

DLC gives views
on proposed
Millbrook resort

by Rich Thomaselli

The Dutchess Land Conservancy (DLC) has officially outlined its issues with the proposed resort at the Migdale Mansion property in the Town of Washington, echoing the concerns of opponents of the project – the rural aesthetic of the town would be harmed.

Specifically, the DLC is concerned with the request by Janet Farms LLC, backers of what is being called the Second Mountain Project, to create a “Special Purpose Area Overlay District” to accommodate the proposed resort.

The purpose of the Overlay is to “encourage the development of specifically approved land uses, including but not limited to overnight and extended stay accommodations, restaurants, spas, and recreation and sporting facilities for members, guests, and the general public.”

But in the letter, Dutchess Land Conservancy President Rebecca E.C. Thornton said the Overlay District, if approved, “could have much broader impact on the Town’s future which should be very carefully considered.”

What the Second Mountain project is proposing is a resort for “glamping,” or high-end camping. The mansion, with a 45-foot indoor pool, would become the centerpiece of the project and be turned into a spa that also includes at least two restaurants and a bar.

But the proposal also includes 23 single-family homes, which would substantially change the landscape and aesthetic of the area near Butts Hollow Road in the Town of Washington.

The fear, Thornton wrote, is that if the Town approves the Overlay District, then a precedent would be set – the Town Board would have the ability to apply this Overlay District

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Red Hook Responds harnesses
volunteers during pandemic

by Curtis Schmidt

On March 9, 2020, Dan Budd came to the realization that his café business in Red Hook had “just about stopped” due to the early devastating effects of the coronavirus.

He also realized that the coronavirus and its effects– medical and otherwise – were beyond his control.

As daunting as those two thoughts were, they proved to be the catalyst for the formation of an organization of well over a hundred volunteers that has helped residents in the Red Hook/Tivoli area in countless ways during the pandemic.

Budd quickly understood that – rather than worry about himself – he had to take steps to help his community survive. His Taste Budds Café business actually never closed and stayed open with the help of community volunteers.

“I panicked for about 48 hours wondering how I would pay my bills,” he said. “Then I decided there was no use worrying about what I could not control. Rather I would do something that I could control and help other people.”

That “something” came to be known as Red Hook Responds – an organization with a mission to “harness volunteers in a centralized location where people

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Donna Dupont, left, and Allie Budd work in a kitchen with Red Hook Responds. Volunteers with the organization have prepared and delivered thousands of meals to area residents during the pandemic. Courtesy photo

COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

As vaccination pace grows, so does urgency

by Kate Goldsmith



Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro received his COVID-19 vaccination at the March 31 pop-up Point of Dispensing at Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains. Courtesy photo

The foot race continues between achieving herd immunity to COVID-19 and the risk of more dangerous variants taking hold.

Although vaccine distribution has significantly increased over the last few weeks, so has vaccine eligibility; as of April 6, anyone age 16 or older who wants a vaccine can get one. They might have to travel an hour or more to get that vaccine, however, as local appointments are filled within seconds of their availability.

As of April 3, nearly 35 percent of Dutchess County residents had received at least their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and slightly

more than 19 percent had completed their doses. The Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are both two-dose, while the Johnson & Johnson only requires a single dose.

In the county, the J&J vaccine has been administered primarily at pop-up clinics in communities with limited access to healthcare and to homebound seniors. The “one-and-done” benefit of the J&J vaccine removes the challenge of scheduling second-dose appointments, which have to be strictly adhered to for full efficacy, and must be administered at the same location as the first dose.

Though opinions vary, medical experts say that achieving “herd

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work together to maximize the programs already in place.” It works in collaboration with the Town and Village of Red Hook and the Village of Tivoli.

That’s the key word – collaboration. Budd will be the first to tell you that this is about the volunteers and their efforts – not him.

Today, a little over a year later, the organization is still true to its mission to enhance and support ongoing good.

“All services operate daily with around 500 organized volunteer hours per week. We have not stopped prepared meal delivery because there is still a need. We help anyone in need and our services are free. We do accept donations and apply for grants to support our services. We hope to serve our communities for years to come,” said Budd.

Who has Red Hook Responds helped? It’s quite a list. It includes senior citizens, young families, single parents, immigrants and many more.

Services are as varied as residents’ needs. A quick look at the website (redhookresponds.org) reveals obvious items such as food, dinner, grocery and pharmacy delivery, plus snow shoveling and holiday dinner delivery in the winter months. They even include homework help, and yes, the much needed “neighborly chats.”

And now that vaccinations are in full swing, the volunteers also help with vaccine appointment assistance.

Answering all of those needs requires people – and lots of them.

Red Hook Responds works with all houses of worship, all scout troops, VFW Posts, Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, Red Hook Community Center, Red Hook Central Schools, Rhinebeck Responds (which modeled after them), Community Action partnership, Ascienzo Family Foundations, Holy Name Society, Red Hook Mutual Aid, Privately owned small business and restaurants, Red Hook Fire Company, Thanksgiving Dinner Committee and others.

“We never get in the way of ongoing good, rather we support it when needed and welcomed, and we start our own services as we see the need,” said Budd.

His original team included co-founder Chris Donohue, Jack Marcotte, Nick Heron, Jeung-il Tsumagari-Coon, Nicole Jensen and Samala Rubin.

Initial work included Budd making a short video describing how they could use various commercial kitchens to distantly prepare meal portions in small teams, and create a network of drivers to distribute meals.

On March 22, 2020, he sent the video to everyone in Red Hook that he thought might listen and act with him. He then

hosted a virtual meeting with all community leaders on March 23 proposing the idea of Red Hook Responds. In the mean time he asked Donohue to invite other youth they both knew to help build their web page, and connect other software systems they planned to use to organize volunteers.

“At one point we had as many as 15 or 20 people just doing membership screening enrollments full time, for about a month,” said Budd. “As volunteers streamed in, we organized them into teams based on their desires. We offered a sign-up schedule so volunteers could do as little or as much as they liked.”

The first help services to launch were neighborly chats and pharmacy delivery in early April of 2020. By April 4, they had started grocery delivery and purchased food to start preparing meals. By April 5, they started delivering prepared dinner meals.

Between April 7 and Aug. 28, they delivered approximately 5,000 breakfast and lunch meals for Red Hook Central Schools with the assistance of Larry Anthony and his kitchen staffs at the schools.

On May 21, Budd held a community wide virtual meeting titled “Feeding Red Hook” and launched the local food exchange Shop Red Hook, shopped hook.com. It was Red Hook Responds’ own mini food bank serving nine regional food pantries in Rhinebeck, Red Hook, Pine Plains and Standfordville.

On June 4, they started food pantry bag delivery. Oct. 31 saw the start of virtual tutoring and on Jan. 24, 2021, snow shoveling help was launched.

They also hosted “Red Hook Rings,” a community bell ringing as a sound of togetherness on Sundays at noon and Fridays at 6 p.m. from Thanksgiving until New Year’s Eve.

In order to accept donations, Red Hook Responds required a 501C3 non-profit status; however, that was going to take too long for such a rapid/emergency startup like this.

So Budd contacted his friend Nick Ascienzo of Ascienzo Family Foundation (AFF) to ask if they would sponsor the organization under their 501C3 status. AFF accepted and a fiscal agreement was created with a one-year term.

“We have just renewed this agreement for another year; however, Red Hook Responds is now engaged in an application for its own 501C3 status,” said Budd. “The RHR and AFF partnership has been critical to financial operations and Nick Ascienzo handles our books for us. We have raised over \$150,000 in donations and grants and continue to fundraise for future operations.”



In the early days of the coronavirus pandemic, Red Hook Responds founder Dan Budd, above, quickly understood that – rather than worry about himself – he had to take steps to help his community survive. Below, volunteers work to prepare meals for delivery to area residents. Courtesy photos



DEC ISSUES GUIDANCE TO REDUCE CONFLICTS WITH BEARS

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reminds New Yorkers to avoid conflicts with bears by taking down bird feeders and securing garbage.

DEC has already received a few reports of bear sightings across the state. As bears emerge from their dens, they use their sensitive noses to find food. Human-related food sources such as bird feeders, pet food and garbage can attract bears and lead to potential conflicts. Feeding bears either intentionally, which is illegal, or unintentionally through careless property management, has consequences for entire communities, as

well as the bears themselves.

To reduce the potential for human-bear conflicts, DEC advises everyone residing in or visiting bear country (much of upstate New York) to remove any attractants. People should take down bird feeders and clean up any remaining bird seed, store garbage inside secure buildings, and feed pets indoors. By taking these simple steps, New Yorkers can help to ensure bears will find food naturally, which in turn protects people, property, and bears.

