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'Phase Two' renovations start at Heritage Financial Park

By Rich Thomaselli

The evolution of Heritage Financial Park, formerly Dutchess Stadium, home of the Hudson Valley Renegades, continues.

What the team is calling "Phase Two" of the major renovations to the facility, as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Major League Baseball, is underway.

The construction, notably a new clubhouse down the left field line and an events facility, is being funded by Dutchess County Government, the Renegades, and franchise owner Diamond Baseball Holding. The events facility can be rented out.

All construction is slated to be completed by opening day of April, 2024.

The goal is to turn the stadium into a multi-use venue for the Hudson Valley.

"The best way to describe this project is dynamic. The project will deliver player and staff accommodations along with expanding the experience that we are able to provide our fans on gameday, and it will grant us the opportunity to be open and welcoming to the communities we serve for 12 months a year," said Tyson Jeffers, General Manager of the Renegades, in a statement. "This project solidifies our goal of making Heritage Financial Park the premier sports and entertainment venue in the Hudson Valley."

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Education plays vital role in Youth Livestock Sale



Youth Livestock Sale participants and their animals include, from left, Elianna Fell – Hog, Tavin Pennock – Chicken, Haley McCord – Lamb, Tessa Mashburn – Rabbit, Elizabeth Mashburn – Meat Goat and James Roush – Steer. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

By Curtis Schmidt

The 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) youth who take part in the annual Livestock Sale at the Dutchess County Fair are extremely knowledgeable about the animals they present.

Members like Lyris Pennock, Elizabeth and Tessa Mashburn, Haley McCord, James Roush and Elianna Fell invite everyone to attend the Pre-Sale Reception at the Livestock Show Arena from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug 26, to listen and learn about the animals and then attend the 4 p.m. sale and make bids and purchases that help the youth in their future educational pursuits.

Many individuals in the local business communities appreciate the efforts of the youngsters and have become "regulars" at the sale.

One such person is Richard Ross and his family from Rhinebeck Dental.

"I have always appreciated the dedication and hard work that kids put into 4-H and FFA. I do not have any experience in livestock or agriculture," he said. "It's nice to come out during Fair week and see all of these kids' hard work come to fruition. I have been attending the auction for about five years and will continue to support the kids."

He added, "I really appreciate the hard

work of the kids. Many life lessons are gained in parenting livestock."

And now, let's hear from the youth as they inform all about their animals.

• Hello! My name is Lyris Pennock and I am the Youth Representative for Poultry. I am raising Heritage Barred Rock Chickens and Heritage Bourbon Red Turkeys this year for the Dutchess County Fair's Youth Livestock Sale. Chicken is one of the most popular meat sources in America because it is high in protein, low in fat, and very versatile to cook. There's nothing better sitting down to a meal with a 4-H raised chicken or turkey as the centerpiece.

• My name is Elizabeth Mashburn and I am the Youth Representative for the species of Meat Goat. Although Chevron is not as common as in Europe, it's still imported to the United States by the billions. There's a growing demand, even locally. Luckily, the 4-H Meat Goat program has grown and there will be more opportunities for buyers than in the past. Hope to see you there!

• Hi, I'm Tessa Mashburn, the Youth Representative for Rabbits. Rabbit meat offers a generous amount of vitamins, minerals, protein and omegas. Their fur is exquisite and so is their pooh as fertilizer for gardening. It may be lovely to eat braised rabbit at a fancy French restaur-

ant, rabbit tacos from a chic food truck or you can support local youth at our sale with our homegrown offerings.

• My name is Haley McCord and I am the Youth Representative for lambs. This year I will be raising two lambs to be sold in the sale. My family raises homegrown market lambs for production in agriculture. Making connections with buyers about how I raise my lambs and even helping to educate others who may want to know more about lamb meat production is my goal!

• My name is James Roush and I am a member of the 4-H Beef Club. Here Comes the Beef, as well as being the Youth Representative for Beef Cattle. Beef is an excellent source of protein and supplies 10 essential nutrients including B-vitamins, zinc and iron that support a healthy lifestyle!

• My name is Elianna Fell and I am Youth Representative for hogs. I have been raising three hogs since March. Hogs are really fun to take care of and raise, growing a bond with them and getting them to trust you over the time spent with them. You can make a lot of different types of meals with pork, cooking it whatever way you want. Pork is really tasty!

William Kent Inc. is again the

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County to host Veterans Appreciation Picnic Sept. 30

To show gratitude and appreciation to local veterans, Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O’Neil and Division of Veterans Services Director Adam Roche will host the 2nd Annual Red, White, and You! Veterans Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 30, from noon to 3 p.m., at Camp Nooteeming, located at 22 Camp Nooteeming Road in Salt Point.

This free event is open to local veterans, who may bring one guest each, and will be an afternoon of comradery, food and music. Registration is required as space is limited and can be submitted at dutchessny.gov/veteranspicnic. Reservation deadline is Friday, Sept. 22.

County Executive O’Neil said, “We are happy to host our 2nd annual Veterans Appreciation Picnic to honor our local heroes. I hope many veterans will join us for a day of food, music and most importantly, good company. I look forward to interacting with my fellow veterans while enjoying beautiful Camp Nooteeming.”

The Veterans Appreciation Picnic, held on the scenic grounds of Camp Nooteeming, will give veterans the opportunity to interact with other veterans while enjoying barbeque food catered by Tavern 23, available between noon and 2 p.m., and listening to live music from area local county band the StringMasters playing from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Veterans Services Director Adam

Roche said, “Our second Veterans Appreciation Picnic is right around the corner, and we are look forward to gathering hundreds of local veterans for this exciting event, especially after the success of last year’s picnic. These men and women put their lives on the line to protect our freedoms and this is a way to say thank you for their sacrifices.”

It takes collaboration to put together an event like this, and Dutchess County offers a special thanks to local businesses and volunteers for participating and donating services. In addition to Tavern 23, the County’s Office for the Aging, Associates Golf & Utility Vehicles, iHeart Media radio personality “Uncle Mike” Hansen and Mental Health America of Dutchess County’s Vet2Vet program are all partnering with Veterans Services to make this event enjoyable for veterans and their guests.

The picnic will take place at the Upper Trail Head at Camp Nooteeming. Directional signs will be posted to help attendees easily locate the picnic area. Courtesy golf cart rides and limited van shuttles will be available for those physically disabled and in need of assistance getting from the parking lot to the picnic area.

For further information, please contact the Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services at (845) 486-2060 or visit dutchessny.gov/Veterans.

NDP EMS opens training registration for aspiring EMTs of all ages and career stages

NDP EMS recently opened registration for its 2023-24 EMT training. The training, which will take place at Bard College, will start on Wednesday, Sept. 20, and will take place most weeks on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and some Saturdays from 8 to 11:30 a.m., through February 2024.

Upon passing the to-be-scheduled practical exam and completing the course with NDP EMS, students will be eligible to sit for the New York State written exam and, upon passing that exam as well, will gain designation as a certified EMT in New York State, eligible to work in that role immediately.

“We are always excited to meet a new group of aspiring EMTs, and to support their professional development and goals. Many of our trainees will go on to work with us at NDP EMS, whether on a per diem, part-time, or full-time basis. And of course this course does have a ‘refresher’ component as well for those people already in our field who need recertification,” said Mark Browne, Paramedic, President and Chief Operating Officer at NDP EMS.

Added Cheryl Hilbrandt, EMT, who coordinates all training and education at NDP EMS, along with serving as an instructor for the EMT training program: “We offer a robust curriculum and deliver the material in a way that is interactive so that trainees feel confident as they set out to being their careers. I look forward to meeting this next cohort, and encourage anyone who has ever considered a path as a first responder to register for this program. The work is deeply rewarding, and our communities desperately need first responders who want to make a difference.”

The cost of the NDP EMS EMT training program is \$800 per person (\$335 for refresher class), plus textbook and online testing fees; Hilbrandt noted that New York State covers those fees for registrants who are sponsored by a New York State certified EMS agency.

“And just two weeks prior to the EMT training start date, NDP EMS will be hosting a career open house event - on

Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., at our Rhinebeck headquarters (3 Hook Road),” said Hilbrandt. “The career open house is a great way to learn more about this line of work. Anyone who is curious about this field or wants to explore our gap year opportunities should pop over even if just for a few minutes.”

Said Ed Murray, CEO of NDP EMS, “This will be the second time we host a career open house event - it’s a great way for attendees to meet and talk with some of our dedicated professionals, and to learn more about how to build a career in this field. We’ll offer some demonstrations and tours as well that evening. While we welcome people at every age and stage of life, I do want to also point out that our gap year opportunity is especially ideal for graduating high school students and new grads who aren’t sure what might be next. And - for all attendees of the open house event - please note that you can sign up for the EMT training program on the spot that evening. We’ll be ready for you!”

Advance registration for the EMT training program is required, and space is limited.

NDP Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a full service medical and emergency transportation company. Founded in 1994, Northern Dutchess Paramedics began operations with one Advanced Life Support First Response Vehicle on October 25, 1995. Since that time, NDP EMS has expanded to include a dedicated staff of over 140 EMTs, Paramedics and support personnel. NDP EMS is the only commercial ambulance provider with its corporate headquarters located in Dutchess County located in Rhinebeck. In addition, NDP has substations in Wassaic, Dover, Hyde Park, and Livingston, Millerton and Millbrook, New York as well as Litchfield County, Connecticut.

For more information about the EMT Training and/or NDP’s Career Open House event, call Cheryl Hilbrandt at NDP EMS: (845) 876-0448, ext. 136, chilbrandt@ndpems.com.

LIBRARIES PARTNER ON TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT AUG. 30

Red Hook Public Library and Tivoli Free Library will present a Touch-A-Truck event on Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with some hands-on family fun.

This community gathering will involve real, life-size vehicles, including Red Hook Fire Company’s Firetruck, Red Hook Highway Department’s new garbage truck, tractor trailers, dump trucks, backhoes and excavators, ladder trucks, a Bouncy Castle truck, farming equipment and some surprise guests.

The event will take place at Red Hook Village Hall Parking Lot at 7467 South Broadway, Red Hook.

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Summer Youth Employment Program prepares county youth for future success

More than 150 young participants with various backgrounds and interests Wednesday completed the Department of Community and Family Services' (DCFS) weeks-long Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), which empowers the youth and prepares them for success by providing invaluable real-world work experience and skill development, laying a strong foundation for their future careers. Wednesday's SYEP graduation was coordinated by the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board (DCWIB) and held at Dutchess BOCES in Salt Point.

