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DC Legislature adds amendments, approves 2023 county budget

At the Dec. 8 Board Meeting of the County Legislature, following comments from numerous legislators and members of the public, the legislature passed its final amendments to the 2023 Executive Budget and, by a 18-7 vote, approved the budget's final adoption.

This vote follows a public hearing on the Tentative Budget held on December 5th, and the Nov. 16 meeting of the Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee, where the committee voted to advance the budget to the entire legislature for the final adoption vote.

The finalized 2023 Dutchess County budget totals approximately \$588 million. Below, see an outline of the additional amendments approved at this evening's meeting:

Budget amendments adopted

- \$25M in funding, transferred to the Capital Project Fund, to finance improvements to the Dutchess Stadium Park in the Town of Fishkill, with the Commissioner of Finance to create a capital account for this purpose.

- \$60,000 funding increase to create an additional bus shelter in Pleasant Valley, and another \$60,000 in an ET Fund contribution to support the bus shelter project.

- \$50,000 funding increase to the DCFS Youth Services Division to fund the Path to Promise grant program to help struggling Dutchess County youth.

- 50,000 funding increase to the Sheriff Department's budget, for the Sheriff Law Enforcement Academy

- 200,000 funding increase to the Planning & Development Department, to support a competitive grant program for youth programming to help at-risk youth aged 14-18, and parents of special needs children.

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Memories of Claudio carry volunteers for 10th Can Drive



Preparing for the 10th annual Claudio Cares Holiday Can Drive are volunteers, from left, NYS Senator Sue Serino, Luigi Coppola, Heather Blume, Geno Coppola, Town of Hyde Park Supervisor Al Torreggiani and Dutchess County Sheriff-elect Kirk Imperati. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

by Curtis Schmidt

They all share a heart-felt connection with the Coppola family of Hyde Park and with Claudio Coppola in particular.

As the Claudio Cares Holiday Can Drive enters its 10th year, many volunteers have come forward (as they always have) to work together to aid thousands of families in the Dutchess County area.

This year, we are talking to several of those volunteers who are remembering how and why they got involved – after the tragic death of Claudio – and in the formation of an organization designed to help others, just like Claudio was known for doing.

"Claudio brought hope to countless peers. He always offered a kind word, a shoulder to cry on, or a joke to cheer up

someone," said Mom and Dad Lisa and Luigi Coppola. "But the main thing he offered was hope - hope for a future without pain, without suffering, hope for life without despair."

This year's Can Drive continues through Dec. 19. Visit Claudiocares.com to see how you can help.

Luigi Coppola is a modest guy, and

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Momentum builds on Hyde Park projects

by Kate Goldsmith

Years in the making, two major development projects in Hyde Park are progressing, albeit at different paces. The

Asahi Shuzo sake brewery at the corner of Route 9 and Saint Andrews Road is expected to be open for tastings by summer. Just south of the sake brewery is Bellefield at Hyde Park; billed as a

"world-class hospitality, culinary and sustainable agrihood," Phase 2 of the project is likely to begin shortly.

Brewing high-grade sake

According to Asahi Shuzo's website, the sake brewed in New York is called

"Dassai Blue," which is a brand name different from "Dassai," apparently one of the finest sakes in the world.

"The 'Dassai Blue' brand concept comes from a Japanese proverb; literally translated as 'Although blue dye comes from the indigo plant, it is bluer than indigo,' meaning that it is our expectation that Dassai Blue will surpass the existing Dassai brand."

This manufacturing and tasting sight is the first in the U.S. and will serve those up and down the East Coast from Boston to Washington, D.C. and New York. The brewery will use New York water and Yamada Nishiki rice grown in both the U.S. and Japan to produce Junmai Daiginjo sake, the highest-graded sake.

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The hotel at Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park is under construction. The multi-faceted project will ultimately include shops, entertainment, an agricultural component, private residences and more. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

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Legislators have different views on \$25M amendment on Dutchess Stadium

Members of the Democratic caucus of the Dutchess County Legislature opposed an amendment to the 2023 county budget that added \$25 million for improvements and event space at county-owned Dutchess Stadium.

In a press release from Dec. 8, the Democratic lawmakers said Legislative Chair Gregg Pulver wielded his authority to circumvent regular procedures and put the item to a vote on one day's notice, after weeks of budget presentations and public hearings were over.

The release added that Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois, who was shown the amendment less than an hour before the vote, warned in an email to legislators that it circumvented a Capital Project Policy that was "put in place to protect taxpayer dollars."

Republican legislators approved the measure on a near-party line vote.

A release from the Republican caucus

said the appropriation comes from a fund balance and after lengthy discussions and was ultimately chosen over bonding, which would have cost the taxpayers an additional \$11 million in interest costs. The new management group of the Hudson Valley Renegades has committed to expand the stadium use beyond 66 baseball games to include concerts, comedy shows, winter wonderland activities and charitable events. In pursuit of that, the group, Diamond Baseball Holding, is undertaking over \$4 million in upgrades to the stadium to help facilitate those new attractions.

"This is an outrageous grab of taxpayer dollars at a time when every dollar needs to go to (our) county residents' urgent needs," said Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith. "Our caucus fought for free public transportation, affordable housing, funds for early intervention for childhood education, DCC tuition funds,

a Climate Smart Coordinator, and youth mental health beds, of which the county has none. Those proposals were dismissed as 'too expensive'—and now suddenly \$25 million is available for this - a Dutchess County 'Park' that is not free for our residents and that you must purchase a ticket to enter."

Chairman Pulver commented, "The Legislature discussed doing this project in June of 2021, however after bids came back over the appropriated amount, we had to revisit it. The merits and functions of the project have been in the public domain for over a year. The amount, which changed due to inflation and the Renegades contributing \$4 million, was the only piece we needed to re-discuss.

"The Democrats clearly do not understand process as their claim that this was improper because it wasn't included in the Capital Improvement Plan was corrected the County's Budget Director during the meeting. To be clear, this project was included on our 2022 Capital Plan and removed from the 2023 Capital Plan because funding was being approved during 2022. Further, their claim that I circumvented regular process is laughable, the Democratic Caucus' amendments went through the same process. In fact, the Democrats offered three amendments after our committee and public hearing process was over; that's their right according to our rules."

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- 1000,000 funding increase to the Planning & Development Department, for the APG not-for-profit infrastructure grant.

Fund transfer to Capital Project Fund

Chairman Gregg Pulver said, "We've debated improvements to the Dutchess Stadium Park for about a year, so this discussion was thoroughly conducted. To keep our stadium viable and functioning as a sport facility at its current level, investments are needed. The Dutchess County Legislature unanimously agreed to buy the land underneath the stadium in 2021, and when we did that, we took on responsibility to keep the infrastructure up to par. The stadium will continue to serve our community as it has done for years, benefitting our local economy and providing recreational opportunity to our residents. Unfortunately, supply chain and related economic problems drove up costs since the project was first proposed, but I believe this is an excellent investment for our county."

DPW - Public Transit

Legislator Diedre Houston said, "I'm proud that the legislature was able to provide this bus shelter to the residents of Pleasant Valley, increasing safety along the fixed Route D corridor. This is an essential infrastructure improvement, and will give our residents a more pleasant transportation experience. Many of our residents rely on the bus every day, and it is our responsibility to ensure their time on public transit does not put an undue burden on their daily routine. No one

should be sitting on the curbside as they wait for the bus. This new bus shelter is a no brainer."

DCFS- Youth Services Division

Legislator Stephen Caswell said, "This funding will go to the worthy cause of the Path to Promise program, helping our young residents in their day-to-day lives in the areas of education, safety, and mental and physical health. I was proud to introduce the \$50,000 amendment to fund this grant program, and glad to see it pass without opposition. Let's continue to help our at-risk and struggling youth towards a fulfilling life, by giving them opportunities to participate in our community and progress towards a worthwhile career."

Sheriff's Office

Legislator Ben Geller said, "I was proud to introduce this amendment, and see it pass unanimously, especially considering that I used to serve as in conjunction with Department of Environmental Protection Police Academy, through an EMS agency partner. I was responsible for instructing the care under fire course and teaching basic first aid to the recruits, so I know first hand what is needed for this kind of training to succeed. Given my education and experience, I know the importance of training like how you fight. Our sheriff's office is essential to day-to-day life in Dutchess County, and we need to give them the infrastructure necessary to accomplish their mission and keep our residents safe."



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Hinchey's Electric Vehicle Rights Act signed into law

State Senator Michelle Hinchey recently announced the signing of her bill, the Electric Vehicle Rights Act (S8518A), which will advance clean transportation efforts at the local level by removing barriers to the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on private property. The legislation will prevent homeowners' associations from prohibiting homeowners from installing EV charging stations on their property while also allowing associations to provide input on the installation process.

S8518A-Hinchey will require that any denial of a homeowner's application to install an EV charger be in writing and contain a detailed description of the reasons for the denial. If no written denial is issued to the homeowner within 60 days, the application will be deemed approved unless the delay in approval resulted from the homeowners' association's reasonable request for more information. Hinchey's legislation will help advance New York State's climate roadmap — as set by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019 — to reach 850,000 zero-emission vehicles by 2025 and to have all new passenger vehicles be

zero-emission by 2035.

Hinchey said, "Making it easier for New Yorkers to own an electric vehicle is essential to fighting the climate crisis locally and meeting our state's zero-emissions transportation goals. I'm incredibly proud to sponsor legislation that expands the build-out of home charging infrastructure and helps ensure New York stays at the forefront of a clean energy future. I thank Governor Hochul for signing my bill into law and for her strong commitment to achieving the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act."

"We are sparking New York's transition to clean transportation by removing barriers to owning and charging an electric vehicle," Gov. Hochul said. "It is not enough to encourage New Yorkers to buy electric - we must build green infrastructure that will drive New Yorkers to choose cleaner and greener modes of transportation. My administration will continue to advance our zero-emission transportation goals, and this legislation will benefit our climate and the health of our communities for generations to come."



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Hyde Park Planning Board Chairman Michael Dupree recently toured the sake brewery and was impressed with the care being taken to manufacture a quality product. He said employees will have to go through a wet shower and then a dry shower before entering the brewing area.

"That's how careful they are about not bringing any [contaminants] into the process," said Dupree. "The steel doors they go through – it was like walking through a Bond movie."

The public will be able to tour the brewery once it is fully opened. The tasting room is on the second floor; Dupree said from that vantage point one can also view all the other operations in the plant.

"As I understand it, they'll start brewing sake [around] February. They will likely spend a couple of months brewing and refining the product but will not formally open until all kinks, so to speak, have been worked out," said Dupree. "So, it's likely to be early summer."

Dupree noted that the project had been delayed for about nine months due to awaiting wastewater tanks from Japan. These specialized tanks are necessary, Dupree said, "because when they process the rice, starchy stuff, periodically they stand them up vertically and rinse them out."

Asahi Shuzo stated, "We look forward to welcoming everyone for tasting a 'Newborn Dassai.'"

Visit <https://www.asahishuzo.ne.jp/en/> for updates.

'Big phase' about to get under way at Bellefield

Developers of Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park describe it as a "world-class hospitality, culinary and sustainable agri-hood destination worthy of its prestigious address. With two hotels, culinary shops,



Pictured (center) is Hyde Park Ward 2 Councilwoman Lynn Ruggiero with Kenzo Shimotori, Vice President of Dassai (left) and John Kittredge from Consigli Construction (right) at the Asahi Shuzo sake brewery nearing completion. Courtesy photo. Below is a sign at the entrance to the construction site at Bellefield at Historic Hyde Park. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

farm-to-table restaurants, a special event barn and educational center, [Bellefield] will perfectly complement existing Dutchess County tourism destinations while providing much-needed quality housing."

There will also be high-quality housing that will include luxury rentals, condominium flats, cottages, town houses, and single-family homes.

Dupree said, "The only [commercial]

tenant [that has committed] so far is City Winery," an event destination with locations throughout the country. said Dupree. "When you drive in it's the first building you're going to see." He said there will be two performance areas plus a restaurant.