For more information, visit DEC’s web page on reducing human-bear conflicts at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6995.html>.

I would like to thank the Men and Woman of the Dutchess County Sheriff Dept., the two K9 Units, and the New York State Helicopter search units for their seven hour tireless search efforts through some of the worst weather conditions in Dutchess County for my wife who was lost in the wood last Sunday night.
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County to host Earth Awakening Weekend April 24-25

In celebration of Earth Day, Dutchess County Parks—in collaboration with the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County, RiverWinds Gallery and local artists—will host an Earth Awakening Weekend Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25 at Bowdoin Park.

The weekend kicks off at 9 a.m. Saturday with a rededication ceremony of the historic Ellesdsie Chapel and its newly painted interior. Following the ceremony on Saturday, local artists will set up throughout the park to create landscape art as part of a live ‘Plein Air’ event. Local artwork will be on exhibit and available for purchase in the chapel from 10a.m. to 4:30p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and paintings from students who participated in the County’s recent Park Palette program will also be on display throughout the weekend in Pavilion 5.

As part of the County’s ongoing Dutchess Reads initiative, the weekend will also include a visit from the Poughkeepsie Public Library District’s Rover the Roaming Library, which will offer a family story time and Story Walk

and a pollinator seed giveaway, while supplies last.

Poughkeepsie Public Library District Director Tom Lawrence said, “We are happy to partner this year with Dutchess County Parks. Together, we have a lot of fun with educational events in the works and are thrilled that we can collectively promote our mission of lifelong learning, literacy and reading.”

Other activities will be offered throughout the weekend in coordination with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County and the Parks Naturalists, guided nature hikes and bird walks, self-guided scavenger hunt, a hands-on Park Palette youth workshop and a bee keeping exhibition.

Sandy Washburn, Dutchess County Parks Director, said, “We are always looking for ways to engage new park users. Earth Awakening Weekend is a perfect example of how collaboration with other entities such as Poughkeepsie Public Library, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County, and local art organizations, we can provide opportunities which benefit both local artists

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to a number of additional properties throughout the Town that meet the criteria.

The criteria is exactly what the Second Mountain Project is proposing – the property must be within the RR-10 and RS-10 Rural Residential districts; have 350 contiguous acres; and have 500 feet of frontage on a state highway.

“The proposed Overlay District does not identify any public benefit, and the long-term effects of adopting the proposed Overlay District are not clear,” Thornton wrote. “Without specific public benefits clearly spelled out, and with currently vague standards, this Overlay District opens the door to possible uses and projects that could, over time, dramatically change the Town of Washington as we know it.”

Moreover, as many opponents of the

project have mentioned, the project goes against the Town’s Comprehensive Plan that took years to adopt and calls for the Town of Washington to remain a rural community with great scenic beauty.

Thornton wrote that she encourages the Town of Washington to “undertake a comprehensive assessment of the possible future impacts from the application of this Overlay District in numerous areas of the Town; hold a special public hearing to discuss the Overlay District proposal; listen to the voices of local community members, all of whom could possibly be affected by this change; take these concerns and suggestions into consideration; and at the end of the day make a decision about the proposed Overlay District that is based on how well it fulfills the goals of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, and the overall desires of the Town’s residents.”

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immunity” – that point at which a pathogen is unable to effectively spread – will require at least 70 percent of the population to have immunity to COVID-19, either through vaccination or prior infection.

As of April 3, the county’s COVID-19 Dashboard has Dutchess’ infection rate at 4.31 percent, based on data from the NYS Department of Health.

During the week of March 26-April 1, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services indicated that Dutchess and much of the state had a high level of community transmission. In fact, nearly 40 percent of all U.S. counties during the same period were at a high (red) level of community transmission, with nearly 30 percent at a substantial (orange) level.

At County Executive Marc Molinaro’s March 31 Facebook Town Hall forum, he shared the good news that Dutchess’ supply of vaccines continues to increase.

“Every week we’re growing,” he said, noting that last week’s allotment was the largest the county has seen so far.

Distribution included a total of 4,900 first doses for all of the providers within the county. Department of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH) received

2,900 doses of vaccine, 2,100 doses of which were to be used to vaccinate eligible groups at the county’s fixed PODs in Poughkeepsie and Dover; 800 doses were to be provided to local primary care partners to vaccinate homebound and medically frail senior citizens.

At this time, people don’t have a choice of which vaccine they’d prefer; they are offered whichever is available.

Earlier on March 31, Molinaro himself was one of 350 residents to receive his COVID-19 vaccine at a DBCH pop-up Point of Dispensing (POD) at Stissing Mountain High School in Pine Plains. The county held a pop-up site in Poughkeepsie on Friday, April 2, and plans future pop-up clinics in the coming days.

Additional doses have been allocated by New York State to hospitals and pharmacies in Dutchess County; updates about these vaccine allocations are posted at dutchessny.gov/covidvaccine.

A resident asked Molinaro about the reasoning behind increasing eligibility when vaccines are so scarce. He replied that the state decided to open up eligibility to all age 16 and older because of increased distribution.

and our community.”

All Dutchess County Parks programs follow state social distancing guidelines. Visit DutchessNY.gov/Parks for more information.

Earth Awakening Weekend Schedule Saturday, April 24

- 9 a.m. Ellesdsie Chapel Rededication Ceremony

- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. AWAKEN Art Exhibit in Ellesdsie Chapel (artwork available for purchase), Plein Air (artist pre-registration required) & Park Palette Naturalist Art Exhibit Pavilion 5

- 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Poughkeepsie Public Library District and Hudson Valley Seed Company Pollinator Seed Giveaway (while supplies last)

- 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Tree Hugger Storytime and Story Walk at Rover the Roaming Library

- Noon-1:30 p.m. Owl About Taking Care of the Earth at Rover the Roaming Library

- 1-3 p.m. Native Plant Education Table provided by Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County

- 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tree Hugger Nature Hike led by Joyce Tomaselli, Community Horticulture Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County

Sunday, April 25

- 9 a.m. Guided Hike with Dutchess County Parks; registration required, call 298-4600 to reserve.

- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. AWAKEN Art Exhibit in Ellesdsie Chapel (artwork available for purchase), Plein Air (artist pre-registration required) & Park Palette Naturalist Art Exhibit Pavilion 5

- Noon - 2:30 p.m. Birds and the Bees presentation with Beekeeper George Salem

- 1-2:30 p.m. Park Palette Workshop Scenic Springtime for ages 10-18. Registration is required and costs \$12. Session will be limited to 12 participants; register at DutchessNY.Gov/ParkArt

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“We expect by early summer, supply will meet demand, and anyone who wants one will have some access,” he said. “That wasn’t supposed to happen initially until late fall.”

Molinaro said he thinks we’re pretty close to getting back to “normal,” although he doesn’t know what that will look like.

“I hope to get to something that feels like normal, only better,” he said.

IN BRIEF:

- VA Hudson Valley now vaccinates all veterans, veterans’ spouses and caregivers at their walk-in clinics at Castle Point & Montrose. These clinics are held Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- Residents who have already been vaccinated and who completed the Dutchess County Vaccination Information Request Form can remove themselves from the County’s list by completing the form at dutchessny.gov/GotMyVaccine to help expedite notification about appointments available at county sites to others waiting to be vaccinated. Individuals will still receive weekly updates to share with loved ones still waiting for their shot.

Register now for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling event

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management will hold its next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event, on Saturday, May 8, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Dutchess County Department of Public Works, at 626 Dutchess Turnpike in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The collection is open to Dutchess County residents only.

The event provides residents with a safe and responsible way to discard a diverse range of household items that cannot be disposed of through regular recycling or garbage bins.

This event is first-come, first-served, and residents should expect to experience wait times when they arrive at the location due to high demand. Registration opens on April 8 and is limited to the first 380 households; advance registration is required, and there is a \$10 registration fee. Residents can register online at <https://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/HHW/Register.aspx> or by calling (845) 463-6020. The fee can be paid online using a credit card or paid by check, made payable to "Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance" and mailed to or dropped off to the Dutchess County Division of Solid

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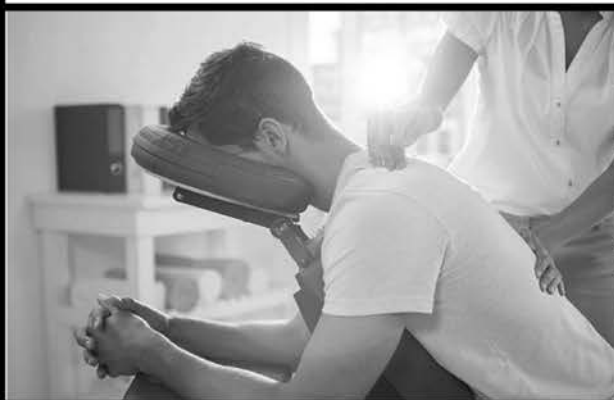
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Stanford Grange to offer take-out Meatloaf Dinner

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Meatloaf Dinner on Saturday, April 10, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. The menu will consist of meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, crescent roll and a homemade carrot cake cupcake with cream cheese frosting for dessert. All food will be made in the Grange Hall kitchen, which is certified through the Dutchess County Department of Health. All CDC food preparation and Gov. Cuomo's health guidelines are strictly followed.