The annual SYEP provides qualified students, ages 14 to 20 and whose families qualify for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), a 6-8 week-long course, which includes summer job placement, designed to help them prepare for future, permanent employment.

County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said, "Dutchess County can be immensely proud of today's graduates and the dedication they've shown throughout the Summer Youth Employment Program. These young people have demonstrated an eagerness to learn and the determination to excel in the professional world. As they move forward, they carry with them the experience, knowledge and confidence that will undoubtedly propel them toward brighter futures."

Students who took part in the SYEP received job placements accompanied by mentorship – ranging in industry, skill level and geographic location – and worked an average of 20 hours per week at one of more than a dozen businesses throughout Dutchess County, including Discovery Children's Museum, Hidden Hollow Farm, Gennie's Soul Food Restaurant, Community Music Space and Taste Budd's Café. Training coincided with the students' employment through-

out July and August, giving them the chance to learn skills, go back and apply those skills on the job, and then gather again to discuss which were successful. Through the WIB's partnerships with local businesses, organizations and government agencies, participants were immersed in a diverse range of industries, including technology, healthcare, hospitality and more – exposure which not only helped participants discover their passions, but also paved the way for potential career paths.

Training topics included: problem-solving; teamwork; verbal and non-verbal communication; stress management; fundamental fiscal management concepts; and goal setting and employment strategies.

DCWIB Executive Director Louise McLoughlin said, "The Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board proudly partners with the Department of Community & Family Services to offer this impactful program, which makes a difference in so many young people's lives. Wednesday's graduates have learned critical lifelong skills this summer, and we hope they'll continue to hone those skills as they prepare for their post-school life."

The SYEP offered participants more than just work experience. Wednesday's graduation, for example, included workshops and seminars designed to enhance essential skills, including communication, teamwork, problem-solving and financial literacy. Local business owners and experts in their respective fields led Wednesday's sessions, aimed to provide the young people with a holistic development experience, and County Executive O'Neil shared his personal story, detailing his journey from military service and success in the private sector to his leadership roles in County government.

Through their participation in the pro-



Participants from the Summer Youth Employment Program listen as County Executive William F.X. O'Neil congratulates them on completing the weeks-long program. Right: O'Neil inspired the SYEP participants and shared with them his experience from success in the private sector to public sector leadership.



Courtesy photos

gram, hard work and dedication, the graduates of the 2023 Dutchess County SYEP are now better prepared to transition into higher education or the workforce. They have gained practical skills, expanded their networks and fostered a strong sense of responsibility and professionalism.

DCFS directed \$535,230 to the DCWIB for the 2023 Summer Youth Employment Program from the federally funded TANF program. SYEP's goal is

for the young participants to enjoy a positive work experience while giving them an opportunity to be productive, explore career options and earn a certificate that confirms their readiness for entry-level work, as defined by employers across the country.

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- Provides support: People may dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.
- Help for VETERANS: Veterans can press "1" after dialing 988 and be connected directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline.

Youth Livestock Sale

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Auctioneer for the sale, with Josh Kent in charge. Pictures and videos are available to view on-line starting at williamkentinc.com/online-auction.

Youth representing both 4-H and FFA (Future Farmers of America) have entered animals in the sale. This year's sale entries include beef, hogs, lambs, goats, rabbits, chickens, turkeys and heritage breed chickens and turkeys.

"Watching the youth interact with potential buyers and seeing the community support of the Dutchess County Youth Livestock is one of the highlights of Fair week. It is amazing to see so many people and companies, both new and longtime supporters of our youngest members of the agriculture community," said Michelle Hicks, chairperson of the Livestock Sale Committee.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Hope for America through cooperation and compromise

To the editor:
I look at the world through these 93-year-old eyes in wonderment with the knowledge that every one who comes into this world makes a very small change and the sum total is what affects the direction our society goes. It brings to mind the words of Voltaire, a 1700s Frenchman, who said “This is not the best of all possible worlds, nor the worst, but it is up to each of us to cultivate our own garden.”
I see the world as a place of good and evil and can only hope that the share of those around me and the country we live in will be on the good side.
I see our country’s government threatened by the actions of Donald Trump and his delusioned followers and can only hope and believe that our system of checks and balances will survive the test. The January 6, 2021 insurrection should be a “wake up call,” but we still see eight U.S. Senators and 118 House Representative MAGA Republicans who are 2020 election deniers and still defending it in our Congress.
Hopefully the arrest of over 1,000 participants and their convictions will be a balance. The Proud Boys, known to be part of the insurrection attempt, is only a small part of the 1,020 hate groups identified by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). These groups exist for numerous reasons but that hate will consume those that hold onto it and deny the good that could have come from their existence.
I see hope for America with the passage of the \$1.2 trillion “Federal Infrastructure and Job Creation bill” through cooperation and compromise between Republicans and Democrats. Jobs will be created along with the repair or update roads and transportation systems, replace poisoned city water systems, upgrade communications.
There is some hope for America with a step toward better gun control with the passage of the “Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.” It did not address renewing the “1994 Assault weapon ban” the weapon of choice: Mass shootings 2020- 610; 2021- 688; 2022- 646; 2023 – 437 to date. I question how effective the “Red Flag” law will be from our family experience and news articles of lack of police interaction or action by those around the murderers.

David F. Queen
Red Hook

Safety above partisanship is needed in NYS Senate

To the editor:
As a parent and community member, public safety is personal to me. I want to know that the streets my kids walk on are protected, and that our neighborhood is secure. I understand that the surest way to reduce crime is by investing in proactive measures that target the source and stop illegal activity before it can even start. That means getting guns off of our streets and out of the wrong hands, promoting school safety and cracking down on illicit markets and drug trafficking. It also includes taking steps to end hate crimes once and for all, and giving law enforcement the tools they need to do their jobs.
The New York State Senate Democrats have advanced measures that address all of these issues. Yet our State Senator, Rob Rolison, has voted against each one of them. He rejected millions of dollars in the State Budget for evidence-based gun violence reduction programs and funding to prevent hate crimes. He voted against a bill that would allow cops to seize firearms during domestic violence calls, and even turned his back on measures that would crack down on illegal pot shops. Rob Rolison claims to stand for law and order, but his voting record proves otherwise. Hudson Valley families deserve a Senator who puts safety above partisanship, and doesn’t play politics with our lives. We can’t afford Rob Rolison’s reckless votes in Albany.
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Deborah Wright
Poughquag, NY

Vassar Temple announces
High Holy Day services

Vassar Temple invites the community to worship on the upcoming High Holy Days. Rosh Hashana begins the evening of September 15, and Yom Kippur begins the evening of September 24. The congregation’s clergy Rabbi Renni S. Altman, DD and Cantor Elizabeth Goldmann will officiate. Most of the High Holy Day programming will be hybrid (available both in person and on Zoom) and will be adapted to that format. There will be professional security present. Please visit our website www.vassartemple.org for our current health and safety policies, and for the complete service schedule. Any updates will be

posted there.
No fee is involved but everyone wishing to attend must contact the Temple and register in advance, and donations to help defray our expenses are appreciated. The congregation is also accepting donations of nonperishable foods for its annual Yom Kippur Food Drive to benefit a local

food pantry.
Vassar Temple, 140 Hooker Ave, is a welcoming, inclusive congregation located in Poughkeepsie, and is a member of the Union for Reform Judaism. For further information, and to sign up to attend, please contact office@vassartemple.org or 845-454-2570.

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County takes next critical steps to address homelessness

Following input from local stakeholders, Dutchess County is undertaking several vital steps to continue its journey to address the local impact of the national plight of homelessness with an evidence-based approach and the establishment of a permanent emergency housing facility. The County's approach includes comprehensive wrap-around services to help people move from homelessness to independence as quickly as possible.

- Critical next steps include:
- Recruitment is under way for a new county Shelter Director position to oversee emergency shelter operations and accompanying wrap-around services, including contracted service oversight.
 - A Request for Expressions of Interest from qualified organizations to manage the day-to-day operations of the Emergency Housing Facility will be issued in the coming weeks.
 - Construction design is about to begin for the temporary location for the emergency shelter operations at Dutchess County Jail once it is vacated. The current PODS have reached end of useful life and need to be removed for completion of the Dutchess County Justice & Transition Center project (DCJTC).
 - The County is applying for \$15 million in New York State Homeless Housing and Assistance (HHAP) grant funding to establish permanent location for the emergency shelter.

Additionally, County Executive William F.X. O'Neil has initiated conversations with the Governor's Office about opportunities to collaborate with the State to create housing opportunities at the former Hudson River Psychiatric Center property to provide more opportunities in the housing spectrum and ensure the success of the County's homeless prevention efforts.

O'Neil said, "Dutchess County continues our plan to develop the Hudson Valley's most transformative solution to homelessness. Taking these next actions builds more momentum as we seek our ultimate resolution to address the plight of homelessness and save lives. We have heard from the Legislature's selected representatives on this issue, and we've used their contributions to craft plans that will ensure success. We look forward to moving this process forward to offer those experiencing homelessness a hand up and support to find safe and stable housing."

Shelter Director recruitment

The Dutchess County Department of Community & Family Services is currently recruiting for the Shelter Director position with a public posting of the job specifications and qualifications. The Shelter Director is a County government position with responsibilities involving the administration, supervision and coordination of the County's emergency housing shelter. Among other duties, the Director will be responsible for ensuring the provision of a range of services to ensure safe housing and get people to independence and housing stability. The Director will also be a liaison between the shelter and the community.

The job description and qualifications were expanded and updated to incorporate feedback from the Legislature's Community Stakeholder Committee. Based on the Committee's recommendation, the qualifications for education/experience were enhanced to add an additional year of required paid case management and supervision experience. Those with a master's degree in public administration should have two years of experience, while applicants with bachelor's degree should have at least three years of experience. Additionally, based on the committee's feedback, the posting includes the preference for the director to

be a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply prior to the August 18th deadline.

RFEI for Shelter Operator

Dutchess County will be soon issuing a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) seeking a highly regarded organization, experienced in shelter operations, that understands and appreciates the County's needs regarding the Emergency Housing Facility and the desire to implement a new, innovative model with qualified and established program management staff.

The Operator will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the emergency housing facility including, among others:

- development of facility operational and security plans, and policies and procedures, in accordance with Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) regulations, and in partnership with and approval by the County's Department of Community and Family Services;
- responsibility for intakes and discharges;
- 24-hour on-site security, including screening with a metal detector and x-ray machine;
- offering a variety of activities that are available at the facility to help engage with guests and provide meaningful activities throughout the day;
- preliminary health screenings of guests; and
- provision of three meals per day, prepared in a facility approved by the County's health department.