"The Planning Board is nearing the end of our review of the next phase at Bellefield, and it is a big phase," he said. At the Planning Board's Dec. 7 meeting, a good deal of time was spent with Bellefield's representatives, essentially dotting the "i's" and crossing the "t's" before being able to move forward.

The next Planning Board meeting is set Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m., at Hyde Park Town Hall, at which time it is hoped that many of the loose ends will be tied. The meeting will be available to view online afterward; see <https://www.hydeparkny.us/186/Planning-Board> for more information. Updates on the project will also be available at <https://bellefieldhydepark.com/>.

"Of course, it is exciting to see both projects reaching their conclusion, but the sake brewery will be open well before the hotel," Dupree said.



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definitely does not like to ask for help. "That's not me. That's not what I do. But with Claudio Cares, there's no problem," he said. "That's because this organization helps everyone who needs help – from students and schools to food pantries and so much more. It has grown to help so many – and all of the volunteers gain and learn so much from the experience of helping."

Over the course of 10 years, The Claudio Cares Foundation has built seven Claudio Coppola Memorial Computer Rooms, collected over 250,000 pounds of non-perishable food items that have helped feed thousands of families in the Dutchess County area, and has given away over \$150,000 in the form of donations, scholarships, and awards.

And the best part? "Over the years, we have been blessed to have worked with many young people who are learning the value of helping in their communities. From Red Hook to Fishkill, we have had hundreds of young people volunteer to help. We hope to continue to inspire young people to give of themselves through volunteer work," said Luigi.

So, who are some of the volunteers and how did the special connections come about? We invite you to take a look.

Heather Blume

"I have known the Coppola family since my son, Brandon, and Marc Anthony (Coppola) were in Pre-K at Regina Coeli School. They were the first ones to welcome me to the fold and we have been friends (family) ever since.

"When Claudio passed, we were all devastated - especially my son, Brandon, who was 18 at the time. He and Marcanthony and Claudio always hung out together and were very close. Because of the tragedy, Brandon changed his path and became an EMT and now works in the medical field. He also has a tattoo for Claudio of a Blue Rose with Claudio's name on it. He says, Claudio is always with him and he feels his presence every day.

"When they started the Foundation, I was one of the first ones to jump in and help. The first event they conducted was the can drive on Claudio's birthday December 17th and that has continued every year. I am humbled and honored to know the family and I am in awe of how

they have stayed strong and held their faith throughout the entire time. I can say for myself I don't know if I would be that strong. They are - and continue to be - a warm and loving family that I am grateful to be apart of. And as Claudio would say 'We got this.'"

County Sheriff-elect Kirk Imperati

"It started due to the lifelong friendship of our families. My oldest daughter, Allie, and Claudio went to Holy Trinity Catholic School from kindergarten through the eighth grade. They were best friends and spent a lot of time together.

"When Claudio's tragic accident occurred, and Luigi and Lisa wanted to start a foundation in Claudio's memory, I was honored to be asked and get involved. The foundation's mission is providing extra services for children and their families, something I'm extremely passionate about.

"Luigi and Lisa and the Claudio Cares Foundation team have done an outstanding job assisting our local food pantries, as well as our local schools. The Coppola tradition of giving back to the community has continued to thrive through the Claudio Cares Foundation. I will always be there for the foundation and look forward to continuing to do great things for our community in the years to come."

Mary-Kate Sweet

"I became a part of Claudio Cares back when it first began. Growing up with Geno and getting to know the Coppola family at a young age made it an easy decision to volunteer for this organization.

"In the beginning, I would help to collect non-perishable goods for the can drive in school and church. Later, I would help deliver the goods to local food pantries with friends. My brother, Matt, also ran a lemonade stand at the local parades to raise money for Claudio Cares. They even built him and his friends a stand to use. Every year we look forward to getting together, giving back to the community and keeping Claudio's memory alive."

Rick Zolzer

Hudson Valley Renegades

"I have known Luigi going all the way back to when I met him as a student when I was coaching football, basketball and



Members of the Coppola family gather at son Geno's graduation from the National Guard at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in November. From left are Clara, Luigi, Geno, Lisa and Marcanthony. Courtesy photo

baseball. Several years later, I met him and his wife, Lisa, when I was a DJ for a wedding at their restaurant.

"I have always been amazed at their work ethic and how well they represented the family name on the sign in front of the restaurant. A bunch of years later, I read about the tragedy of losing their son, Claudio, and all the good they have done in his honor in the community with the Claudio Cares Foundation.

"Their son, Marcanthony, became my intern with the Renegades and the relationship grew. I served as emcee at their Claudio Cares banquet a couple of years and the Renegades Travel Baseball Program got involved in the food drive a couple of years later. If Luigi says 'Zolz jump' - I do and then say 'when can I come down.' They are one of the most impressive families I have ever met in any walk of life."

Brendan Dotterer

Tuthilltown Distillers

"First off, I was born and raised in Hyde Park. I attended school and played sports with the Coppola families. During my high school years, I started working at Coppola's in Hyde Park as a busboy/server. I helped cook at their booth and food truck at the Dutchess County Fair for a

few years. My family became very entwined with the Coppola family over the years.

"I attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park after receiving a recommendation from Coppola's due to my previous work experience. Toward the end of my studies at the CIA, I had a strong focus on the beverage field. Upon graduation, I started working at Tuthilltown Spirits Distillery in Gardiner, which is the home of Hudson Whiskey. Our parent company, which is based in the UK, has a foundation that allows employees to help select local charities to which to donate.

"We are always happy to support the Claudio Cares Foundation and its mission - neighbors helping neighbors, family helping family. Claudio Cares is something that I hold very near to my heart. I look forward to seeing the difference that we can all make when we work together in Claudio's memory."

And from Lisa, Luigi and the Coppola family: "We wish to thank everyone who has given of themselves in the past and look forward to continuing Claudio's caring tradition."

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule, the Dec. 28 and Jan. 4 issues will have early deadlines. The editorial deadline for the Dec. 28, 2022 paper is Thursday, Dec. 22, at noon. The ad deadline is Thursday, Dec. 22, at 5 p.m. The editorial deadline for the Jan. 4, 2023 paper is Thursday, Dec. 29, at noon. The ad deadline is Thursday, Dec. 29, at 5 p.m. Email cschmidt@sdutchessnews.com for more information.

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Friends of the Walkway appoints Lori Robertson as executive director

Building upon an incredible legacy of growth and success since the opening of the Walkway Over the Hudson in 2009, the board of directors of the Friends of the Walkway has selected Lori Robertson to serve as the nonprofit's Executive Director and Diane Haight to remain with the organization as Deputy Director.

With more than 15 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, Robertson's career has been dedicated to supporting the work of land use and parks-focused organizations by building the resources and public support needed to execute and grow their missions. She and Diane start their new roles on Jan. 3, 2023.

"Following a six-month search and review of more than 90 qualified candidates, we could not be more pleased to welcome a leader of Lori's caliber to the Walkway team," said Maureen Solero, Chair, Friends of the Walkway Board of Directors. "Lori's combination of professional experience and passion for the Walkway's mission make her an ideal fit as the organization begins a new, exciting chapter. We are also delighted that Diane Haight will remain with us in her new role as Deputy Director, focusing on strengthening our relationships with fellow community benefit organizations, building strategic partnerships, and expanding communication and outreach to key stakeholders."

Robertson joins the Friends of the Walkway from the Urban Land Institute, where she served as Vice President of Corporate Sponsorship. Her career also includes experience as Director of Conservation Programming and Fundraising for the National Recreation and Park Association and as Corporate Engagement Manager for the Student Conservation Association.

"The transformative impact of parks is something I have been fortunate to witness firsthand throughout my career," Robertson said. "I look forward to joining Walkway Over the Hudson during its next phase of growth to ensure the bridge continues to be a resource that improves the quality of life for all people within our region."

Robertson is an alum of the National Outdoor Leadership School's Outdoor Leadership Program and Center for Creative Nonprofit Leadership Academy. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Montclair State University. A native of New Jersey, Robertson currently resides in Ulster County where she and her son have enjoyed many walks and bike rides on The World's Longest Elevated Pedestrian Bridge.

"I look forward to working with Lori in an expanded leadership role that will allow the Friends of the Walkway to do even more to benefit the Hudson Valley region," Haight said. "Together, we will continue to operate the essential programs and events that make The Walkway Experience special while raising vital new funds to support key future projects."

Chaired by Solero, the Walkway's Executive Search Committee was led by Carol Gordon of Carol Gordon Consulting. The committee included board members Chris Cunningham, Ron Lane, and Emily Saland as well as Andrea Reynolds, President and CEO of The Dyson Foundation.

For more information about the mission of the Friends of the Walkway and how to be part of the coalition dedicated to lighting the path forward for Walkway Over the Hudson, visit walkway.org.

Ceremony honors Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Red Hook cemetery



Honoring Revolutionary War soldiers buried at St. James Episcopal Church Cemetery in Red Hook on Dec. 4 were, from left, Timothy Middlebrook, President of the Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Rev. Meredith Sanderson, Pastor St. James Church, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Empire State Society Sons of the American Revolution president and NYS Senator Sue Serino. Courtesy photo

Tim Middlebrook, President of the Columbia-Mid Hudson Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), led a ceremony to dedicate a Pomeroy Foundation Grave Marker obtained for St. James Episcopal Church cemetery in Red Hook on Sunday Dec. 4, honoring the six known Revolutionary War soldiers buried there.

Middlebrook said he was contacted by a compatriot in New Jersey two years ago who wanted the SAR chapter to place a grave marker for Capt. Issac Russell who is buried at the St James Cemetery.

In the process of the planning for the grave marking, Dyan Wapnick, St James Church secretary, informed Middlebrook of other Revolutionary soldiers buried there and suggested they gain a Pomeroy sign to mark the site.

The Pomeroy Foundation initiative is helping people to celebrate their community's history. The Foundation provides grants to obtain signage in the form of roadside markers and plaques. Since 2005, they have funded nearly 2,000 signs across the United States, all the way to Alaska.

After performing the necessary paperwork and documentation on the patriots buried at St. James Cemetery, an application was submitted and approved, resulting in the ceremony held at St. James.

Rev. Meredith Sanderson from St. James Church was present for the event, along with NYS Senator Sue Serino, who presented a proclamation.

Soldiers honored included the following.

- Titus Dutton, Lt. in the 7th Connecticut Regiment.
- Nathaniel Pendleton, a brevet-major, served as aide-de-camp to General Nathaniel Greene.
- Frederick Bancker, member of Dutchess County 4th Regiment.
- Joseph Dennis, member of a Dutchess County Regiment.
- Morgan Lewis fought in the Rev. War and War of 1812. He was a colonel and Quartermaster General.
- Capt. Issac Russell was born in Mass. As a minuteman, he marched at the alarm on April 19, 1775, when he was a 2nd Lt.

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Wreaths Across America ceremonies set in Stanford Dec. 17

by Kate Goldsmith

This year on Dec. 17, Stanford will join thousands of locations around the country for National Wreaths Across America Day. According to <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/>, the mission is to remember those who have served – from the Revolutionary War to present-day conflicts – to honor them and to teach the value of freedom. This is carried out “by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 3,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.”

Stanford is one of our local towns who have publicized their wreath-laying ceremonies on Dec. 17. The following, shared with the Northern Dutchess News through Town Supervisor Wendy

Burton's newsletter, are the times to meet at any of the five Stanford cemeteries:

Thompson - Sheaffer Road, 11 a.m. - laying of wreaths & ceremony;

Briggs - Homan Road, 11:15 a.m. - laying of wreaths & ceremony;

Sutherland - Market Lane, noon - laying of wreaths & ceremony;

Stanford - Route 82 behind United Church of Christ, 11 a.m., begin laying wreaths on graves with the ceremony taking place at noon

St. Mary's - Hunns Lake Road, 11 a.m., begin laying wreaths on graves with the ceremony taking place at noon

There will be a luncheon at the Stanford Town Hall following the ceremonies for those who partake in the ceremony.

Call (845) 868-7320 if you are able to help lay wreaths at any of the cemeteries.

