in her previous Senate District, Hinchey was successful in expanding pre-K programming to communities in her new district, SD-41. The final budget includes \$365 million to continue the state's commitment to phase in universal pre-K programming across New York State.

- Boosting SUNY Funding: As the representative of SUNY New Paltz and Columbia-Greene Community College, Hinchey successfully advocated for a final budget that rejects all SUNY tuition hikes for in-state students and procured increases in general operating aid for SUNY of \$103 million. Hinchey also helped secure \$150,000 for The Benjamin Center at SUNY New Paltz and \$150,000 for the Dutchess Community College Housing & Food Insecurity Program.

- Bard Early College (\$461,000): Hinchey also supported funding for the Bard Early College initiative, which helps bridge socioeconomic gaps by allowing 11th and 12th-grade high school students to gain experience with college-level coursework and earn college credits for free.

- Bard Prison Initiative (\$150,000): Hinchey supported funding for the Bard Prison Initiative (BPI), which enrolls incarcerated students in full-time programs that culminate in degrees from Bard College. The program has a proven record of reducing recidivism, saving taxpayer dollars, and returning justice-impacted individuals to their communities as productive members of society.

BOLSTERED SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS & EMS

- Volunteer Fire Services Capital Fund: The final budget includes Hinchey's proposal to create the first-ever Volunteer Fire Services Capital Fund, with an investment of \$25 million, which will help volunteer departments access the funds they need to update their equipment and their firehouses and maintain pace with the increasing demands of fire safety.

- EMS Recruitment, Retention, and Mental Health Support: The final budget includes \$1 million to support EMS recruitment and retention efforts and establish mental health and wellness programs, with \$300,000 to be disbursed by the NYS Department of Health in FY'24 and \$700,000 in FY'25.

- Expanding Access to Health Insurance for Volunteer EMS: The final

budget allows for emergency medical providers working with volunteer and not-for-profit emergency medical service departments to be eligible for the state health insurance program regardless of their primary source of income.

- Establishing an Emergency Medical Services Task Force: The final budget directs the State EMS Council (SEMSCO) and Regional Councils (REMSCO) to create an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Task Force to study and improve EMS workforce training, recruitment, retention, benefits, and services statewide.

- Hinchey also advocated for \$750,000 to support the New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association, which is included in the final budget and will aid professional fire departments, including the City of Kingston Fire Department.

UPSTATE FILM & TV TAX CREDIT

Hinchey's proposal to create a true Upstate Film & TV Tax Credit is included in the final budget to encourage companies to produce feature films, television series, pilots, and other media in the Hudson Valley, supporting the growth of the local entertainment industry. The 10% tax credit can be used for local goods, services, and above the line labor costs, which will create production jobs and incentivize the use of local small businesses.

INCREASING NEW YORK'S RURAL & UPSTATE HOUSING SUPPLY

- Small Rental Development Initiative (\$7 Million): Creates housing developments of under 20 units to meet the needs of rural and upstate communities.

- ACCESS to Homes Program (\$3 Million): Helps senior citizen homeowners and people with disabilities with the costs of modifying their homes to meet accessibility needs.

- New York RESTORE Program (\$8.4 Million): In order to meet demand, Hinchey championed a \$5 million increase to the RESTORE Program, which assists low-to-moderate income seniors and people with disabilities with emergency home repairs, including structural, electrical, plumbing, and heating repairs and appliance replacements. Given the increased demand for the program, Hinchey sponsored legislation that was signed into law to increase the maximum cost allowed per project to \$20,000 and expand construction deadlines to 60 days.

- Land Banks and Community Land Trusts (\$10 Million): Rehabilitates old buildings and transitions them to affordable housing. The limiting factor for many of these projects is the lack of upfront capital to purchase homes and perform needed construction. A revolving acquisition fund will allow these organizations to acquire and flip zombie properties across the state and create more long-term affordable housing.

- Rural Preservation Program (\$7.55 Million): Provides support to community-based not-for-profit corporations known as Rural Preservation Companies, which are the main conduit for implementing housing initiatives in the rural parts of the state, including mobile and manufactured home replacement, accessibility modifications, downtown revitalization, septic and well upgrades, and weatherization assistance.