Donation is \$15 per dinner. The dinner will be take-out only, and dinners will be available for pick up at 5 p.m. Drive up to the Grange Hall back door, pay for your dinner, get your dinner through your car window, and take it home to enjoy. For reservations or more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Information sessions set on renewable energy access

Hudson Valley Community Power will present an online public information session, "Cleaner and Cheaper Energy on your Community's Own Terms." Learn how you can access renewable energy and pay less for electricity. There will be three sessions:

Saugerties, April 10 at 2 p.m. Meeting link: www.tinyurl.com/Saugerties10April

Rhinebeck, April 17 at 2 p.m. Meeting link: www.tinyurl.com/Rhinebeck17April

Registration is not required.

The event is hosted by Program Administrator Joule Community Power and Local Program Manager Hudson Valley Energy. To learn more, visit: www.hudsonvalleycommunitypower.com or call (845) 859-9099, ext. 2.

Spring Penny Social

Stanford Grange #808 will host its annual Spring Penny Social (revamped for COVID) on Saturday, April 10, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Due to COVID restrictions, the Penny Social will be slightly different. Prizes for the Penny Table, \$1 Table, 50/50 Drawing, and Theme Baskets will be displayed inside the Grange Hall. Bidding will take place between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; bidders are welcome to come to the Grange Hall to purchase tickets and bid on items of their choice. Numbers

for all tickets will be recorded. Only 8-10 bidders will be allowed in the Grange Hall at one time. All health guidelines will be followed. A Facebook Live drawing on Stanford Grange's Facebook Page will take place starting at 7 p.m., and times will be set up for winners to pick up their prizes. For more information, call Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Amenia Fire Company sets Chicken BBQ

The Amenia Fire Company will be sponsoring a take-out only Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, April 10, at the Amenia Firehouse, 36 Mechanic Street. It will be a drive-thru style event, with diners ready for pickup between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and are available on a pre-order basis by calling (845) 418-8633.

Panel to discuss 'resisting settler colonialism and white nationalism'

On Sunday, April 11, at 2 p.m., there will be a Zoom panel on "Equal Rights for All: Resisting Settler Colonialism and White Nationalism in the United States, Northern Ireland, and Palestine." Speakers will explore the successes and failures of their various liberation campaigns, with the goal of learning from each other and building international solidarity.

The panel will include Fanon Frazier, a local community organizer with Citizen Action HV from Kingston; Jim Keys, a filmmaker, cultural activist and guerrilla muralist from Derry, Northern Ireland; and Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh, an internationally known peace and justice activist, author and natural scientist with the Palestinian Museum of Natural History in Bethlehem, Palestine.

To register in advance for this Zoom panel, go to <https://mideastcrisis.org> or <https://jvphudsonvalley.blogspot.com>. Sponsored by Jewish Voice For Peace - Hudson Valley, Middle East Crisis Response, NYC Veterans For Peace, US Boats to Gaza, and Women in Black - New Paltz.

Child passenger safety event in Amenia

The New York State Police and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office will host a child passenger safety seat event by appointment only at 36 Mechanic St., Amenia, on Wednesday, April 14, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Child safety seat technicians will be on hand to assist with the installation of your child's safety seat, and answer any questions. Contact

Sergeant Anderson at (845) 677-7331 or via email at ktraffice@troopers.ny.gov to make the required appointment.

Historic Red Hook sets virtual events for volunteers, members

Historic Red Hook will honor its volunteers with an Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, April 15, at 7 p.m., on Zoom.

"The Local Origins of Cocktails" will be presented during Historic Red Hook's Member Appreciation Night on Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m., via Zoom. Historical interpreter William Knight will be the speaker; and for the occasion, the organization has created two Red Hook-inspired cocktail recipes. Anyone interested in becoming a member can sign up at <https://www.historicredhook.org/join>.

Anderson Center Pajama Day set April 16

The Anderson Center to Autism will hold its fifth annual Pajama Day on Friday, April 16. The event promotes autism awareness.

Make your donation at www.andersoncenterforautism.org; wear your pajamas on April 16, and share your photos: Hashtag #AutismAwarenessPJDay2021 and tag @AndersonCenterForAutism and its Pajama Day account, @AutismAwarenessPJDay. Join the Facebook Group: Autism Awareness Pajama Day

Visit <https://www.autismawarenesspjday.com>, for more information. Donations can also be mailed to to Anderson Center for Autism, 4885 Route 9, PO Box 367, Staatsburg NY 12580. Be sure to note that it's for Pajama Day.

Heart Walk set April 17

The Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk is set for Saturday, April 17. It will be a digital experience, with people able to run or walk wherever they are, while raising money for the American Heart Association. A series of digital activities are planned for the week preceding the Heart Walk. Participants can register, build their teams and fundraise at DutchessUlsterHeartWalk.org.

Ham Dinner in Salt Point

The Salt Point Fire Company will hold a Take-out Only Ham Dinner on Saturday, April 17, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the firehouse, at 30 Cottage Street in Salt Point. The dinner will include ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, apple sauce, dinner roll and dessert. Dinners are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under 12. Call (845) 266-5177 to reserve your meal.

Town of Clinton roadside clean-up set April 17

The Town of Clinton Annual Roadside Litter Clean Up, sponsored by the Scenic and Historic Roads Advisory Committee (SHRAC), will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Individuals and families can get outside, exercise and help keep the town beautiful. People are encouraged to bring a garbage bag along on this day and pick up trash and debris from the side of the road.

The roadside garbage would then be brought to the Town Hall and disposed of for free in the designated dumpster, located behind the Town Hall at the entrance to the highway department, that will be available on that day only.

All children who participate will receive a packet of sunflower seeds to grow on their own.

To register your road and for more information, contact SHRAC Chairman Rick McGlaulin at (845) 266-3003 or twistedoaks@optonline.net.

United Way to present 'Financial Empowerment' on April 22

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region will continue its 2021 Financial Literacy Series on Thursday, April 22, at 10 a.m. presenting a free virtual event, "Financial Empowerment," with Rhinebeck Bank. Register at www.uwdor.org/financialliteracy.

The presentation by Sergio Valentin and Demaj Friend covers a number of important topics, including basic banking knowledge, budgeting terms and recommendations, discussion about credit and how credit scores are determined. The program concludes with an introduction to Rhinebeck Bank's "Financial Fitness," its new financial education platform. Rhinebeck Bank's Financial Fitness is a series of simple steps to impact your overall financial health.

Salt Point church to hold rummage sale April 23-24

Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 1872 Salt Point Turnpike in Salt Point, will hold

their annual spring rummage sale on Friday, April 23, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a \$3 per bag final sale from 2 to 4 p.m. Featured will be spring and summer clothing for men, women and children, linens, books, CD's, kitchen items, shoes, pocketbooks, backpacks, children's toys, games and puzzles, outdoor plants and more at reasonable prices. Delicious baked goods will be available. Masks and social distancing will be required inside and under the tents. For information and/or directions, call Diana at (845) 635-3635.

Farmers & Makers Fair set April 24 in Stanfordville

Big Rock Community Farms Market, at 6031 Route 82 in Stanfordville, will host a Farmers & Makers Fair on Saturday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event will be centered on Big Rock's front lawn, but the rest of town is encouraged to join in with outdoor displays and promotional activities. A few of Stanford's farmers and makers will set up booths behind tables with pop-up tents. There will be plenty of space and picnic tables. Contact Adele Craven at adele.bigrock@gmail.com for more information.

Miles of Hope Spring Brunch set May 2

The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation will present its In-Person and Virtual "Around the World" Spring Brunch on Sunday May 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in an open tent at The Grandview, 176 Rinaldi Boulevard, Poughkeepsie. COVID restrictions will be strictly observed. The Hallmark Channel's Kym Douglas will be the guest host. In-person tickets are \$75 with a 150-person limit. Receive a live-stream link with any donation. Visit <https://milesofhope.org/> for reservations and more information.