Putting out fires is part of the job

And if you're Ibis, a certified interior firefighter, sometimes that can mean real fires. Ibis grew up here, and although he left for a while, he returned because he missed living in a community where people care about each other. He likes that this is the type of place where you can work with the local elementary school, in this case Seymour Smith, set up a student savings program, teach the kids good habits, and then find them pointing you out to their parents on the street, proud they know you.

Helping people makes Ibis happy. Having Ibis run our Stanfordville branch makes us, and our customers, happy too. After all, the occasional fire does have to be put out, whether it's the building down the street, or the money burning a hole in your kid's pocket.

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FeedHV, Scenic Hudson collaborate to donate locally produced food

FeedHV and Scenic Hudson have joined forces once again to purchase food grown by area farmers to distribute to area agencies with food assistance programs throughout the region. A generous donation from Scenic Hudson enabled the procurement and distribution of over 3,300 pounds of food from local BIPOC-owned farms and benefited over 20 area agencies.

Administered by Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC), FeedHV is a regional food rescue and harvesting network operating throughout Dutchess, Orange, Ulster, Columbia, Greene, Putnam and Sullivan counties. It links donors of prepared, but unserved, food and fresh produce with nonprofits and food assistance programs.

Through an app-assisted network of food donors, volunteers and feeding agencies, FeedHV facilitates the harvesting, processing and distribution of locally grown or produced agricultural products, shelf-stable food donations and prepared

nutritious foods. Among the donors are restaurants, farms, food makers, stores, hospitals and universities. The food assistance programs include food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. When significant donations such as that from Scenic Hudson are received, HVADC is able to identify needs within its farmer network and match purchases to the needs of FeedHV receiving agencies. Farms involved in this effort were those identified with BIPOC ownership/management, as part of HVADC's ongoing efforts to support smaller BIPOC farmers.

"Scenic Hudson is delighted to continue our partnership with FeedHV and the Hudson Valley's family farms to supply fresh, healthy produce to local food assistance programs. With food access and hunger becoming ever more pressing challenges, collaboration like this can make a real difference in people's physical and emotional well-being, especially around the holidays. At the same time, it supports the region's hard-working farm-

ers, making this a win-win. Scenic Hudson also thanks the agencies in Orange and Ulster counties ensuring that this bounty reaches those most in need," said Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan.

"The FeedHV receiving agencies have seen such dramatic increases in the need within their communities over the past two years," said HVADC Executive Director Todd Erling. "Donations such as this one help FeedHV extend its efforts beyond its year-round direct food donations, gleanings and processing events to help to meet the increased demand, while at the same time helping our area farmers. With this particular donation, we identified that we had an opportunity to support some of the local BIPOC farmers."

"This time of year can be extremely difficult for families who can't afford to put together seasonal holiday meals. When local organizations purchase produce from farms for donation, or when farms donate their extra produce through

our program, it directly translates to food on someone's plate. We are extremely grateful to Scenic Hudson and Feed HV for helping us get more local, fresh, and healthy food to folks who need it most," said Suzanne Flaura, Assistant Program Director, Farm to Food Pantry Collaborative, Family of Woodstock, Inc..

This was the fourth instance of HVADC coordinating FeedHV and Scenic Hudson to supply area food assistance agencies, and at the same time helping Hudson Valley farms and food producers. In each initiative purchases were made to also target specific farm segments that were facing challenges. Through the four efforts, over 84,000 pounds of food have been purchased and distributed.

To learn more about FeedHV, its donor and volunteer programs, visit feedhv.org. To become a food donor, contact info@feedhv.org. To make a monetary donation to FeedHV, visit feedhv.org/donate-today.

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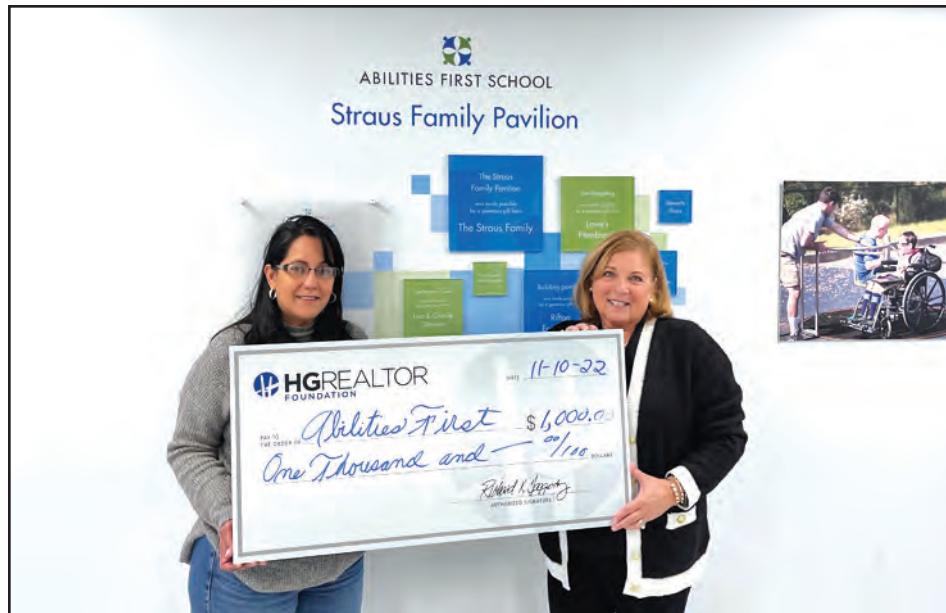
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Denisse De Leon-Freytes, HG Realtor Foundation (left) stands with JoAnn Parker, Director of Philanthropy, Abilities First. The Hudson Gateway REALTOR® Foundation, the charitable arm of the Hudson Gateway Association of REALTORS®, recently presented a check for \$1,000 to Abilities First. Courtesy photo

The Hudson Gateway REALTOR® Foundation, the charitable arm of the Hudson Gateway Association of REALTORS®, recently presented a check for \$1,000 to Abilities First, a non-profit organization serving the Hudson Valley.

Abilities First, with 31 locations in Dutchess and Orange Counties, is dedicated to providing support to people with developmental challenges and their families. With a commitment to inclusion, Abilities First seeks to change the landscape of human services, envisioning a world where all people are recognized and valued for their abilities first.

Founded in 1962, a handful of visionary parents started a school with an out-patient therapy clinic to help their children with disabilities reach their greatest potential. As the children grew, Abilities First grew its programs and services to

keep pace with community needs.

Abilities First serves the educational, vocational, residential needs of more than 1,400 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families spanning seven Hudson Valley counties and 25 school districts.

"After 60 years of hard work, love, laughter, and accomplishments, we are more committed to our mission than ever before. Together, we have built a cherished and thriving resource for our community. Thank you to the Hudson Gateway REALTOR® Foundation for your help in making Abilities First what it is today," said Jeffery Fox, Ph.D. President & CEO, Abilities First.

For more information or to apply for funding from the Hudson Gateway REALTOR® Foundation, visit www.hgrealtorfoundation.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Grief Support Group

On the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley hosts a Grief Support Group facilitated by The Rev. Heather Sisk, Episcopal Priest and Spiritual Director with Liz Whitman, MSW. We offer a brief healing service beforehand at 6:45. Come to either or both. (You are not alone; Many of us are hurting; Everyone is welcome.) For more information, call (845) 635-2854, email stpaulspv@gmail.com or visit www.stpaulspv.org. Accessible facilities.

Lyall Church in Millbrook offers programs

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

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

Christmas services at Pleasant Valley church

Join St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley will hold "Blue Christmas" (for those who are grieving) on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6:45 p.m.; Christmas Eve, Festive Eucharist is set Saturday, Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m. Christmas Day Eucharist will be held on Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m. (without music); Epiphany "Sound Bath" Music Meditation & Service is set Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at 2 p.m. For information, call (845) 635-2854. The church is at 808 Traver Road in Pleasant Valley. www.stpaulspv.org

Rhinecliff Soup Sale

The Rhinebeck Grange sponsors Rhinecliff's Fall Soup Sales on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Soups are sold by the quart, \$10/quart, take-out only. The Soup Sale is at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, on the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard in Rhinecliff. Pick up at side window on Orchard Street. Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to be emailed the soup choices for each month and pre-order online.

PV Democratic Committee to meet Dec. 19

Pleasant Valley Democrats are invited to join the town committee on Monday, Dec. 19, at the Pleasant Valley Library (or via Zoom) for stimulating discussion of topical community issues. Meet the new Committee and enjoy convivial company. Bring your ideas! The meeting will be followed by a getting-to-know you celebration at a local hostelry. Information: Gully Stanford Secretary gullystan@gmail.com or (303) 349-5635.

Rhinebeck church announces holiday services

Grace Bible Fellowship Church, at 6959 Route 9 in Rhinebeck, will hold its Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24. The Christmas Day service will be at 10:45 a.m. on Dec. 25. All are welcome. For more information, email Pastor Frank Cirone at fdcirone@aol.com or call (845) 876-2122 or (845) 876-6923.

Blood Drive in Clinton set Dec. 28

The Clinton Alliance Church along with Clinton Seniors will be hosting the 2nd Annual Ray Joyce Memorial Blood Drive on Wednesday, Dec. 28, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. The drive will be in the Youth Center across from the church at 1192 Centre Road, Rhinebeck. There will freshly baked snacks for donors. Register and reserve a donation time with the NY Blood Center at nybc.org.

ONGOING

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

Thrift shop in Red Hook: The "New to You" Thrift Shop at 30 Benner Road has opened. Sales will benefit St. Christopher and Good Shepherd Church. Four rooms to roam through; items include books, crafts, CDs, tapes, housewares, home décor, clothing and more. Hours: Thursdays, 11-4 and Saturdays, 10-2 (and Saturday donations).

UPWIFT INVITES NEW MEMBERS

Upstate Women In Film & Television (UPWIFT) is conducting its 10-year Celebration and membership meeting with cocktails and entertainment at Uriver Studios on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at Uriver Studios in Saugerties.

Potential new members are welcome. Visit upwift.org for more information

UPWIFT is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization that supports women in film, television and digital media in upstate New York. UPWIFT endeavors to increase opportunities for women in the field by increasing public and industry awareness of women's achievements as well as stature, via providing news and targeted programs for members and the public.

UPWIFT provides training, professional development, networking opportunities and also amplify the broader efforts of other organizations in our area. Additionally, we advocate for equity of access, inclusion and compensation for women.

Board Members include Sunny Edelman, President, and members Dana Weidman, Mia DiFrancesco, Jennifer La Falce and Diana Devlin all welcome anyone interested in joining the group.

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Upcoming programs at Red Hook Library

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DECEMBER PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Love the It's a Wonderful Life movie? See the stage adaptation of this holiday classic at the Center for Performing Art at Rhinebeck. Email Renee at adultservices@redhooklibrary.org to register as spaces is limited.

Check out the first meeting for the Cookbook Group. Make your favorite cookies and bring them to the meeting (along with the recipe) to share with the group. Great way to meet others interested in food and cooking. All levels welcome, no culinary degree necessary.

The Evening Book Group is reading The Midnight Library by Matt Haig.

All Abilities Adults, American Sign Language, Knitting, ESL for Adults and RHPL Games at the Senior Friendship Center continue in December.

DECEMBER PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

All Abilities Teens will be making a winter craft with Hudson Valley Vintage and attending UPAC's screening of the movie Elf. Email amy@redhook

library.org to register as space is limited for both programs.

Teen Takeover in December includes three themed Sundays: hot chocolate bar, tabletop Magic: the Gathering (beginners' decks provided for use or bring your own), and snowflakes to make, bake and eat. No registration required, open to youth grades 7+.

For more information or to register for any of the programs above, email Amy@redhooklibrary.org

DECEMBER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Kids Takeover for December will be during Winter Break when kids will get to play an 'Among Us'-style game in real life throughout the library after closing. Registration required for your young imposters to participate.

Preschool Nature Walk, Storytime, LEGO Club and Among Us Club will meet the first two weeks of December as usual; then go on hiatus until January.

For more information or to register for any of the programs above, email Amy@redhooklibrary.org.



