

Finances tight? Area 'daycations' fit the bill

by Jim Donick

With the current economic situation, many families are looking for places to go and less expensive things to do nearby, but still more memorable than staying home and turning the kids loose with the lawn sprinkler for the day. Fortunately, the Hudson Valley offers nearly limitless opportunity for outings and adventures.

New York City offers many opportunities. With a little thought one can enjoy a day there without breaking the bank or fighting traffic and road repair congestion.

There are many museums and other attractions for less and some for no charge at all.

Metro North also works. Parking at the Poughkeepsie or other stations can be had for less than \$3 per day. The train offers a family fare, allowing up to four children (ages 5-11) to travel with each fare paying adult for \$1 each way.

Intrepid Air & Space Museum

The Intrepid Air & Space Museum at Pier 86 on the Hudson River (12th Ave. at 46th Street) offers a day of adventure and a history lesson within a comfortable walk of Grand Central Terminal. Intrepid, an Essex Class Aircraft Carrier, served from World War II to the Vietnam era and also took part in the recovery of several of the early NASA manned orbital missions.

Exhibits on board cover the entire service of the ship and the men and women who went to sea in her. There are examples of actual aircraft on the flight deck, as well as the hangar deck. Opportunities for young people to experience sitting in the cockpit of a helicopter or to climb into a replica of a Gemini Space capsule are just a few of the family friendly attractions. There is also an area called the "Exploreum," which is an interactive hall full of child focused experiences.

Beyond the ship, the Museum houses

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Clockwise, from top left: The remains of Bannerman's Castle on Pollipel Island are currently stabilized and awaiting further repair. Carrying passengers as it did in the 1930s, the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome's 1929 New Standard D-25 Biplane continues introducing people to the adventure of open cockpit flying. Moored in the Hudson River, the USS Intrepid now serves as a floating museum with enough exhibits and experiences to fill an entire day for visiting families. The Rondout Lighthouse in Kingston tells the story of the US Lighthouse Service and the families that lived here and tended the light. The New York skyline, lit up in the evening, offers a sense of romance to visitors viewing it from the water on a Circle Line cruise. *Photos by Jim Donick*

Hyde Park Library to unveil 'digital playground' at ribbon-cutting

by Kate Goldsmith

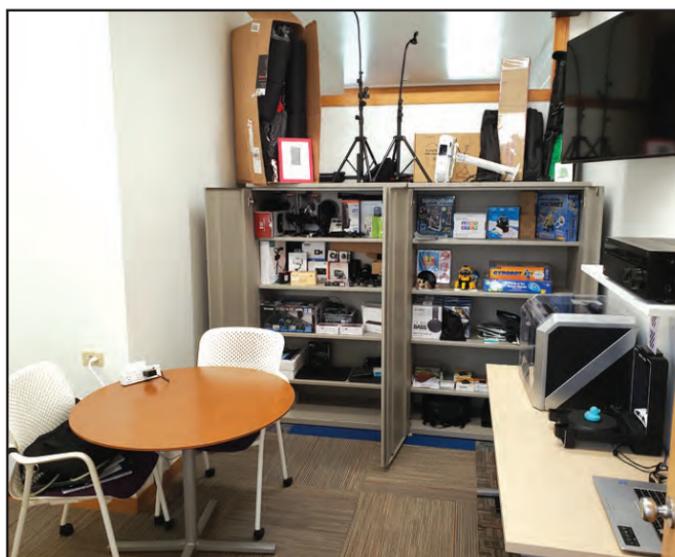
HYDE PARK—There's a lot to celebrate at the Hyde Park Library, including renovated spaces and a brand "Collaboratory" filled with equipment to produce all manner of media projects. This Friday, Aug. 5, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially unveil the library's improvements to the public.

Library Director Jesse Chance said he has invited local politicians, representatives from various community organizations, and officials from Franklin D. Roosevelt High School.

"I will be available for tours and will say a few words to introduce speakers," Chance said.

Generally speaking, a collaboratory is a space where

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Hyde Park Library's new Collaboratory features equipment to produce media projects such as podcasts, films, TikTok videos and more. On Friday, Aug. 5, the library will unveil the Collaboratory to the public during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. *Photo by Jesse Chance*

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a group of people work together in the creative process. These are also known as Maker's Spaces, although Chance notes the Hyde Park Library's Collaboratory has a specific theme.

"What we are doing is for media production, differentiating it from [other creative arts]," he said. "It has within it anything you can imagine to help create content: video recording equipment, still camera equipment, microphones, laptops with high-end software for editing video and sound recordings, a computer that is attached to a dedicated printer for graphic design. We've got microphone stands, we've got a portable green screen, we have a projector and a portable screen. If anyone produces a film we'll be able to screen it. We have a 3D printer and 3D scanner. We have a bunch of robots to learn STEM and coding."

Chance sums it up: "It is a digital playground."

The library's Collaboratory was made possible through a Learn Play Create grant from Dutchess County. The grant, just under \$50,000, was awarded last summer.

"When I first became aware of the Learn, Play, Create grant opportunity I immediately thought of installing a Maker's Space," said Chance. "However, I wanted to provide young people access to equipment that will help them create stuff that they are actually interested in, and what's more interesting than digital content to the average American teen today? Not much. Rather than attempt to compete in that arena, Hyde Park Library is here to help instead."

To get advice on what equipment to buy for the Collaboratory, Chance spoke with librarians from the Hyde Park Central School District and the tech advisor for Roosevelt [High School], and consulted with a sound engineer Carl Welden.

"He [Welden] does a lot of the sound work around the Hudson Valley, films and public events, podcast recording," Chance said.

At first, Chance said, access to the

Collaboratory will be by appointment only, "because we have to learn how to do some of this stuff." He plans to have a professional come in and teach him and his staff how to use the equipment.

"We do intend to develop classes around the equipment, but it's going to take time," he said. "A TikTok class is one of the thoughts we had."

Chance hopes that patrons of all ages will take advantage of the equipment and learn how to produce podcasts, TikTok videos, student films, music recordings and more.

"I am passionate about giving this community ready access to technology and equipment that might otherwise be unavailable," he said. "It will be a mind-expanding experience for all concerned."

While the Collaboratory will be the focal point of the Aug. 5 ceremony, there will be other noteworthy improvements for Chance to highlight.

"We've had a major renovation of our back room," Chance said. "Before we started, we had very tall shelves and only doors, no windows. It wasn't a very inviting space."

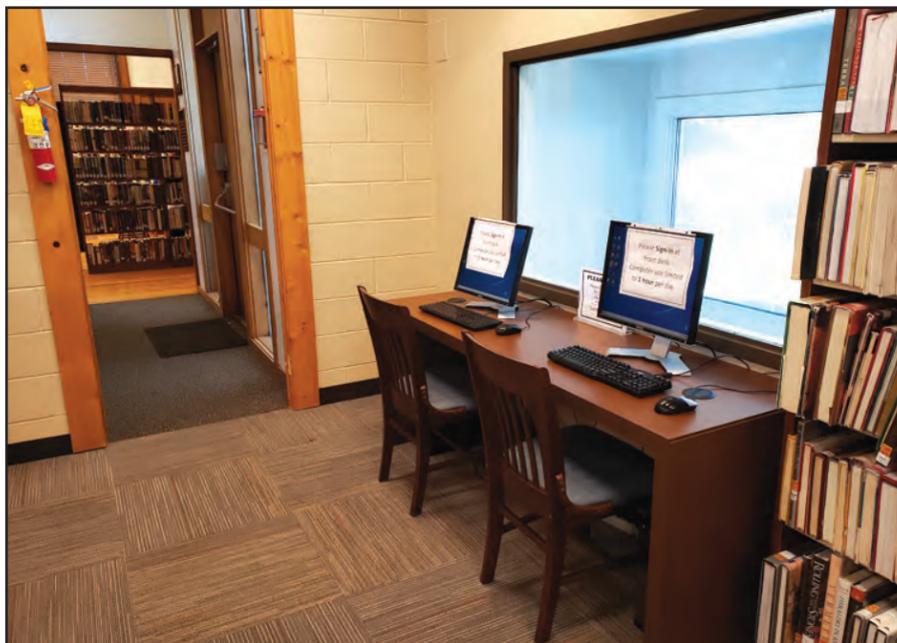
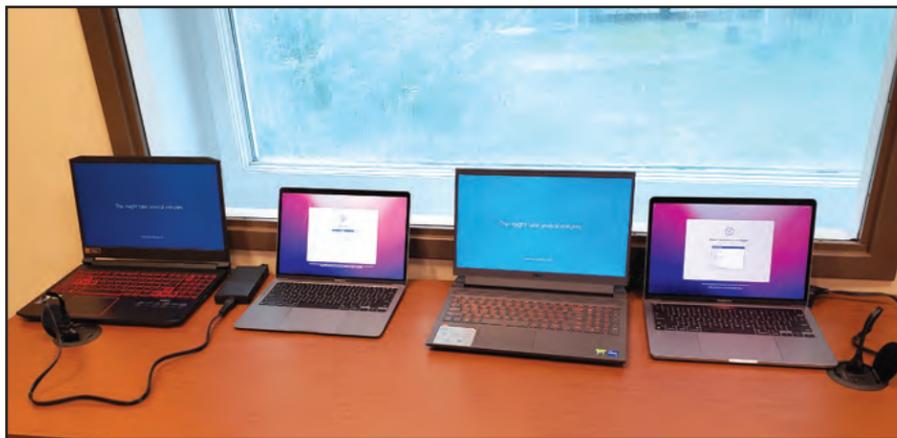
Some of the taller shelving has been moved and windows have been installed, with computer work stations set up near the windows. Shorter shelving creates a more open floor plan; and the shelving in the middle of the floor is mobile, allowing staff to convert the room for an event. There's also new lighting, new ceiling tiles and new carpeting.

The changes have caused some of the library's collection to move downstairs, but Chance said, "it's given us room to grow because of that."

Other changes occurring since Chance's arrival at the library last year include replacing the "very clunky" phone system with a modern one and improving the WiFi and bandwidth "exponentially."

The Hyde Park Library is at 2 Main St., Hyde Park. Call (845) 229-7791 or visit <http://hydeparkfreelibrary.org/> for more information.

The Hyde Park Library will unveil its new "digital playground" and a number of other improvements at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Aug. 5. Right, from top: The photos show some equipment for producing a variety of media projects, including high-end laptops with sound and video editing software, 3-D printer and scanner, and more. Mobile stacks that patrons can see over and new computer desks near windows create a brighter, more inviting atmosphere. Early Literacy and After-School Help AWE computers offer children a safe, standalone computer not connected to the Internet that is age-appropriate, engaging, and academically relevant for children. *Photos by Jesse Chance*



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a retired Space Shuttle with exhibitions of NASA history. A British Airways Concorde, the fastest commercial passenger aircraft ever flown, can be viewed. Moored next to Intrepid and included in the admission is the US submarine Growler, an early missile carrying sub. Growler has its own exhibit space and the sub is open for a walk through to observe the conditions and experiences that our undersea sailors lived with while on patrol.

Information on scheduling visits and costs can be found at the website, intrepidmuseum.org. A family of four can have the day there for just over \$100. One might also visit the Intrepid for no charge, compliments of many public libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System. Libraries (LaGrange, Pleasant Valley and Wappingers are some examples) often have member passes that can be borrowed, just like borrowing a book. The pass, along with a library card, admits two adults and two children to the museum. Check the libraries. If you don't already have a library card, get one. They're free, too.

Circle Line Cruises

Just one pier south of the Intrepid is the home of the Circle Line tours. It's been said that every great city in the world is best seen from the water. New York is no exception. The Circle Line has been a New York City institution nearly forever. This writer first experienced it in 1964 when visiting the World's Fair. The memory still brings a smile nearly 60 years later.

The tour hasn't changed much, but now they also tell the story of the "Miracle on the Hudson," when Captain Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger landed US Air Flight 1549 on the Hudson just off of the Intrepid's stern and the Circle Line Pier. Circle line boats were among the first to the scene and rescued many of the passengers. Multiple tours are offered including the traditional circle of Manhattan and an evening "harbor lights cruise," highlighting the skyline and the Statue of Liberty as the sun goes down. It was magical in 1964 and is just as magical today.

Hudson River Maritime Museum, Rondout Lighthouse

The Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston and its tour to the Rondout Lighthouse is an adventure close to home. The Hudson has always been the highway up and down the valley. Native Americans used it long before Captain Henry Hudson sailed the Half Moon into history. With Hudson's exploration and the arrival of Europeans, the traffic on the river began to explode. Just like highways on land, the highway of the river needed some traffic regulation and navigation assistance. Hence the construction of lighthouses.

These structures have guided sailors since before the legendary lighthouse at Alexandria, though none of the 14 built on the Hudson rivaled that icon as one of the seven wonders of the world. The Maritime Museum offers regular tours to the Rondout Lighthouse at the entrance to Kingston Harbor. One approaches it from the water on board the Museum's own eco-friendly launch, the Solaris.

Solaris, the first totally solar-powered boat certified by the US Coast Guard to carry passengers, takes tours to the Rondout Lighthouse several times most days. The sun is its only source of power. It runs, even on cloudy days or at night, storing enough energy to go for 10 hours without access to sunlight.

The lighthouse, though still in service with a solar-powered automated light, is now the property of the City of Kingston. Tours through the building tell the story of the lighthouse keepers and their families. One of the families, the Howards, had little girls who were either taken by boat to Kingston for school each morning or walked across the ice in the winter. Some of their recollections are part of the tour.

The ticket for the tour to the lighthouse also includes access to the museum. The Hudson River Maritime Museum tells the story of the life on the river. There are exhibits of some of the paddle-wheeled ships from the romantic time of stern-wheelers plying the river from New York to Albany. Also on view is a collection of ice-boats and smaller sailing and rowing vessels, as well as models and other artifacts of the history of life along the Hudson's shores or on its waters.

Bannerman's Island

Bannerman's Island represents a chance to visit the ruins of a genuine imitation Scottish Highland castle for the price of a boat ride from the Beacon waterfront. This adventure will appeal to young and old alike, offering the romance of the site and the history of an island that has seen human activity from the earliest indigenous peoples, through the arrival and settling of the Europeans. When it was purchased by Francis Bannerman, a Scottish American entrepreneur, it was transformed into a medieval vision.

Bannerman invented the idea of the Army Navy Store when he went into business acquiring cast-off and surplus military materials from around the world. He then resold the stuff at cut-rate prices. It is estimated that 50 percent of the memorial cannons in front of buildings throughout the USA came through Bannerman's organization.

Bannerman, looking for a place to store his goods, found Pollipel Island (the island's actual name) here on the river and designed his premises to look like anything but a warehouse facility. His original storage places in New York City were causing concern within the city government. What if they blew up?

Bannerman died shortly after WW I, but the business continued. The black powder he stored there did finally blow up. The explosion blew out half of the windows for miles in either direction on the river. The castle wasn't destroyed by the explosion. The ruins are the result of years of neglect and a couple of fires.

Today the island is part of the Hudson Highlands State Park and is taken care of by the Bannerman's Island Trust. Their boat brings people to the island from the Beacon waterfront for roughly two-hour visits led by knowledgeable guides. They share the history of the island and of the Bannerman family, showing off the ruins, as well as allowing a visit to the Bannerman residence on the island. Cost is \$40 per adult and \$35 for children. More information can be had at their website, bannermancastle.org.

Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome

The Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, located between Red Hook and Rhinebeck, attracts visitors from all over the world. It offers a return to the early days of manned flight served up with the same enthusiasm and sense of wonder that marked the dawn of aviation.