The RFEI is expected to be publicly posted in the coming weeks, and all eligible community providers are invited to express their interest. The RFEI incorporated comments and feedback from a public meeting convened by the administration in December 2022 to discuss the emergency shelter project with community members and local stakeholders. The RFEI also includes feedback from the Community Stakeholder Committee formed by the Dutchess County Legislature. The Committee's recommendations were sent to the County Executive, in keeping with the resolution regarding the shelter project passed by the Legislature in 2022.

Planning for temporary location for Emergency Shelter

Temporary housing units (PODS) were installed at the current jail site in May 2015 as a provisional solution to the costly practice of housing out inmates to other counties, due to overcrowding at the jail. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the PODS, which were no longer being utilized for inmate housing due to bail reform, were converted temporary emergency housing facility to provide safe haven for the homeless. The PODS have continued to be utilized as the number of homeless individuals has grown significantly since prior to the pandemic. However, the PODS have reached the end of their useful life, and ongoing wear and tear have required increasing maintenance and repairs.

Additionally, the PODS must be removed for the completion of the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center (DCJTC), necessitating an interim facility for the shelter.

With the 1995 section of current jail set to be decommissioned when the DCJTC opens later this year, that section of the jail facility will serve as temporary location for the Emergency Housing Facility. County Legislators had the opportunity to tour the 1995 section earlier this year and concurred that the facility is a significant improvement over the current PODS and authorized construc-

tion design funding. Design is set begin late this summer.

Until a permanent shelter location is solidified and ready to welcome guests, the former jail facility will enable the County to safely house individuals and most importantly, begin the critical programming that is not possible to conduct in the current PODS location.

The first floor of the jail facility will serve as office and programming space to begin providing critical wrap-around services, including mental health, substance use, housing case management and vocational assistance. This can begin as soon the jail facility is vacated this fall. The second floor will be the living area, including sleeping quarters, and will be the focus of the majority of the construction work.

Once a permanent shelter location is identified and opened, the 1995 section of the jail will be repurposed for other uses including housing needs.

HHAP grant application for permanent location

In 2022, the County identified the 26 Oakley Street property in the City of Poughkeepsie to convert into a permanent emergency housing facility and transform the County's emergency housing response system by connecting those needing housing and services with providers where they reside. Having new evidence-based programs and intensive services located at one facility will facilitate the County's new model for assisting those experiencing homelessness find permanent housing. The County utilized \$2.1 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to purchase property.

Following construction estimates on schematic design, the multi-million cost of retrofitting the current Oakley Street building for that use, however, was beyond what the County could reasonably direct towards the project.

To bring the vision at Oakley Street to fruition, the County is pursuing a grant through the State's Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) for up to \$15 million, which provides capital grants and loans to municipalities and public corporations, not-for-profit corporations, charitable and religious organizations to acquire, construct or rehabilitate housing for persons who are homeless and are unable to secure adequate housing without special assistance.

The State's HHAP application and review process will take place in the com-

ing months, and Dutchess County expects to receive a decision on its application by the end of 2023. If approved, the County will use the grant to fund the capital costs associated with the Oakley Street project, with an anticipated opening date of the permanent shelter at the site in Spring of 2026.

County Executive O'Neil said, "It has long been our vision to use the Oakley Street building as the cornerstone of Dutchess County's transformational approach to dealing with homelessness and its root causes. We've been steadfast in our vision and creative in resolving the unforeseen challenges we've overcome. This newest grant opportunity not only keeps that goal in sight, but it will help us achieve our mission of making our plan a reality. Dutchess County is eager to continue our progress to address the scourge of homelessness and help lift residents out of it, into a better life."

Dutchess County will continue to review other potential permanent locations, should its grant application not be approved. The County will also research and analyze a distributed shelter concept as suggested by the Community Stakeholder Committee and others for its validity, acceptability and affordability.

Keenly aware of the national housing shortage, as defined locally in the Dutchess County Housing Needs Assessment released 2022, the County, with the support of Assemblymember Didi Barrett, is exploring opportunities to transform the former site of the Hudson Valley Psychiatric Center into a transitional/affordable housing campus in alignment with Gov. Kathy Hochul's announced executive action to review state-owned sites to create and increase the supply of affordable housing and promote broader housing growth. The County Executive has forwarded a letter to the Governor, explaining how the former Hudson Valley Psychiatric Center offers the location, space and opportunity to build such a campus and calls on the State's support of such a transformative project.

"Housing is one of the most critical needs facing our community and our nation. Dutchess County is working to tackle these challenges across the spectrum, from emergency shelter to transitional and permanent housing. It is an ongoing process and we are demonstrating bold leadership in addressing this difficult problem," said O'Neil.

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	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Brooklyn NYM	28	20	.583	-	4-6	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	28	20	.583	-	7-3	W1
Greensboro PIT	25	22	.532	2.5	7-3	W4
Hudson Valley NYY	*	24	.500	4.0	5-5	W1
Aberdeen BAL	23	24	.489	4.5	6-4	L1
Wilmington WSH	16	32	.333	12.0	3-7	W1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Hickory TEX	31	16	.660	-	5-5	L4
Bowling Green TB	27	20	.574	4.0	4-6	L4
Rome ATL	24	24	.500	7.5	7-3	W4
Winston-Salem CWS	20	26	.435	10.5	7-3	W7
Greenville BOS	*	20	.417	11.5	2-8	L6
Asheville HOU	19	29	.396	12.5	3-7	L1

Renegades set ticket sales for 2024 memberships

By Rich Thomaselli

The Hudson Valley Renegades have put their 2024 season ticket sale memberships on sale.

Season ticket sales include all 66 home games next season and plans are as low as \$0 down. Other plans include tickets to the playoffs in the South Atlantic League beginning next month.

Tickets are also available for full-season plans or half-season.

Hudson Valley is the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees.

“We are tremendously excited to celebrate the 30th season of Renegades baseball in 2024, and we know fans are not going to want to miss out on any of the action,” said

Tyson Jeffers, President and General Manager of the Renegades, in a statement. “Being able to guarantee your seats to be a part of the fun is just one of many benefits of becoming a season ticket member.”

Season Ticket Members purchasing new plans or renewing existing plans will receive complimentary tickets to all 2023 South Atlantic League Playoff games played at Heritage Financial Park.

Those purchasing a full-season plan simply have to reserve their seats and select their payment plan and pay nothing until their first installment. Fans buying half-season plans can reserve their tickets with a non-refundable \$100 deposit to lock in their seats.

Call (845) 297-3723 or email cschmidt@s Dutchessnews.com to advertise on our Renegades pages.

Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Spencer Henson 1B	HV	74	270	47	68	16	0	13	44	26	79	1	2	.252	.334	.456	.790
1 Spencer Jones CF	HV	97	399	61	107	28	4	13	55	42	131	35	8	.268	.339	.456	.795
1 Grant Richardson RF	HV	77	265	36	54	6	2	13	37	34	95	14	2	.204	.306	.389	.695
4 Aaron Palensky LF	HV	32	125	29	44	9	2	12	34	15	34	10	0	.352	.434	.744	1.178
5 Benjamin Cowles 2B	HV	91	324	53	85	17	1	10	37	47	107	20	3	.262	.362	.414	.776
6 Christopher Familia LF	HV	34	133	27	34	4	0	9	25	15	33	0	0	.256	.336	.489	.825
6 Agustin Ramirez C	HV	27	112	21	43	10	0	9	23	8	17	2	0	.384	.430	.714	1.144
6 Alexander Vargas SS	HV	89	362	49	77	14	6	9	50	21	100	13	6	.213	.255	.359	.614
9 Anthony Garcia RF	HV	32	183	35	35	6	1	7	26	33	81	4	2	.191	.312	.350	.662
10 Marcos Cabrera 3B	HV	60	212	22	44	10	2	6	23	22	79	4	1	.208	.285	.358	.643
11 Rafael Flores 1B	HV	90	332	43	89	15	1	5	34	41	93	3	1	.268	.349	.364	.713
12 Aldenis Sanchez RF	HV	69	236	30	53	10	4	4	32	25	72	14	7	.225	.300	.352	.652
13 Antonio Gomez C	HV	75	281	29	65	15	0	3	26	20	102	0	1	.231	.290	.317	.607
14 Ben Rice C	HV	15	44	15	15	2	0	2	10	18	10	3	0	.341	.559	.523	1.082
15 Josh Breaux DH	HV	13	54	6	11	1	0	1	3	5	15	0	0	.204	.271	.278	.549
15 Anthony Hall RF	HV	10	41	6	9	5	0	1	6	5	13	0	0	.220	.304	.415	.719
15 Jesus Rodriguez C	HV	10	36	6	14	2	0	1	8	8	8	0	0	.389	.511	.528	1.039
15 Luis Santos 2B	HV	37	105	13	24	3	2	1	10	18	33	8	3	.229	.349	.324	.673
15 Eduardo Torrealba 3B	HV	42	128	17	36	5	0	1	18	18	19	7	1	.281	.379	.344	.723
15 Jared Wegner LF	HV	6	19	2	6	2	0	1	3	3	5	0	0	.316	.409	.579	.988
21 Kyle Battle LF	HV	9	20	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	9	1	1	.050	.174	.050	.224
21 Juan Crisp C	HV	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	.000	.222	.000	.222
21 Caleb Durbin 2B	HV	22	78	20	26	5	0	0	8	14	9	15	1	.333	.464	.397	.861
21 Jared Serna 2B	HV	11	45	6	12	3	0	0	3	4	7	5	0	.267	.353	.333	.686

Pitcher Statistics



PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 Drew Thorpe P	HV	10	2	2.81	18	18	1	1	0	0	109.0	84	38	34	10	0	33	138	1.07	.215





Renegades Extra!



RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades, Cyclones locked in tight 2nd-half division race

By Rich Thomaselli

Instead of coming home to start their penultimate regular season homestand, the Hudson Valley Renegades instead showed just how tight the race is in the North Division of the South Atlantic League.

Hudson Valley, the first half champion of the division, went on the road to play the likely second-half champion in Brooklyn. The Renegades won the season series with a 7-1 win on Sunday, but there are only four games separating the two teams from the top spot in the division.

Hudson Valley opened the series last Tuesday with a 4-2 victory at

Maimonides Park.

The Renegades took an early lead in the top of the second when Ben Cowles laced an opposite-field home run off Robert Colina to put Hudson Valley in front 1-0. It was Cowles' 10th homerun of the season, the first time in his career that he reached double digits in home runs in a season.