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Children's programs at Stanford Library

Registration is required for these programs, by email at stanfordlibrary@optonline.net or call 845-868-1341

Full STEAM Ahead

Wednesday, December 14th
Students in Grades Pre-K—1st
3:30pm—4:30pm

Students in Grades 2 - 5
3:45pm—5:00pm

In this after school workshop we will continue to explore all of the exciting new materials and equipment made possible by Dutchess County's Learn, Play, Create Grant.

As a courtesy the Pine Plains School District will transport your child to the library but seats on the bus are limited. Contact the library to register your child for the program BEFORE you request bus transportation.

Make an Ornament

Wednesday, December 21st

Students in Grades Pre-K—1st
3:30pm—4:30pm

Thursday, December 22nd

Students in Grades 2 - 5
3:30pm—4:30pm

Join us for one of our most popular crafts of the season. We will repurpose a CD into an ornament. Whether you'll hang it on a tree or a doorknob...or decorate it for the holiday theme of your choice, there will be something for everyone!

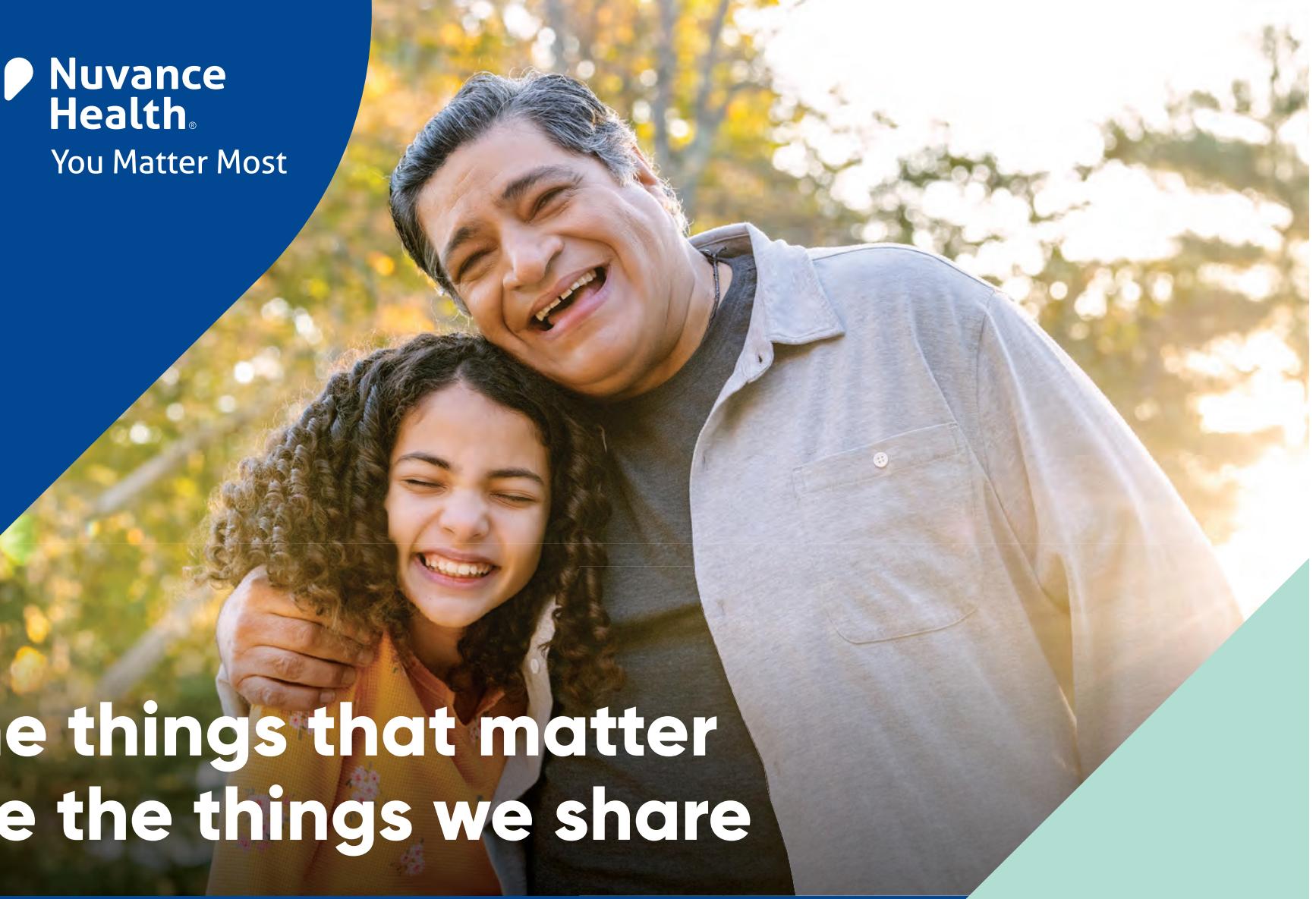
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Please note that if the school district has a snow delay or an early dismissal, the program will be rescheduled.

Hinchey bill to expand student loan forgiveness for young farmers signed into law

State Sen. Michelle Hinchey recently announced the signing of her bill to expand eligibility under the New York State Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program, which helps alleviate the student debt burden by providing grant awards for individuals who obtain an undergraduate degree from a New York State college or university and plan to pursue a career in farming. Previously, eligibility for the New York State Young Farmers Loan Forgiveness Incentive Program was contingent on the applicant having graduated from college within the previous two years. S4082-Hinchey removes that eligibility barrier and replaces it with the qualification that an applicant must not have previously farmed for more than ten consecutive years.

"With the average age of a New York farmer ever increasing, the future of our food supply and our ability to keep this leading economic driver in place largely depends on helping the next generation of farmers enter this extremely high cost-to-enter field," Hinchey said. "I'll continue to bolster smart economic incentives that put a young and diverse generation of farmers in the best position to lead the charge of New York's top industry."



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International guitarist Hiroya Tsuamoto will perform at the Stissing Center in Pine Plains on Dec. 17. Courtesy photo

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Stissing Center to present world-class guitarist Dec. 17

International guitarist Hiroya Tsuamoto brings his innovative and world-centric musical talents to The Stissing Center in Pine Plains, on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. A one-of-a-kind composer, guitarist and singer-songwriter from Kyoto, Japan, he began playing the five-string banjo when he was 13 and took up the guitar shortly after.

Born and raised in Japan, in 2000 he received a scholarship to Berklee College of music and came to the U.S. While in Boston, he formed his own group "Interceanico" which consists of unique musicians from different continents including Latin Grammy Colombian singer Marta Gomez. The group released three acclaimed records ("The Other Side of the World", "Confluencia" and "Where the River Shines"). Tsuamoto has released three solo albums ("Solo", "Heartland" and "Places").

Tsuamoto's instrumental abilities are astounding, but his performances allow him to engage with audiences thru a personable and genuine approach, captivating his listeners. He plays with effortless skill on guitar, with a repertoire that will

have you traveling the world and experiencing new sounds with his own compositions.

Tsuamoto won 2nd place in the International Finger Style Guitar Championship in 2018 and again in 2022. Tsuamoto headlines concerts throughout the U.S. and internationally, including at the Blue Note Jazz Club in NYC and the United Nations, and for Japanese National Television.

In addition to his evening performance, Tsuamoto will also teach an acoustic fingerstyle guitar workshop at The Stissing Center earlier in the afternoon, at 3 p.m. He'll be demonstrating fingerpicking techniques and chords, and more. The workshop is \$35 for 75 minutes.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the evening performance. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, General Admission seating.

Visit www.thestissingcenter.org to purchase tickets for the afternoon workshop and the evening performance and see a listing of upcoming performances.

THE STISSING CENTER GETS NEW DIRECTOR

After a six-month nationwide search, Brett Bernardini has been tapped to lead The Stissing Center as its new Executive Director, taking over for the retiring Brian Keeler. Leading a staff of five, Brett will begin his new role on Dec. 15.

Most recently, Bernardini served as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Shakespeare Festival in Omaha, Nebraska. He previously held non-profit leadership roles at the Cape Playhouse in Dennis, Mass., and the Spirit of Broadway Theatre in Norwich, Conn., among others. Prior to that, Bernardini spent 20 years as a public school teacher.

Bernardini will fill the role previously held by the retiring Brian Keeler, who from the organization's launch has successfully led The Stissing Center through restoration of the building, navigated the shut-down during Covid pandemic, and launched its diverse programming currently in place.

The Stissing Center seeks to positively impact the community by partnering with artists, individuals, and organizations to create meaningful programs, events, and opportunities. Visit <https://thestissingcenter.org/> for more information.



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New menus

Once again, Pop teaches Luigi a valuable lesson.

The other day, I was going through our restaurant menu, making sure that everything in it was selling. I was reading through my notes to be sure that the counts were correct and trying to figure out if I needed to recommend any changes to my brothers. This chore brought me back to when I wrote my first menu with my father.

It was 1987. I was 18 years old and so proud. I re-wrote the entire menu and put in new artwork and did it all myself on our new office computer, which I had to beg my father to buy. It was still new to have a computer in your office and my father did not see the benefit of such a contraption, but he agreed because I told him I could make new menus myself without having to contract a specialist.

I invited my father into the office and sat him down next to my computer. I called up the menu with all its glitzy artwork and fancy fonts and its descriptive explanations. I was ready for my father to be wowed by how incredible and awe-inspiring my presentation was and prepared to be anointed the king of the earth for this amazing menu.

My father looked at the first words and stopped.

Pop: The writing. Is a too small.

Me: What? No, Pop. It's just deceiving. It's plenty...

Pop: What's all of this crap all over the menu?

Me: What crap? Ohh...that's some artwork I put in to...

Pop: Get rid of it and make the writing bigger.

Me: Huh? But? Wait. What?

Pop: You use too many words. You confuse the customer.

Me: Don't you need to describe...

Pop: You take out some words you can make the writing a bigger.

Me: Ok. But..

Pop: You missing some entrees.

Me: I researched all our sales, tracked what sold and what didn't sell and removed the items that weren't selling.

Pop: Why do you do that. The menu needs to be come se dice (how do you say) Equilibrato (balanced). They don't sell a lot, but they still need to be in there.

Me: Yeah, but Pop, the numbers...

Pop: What's this. New York Sirloin.

That's it? Where is the Pizzaiola? You need to have pizza on the menu.

Me: But Pop...

Pop: Write this down. New York Sirloin alla Pizzaiola. Grilled and smothered with..

Me: What smothered?

Pop: You know smother! Come on, you no understand? Smoother, smoother!

Me: What? Um. Wait..

Pop: Write it down.

Me: Yeah, but I don't understand, Pop.

Pop: Now you make fun of my English?! Smoother!

Me: Ok. Sorry. Pop. Smoother, yes of course.

It was in that moment, as I wrote down NY Sirloin Pizzaiola, that I realized that my great accomplishment, my wonderful creation, was dead. My menu with all its glitzy artwork and fancy fonts and its descriptive explanations would not be praised by my father. He would not be wowed by how incredible and awe-inspiring my presentation was. I was not going to be anointed the king of the earth for my amazing menu. Instead the menu was going to be...

Pop: Ok. Nice menu. Very nice, Luigi. You did a nice job.

Me: Wait? What? Huh?

The clouds of despair were disappearing. My menu with all its glitzy artwork and fancy fonts and its descriptive explanations, my incredible and awe-inspiring presentation might still get printed. I could still be the king of the earth. I sat a little taller, my chest puffed out a little bit, I looked bravely into my computer screen with a smile on my....

Pop: Justa donta puta all the pictures on the menu, make the writing bigger, add the Steak Pizzaiola, anda donta yousa too many words. OK?

And boom, it's gone.

Me: Yes, Pop.

As you enjoy this recipe for Steak Pizzaiola, SMOTHERED with a rich tomato, olive sauce, remember in life it's important to know your audience. My father taught me that lesson very well.

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Roosevelt Cinemas to host free film, food drive

Hyde Park Roosevelt Cinemas, I Heart Media and Rhinebeck Bank are joining forces to host a free Christmas movie and food drive on Saturday, Dec. 24, for children and their families.