Run mostly by enthusiastic volunteers, the Aerodrome offers weekend airshows, museums, and biplane rides. The biplane rides re-create the experience that the early barnstormers brought to rural America. For a few dollars, they took people up for what was often their first ever experience of flight. Rhinebeck offers a similar experience in their 1929 New Standard D-25 open cockpit biplane. It was designed and constructed specifically for barnstormers of that era to take passengers. Maintained to modern aircraft regulations, she is busy throughout the summer, carrying up to four passengers per flight for \$100 per person. It promises an experience that a child or grandchild (or a parent or grandparent) will remember forever. The Aerodrome's museums house dozens of early aircraft, memorabilia, art work, and models.

The airshows take place on Saturdays and Sundays, weather permitting. They are one of the very few opportunities anywhere to see these aircraft in their natural environment: the sky. On Saturdays, the



From top, the flightline for a Sunday airshow at Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome displays some of the aircraft that will be flying in the show. Kingston's Hudson River Maritime Museum offers a collection of models and artifacts telling the story of life on and along the Hudson River. High above the field and looking like a barnstormer of old, Pilot Rob Williams is taking passengers over the Hudson in the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome's 1929 New Standard Biplane. Lady Liberty lifts her torch at dusk and provides a memorable image for passengers on the Circle Line's evening cruises. Photos by Jim Donick

airshow highlights the aircraft of the Golden Age of Flight, from the dawn of flight through the years prior to the Second World War.

Sundays showcase the aircraft of World War I. This show has a story line that is delightful in its unsophisticated drama. The evil Black Baron of Rhinebeck is trying to steal (literally) Trudi Truelove, the girlfriend of his flying nemesis, Sir Percy Goodfellow. There are bombings, dogfights, and chases in antique vehicles on the ground. It's an afternoon of simply good fun.

At both shows, the audience feels genuinely welcome. The pilots and entire group of volunteers love to chat with people on the flight line or in the museum buildings or even in the line for food.

The airshows have discounts for seniors, for young people, and for active military. Check the libraries for museum passes.

The Hudson Valley is packed with possible family outings and adventures. Local libraries often offer passes for discounted or free admission.

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Risk to Democracy, Law and Order, women

To the editor:

I see life as a mixture of good and evil after spending 92-plus years on this earth. Like the Chinese philosophy "Yin and Yang," the January 6 Congressional Hearings have shown how fragile our Democracy is and how (former President Donald) Trump manipulated our democratic system together with his loyal worshippers.

Those followers who carried out threats against the life and safety of those who testify against Trump are the resurrection of Hitler's SS troops. Trump - the would-be dictator - will never change.

There are Republicans who I admire that still believe in a democratic government like Liz Cheney, Adam Kinzinger, Rusty Bowers, Brad Raffensperger and about 10 others. Those who trust and follow Trump are like a pond where the scum rose to the top over the clean water. The Trump insult "RINO - Republican in name only" should apply to "trumpites" rather than those who defend our constitution. America faces a threat to its democracy from them.

I see the gun problem and mass murders continuing without solution because the NRA (National Rifle Association) effectively works as a fourth branch of the government and "owns" a majority of voting politicians. The GOP wants to blame it to mental illness, so nothing is done to take guns out of the equation. It is very doubtful that "Red Flag" laws will be effective when you look at how many murderers have advertised their intent over internet, Facebook, etc. Then you have police when notified say they can't take action; together with people with knowledge who do not speak because of fear for their own safety. America faces a threat to its law and order.

The Supreme Court decision striking down Roe vs. Wade is sanctimonious on the part of Justices Thomas, Roberts, Alito, Gorsuch, Kavanaugh and Barrett. Thomas goes further by listing other "rights" to be denied. Our creator established an animal world, that humans are part of, wherein the female decides or should decide, when to get pregnant.

My daughters and granddaughters should have that right and have access to any contraceptive materials. There should be exceptions for rape, incest, the health of the mother or unborn, and the time limit greater than "moment of intercourse."

America faces a threat to the separation of Church and State from this court.

David F. Queen
Red Hook

Climate changing or government changing?

To the editor:

How do you feel about that \$5/gal for gas? How about the Central Hudson rates? Are you ready for gas prices to jump up again because the price reductions currently being seen are "fueled" in part by gimmicks like tapping strategic oil reserves (a bad idea), state tax reductions and federal tax reductions, and the specter of the November elections.

These moves are without merit because they are based on flawed logic. Is there climate change (aka global warming)? Possibly/probably. How many remember the "coming ice age" of the late 60s/early 70s? Not long ago, a pundit quipped that the government's solution to the then-expected ice age and today's assumed climate change is the same; give us your money and your freedom and we'll fix it. Things that make you go, hmmm.

Is there catastrophic climate change that will destroy all of us? No, yet the viewpoint is pushed upon us from every media perspective imaginable. This is the groundwork that has been laid to justify taking fossil fuel plants offline or even taking nuclear plants offline.

Such policy decisions are folly and each related policy or news story (read Green New Deal) should be influenced by data rather than influencers. Some alternate resources for consideration include: A Plain Answer interview with Robert Bryce 6/24/22; The Cornwall Alliance; Power Hungry by Robert Bryce; Live Not by Lies by Rod Dreher; Juice documentary by Robert Bryce; A Plain Answer interview with Marc Marano 2/26/22.

There is much more to be said on this subject (many books have been written) and perhaps more thoughts can be provided

in the future. Despite the full-court press by the "Bidama Administration," renewables' promotion belies their weakness, as evidenced in past rolling blackouts in California, frozen windmills in Texas, and Germany's current critical situation due to the Russia-Ukraine war.

Current policies, including the Green New Deal, promote magic more than fact and the politicians/candidates who support the policies should not be permitted to be in office.

Rex S. Bridges
Rhinebeck

Molinaro calls on Hochul to cease appeal of court ruling

Editor's note: The following is a letter written by Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro to Gov. Kathy Hochul regarding the state's decision to appeal a State Supreme Court ruling that regulation 10 NYCRR 2.13, which establishes isolation and quarantine procedures for those who are suspected of having a communicable disease, violates the separation of powers.

Governor Hochul,

I am voicing my staunch opposition to the blatant overreach of New York State executive power as well as the infringement of individual constitutional rights exhibited by the now invalidated promulgation of regulation 10 NYCRR 2.13 (R 2.13) "Isolation and Quarantine Procedures" in New York State.

The recent expansion of this long-standing regulation is not about the protection of public health but about the New York State executive branch overstepping its powers and crossing into legislating.

Pursuant to this discredited regulation, the New York State executive branch may force whoever it chooses to a location of its choice, indefinitely, without any proof of a threat to public health.

Regulation 10 NYCRR 2.13 erroneously operates as a statute rather than a regulation and, as such, violates the Constitutional separation of powers doctrine.

I applaud the action taken by the Supreme Court of Cattaraugus County, (Borrello v. Hochul) that held that R 2.13 is violative of New York State law and therefore null, void and unenforceable as a matter of law on the basis that an executive branch agency may not legislate.

Borello relied upon Boreali v. Axelrod, 71 NY2d 1,10 (1987), the seminal case which established a four-pronged test to determine whether an agency left its administrative rule-making domain and impermissibly crossed into legislative policy-making.

In addressing Factor 1, which deals with the balance of protecting of individual rights against the need for public safety, the Borello court found that the regulation disregarded any balance. In analyzing Factor 2, the court further added that the expanded regulation actually contradicts the procedures set forth in Public Health Law 2120. Factor 3 was determined to be neutral, on the need for the matter to be a policy consideration for an elected body to resolve, because the legislature was unsuccessful in reaching agreement. As to Factor 4, the court found that the State offered no scientific data or expert testimony as to why this regulation was a necessary response to COVID-19.

Ultimately, this decision affirms that when considered on the whole, the factors established that, "R 2.13 is invalid in light of the pre-existing provisions adopted by the Legislature in Public Health Law" 2120.

It is unfathomable that the State would seek to initiate involuntary detention without affording the individual a hearing and representation by counsel. However, R 2.13 did not allow such protection.

Further, unfettered discretion to issue a quarantine or isolation order for anyone, even if there is no evidence that person is infected or a carrier, is certainly not aligned with our free and fair society. The court was scathingly clear in describing it as giving merely "lip service" to Constitutional due process rights.

This letter is being forwarded to leaders throughout New York State, to garner support.

I respectfully request you cease efforts to appeal the Supreme Court ruling rendering this regulation invalid, for all the reasons stated.

Marcus J. Molinaro
Dutchess County Executive

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UNITED WAY SEEKS SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL STUDENTS IN NEED

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is hosting its annual Back-to-School drive through Aug. 19, to ensure that students living in local homeless shelters have backpacks and supplies for the upcoming school year.

Ways to get involved (more info at uwdor.org/backtoschool):

- Make a monetary donation and United Way will purchase needed supplies on your behalf.
- Create your own fundraising page as an individual or organization, set a personal goal and share with friends, family and colleagues.
- Set up a collection box at your location of choice.

To ensure supplies are available for distribution before the start of the school year, all monetary and physical donations are requested by Aug. 19. Physical donations can be dropped off at United Way's office (75 Market St., Poughkeepsie) or the Orange County Chamber of Commerce office (924 Homestead Avenue, Maybrook). For a list of suggested items to purchase, visit uwdor.org/backtoschool.

Grace Church golf tourney, dinner to honor Innisfree Garden and John Byron

Millbrook--On Monday, Aug. 15, Grace Episcopal Church will host a golf and dinner benefit, honoring Innisfree Garden of Millbrook and John Byron for their contributions to the greater community and the church.

The Grace Golf & Dinner Benefit raises funds to provide financial support for vital charitable programs including the Millbrook Community Preschool, Grace Immigrant Outreach, the Food of Life Program, Church Alliance Senior Housing Program, and EPIC (Engaging People in Change), a regional high school leadership program, and Grace Year Fellowship program.

The event, which takes place at the Quaker Hill Country Club in Pawling, includes 18 holes of golf offered with a tee-off time of 12:30 p.m. Golf includes lunch, on-course refreshments, golf cart, and prizes. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail hour followed by a presentation by Kate Kerin of Innisfree Garden and ending the evening with a silent auction.

Silent auction items include a vacation package at the Julietta House in Gloucester, MA; gift certificates to area restaurants such as Troutbeck and the Millbrook Cafe; tickets to sporting events at Marist College, West Point Army Football, and the Hudson Valley Renegades; spa packages from Marion's Salon and Tyte Medispa; gifts from Elizabeth Boutique and J.McLaughlin; tickets to Paramount and Sharon Playhouse, Millbrook Vineyards and Winery and much more.

The cost is \$125 for dinner, \$145 for golf and lunch, and \$195 for golf, lunch

and dinner. There will also be a fun game of croquet. The Quaker Hill Country Club is a private golf club, rich in beauty and history, located at 1013 Old Quaker Hill Road in Pawling. Registration is now open for sponsorships, golf, and dinner.

This year's Pillar of Grace honoree is John Byron, a man who for decades has made his presence known at Grace Church leading, supporting, and pitching in, sustaining, and always being faithful. John recently celebrated in 95th birthday. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served in WWII and the Korean War. He was a Sergeant in the NYC Police Department where he served over 30 years. John is a real-life hero.

This year's Community Builder award goes to Landscape Curator Kate Kerin and Innisfree Garden, located in Millbrook. Innisfree encompasses 185-acres of designed and natural landscapes around the serene Tyrrel Lake. This landmark is listed on the National Register of Historic Places with exceptional significance. The garden's remarkable choreography invites exploration, contemplation, and renewal. Innisfree has been the host of "Blessing of Sacred Places" ecumenical service for the past several years. This event invites people of all faiths to gather and pray throughout the garden.

Sponsorships are available: Corporate Golf \$2,500, Business Silver \$1000, Lunch \$500, Hole in One \$500, Eagle \$400, Birdie \$300, Honoree \$250, Golf Ball \$200, and Grace Outreach \$150.

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Dutchess launches regional 9-8-8 hub

Easy-to-remember, three-digit connection to National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Saturday, July 16, marked the national launch of 9-8-8, an easy-to access mental health hotline that connects people experiencing a mental health crisis to National Suicide Prevention Lifeline call centers, including the call center in Dutchess County, where they can talk or text with trained mental health professionals who can help them.

While the 9-8-8 hotline is a new service in many areas of the state and the nation, Dutchess County has provided a professional mental health crisis line, its HELPLINE, for decades. Due to that experience, Dutchess County's HELPLINE serves as one of the current 13 regional call centers throughout New York State and cover calls for Dutchess County and surrounding areas, including Ulster and Sullivan counties. The 24/7 HELPLINE is now accessible by dialing 9-8-8.

The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 established 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline. The simple three-digit number is more easily remembered and more likely to be utilized in a crisis, as individuals are more likely to struggle with information recall during times of emotional distress. 9-8-8 directly connects callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL), routing them to a regional call center based on the caller's area code. Locally, 9-8-8 connects to Dutchess County's HELPLINE team, which serves as the regional NSPL

call center.

Calls and texts are answered locally by crisis counselors who are well trained and experienced in responding to a wide range of mental health, substance use and suicidal crises. They can connect people to local services, including dispatching Dutchess County's Mobile Crisis Intervention team, or direct people to the County's 24/7 Stabilization Center and other treatment options.

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) and the Department of Emergency Response have worked closely with the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) over the last 18 months in preparation for the transition to 9-8-8. The HELPLINE team has become accredited by the American Association for Suicidology, and New York State is providing funding to ensure the successful launch, including funding for additional four crisis counselor positions in anticipation of changes and larger call volume will come with 9-8-8. These new positions were recently approved by the Dutchess County Legislature at its July board meeting. Additionally, the County has been working closely with representatives from Ulster and Sullivan counties to understand each county's respective resources and services to best refer those residents to local resources for the help they need.

Residents can now dial 9-8-8 to be connected to HELPLINE or continue to use current contact methods including calling or texting (845) 485-9700 or going through Dutchess County HELPLINE App.

For more information on mental health services in Dutchess County visit dutchessny.gov/Departments/DBCH/Mental-Health-Services.



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	Brooklyn NYM	18	12	.600	-	8-2	W3
	Hudson Valley NYX	16	13	.552	1.5	4-6	L3
	Aberdeen BAL	15	14	.517	2.5	4-6	W1
	Greensboro PIT	15	14	.517	2.5	6-4	L1
	Wilmington WSH	15	15	.500	3.0	5-5	W1
	Jersey Shore PHI	10	20	.333	8.0	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH		W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
	Rome ATL	19	11	.633	-	4-6	L1
	Bowling Green TB	18	11	.621	0.5	8-2	L1
	Hickory TEX	14	16	.467	5.0	6-4	W1
	Asheville HOU	13	15	.464	5.0	5-5	L1
	Winston-Salem CWS	13	17	.433	6.0	3-7	W1
	Greenville BOS	10	18	.357	8.0	3-7	W1

Renegades' Hardman may be next player set for promotion

by Rich Thomaselli

From Hudson Valley Renegades team president Steve Gliner, to player development officials with the parent club New York Yankees, to the players themselves, everybody will say the same thing about the Wappingers Falls-based minor league baseball team.

Hudson Valley is a great place to play. Dutchess Stadium is a great facility. The club has great fan support.

And for players like infielder Tyler Hardman, they hope they aren't here too long.

Such is life in minor league baseball as players look to climb the ladder of success to reach their ultimate goal of playing in the Major Leagues. Hudson Valley might be a High Class A affiliate of the Yankees, meaning the team sees more prospects than it did in its previous existence as a short-season, Low Class A farm team of the Tampa Rays.