Baron Stuart worked around traffic on the bases and did not allow a run throughout the first five innings thanks to his defense turning two double plays behind him. Stuart (2-1) allowed no runs on six hits while walking four and striking out one across 5.0-plus innings of work.

Hudson Valley added some insurance

in the top of the sixth, when Anthony Hall led off with a double and scored on a two-run home run by Jesus Rodriguez. It was his first round-tripper with the Renegades and his seventh overall on the season. After Alexander Vargas and Antonio Gomez laced back-to-back singles to chase Colina (3-3) from the game, Joshua Cornielli allowed an RBI single to Cowles to grow the lead to 4-0.

Rodriguez is just one of many new faces who have been called up to the Renegades in roster moves in recent weeks.

On Wednesday, pitching was king again for Hudson Valley in a 7-1 victory. Three different pitchers combined to

throw a one hitter, the team's third of the season.

Thursday night brought a nail-biting 6-5 victory for the Renegades. Hudson Valley led from start to finish, including 5-0 at one point, before having to hang on for the win.

Brooklyn finally got on the winning side of the scoreboard with an 8-5 win on Friday night. A five-run bottom of the eighth inning turned the trick for the Cyclones.

On Saturday night, Hudson Valley jumped ahead 3-0 but lost 8-5. Christopher Familia had a two-run home run for the Renegades in the second inning.

'Phase Two' renovations start at Heritage Financial Park

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Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said, "For nearly three decades, Heritage Financial Park (formerly Dutchess Stadium from 1994 to 2023) has provided countless local families with wholesome entertainment and long-cherished memories. Even before the first pitch was ever thrown at the stadium, Dutchess County has invested in this gem of a County park to enhance the fan experience. This latest project continues our commitment to residents and visitors alike who enjoy this park and will do so for decades to come."

The centerpiece of the player-facing aspect of the project is a new home clubhouse located on the ground level of the new building. The clubhouse exceeds Major League Baseball's requirements and will provide a valuable facility for the New York Yankees to develop their current and future stars in the Hudson Valley, including current Yankees star Carlos Rodon's rehab start at the Fishkill ballpark in July.

As part of the new construction, the Renegades will have a weight room and enclosed batting tunnels. The clubhouse will

be outfitted with brand-new lockers and a player lounge. There will also be dedicated locker room spaces for all field staff and private accommodations for female staff.

With the home clubhouse being constructed in left field, the Renegades will shift to the third base dugout coinciding with the opening of the building in 2024. Players will enter the field through an entrance tunnel into left field, near where the current visiting team bullpen is located. The visiting team will

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Workers begin construction on the "Phase Two" renovations at Heritage Financial Park, home of the Hudson Valley Renegades minor league baseball team. All construction is slated to be completed by opening day of April, 2024. Photo by Dave Janosz

TYSON'S TIDBITS

Selling the new 'event space' and discussing roster moves

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

In your mind, what does the new facility with "Phase Two" and event space do for the franchise?

It's an impactful piece that's been missing. I mean, we've done a lot of transformative things to the ballpark this year. But yes, this can be a game-changer. I mean, to build a whole new structure? It's going to be a truly high-end experience for people on that club level.

You will now be competing with other event and catering sources across the

county and beyond.

Well, they will definitely have an advantage on us (laughs). That would be like us asking them to come in and operate a baseball game. There will be lots of lessons for us to learn. We have to get people to learn how to make the right decisions and to sell that space, because it is a different space. There will be overlooking a professional ballpark. Not too many people can offer that. That will be pretty cool on its own. And there are plenty of baseball fans out there who maybe want a baseball-themed event. We might be behind the curve in terms of experience and what these other facilities can do but we definitely offer something different. So we'll try to use our unique

niche in the market to sell that space.

Back to baseball. The team has had close to 40 roster moves this year. But that's not necessarily a higher number, is it?

Definitely not. Not at this level. It's really a testament to the Yankees who are willing to test their guys and move them around. I mean, Somerset (Class AA) won a championship last year and almost all of the guys were members of the Renegades. We've seen a couple of guys who came up from Tampa who are already gone. So like I've said in the past, we want them to have fun here but we also want them to move on.



Needs assessment tells a story of challenge and opportunity in Red Hook & Rhinebeck

Presentations set in September at Red Hook Community Center, Rhinebeck Town Hall

Red Hook Community Center and Red Hook Responds released the findings from the 2022/2023 Community Needs Assessment covering the greater Red Hook and Rhinebeck area. The findings will be presented at two public meetings by Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, the author of the Assessment.

CNA Results Presentation #1 will be held at the Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk St., Red Hook, on Thursday, Sept. 7, at 5:30 p.m.; CNA Results Presentation #2 will be held at Rhinebeck Town Hall, 80 East Market St., Rhinebeck, on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m.

The goal of the Community Needs Assessment is to identify the vulnerabilities in the Red Hook and Rhinebeck communities and to suggest ways where they can help each other to live full and healthy lives. Input was solicited to get an understanding of the obstacles community members saw for themselves and others.

Sara Ugolini, Executive Director of the Red Hook Community Center, said, “While there are not many surprises in the results, this report gives the community a clearer picture of where our neighbors find challenges in living here.”

Nevill Smythe, Red Hook Responds Board Member, said, “This report gives both of our organizations a clear picture

where we can look to expand our services with the greatest impact.”

Ugolini added: “This report is for everyone from residents, to other non-profits, to government officials at all levels, to look at how we can work together to make our communities better for all of our residents.”

Red Hook Community Center and Red Hook Responds - with the support of the Dyson Foundation, the Mary Norris Preyer Foundation, the Thomas Thompson Trust, the Town of Red Hook, the Village of Red Hook, the Town of Rhinebeck, and the Village of Rhinebeck - commissioned Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress to conduct this Community Needs Assessment.

Red Hook Community Center fosters inclusive community participation by providing an environmentally sound facility for arts, education, recreation, celebration and locally based human services to increase opportunity for personal and collective growth in the community.

Red Hook Responds (RHR), founded in 2020 to meet the needs of the community during the Covid-19 pandemic, continues its mission to work together to help our community by organizing volunteers and providing essential resources and services to help those in need. RHR accomplishes this mission through programs that support food security, agriculture, inclusion, emergency relief, equality, and upcycling to reduce environmental impact. RHR strives to support continuing efforts and expanding services with thoughtfulness toward the community based on need, resources, and volunteerism.

Construction at Heritage Financial Park

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move into the right field clubhouse building, which currently houses just the Renegades.

The upper level of the new building will contain a new club level and event space which will be utilized both for games and events during the offseason.

For games, the Renegades will sell season-long memberships, group tickets, and a limited number of single-game tickets for the club. Inside, the club will feature a full-service kitchen and bar, climate-controlled indoor seating with TVs.

It will serve as another source of revenue for the team. It will be able to

accommodate 200 people. The new space will be able to be rented out for weddings, baby showers, bar and batman’s fest and other private catering events.

In addition to the clubhouse and club level, the construction project is adding several new, unique seating options including a rooftop bar that can hold up to 300 people.

In total, the expansion is expected to increase the capacity of Heritage Financial Park by approximately 1,000 people. The facility currently seats about 5,000 fans.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Vendors wanted for Pok Elks’ Flea Market
The Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge, at 20 Overocker Road in Poughkeepsie, seeks vendors for its Flea Market, set Sunday, Oct. 8. Cost is \$25 per space; includes three 8-foot tables. Call (845) 454-6660 for more information.

Needlework program Sept. 6 in Lagrangeville
September 6: “Japanese Embroidery Traditions and Transitions” - Freedom Plains United Presbyterian Church, 1168 Rte. 55, Lagrangeville. Skyllkill, a local chapter of the Embroiderer’s Guild of America, presents Pamela Reading from Raleigh, NC, an embroiderer, teacher of needlework and a researcher with a special focus on the art of Japanese embroidery. Pamela will join this meeting via Zoom to speak on how traditional silk embroidery started over 1,000 years ago and is still relevant in the modern era. What has changed and what remains? This program begins at 12:30 p.m. Join other needleworkers for fun and learning beginning at 10 a.m. (bring your own morning project and bag lunch) or, come for this program only beginning at 12:30. For more information visit www.facebook.com/SkyllkillEGA or email to EGASkyllkill@gmail.com.

Pine Plains Garden Club sets lecture Sept. 9
The Pine Plains Garden Club will host a free lecture presented by Dutchess County Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners. The topic on Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. will be Bulbs For All Seasons. The lecture will be held at the Pine Plains Community Room. 7775 South Main St., Pine Plains. Any questions, email Pine Plains Garden Club@gmail.com.

Abilities First Golf & Tennis Classic set Sept. 11
Abilities First will hold its fundraiser, a Golf & Tennis Classic, on Monday, Sept. 11, at the Powelton Club in Newburgh. The day includes cocktails, light dinner, live and silent auction, and more. To purchase tickets, call Tracey Cox-Matarazzo at (845) 485-9803, ext. 1219.

Founded in 1962, Abilities First is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization serving the needs of over 1,400 children and adults with developmental disabilities from birth through adulthood throughout the Hudson Valley. More than 600 dedicated employees are committed to providing a culture of compassion, empowerment and respect through educational, vocational, residential, habilitation, and family support programs and services.

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

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

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

United Way Community Breakfast Sept. 19

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR) will hold its Community Breakfast on Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7:30 a.m., at Keepsake at the Academy, 33 Academy St., Poughkeepsie. Cost to attend is \$60.

Join UWDOR as the organization celebrates the dedication, generosity and kindness of the community, as it kicks off the annual campaign. The 2023 Kindness Champion will be announced at the event.

Tickets and more information are available at www.uwdor.org/breakfast2023.