"Puss in Boots: The Last Wish" (PG), stars the voice of Antonio Banderas. Puss in Boots discovers that his passion for adventure has taken its toll: he has burnt through eight of his nine lives. Puss sets out on an epic journey to find the mythical Last Wish and restore his nine lives.

The doors will be open at 9 a.m., when Santa will be on hand to visit with children; and the film will begin at 10 a.m.

Admission is free, but tickets must be obtained in advance from Rhinebeck Bank on Violet Avenue in Hyde Park or on Route 9 in Rhinebeck, or at the Roosevelt Cinema at 4060 Albany Post Road (Route 9) in Hyde Park.

Everyone who attends the movie is asked to bring non-perishable food items for distribution through a local food pantry. The need is greater this year and food pantries are stressed.

Food donations may also be dropped off at the theater at any time after 3:30 p.m. on any day before Dec. 24.



Roosevelt Cinemas in Hyde Park will present "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish" free to children and their families on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Credit: NBCUniversal

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STEAK PIZZAIOLA

Ingredients

4 NY Sirloin Steaks, cut 1/2-inch thick
3 tbsp olive oil, plus extra
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
16 oz. Coppola's Marinara sauce
1 tbsp capers, drained and rinsed
8-10 black olives, smashed
8-10 green olives, smashed
1/2 small onion, diced fine
10 oz. white wine
1 oz. grated Pecorino Romano

Method

Brush the steaks lightly with a little oil and season. Heat a cast-iron griddle over a high heat. Once smoking hot, add the steaks and reduce the heat to medium-high. Cook for 2 minutes on each side for rare, or 2 1/2 minutes on each side for medium-rare. Rest the steaks somewhere warm.

Put 3 tablespoons oil, onions and the garlic in a medium frying pan over a high

heat. Once the garlic sizzles and begins to turn brown, add the white wine and allow to simmer for two minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and allow to simmer for 5 more minutes, shaking the pan every now and then.

Spoon the sauce onto warmed plates. Slice the steaks and place on top and garnish with grated cheese.

Serve with a hot loaf of Italian bread and a 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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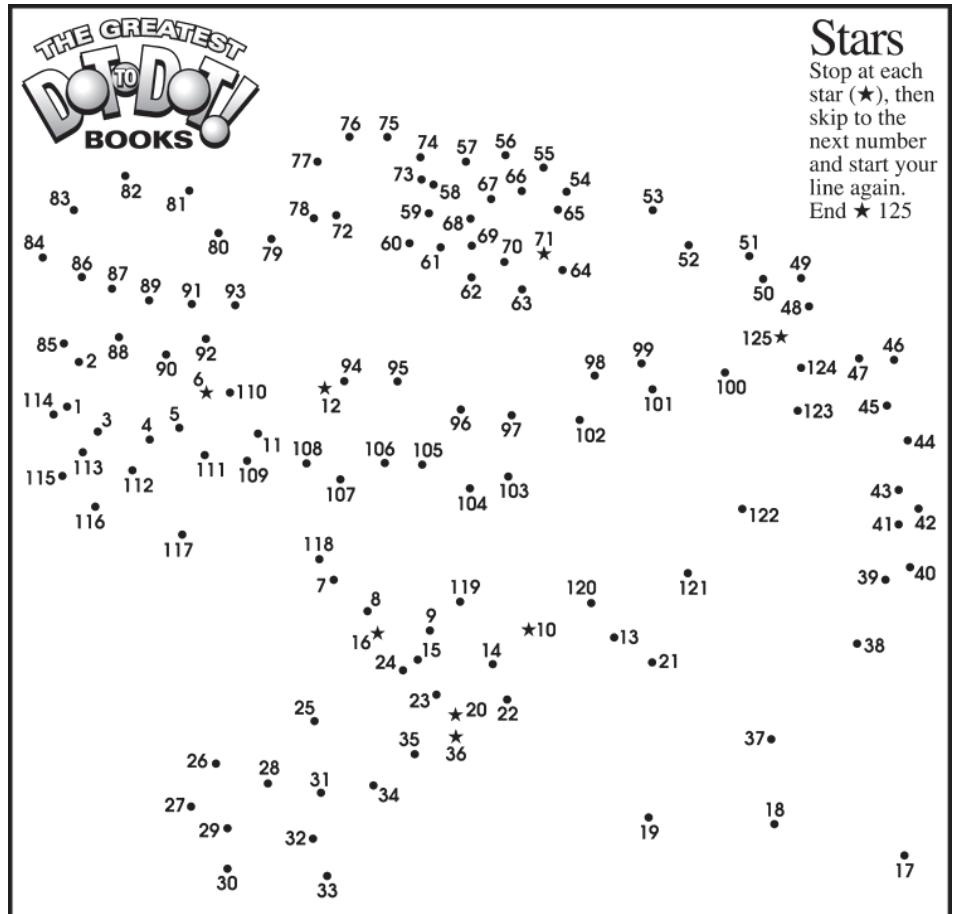
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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 16 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)



Stars

Stop at each star (★), then skip to the next number and start your line again. End ★ 125

By David Kalvitis

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Diversions

SUDOKU

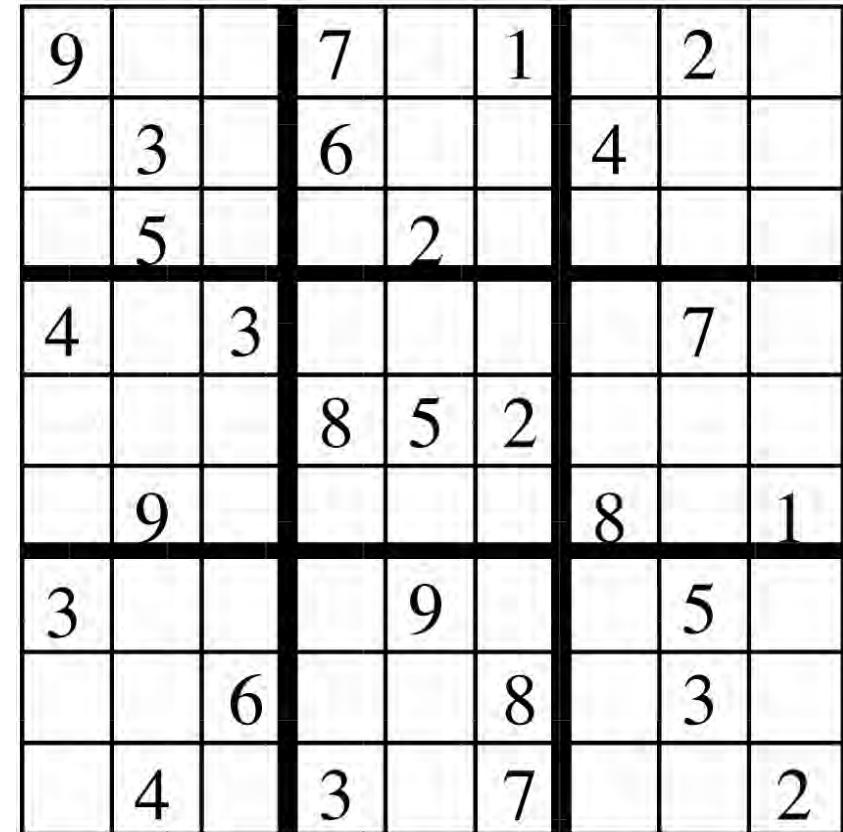
Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

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

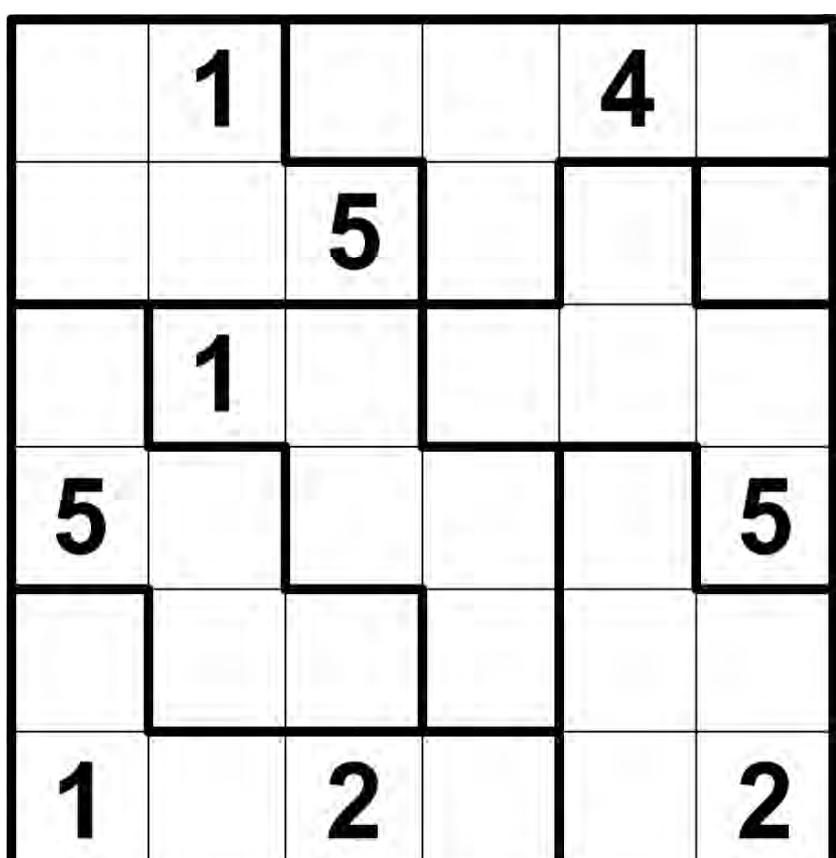
Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

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

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



Suguru



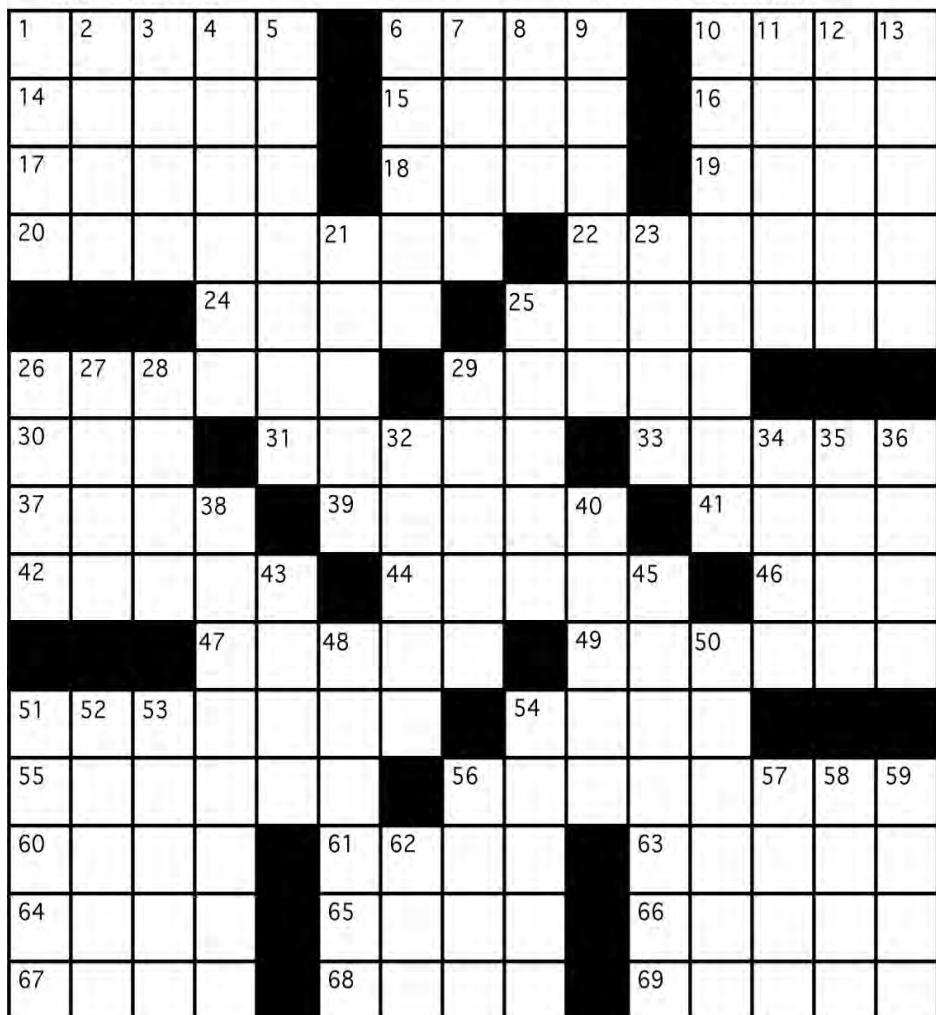
The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally,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