It's a layover on a flight to the big leagues. And Hardman might be the next to go.

Hardman has certainly lived up to his billing — and his last name. The slugger, whose natural position is first base, but who has also played

some third base, leads Hudson Valley with 13 home runs and 48 runs batted in. He is third on the team in hits with 69 and is batting .238.

Hardman comes to the Yankees and to Wappingers by virtue of being a fifth-round selection, No. 153 overall, by the Yankees in the 2021 Amateur Draft out of the University of Oklahoma.

His power numbers are strikingly similar to what he provided the Sooners with last year when he hit 12 dingers and knocked in 49 runs although, like many players making the adjustment from college to pro ball and aluminum bat to wood bat, Hardman's current average is down from the robust .397 he batted for OU in 2021.

But the Yankees love the way he handles the bat and love his eye and patience at the plate. At one point during a short stretch of games last season for the Sooners, Hardman reached base in 16 consecutive plate appearances.

Before leaving Oklahoma, Hardman was selected as a first-team All-Big 12 Conference performer and was named and second-team All-America in 2021.

Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Grant Richardson RF	HV	8	25	6	8	2	0	3	9	4	11	0	0	.320	.438	.760	1.198
2 Austin Wells C	HV	28	99	21	32	7	0	6	16	19	27	9	0	.323	.429	.576	1.005
3 Anthony Seigler C	HV	44	145	35	37	11	0	4	19	39	38	10	4	.255	.419	.414	.833
4 T.J. Rumfield 1B	HV	22	86	10	25	6	0	2	15	13	25	4	2	.291	.380	.430	.810
5 Everson Pereira CF	HV	73	288	55	79	13	6	9	43	34	87	19	5	.274	.354	.455	.809
6 Aaron Palensky LF	HV	57	160	33	39	10	1	7	22	21	59	6	3	.244	.346	.450	.796
7 Tyler Hardman 3B	HV	75	265	29	66	11	0	13	48	29	87	10	4	.249	.322	.438	.760
8 Trey Sweeney SS	HV	75	297	51	70	14	4	10	43	38	86	19	3	.236	.331	.411	.742
9 Eric Wagaman 1B	HV	50	172	17	38	6	0	9	24	25	31	2	0	.221	.325	.413	.738
10 Carlos Narvaez C	HV	59	182	27	36	8	0	8	23	32	62	4	2	.198	.327	.374	.701
11 Cooper Bowman 2B	HV	80	299	54	65	15	1	8	35	55	97	35	6	.217	.343	.355	.698
12 Spencer Henson 1B	HV	52	182	29	37	5	1	8	30	23	67	1	2	.203	.303	.374	.677
13 Jasson Dominguez CF	HV	9	36	4	8	1	1	1	5	3	11	2	0	.222	.282	.389	.671
14 Aldenis Sanchez CF	HV	75	245	29	61	7	1	1	24	38	84	28	8	.249	.354	.298	.652
15 James Nelson 3B	HV	46	138	18	31	5	0	1	20	30	50	16	7	.225	.368	.283	.651
16 Eduardo Torrealba 2B	HV	45	140	16	31	6	1	1	20	12	28	10	3	.221	.297	.300	.597
17 Pat DeMarco RF	HV	61	214	16	49	10	0	1	15	11	63	5	3	.229	.266	.290	.556
18 Saul Torres C	HV	6	16	2	2	0	1	0	1	2	10	0	0	.125	.222	.250	.472
19 Cristian Perez SS	HV	24	69	7	12	2	0	0	5	2	19	2	0	.174	.194	.203	.397
20 Ben Rortvedt C	HV	4	12	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	.083	.267	.083	.350
21 Blane Abeyta P	HV	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
21 Nelvin Correa P	HV	24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
21 Charlie Ruegger P	HV	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000

Pitching Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG	
1 Blas Castano P	HV	3	7	3.62	16	15	1	0	0	0	79.2	78	35	32	7	8	26	74	1.31	.256
2 Matt Sauer P	HV	5	2	3.94	17	17	0	0	0	0	82.1	71	43	36	8	13	33	95	1.26	.233



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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades drop out of first place with 7-0 Sunday loss to Cyclones

by Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades were one of the teams that benefited from the minor league baseball rule that the season is split into two halves, giving teams that don't finish first in their division over the first 66 games a chance to make the playoffs in the second half of the next 66 games.

Through the better part of July, it worked out well.

Until Sunday.

The Renegades fell out of first place in the South Atlantic League's North Division, falling 7-0 to the Brooklyn Cyclones at Dutchess Stadium.

HV is now 50-45 overall but, more

importantly, 16-13 in the second half of the season and a game-and-a-half behind the Cyclones in the division.

Blane Abeyta shined again in the loss. Abeyta (4-7) tossed five strong innings, allowing only one run on two hits, walking two and striking out seven. In his last five appearances, including two starts, Abeyta has posted a 1.11 ERA, permitting only three runs on 16 hits over 24.1 innings, walking eight and striking out 24. Over that span, he has lowered his ERA from 6.26 to 4.58.

Alex Ramirez powered the Cyclones to an early edge. In the top of the fourth, he launched a solo homer to center off Abeyta to give Brooklyn a 1-0 lead. Two innings

later, Ramirez crushed a two-run homer to lengthen the lead to 3-0.

Brooklyn starter Junior Santos (5-10) silenced Hudson Valley, firing five shutout innings, surrendering only three hits, walking two and striking out seven.

The Cyclones slammed back-to-back homers in the top of the seventh against Carlos Gomez. Jose Mena and Joe Suozzi teed off to open up a 5-0 lead.

In the top of the eighth, Jaylen Palmer struck a two-run double to right to create a 7-0 cushion.

The Brooklyn bullpen combined for four excellent innings, allowing only one hit, walking two and striking out eight.



Blane Abeyta tossed five strong innings, allowing only one run on two hits, walking two and striking out seven on Sunday. In his last five appearances for the Renegades, Abeyta has posted a 1.11 ERA, permitting only three runs on 16 hits over 24.1 innings. Photo by Dave Janosz

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GLINER'S KORNER

Working with top prospect Dominguez and handling the trade deadline

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

So, take us through the first homestand of the Jasson Dominguez era.

It's been great. There's been great buzz surrounding his arrival. And it was a good time for him to move up a level (to High Class A Hudson Valley) and that's all part of the challenge for a minor league baseball player. He is deserving of the opportunity at the next level. He's a fun player to watch. Every time he comes up to bat, people are on the edge of their seats.

It's only been 10 days or so since Jasson was promoted, but how do you think he's doing?

I think he's doing great. New teammates, new clubhouse, new place to live ... lots of changes in his life and a lot of things to learn and get used to. Remember, he's been in Tampa for the last two years, so he had a sense of familiarity. There's a lot to get used to, plus he has to deal with all the media attention.

But we've worked closely with the Yankees to handle interview sessions and things like that, and try to make some things easier. I think for every player, once you move up another level, you're facing new experiences.

Speaking of new experiences, the Major League Baseball trade deadline will have passed by the time this issue comes out on August 3. But already, two Renegades pitchers and highly regarded prospects – Beck Way and T.J. Sikkema – were part of the trade that brought Andrew Benintendi to New York. Can you talk about how the trade deadline also affects minor league players?

Well, that was two-fifths of our starting rotation right there, so I can tell you it affected the Hudson Valley Renegades (laughs). But look, this is always a real busy week in baseball. And we know that the action usually comes in the last 24 hours (of the deadline). As of right now (Sunday afternoon) it looks like the Yankees are sitting tight.

Do you think the prospect of being part of a trade affects Major Leaguers or minor leaguers more?

I don't think it's any different no matter what level you're at - especially if you're a player who commands greater attention. But it's hard on them. Most of them, probably all of them, are on social media so they see the rumors and the chatter. And if they're not on social media, their family and friends are. It has to be difficult and unusual for them.

Who delivers that kind of news? Is it you?

No, it's strictly the player development people with the Yankees who will call our field manager, and the manager breaks the news to the player. I mean, Beck and T.J. were told at the end of one of our games last week and they had 48 hours to report to their new team in (the Kansas City Royals organization). And it really does upend their lives. Your life literally changes in a moment's notice. You just want to know what's next and what you need to do and what tomorrow is going to bring. And that's true even when trades don't happen. We had a situation last week where we pulled Trey Sweeney and Jasson Dominguez in the middle of a



game against Wilmington. It became national news because everybody thought they were going to be part of a big announcement on a trade, when the reality was, it was scorching hot and we were just trying to give them a break before the next day because it was an off-day. But that's the kind of thing they have to deal with.

Pleasant Valley to host 2nd Repair Café Aug. 6



Photo caption: At Pleasant Valley's first Repair Café on June 4, more than 30 broken treasures were repaired. The next event is set Aug. 6. *Courtesy photo*

Pleasant Valley's First Repair Café on June 4 was so successful, that the town is doing it again on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is at 10 a.m.; there is a café with coffee, tea and goodies and many friendly volunteers that will help you get to a "fixer" who should be able to help you.

Repair Café is a local meeting place that brings together people with broken items and pairs them with repair coaches, also known as fixers, who have the expertise to make them work again.

The mission of a Repair Café is to transform our throw-away economy one beloved item at a time. Reduce how much "stuff" goes into the waste stream, and to preserve traditional repair know-how and skills and pass them on to others.

Repair knowledge is a valued resource, feeds our curiosity, makes us proud and gives us a sense of accomplishment. The Repair Café creates community sustainability and resilience, and is fun to visit with neighbors, and friends who are happy to get their item repaired for free. Donations are appreciated. Visit www.repaircafeh.org for more information.

Pleasant Valley's event is organized by local resident Jean Curlee. She was driven by the idea that, "If you repair a lamp, a CD player or a pair of trousers together with a previously unfamiliar neighbor, you look at that person in a different way the next time you run into them at the store. Jointly making repairs can lead to pleasant contacts in the neighborhood

and sharing the repair knowledge." Back in June she achieved just that and plans on continuing to do that the first Saturday every other month in October & December.

The Repair Café in June brought together 13 fixers and more than 30 broken treasures. The fixers sharpened mower blades, garden tools, knives and scissors. Lamps, toasters, a mixer, vacuums, laptop, VCR, sound bar, fan and a vintage ceramic statue and a vintage umbrella were all repaired. Some fixers were local, others came from Wappingers Falls and as far away as Schenectady.

The Repair Café is fun, fixers busily tinkering, chatting about the treasures with their owners, asking each other for spare parts and advice, truly brought home the idea of community and sustainability. Happy faces were seen leaving the town hall with their fixed treasures as they stopped to grab a coffee and a treat from the café all the while making small talk and sharing their Repair Café experience.

As 2 p.m. rolled around, organizer Jean Curlee reflected on the day: "Above all, Repair Café just wants to show how much fun repairing things can be, and how easy it often is."

So gather those broken treasures that need a bit of TLC and bring them to the Pleasant Valley Town Hall on Saturday August 6th to experience the joy of community and the fun of repairing. Jean, the fixers, and the volunteers hope to see you there.

Submitted by Sandra Larkin

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Interfaith Healing Service & Grief Support Group

Thursdays at 11 a.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley will host a healing service for you or a loved one followed by a Grief Support Group facilitated by The Rev. Heather Sisk, Episcopal Priest and Spiritual Director, with Liz Whitman, MSW. Come to either or both on any Thursday. You are not alone. Many of us are hurting. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call (845) 635-2854, email stpaulspv@gmail.com or visit www.stpaulspv.org. Accessible facilities.

Blood Drive at Poughkeepsie Legion Hall Aug. 5

There will be a Blood Drive on Friday, Aug. 5, from noon to 5 p.m., at the American Legion Post 1466, Main Hall, 50 Legion Road, Poughkeepsie. Schedule to donate at www.RedCrossBlood.org.

Upcoming community events in Pleasant Valley

Saturday, Aug. 6 - Pleasant Valley Repair Cafe, Pleasant Valley Town Hall, Rte. 44. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Bring broken items to be fixed for free. Donations appreciated.

Tuesday, Aug. 16 - Join Pleasant Valley Climate Smart at 6:00 pm to watch the documentary movie, "March of the Penguins" at the Pleasant Valley Free Library. Registration required.

Thursday, Aug. 18 - Pleasant Valley Concert in the Park, 6 p.m., Cady Field, behind Town Hall, Rte. 44. Southern Dutchess Concert Band. Rain date: 8/25

Tuesday, Aug. 23 - Join Climate Smart member Joe Baldwin from Earth to Table on a presentation on "Healing with Stinging Nettles" (grow, harvest, health & healing) at 6:30 p.m., at the Pleasant Valley Free Library. Registration required.

Public forum on Camp Nootemeing programs set Aug. 13

Residents are invited to learn more about the Camp Nootemeing property, the 272-acre camp Dutchess County purchased this past spring, including information about the camp's operator Pathfinder Foundation and community program opportunities, during a public forum County Executive Marc Molinaro will host on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m., at Pleasant Valley Town Hall. All are welcome to find out more about the programs planned for this summer, as well as in the future, and have their questions answered.

Golf Tourney set Aug. 8

The 5th Stormville Fire Company golf tourney will be held on Monday, Aug. 8, at Trump National Golf Club - Hudson Valley. 10 a.m. registration, 11 a.m. lunch, gold at noon, 5 p.m. dinner & raffle prizes at the golf course. \$225 per golfer (includes golf, cart, on-the-course drinks/snacks, lunch & dinner). Sponsorship opportunities available. This is a great way to get together with friends and relatives and also to promote your business while supporting the Stormville Fire Co. Please contact Bill for more information at (845) 629-4726 or www.stormvillefire.org.

Lyll Church in Millbrook offers programs

The First Harvest Food Pantry at Lyll is open. Every Tuesday morning, 8-10 a.m. through Oct. 18, Debby will welcome anyone in need. We offer fresh, certified organic produce from Stonewood Farm and other non-perishable pantry items free and open to all. Call (845) 677-3485 with questions.

Lyll Lunch resumes beginning on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will prepare and serve lunch twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Please join us for our Grand Reopening on Thursday, Sept. 8. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Bob Tierney at (845) 677-4458, or bobtier03@gmail.com

The Anti-Racist Study Group has been meeting for several years. We currently meet on Mondays, at 12:30 p.m. by Zoom. We invite anyone to join us who wants to explore the issues of race and caste in our country, issues that will not go away or improve unless we face them together. Our study group is welcoming and hospitable. We have a great time as we continue to learn a lot. We also are happy to include new members. Contact Cat Greenstreet (catgreenstreet@gmail.com) or Pastor Thom if you're interested.

Two other ongoing programs at Lyll are Meals on Wheels at Millbrook and Food For Folks Food Pantry (emergency support). The service area of both these programs is limited to the Town of Washington Village of Millbrook.

United Way's Community Breakfast set Sept. 14

Reservations are open for United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region's annual Community Breakfast will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 7:30 to 9 a.m., at The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. Tickets are \$60. The 2022 Kindness Champion will be announced at the Community Breakfast. For more information, tickets, sponsorship, advertising and donations, go to www.uwdor.org/breakfast2022.

Red Hook Hardscrabble Day set

Red Hook's annual Hardscrabble Day will take place on Saturday, Sept. 17. The popular event will be centered in the Village Parking Lot and feature live performances all day: child-focused entertainment in the morning, teen bands in the afternoon, and the opening acts and headliner will start around 5 p.m. Those who would like to volunteer are asked to contact Amy Smith at Events@redhooknyvillage.org. Stay up to date by following the Hardscrabble website: www.hardscrabbleday.org.