Poughkeepsie CAC sets monthly workshops

The Town of Poughkeepsie Conservation Advisory Commission is presenting a series of online workshop on how residents can make a difference to the environment. Titled "It Takes a Town," the workshops will be presented on Zoom, on the fourth Tuesday of each month through June 22. They are open to residents of towns in the county.

Additional programs will also be at 7 p.m. on the following dates: 4/27 - Home Composting, 5/25 - Solar for the Homeowner and Renter and 6/22 - TBA. Check the Town of Poughkeepsie Facebook page for the Zoom link.

Hyde Park Chamber to hold Spring Breakfast

The Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce's 2021 Spring Breakfast is set Thursday, May 27, at 7:30 a.m., in the Delano Room at the Eveready Diner in Hyde Park. The guest speaker will be Hyde Park Town Supervisor Aileen Rohr. The cost to attend is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. RSVP to hpc12538@gmail.com or (845) 229-8612. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only 50 in-person attendees will be allowed. The meeting will also be broadcast on the Chamber's Facebook page.

ONGOING

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

The United Church of Christ, at 5928 Route 82 in Stanfordville, has reopened its Thrift Shop according to all the CDC guidelines. The Thrift Shop is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (845) 868-2286 for more information.

Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 6959 Route 9, Rhinebeck. The church holds Sunday School and Sunday Worship every week. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 p.m. Sunday Worship services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Women's Bible Study and Grace Bible Institute meet on Mondays at 7 p.m. Mid-week Prayer Meetings are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Call (845) 876-6923 or email cdcfirone@aol.com for more information.

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Red Hook board member resigns

Red Hook Central School District Superintendent Janet Warden announced that Board of Education member Jenna Seeley will resign as of April 27.

In a press statement, Warden stated that she received Seeley's letter of resignation on March 30.

Seeley and her family are moving out of state at the end of the school year, Warden said.

As the result of Seeley's resignation, the May 18 ballot will now contain two vacancies for the Board of Education. Those interested in running for the seats are asked to contact the District Clerk at emaskell@rhcsd.org for a Board Petition. Petitions are returnable on April 19 and must contain a minimum of 30 qualified signatures.

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COVID-19 vaccines available to all veterans

The VA Hudson Valley Health Care System is offering COVID-19 vaccines on a walk-in basis to newly eligible individuals based on the new SAVE LIVES Act legislation signed by President Joe Biden on March 24.

The legislation allows the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide vaccines to all veterans, regardless of VA healthcare enrollment, plus veteran spouses and caregivers. For veterans, this includes all those who have Active Duty service with any discharge status.

Clinic hours are Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Montrose campus (2094 Albany Post Road, Montrose, building 15, room 16) and Castle Point campus (41 Castle Point Road, Wappingers Falls, multipurpose room). Individuals will need to fill out a single-page release form upon arrival.

For questions, contact the Public Affairs Office at (845) 831-2000, ext. 215100.

Tax-Aide program open to military community

AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide is among the programs aimed at helping the military community and others file their state and federal tax returns. Tax-Aide is free and available (appointment only) to all veterans, military personnel and their families regardless of age or whether they are AARP members.

The nationwide tax help program is geared toward people 50 and older or those who have low to moderate incomes, but Tax-Aide is open to anyone free of charge. AARP membership isn't required to take advantage of Tax-Aide's knowledgeable volunteers, nor will there be any sales pitch for other services.

If you'd like to look for an appointment to receive tax filing assistance from AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide, visit <https://taxaide.aarpfoundation.org/> to get started.

United Way virtual service fair set May 5

On Wednesday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region will present a virtual service fair that will offer the chance for veterans, military families and community members to have the opportunity to connect with more than 20 nonprofit organizations including several that serve veterans and military families.

Learn of the different volunteer opportunities right here in our community. Veterans, military families and community members are all welcome to attend. Organizations will also connect attendees to programs and services available in the community for those who may be experiencing financial hardship.

Participants will have a chance to meet dozens of community leaders in a small virtual group setting. Register at <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/vetservicefair>.

Veterans Zoom Support Group

MHA of Dutchess County and the Vet2Vet program host a weekly Veterans Zoom Support Group on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The group is for veterans and/or family members who are struggling to process and move forward, including those who are suffering from PTSD, suicidal thoughts, depression, addiction or other mental health issues.

Support groups are a safe place where you can listen, share, and spend time with people who know what you're going through. These events are held virtually to promote physical distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, but still allow fellowship and help everyone feel heard and share ways to build a thriving life.

MHA and Vet2Vet can also help with referrals to other resources, support for

crisis situation and even access to one-on-one support and advocacy if needed.

Call (845) 473-2500, ext. 1306 with questions or email acarrior@MHA.dutchess.org to register and receive the Zoom link to attend these virtual events.

Veterans and their family members can always contact the Dutchess County Office of Veterans Services for assistance in acquiring benefits from the VA or other benefits through service. Call (845) 486-2060 or email Veterans@DutchessNY.gov to learn more.

Drive-up flu shots available to veterans

VA Hudson Valley Health Care System (VA HVHCS) is now offering drive-up flu shots at its Castle Point and Montrose campuses. Veterans enrolled with VA HVHCS can receive a no-cost flu shot at both locations. No appointment is necessary.

Flu shots are available Monday through Friday, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. at the Castle Point Campus, 41 Castle Point Road, Wappingers Falls; and the Montrose Campus, 2094 Albany Post Road, Montrose.

Veterans enrolled with VA can also choose from thousands of community locations. Visit <https://www.va.gov/communitycare/flushot.asp> to find a location near you, and present your government-issued ID to receive a no-cost flu shot.

VA Survivors and Burial Benefits kit

After the passing of a loved one who has served this country, many survivors do not know what to do or where to begin to obtain VA assistance. VA has prepared a Survivors and Burial Benefits kit to help guide veterans, service members and their families after the loss of a loved one.

The VA Survivors and Burial Benefits Kit (<https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/docs/VASurvivorsKit.pdf>) gives a description of each burial benefit, instructions on how to apply and where to go to get assistance. The kit provides information about:

- Pre-need eligibility for National Cemetery burial or memorialization;
- Memorial or burial flags;
- Government headstones or markers;
- Medallions;
- Presidential Memorial Certificates (PMC);
- Burial benefits and burial automatic payments;
- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC);
- Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA);
- Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship;
- Survivors pension;
- Special monthly pension benefits;
- The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMP-VA);
- Home loan guaranty;
- Veterans Month of Death benefits;
- VA life insurance.

Other features include tips on how to fill out applications with examples of completed forms. These tips examples give applicants a better understanding of how to properly fill out applications.

VA encourages Veterans and service members to discuss their military service with their dependents, as well as planning their legacy. Families and survivors should know where to locate service medical records, discharge documents, VA disability ratings, and other information. These details will be beneficial to survivors as they prepare to apply for VA benefits. Families and survivors should keep this kit in storage so that it will be available when needed. The kit is available for download here.

Additional information on survivor benefits are available for download at <https://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>.

Snacks for Sheprow and crew



Red Hook resident Warren Sheprow, left in left photo, an orthopedic physician's assistant at Northern Dutchess Hospital and a Major in the U.S. Army National Guard, is back in Iraq. Santos Lopez, in bottom photo, a U.S. Navy veteran and dedicated activist for veterans and active military, has begun a project to collect and send boxes of snacks to overseas stationed military. Sheprow and his crew did not celebrate Easter at home with their friends and families, but they will be receiving boxes of snacks from residents here at home. Residents are encouraged to stop at the Lyceum Theatre in Red Hook and bring packaged snacks for Sheprow and his crew. For more information, visit greatmovieslowerprices.com. Courtesy photos





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Heart Walk goes digital

by Kristine Coulter

The American Heart Association Dutchess-Ulster chapter will host its annual Heart Walk on from April 12 to April 17. This year the event will be digital, due to the ongoing pandemic. Anyone can participate from wherever they are and help raise funds for the American Heart Association.

Chairperson's 'WHY'

The chair of the Walk this year is Vinny Oppedisano of M & T Bank. He has a heart-health journey to share.

"I chose to Chair the Heart Walk this year because I felt it was an avenue to help others in need. With my experience over the last few years with multiple health issues related to my weight, I learned the importance of eating healthy, exercising and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. I want to make others aware that it is never too late," stated Oppedisano. "I was given a second chance and opportunity to make my health better and being an advocate through the American Heart Association, allows me to inspire and motivate others to realize the importance of improving and maintaining your health because we are not promised tomorrow."