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

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

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

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

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

FARMERS MARKETS

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

Chatham Farmers & Makers Market: 248 State Rte. 295, The Green at the Old Chatham Bowling Alley. Fridays, 3-7 p.m., through Oct. 6. info@chathamfarmersmarket.com

Copake/Hillsdale: Roeliff Jansen Park, Hillsdale. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Nov. 18. copakehillsdalefarmersmarket@gmail.com

Germantown: 50 Palatine Park Rd., Germantown. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., through Oct. 14. germantownfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Hudson: Corner of 6th St. & Columbia St., Hudson. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Nov. 18. (518) 300-3496

Hudson Thursday Market: 7th Street Park, Hudson. Thursdays, 4-7 p.m., through Oct. 26. upstreetmarket@gmail.com

Hyde Park: Paul’s Hyde Park Farmers Market, 4390 Rte. 9 (across from Town Hall), Hyde Park. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. (845) 229-9336 or oakgreen@optonline.net

Millbrook: 3263 Franklin Ave., Millbrook. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. through Oct. 28. millbrookmarketmanager@gmail.com

Millerton: Millerton Methodist Church, 6 Dutchess Ave., Millerton. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Dec. 30. paul@neccmillerton.org

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

RHINEBECK VILLAGE HALL CLOSED AUG. 23-25

Rhinebeck Village Hall will be closed from Wednesday, Aug. 23, to Friday, Aug. 25, for records inventory. Contact Village Clerk Martina McClinton at mmcclinton@villageofrhinebeckny.gov with any questions.

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Millbrook Community Day moves to Oct.; sponsors needed

It's almost that time of year! In fact, it's a little more than a month away. We're talking about Millbrook Community Day. The event will be sponsored by the Millbrook Business Association, the

Millbrook Arts Group and Millbrook Rotary. The date is Saturday, October 7 this year- about a month later than the event has been held in the past. Events include: Children's Activities, a Chili Cook Off, Cake Walk, Farmers

Market, Axe Throwing, 50/50 Raffle and plenty of local vendors. The Millbrook Business Association is still seeking donors and sponsors for Community Day.

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Clark’s Earth Opera set Aug. 26-27 in Rosendale

Elizabeth Clark’s “Seeds Under Nuclear Winter: An Earth Opera” returns to the Widow Jane Mine in Rosendale on Saturday, Aug. 26, and Sunday, Aug. 27, at 3 p.m. on both days. A community of 31 Hudson Valley artists will come together to re-create lucid dreams and spiritual visions through performance art and music.

Composer, producer, harpist/vocalist Elizabeth Clark says, “‘The Earth Opera’ has evolved quite a bit since it premiered last summer. We are deepening the story this year with an incredibly talented and expanded cast and elaborating upon the work with additional scenes, songs, and dreams.”

“Seeds Under Nuclear Winter: An Earth Opera” is a re-creation of spiritual

visions, dreams, and stories through world and sacred music, performance art, movement, and light experiments, shared within an immersive and multi-sensory community experience. The theme centers on “finding light and beauty in the darkest times, remembering how connected we all are to each other” says Clark, who wrote the opera while living in a tiny artist’s cottage in the forest at Byrdcliffe Arts Colony, Woodstock NY from 2019 to 2022.

The “Earth Opera” includes an ensemble of 31 incredibly diverse Hudson Valley musicians, dancers, choreographers, actors, visual and performance artists. Clark orchestrated the score for a world music “pit” orchestra of harps, piano, ethereal choral voices, Native



Elizabeth Clark (seated) will bring her “Seeds Under Nuclear Winter: An Earth Opera” to the Widow Jane Mine in Rosendale Aug. 26-27. *Courtesy photo*

American/Andean flutes and traditional instruments, Indonesian gamelan, chamber strings, drones and harmoniums, hammered dulcimer, French horn, waterphone, gongs, and frame drums.

More than 500 people attended performances of “Seeds Under Nuclear Winter: An Earth Opera” in 2022. Clark wrote the opera to be performed site-specifically within the Widow Jane Mine and describes the space as “A pre-

built post-apocalyptic set, complete with its own microclimate. It’s like being in an earth womb.”

Visit www.mamalamamusic.com to learn more about Clark.

The Widow Jane Mine is at 668 Route 213, Rosendale. The venue phone is (845) 658-9900. The website is CenturyHouse.org. Tickets can be purchased at www.centuryhouse.org/events-2023/.



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Pulling Pop's leg

Luigi plays a good joke on his father.

As I've written before, my father is a tough cookie. He has a way of getting people to do just what he wants. And as I've said, it is the deer in the headlight's outcome. You want to say no, you really do, but he just stares at you and blinks until you break down. I always thought it was just with his boys, but I have come to find out that he has this power over many people.

One morning, I was greeted with a text from my brother Nick. He was at our local supermarket, and he took a picture of my father's car parked in the fire lane with his hazards on. Standing next to the car was "Peter," one of our locals who works at the market, watching his car. Apparently, "Peter" valeted his car and brought it up front for my father. Nick waited for a few minutes to see what was going on, thinking maybe something had happened in the supermarket that required this person's assistance.

Out comes Pop from the store with his shopping cart. Peter opens his trunk, places his bag in the car, proceeds to open my father's door and assists him getting into the car. Pop hands him a tip and off

he goes. Nick stared incredulously and called me to tell me of what just happened.

I knew Pop was on his way to the restaurant and decided to have a little fun with him for a change.

Pop walks into the restaurant with his shopping bags.

Pop: Bongiorno Luigi!
Luigi: Bongiorno Pop ... Where were you this morning?
Pop: Why? Whatsa matter?
Luigi Well Pop, I just had a picture sent to me by the police.
Pop: Yeah?
Luigi: Apparently someone robbed the store? They said it was you!
Pop: Oh, come on. Ima an olda man!
Luigi: They said a black beat-up Mercedes raced off with a grocery bag full of money.
Pop: Youa crazy.
Luigi: Yeah? How do you explain this picture then!
Pop: Holy crap! Howa dida you getta that picture.
Luigi: It was sent to me, Pop.

Pop: I wasa at the store, but I no steal anything.
Luigi: Yeah? Well now I've got to explain everything to the police. Why did you park at the curb, Pop?
Pop: I no Parka at the curb. "Peter" hea helps me.
Luigi: Peter?!
Pop: Yeah hea does the carts ata the store.
Luigi: Geez Pop, you have everyone do stuff for you.
Pop: Yeah, he evena helped me doa the shopping. Thena he puts the groceries for the car and helps me in.
Luigi: Man, Pop ... (laughing)You're good.
Pop: Youa makea the joke with me?
Luigi: Yeah, Pop. Nick sent me the picture.
Pop: You sonamagun. You had mea scared.
Luigi: Sorry, Pop. You've gotten me plenty of time. This one was my turn.
Pop: I wasa gonna makea you the wild mushrooms, now forget it. Youa getta nothing.

Shame was, those mushrooms were so good. I was only able to steal a quick bite before he took them away. Oh, well, a good joke is always worth it.

WILD MUSHROOMS AND PASTA
Ingredients
8 ounces bow tie pasta
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons pine nuts
10 ounces fresh chanterelle mushrooms
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
3 ounces shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano
1 tablespoon minced onions

Directions
Cook the pasta in salted water and boil for 5-6 minutes for al-dente.
While the pasta is cooking, heat the pine nuts in a dry 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Toast the pine nuts, shaking and stirring frequently, until golden brown (about 5 to 7 minutes). Transfer

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Actual Patients

This is where coming home happens.

I'm Stacy. And along with my husband and older daughter, we welcomed home our beautiful baby, Nasya. I'm an emergency nurse in New York City, so when I started hemorrhaging badly and losing amniotic fluid 25 weeks into my pregnancy, I knew just how bad my situation was. Fortunately, I was taken to Westchester Medical Center, where they have the most advanced care in the Hudson Valley for high-risk pregnancies and premature babies. Doctors and nurses were able to stabilize my condition. And even though Nasya was just 24 ounces when she came into this world, 5 months later she was nearly 6 pounds and ready to come home. WMCHHealth saved both of our lives. And because we were there, now we are here - home.



Diversions

SUDOKU

Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

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

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

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

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

Suguru

1					2
	3				
					5
	4		5		
				1	

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

- Saudi or Jordanian
- Heeds one's alarm
- "__ silly question, and you'll get a..."
- Ancestral knowledge
- Happening
- Luau dishes
- Island of exile
- Virginia seaport
- 41
- Speaker who puts you to sleep
- Lane
- Linger
- Nothing
- Lady of the Evening
- Peach and orange
- __ apple
- Ground covering
- Old French coin
- Deteriorates
- Breathing
- Biblical book
- Major-leaguer
- Proverb
- Single
- Obliterated
- Slips
- Soldiers, for short
- Portable shelter
- Word with bed or in
- Envy and sloth
- Drink like Rover
- Reductions
- In addition
- Barn resident
- Nimble
- Rose, for one
- White-tailed eagles
- Prominent
- Make corrections in

DOWN

- Popular emcee
- Bakery purchase
- Go-between
- __ Arthur
- Formal account
- Piano key material
- Parched
- Suffix for correspond or transcend
- Ambrose & Anthony: abbr.
- Deity who exemplifies manly youth
- Spirit
- Windy day item
- Pallid
- Puts a letter in the box
- Abbr. after Smith or Marx
- Charity
- Schnozzola
- Musical instrument
- Love greatly
- Ancient abode
- Updated one's kitchen
- Biscuit's cousin
- Pleased
- Sail arrangement
- Takes advantage of
- Summer drinks
- "I cannot tell __!"
- On the shelf
- European range
- Marbles
- Felt
- Book spine info
- Identical
- Ski lift
- Deserve
- In a __; miffed
- City in Italy
- Byron or Tennyson
- Gent
- Sense of self-esteem
- Ridicule

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61						62					63			

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



DECODING DUTCHESS PAST

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Dutchess County
Historical Society

What makes something historic?

Lou Hobson and the historic family business

By Bill Jeffway

How do you know if a building is historic? Or the actions of persons and families?

There is an easy answer in the form of a question: "Is it worth remembering?" Are there stories, lessons and insights that perhaps reflect a particular common, classic feature of the period that is of interest? Can we learn something to aspire to, or avoid? Connecting a point in the past with the present can give an indication of a future trajectory.

This is a particularly good question as the Dutchess County Historical Society moves for the first time in 50 years from the 1765 stone house built by Udney Hay in Poughkeepsie into a building built for a business in the 1950s by George Louis (known as "Lou") Hobson.

The power of local history was best described at a DCHS membership meeting in 1927 at Amenia's Troutbeck when Lewis Mumford said, "Because local history is relatively accessible and immediate, because it deals with the concrete and the commonplace, it is necessary to vitalize the teaching of general history. The things that we can see and touch are those that awaken our imagination."

Hobson family memories

Here's why we think the story of Lou and Beatrice (Jacoby) Hobson, and the building that housed the family business for over a half century a mile south of Rhinebeck Village center, is a story worth remembering.

We are just a few years away from the 100th anniversary of Lou Hobson joining the Navy in 1926. From that point, you can trace a trajectory of his taking those skills, combined with good business sense, and the determination of he and his wife to have a close-knit family at home and in business, that resulted in three generations of successful local businesspersons.