Tours scheduled at Vanderbilt gardens

The Vanderbilt Garden Association's interpreters will be in the formal gardens on every third Sunday of the month through October to offer free monthly tours from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tours meet outside the Tool House building. Future dates include Aug. 21, Sept. 18 and Oct. 16.

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

FARMERS MARKETS

Arlington Farmers Market: Vassar Alumnae Lawn, 123 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie. Thursdays, 2-6 p.m. through Oct. 27. www.arlingtonhasit.org

Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market, Roeliff Jansen Park, Hillsdale. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Nov. 19. (518) 929-3255

Germantown Farmers Market: Palatine Park, Germantown. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., through Oct. 29. germantownfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Hudson Farmers Market, City Lot on Columbia St. between 5th and 6th. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Nov. 19. (518) 300-3496

Hudson Wednesday Market, 7th Street Park. Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m., through Oct. 26. upstreetmarket@gmail.com

Millbrook Farmers Market: Front St., Millbrook. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Oct. 29. millbrook-marketmanager@gmail.com

Paul's Hyde Park Farmers Market: Across from Hyde Park Town Hall on Route 9. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through October.

ONGOING

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

Thrift shop in Red Hook: The "New to You" Thrift Shop at 30 Benner Road has opened. Sales will benefit St. Christopher and Good Shepherd Church. Four rooms to roam through; items include books, crafts, CDs, tapes, housewares, home décor, clothing and more. Hours: Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Donations accepted on Thursdays after 3:30 p.m.

Donation Drop-off: Bring your extra garden produce to Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff, on Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. The library staff will get it to the local food pantry. Call (845) 876-2903 for more information.

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Sheriff's Office holds K9 Academy graduation

Acting Dutchess County Sheriff Kirk A. Imperati recently announced that six new canine teams graduated from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office K9 Academy.

Imperati said, "Today, marks the culmination of fourteen weeks of intense and rigorous training for the handlers and their canine partners. I congratulate the new canine teams on their accomplishment, and we are fortunate that these teams will be deployed both within and outside of Dutchess County to patrol our communities and enhance public safety."

The six canine teams completed the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Police Patrol, Tracking and Article Search Canine School. During this training, canine teams focused on obedience, agility, article search, building search, area search, tracking and locating missing or lost persons, and criminal apprehension.

The graduates from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office K9 Academy include:

- Sergeant Todd Grieb & K9 Scout – Dutchess County Sheriff's Office;
- Deputy Sheriff William McKay &



Six canine teams recently graduated from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office K9 Academy. *Courtesy photo*

K9 Anderson – Dutchess County Sheriff's Office;

- Officer Alec Brandow & K9 Urso – Town of Hyde Park Police Department;

- Detective James DiPietrantonio & K9 Werner - New York City Department of Environmental Protection Police;

- Officer Robert Burke & K9 Kona – New York City Department of Environmental Protection Police;

- Officer Paul Down & K9 Ajax - New

York City Department of Environmental Protection Police.

The instructional staff for this session of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office K9 Academy included Deputy Sheriff William McKay (academy director), Officer Vanja Mikelic & K9 Kyle from the Town of Poughkeepsie Police and Sergeant Kelly Bauer & K9 Cole from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection Police.

Imperati said, "The success of the K9 Academy is due to the robust K9 Unit we have at the Sheriff's Office and the strong working relationships we have with other police agencies. I especially want to thank the Town of Poughkeepsie Police and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection Police for partnering with us to provide the instructors necessary to conduct this academy and graduate six new canine teams."

Serino office to serve as additional collection site for drive for active service members

Sen. Sue Serino's Hyde Park district office will serve as an additional collection site for the Town of Poughkeepsie Recreation Department's Donation Drive for Active Service Members. Donations will be accepted until Aug. 15.

These items are being collected:

- Toiletries & Personal Hygiene Products (toothbrushes & toothpaste,

shampoo, lotion, body spray, sunscreen, Q-tips, etc.)

- Non-Perishable Food Items (granola or protein bars, energy drinks, boxed chips or crackers, canned soups, etc.)

- Clothing of all sizes (athletic socks, cotton t-shirts, sunglasses)

Individuals can also donate packaging materials like, non-occasion cards, boxes

that are no longer than 14 inches and no wider/taller than 8 inches. For a full list of donations being accepted, visit <https://www.townofpoughkeepsie.com/>.

Items can also be delivered to Serino's Hyde Park Office (4254 Albany Post Road) Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call (845) 229-0106 or email serino@nysenate.gov. Donations

can also be delivered to the Town of Poughkeepsie Town Hall (1 Overocker Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603) or the Town of Poughkeepsie Senior Center (14 Abes Way, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601) between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Semper Fi Parents of the Hudson Valley will be handling donation distribution to service members.

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County launches Veterans Microgrant Program

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and the Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services have announced the launch of the new Veterans Microgrant Program. The Veterans Microgrant Program offers one-time grants to local nonprofit veteran's organizations and municipalities to enhance activities and programming that address veterans needs or recognize the service of local veterans. Grant applications are now available online at dutchessny.gov/veterans and will be accepted on a rolling basis while funds are available.

Funding will be available in grant awards up to \$15,000 per organization or municipality. It can be used for purchases or needs, including equipment, resources, or other one-time expenses to help enhance program offerings, as well as make the program more accessible for veterans.

Nonprofit organizations or municipalities that currently offer specific programs to and for the benefit of veterans of the United States Armed Forces in Dutchess County are encouraged to apply. Priority will be given to entities that do not already contract with Dutchess County to

provide services to veterans.

Examples of possible funding awards include:

- Enhancement, expansion of a program or service currently offered to veterans.
- New programming for veterans provided by an agency that already provides services to veterans.
- Purchase plaques, banners, or monuments to honor veterans.
- Expenses associated with an event (picnic, holiday party) to honor veterans.
- General capital infrastructure to facilities, including physical structures (roof, windows, doors, etc.) HVAC, plumbing, electrical, security, furniture, fixtures, and equipment. The structure's primary purpose must be for veterans' services.

Funding for the new Veterans Microgrant Program was unanimously approved by the Dutchess County Legislature in early June.

Only one application per organization will be accepted. Funding should be utilized within one year of award. The complete list of Veterans MicroGrant Instructions and Guidance is available online. For more information on veterans services throughout Dutchess County, visit dutchessny.gov/veterans.

Firefighters honored at annual DCVFA convention in Salt Point



State Senator Sue Serino presents Chief Brian Walsh of Pine Plains Fire Department and Captain Tomm Gomm of Milan Fire Department with proclamations for Heroic Duty. Photo by Vinny Galvin

The members of the Dutchess County Volunteer Firemen's Association (DCVFA) held their 75th Annual Convention at the Salt Point Fire Company in Salt Point on Tuesday, July 19.

In June the Salt Point Fire company held the annual Convention parade. Over 100 individuals were in attendance as the DCVFA honored fellow firefighters for heroic actions, years of service and scholarships.

Top awards included:

- A Unit Citation for the Pawling Fire Department and 17 of their members with the rescue of a hiker on the Appalachian Trail.

- Firefighter of the Year award was presented to Chief Brian Walsh of the Pine Plains Fire Department and Tomm Gomm of the Milan Fire Department for heroic action in a house explosion where they rescued two occupants.

The Salt Point and Milan Fire Department were recognized for 75 years of service, S.W. Johnson Engine Co #2

for 150 years and Hyde Park Fire Department for 177 years. Individuals honored were Richard Howard from the Amenia Fire Company for 50 years and Gary Vanvoorhis from Protection Engine Fishkill for 50 years.

Scholarship winners Dean Renihan from the New Hamburg Fire Department active member, Madeline Granger active member with the Millbrook Fire Department and Jamie Galanos from Millbrook High School.

New York State Senator Sue Serino was in attendance to congratulate the heroes along with recognizing Firefighters and Fire Company's with long terms of service. Also in Attendance was Don Farrell representing the Firefighters Association of the State of New York (FASNY), Eric Orr of the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association (HVVFA), Aaron Howard Dutchess County Chief Council, Kyle Pottenburgh of the Dutchess County Fire Fighting Museum and Deputy Petrus from the Dutchess County Sherriff's Office.

Blood drives for August

The American Red Cross has faced a concerning drop in blood and platelet donations this summer. Donors are needed to make an appointment to give in August to help prevent a blood shortage. The decline in donations has caused the Red Cross blood supply to shrink nearly 20% in recent weeks. The availability of blood products will continue to decline if donations do not increase. People should not wait until they hear there is a blood shortage to give. Type O negative blood donors and platelet donors are especially needed now.

"This is a concerning trend that may soon make it tougher to keep blood products stocked on hospital shelves," said Paul Sullivan, Red Cross senior vice president of donor services. "By choosing a time to give now, donors can help pump up the blood supply for those in immediate need of lifesaving care and those who rely on transfusions for treatment."

Donors can schedule an appointment to donate using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Fuel up on us As blood and platelet donations

drop, gas prices have reached all-time highs in the U.S. As a thank-you, all who come to give Aug. 1-31 will be automatically entered for a chance to win gas for a year, a \$6,000 value. There will be three lucky winners. Everyone who comes to give blood or platelets in August will also receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice.*

Beacon
Aug. 12: 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Beacon Recreation, 23 West Center St.

Millbrook
Aug. 9: 1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Millbrook Fire House, 20 Front Street

Poughkeepsie
Aug. 5: Noon - 5 p.m., American Legion Post 1466, 50 Legion Road

Ug. 9: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Hudson River Lodging, 391 Manchester Road 2022-APL-0604

Wappingers Falls
Aug. 4: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., New Hackensack Reformed Church, 1580 Route 376

Aug. 12: 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Grace Bible Church, 158 Myers Corners Road

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County to host special events for older adults

County Executive Marc Molinaro and the Dutchess County Office for the Aging have a series of special events for older adults on the calendar for August.

There are two days of OFA Educational Forums scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 10, and Wednesday, Aug. 17, both at Coppola's in Hyde Park (4167 Route 9).

The schedule for the Educational Forums is as follows:

Wednesday, Aug. 10

- 10 a.m. - Avoiding Scams and Fraud, with Kirk Imperati, Dutchess County Sheriff
- 11 a.m. - Medicare 101, with Lenke

Ganz, OFA Health Insurance Coordinator

Wednesday, Aug. 17

- 10 a.m. - Grief: What Helps When It Hurts, with Dr. Kenneth Doka, OFA Advisory Board
- 11 a.m. - Peripheral Artery Disease, with Dr. Holly Korzendorfer, Assistant Professor, Marist College Physical Therapy Program

Both events include lunch after the 11 a.m. presentation.

These events are free, but advance registration is required because space is limited to 90 seats.

Call OFA during business hours at (845) 486-2555 to make your reservation.

Echoes of Sinatra at the Grandview

On Thursday, Aug. 25, at 1:30 p.m., a treat for Frank Sinatra fans: Steve Kazlauskas brings his "Echoes of Sinatra" show to the Grandview (176 Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie). This is a free end-of-summer Office for the Aging concert for older adults (60+).

Steve will perform Frank's biggest hits

like "Fly Me to the Moon," "New York, New York," "Strangers in the Night" and more.

There'll be open floor space for dancing, and snacks available at intermission.

Reservations are required, and seating is limited. Call (845) 486-2555 during business hours to reserve a spot.

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Soul Fire Farm

Mark tours a forward-thinking farm in upstate New York.

Black Farmers United NYS is a group of over 100 Black farmers, educators and food justice advocates from across NY state. The organization aims to protect the legacy and ensure the future of Black farmers, who hold the power to radically change how Black communities control access to safe, healthy food, and build a collective wealth and health in NY state.

Of the 57,000 farmers in NY, 139 are Black. Last Friday evening, Sue and I were privileged to be invited on a tour of Soul Fire Farm, a member of Black Farmers United and one of the most forward-thinking Black owned farms in America.

Soul Fire Farm covers 72 acres in Grafton, N.Y. (near the Vermont border), founded in 2010 by the dynamic activist Leah Penniman. Leah led the 90-minute tour, along with site coordinator Kai Thomas.

We started the tour with calisthenics, and thanked the Mohawk and Mohican nations for the use of their ancestral land. Leah has reconnected with members of the Mohican tribe, who were chased into the Midwest 200 years ago. Soul Fire Farm is now raising Mohican varieties of maize (corn), along with the beans and squash that comprise the “3 sisters,” providing a support system that rejuvenates

the soil.

Leah started the farm when she found out how hard it was to access nutritious food in Albany, N.Y. Now the farm ships fresh fruits and vegetables to 25 families in south Albany and distributes more to food banks in the area.

We visited the perennial herb garden and the medicinal garden, with echinacea, comfrey and chamomile. Perennials are kinder to the earth, since tilling is kept to a minimum. Raspberries are replanted after 10 years, strawberries after 3. In the “silvipasture,” trees are alternated with pasture for the goats.

A flock of laying hens – with one rooster to protect them from hawks – provides protein for the “solidarity shares.” Tomatoes are growing in high tunnels, to extend the season. Cabbage, collards, patty pan squash, kale, celery, basil, and peppers are grown on several acres of raised beds, following an African tradition. Black plastic covers the fallow beds, killing germinating weeds.

A cluster of beehives helps with pollination. Because of the dry weather, honeybees were drinking from the edge of the pond. Nearby, we saw logs that had been inoculated with shiitake mushroom spores. An electrified fence surrounds the entire property.



Leah Penniman, founder of Soul Fire Farm in Grafton, N.Y., leads the tour. Below, left: Tomatoes in the high tunnel. Photos by Mark Adams

Education is a big part of the Soul Fire Farm mission - “uprooting racism and seeding sovereignty in the food system.” Their programs reach 160,000 people each year, including farmer training, reparations and land return initiatives, food justice workshops and policy education for public decision makers.

As one of the four white people on the tour, I just had to ask Leah if the Black farmer community was open to receiving support from white majority farm organizations. I was afraid she might say something like, “Where were you for the last 400 years?” But with a wistful smile,

Leah answered that Black people can’t end racism by themselves. “It takes everybody working together.” She urged me to read her book, “Farming While Black.” You can buy a copy at Soul Fire Farm’s online store, and purchase tickets for the August 26 Soul Fire Farm tour. Visit <https://www.soulfirefarm.org/> for more information.

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



CAR-TRUCK-MOTORCYCLE SHOW SET AUG. 14 IN SAUGERTIES

The Saugerties Antique Auto Club is holding its 65th annual Car-Truck-Motorcycle Show on Sunday, Aug. 14, at Cantine Memorial Field in Saugerties. The event will be held, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with dash plaques, goodie bags, music and more than 40 trophies to be awarded.

Vehicle registration is \$15 and pre-1942 stock vehicles are free. All vehicles are accepted with no cut-off year. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Spectators are admitted free of charge.

For more information, contact Irene DeGraff at (845) 679-6810 or Rich Flaherty at (845) 337-8426.



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The Art Effect's PKX Youth Festival Committee ramping up to inaugural event

The count down to the inaugural PKX Festival titled "Wonderland," coming to Poughkeepsie Sept. 15-17, has started. The PKX Festival in and around the Trolley Barn Gallery serves as a building block for the development of a Youth Arts Empowerment Zone in the City of Poughkeepsie featuring performances, music, food, exhibitions, and public art. This April, a group of Poughkeepsie teens from The Art Effect had the opportunity to spend their spring break working alongside BoogieRez, a duo artist team inspired by the Hip Hop culture that incorporates a creative blend of music, photography, illustration, painting, graphic design, dance, fashion design and sculpture into their work.