Oppedisano explained, "This organization has a 'WHY,' I have a 'WHY.' Everyone has a 'why.' Your connection to the 'WHY' is what needs to push you and motivate you. The Heart Walk is one event within the year that reminds us of the importance of heart health. We are not promised tomorrow and we want to make the best of everyday we are alive."

He continued, "My wife and kids are my 'WHY.' They are the reason why I have taken my health serious so we can make as many memories as possible. The Heart Walk is a reminder of how important the mission is for us to take care of our bodies. If you have been trying to get a jump start but have not yet or have fallen off and need something to get you



Vinny Oppedisano is this year's Heart Walk chairman. *Courtesy photo*

back, let this year's Heart Walk help you do that. You should participate to raise awareness to yourself and others on how important the American Heart Association is to our communities, and with every dollar that is donated, it allows to further the research which is conducted to help the advancement in the technology for those in need."

Gleason Truesdell's journey

One of the survivors to be honored is Gleason Truesdell.

According to the AHA, Truesdell felt like something was off. He noticed that his ankles and lower legs were sometimes swollen, and it often felt like someone was poking a finger into his chest. Because it was nothing drastic, he didn't seek attention.

Truesdell needed a physical for work at the Department of Transportation. That is when a doctor told him he heard something strange with his heart. Tests were conducted, and Truesdell needed surgery. An artery was completely blocked. Truesdell also needed valve replacement.

As a result of the ongoing pandemic, no one could visit Truesdell, although his wife and daughter kept in touch through hospital staff.

"I became involved in the Heart Walk through my job at Williams Lumber," said Truesdell. "The Human Resource person at the time asked me if I wanted to participate with her and her family to represent Williams Lumber in a walk for the American Heart Association. Since I enjoy being involved with the community and for a good cause, I said 'yes.' My daughter, my assistant Anthony and his girlfriend joined me for our walk; we had a total of eight people from Williams, it was in 2019, I had a good time."

He now continues to support the American Heart Association, "because ... without their research I would not be here today. I still walk to represent Williams Lumber, but now I do it for the people who need my help."

Truesdell stated, "For the people with a heart condition before surgery, or even after, I want to say yes it is a scary situation for you and your family, you have to take care of yourself, talk to your family what you are going through, share with your doctor, call the American Heart Association. All these people care about you and want to help you."

He remarked that everyone "should take care of yourself, be greedy and pamper yourself, worry about yourself for a change. Go for a walk. Walk a little longer, don't eat that extra portion, monitor the junk food closer, you can still have fun and enjoy life but be smart about it you can enjoy it longer."

As for his health now, Truesdell stated, "I feel good. I am working. I am going to



2021 Heart Walk honorees include Gleason Truesdell and Rosemarie Williams (below). *Courtesy photos*



the gym when I get a chance. Physically I feel fine, I could lose some weight but overall I am good. I still think about what I went through and how lucky I am that I caught it early. It is very important to look for the signs even if you don't know what they are, get checked out, go for a physical and see your doctor regularly."

Listening after a 'silent heart attack'

Rosemarie Williams wears many hats. She is a mother, grandmother and businesswoman.

According to the AHA, her persistent cough and accompanying symptoms repeatedly earned her a diagnosis of bronchitis. After a long period, the "uh-oh" light bulb went off, and Williams consulted a cardiologist.

In 2018, after not feeling good, Williams was told she had silent heart attacks. She was also told she had serious advanced heart disease. Three years ago, Williams had triple bypass surgery.

Now Williams is teaching about heart health. She was a certified Health and Safety instructor in 2015.

"I opened my own training school; Learn Heart Love CPR Training - offering certified American Heart Association courses because I wanted to bring the

highest quality CPR and BLS (Basic Life Support) classes to business staffs, schools and organizations; simplifying the process of getting employees trained more efficiently and at a cost savings to the companies," said Williams.

That is why she was surprised when she had to have the bypass surgery in 2018.

"When I recovered I jumped back into teaching AHA certified CPR and BLS classes, but now I had a story to tell and was speaking from actual experience," she said.

Williams said, "The American Heart Association is important to people with heart conditions and their families. They offer a wealth of information in preventive care, offer guidance to people struggling with heart disease, processing therapies, and help with recovery and encouragement in continued post procedures. They also offer support to the families of heart patients."

Teaching CPR is a privilege noted Williams.

For more information, visit https://www2.heart.org/site/TR/HeartWalk/FDA-FoundersAffiliate?pg=entry&fr_id=5682.

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‘Box of Hope’ opening in PV; seeks donations

by Jim Donick

The First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley recently announced an outreach project, the “Box of Hope,” to be launched this month. The “Box of Hope” will be formally dedicated on Saturday, April 17, at 11 a.m., on the church grounds.

The premise of this project is all about neighbors helping neighbors with personal care and hygiene items. There are food pantries and sharing tables in the area, but often they don’t offer the personal care items that are essential.

The items will be available in a well-constructed box outside the front of the church. It will be available at any time, to anyone, no questions asked, no shame, only hope. With this box, the community is extending a hand, offering a glimmer of hope, and showing love and care for each other.

The “Box of Hope” team is soliciting

donations. The following items are now being accepted: shampoo/conditioner; bar soap; toothpaste/toothbrushes/floss; brushes/combs; deodorant; body wash; feminine care products; children’s products, including wipes; little tissues; band-aids and small first aid kits; hand sanitizers and face masks; travel-sized laundry detergent; small-sized notebooks and journals; individually wrapped toilet paper; small pet food cans or sample-sized pet food.

No razors, no junk, no toys and no used items.

Note: Some items will be dependent on weather temperatures.

All items must be new and individually wrapped, if applicable.

Call The First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Valley at (845) 635-3289 or e-mail: PVPRESBY@gmail.com to set up a convenient donation time.

Further details on this community outreach project will be found in next week’s Northern Dutchess News.

Cary Institute to present ‘The Bear Necessities’ with Nat Geo Explorer

In celebration of Earth Day, on April 22nd at 7 p.m. join Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies for a virtual Cary Science Conversation featuring National Geographic Explorer and wildlife ecologist Rae Wynn-Grant. In conversation with Cary President Josh Ginsberg, Wynn-Grant will discuss her research on black bears and grizzly bears, with a focus on how people and bears can peacefully coexist.

With projects in New York and Nevada, Wynn-Grant is researching how we can protect black bears and their habitat, while preventing conflicts with people. Wynn-Grant is also examining grizzly bear movement in Montana with the aim to understand why grizzlies are moving east, and what this could mean for both the bears and the areas they are moving into.

Discover how bear behavior and ecology are changing in response to development, why monitoring bear movement and health is critical to their conservation, and how we can protect

bears as our habitats increasingly overlap. Wynn-Grant will also discuss her pathway to ecology and her efforts making environmental science accessible to broad and diverse audiences.

This science conversation is free and open to all; there will be ample time for audience Q&A. Register via EventBrite to receive Zoom login details.

Learn more about Wynn-Grant’s work tracking black bears in Minnesota by tuning in to Born Wild: The Next Generation, an Earth Day special presented by Nat Geo and Nat Geo WILD, also streaming on Disney+ and Hulu.

Rae Wynn-Grant is currently a Research Faculty member at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, leading carnivore research on the Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve in California. She also serves as a Research Fellow with the National Geographic Society, focusing on carnivore conservation in partnership with the American Prairie Reserve.

Speaker series to tackle race, social cohesion and media’s role in polarized times

SHEFFIELD, MA – Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, The Berkshire Eagle and Berkshire Bank have partnered to host “Bridging Divides, Healing Communities,” a four-part speaker series exploring some of the forces and trends creating disparities and division, and how to take action locally to build common ground and solve problems together. All sessions will be held virtually starting at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

Tuesday, April 13: “The Inclusive Future” with Deval Patrick, former governor of Massachusetts, and Antonio Delgado, U.S. representative, N.Y.-19, in conversation with Dr. Leticia Smith-Evans Haynes, vice president for institutional diversity, equity and inclusion at Williams College. They will discuss the systems and structures that for generations have oppressed people of color, and opportunities for reconciliation and repair through government and community-level action.

Tuesday, April 20: “Moving From ‘I’ to ‘We’” with Dr. Robert D. Putnam and Shaylyn Romney Garrett, co-authors of “The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We

Can Do It Again,” in conversation with Peter Taylor, president of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. They will share analysis and stories from the Gilded Age to today to inspire thinking about the future, and a student panel will offer ideas for changing course.

Two additional sessions—on the role of the news and social media in a polarized age with ProPublica’s Alec MacGillis, and resident-led solutions underway around the region—will follow. Registration and updates are at BerkshireTaconic.org/Speakers.