Lou Hobson was born in Hyde Park in 1909 and grew up in a farming family.

His father was the son of English and Irish immigrants. His mother was a Stoutenburgh, the earliest settlers of thousands of acres of land south of Crum Elbow Creek.

Too young to be involved in World War One, Lou joined the Navy in 1926 for what turned out to be seven years of service, during which time he became a radio specialist on US warships, like the USS Arkansas and USS Pittsburgh.

The 1930 census took note of which households had a radio, and Lou Hobson's widowed father was among the roughly one third of local households that did not yet have a radio. But that would soon change when Lou returned from the Navy in 1933.

Upon leaving the service in 1933, Lou attended Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. He returned to Rhinebeck at a time when most rural, local farms did not yet have electricity. He started a radio repair business out of a shed.

It was 1936 when Lou and Beatrice were married and wanted to start a family in Rhinebeck. They found themselves in the middle of a global economic depression, and did not know it at the time, but were just a few years away from World War Two. That is a tough environment in which to start a family.

The radio business was successful, and Lou then moved first to locations on East Market Street, then just south of the ultimate site, before purchasing a large lot in a location he thought would see a good deal of business growth that ended up materializing north of the village.

He was obviously skilled because in World War II the family moved to New Jersey for several years so that Lou could work for the Navy as a civilian.

Lou and Beatrice had five sons: Donald W., James D. Gary W., and Glenn S. Hobson, and two daughters: Judith Grimes and Phyllis Heywood. Donald Hobson passed away in 2020 at the age of 83. All five sons worked in the business as salesmen and repairmen until 2013



The building at 6282 Route 9, Rhinebeck, known for over half a century as Hobson's Radio & TV, has been carefully crafted for site-sensitive adaptive reuse as the headquarters of the Dutchess County Historical Society's libraries and archive. *Courtesy photos*

when all but Dale retired. He continues with his own business, Hobson Appliance Service, LLC. Glenn's son Steven Hobson owns and operates Hobsons Window, Inc. in Red Hook.

Reflecting their orientation to new and emerging technology, the Hobson store phone number in the 1940s was a spoken request to an operator for "Rhinebeck 1." This evolved to the spoken "TRinity 6-3102" in the 1950s. Still used at Hobson Appliance Service today, the addition of an area code and the conversion of "TR6" to "876" gives us the more familiar 845-867-3102.

This is the story of the parallel growth of a family and business that continues today. Starting during a global economic depression, and interrupted by war, each generation embraced what at the time

was a radical, emerging technology. In the 1930s the fact that someone got a radio was worthy of a newspaper notice!

Today, our "rural broadband" programs echo the "rural electrification" programs of a century ago. Today, we install solar panels to generate electricity locally the way "Delco-Light" power packs (gasoline powered generators) were installed a century ago.

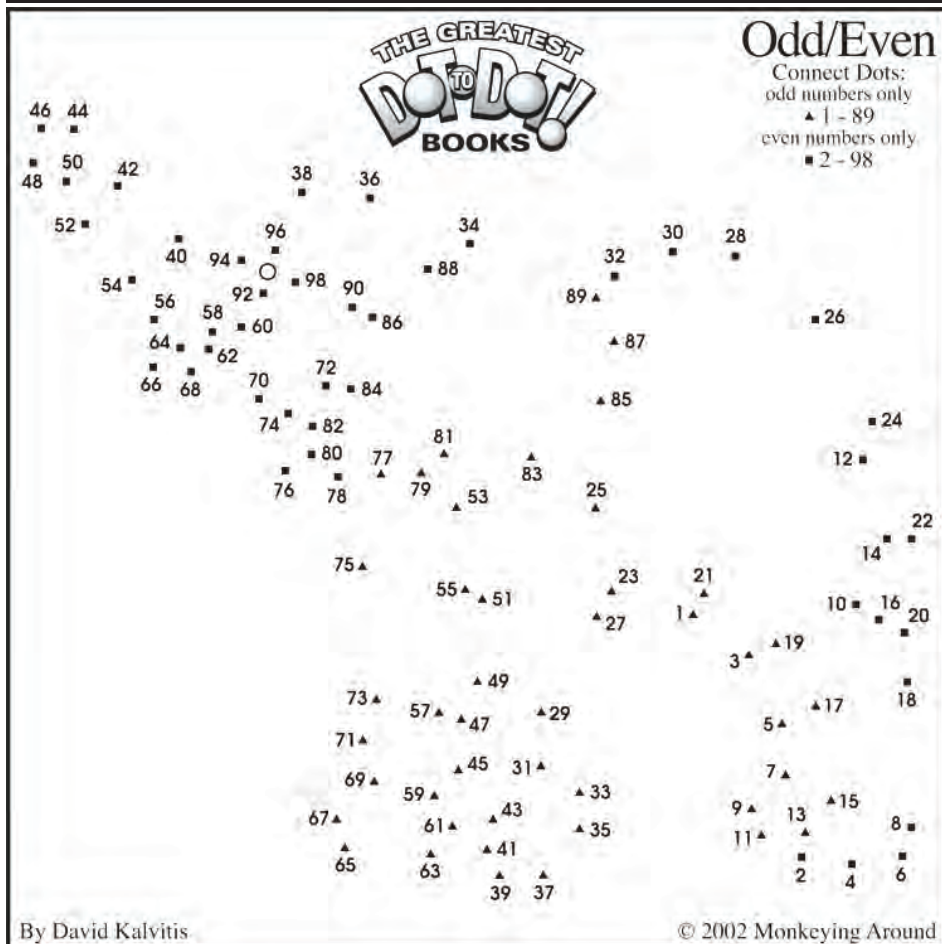
What will be the equivalent in a century?

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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



From left, building owner Elijah Bender, who recently hosted a lunch at Fosters that included three Hobson brothers Jim, Gary, and Dale Hobson, and third generation Steven Hobson. Inset: Lou Hobson during his naval service 1926 to 1933 where he gained experience in radio operation and repair that launched three generations of family-run local businesses. *Courtesy photos*

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DC Firefighting Museum to have display at Fair



The Dutchess County Firefighting Museum will again have a historic display at the Dutchess County Fair. This year they will have Millerton Fire Department 1892 Hose Cart, pictured above, Pine Plains Firer Department 1899 Ladder truck, Rhinebeck's 1859 Hand Pumper (Old Pokie). The Texaco 1955 2nd edition pumper that served the Texaco research center in Beacon will also be included, plus many other artifacts that go back to early 1900s. So be sure to stop by and say hello. *Courtesy photo*

EXHIBITIONS

Art Gallery 71, 71 E. Market St., Rhinebeck. Through Sept. 4: "Color Stories," paintings of this month's featured artist, Evelyn LaStella. <https://www.artgallery71.com>

Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery, 696 Dutchess Tpke., Suite F, Poughkeepsie. Through Aug. 25: "Timeless," the 2023 members' exhibition, showcases artwork that transcends time, language, and space. www.artsmidhudson.org

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. Through August: Featured in the Victorian Gallery at 9 Vassar St. are the works of Onaje Benjamin, Shirley Parker-Benjamin, and Omar Parker; and at 12 Vassar St. are David Vorves in the Hancock Gallery and Jill Ziccardi in the Reception Gallery. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to the galleries. cunneen-hackett.org

LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. Through Aug. 27: "The Art of the Garden," photographs by Linda T Hubbard. www.landgalleryonline.com

Montgomery Row, Rte. 9, Rhinebeck. Through August: An exhibition of works created during The Southlands Foundation of Rhinebeck's inaugural Plein Air Paint Out Exhibition and Fundraiser. Sixty local artists created over 130 paintings and photographs in June on the grounds of historic Southlands Riding Farm in Rhinebeck. The artworks include freshly painted oil paintings, watercolors, drawings, pastels, acrylics, color and black & white photography in a variety of price ranges. (845) 876-4862 or info@southlands.org.

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. Through Sept. 10: "Farms & Fields," featuring more than 30 artists inspired by the natural world. www.tivoliartistsgallery.com

Ulster Savings Bank Red Hook branch, 7296 S. Broadway, Red Hook. Through August: Exhibit featuring 10 artists participating in the 2023 Art Studio Views (ASV) tour. The exhibit is a sneak peek of ASV's two-day, free, self-guided open studio event designed to foster a greater understanding of the artistic process. www.artstudioviews.com

A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

Through Aug. 27: Dutchess County Fair, Rte. 9, Rhinebeck. Fair highlighting agriculture and featuring daily shows, competitions, music, activities, food and beverage, shopping and much more, 19 a.m.-10 p.m. Details at www.dutchessfair.com.

Aug. 25: "Love's Labour's Lost," Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, 2015 Rte. 9, Garrison. The show is about four young noblemen absent themselves from society, in order to focus entirely on their studies. They even take a monastic oath: No girls! All books! But when the Princess of France turns up with three young ladies, how long will the men's resolve hold up? Director Amanda Dehnert (2017's PRIDE AND PREJUDICE) infuses Shakespeare's delightful comedy with an original pop/rock score (by Dehnert and Andre Pleuss) that gives full voice to the heart-pounding experience of being young and in love. For more information, visit <https://hvshakespeare.org/production/love-s-labors-lost/#liltickets>.

Aug. 25-26: Music at the Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Aug. 25: The Slambovian Circus of Dreams, band

known for their rootsy rockin' psychedelia, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 door. Aug. 26: The Jason Gisser Band and Paul Byrne & The Bleeders, 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 advance, \$20 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Aug.25-27: "A Midsummer Night's Dream," The Churchtown Dairy Round Barn, 357 County Rd. 12, Hudson. A community production of Shakespeare's romantic comedy directed by Carol Rusoff, with a diverse all-local Hudson Valley cast running the gamut from seasoned professionals to first-time actors. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Free, but reservations suggested via EventBrite, or send email to MidsummerBoxOffice@gmail.com.

Aug. 26-27: Kids Fly Weekend, Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, 9 Norton Rd., Red Hook. Special events for kids ages 5-17. <https://oldrhinebeck.org/>

Aug. 29: "Vaudeville Frolic of 1923," The Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. Presented by Murder Cafe, 7 p.m. Tickets: www.beekmandelamaterinn.com; for information, call (845) 876-7077, ext. 361.

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That's Italian!

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the pine nuts to a small bowl and set aside.

Return the skillet to the stove and adjust the heat to medium-high. Melt the butter in the pan, then add the mushrooms, garlic and minced onions and sauté for 3 to 5 minutes, until browned.