- Rural Rental Assistance Program (\$21.7 Million): Reduces the rent paid by low-income families who live in eligible Rural Rental Housing (RRH) and Farm Labor Housing (FLH) financed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

- Affordable Housing Corporation (\$40.5 Million): Supports homeownership through new construction, provides down payment and closing cost assistance, and rehabilitates owner-occupied housing.

- Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP, \$40 Million): HOPP is New York State's only homeowner retention program, which provides homeowners with free mortgage assistance services and legal representation.

- COVID Arrears Coverage through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (\$391 Million): The final budget includes \$391 million to cover Covid-era arrears for public housing authorities, private tenants, and Section 8 tenants, providing economic relief to those at risk of homelessness or experiencing housing instability.

- Lead Abatement Program (\$20 Million): The Lead Abatement Program will be administered through the Housing Trust Fund Corporation and used to eliminate lead-based paint hazards in housing outside of New York City.

- Manufactured Home Advantage Program (\$5 Million): Offers affordable financing for the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of manufactured home communities.

- First-Time Homeowners Program (\$25 Million):

- Main Street Program (\$4.2 Million): Provides financial resources and technical assistance to help local governments and not-for-profit organizations revitalize historic downtowns, including façade improvements and streetscape enhancements.

FIGHTING THE CLIMATE CRISIS & PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- \$500,000 for Smart Ecosystem Management of Forestlands: The final budget includes Hinchey's proposal to pay farmers who use carbon sequestration methods to manage the forest on their properties. Across the state, farmers are doing their part to fight the climate crisis through carbon capture, and this fund will further incentivize that work, helping New York meet its CLCPA goals and providing revenue for farmers.

- Catskill & Adirondack Park Wilderness Protection: The final budget includes \$8 million for shared stewardship efforts in the Catskill and Adirondack Parks, a funding line innovated by Hinchey in 2021 to ensure equitable protection of the Catskills.

- Catskill Center & Catskill Mountainkeeper (\$100,000): Hinchey succeeded in securing \$50,000 for both the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development and Catskill Mountain-keeper to support their stewardship programs.

- Environmental Protection Fund (\$400 Million): Project highlights funded in the EPF this year include:

- \$500 million for the Clean Water and Infrastructure Act

- \$19 million for Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling Projects

- \$13 million for Environmental Justice

- \$1 million for Municipal EV fast chargers pilot programs

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES & UPSTATE ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

- Small Business Innovation Grants: The final budget also allocates over \$12 million in Legislative Grants for businesses, including the creation of a matching grant program for the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer grant programs.

- Alive! Downtowns Theatres (\$5 Million): Hinchey successfully advocated for funding to support a coalition of 13 not-for-profit historic performing arts centers, including Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston, which are all economic, educational, and cultural engines serving Upstate.

Legal Notices

EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY D U T C H E S S COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on May 24, 2023 at 12:00 am.,

Legal Notices

pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F. X. O'Neil extended Local Emergency Order #1 and Local Emergency

Legal Notices

Order #2 in furtherance of Executive Order No. 5 of 2023, dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov

Legal Notices

GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

Who needs blood?

Under normal circumstances, every two seconds someone in America will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are used for trauma victims - due to accidents and burns - heart surgery, organ transplants, women with complications during childbirth, newborns and premature babies, and patients receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or other diseases, such as sickle cell disease and thalassemia.

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

OBITUARIES

Louis Michael Prisco

MILLBROOK - In the early hours of May 15, 2023, Louis Michael Prisco of Millbrook, NY passed away surrounded by his family. Mickey Prisco was as unique and memorable as they come. He was known as a storyteller and was eternally interested in everyone he encountered. With all his strength, focus, and humor he loved his family, friends, and community above all else. Mickey was born to Michael and Mary Prisco at Coney Island Hospital on June 8, 1934. He grew up between Brooklyn and Kingston, NY as his father's jobs changed. He was a devoted son and brother. Enlisting in the United States Marine Corps had a significant effect on his life. He generously shared the pride and wisdom he learned and developed in the military with everyone he knew and was known to sing the Marine Corps Hymn without warn-

ing. Upon his return to New York from the Marine Corps in California, Mickey sought out a job at Western Printing where he met his bride and lifelong partner Florence Corsillo Prisco, known to all as Fussy. Then, Mickey went to work for IBM and he and Fussy began a family in 1964 with the birth of their son, George. Then in 1968 they welcomed their daughter, Amy. In April, 2023, Mickey and Fussy's children and grandchildren gathered at Charlotte's Restaurant in Millbrook to celebrate the couple's 60th wedding anniversary at the same site their wedding reception was held, then called the Silver Horn. Mickey was known to so many as a 50+ year volunteer fireman at the Millbrook Fire Department. Mickey joined the Millbrook Fire Department in December of 1966, he served as Vice President for four years and as a Director of the Board for fourteen years. In December of