Alongside The Art Effect's youth, BoogieRez began working on a unique public art piece we are thrilled to unveil at this year's PKX Festival. From a whirlwind trip to BoogieRez's studio in New York City, to learning how to use sewing machines for the first time, the youth had insightful conversations about the influence of public art in the city of Poughkeepsie and spent a lot of time creating, laughing, and planning this year's PKX Festival.

"Honestly my creative adventure really started in Poughkeepsie once I met Rez. It's a magical place, Poughkeepsie, it really is. It is amazing that there is just

so much different culture in Poughkeepsie. There is a lot of hidden and not-so-hidden talent in the city" said Riisa Boogie of BoogieRez.

"Hopefully we are beacons to help you get wherever you want to get to creatively" added Rez Ones of BoogieRez.

This summer, youth employees taking part in The Art Effect's workforce programs are learning about curation, marketing, public speaking, and organizing a community-wide festival. They are engaging in dialogue about the importance of public art in their community, working with the City of Poughkeepsie, community partners, and continuing their work on a public art piece with featured artist BoogieRez.

"For me, art in Poughkeepsie is all about letting the community know that their strength and their struggle is heard, and we can communicate it through a visual in a big way," explained Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon, PKX youth committee member and Youth Board Member at The Art Effect. The PKX Youth Committee is excited to welcome the community to the PKX: Wonderland Festival this fall.

To learn more about the festival and keep up to date on more information as it's released visit us online at <https://thearteffect.org/event/pkx>.



The Art Effect's PKX Youth Festival Committee continues to plan for its inaugural event in Poughkeepsie set for September. *Courtesy photos*

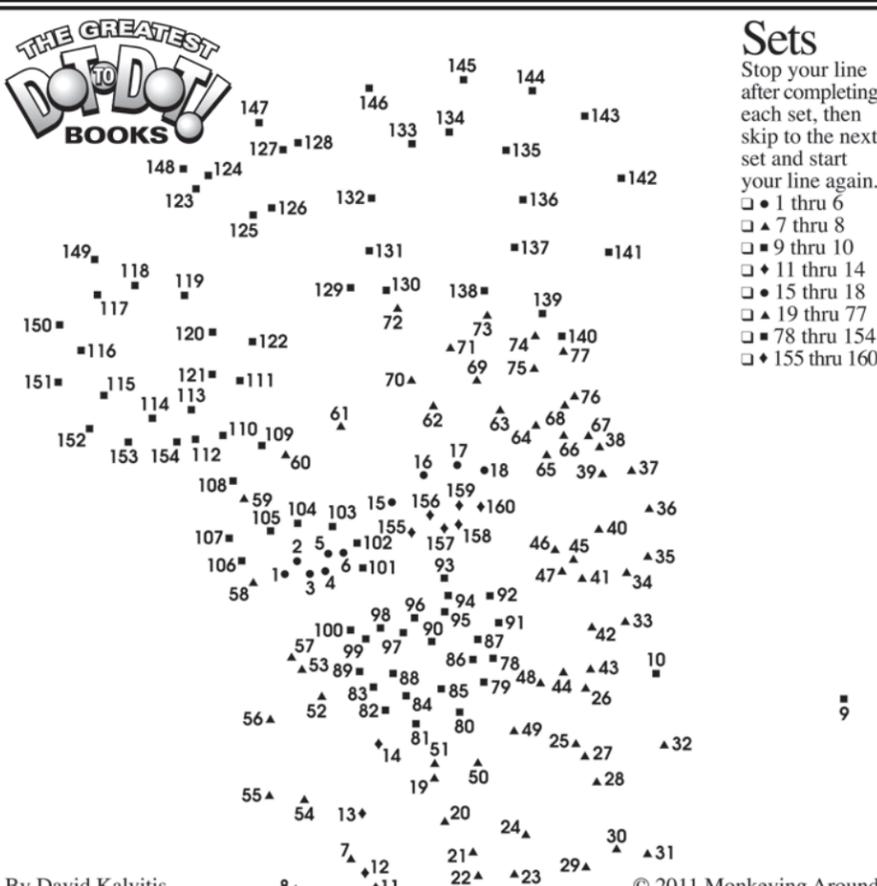

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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

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Sets

Stop your line after completing each set, then skip to the next set and start your line again.

- • 1 thru 6
- ▲ 7 thru 8
- ■ 9 thru 10
- ◆ 11 thru 14
- ◻ 15 thru 18
- ▲ 19 thru 77
- ■ 78 thru 154
- ◆ 155 thru 160



Dumpling redux

Creating more great memories in the kitchen

There's no denying the power of photographs; the way they capture and preserve moments in time, take us right back to people and places we love and bring with them a flood of memory so strong it can engage all the senses. They have the power to bring into clear focus every detail of the moment, calling to mind all the things beyond the second it was captured being more like a movie in technicolor than a flat image.

In many ways it's a blessing to have a camera always at the ready in our cell phones., which most of us are never without. Think of all the things we can now capture for posterity that we would have missed 20 years ago. I often regret that I don't have more pictures of family and friends from my high school years, all the things we did, the way we dressed, how close those photos would have shown us to be. But maybe that's the very reason I hold them so dear even now. They're a part of me I don't need a picture to remind me of that. It also makes the photos I do have that much more precious.

I can't be the only one with a phone full of pictures. I just can't be! Sure, I go through them now and again, transferring and deleting some. But that means I have to go through them every few months and, well, I've been a bit remiss, so it's been a while. Imagine my delight, then, when I finally got around to it and rediscovered some precious memories that had me laughing, crying and longing at the same time.

As I went further back into the archives (because I couldn't stop now) I was not only getting more and more sentimental, I also found a series of pictures from a very fond memory I hadn't realized was so long ago. You may not remember an article I wrote in 2016 about making dumplings with the children next door, but I'll never ever forget it! Enzo was 4 and Ella just 2. "My" babies really were babies and my heart melted so, of course, I had to share my find and sent the pictures to their mom, Jenn, in a text. She responded quickly and said Enzo wanted to do it again so, of course, we made that happen!

When we made Asian dumplings together for the article then it was fall, so I made a pumpkin filling and we assembled them together. Despite being so young, they were really into it and very adept at it. I was impressed and my heart was full, through watching their unique creativity, during dinner and up until it was time to say good-night. It was a wonderful evening and I'm so glad there are so many pictures.

Skip ahead six years to the present: it's summertime and Enzo and Ella are 10 and 8 and eager to have another go so my thought was to have them help make the filling (one that was more adventurous than pumpkin) this time around. I can't tell you how much I've looked forward to really being able to work in the kitchen with kids, sharing something I love with those I love. And just like last time they amazed me. These kids have knife skills! Giving them mushrooms to cut worked out beautifully and with their help it went pretty quickly so before I knew it we were seated at the table, ready to assemble, then fry and enjoy our feast.

FRIED ASIAN DUMPLINGS

We made these to be vegetarian, but you could easily swap out ground pork or turkey for the plant-based crumbles or just omit it and add more vegetables. Measurements are approximate: not so much a recipe but more of putting complimentary things together in the right order to cook evenly. Hey – it worked and I highly recommend it! Just have your ingredients all cut and ready; once the skillet is hot, this goes quick.

INGREDIENTS

- Vegetable oil
- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 12oz plant-based ground meat alternative (or ground turkey or pork)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 medium carrots, grated
- 1 parsnip, grated
- 10-12 cremini mushrooms, trimmed and chopped
- Napa cabbage (about 3 cups – it cooks down)
- Soy sauce (start with 1 tablespoon – you can always add more)
- Sesame oil (1-2 teaspoons)
- Fresh ginger, peeled and grated (1-2 teaspoons)
- Scallions, finely sliced (white and green parts) (reserve some for garnish)
- 1 pkg wonton wrappers (36-50 depending on brand)

FOR FILLING:

Heat oil (1-2 tablespoons) in a large skillet. Add shallots and cook over medium-high heat until translucent and fragrant, then add crumbles or meat, if using. Stir and cook until just starting to brown, adding more vegetable oil if the pan is getting dry. Add carrots, parsnips and garlic and mushrooms, stir and cook about 5. Add cabbage and a little soy sauce. Mix well then add ginger, scallions and more soy sauce to taste. Remove from heat and transfer to a bowl.

ASSEMBLY:

Have a bowl of water ready and begin



Vicki enjoys the result of a culinary adventure with Enzo (left) and Ella Famiglietti. Below: Vicki and Ella make dumplings. *Courtesy photos*



assembly of the dumplings by laying out 2 or 3 wonton skins at a time, keeping the rest covered with a damp towel to keep from drying out. Dip a finger in water and run it along each edge of the flat wonton, then place a spoonful of filling on each square of wonton (too much and you won't be able to seal it). The water will help seal the finished dumpling. My method is to bring opposite corners together and pinch all the seams to seal in the filling. Enzo gathers up the edges into a little parcel. Ella either rolls it up or uses my method. You could also fold it over into a triangle, crimping the met edges to seal. Place on baking sheet then in preheated fryer, several at a time, without overcrowding. Fry a few minutes, turning as needed, until golden brown and crisp. Place on paper towels to drain then transfer to a platter and serve warm with soy or dipping sauce sprinkled with scallions if you're feeling extra fancy).

While it's undoubtedly no small thing to have the ability to capture so much of our lives in photographs we can look back on for years to come, let's not be tempted to view life through the camera. We need to remember to live – and live in – the moment. Take both dumpling

evenings, for example. Yes, we took pictures to commemorate the fun we had and also to share with you, and I'm so glad because I'll look back on them one day, too, but mostly we just enjoyed each other's company, sharing a kitchen, a meal and more love than I thought my heart could hold. Save the storage on your phone and resist the all-too-easy urge snap away with wild abandon. Do you really need a hundred pictures of last night's dinner? I mean, unless it's dumplings you just made with two of the most amazing and beautiful children on the planet. Then, yes. The answer is definitely yes!

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Bard Music Festival to explore life & times of Rachmaninoff

The Bard Music Festival returns for its 32nd season this August, with an intensive two-week exploration of “Rachmaninoff and His World.” In 12 themed concert programs, Bard examines Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943), perhaps the last great exponent of Russian Romanticism, who nevertheless embodied many contradictions.

Through the prism of his life and career, Weekend One traces the complex course the composer navigated between Russia and Modernity (Aug. 5-7), and Weekend Two investigates his relationship with the New Worlds he went on to conquer (Aug. 12-14).

Enriched by a wealth of compositions by Rachmaninoff’s compatriots, contemporaries, fellow pianist-composers, American influences and more, all events take place in the Frank Gehry-designed Fisher Center for the Performing Arts and other venues on Bard College’s campus in Annadale-on-Hudson. Anchoring Bard SummerScape as in previous seasons, the Bard Music Festival once again promises to be “the summer’s most stimulating music festival” (Los Angeles Times).

‘Rachmaninoff and His World’

For all his fame and popularity, Sergei Rachmaninoff remains one of classical music’s most contradictory figures. Born into Imperial Russia, he spent more than half his life in Western exile; best remembered as a composer, he made his living primarily as a pianist and conductor; and all too often dismissed by critics as a middle-brow reactionary, he continues to be adored by audiences for his soaring “big tunes.” Though many of his solo piano

pieces, concertos and symphonic works are still central to the repertoire, he also wrote three operas, a profusion of songs and numerous works in other genres that are seldom programmed at all.

To explore Rachmaninoff’s worlds and complex life in all their multifaceted polyphony, the festival will present a broad sampling of his oeuvre, from his early songs to his choral masterpieces Vespers and The Bells, and from his beloved Second Piano Concerto to his seldom programmed Fourth. These will be heard alongside music by his teachers, including Sergei Taneyev and Anton Arensky; those who influenced his style, from Pyotr Tchaikovsky to George Gershwin and Duke Ellington; his Russian friends and colleagues, including Aleksandr Scriabin, Nikolai Medtner and Igor Stravinsky; his fellow pianist-composers, including Anton Rubinstein, Ferruccio Busoni, Ignacy Jan Paderewski and Leopold Godowsky; his Soviet contemporaries, including Sergei Prokofiev and Dmitri Shostakovich; his European ones, including Ottorino Respighi; and two of the Baroque masters whose music he transcribed and recorded, namely J. S. Bach and George Frideric Handel. Finally, two thought-provoking panel discussions, a commentary and a series of informative pre-concert talks will illuminate each concert’s themes.

For information on each of the programs, visit fishercenter.bard.edu.

Supplementary events and publication

Besides the 12 concert programs, there will be two free panel discussions: “Rachmaninoff and the 20th Century”



Sergei Rachmaninoff. Photo courtesy of Bard Music Festival

and “The Contested Legacy of Sergei Rachmaninoff.” These will be supplemented by informative pre-concert talks – all free to ticket-holders – to illuminate some of the individual programs’ themes. Bard SummerScape also presents “The Silent Woman (Die schweigsame Frau)”, the only true comic opera by Rachmaninoff’s close contemporary Richard Strauss, in a rare new production from German director Christian R ath (through July 31).

Since its founding, each Bard Music Festival has been accompanied by the publication of a companion volume of

new scholarship and interpretation, with essays and translated documents relating to the featured composer and their world. Published by the University of Chicago Press, “Rachmaninoff and His World” is edited by Bard’s 2022 Scholar-in-Residence, Philip Ross Bullock, a Professor of Russian Literature and Music at the University of Oxford.

Tickets for mainstage events start at \$25. For complete information regarding tickets, series discounts and more, visit fishercenter.bard.edu or call Bard’s box office at (845) 758-7900.