ACROSS

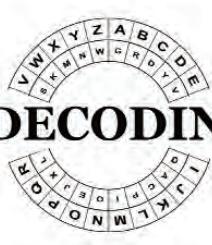
- Get going
- Indy 500 or Kentucky Derby
- IRA, for one
- Careful archer
- Character in "Frankenstein"
- Crude person
- Incline
- Forbid
- Mr. Johnson
- Flowed
- Take out
- Miners' passage
- Soft hats
- Plate man
- Showed twice
- Raw mineral
- Accountant's entry
- Dissolves
- Carry
- Exhaust
- Regal address
- Item sold near the tin foil
- Second-most populous nation
- Weirdo
- Signified
- Furnace coverings
- German city
- Moistens
- Men and women
- Baptize
- Leg coverings
- Blue Bonnet, for one
- cum laude
- Mocking person
- Actress Carter
- Von ; last name for a singing family
- Criteria: abbr.
- Word with garage or white
- Reason

DOWN

- Talk back
- Lean
- Love: Sp.
- Iterate
- Trampled: var.
- Affix firmly
- Past one's prime
- Sleeper's spot
- Decaying agent
- Mother-of-pearl containers
- Apple pie preparer
- Terra
- Kilmer masterpiece
- Bogged down
- Paraffin-coated food
- Smelly
- Denver and Barker
- Zone
- Rip
- Laughing
- forth; produce
- Dryer residue
- Word of agreement
- Rolls the hair
- One-story homes
- African nation
- Gender: abbr.
- Easel owners
- Unlawful burnings
- Give confidence to
- Responses to corny jokes
- Embrace as one's own
- Thought deeply
- Complete
- Tiny room
- IRS agent
- Napoleon and Nero: abbr.
- Part of the neck
- Green field



The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 16



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Clowes research reveals unknown dimensions of another local artist

by Bill Jeffway

The portrait painter James Wright has been best known locally for his 1861 portrait of Matthew Vassar. Commissioned by Vassar in 1860, it is in the collection of the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center at Vassar College. Among the reasons it is so striking is the eight-foot height of the canvas. Vassar is shown with his dog, and his emerging Poughkeepsie estate, Springside, in the background. Wright is better known nationally for portraits like Daniel Webster, exhibited in the US Capitol.

We were prompted to want to know more about Wright because, in preparation for the exhibit of the works of Caroline Clowes currently at Locust Grove Estate (see www.dchsn.org for specific dates and times) we discovered through her many letters that she had both a professional and social relationship with Wright for decades. Both were born in Hempstead, Long Island, although Wright was a generation older than Clowes. Both had lifelong relationships with family in Hempstead and Wright is buried there.

Wright was a central character in Clowes' professional advancement because he first successfully introduced her work to the influential Goupil's Gallery in New York City in early 1870.

Clowes signed her work with her initials, "C. M. Clowes." This decision is more calculating than might appear at first glance to 21st-century readers. Clowes was among the very first women to make a breakthrough to become both an artistic and commercial success in the field of painting. In one of the most telling twelve words among thousands of letters, on February 7, 1870, Wright wrote to Clowes from New York City explaining after introducing her work, "They [Goupil's] suppose you are a gentleman, and I did not undeceive them. They predict a brilliant future for you." He went on to say he would not correct their misperception until her reputation was firmly established, which quickly happened. "You are on the right path to fame and fortune, be faithful as you always have been," Wright went on to say at the close of his letter.

Like any good investigation into local history, we gain a few interesting answers, but acquire a greater number of intriguing new questions.

Further investigation of Wright in Poughkeepsie shows that he was advertising his services as a portrait painter as early as 1846. For decades he came each summer and worked from a studio on the second floor of 292 Main Street. The



The inset close-ups of this 1863 photograph of 292 Main Street, Poughkeepsie, likely show the well known portrait painter, James H. Wright, and his business partner, Mr. M. Morse. You can learn more about this photo at www.dchsn.org/292-main. Frank and Baltus B. Van Kleeck Collection of the Dutchess County Historical Society

building that was on the south side of Main Street opposite the entrance to Garden Street. In the winter he was in New York City with a studio on Broadway near 13th Street, which was three blocks north of Goupil's.

To our great surprise and pleasure, while reviewing the many Main Street Poughkeepsie photos in the "Frank and Baltus B. Van Kleeck Collection" of the Dutchess County Historical Society, we found a May 19, 1863 photo of 292 Main Street. While business owners were always eager to step outside for a photograph, the fact that the photo was taken by the highly regarded Samuel L. Walker would have helped motivate any who might have hesitated.

The sign, "James Wright Portrait Painter," is clearly seen. We know from his ads that his studio was on the second floor. A skylight is clearly visible facing north, which would have been to his advantage. Outside the door is a taller older gentleman with a hat, who could be Wright. To his right is either a young or boyish looking man who might possibly be Wright's business partner, who we know only as "Mr. M. Morse." In New York City they advertised their business as "Messrs. Morse and Wright's Academy of Drawing and Painting." This could explain why one of the school invoices for Clowes mentions painting supplies from a "Mr. Morse."

It is through Wright's letters that we get insight into Caroline Clowes' commercial focus. She clearly wanted to be both an artistic and a commercial success. In the same letter referenced earlier, Wright goes over the financials relating to having her painting exhibited and offered for sale at Goupil's, writing, "The frame will cost \$32. I told him you wanted \$150 clear. So he will charge \$200, which less frame and commission will give you \$150."

At the time, artists could make money by allowing their paintings to be turned into "chromos" (short for chromolithographs).

raphy), what we would today more commonly call colored prints and engravings. Perhaps Clowes was reluctant to get involved in this type of alteration and distribution of her work. On stationary of Poughkeepsie's Morgan House hotel, on January 7, 1872, Wright wrote to Clowes, encouraging her to be less cautious about such an endeavor. "I think you should not be so particular about chromos. It seems to me that it might do you good at this particular time to have some of your pictures published," he wrote. If any of her works were published as prints and engravings, we have not yet been able to identify or locate any.

Interestingly, Wright himself, although widely known as a portrait painter, was in some instances a painter of animals like Clowes. Wright managed to have his painting of a thoroughbred horse, published as a "chromo" by none other than Currier and Ives (see photo). Wright depicted owner William Ryskyk with his horse, Hambletonian, in a painting that was turned into a widely distributed Currier and Ives print.

The insights gained here about both artists (our richer understanding of Wright beyond his being a portrait painter, and our better understanding of the financial priorities and acumen of Clowes) come from "connecting the dots" that emerge from surveying countless letters, photographs, and old newspapers. We gain answers, which only prompt more questions. Fertile Ground: The Hudson Valley Animal Paintings of Caroline Clowes runs through December 30, details at www.dchsn.org.

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James H. Wright promoted himself, and was well known as, a portrait painter. He gained extra income by going beyond that. Shown above is his painting of a thoroughbred horse that was published and distributed by Currier & Ives as a print. In letters to Caroline Clowes, Wright encouraged Clowes to take the same commercial opportunity. Library of Congress

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Holiday Happenings

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Dec. 14: **Mannheim Steamroller Christmas by Chip Davis**, MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Experience the music that has become the hallmark of the holidays from the #1 Christmas music artist in history, 7:30 p.m. (845) 454-5800

Dec. 14-18: Holiday Tours, Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., Beacon. The Dutch Colonial home of the Verplanck family is beautifully decorated for the holidays, with each room decorated in different styles. Enjoy a close-to-home, relaxing time of good cheer and good company this holiday season. Tours: Sat. & Sun., Wed.-Fri., Dec. 14-16; Sun., Dec. 18. Tours at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is \$12 adult; \$10 senior; \$6 children 6-18. Children under 6 and Mount Gulian members are free. Reservations required. (845) 831-8172 or info@mountgulian.org

Dec. 14-21: Theatre on the Road: "A Christmas Carol," various locations. Join the festivities, which includes a fine dinner, caroling and interactions with the characters Charles Dickens made immortal. Schedule: Wed., Dec. 14, Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck. 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Reservations: (845) 876-7077, ext. 361. Sat., Dec. 17, Meadowbrook Lodge, 1290 Rte. 94, New Windsor. 4 p.m., doors open at 3:30 p.m. Reservations: (845) 562-5918. Wed., Dec. 21: The Venue at the Best Western, Washington Ave., Kingston. 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. (845) 475-7973 or www.theatreontheroad.com

Dec. 15-31: "A Gilded Age Christmas," Staatsburgh State Historic Site, Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. Tour the lavishly decorated Gilded Age mansion, Thurs.-Sun., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (last entry 2:30 p.m.). Admission \$8 adult; \$6 seniors/students; children ages 12 and under are free. Additional open hours Dec. 26-28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration for all tours and programs must be made at www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS. The site will be closed Dec. 24-25. **Special evening hours:** Fri., Dec. 16, 5-8 p.m. (last admission 7:30 p.m.), with live music, costumed interpreters and more. (845) 889-8851

Dec. 16-18: "A Christmas Carol," Sosnoff Theater, Fisher Center, Bard College, Annadale-on-Hudson. The Fisher Center presents the world premiere of SITI Company's re-imagining of Charles Dickens' holiday tale of redemption, co-directed by Anne Bogart '74 and Tony Award winner Darren L West. Performances: Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 6 p.m.; and Sun., 2 p.m. Tickets \$25-65, with \$5 tickets for Bard students. fishercenter.bard.edu or (845) 758-7900

Dec. 16-18: Holiday Tours, Wilderstein Historic Site, 440 Morton Rd., Rhinebeck. Guided tours featuring touches of festive yuletide decor throughout the mansion; be among the first to experience Wilderstein's newly restored second floor. Fri.-Sun. through Dec. 18. Tours at noon, 1, 2 & 3 p.m. Tickets \$16. For advance tickets and more information, call (845) 876-4818.

Dec. 16-18: "It's A Wonderful Life," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Adapted for the stage from Frank Capra's beloved, holiday film. Performances: Fri. & Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876 3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Dec. 17: Holiday Concert, The First United Presbyterian Church, 3039 Rte. 199, Pine Plains. 7th Annual Holiday Concert, 3 p.m. The concert will feature many local musicians and festive organ music. A free-will offering will be taken for the continued maintenance of the Church's historic 1926 Estey Pipe Organ. For more information, call the Church at (518) 398-7117.

Dec. 17: Pet Photos with Santa, Ulster Savings Bank Hyde Park branch, 4240 Albany Post Rd. Pet Photo session with Santa, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the Dutchess County SPCA with a suggested donation of \$10. Joining from the community will be Dirt Road Designs by Roe featuring gifts for pets and pet lovers, the DCSPCA will have information on pet adoption and pet care, and Lilly Bear Treats will have complimentary pet treats (while supplies last).

Dec. 17-18: Dickens' "Christmas Carol," Old Dutch Church, Sleepy Hollow. Performances at 2:30, 3:45, 5 p.m. (No 2:30 p.m. show on Sun., Dec. 18). Recommended for ages 10 & up. Tickets \$45 adults, \$40 children under 18. Capacity is very limited; tickets should be purchased in advance at www.hudsonvalley.org or by calling (914) 366-6900.