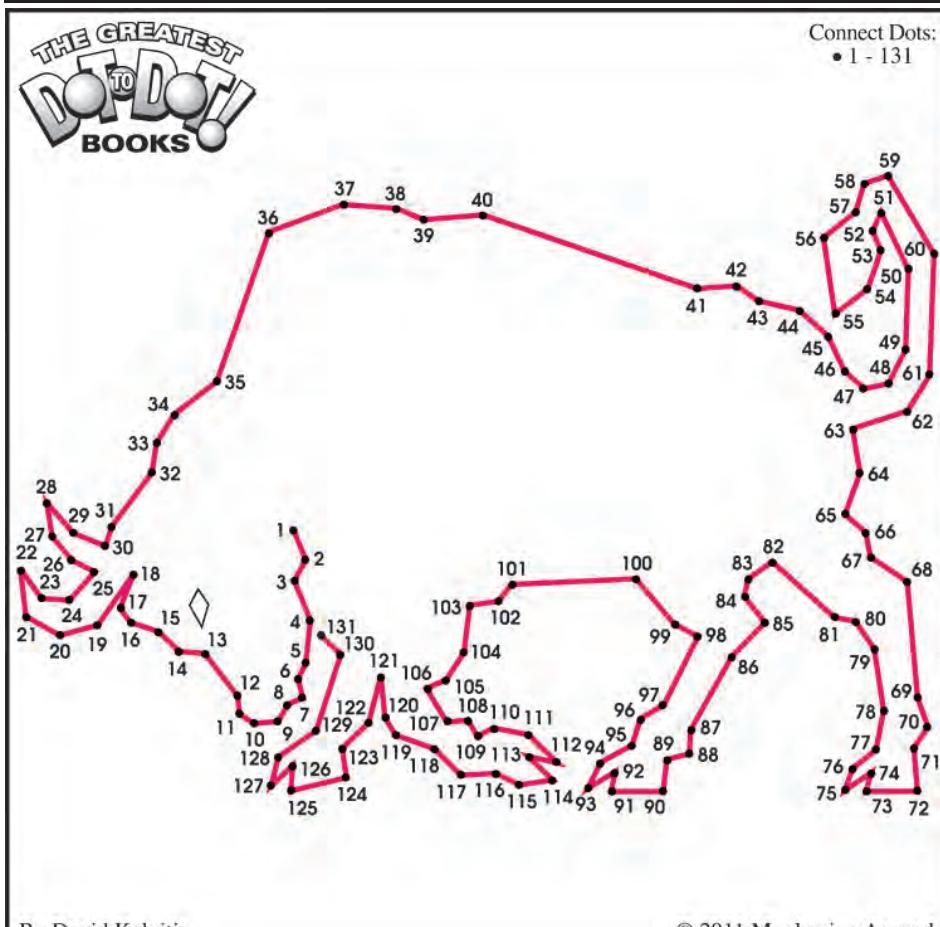
1991, Mickey became a life member having served 25 years of active service. Mickey was also a Little League coach, Santa Claus at Village Christmas celebrations, an active member of St. Joseph's Church and a long-time volunteer at MidHudson Regional Hospital, formerly St. Francis Hospital. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, a beleaguered Mets Fan. He was proud to have been the Justice of the Peace in Millbrook for many years. Along with his regular court duties, it was his privilege to have officiated more than 700 weddings. With his family around him, Mickey said he "came into this world with nothing and wanted to make it a better place." He did, and for that his family, friends, and the entire community that is Millbrook will forever be grateful that they knew, loved, and were loved by Mickey Prisco. Mickey is survived by his wife of 60 years, Fussy. Also, son George and his wife Kathy, and daughter Amy and her husband Ken. He loved and doted over his grandchildren Bianca and Lydia Ring and Katie and CJ Eckelmann, and Kristie and Kevin Poncelet. He also loved his great grandson, Ivan Eckelmann. He is survived by a brother, Michael Prisco and his wife Nancy of Colorado. Among those who predeceased Mickey was his daughter-in-law Lisa Prisco. Visitation was at Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook on Sunday, May 21. A Mass of Christian burial was offered on Monday, May 22 from St. Joseph's Church, 15 North Avenue. Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Millbrook with military honors. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Mickey's name to the Millbrook Fire Department and/or The Cardinal Hayes Home for Children. For condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com