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Diversions

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

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

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

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Suguru

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

ACROSS

1. Crush
6. College social gp.
10. Spice rack bottle
14. ___ ray; sea creature
15. Hideaway
16. Toward shelter
17. Whiskered swimmer
18. Pact
20. "Well, I'll be!"
21. Soft cheese
23. Places for swallows
24. Item with a knob
25. Horned animals
27. Stick
30. St. Peter or one of his true successors
31. Chest covering
34. Lively dance
35. Swats
36. Debtor's note
37. 1961 Poitier film
41. Unit of capacity: abbr.
42. Ashes and alders
43. Greatest amount
44. Method: abbr.
45. "___ my lips!"
46. Plaids and paisleys
48. Assigned work
49. Musical number
50. Rest
53. Anthem
54. Poorly lit
57. Overnight areas for outdoorsmen
60. ___ acid
62. Confidante
63. Knowledgeable
64. Key ___
65. Bundle of hay
66. Fusses
67. Go into

DOWN

1. Urban problem
2. Spouse
3. Feed the kitty
4. ___ Geneviève
5. Port
6. Natural talent
7. Hit the ceiling
8. Lung contents
9. Italian numeral
10. British titles
11. ___ de al Soci  t  
12. Gave temporarily
13. "Why don't we!"
19. Become tangled
22. Fish eggs
24. Place to buy salami
25. Horse hues
26. Scheduled visit: abbr.
27. Riyadh residents
28. Head topper
29. Makes well
30. Worked hard
31. Huge mammal
32. Stir up
33. Family tree members
35. One not to be trusted
38. Parts of thongs
39. Angers
40. Radiate
46. Play on words
47. Give a feast for
48. Conic structure
49. Amounts to swallow
50. Crusty formation
51. Dalai ___
52. Man's name
53. Lily variety
54. Earth
55. Noted playwright
56. Wasteland
58. "There ___ tavern in the..."
59. Young boy
61. Gent

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

Note: Please check with event venues for any guidelines related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Ongoing

Mansion & Landscape Tours, Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. Wilderstein is a not-for-profit house museum. The estate was the home of Margaret (Daisy) Suckley, a distant cousin and confidante of Franklin Roosevelt. With its exquisite Queen Anne mansion and Calvert Vaux designed landscape, Wilderstein is widely regarded as the Hudson Valley's most important example of Victorian architecture. Guided tour includes the exterior architecture and first floor of the mansion, the landscape, and history of the Suckley family. Sat. & Sun., noon, 1, 2 & 3 p.m. Tickets \$12. Advance online registration encouraged, but walk-ins welcome if space is available. Buy tickets at <http://wilderstein.org/calendar/>

Museum Tours, Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, 9 Norton Rd., Red Hook. Museum open daily, through October. Weekend Air Shows: June 18-Oct. 16. Biplane rides available by reservation. <https://oldrhinebeck.org/>

Tours, Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., Beacon. Visitors will hear about Mount Gulian's centuries-long history that shaped our nation, including its part in the Revolutionary War as Patriot General Von Steuben's headquarters. They'll learn about the founding of the Society of the Cincinnati, our country's oldest veterans' organization, and the history of generations of Verplanck family members who lived at Mount Gulian. Visitors will discover the stories of James F. Brown, a fugitive slave who risked his life for freedom, and of Robert Newlin Verplanck's participation in the Civil War as an officer in the US Colored Troops. Artifacts on display span the 18th through the 20th centuries and include antique books, furniture, and an array of Revolutionary War items. Tours of the historic home, 18th-century Dutch barn, and heritage garden will be given on Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sun., at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Season runs through Oct. 23. Advance reservations recommended. Admission is \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 children (ages 6-18); free for children under 6 and Mount Gulian members. Visitors are required to wear a mask when indoors. (845) 831-8172 or info@mountgulian.org

Through Aug. 14

"Curtains," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. The Tony Award-winning, Broadway musical comedy whodunit from Kander & Ebb, (the creators of "Cabaret" & "Chicago") will be presented live, onstage. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. www.centerforperformingarts.org or (845) 876-3080.

Through Sept. 1

Twilight Music in the Parks, Walkway Over the Hudson (Ulster side), Highland. Outdoor summer concert series on Thursday nights from 6 to 7 p.m. Members of the Hudson Valley Folk Guild will perform a musical program from a different artist each week at the Walkway. Free. Weather permitting. For updates, check the Walkway's Facebook page or visit www.parks.ny.gov.

Through Sept. 23

Red Hook Summer Lawn Concert Series, Eat-N-Go, 7508 N. Broadway (Rte. 9), Red Hook. Bring a chair or blanket, along with some food from your favorite local restaurant, and enjoy an evening of local bands performing live on Friday nights, 6-8 p.m. The schedule: Aug. 5: Local Jam Aka Nunzzo; Aug. 12: Soul City; Aug. 19: Payne's Grey Sky; Aug. 26: The Moonlighters; Sept. 9: Wyld Blu; Sept. 16: Local Jam Aka Nunzzo; Sept. 23: Forefathers.

Through Sept. 24

Exhibit: "Transformations: Rhinebeck's Changing Downtown," Museum of Rhinebeck History, Quitman House, 7015 Rte. 9, Rhinebeck. Explore artifacts and photographs of historical businesses and buildings on East Market, West Market, Mill, and Montgomery Streets alongside photographs of what is there today. Open every Saturday through Sept. 24 (except Aug. 27), 1-4 p.m. (845) 554-6331

Aug. 4

Johnny A, Daryl's House Club, 130 Rte. 22, Pawling. Johnny A. will perform his critically acclaimed instrumental solo show, "Just Me...and My Guitars: A Celebration of the British Songbook of the Sixties," whereby he re-imagines the classic hits of British Invasion bands like the Beatles, Rolling Stones, The Hollies, The Kinks and many more legendary British bands of the era, 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 GA, \$25 reserved table seating. (845) 289-0185 or www.darylshouseclub.com

ARTS CONNECTION

County Players, one of the longest running community theater companies in the area, will hold open auditions on Sunday and Monday, Aug. 14 and 15, for the award-winning classic drama "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" by Edward Albee. Auditions will be held at the County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 West Main St. in the Village of Wappingers Falls. This November Main Stage Production is directed by Anna Marie Paolercio. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19, at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Sunday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 19. All actors regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, or experience are encouraged. For further information including a detailed list of character breakdown, sides, and audition form, visit countyplayers.org/shows/auditions/

COVID Audition Protocol

At this time, all actors and crew must be fully vaccinated. Please wear a mask and be prepared to show proof of vaccination when you arrive to auditions. The stage manager will provide the audition form (or you may download it from this page, print, fill it out, and bring it with you to the audition).

SCHEDULE: Be prepared to list all possible conflicts. Rehearsal schedule will be respectful of performers' time and conflicts. Please note, due to Covid restrictions, fully vaccinated actors planning to audition are asked to carefully consider travel out of state during rehearsals or performances. County Players will follow current CDC guidelines for domestic and international travel restrictions for Fully Vaccinated individuals. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>. Note: There are separate sections for both domestic and international travel which are updated as Covid-19 levels fluctuate. Once inside the theater, you may be unmasked (if fully vaccinated) and/or to read for the audition.

If you require wheelchair accessibility, contact the Box Office at (845) 298-1491.

Contact Anna Marie Paolercio, Director - anna0118@gmail.com or cell: (845) 464-2367; or Joseph Pettignano, Publicity Chair - jpettignano@gmail.com or cell: (845) 489-3086

Aug. 5-7

Phoenicia International Festival of the Voice Festival, Saint Ursula Place, Phoenicia. The weekend will include Teatro Grattacielo's production of "Don Giovanni" (Fri., Aug. 5, 8:30 p.m.); New York City Opera's production of "La Traviata" (Sat., Aug. 6, 8:30 p.m.); and "Hollywood in the Hills" (Sun., Aug. 7, 8:30 p.m.), a special concert event celebrating opera in the movies. Tickets are each event are \$5 for children under 16, \$40 general admission, and \$95 VIP. Weekend passes that provide access to all three events are \$100. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit phoeniciavoicifest.org or call (845) 594-8201.

Aug. 5-21

"I Know I Came in Here for Something..." Copake Lake Boat & Ski, 281 Lakeview, Craryville. Taconic Stage Company presents an original musical revue by Carl Ritchie and Wayne Moore with arrangements and accompaniment by Sariva Goetz. It stars Diedre Bollinger, Meg Dooley, Brian Litscher and Carl Ritchie and is directed by TSC founder and Artistic Director Carl Ritchie. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 5 p.m. Tickets \$25, available at <https://iknow.brownpapertickets.com> or through a link on the TSC website: www.taconicstage.com.

Aug. 5

Kingdom Sound Art Exhibition, Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Hosted by Saugerties High School artist Matthew Lewellyn and Library Curator Sandy Bartlett, 5 p.m. (845) 876-2903

Aug. 6

BachFest 2022, Outside on the Old Main Quad, SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz. Free celebration of music by JS & JC Bach, 5:30 p.m. The program includes: JS Bach: Concerto for Two Harpsichords, BWV 1060; JC Bach/Casadesus: Concerto for Viola in C Minor; JS Bach: Trio Sonata for Violin, Harpsichord, and Basso Continuo, BWV 1021; JS Bach: "Aus Liebe" from St. Matthew Passion, BWV 244, arr. For 4 Flutes; JS Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F Major, BWV 1047. Bring chairs and a blanket. Rain date: Aug. 7. Donations accepted. www.HVSocietyForMusic.org

Movies Under the Walkway: "Shang Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings," Upper Landing Park, Poughkeepsie. Series of free, family-friendly movies shown on the big screen beneath the Walkway Over the Hudson. Children's activities and fun for the whole family will precede each movie. Check-in will begin at 7:30 p.m. each night, and the feature film will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. This week: "Shang Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings." Advance registration required at DutchessNY.gov/ParksMovies

Second Annual D.R.A.W.-A-Thon, 20 Cedar St., Kingston. A free, family-friendly drawing marathon hosted by D.R.A.W. (the arts education program of the Kingston Midtown Arts District). A 12-hour drawing extravaganza for all ages, visitors can come and go throughout this day of drawing during which all the surfaces in The D.R.A.W.'s studio can be drawn on by folks of all ages, abilities, skill levels and interests. Teaching artists and youth leaders will be creating drawing experiences for everyone throughout the day. No advance registration needed. All materials will be provided. The event is family friendly all day and will shift to an adult-focused event from 7-10 p.m. <https://www.drawkingston.org/>

Aug. 7

Joe Farnsworth's #TimeToSwing Trio, The Falcon, 1348 Rte. 9W, Marlboro. Farnsworth is one of the most highly regarded jazz drummers on the scene today, known for his blazing speed, precision, musical, and melodic playing. The trio includes Sullivan Fortner on piano and Rodney Whittaker on bass, 7 p.m. Reservations suggested. www.liveatthefalcon.com

Aug. 10

Music in the Parks, Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. Hyde Park Recreation's series of free outdoor concerts held weekly at alternating historic sites, 6:30 p.m. This week: Southern Dutchess Band. In case of bad weather, concert will be canceled. (845) 229-8086

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Winning gardens

by Pat Owens

The Old Dutch Village Garden Club has enjoyed highlighting gardens that have beautified our local area both residential and commercial. There have been many. This July we were happy to notice The Red Hook Diner and the home of Mia Lidofsky and Celia Rowson-Hall at 41 Old Post Road North.

Corey Stratton is the co-owner of The Red Hook Diner and Restaurant at 7329 South Broadway for seven years now. His family brought him up to appreciate landscaping and the beauty around us. He enjoys doing the work himself and likes to take cuttings and propagate new plants. The petunias are utterly amazing! I can attest to that. I've never had a petunia that enjoyed the sun like they do. They are practically singing! There are also grasses and daylilies. It really is almost enjoyable getting from the parking lot to the restaurant. It was an easy decision to recognize Corey's efforts.

Craving nature and space Mia Lidofsky and Celia Rowson-Hall came from New York City to purchase their

1820 colonial home on the corner of CR 56 and Old Post Road North. This location leaves the house exposed to traffic and all its problems, e.g., salt in the winter. Celia and Mia were inspired by taking a permaculture class. They designed the landscaping to alleviate these concerns. They installed a one-foot-high berm and a white picket fence. Along the outside they mulched and planted a variety of lovely salt-resistant and native plantings that will flourish over time to enhance privacy.

Both recipients gave credit for the choice and expertise of plantings to local nurseries: Phantom Gardener, Adams, Grandiflora, Kesicke Farms.

The beginning of July saw the Garden Club having their annual picnic. From all accounts a fun time was had by all.

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

Boost your brain power with tips from stage actors

If you've ever marveled at how stage actors master a role, you might enjoy this newly published collection of interviews, "Off Book: Memorization Secrets from Performing Artists."

Over the course of three years, author and educator Brent Sverdlhoff interviewed emerging, mid-career, and established performing artists and asked them to share their approaches to memorization. The more than 40 interviews selected for his new book are filled with creative and effective strategies that help anyone improve their memory, on stage and off.

Actors, singers and musicians reveal their strategies for tackling especially challenging roles and getting back on track when their minds go blank. They discuss how their training and experience have shaped their learning process overall. Playwrights, monologists and songwriters also weigh in on how structure and character play into creating speech that is memorable to both the performers and the audience.

On and off stage, most of us are pursuing the same goals of mental clarity, physical expressiveness, and more intimate engagement with others. Whether we aspire to become a character in a play or a more enlightened person in real life, the lesson is this: the most successful tactics involve physical, psychological, emotional and even spiritual immersion.

The same techniques that guide actors in embodying a character can help the non-actor master a foreign language, reconstruct the order of historical events, or memorize the periodic table. We can sharpen our hearing and our awareness of our surroundings to create more vivid associations. By being more present and engaged, we remember more.

Some performers say that real life

makes them nervous, that they can relax only on stage. This will seem contradictory to non-actors since most of us are terrified of public speaking. Actors explain the importance of breathing and what to do with one's hands, and how staying calm—and curious—can strengthen our recall.

For anyone who has struggled with dyslexia, it will come as a welcome surprise that a number of talented actors have figured out how to compensate for their learning differences to commit material to memory.

When actors forget their lines, what do they do? They explain here how they get back on track, often without the audience even realizing that anything went awry.

What are the pros and cons of technology as it relates to memory? There are new apps that can facilitate line learning in context and technology that interferes with our ability to remain present.

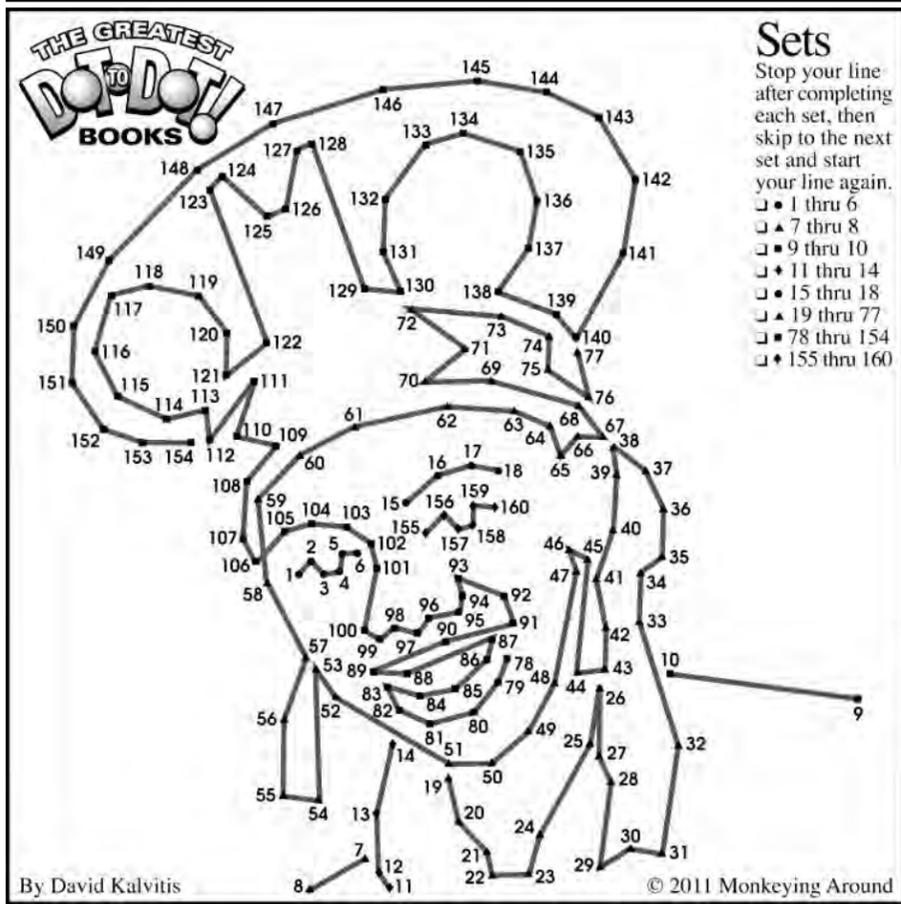
Finally, let's not forget the value of old-fashioned hard work. Repetition and frequency contribute to muscle memory and etch deep grooves into our consciousness.

The book first took shape as a blog on Sverdlhoff's website, FlexYourMemory.com. The blog remains active and includes dozens of other interviews with professionals in related fields, such as educators and visual artists. Many work and reside in the Greater New York area.