Dec. 17-18: Winter Tours of Philipsburg Manor, 381 N. Broadway (Rte. 9), Sleepy Hollow. In 1750, Philipsburg Manor was home to 23 enslaved individuals known to have lived and labored there. It is the country's first living history museum to focus on the history of northern slavery. The site will be open for guided tours Sat. & Sun. through Dec. 18. Tickets \$15 Adults, \$12 Seniors/Young Adults, \$10 Children. Admission is by timed ticket only. hudsonvalley.org

Dec. 17-18: Winter Tours of Union Church of Pocantico Hills, 555 Bedford Rd., Tarrytown. Union Church was organized as a non-denominational Protestant church in 1915, with John D. Rockefeller among the founders. Over the years, the Rockefeller family commissioned stained-glass windows by European masters Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall to adorn the unassuming country church. The site will be open for guided tours Sat. & Sun., Dec. 3-18. Tickets \$9. Admission is by timed ticket only. hudsonvalley.org

Dec. 17-31: Holiday Tours of the Mansion, Locust Grove, 2683 Rte. 9, Poughkeepsie. Tour the historic mansion, updated with festive holiday decorations! Enjoy trees festooned with antique ornaments in the Drawing Room and Dining Room, along with special exhibits. Dec. 17 & 24; also Dec. 26-31. Tours last about an hour, \$15/person. First tour at 10:15 a.m., last tour at 3:15 p.m. each day. \$15/person. www.lgny.org

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Dec. 15: Eric Martin's BIG Acoustic, Daryl's House Club, 130 Rte. 22, Pawling. Eric Martin is the voice of Mr. Big. This acoustic performance features PJ Farley (Trixter/Fozzy/RA) and Ben Hans (of Kip Winger Acoustic) on Percussion playing all the hits of MR. BIG including 'Alive and Kickin,' 'Wild World,' 'Just Take My Heart' and the worldwide #1 hit 'To Be With You,' 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance. (845) 289-0185 or darylshouseclub.com

Dec. 16: Chris Trapper, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Chris Trapper is a storyteller. With his soulful, honeyed tenor, sly humor and an uncanny knack for melody, Chris has traveled the world over, performing to a dedicated and ever growing fan base with nothing but his guitar and his songs. Canyon opens the show at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Dec. 16: Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show, Morton Memorial Library &

Community House, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Featuring Greg Douglas with BBQ Mike, Larry Scanlon, Andy Shapiro, The Moonlighters, 8-10:30 p.m. Donations suggested. More info: (845) 876-7007

Dec. 18: The Costellos Christmas Show, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. The Costellos—led by the eclectic musicians Lynn & Bob Costello—mix a blend of rock, pop, surf and country. 5:30 p.m. Special guests include Scott Ramsey, Dimitri Archip & Chihoe Hahn. Tickets \$15 advance, \$20 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Dec. 27-29: Animals in Art, Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. Come on a special kid-friendly gallery hunt tour of 30 paintings by Hudson Valley artist Carolyn Clowes in the Dutchess County Historical Society's "Fertile Ground: The Hudson Valley Animal Paintings of Caroline Clowes" at Locust Grove. Then, paint your own animal portrait to take home. Classes are for children ages 5 and older; families and caregivers welcome to join. Classes at 11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. \$15/person; all participants need a ticket. Tickets available at www.lgny.org/calendar

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ART EXHIBITIONS

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through December:** Featuring the works of painter & photographer Erin Ann Koch (Hallway Art Gallery, 9 Vassar St.), mixed-media artist Marie DiPerri (Reception Gallery, 12 Vassar St.) and photographer & mixed-media artist Kat Spontak (Hancock Galleries, 12 Vassar St.). 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 Dec. 30:** Holiday Show, featuring the works of nature inspired photographers and other local artists. There are also special Pawling coasters, cards, photographs and more for your local gift giving. (845) 490-2281 or www.landgalleryonline.com

Locust Grove, 2683 South Rd. (Rte. 9), Poughkeepsie. **Through Dec. 30:** The art of pioneering female artist Caroline Clowes (1838 – 1904) a LaGrange resident, in a special exhibit assembled by the Dutchess County Historical Society. Wed.-Sun., 1-5 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day) and by appointment. **Special programs:** Sun., Dec. 18 at 2 p.m., "Caroline Clowes: How Poughkeepsie, the City of Schools, Nurtured An Artist," with Bill Jeffway, Melody Moore, DCHS. Wed., Dec. 28, children's program for ages 7 – 12 takes place. It is free, but requires advanced sign-up. Through Jan. 22, 2023: Exhibitions of paintings by celebrated Hudson Valley artist Carolyn H. Edlund in the Locust Grove Transverse Gallery, free every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (845) 454-4500, ext. 212, or www.lgny.org

Olana State Historic Site, 5720 Rte. 9G, Hudson. **Through March 26, 2023:** "Chasing Icebergs: Art and a Disappearing Landscape," shown primarily in the Sharp Family Gallery at Olana, the exhibition highlights Frederic Church's iceberg sketches from his 1859 intrepid voyage to the Arctic. (518) 751-6879 or olana.org

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Dec. 27:** Exhibition of pointillist paintings by Lorna Schipp, on display during regular business hours.

Tivoli Artists Gallery, 60 Broadway, Tivoli. **Through Dec. 18:** Holiday Show, featuring unique, handcrafted items such as ceramics, jewelry, small paintings, ornaments, greeting cards, sculptures, textiles and photographs. Gallery Hours: Fri., 5-8:30 p.m.; Sat., noon-8 p.m.; Sun., 1-5 p.m. (845) 757-2667

WomensWork.art, 4 S. Clinton St., Poughkeepsie. **Through Dec. 18:** "Spirit of the Season: A Small Works Exhibition." www.womenswork.art

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For more specific information about any library programs, or to register, call (845) 266-5530 or email larnold@clintoncommunitylibrary.org

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Qi Gong with Vince (online)

Mon. 12/12, Mon. 12/19, Mon. 12/26 at 9:30 AM; Wed. 12/14, Wed. 12/21, Wed. 12/28 at 9:30 AM

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

receive the Zoom meeting link.

Story time on the Dot (in-person)

Tue. 12/20, Tue. 12/20, Tue. 12/27 at 10:30 AM. Listen to fun stories, sing songs, and have fun, all centered around a different theme every week.

Mah Jongg (in-person)

Tue. 12/20, Tue. 12/20, Tue. 12/27 at 2:00-4:00 PM; Fri. 12/16 Fri. 12/23 at 2:00-4:00 PM. If you're looking for a game to keep your mind sharp, or if you enjoy games that make you think strategically, you'll want to give Mah Jongg a try!

Players of all levels welcome

All Level Yoga (Online only for the remainder of 2022)

Wed. 12/14, Wed. 12/21, Wed. 12/28 at 6:00 PM; Sat. 12/17 at 10:00 AM

Join Mia Tomic on the green beside the library and explore classical seated, standing and supine yoga poses linked with breath in a creative way to stretch, strengthen, and rejuvenate your body, breath, and mind. Weather permitting, otherwise only on Zoom. Contact CCL for registration information.

Zumba, (online)

Sat. 12/17 at 11:00 AM

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

Free Tech Help (in-person)

Sat. 12/17 at 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

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

Book Club Meetings:

Global Literature Book Club (in-person)

Mon. 12/19 at 7:00 PM

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

For our December meeting we will discuss book selections for the coming year. Please bring an appetizer to share.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

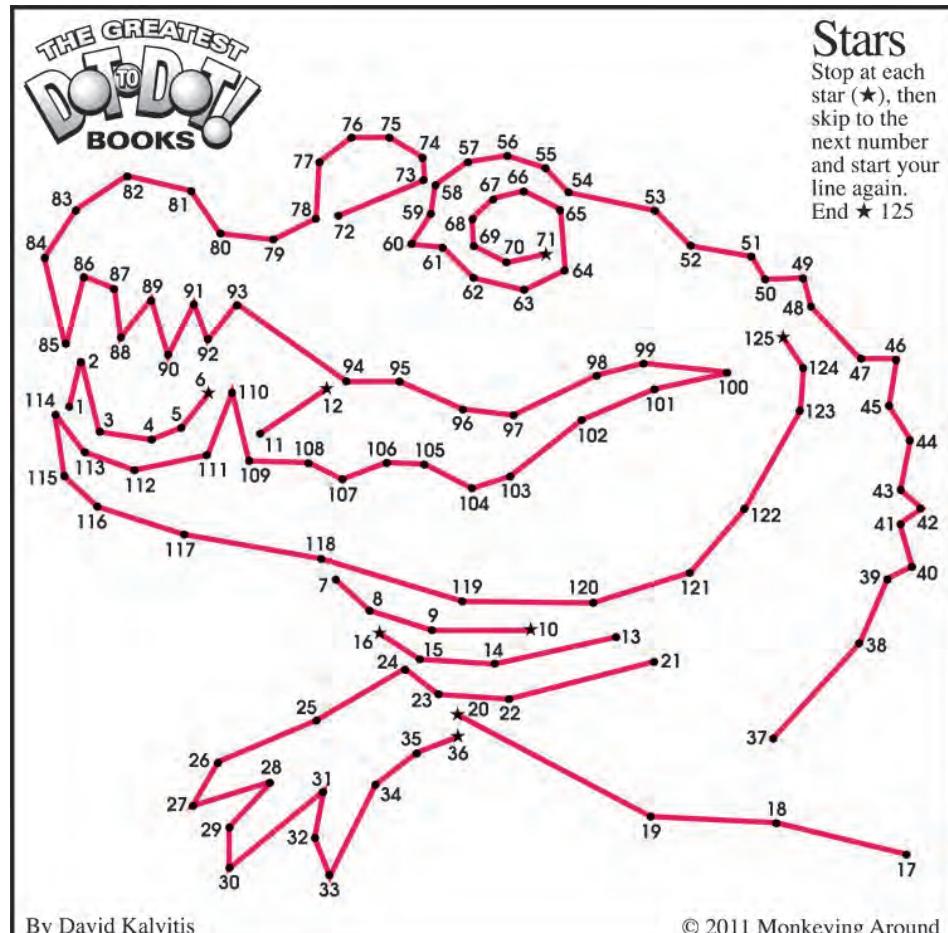
Monday December 19 at 1:30 PM (in-person)

Crafts & Coffee

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

Clinton Community Library is located at 1215 Centre Road in Rhinebeck, adjacent to the Clinton Town Hall. For more information, call (845) 266-5530 or visit www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 14)



By David Kalvitis

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Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 13)

Suguru solution

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This week's answer

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A LOCAL LAW
REPEALING
LOCAL LAW NO. 5
OF 2022 ENTITLED,
“A LOCAL LAW TO
OVERRISE THE
TAX LEVY LIMIT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
2023 PURSUANT
TO GENERAL
MUNICIPAL LAW
§3-c”**

BE IT ENACTED

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

Section I: Title.

This Local Law shall be known and cited as “A Local Law Repealing Local Law No. 5 of 2022, entitled ‘A Local Law to

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Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2023 Pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c.”

Section II: Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of this local law to repeal Local Law No. 5 of 2022, and thus to reinstate the limits on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Pleasant Valley pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section III: Effect.

This Local Law hereby repeals in its entirety said Local Law No. 5 of 2022, and declares the same of no force or effect, and thus the Town of Pleasant Valley reinstates the

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tax levy limits imposed by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section V:

Severability.

If any part or provision of this local law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this local law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstance, and the Town Board

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of the Town of Pleasant Valley hereby declares that it would have passed this local law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section VI:

Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Mary Beth Muir, duly elected Town Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley,

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Dutchess County, New York hereby certify that a notice regarding a **PUBLIC HEARING** pertaining to: “**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO REPEAL LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2022, WHICH AUTHORIZED THE TOWN TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT**” to be held on the

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21ST day of DECEMBER at 7:05PM was posted on the sign board at the entrance to my office on the 14TH day of DECEMBER 2022; and also at the Post Office in Pleasant Valley, the Post Office in Salt Point, and on the bulletin board in the Pleasant Valley Firehouse.

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Further, due notice has been published in the Town's official newspaper, the Northern Dutchess News on the 14TH day of DECEMBER 2022.