Eric J. Walag

BEEKMAN - Eric John Walag, age 60, passed away on May 19, 2023, in Beekman, New York. He was born in Yonkers on April 16, 1963, to Albert and Ellen Walag and grew up in Putnam Lake. Eric was the devoted

husband of his wife, Paige Walag and proud father of Alaina Callinan (Chris) and Carly Ash (Jeff). His grandson, Aiden Callinan, brought him endless joy, Eric loved being his Poppy. Eric cared deeply for Paige's children, Danielle, Joseph, John and Michael, and grandson, Jeremiah. Eric is survived by his parents, his sisters, Doreen Merritt (Roger) and Kathy Santini (John), the mother of his daughters, Lisa (Farris) Walag and many nieces and nephews whom he loved very much. Eric was a graduate of Brewster High School, an Eagle Scout and later attended Fulton Montgomery Community College. He owned a successful residential and commercial construction business for nearly 40 years specializing in siding, roofing, additions, and new construction. Eric was a skilled craftsman and took pride in his work and his friendships with those he worked with, especially Michael Verbasco. Eric worshipped at Full Gospel Center, where he found great comfort and community and was able to express his love for Jesus. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, hiking, and most recently, gardening and using his smoker to cook for his family. He loved spending time at his cabin in the Catskills and putting on firework displays for his friends and family every 4th of July. He was just starting his dream life with Paige and was very happy right before his untimely passing. Eric's presence was almost as big as his heart, he made friends with everyone he met and will be missed by all who knew him. There are many stories and memories of Eric that speak to his character and kindness, may he rest in peace. Visitation was held at McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 State Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 on Thursday, May 25, 2023. A Celebration of Eric's life took place on Friday, May 26, 2023, at Full Gospel Center, 1138 State Route 55, Lagrangeville, NY 12540. Interment followed at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Angels of Light, Inc., PO Box 345, Millbrook, NY 12545.

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



By David Kalvitis

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Answers to this week's diversions

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Suguru solution

1	5	3	4	3	2
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4	5	3	4	3	4
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This week's answer

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Judge issues order for NYC to stop relocating migrants to Dutchess County

by Kristine Coulter

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil, Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne and Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra held a press conference regarding the relocation of asylum seekers by New York City and the impact in Dutchess and Putnam counties. The briefing was held at Fishkill Town Hall on May 23. The same day, Dutchess County Supreme Court Judge Maria Rosa granted the request from Dutchess County for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO). According to the County Executive's Office, the TRO bars the New York City Mayor's Office and Department of Homeless Services from transporting any additional homeless adults or minor individuals in temporary shelter(s) in New York City to Dutchess County. The order went into effective immediately.

"This is a crisis. It's not one of Dutchess County's making. This was started at the border and the current administration's open border policy," said O'Neil. He said that New York City "has exacerbated" the situation and New York State "has made things even worse because of uncertainty."

"We believe this is truly government malfeasance," he said.

O'Neil previously issued a State of Emergency earlier this month.

"Asylum seekers located here has been done so without absolutely no collaboration with Dutchess County," O'Neil

remarked.

As of May 23, the County Executive's Office said, "There are 86 males currently being housed at the Red Roof Inn in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Sixty-six arrived on Sunday (May 21), including 40 who had been in Sullivan County, and an additional 20 individuals were transported there Monday (May 22) by New York City. There are no individuals being housed by New York City at the Holiday Inn in Poughkeepsie, though the two hotels are under the same ownership."

Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Jay Baisley was in attendance during the press conference. Also in attendance were East Fishkill Supervisor Nicholas D'Alessandro, Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston, Albra and members of the Fishkill Town Board.