To help others put these techniques into practice, Sverdlhoff is offering a free storytelling "playshop" on Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Starr Library, 68 West Market St., Rhinebeck. Participants will craft a story, commit it to memory, and deliver it with confidence.

For details and to register, visit FlexYourMemory.com/events. More sessions will be posted as they are scheduled.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 13)



Exhibitions

at galleries and museums in the Hudson Valley

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through August:** Exhibition of works by Ivone Milani, Ted Dixon and Sharon Frey in the Visual Art Galleries. Featured in the Hallway Art Gallery at 9 Vassar St. will be photographer Ivone Milani presenting her solo show "The Secret Garden." At 12 Vassar St. will be Ted Dixon exhibiting his abstract paintings in the Hancock Gallery and oil painter Sharon Frey showcasing her anatomical figurative pieces in the Reception Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to galleries. Visit cunneen-hackett.org for hours and to review the Visitation Safety Protocols.

Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, 120 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Oct. 16:** Second Annual Sculpture Exhibition, contemporary artworks installed throughout the lush meadows and woodland walkways of the historic 153-acre property that is an internationally renowned dance residency. www.kaatsbaan.org

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Aug. 20:** New artwork on display by Isabel Livingston (watercolors), Betsy Wilson (watercolors), Nancy Ebel (soft glass) and Gianna Fusaro (multiple media, including acrylic, watercolor and oil).

Starr Library, 68 W. Market St., Rhinebeck. **Through August:** Works by Jim Bennett, Jacqueline Oster & Roni Wilder-Guidi. (845) 876-4030 or www.starlibrary.org

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 67 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Aug. 21:** "Historic Tivoli" Show, celebrating Tivoli's 150th anniversary this year. The show includes historical photographs, historical maps, Tivoli-inspired paintings and two presentations. Also, TAG is very honored to showcase the artwork of Tivoli's own Mayor Joel R. Griffith. This will be the first time in many years Mayor Griffith has shown his art in his home town. (845) 757-2667

Wassaic Project, 37 Furnace Bank Road, Wassaic. **Through Sept. 17:** "A Tournament of Lies," the show gathers 46 artists to Wassaic in hopes of harnessing the infinite energy of the life imitates art imitates life imitates art dynamo. Open noon-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. <http://wassaicproject.org/>

Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 16)

Suguru solution

1	2	5	4	5	1
3	4	1	2	3	4
1	5	3	5	1	5
4	2	1	2	3	2
1	3	5	4	5	4
2	4	1	3	2	3

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SUDOKU
This week's answer

9	6	5	2	8	4	1	3	7
3	2	7	1	9	5	6	4	8
4	8	1	3	7	6	2	5	9
8	3	9	6	5	2	7	1	4
5	7	6	8	4	1	3	9	2
2	1	4	9	3	7	5	8	6
6	4	3	5	2	9	8	7	1
7	5	2	4	1	8	9	6	3
1	9	8	7	6	3	4	2	5

August programs at Pleasant Valley Library

Flash Fiction

Monday, August 8 6:30-7:45 pm
(Second Monday evening of each month)

If you love writing fiction, or if it's something new that you want to try, join us for our monthly fiction writing group. At each meeting, participants will be given a writing prompt, time to write, and an opportunity to share their work with the group, if they want. *This is not a critique group, but a place where people can come and exercise their creativity in a fun, supportive environment. Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Face & Lymphatic Yoga

Monday, August 8 6:30-7:30 pm
(Second Monday evening of each month)

Join yoga teacher Rosalia Henry for an all-level yoga class for your whole body. Learn how to engage the muscles in the face and neck to help firm and tone. Remove toxins from your face and body by activating your natural immune support system. Please note the entire body will be engaged during class. Please bring a water bottle, face lotion, and a yoga mat. We'll provide yoga mats for those without one. Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Chair Yoga

Tuesday, August 9 1:00-2:00 pm
(Second Tuesday afternoon of each month)

Samantha Free has been teaching chair yoga for everyone for many years. Whether you are a senior, in a wheelchair, have an injury or balance issues, or are just getting interested in yoga, Samantha will work with you, with a combination of breath work, seated poses, and standing poses. Attendees will not get down on the floor and there are modified poses for those who don't wish to stand. This class is intended to be light-hearted and enjoyable. Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Gentle Flow Yoga

Wednesday, August 10 5:00-6:00 pm
(Second Wednesday evening of each month)

Join yoga instructor Samantha Free for all-level slow vinyasa flow yoga - a floor/mat yoga that coordinates breath with movement through different variations of postures. It's a great way to balance, strengthen and stretch the body. Modifications for postures will be implemented if necessary. Please wear comfortable clothing, and bring a water bottle and yoga mat. We'll provide yoga mats for those without one. Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Chess Club

Thursdays, August 11, August 25 6:00-8:00pm (Second and Fourth Thursday evenings of each month)

Chess teaches us to think, visualize, problem solve, strategize and take risks. Play the game that spans cultures and generations. By learning chess, one of the oldest and most fascinating of games, you can make friends and learn sportmanship. All ages and levels are welcome. Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Friday Night Flicks: "Aquaman"

Friday, August 12 6:00-8:00pm
Join us to watch the DC Extended Universe movie, "Aquaman," starring

Jason Momoa as Arthur Curry / Aquaman. Born upon the shores of the surface world, he discovers that he is half human and half Atlantean - making him the rightful heir to the throne of the undersea kingdom of Atlantis. Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Movie Night with Pleasant Valley Climate Smart: "March of the Penguins" Tuesday, August 16 6:00-8:00 pm

Join Pleasant Valley Climate Smart to watch the fascinating documentary, "March of the Penguins." It follows the harrowing and heroic journey that emperor penguins make amid subfreezing temperatures and snowstorms at the South Pole to find their perfect mates and start a family. Afterward, members of Pleasant Valley Climate Smart's Task Force will lead a brief discussion of the movie, and will also talk about their work to support our community in building a sustainable and balanced climate action program, one step at a time - and how you may be able to help! Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Earth to Table: Healing With Stinging Nettles

Tuesday, August 23 6:30-7:45pm

Join Joe Baldwin from Earth to Table to learn more about stinging nettles. Joe will show us how important nettles are to our health and healing, as well as how to grow, harvest, and make assorted products with them. Earth to Table is a local initiative providing farm-fresh vegetables, healing plants, herbs, teas, and more along with educational programs and catering. Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Meditation

Tuesday, August 30 6:30-7:30 pm
(last Tuesday of each month)

Help manage your stress and cultivate balance in your life with meditation. Certified hypnotherapist and Reiki Master Susan Olin-Dabrowski will lead both beginners and experienced meditators in exploring a variety of meditation techniques. Please Note: Masks are required for ALL attendees, regardless of vaccination status, for the entire duration of the program - no exceptions. Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Creative Summer Ocean Crafts:

Ages 3 to 6

Monday, August 8 1:00-2:00 pm

Tuesday, August 9 1:00-2:00 pm

Thursday, August 11 11:00 am-noon

Miss Julie is offering this make-and-take craft class for ages 3 to 6 years. Children will get to choose from a few different themed crafts! Please note - Children are only permitted to attend two of these craft classes per week. Registration is required - space is limited. Please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Creative Summer Ocean Crafts:

Ages 6 to 12

Monday, August 8 3:00-4:00pm

Tuesday, August 9 3:00-4:00 pm

Miss Julie is offering this make-and-take craft class for ages 6 to 12 years. Children will get to choose from a few different themed crafts! Registration is required - space is limited. Please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Upcoming at Morton Library

Needlework Club

Wednesday, August 10 @ 3:00 pm

Join with your crocheting, knitting, or hand sewing. Feel free to bring your own materials if you are an experienced crocheter maven. We will have yarn and hooks for beginners. All are welcome.

This group will meet biweekly from 3:00 - 4:00. (Beginning in September the group will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.) Please call the library for more information.

Tales from the Trail

with author Sherry Blackman

Friday, August 12 @ 7:00 pm

Tales from the Trail, Stories from the Oldest Hiker Hostel on the Appalachian Trail, chronicles the adventures of those who dare to strip life down to its bare bones to discover or rediscover their humanity on their 2200 thru-hike from Georgia to Maine. This book shares the tales of those on a pilgrimage through insightful conversations and encounters, exploring what it means to be human.

Sherry Blackman is the pastor of The Presbyterian Church of the Mountain in Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania, home to the oldest Hiker Hostel on the Appalachian Trail. She is an award-winning, internationally published journalist, poet, and author.

Books will be available for purchase. All are welcome.

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Spotted Lanternfly Workshop

Wednesday, August 17 @ 6:00 pm

The Spotted lanternfly is a pest which is moving into our area. In its adult stage it can be annoying to people. But in all of its stages it can seriously damage our area's vineyards and orchards. Joyce deVries Tomaselli will present a program to keep a proactive focus on the presence and spread of SLF pest while research continues for methods of control.

The pests are small now, but will be more noticeable as the season progresses. They are in their adult stage (and are visibly annoying) from late July to hard frost. Please call the library for more information. All are welcome.

Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show

Friday, August 19 @ 8:00 pm

Featuring: Talented local musicians.

Donations to benefit the Morton lighting project are suggested.

Radio Free Rhinecliff and Morton present:

Raconteur Chris Wells

Saturday, August 20 @ 6:00 pm

Volume 2. Big & Salty is a storytelling series performed by Chris Wells, Obie winning performer, writer and community leader. Wells is the founding artistic director of The Secret City, a secular church of art started in 2007 in New York City.

Rollicking, heartfelt and deeply humane, Big & Salty will touch, inspire and titillate. Suitable for ages 12 and up. Please RSVP to rspv@radiofreerhinecliff.org if you can. (so we know how many to expect)

Starr Library's August programs

Here is a list of Starr Library's August programs at a glance. For more information, check out the online calendar at www.starrlibrary.org.

ALL AGES

FRI. & SAT. AUG 12-13 - Friends of the Library Book Sale

TUE. AUG 16 @ 6:45pm - Rhinebeck Legion Band Concert

SAT. AUG 20 @ 3pm - Summer Stage: Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians

SAT. AUG 27 @ 11am - Houseplant Swap

ADULTS

FRI. JULY 29 @ 7pm - Miracles on Montgomery: Highlights from Upstate Films' First 50 Years

TUE. AUG 9 @ 11:30am - Lunchtime Learning at the Beatrix Farrand Garden with Staatsburg and Starr Libraries

TUE. AUG 9 @ 1pm - Mysteries

Around the World Book Club: The Vault SAT. AUG 20 @ 11am - What's Your Story? Write It, Learn It, Tell It with Brent Sverdlhoff

TUE. AUG 30 @ 7pm - Starr Library Book Club: The Botany of Desire

YOUTH & FAMILY

WED. AUG 3 @ 4:30am - Hands On: Handwriting Club

SAT. AUG 6 @ 11am - Summer Stage: Animals at Starr with Brian Robinson

TUE. AUG 9, 23 @ 11am - Storytime with Nancy Sorgen

THUR. AUG 11 & 25 @ 11am - Music and Movement with Terry Watson

SAT. AUG 13 @ 11am - Summer Stage: Magic Show with Zach Alexander

WED. AUG 17, 24, 31 @ 4am - Literacy & Art with Theresa Corrigan

THUR. AUG 18 @ 11:30am - Make Your Own Mini Art Museum with Ms. Pockets

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Hochul announces rollout of electric and gas utility bill credits for low-income families

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently announced that the vast majority of \$567 million dedicated to help low-income electric and gas utility customers pay off past utility bills will be reflected on customers' August bills. The financial assistance program includes an estimated \$557 million statewide COVID-19 bill credit program for low-income customers adopted by the New York State Public Service Commission. Under the bill credit program, the PSC leveraged \$250 million from the FY 2023 Enacted State Budget to require utilities to provide a one-time credit to customers enrolled in the Energy Affordability Program that will eliminate unpaid utility bills that have accrued through May 1, 2022. The program also authorizes the same relief for any eligible low-income customers

that enroll in EAP by Dec. 31, 2022.

At the direction of Hochul, the Department of Public Service, the staff arm of the PSC, worked with the state's major utilities to credit the customers' accounts. The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant financial hardship for New Yorkers, particularly low-income consumers. Since March 2020, the number of customers more than 60 days behind in their electric and gas utility payments (i.e., in arrears) and the total dollar amount of arrears has grown to unprecedented levels. Low-income customer credits are expected to be posted to customer accounts beginning August 1, 2022 and consumers can expect to see the credit on their next billing cycle. Credits will be received by the vast majority of low-income customers of the major electric

and gas companies on their August bills.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant financial hardship to low-income customers and resulted in the shuttering of businesses and widespread loss of jobs. The number of customers that have unpaid utility bills and the total dollar amount of unpaid utility bills has risen considerably since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, and this bill credit program provides financial relief to the most vulnerable residential customers in order to help them avoid having their utility services terminated for non-payment. More than 327,000 low-income New York households will directly benefit from the program.

Under the bill credit program, all State assistance available for utility bill assistance will be coordinated to ensure maximum benefits to ratepayers and to avoid duplication of efforts. This includes relief available to low-income customers from the State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance's Emergency Rental Assistance Program to reduce unpaid utility bills, estimated at \$100 million, coupled with \$250 million from the New York State budget appropriation directed to utilities to eliminate pandemic-related unpaid utility bills for low-income households. Utility shareholders have provided more than \$36 million in contributions to benefit ratepayers. The bill credit program is estimated to cost the major utility

ratepayers \$181 million after they are allocated their share of the budget appropriation, and customer credits and shareholder contributions that reduce the program cost are applied.

This one-time, low-income utility bill credit, which will be applied to affected customers' bills by the utilities, requires no action by existing low-income customers enrolled in the EAP to receive the benefit. PSEG Long Island and the municipal utilities have been allocated \$10.4 million of the \$250 million appropriated in the budget to be used for the bill credit program for low-income customers. The PSC anticipates a future proposal by consumer groups and stakeholders to address the substantial increase in unpaid electric and gas utility bills for remaining residential and non-residential customers resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the overall work to reduce unpaid electric and gas utility bills, Governor Hochul recently launched a new initiative between OTDA and the major utilities to identify more low-income households to enroll in the EAP program, which provides utility bill discounts that save participating households hundreds of dollars per year on utility costs.

Any newly eligible low-income customer that enrolls in EAP before Dec. 31, 2022 will be included in the bill credit program.

Coming up at Millbrook Library

August 6th @ 10 am

Composting for the Home

Composting not only produces a rich soil amendment but also plays an important role in organic recycling. Explore a number of easy ways to get started, or learn ways to fine-tune your current composting methods. Vermicomposting can also be demonstrated in this presentation. Join Master Gardener Cathy Lane from Cornell Cooperative Extension for a Saturday morning Zoom presentation with a question and answer session. You must be registered to receive the Zoom link.

August 11th @ 6pm

Movie Night - 9 to 5

Tumble outta bed and stumble to the library for a showing of a beloved classic comedy. 9 to 5 stars the famous trio Dolly Parton, Lily Tomlin, and Jane Fonda as three working women conspiring against their horribly sexist boss. If you've already seen it, come see it again, and if you've never seen it, you're seriously missing out on a cultural touchstone. We promise you'll leave humming that titular song! Movie nights are open to all and a wonderful way to join the community of film lovers here in Millbrook. Some wine, popcorn, and cookies will be served.

August 17th @ 6pm

Open Mic Night

Join us for our monthly Open Mic Night organized and hosted by Loredana Ingenito. Come with any writing -- poetry, short story, essay, creative nonfiction, manifesto, screed, or even a guitar and song. Or just come to listen. There will be a chance to sign up at the event, but readers will read on a first-come basis, so sign up early to ensure a slot!