The series expands on a new Berkshire Taconic grant program that awarded nearly \$50,000 to 21 local groups earlier this year to bring people together for the purposes of exploring shared interests, addressing a problem through dialogue and action, or considering an issue through a range of perspectives. A second round of grants is planned for later in the spring.

“Bridging Divides, Healing Communities” grants are made possible with support from Berkshire Bank and the Josephine and Louise Crane Foundation.

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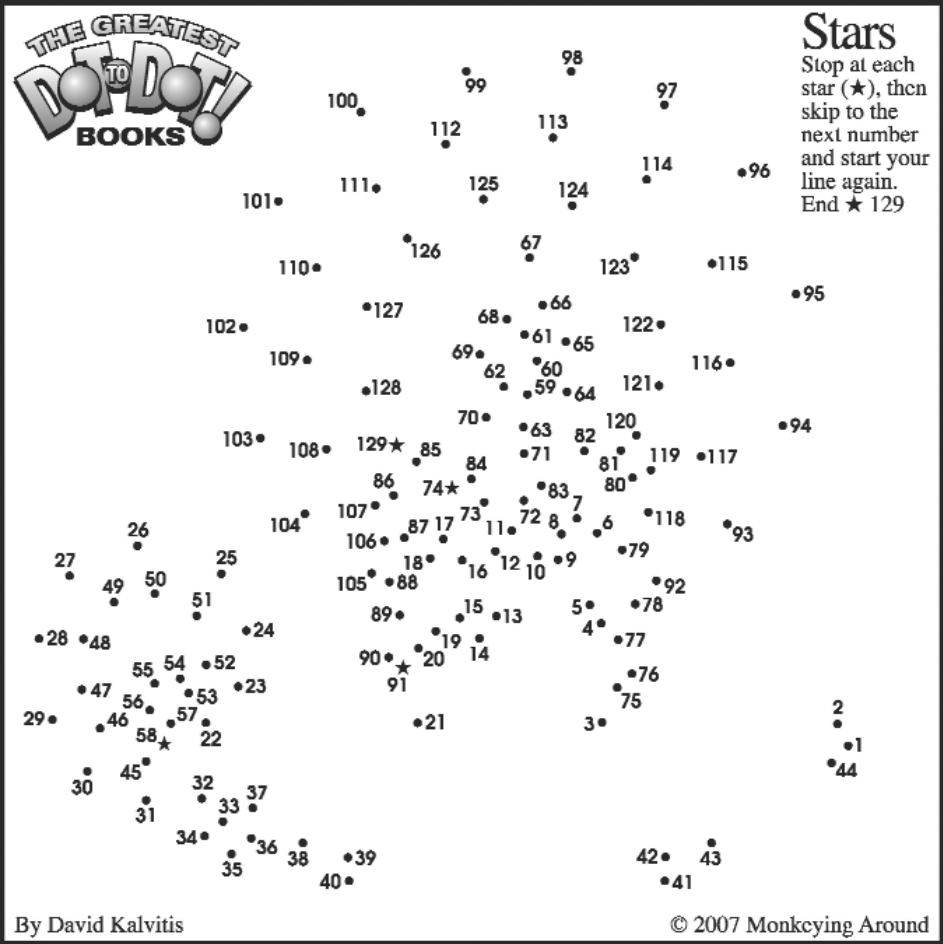
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Substance use virtual public forum set April 8

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) will hold a virtual public forum on Thursday, April 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss services offered in Dutchess County for those with substance use and chemical dependency. The forum will be via Microsoft Teams and those who wish to attend must register in advance on the County's website at DutchessNY.gov/ForumComments.

All input received at the forum will help shape the County's 2022 Local Services Plan.

DBCH Commissioner Dr. Anil Vaidian said, "Throughout the past 12 months we've seen reports of disturbing increases in the number relapses and overdose related fatalities across the entire country. The COVID-19 pandemic has dominated the headlines, but it's direct effect on the opioid crisis cannot be forgotten. I strongly encourage the public to participate in this virtual forum, to come and learn about the array of services available in our area. Participants will also be able to provide us feedback on what services work well, learn more about the challenges people face, and help us address any shortcomings."

In addition to time for comments and questions from the public, the forum will feature several speakers from different agencies who will provide updates on services for 2021. Presentations include;

- Christine Groenewegen, Community Prevention Educator discussing ongoing coalition projects with the Council of Addiction Prevention and Education

(CAPE) of Dutchess County.

- Andrew O'Grady, CEO of Mental Health America (MHA) outlining services and expanded partnerships with county government.

- Barbara Tabala, CASAC-G, Advanced, Director of Dutchess County Programs at Lexington Center for Recovery will discuss current treatments for those with substance use and chemical dependency.

- Individuals discussing their experience living with substance use and chemical dependency.

Following the record attendance of nearly 100 individuals to the previous DBCH virtual public forum on services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, DBCH will continue to utilize Microsoft Teams for its public forums. Additional upcoming forums include a forum on Children & Youth services on Monday, May 3, and a forum on Mental Health services on Tuesday, May 18.

For those unable to attend, or who do not feel comfortable speaking in public, DBCH welcomes written comments to be read aloud by the forum moderator. Individuals may submit comments online at DutchessNY.gov/ForumComments, fax comments to (845) 486-3690 or mail to Chemical Dependency Forum, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

This event is sponsored by the Chemical Dependency Subcommittee of the Dutchess County Mental Hygiene Board. For more information, call (845) 486-3680.

Saunders announces candidacy for DC Family Court Judge

Democrat Rachel Saunders submitted more than 3,500 signatures with the Dutchess County Board of Elections to run for Dutchess County Family Court judge. This is nearly six times the 600 signatures required to secure her place on the ballot. She will face Republican Denise Watson.

"I am running for Family Court Judge because families in need deserve to be understood, respected, and treated with dignity. I have a fresh outlook on the crises affecting families, and I will always take the time to understand each family's unique needs," said Saunders.

Saunders grew up in the Hudson Valley and attended Bard College. She received her J.D. from Howard University School of Law in 2001, and she currently lives in Dutchess County with her partner Jesse and two children.

She has spent 20 years as a public interest lawyer, representing children, the mentally ill, and victims of domestic violence. She values justice, and spent two years in Afghanistan helping Afghan lawyers strengthen their legal system. Most recently, she supervised and



Rachel Saunders

mentored attorneys to effectively represent clients on issues affecting the daily necessities of life, as the Attorney in Charge of the Dutchess County office of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. She took a leave of absence from that role to run for this position. She is also an active member of Dutchess County's coordinating committee for domestic violence.

DC Public Transit seeks input for system-wide study

Dutchess County Public Transit (DCPT) is hosting an online survey for residents to share information on their past, present and future use of DCPT services as well as private transportation services, as part of an ongoing transit study to develop ways to further enhance the transit system. The survey is available online in English and Spanish through April 16.

DCPT has already made a number of improvements to the countywide system, including the new DCPT Bus Tracker smartphone app, which is available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, as well as designing and distributing a comprehensive Rider Guide to help residents navigate the system, purchasing three new buses, and plans to install up to 14 new accessible bus shelters to improve riders' experience.

The survey, which is being conducted

on behalf of the county by Nelson/Nygaard, asks questions about how riders use DCPT services, including how they may have curtailed use of public transit due to the COVID-19 pandemic, how they currently use services, and how they may use services in the future once a vaccine is widely distributed. Feedback will be used to form recommendations for future improvements such as group ride-share, micro-transit networks, or revamping the current system as well as suggestions for fuel-efficient vehicles, fare structure, and hours of service.

Dutchess County residents who complete the survey can also enter their email address to be entered to win one of four \$25 Visa gift cards. Visit the Dutchess County Public Transit website via www.dutchessny.gov for more information; or for assistance completing the survey, contact DCPT at (845) 473-8424.

Hudson River Valley Greenway to give \$636,000 in grants

The Hudson River Valley Greenway announced a total of \$636,000 is available through three Hudson River Valley Greenway grant programs. For 2021, a total of \$136,000 is available for Planning and Compact Grants and \$500,000 is available for Trail Grants. For 2021, applications are due by close of business on May 7, Sept. 10 and Nov. 8.

Grant program guidelines and applications are available at <https://hudsongreenway.ny.gov/grants-funding>.

The Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant Program provides approximately \$136,000 in funding to participating Greenway Communities to further a regional planning strategy consistent with the five Greenway criteria: regional planning, natural and cultural resource protection, economic development, public access, and heritage and environmental education.