Mary Beth Muir,
Town Clerk

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OBITUARIES

Florence 'Florie' Bryant

Florence "Florie" Bryant, 82, a resident of Stormville since 2017 and formerly of Liberty and Monticello, died unexpectedly on December 5, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. Born in Manhattan on August 5, 1940, she was the daughter of David and Sylvia (Seigel) Leider. Florie enjoyed reading, knitting, sitting on her porch enjoying the quiet outdoors, and spending time with family and her 4-legged companion, Rosie. In July of 1962, Florie married Henry Bryant who pre-deceased her on December 19, 2009. She is survived by her sister Joan Leider of Los Angeles, CA; her brother-in-law Richard Bryant of Middletown, NY; her son Scott Bryant and his wife Grace Masiello-Zarrilli of Hopewell Junction, NY; her daughter, Tracey Cunningham of Danbury, CT; her grandchildren, Renee Cunningham of Danbury, CT and Grant Bryant of Hopewell Junction, NY; and several nieces and nephews. Services will be private at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the East Fishkill Rescue Squad.

Regina DeAngelis

Regina DeAngelis 80 of Pleasant Valley passed away at Midhudson Regional Hospital on December 9, 2022. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home 371 Hooker Ave. Poughkeepsie, NY. A Graveside Service will be held on Thursday at 11 am at the Calvary Cemetery in New Windsor, New York. If you would like to read the entire obituary please view our website at www.doylefuneralhome.com

Louise Marie Demarse

Louise Marie Demarse, 70, a longtime resident of Wingdale, NY, passed away on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh, NY. Ms. Demarse was a housekeeper at Taconic DDSO in Wassaic, NY, for 35 years retiring in 2007. Born on August 8, 1952 in New Milford, CT she was the daughter of the late Edward and Irene (Reynolds) Demarse. Ms. Demarse is survived by a sister, Karen Mormilo of Anchorage, Alaska; two nieces, Melissa and Stephanie; a great-nephew Dominic and dear friend Victoria LeMere. Graveside services and burial took place on Monday, December 12, 2022 at South Dover Rural Cemetery, Wingdale, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 361 NY-164, Patterson, NY 12563. For directions or to send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com

Dawn E. Lemos

Dawn E. Lemos, 85, of Hyde Park, died on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. Born, July 12, 1937,

in Poughkeepsie, she was the daughter of the late Chester "Jimmy" and Marie Plass Wagner. After graduating high school Dawn went to work for Vassar College for many years in the food service department, before retiring. Dawn also was a proud owner of EZ Cleaning company, where she took pride in her work. In her free time Dawn enjoyed going to family gatherings, car races, and the movies, but especially loved going to play bingo whenever she could. Dawn is survived by her sister Jean McArthur and husband Yancy; brother-in-law LeRoy Kilmer Sr.; her niece, Tammy Hoffman, along with many nieces and nephews. Along with her parents she was also predeceased by her siblings, Albert "Al" Wagner, Thomas Wagner, Helen Kilmer, Kathy Simmons, Barbara Day, Gail Funk, Rose Funk, Linda Plass, and Joan Edmonds. Calling hours were held on Sunday, December 11, 2022, at Sweet's Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538. In keeping with her wishes cremation will follow and burial of her remains will take place in the spring at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, Dawn's family respectfully requests memorial donations to the Dutchess County SPCA, 636 Violet Ave. Hyde Park, NY 12538 (dcspca.org) Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, or for directions, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com

William Bryant Rawls Jr.

William Bryant Rawls Jr., a life-long resident of Pleasant Valley NY, passed away on December 6, 2022 at the age of 81. Bryant was born in New York City on January 16, 1941. He would spend his childhood traveling back and forth from NYC to the family farm in Pleasant Valley. The family farm, Bilmar Nurseries, named after his dad and mom, Bill and Mary, was Bryant's safe haven. Bryant attended high school at the Andover School in Massachusetts and after graduation in 1959, he attended Brown University where he majored in Aero-Space Engineering. He graduated in 1963 and continued his graduate work at Columbia University where he focused on Production Management and Operations Research, graduating in 1967. After finishing his studies, Bryant joined the US Navy where he was a Lieutenant in the Naval Reserve from 1963-1965. After the Navy, Bryant went to work for the Norton company in Worcester Massachusetts from 1967-1982. In 1980 he would marry the love of his life, Barbara Ann Case McKeon, who pre-deceased him in 2018. Together with Barbara's two sons, Scott and Thomas Case, the family would eventually plant their roots in Pleasant Valley, working the family farm until the present day. During this time Bryant became the President and Co-founder of William B. Rawls and Sons Developers Inc. Bryant's greatest joy in life was growing

Christmas trees. He would win numerous ribbons for his trees at both the New York State Fair and the Dutchess County Fair where he was honored as the Grand Champion many times. Bryant's love of John Deere tractors, Caterpillars, Mack trucks and his classic Pontiacs would bring him a lifetime of enjoyment going to auctions and car shows. Bryant leaves behind his two stepsons, Scott Case and his wife Vanessa and Thomas Case, his brother-in-law Bill Arnold, three nephews Terry, John and Jim Arnold and his niece Jamie Bower. He was pre-deceased by both his parents and his sister Jan Arnold. Bryant also leaves behind numerous grandchildren and great-nephews and nieces. Calling hours will be at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction on Wednesday December 14th from 4-7pm. The funeral service will be held on Thursday December 15th at 11 am at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley followed by a burial at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Please visit Bryant's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Mary Richie

Mary Richie, 93, a long-time resident of Hyde Park, died on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Born December 18, 1928, in Albany, she was the daughter of Walter and Catherine Dee Frederick. Mary worked as a secretary in the Transportation Department of the Hyde Park Central School District for many years until her retirement. Her hobbies included reading and doing arts and crafts. On January 14, 1950, in Westfield, NY, she married Frank J. Richie. Her husband predeceased her. Survivors include her three daughters, Gail Carter and husband, Gregory, of Poughkeepsie, Lynne Richie South of Georgia, and Karen Richie Veronesi of North Carolina. Mary is also survived by four grandchildren, Christopher Veronesi, Michele Zarrilli, Eric Rueping, and Ralph Thorne III; one sister, Yvonne Blanch, of Albany; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, two brothers predeceased her. Calling hours were held Friday, December 9th, at Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. In keeping with her wishes, cremation will follow. To send an online condolence, or for directions, please visit Mary's obituary page at www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Richard F. Whitney

Long time Hyde Park resident, Richard F. Whitney, passed away peacefully Thursday surrounded by family. Richie was born in Cornwall, NY on October 20, 1933, to proud parents Clarence and Aslaug Whitney who predecease him as did his cherished son-in-law Mark Scott. Richie was always a caring and faithful son to his parents. He has a loving sister his "Beauty", Eleanor Doyle. She and her sons Richard and Edward survive him. Growing up he lived in Newburgh, Philadelphia, Norway, and Hyde Park. Young Richie loved playing sports and was a lifelong

Philadelphia sports fanatic rooting for the Phillies and the Eagles. He graduated from FDR in 1952 and was named Most Athletic and Funniest by his class. After school, Richie served in the U.S. Army and was taught the pipefitter trade by his father. He married the love of his life, the beautiful Ethel Long, on September 22, 1957. During their 65 years of marriage, they enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends. During his career as a proud pipefitter, he worked for Mechanical Construction as a member of Local 201. In times of leisure, the "Silver Fox", would enjoy listening to Frank Sinatra while drinking a Manhattan or cold beer with family at Long Beach Island, NJ, in Vero Beach, Florida with friends or the annual family camping trip at various Adirondack Lakes with the boys. His greatest accomplishments however were made as a parent and grandparent. He and Ethel, with other family members, spent countless hours cheering for their grandsons at motor cross races, baseball and football games and any other activities they participated in. Richie is survived by his loving children, Wayne Whitney (Kathy), Lynda Scott, Donna Whitney Lambert (Bartley) and Glenn Whitney (Andrea). His grandsons Ryan (Annie) Scott, Brandon Scott (Danielle), Mark Scott Jr., Brian Whitney (Samantha), Kyle Whitney, Jared (Jacqueline) Lambert and Michael Lambert (Morgan), his bonus granddaughters Abigail and Sarah Bowen and his five great grandchildren Aiden, Bryson, Emmi, Russell, and another on the way. Richard is also survived by his buddy and Brother-in-law Tom Cerulli, his wife Alice Cerulli and children Tom Jr., Diane and Charles and friend and neighbor Tim Leydon. Richie taught his family respect and the value of working hard and having fun. He was always there to lift a family member up when they fell. The Whitney family is known by many to be a strongly bonded family and Richie was their beloved leader. His family loved and respected him dearly and together they stayed strong and united until the end just as he taught them. Calling were held on Tuesday December 13, 2022, at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, Poughkeepsie, NY. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday 10am December 14, 2022, at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church Staatsburg, New York. Burial will follow at Union Cemetery Hyde Park. The family would like to thank the people at Northern Dutchess Hospital, especially those in the Rehabilitation Unit for their wonderful care and kindness. The family is also grateful to the amazing people working for Hudson Valley Hospice whose compassionate work is so vital at a time when people need help the most. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Richard's name to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Staatsburg, New York, and Hudson Valley Hospice. If you would like to leave an online condolence, please visit www.doylefuneralhome.com

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Dec. 28th issue: Ad's must be received by 3PM on Wednesday, Dec 21st.

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GOLDEN LIVING

Holiday Advisory: Dutchess County government observes Christmas Day on Monday, Dec. 26; and New Year's Day on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. Offices and Friendship Centers will be closed both days. Clients of OFA's Home Delivered Meals program will receive meals in advance of each day that friendship centers are closed.

'OH, I DON'T NEED ANYTHING'

Many of us love to give gifts far more than we like receiving gifts, and the usual popular holiday gifts might not make sense for older adults who believe they already have all they could want and need out of life. Besides, who has room for more stuff?

Instead of viewing "oh, I don't need anything" as a source of confusion or frustration, take people at their word. There are countless ways to give a holiday gift that don't involve a physical present, that will satisfy your desire to give and your older friend or loved one's desire to help.

Give Your Most Valuable Possession: Time

Looking at gift-giving this way, you can do anything from handling their long-delayed home repairs, snow shoveling, pet care, car maintenance, organizing, taking them on the winter errands they can't manage on their own...The full list could easily take up this column and many more like it for the rest of the holiday season.

If your older friend or loved one is trying to stay active, you can help them reach their goals while scratching that shopping itch if you so desire. Help a gardener get ready for spring with new seed packets or ergonomic garden tools. A home woodworker might appreciate ergonomic tools or improved workspace lighting that mean they'll be able to continue enjoying an activity they love, especially during winter days with little sun. Accompany and encourage them if they'd like to take up a new hobby or resume an old one.

If they've been having difficulty with their memory, putting together a "memory book" for them makes a tremendously moving and practical gift. Memory books serve multiple purposes:

- to celebrate the life and memories of a

loved one;

- a way to comfort and redirect behavior at times when a senior is in an unfamiliar setting like a hospital;
- an activity to share with children, grandchildren, and visitors, and
- a way for caregivers to learn more about the person they're caring for.

If an older adult would like to volunteer in the community but find they're not physically up to the task, a younger person can volunteer in honor of the older person. The Office for the Aging is always in need of volunteers for our countywide activities. This time of year, when it's key to prevent isolation in senior citizens, we'd love to have you volunteer as a Home Delivered Meals driver, or at one of our eight OFA Friendship Centers countywide – which also happen to be excellent places for older adults to socialize and stay connected to the community. Contact OFA to find out more about volunteering.

VOLUNTEERING IN DECEMBER & OVER THE HOLIDAYS

As we get closer to the holiday season and a new year, interest in volunteering often grows, and the Office for the Aging is ready with options, whether it's for yourself, a family member, or a college student home for winter break.

Demand for volunteer drivers throughout Dutchess County in our Home Delivered Meals program is a year-round need, and during winter our Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) needs clerical volunteers here at OFA offices in Poughkeepsie. Looking ahead to 2023, our various OFA Exercise programs are looking for volunteer instructors.

You can read about all of OFA's volunteering options and fill out a printable volunteering form at www.dutchessny.gov/ofavolunteer, and if you have follow-up questions you can email bjones@dutchessny.gov or call 845-486-2544.

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