August 20th @ 10 am

Walking Book Discussion of "Ways of Seeing" by John Berger

Join Local Artist June Glasson & Millbrook Adult Programs Coordinator Kristin Perkins in the Innisfree Gardens for a walking discussion of John Berger's classic book Ways of Seeing. Afterward, participants are invited to bring a journal or sketch pad with them for a writing and drawing session to reflect on the reading and gardens.

This event (and entry into the gardens) is free for participants thanks to the gen-

erosity of the Friends of the Millbrook Library and Innisfree Garden. Donation is suggested for those with the means. You must be registered to attend; register by emailing kperkins@millbrooklibrary.com.

August 25th @ 6pm

Movie Night - Waste Land

We're branching out into documentaries this month with Wasteland, a heart-warming and fascinating story about Vik Muniz, an artist, traveling to the largest garbage dump in the world - Jardim Gramacho outside Rio de Janeiro. He collaborates with the recycling pickers who work at the dump on recycled sculptures that catch the art world's attention. If the intriguing premise isn't enough to grab you, this documentary has a 100% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes, the only documentary of the year to be universally approved by critics. Movie nights are open to all and a wonderful way to join the community of film lovers here in Millbrook. Some wine, popcorn, and cookies will be served!

August 26th @ 4 pm

MillBook Club - Sea of Tranquility

This month the book club is reading the newest Emily St. John Mandel book, Sea of Tranquility. Famous for her book Station Eleven, Sea of Tranquility is the same character-focused, poetic, sci-fi story that reveals the connectivity of all things, including pandemics. A novel of art, time, love, and plague that takes the reader from Vancouver Island in 1912 to a dark colony on the moon three hundred years later, unfurling a story of humanity across centuries and space. The book club is always eager for new members. Pick up your book at the circulation desk and join a lively, friendly group discussion. Register to receive email updates or just show up! We want you here.

August 31st @ 6pm

All Ages Game Night

Want to play games but don't have anyone to play with? Join us at the library for an all-ages game night. We will provide board games, card games, and video games for you to play with your neighbors! Feel free to bring your favorite game to play with others. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

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County to make \$2 million in improvements at HV Regional Airport

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced last week that the county will make investments of \$2.1 million to reconstruct and rehabilitate the terminal apron, taxiway and taxiway lighting at Hudson Valley Regional Airport in Wappinger. The project is being funded by a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), secured by Sen. Chuck Schumer.

The improvements the county will make to the airport include:

- Rehabilitating 18,000 square yards of the existing terminal apron to maintain the structural integrity of the pavement;
- Rehabilitating 600 feet of the existing Taxiway E pavement to maintain the structural integrity of the pavement;
- Rehabilitating 600 feet of the existing Taxiway F pavement to maintain the structural integrity of the pavement;
- Reconstructing the Taxiway E edge lighting system, which has reached the end of its useful life and requires reconstruction to meet FAA standards; and
- Reconstructing the Taxiway F edge lighting system, which has reached the end of its useful life and requires reconstruction to meet FAA standards.

Located at 263 New Hackensack Road in Wappinger, Hudson Valley Regional Airport is a general aviation airport,

designated as local, as defined in the FAA's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems report. In 2021, the number of aircraft operations (take-offs and landings) at the airport exceeded 60,000 for the year, the highest traffic count in more than five years.

The aforementioned planned improvements are just the latest enhancements at the airport. Dutchess County invested nearly \$8 million into the construction and development of Dutchess Community College's (DCC) educational hangar at Hudson Valley Regional Airport, which opened in 2021 and provides a state-of-the-art learning environment for DCC aviation students. The nearly 32,000-square-foot facility serves as experiential lab space for a fixed-base operator and maintenance facility serving the airport.

Prior to that project, the County invested \$8.8 million for the construction of a 6,725-square-foot Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) building at the airport to meet FAA safety requirements and protect ARFF equipment from adverse weather conditions.

Additional information about Hudson Valley Regional Airport is available at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Department/s/Airport/airport.htm>.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-44-22 Supplemental Vendors for Cummins Diesel Engine Parts for Dutchess County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of August 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845)486-3613.

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LEGAL NOTICE - WORKSHOP EAST CLINTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners will hold a Budget Workshop on Monday, August 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. If a second workshop is necessary, the board will set the date and time at the end of this workshop. The meeting will be held at the East Clinton Fire District Firehouse, 9 Firehouse Lane, Clinton Corners, NY. Dated: July 28, 2022
East Clinton Fire District Board of Commissioners
Karen Buechele, Secretary

LEGAL NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special Meeting will be held by the

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Hughsonville Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners on Wednesday August 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of budget preparation. The next regular monthly meeting of the Hughsonville Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public and will be held at the Hughsonville Fire House located at 88 Old Hopewell Road, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590. This notification is being given to the news media pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York. By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Hughsonville Fire District.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kim Flower
Fire District Secretary

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

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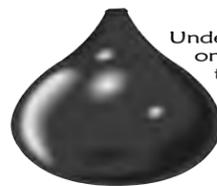
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OBITUARIES

Deborah Jeanne Butts Tomanocny

PLEASANT VALLEY - Deborah Jeanne Butts Tomanocny, 59, of Pleasant Valley died on Saturday, July 23rd, at home surrounded by her children. Born on July 20, 1963 in Poughkeepsie, she was the daughter of John W. Butts III and Barbara Butts (née Hahn). Her family was a perennial fixture at the Dutchess County Fair, where they showed their Jersey cows with 4H for decades, and in 1980, Debbie was crowned the Dutchess County Dairy Princess. Debbie was a skilled paralegal for Patrick J. Flanagan, Esq, in Norwich, New York, with whom she worked for seventeen years. Previously, Debbie worked for Roland Butts, Esq in Poughkeepsie for sixteen years. Debbie was a dedicated student of creative writing at the Writers Studio School, and was at work on a memoir about her life growing up on a farm, finding her own way, and raising her three children. She was also a passionate quilter and frequent customer with her best buddy Teresa at her favorite quilt shop: Sew Nice in Norwich, NY. She created family heirloom quilts for her children, and loved completing ambitious sewing projects, including her daughter Kristen's rehearsal dinner gown, prom dress, and Christmas tree skirts for all three of her kids. Debbie was a collector of mugs and cozy sweatshirts from her various travels. She loved traveling with her children to visit cities and wonders across the country, including the Grand Canyon, Tampa, Nashville, Austin, Denver, Burlington, and Cape Cod. She enjoyed flowers, particularly daisies, and gardening: a skill she picked up from her mother. Debbie is survived by her daughter Kristen and sons Ryan and Scott, who she raised with her former husband, Michael Tomanocny. She is also survived by her son-in-law Seth Wallin, daughter-in-law Jennifer Moor, her brother Daniel Butts, sister-in-law Terri Butts, her niece Jillian, nephew Ethan, her aunt Jeanne Halstead, uncle Tom Hahn, aunt Joanne Hagar, her cousin and best friend Gretchen Halstead, and various other cousins and dear friends whom she considered family. Debbie was predeceased by her sister Susan, her brother Johnny, and her parents John and Barbara. Funeral services were held on Monday, August 1st at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Salt Point, New York, 1872 Salt Point Tpke., Salt Point, NY 12578. Burial is in the family plot. In lieu of flowers, Debbie's

family respectfully requests memorial donations to the Global Fund for Women for gender justice. globalfundforwomen.org To send an online condolence, or for directions please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Janet O. Sneddon

MILLBROOK - Janet O. Sneddon, 91, a longtime Millbrook resident, passed away at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, NY on July 22, 2022 with her family by her side. Born on December 20, 1930 in Geneva, NY, she was the daughter of Frederick and Mabel (Hiliker) Dermott. Janet married William A. Sneddon on April 23, 1949. He predeceased her in 1988. Janet was an active member of The Millbrook Seniors. She loved reading, crossword puzzles, bird watching, gardening, and playing bingo. She was immensely proud of her family, and many wonderful times and memories were made with family and friends. During the holidays, Janet enjoyed sharing dozens of her homemade biscotti with family and friends. She looked forward to annual trips with her two sisters, and going on Cape Cod vacations with her family. Janet is survived by her children, Kathryn (Paul) Galli, Millbrook; Lisa (Joseph) Blank, Clearwater, FL; Paul Sneddon, Millbrook; Grant Sneddon, Connecticut; Annette Kramer, Warrensburg, NY; her grandchildren, Justin (Erica) Galli, Millbrook, NY; Janine Galli, Millbrook, NY; Matthew (Courtney) Blank, Denver, CO. She was an adoring Gigi to her three great grandchildren, Nicholas, Carmela, and Lilliana. In addition to her husband, two siblings, Frederick Dermott and Ethel Dermott Scala, predeceased her. Two of her children, William Sneddon and Janine Sneddon as well as son-in-law, Michael Kramer, predeceased her also. Janet has one surviving sister, Dorothy Sobus, a brother-in-law, Michael Scala and many nieces and nephews. Janet touched the lives of many with her kindness, smile and positive outlook. The family will honor Janet with a private graveside service. A celebration of life will be held in September. In Janet's memory, the family requests donations be made to The Angels of Light, P.O. Box 345, Millbrook, NY. 12545; a local charity organization that provides assistance for children and families living in the Hudson Valley with life threatening illnesses. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Millbrook. For condolences, please visit www.hudsonvalleyfuneralhomes.com.

New open data GIS launch helps earn Dutchess County Best in Nation Top Ten ranking for 20th consecutive year

Dutchess County Government's continued commitment to provide innovative technology initiatives to residents and businesses, including the recent launch of Dutchess County Office of Central and Information Services' (OCIS) new open data portal for Geographic Information System (GIS) datasets, has again earned Dutchess County national recognition. Dutchess County is ranked 5th in the nation among mid-size county governments for its use of technology in the 2022 Digital Counties Survey conducted by the Center for Digital Government (CDG) and the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The new GIS open data portal includes dozens of geographical datasets that are available for review and download including locations of municipal services, addresses and emergency response information, countywide election districts, as well as watersheds and drainage basins. Previously, downloads of these datasets were considered custom requests, which could include a fee based on the type of request. Now, organizations and businesses, as well as the public can easily access the County's GIS data for a wide variety of projects, including general information as well as economic development, city planning, and many other purposes.

Downloaded datasets available for free to the public on the new GIS hub include:

- Address points;
- Local resources such as Adult Care Facilities and Nursing Homes; EMS, Fire, and Police stations; Town Halls and Highway Garages; Hospitals and others;
- Contours;
- Drainage Basins and Sub-Basins;
- Municipal Boundaries;
- Rail Roads and Stations;
- Roads and Road Edges;
- Senior Friendship Centers;
- Watersheds.

The Open Data GIS hub does not include parcels or real property data as that data is maintained by the County's

Department of Finance's Real Property Tax Division and is available to search on the Parcel Access application.

The Open Data GIS hub is the newest feature in the County's extensive lineup of GIS applications, including:

- Parks & Trails – information on nearly 200 parks, 380 miles of trails and a large selection of 360-degree photos.
- Parcel Access – property boundaries and extensive property information, including wetlands, flood zones, elevations, and others.
- Address Info-Finder – a tool to verify official addresses within Dutchess County and generate reports for related elected officials, road authorities, emergency services agencies, and more.
- Bike Dutchess – bicycle parking and routes throughout the county.
- Historic Resource Survey Viewer – maps and related historic documents following the 1980s review of landscape and cultural assets.

"In our increasingly complex world, counties are using technology to pursue bold, cutting-edge approaches to serving our residents," said NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase. "From broadband accessibility to public health and safety, from transportation to community development and much more, technology plays a key role in helping our counties thrive. We applaud this year's Digital Counties Survey winners for their leadership, innovation, and expertise in leveraging technology to achieve county goals."

OCIS Commissioner Glenn Marchi, Ph.D., said, "The Dutchess County Office of Central and Information Services team continues to find and implement creative and innovative technology solutions for residents and businesses throughout the county. This consistent recognition is a testament to the hard work of the team at OCIS. It is an honor and a privilege to work alongside these dedicated individuals."

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Hochul announces launch of advisory council on domestic violence

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently announced the launch of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council, which will strengthen the capacity of both the domestic violence and the intellectual and developmental disability systems to increase access to domestic violence services for individuals with IDD who are also survivors of domestic violence. Through the Advisory Council, the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and the New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council will work together to develop and implement skills training for intellectual and developmental disability and domestic violence service providers.

The Advisory Council will provide expertise and knowledge to inform project development, review and offer feedback on training deliverables, consult outreach strategies to promote accessibility, and participate in a pilot of training delivery.

"My mother opened a home for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence, so strengthening services to vulnerable communities, including people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is an issue close to my heart," Hochul said. "The pandemic has tragically led to a rise in domestic and gender-based violence, which is why we are committed to ensuring that survivors can safely access the help and services they need."

New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

Executive Director Kelli Owens said, "Individuals with disabilities experience domestic and sexual violence at extremely high rates. As OPDV transforms gender-based violence service delivery systems to be more survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive, we must lift the voices of those who have not previously had a seat at the table. I'm proud to serve a Governor who recognizes the unique needs of individuals with disabilities and supports initiatives that create accessibility and equity for all."

OPDV will work with a consulting agency that specializes in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to develop a comprehensive training on identifying and working with IDD individuals facing abuse. This training will help both DV and IDD provider staff gain skills to respond to people with IDD who are experiencing DV and connect survivors with appropriate resources and supports.

Kerri E. Neifeld, Commissioner of the New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities said, "Women with disabilities are three times more likely to experience domestic violence than their non-disabled counterparts. We must work to support and empower people with developmental disabilities who have experienced domestic and intimate partner violence and ensure their voices are heard. I am grateful to Governor Kathy Hochul, OPDV and the NYS DDPC for their leadership in establishing the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory

Council to improve the safety and well-being of New Yorkers with developmental disabilities. OPWDD is committed to partnering with our fellow State Agencies in this endeavor."

New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Acting Executive Director Vicky Hiffa said, "We know that people with disabilities are more likely to be victims of domestic violence than people without disabilities. The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is pleased to partner with the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence on this important initiative to educate staff at both IDD and DV provider agencies on how to recognize the signs of Domestic Violence for people with disabilities and to respond appropriately with accessible information and resources. We commend OPDV on selecting a robust Advisory Council to shape the project and are confident these members will help strengthen the project outcomes."

The list of members includes:

- Nancy Nowak - Senior Advocate in the Protection and Advocacy for People with ID/DD Program, Disability Rights NY;
- Vanessa E. Eybers - Director of Employment Services, Camp Venture;

- Janna Kopacki - Director of Benefit Services, Southern Adirondack Independent Living Center;

- Michelle Cook - Tribe Care Manager Supervisor, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe;

- Imani Whitfield - Crime Victim Advocate, Albany County DA;

- Alexa Donnelly - Deputy Executive Director, Person Centered Care Services;

- Anastasia Holoboff - Senior Legal Advisor, Women Enabled International;

- Laura Holland - Owner, All Ability Wellness;

- Mona Kelly - Paraprofessional, Amityville Public Schools;

- Andrew Richardson - Direct Support Professional, Heritage Christian Services;

- Susan Ruff - Advocacy Director, Southern Tier Independence Center;

- Tiffany Pavone - Project Director, Community Services for Every1.

The Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence is the country's only executive level state agency dedicated to the issue of domestic violence. The state's Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline provides free, confidential support 24/7, and is available in most languages: 800-942-6906 (call), 844-997-2121 (text) or @opdv.ny.gov (chat).

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