Greenway Planning Grants are open to municipalities that have adopted a local board resolution to become a designated Greenway Community. Greenway Compact Grants are open to municipali-

ties that have adopted an approved Greenway Compact Plan.

These matching grants fund have been awarded to projects including comprehensive/master planning, open space inventory/preservation, natural resource inventory/preservation, and cultural resource and economic development. The maximum grant award for single community projects for both of these programs is \$10,000. Cooperative multi-community proposals may be funded at higher rates.

The Greenway Trail Grant Program offers approximately \$500,000 in funding for land/water trail construction, planning and design, rehabilitation, amenities and interpretation. There will be \$50,000 designated for water trail projects along the Hudson River Greenway Water Trail, a National Water Trail. Municipalities and not-for-profit organizations within the designated Hudson River Valley Greenway area and who do not have a currently open grant in this program are eligible to apply.

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Marist football to play its biggest game ever in 2025

by Rich Thomaselli

As a program that started out at the club level, Marist College football doesn't have a huge pedigree behind it.

But last week, the school announced it would play the most significant game in the 56-year existence of its football program - against one of the most storied teams in college football history. That will be Marist at Army, Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 at iconic Michie Stadium on the campus of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Yep, it's the Red Foxes and the Black Knights on the banks of the Hudson River.

"In my 26 years here as AD, it was always something we aspired to," Marist Director of Athletics Tim Murray said. "Even going down to Army to watch a game myself, I always thought 'Wouldn't this be neat to have the Red Foxes here?'"

This will mark the first time in program history that Marist will face a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS, formerly known as Division I-A) opponent. Marist's program belongs to the Football Championship Series (formerly known as Division I-AA).

"This is an exciting game for our players, alumni, and everyone associated with

the Marist football program," Marist head coach Jim Parady said in a statement. "We've admired the Army program and all of its success for a long time. It's a great opportunity to play against a storied program right here in the Hudson Valley. With recruiting, everyone wants to compete against the highest level. This will help us as we talk about where the program is going, being able to play an FBS school for the first time."

Army has always had a mix of one or two FCS teams on its schedule every year, but Murray said a game like this could not have happened until Marist's own football program "matured."

Red Fox football began as a club program in 1965. By that time, Army had already won three national championships and produced three Heisman Trophy winners. The Marist program went varsity in 1978, moved to Division I-AA (FCS) in 1993, and settled into the Pioneer Football League in 2009.

"It's a reach game for us, especially at the level Army has been playing," Murray said, referring to the Black Knights recent string of bowl appearances. "But it's kind of a neat game for football in the Hudson Valley. Maybe it will inspire some young kids to engage in football."

Rush is on for Renegades tickets

by Rich Thomaselli

There's no doubt that after 27 years in the area, there's still an excitement about Hudson Valley Renegades minor league baseball.

Even after more than a generation, the club still draws more than 4,000 fans a night to 5,000-seat Dutchess Stadium.

But that excitement was sorely missing last year when all of minor league baseball - 160 franchises across the country - were shut down for the entire season due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Now, entering the 2021 season, the buzz is back, thanks in large part to some significant changes - the Renegades are now a High Class A team and now, after 26 years with the Tampa Bay Rays, are affiliated with the New York Yankees.

That has created a bit of a conundrum, however. The Renegades are expected to have more demand than ever because of the Yankee partnership, but the supply isn't there - since the team can only operate at 50 percent capacity at Dutchess Stadium.

So if you're thinking about getting seats, it would behoove you to make a

call. Individual game tickets went on sale last week, and fans will be able to purchase their tickets at hvrenegades.com or by calling 845-838-0094. Along with single-game tickets, group and specialty seating areas will be available on a limited basis.

Season ticket-holders will still maintain their seats, and Renegades officials say they will make individual game tickets available in blocks to go on sale at several points during the year.

The season opens on May 4, but the club will not play a home game until May 11.

"All of us in the Renegades front office are looking forward to being able to welcome fans back to 'The Dutch' on May 11th," Renegades President/General Manager Steve Gliner said in a statement. "It has been a long time since we have seen fans here for a Renegades game. We can hardly wait for the first pitch of the 2021 season."

The club hasn't played a game since September of 2019 after missing all of last year when all minor league baseball seasons were shut down by the pandemic.

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The Orchestra Now to live-stream symphonic concerts April 10 & May 1

Music Director Leon Botstein leads The Orchestra Now (TON) in two spring concerts live-streamed from the Fisher Center at Bard College on April 10 and May 1, an exciting return to performing symphonic works with a larger orchestra on stage.

On Saturday, April 10, at 8 p.m., Botstein conducts TON in Mendelssohn's "Scottish" Symphony and Bernstein's Serenade featuring violinist Zongheng Zhang, a winner of the 2020 Bard Conservatory Concerto Competition. Also on the program is Stravinsky's Concerto for Piano and Wind Instruments with pianist Blair McMillen, hailed by The New York Times as "prodigiously accomplished and exciting"; and the 2008 work "Ácana" by Cuban-born composer, conductor and educator Tania León. León's honors include an award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and commissions from the New York and Los Angeles Philharmonics, among many others.

A donation of \$25-\$50 is suggested. RSVP to <https://session.fc.bard.edu/2432/2437> to receive a direct link to the live-stream on the day of the concert. This concert will be available for delayed streaming on TON's digital portal, STAY TONED (<https://www.theorchestra>

[now.org/stay-toned/](https://www.theorchestra)), starting April 15.

On Saturday, May 1, Botstein will lead the Orchestra in the first of two concerts dedicated to Ludwig van Beethoven. After the pandemic shutdown, many celebrations planned for the 250th anniversary of his birth were canceled. The first program in the Belated Beethoven Birthday Celebration series presents the composer's beloved 5th and 7th symphonies, as well as his Triple Concerto for violin, cello and piano featuring Australian-American violinist Adele Anthony, first-prize winner of the prestigious Carl Nielsen International Violin Competition in 1996; cellist Peter Wiley, a member of the Beaux Arts Trio from 1987 to 1998; and internationally acclaimed pianist Shai Wosner. The commemoration continues on May 8 at 8 p.m. with Beethoven's Wellington's Victory and Symphonies No. 3 and 4, performed by the Bard Conservatory Orchestra.

A donation of \$25-\$50 is suggested. RSVP to <https://tickets.fishercenter.bard.edu/2432/2438> to receive a direct link to the live-stream on the day of the concert. This concert will be available for delayed streaming on TON's digital portal, STAY TONED (<https://www.theorchestra>



Music Director Leon Botstein leads The Orchestra Now in two spring concerts live-streamed from the Fisher Center at Bard College on April 10 and May 1. *Courtesy photo*

Vassar Library to host virtual program on works of noted HV photographer

Vassar College's Archives and Special Collections Library will host an online exhibition of the works of noted Hudson Valley photographer Eric Lindbloom. The exhibit may be viewed at <https://vclibrary.vassarspaces.net/workprints/>.

The public is invited to participate in a Zoom presentation of commentary on Lindbloom's work, including personal recollections by the artist's son, James Lindbloom, who donated his father's photographs to the Library. The program will be held on Thursday, April 8, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Those wishing to register for a Zoom link to the event may do so by

going to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/work-prints-eric-lindblooms-panoramas-of-the-hudson-valley-tickets-142914074845>

Eric Lindbloom published a number of books of his work, and exhibited in many galleries both locally and in other parts of the United States. He was the husband of former Vassar English Professor Nancy Willard. Other local artists who will participate in the online program include Monica Church, Michele Burgess, Bill Kelly and Sasha Bush. Their remarks will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

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Molinaro appoints Poughkeepsie resident as 2021 Poet Laureate

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro has appointed Poughkeepsie resident Dr. Lucia Cherciu as the county’s 2021 Poet Laureate. Dr. Cherciu will serve a one-year term in this unpaid role and bring poetry to the community through a series of poetry learning and appreciation events.

“This year has been one of the most challenging in history; and perhaps now, more than ever, we need the arts to help bring hope and brighten our outlook for these trying times,” Molinaro said. “Dutchess County is privileged to be home to so many talented artists who improve our quality of life as part of a robust arts community. We are proud to continue our commitment to the arts and look forward to Dr. Cherciu’s contributions as our new Poet Laureate.”

Dr. Cherciu was born in Romania and came to the United States in 1995. She received her PhD in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2000 with a dissertation on women and laughter, titled “Ludicrous ‘Scribbling Women’: The Politics of Laughter and Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers.” She is a Professor of English at Dutchess Community College, where she has been working for 20 years. She enjoys working with her students and, in spring, she usually conducts a Service Learning Project

at Morse Elementary School.