Drain the pasta, making sure you leave the past generously wet and add it to the skillet. Toss well and season with extra virgin olive oil, black pepper and red pepper flakes. Transfer to a serving dish and garnish with the toasted pine nuts, and shaved Parmagiana-Reggiano

Serve at once. With a loaf of crusty Italian bread and nice Chianti

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



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GOLDEN LIVING

Medicare’s annual Open Enrollment season begins on October 15th, and that means...stress.

Understanding health insurance plan options is rarely easy, especially to those who aren’t accustomed to evaluating the dizzying variety of choices, and it’s not an option for older adults to simply avoid the process.

Having said that, if you read the preceding sentence and thought to yourself “well, it wasn’t that difficult,” volunteering in our HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program) division may be just the opportunity you’re seeking.

HIICAP volunteers aim to help Dutchess County older adults lower their medical and insurance costs while improving coverage, along with something whose dollar value is hard to calculate: the confidence that they can indeed handle the paperwork and can find the plans that best meet their needs.

HIICAP volunteers assist clients with Medicare and related health insurance decisions, enrollments, and related problems, and provide general support to the HIICAP program as needed. Initial and ongoing trainings are provided.

HIICAP is a free, non-sales-oriented program that does not endorse any products. It’s a federally funded program from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, through the New York State Office for the Aging, and is coordinated by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging. HIICAP is part of the State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) network. Agents and brokers for health insurance businesses are not permitted to participate in HIICAP.

Volunteers attend regular, free trainings where they receive updated information and can interact with other HIICAP volunteers as well as OFA staff.

Once training and certification is complete, HIICAP counselors can:

- Provide clear, accurate counseling and information;
- Educate consumers about Medicare benefits, costs, deductibles and programs;
- Discuss health costs that clients will be responsible for;
- Provide information on insurance products that may help pay for costs not covered by Medicare alone, such as a Medigap or a Medicare Advantage plan;

- Help consumers understand the Medicare prescription drug benefit; and
- Help clients to determine whether they qualify for Low Income Subsidy Programs such as the Medicare Savings Program.

HIICAP counselors also provide information on low income programs such as the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program, “Extra Help” prescription assistance, and pharmacy discount programs.

HIICAP programs are, by definition, dynamic. Because of the changing nature of government programs, health insurance and the health care industry, HIICAPs keep apprised of these changes in order to provide accurate, timely, and objective information to consumers.

If you’re interested in becoming a HIICAP volunteer, contact OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 or email ofa@dutchessny.gov. Volunteers with special skills such as fluency in languages in addition to English are likely to be especially helpful.

DUTCHESS COUNTY PARKS AND OFA HOST BEGINNER PICKLEBALL LESSONS (9/19, 9/26 and 10/3)

Pickleball has become a popular activity for older adults in recent years, combining fun, low-impact exercise and social activity.

If you’ve been curious about getting started, Dutchess County Parks and the Office for the Aging is offering a free, three-day “Learn to Play Pickleball” lesson series at Quiet Cove Park in Poughkeepsie (1 Clearwater Drive), on three consecutive Tuesdays: September 19, 26, and October 3. Classes are open to Dutchess County residents over age 60.

The first class will cover an introduction to the game; the second class focuses on beginner skills; and we’ll play trial games in the third class.

Space is extremely limited and reservations are required. Call 845-486-2555 to make reservations. Players must commit to all three lessons.

Equipment will be provided.
‘A MATTER OF BALANCE’ CLASSES FILLING UP FOR SEPTEMBER START

Falls are not inevitable as you age, and if you’re concerned about your prospects for falling and how to prevent it, OFA can help guide you.

One excellent preventive step you can take is to sign up for an OFA “A Matter of Balance” classes, now registering older adults for eight-week sessions, with classes held once a week at locations in Dover, Hyde Park and Poughkeepsie. Only a few spots are left, so sign up soon by contacting OFA at 845-486-2555 during business hours.

The evidence based “A Matter of Balance” program is ideal for you, if you are a resident of Dutchess County, age 60 or more and ambulatory, and you’d like to maximize the likelihood that you’ll be able to live independently, in your own home, for as long as possible.

You can sign up for “A Matter of Balance” and other OFA exercise classes by calling the Office for the Aging at 845-486-2555. Outside the 845 area code, our toll-free number is 866-486-2555. Classes fill up quickly.

If it turns out that your preferred “A Matter of Balance” is fully booked, try a different venue that still has space, or visit www.dutchessny.gov/seniorexercise to see OFA’s other fitness options.

DUTCHESS COUNTY GOVERNMENT AT THE DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR

Look for the Dutchess County THINK DIFFERENTLY booth along with the Department of Behavioral and Community Health’s new RV at this year’s Dutchess County Fair, August 22-27 in Rhinebeck.

They’ll be stationed in the Livestock Hill area near the 4-H milkshake building. Office for the Aging / NY Connects information will be among the items available.

Discounted senior admission is available in person at fairgrounds gates, only on Wednesday, August 23rd. For additional admission information and entertainment schedules, visit www.dutchess-fair.com.

FAMILY CAREGIVERS’ RESPITE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Are you a caregiver for a relative or friend who has a disability or chronic condition, and is over the age of 60? Or are you yourself over the age of 60 and caring for a child that is not your own? Learn how to apply for up to \$600 in reimbursement for respite services.

The New York State Caregiving and Respite Coalition (NYSCRC), managed by

Lifespan of Rochester, Inc., is offering respite vouchers for up to \$600. Caregivers may use the voucher for respite services that include:

- In-home care
- A center-based program
- Assisted living or nursing home programs
- Summer camp

While NYSCRC supports caregivers statewide, this program is for Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester County residents only. You must be the primary caregiver and provide a referral — a doctor, social worker, or other professional who knows you and your family. You cannot be in another respite program at the same time.

You may not use voucher funds to reimburse household expenses, like rent or food. Vouchers are good for 90 days.

For more information about NYSCRC and its programs, or to apply for a respite voucher, contact Rebecca at (585) 287-6391 or send an email to rhyde@lifespan-roch.org. (Made possible by the Field Hall Foundation)

LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Ends August 31)

New York State’s Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) helps low income households pay the cost of water and sewer services. The program can assist households who have past due bills (arrears) for water and/or sewer services.

Benefits are based on the actual amount of water and/or sewer arrears, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per water or sewer provider, or \$5,000 if water and sewer services are combined, per applicant household. Benefits are paid directly to the household’s water and/or sewer vendor(s).

Contact OFA for information on what qualifies an individual or household for LIHWAP assistance: 845-486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov.

Additional details are available at <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/water-assistance/>.

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



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Peter Dorn

LAGRANGEVILLE - Peter Dorn, age 88, passed away peacefully with loved ones by his side on August 13, 2023 after a brief illness. Peter was born June 21, 1935, in Vienna, Austria and immigrated to New York City in 1938. He loved going to Coney Island with his aunts and eating salami sandwiches on the beach. Peter grew up in the Bronx and graduated from City College of New York, in 1956 with a BS in Chemistry. He went on to earn a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of Kansas and then worked at Texaco in Beacon, NY for thirty-six years in chemical research. He set industry-wide motor-gasoline and aviation fuel specifications and holds numerous patents. Aside from all the friends he had at Texaco, a highlight from his career was working on the System 3 Gasoline formula and doing a commercial with Bob Hope.

Peter married Karleen Seubert in Poughkeepsie, NY on June 27, 1965 and they raised their three daughters in LaGrangeville. He loved the ocean and summers on Long Beach Island where he was a master boogie-boarder and avid Flamingo Golf player. Other interests included: astronomy, handball, running, hiking and traveling out west.

Peter is survived by his wife Karleen, and his daughters, Amy (Jon) Bertolino, Ridgefield, CT; Cheri (Erik) Kropp Bend, OR; Melissa Dorn (Darin Gronewold) Seattle, WA and his six beloved grandchildren: Samantha and Lindsay Bertolino, Andrew and Chelsea Kropp and Jasper and Greta Gronewold.

Peter's presence will be missed in all our lives.

Visiting hours were held on Thursday, August 17, 2023 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction with a short memorial service.

The family welcomes donations to the American Cancer Society as an expression of sympathy instead of flowers. Please visit Peter's Book of Memories at www.mchoul-funeralhome.com.

William M. Gilmore

HYDE PARK - William M. Gilmore, 58, a lifelong area resident, died peacefully at home following a courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia and Parkinson's Disease on August 14, 2023, with his family by his side.

Born December 22, 1964, in Rhinebeck, he was the son of the late Jack Gilmore Sr. and Marion Turner Gilmore.

In 1986, Bill founded Gilmore Water and Transportation in Hyde Park, a company he passionately ran until he had to retire due to his illness. He proudly passed down his company to his oldest daughter, Jessica and son-in-law, John who continue Bill's legacy and hard work ethic in the community.

On March 27, 1991, in Hyde Park, he married the former Calvalena Burchett. Mrs. Gilmore survives at home after being a compassionate caregiver to her husband for the past 5 years through his battle.

Bill enjoyed traveling with his family and road trips on the weekends. He was an avid New York Mets fan. He took great pride in

taking care of his home, rental properties, and business. He could often be found in his barn, mowing his lawn, or in his yard working on his trucks.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his three daughters, Jessica Petti and husband, John, Kaitlyn Hornicek and husband, Greg, and Chelsea Gilmore, all of Hyde Park; and three grandchildren, Audrey, John, and William Petti. Bill's family was his pride and joy, and they will continue to value being together just as he always did.

He is also survived by his sister, Colleen Derby and husband, Jay, and brother, Jack Gilmore and wife, Gloria, both of Hyde Park; sister, Mary Breeden and husband, Shane, of Rockford, IL; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Calling hours were on Wednesday, August 16th at Sweet's Funeral Home, Rte. 9, Hyde Park.

Bill's funeral services and burial in Union Cemetery of Hyde Park was private.

The Gilmore family would like to send special thanks to his wonderful Hospice care-giving team consisting of Kelly, Schola, Jamie, Mary, Corrine, and Ben. Additionally, they would like to thank Paul for all of his care throughout the past few years. Without these individuals, Bill would not have been able to stay at his home surrounded by his loving family until the end, just like he always wanted.

In lieu of flowers, the Gilmore family respectfully requests memorial donations to Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation, 80 Washington Street, Suite 204, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. (www.hvhospice.org)

To send an online condolence, please visit Bill's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneral-home.com.