Albra said he had been engaging with residents for public opinions, noting it is a complicated issue.

"Our compassion is limitless. Our capacity is not," stated Albra, reading a statement. The supervisor said he served in the U.S. Army and what is needed is "leadership from the top down."

O'Neil said, "The people here are New York City's responsibility." He added, "New York City needs to work together with Dutchess County."

Reports state that the owners of hotels in Orange, Rockland and Dutchess counties filed a case late last week in federal court in White Plains, Westchester County. The hotels are some of the ones which have contracts with New York City



Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil makes remarks during a press conference regarding the relocation of asylum seekers by New York City outside of Fishkill Town Hall on May 23. Photo by Kristine Coulter

to house asylum seekers.

According to the County Executive's Office, "Dutchess County maintains the right to make statutory safety inspections at the Red Roof Inn and the Holiday Inn in Poughkeepsie. The City of New York has been ordered to continue to provide, and incur all reasonable expenses for service provided to any individuals who were transported to Dutchess County prior to today's (May 23) order. New York City is required to pay for all reasonable expenses relating to each person's stay."

O'Neil stated that county officials "need to understand each individual's circumstances so we can help them."

"All of these individuals are legal asylum seekers. According to the New York State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, they have been vetted, fingerprinted and identified by the Federal Government, including background checks. This information has not yet been provided to Dutchess County, but today's (May 23) TRO requires New York City to provide identification information to the County," according to the statement from the County Executive's Office after the TRO was granted. "The Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office have enhanced patrols in the area of the Red Roof Inn to ensure the safety of all within the community. Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health continues to conduct inspections at the hotel for sanitary code enforcement."

Fabien Levy, a spokesperson for New York Mayor Eric Adams, stated via email on May 24, "New York City has cared for 70,000 asylum seekers — sheltering, feeding, and caring for them, and we have done so largely without incident. We need the federal government to step up, but until they do, we need other elected officials around the state and country to do their part. New York City is out of space and we're only asking Dutchess

County to manage approximately 1/4 of 1% of the asylum seekers who have come to New York City, with New York paying for shelter, food, and services."

O'Neil noted that all these individuals are the responsibility of New York City. He continued that responsibility includes "covering all-related costs including lodging, meals and wrap-around services such as security."

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne said, "Putnam County has been fortunate. It's been afforded the opportunity to watch and learn." He said, "This is clearly an issue that has affected us regionally."

Asked after the remarks by a reporter about Gov. Kathy Hochul saying there are jobs available, O'Neil replied, "If there are that many jobs available, don't you think that would have been a good thing to do in pre-planning?"

On May 19, Beacon Climate Action Now (BCAN), Community Voices Heard, For the Many, Mutual Aid Beacon, Mothers Out Front Dutchess County, Beacon City Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair, and the Dutchess County Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith released a statement that said they joined together to declare support for all those who are seeking safety in the local community.

O'Neil was also asked about speaking with Mayor Adams. O'Neil responded that he was on a conference call with Adams but has never directly spoken with him personally one-on-one about the situation.

Levy remarked, "Despite this county (Dutchess) refusing to meet their moral mandate, many elected officials, community groups, and faith institutions have been overwhelmingly supportive and enthusiastic about welcoming these new New Yorkers to their cities and towns. We will be appealing this ruling."

There was no response from the Governor's Office for a comment on the transporting of the migrants or the TRO.

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Barrett urges intra-governmental cooperation to address migrant issue

Assemblymember Didi Barrett (D-106th) issued a statement calling for federal guidance and support for the counties.

"We are a nation and state founded by immigrants, and the perseverance of so many who came here seeking a better life has made this country stronger. Failure to address our immigration system at the federal level has led to the difficult situation we face now – difficult for our state, for local leaders and residents and for asylum seekers."

"Asylum seekers are not our enemies, and they should never be used as political pawns. As people are being relocated to communities across upstate New York, the federal government must step up and provide our state, cities and towns the guidance, information and resources to do right by our residents and visitors."

"We cannot and should not shut the door on those in search of the American dream, but we cannot do this alone. It's time for federal, state, and local leaders to show that government can work together and create a reasonable plan to navigate this challenging situation."