Dorothy Maggio

HYDE PARK - Dorothy Maggio, a resident of Hyde Park, and formerly of Pennsylvania, Brooklyn, Riverdale, and Hopewell Junction, died on August 11, 2023, at the Taconic Rehabilitation and Nursing in Beacon. She was 95.

Dorothy was born in Nanty-Glo, Pennsylvania, on July 9, 1928, to the late John and Rose (Fuliti) Simmons. Dorothy married the love of her life, Joseph Maggio in Brooklyn, New York. They went on to have 3 wonderful sons together. Her greatest joy was raising her children.

Dorothy is survived by her loving sons, Anthony J, Maggio, Joseph V. Maggio, Michael Maggio his partner Kelly Fuller, and her nieces and nephews, Bruce Bogard, TJ Bogard, Michelle Bogard Alexis Garvin, and Betty Toth.

She was an avid reader, exploring the libraries in every town where she lived. Design magazines and fiction were Dorothy's favorite. She also enjoyed time in her garden. Above all, her favorite pastime was spending time with her family and friends.

Services will be private and to the convenience of the family. Please visit Dorothy's Book of Memories at www.McHoulFuneralHome.com.

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Answers to this week's diversions

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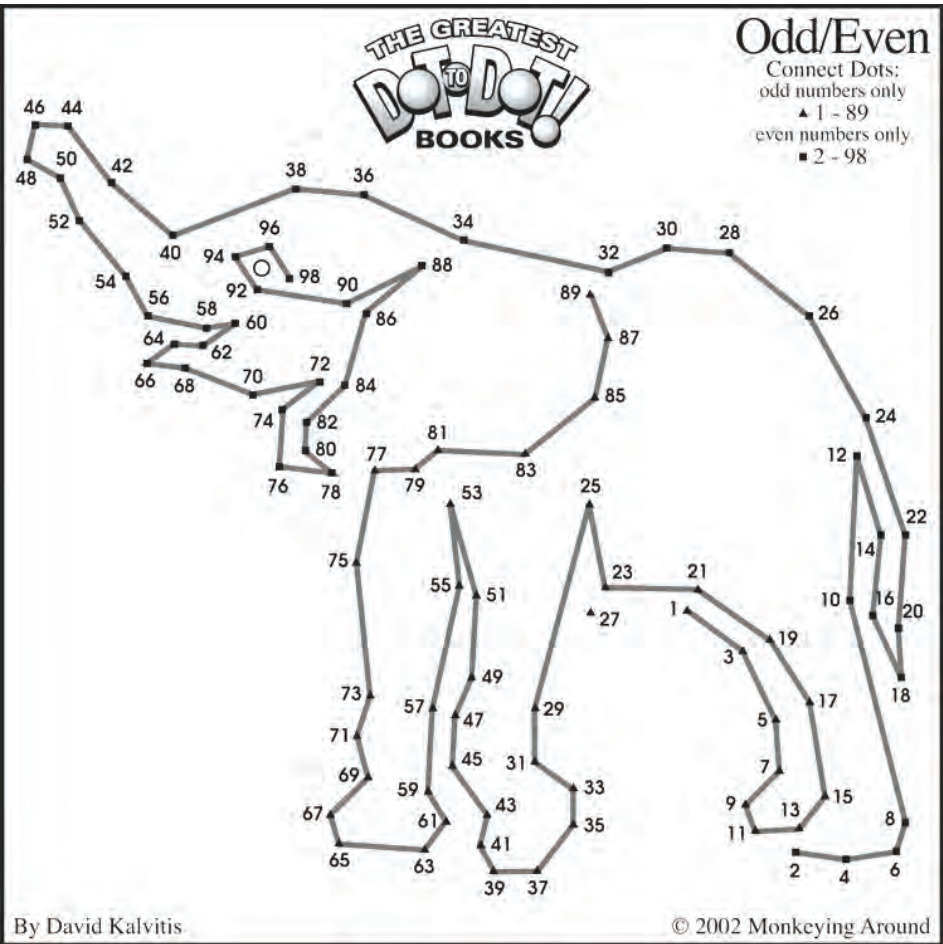
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 2022-50086 COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises: 11 DEMELIS DRIVE, PLEASANT VALLEY, NY 12569 **Section:** 6464, **Block:** 01, **Lot:** 465602 FAREVERSE LLC I/L/T/N FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC Plaintiff,

vs. SCOTT J. DEMELIS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE TO THE ESTATE OF NANCY D. DEMELIS; MARIA DENELIS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE TO THE ESTATE OF NANCY D. DEMELIS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTTEES TO THE ESTATE OF NANCY D. DEMELIS, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon

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the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$285,000.00 and interest, recorded on October 11, 2013, in Instrument Number 012013 10647, of the Public Records of DUTCHESS County, New York., covering premises known as 11 DEMELIS DRIVE, PLEASANT VALLEY, NY 12569. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

DUTCHESS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how

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to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: July 19, 2023 R O B E R T S O N , A N S C H U T Z , SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCH-2023-22 NAME OF PROJECT: Pleasant Ridge Road (CR32) at Gardner Hollow Road Shoulder Improvement with Guide Rail, Dutchess County, NY. Project Description: This project involves installation of Box Beam Guide Rail and Shoulder Reconstruction with Asphalt Pavement, Town of Beekman, Dutchess County. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of bidding documents by contacting the Dutchess County Department of Public Works at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4 pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and

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Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on Bid-Net Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids due on or before Friday, September 8, 2023 at 11:00am, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids for the above project will be received by: Christopher Sterbenz, Contract Specialist Dutchess County Department of Public Works (DPW) 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 The bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 527 004 819# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business August 31, 2023 and emailed to Christopher Sterbenz at dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is October 16, 2023; the anticipated completion date, including all punch list work is November 17, 2023, respectively. Failure to meet these dates may result in liquidated damages. This proj-

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ect may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2023008970 View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

EXTENDING LOCAL ORDERS 1, 2 & 3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 5/2023 EXTENSION TO DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS DECLARED BY D U T C H E S S COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on August 11, 2023 at 12:00 am., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F. X. O'Neil extended Local Emergency Order #1, Local Emergency Order #2, and Local Emergency Order #3 in furtherance of Executive Order No. 5 of 2023, dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST HB5, V. EDWARD LEROY II A/K/A EDWARD P. LEROY JR., AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA M. LEROY, ET.AL.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 22, 2023, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST HB5 is the Plaintiff and EDWARD LEROY II A/K/A EDWARD P. LEROY JR., AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF

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DONNA M. LEROY, ET.AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the DUTCHESS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, REAR LOBBY, 10 MARKET STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601, on September 20, 2023 at 2:30PM, premises known as 101 HONEYWELL LANE, HYDE PARK, NY 12538: Section 6264, Block 04, Lot 655219:

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REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of

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Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-50-23 Generator Preventive Maintenance and Repair for Dutchess County Public Transit Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 5th day of September 2023 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 website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

EXTENSION TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5 OF 2023 DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER DECLARED BY D U T C H E S S COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Please take notice that on August 17, 2023 at 12:00 a.m., pursuant to Article 2B of the New York State Executive Law, Article III of the Dutchess County Charter and Administrative Code Section 3.05, Acting Dutchess County Executive William F. X. O'Neil extended Executive Order 5 of 2023 dated May 18, 2023. The text of the declaration of state of emergency and local emergency orders is available at www.dutchessny.gov.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-24-23 Plumbing Parts and Supplies Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 6th day of September 2023 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 website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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Dutchess participating in statewide STOP-DWI Labor Day enforcement effort

Various police agencies throughout Dutchess County will participate in a special enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving to coincide with Labor Day weekend. The statewide STOP-DWI High Visibility Engagement Campaign effort started on Friday, Aug. 18, and will conclude at the end of Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 4.

Municipal law enforcement agencies will collaborate across the state and will be out in force in this coordinated effort to reduce the number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths during this period.

According to the National Safety Council, alcohol-impaired fatalities nationwide in 2020 represented 30 percent of the total traffic fatalities; during the Labor Day period that year, 38 percent of the fatalities involved an alcohol-impaired driver.

The Labor Day Weekend Engagement Campaign is one of many statewide enforcement initiatives promoted by the New York State STOP-DWI Association

with additional funding from the STOP-DWI Foundation with a grant from the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee. In addition to this crackdown, statewide STOP-DWI engagement campaigns also target Super Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick’s Day, Memorial Day Weekend, July 4th Weekend, Halloween, Thanksgiving and the December holiday season.

While STOP-DWI efforts across New York have led to significant reductions in the numbers of alcohol and drug related fatalities, still too many lives are being lost because of crashes caused by drunk or impaired drivers. Highly visible, highly publicized efforts like the STOP-DWI High Visibility Community Engagement Campaign aim to further reduce the incidence of drunk and impaired driving.

Drivers can help to make a difference by having a sober plan. Motorists can download the mobile app, “Have a Plan,” and be able to find a safe ride home www.stopdwi.org/mobileapp.

NPS re-issues request for proposals for Hyde Park Drive-In

The National Park Service announces the re-issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to lease, operate, and maintain the Hyde Park Drive-In Movie Theatre. To increase the competitiveness of the opportunity and to reduce the restrictions initially outlined in a previous RFP, the National Park Service took into consideration valuable feedback from the public and revised the parameters.

“We appreciate the great feedback by potential applicants and want to ensure the treasured drive-in has the best caretakers moving forward,” noted Park Superintendent, Amy Bracewell. “We hope the new RFP is more attractive and achievable for potential applicants.”

The new RFP application period will be open until November 3, 2023, with a

potential lease start time of early 2024. Information and instructions about submitting applications are listed on the park’s website at www.nps.gov/hofr. It is important that a successful applicant read the instructions thoroughly and submit a complete application package, as outlined in the RFP. As per United States law, this lease opportunity is open to all interested persons and businesses on a competitive basis. Any individual or business may submit a proposal, including past operators. The proposal judged best under the proposal selection criteria will be given an opportunity to negotiate a final lease agreeable to both the selected offeror and NPS. The Request for Proposals can also be found at <https://sam.gov/>.



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HUGE BOOK SALE SET AT PV LIBRARY

The Friends of the Pleasant Valley Library will host their HUGE Book Sale from Sept. 15 to 17. Thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs will be available for purchase at the Pleasant Valley Library, 1584 Main Street (Route 44), Pleasant Valley on that weekend.

The main sale begins on Friday, Sept. 15, from noon to 6 p.m., and continues Saturday, Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids’ books and all CDs and DVDs are just 5 for \$1. All adult books are 6 for \$5. Sunday, Sept. 17, is “Name Your Price Day” for all remaining items from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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