“I am humbled and honored by the nomination to serve as the 2021 Dutchess County Poet Laureate. Poetry can serve as a form of prayer, of healing, and of reaching out to others in difficult times such as the Pandemic,” Dr. Cherciu said. “I believe that poetry can bring us optimism and hope; it can teach us to be kind and honest.”

Dr. Cherciu writes both in English and Romanian and is the author of five books of poetry: “Train Ride to Bucharest” (Sheep Meadow Press, 2017), which received the Eugene Paul Nassar Poetry Prize; “Edible Flowers” (Main Street Rag, 2016); “Lalele din Paradis/Tulips in Paradise” (Editura Eikon, 2017); “Altoiul Râsului/Grafted Laughter” (Editura Brumar, 2010); and “Lep?darea de Limb?/The Abandonment of Language” (Editura Vinea, 2009).

Dr. Cherciu’s poetry was nominated three times for a Pushcart Prize, twice for Best of the Net, and her work has appeared in numerous publications.

Arts Mid-Hudson managed the process of the public call for nominations, inviting a panel of literary professionals and community members to select from the nominations.

“We appreciate County Executive Molinaro’s dedication to Dutchess



Dr. Lucia Cherciu is the 2021 Dutchess County Poet Laureate. *Courtesy photo*

County’s arts community, and we can all celebrate his selection of Dr. Lucia Cherciu as our 2021 Poet Laureate,” said Linda Marston-Reid, executive director for Arts Mid-Hudson. “The promotion of

poetry throughout Dutchess County benefits residents of all ages and backgrounds, and we applaud County Executive Molinaro for his continued appreciation of the arts.”

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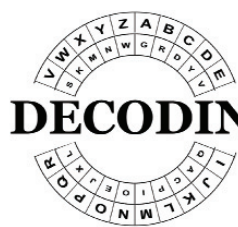
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The ‘Second Iron Age’ comes to Dutchess County

by Bill Jeffway

While the “Iron Age” typically refers to the prehistoric period several thousand years ago, some leaders in architecture, design and engineering were calling the mid 1800s the “Second Iron Age.”

Many saw the construction of the U.S. Capitol dome (1856 to 1866) as controversial and risky. But the success of the dome, and improvements in technology that were accelerated by the emergency of the Civil War, saw demand for iron explode from the wartime period until steel started to nudge iron aside in the 1880s.

The “Second Iron Age” played out through three men and one woman in particular in Dutchess County.

Edward Bech was a Danish immigrant who created massive smelting operations in Poughkeepsie. Vermont-born John Winslow, who had a river estate in north Poughkeepsie, and Irish immigrant John Roach, who had a large farm in the eastern part of the Town of Poughkeepsie, became titans of shipbuilding.

It was through Roach’s Aetna Ironworks that Poughkeepsie’s widowed property owner Josephine Pardee, a woman of some means, engaged the building of the cast iron building at the corner of Main and Garden Streets in 1871 that stands today. It opened in May of 1872.

That period was the height of the “Second Iron Age.” By the time of the 1886-to-1889 construction of the great Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge (now the Walkway over the Hudson), the era of steel had emerged. While the entry ramps of the bridge are made of iron, the vast bridge itself is made of steel.

From the earliest days of our county’s settlement, iron mines and small furnaces appeared in the eastern portion of our county. But as the Civil War approached and demand for iron grew, an improved process emerged that did not use locally available charcoal (from burning trees), but instead used coal that had to be imported.

Edward Bech

Suddenly the business of forging iron started to coalesce into larger operations like the Poughkeepsie Iron Company and the Fallkill Iron Works. They were launched in the 1850s by Edward Bech.

Bech was able to take advantage of improved transportation offered by canals and railroads, allowing him to import coal from Pennsylvania and import much better quality ore from Lake Champlain, rather than from local mines. With coal from the



Above: A cannon outside the Adriaance Memorial Library on Market Street was the gift of the granddaughter of John F. Winslow. Winslow got the contract for, and built, the US Navy’s first ironclad battleship, the Monitor, during the Civil War, by appealing directly to President Lincoln. Winslow had a river estate on land that is now part of Marist College. *Photos by Richard Foy.* Right: The opening in 1872 of what was called the “Pardee Block” at the time, at the northeast corner of Main and Garden Streets, was built with iron from Aetna Ironworks of New York City. The ironworks owner, John Roach, operated a large farm in the Town of Poughkeepsie on what is today Vassar Road. Now maintained by CR Properties, the first cast iron building in the area was contracted for, funded, built and managed by Josephine Pardee, a widowed landowner of significant means. *Photo by Bill Jeffway*

west, and ore from the north, the furnaces in Poughkeepsie were located right on the waterfront to more easily ship products south to New York City and east to Boston.

After living on Market Street for some time, Bech bought what he called Rosenlund in the north of Poughkeepsie in 1863, on land that is now part of Marist College. It had a highly cultivated 65 acres. Bech died in 1873, but his widow maintained Rosenlund and it remained in the family until the death of Bech’s daughter in 1935.



John Flack Winslow

John Flack Winslow was said to have had an uncanny knack for figuring out iron’s potential. He knew what to do with the iron people like Bech produced.

By age 21 he was working in the iron industry. Through his own skill and connections he came to own the Rensselaer and Albany Iron Works. During the Civil War, he had been unsuccessful in lobbying the Navy to build the first iron-clad Navy vessel, the Monitor. Winslow was persistent and was able to get a personal meeting with President Lincoln through his friend, Secretary of State Seward. Lincoln was

impressed and effectively forced his subordinates to engage in a contract.

It turns out the Confederate States had also been building an iron-clad ship, the Merrimack, and the Monitor ended up playing a decisive role in the first battle between armored ships in March of 1862.

Winslow purchased “Wood Cliff” in 1867, a large river property just north of Bech’s Rosenlund. Both estates are now part of the Marist College campus. Winslow lived there until his death in 1892. His widow lived there and it remained in the family until 1927 when it was sold and

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Pop shares his secret to success.

The other day, my father came to me and asked what the term “politically correct” meant. I asked him why he asked, and he told me that he had heard it from a newscaster on TV. I explained that you could not use certain terms and had to be respectful of everyone’s feelings. My father then asked what terms you were not allowed to use. I explained to him how different nationalities and races had different derogatory terms used to describe them, and that people were not allowed to use them.

He then said something that I thought was very poignant.

“Whya do people have to talka this way? Ifa you worka hard and are a gooda father toa your children, then thata shoul-da be good enough. Youa gotta respecta yourself and not use these stupida words.”

My father, after hearing me explain everything to him, told me a story about when he was younger and first started working in a restaurant.

In August of 1954, shortly after my father arrived in America, my Great Uncle Vincent found my father a job as a dishwasher in Rockville Centre, Long Island at Neiderstein’s Restaurant. Neiderstein’s restaurant was a very historic restaurant/hotel that was opened in 1888 by Johann Neiderstein, a Prussian immigrant and former cook for the King of Prussia. At the time, it was run by his great-niece, Adeline Neiderstein.

Pop quietly worked for the family, enduring harsh treatment. As he was the only Italian, he was called many derogatory names. He learned what the term “guinea” meant, as well as “daigo,” and “wet back” as well as other harsh words. He did not say anything, pretending not to understand them. He figured this was smarter than fighting back. Considering it was 1954, equal rights and political correctness were just fantasies. Not to mention, coming from Italian poverty, this treatment was better than the life he had

been living. He had something to eat every day, was making money to send home to his mother, and this dulled the sting of the derogatory name-calling.

Finally, in November of 1954, Uncle Vincent called Pop to see how everything was going. Even though Pop was a 22-year-old man, my Uncle took his well-being very seriously. He asked him how he was being treated. Uncle Vincent already knew the answer to his question, and he just wanted confirmation. Pop could not lie to his padrino (sponsor). He told him everything that was going on. He also told him that he would never quit his job, because that would be disrespectful to him and he did not want him to look bad. Upon learning of his nephew’s harsh treatment, my Uncle Vincent immediately found him another job at an Italian restaurant in Westwood, New Jersey called Jack’s. Pop was hired as a chef’s helper under Chef Croce.

Chef Croce was a gourmet cook who had prepared meals for the Italian Royal Family. He was very temperamental, and wanted things done in a specific way. No shortcuts. Pop listened to him intensely and watched everything he did.

After a few months, he noticed that Pop was studying him, and he encouraged him. He even offered to teach Pop in his spare time. Pop vowed to learn all that he could in order to better himself, as he felt empowered that a man of Chef Croce’s magnitude would suggest he pursue a career in the food industry.

Pop launched his restaurant career in January 1955 at the age of 23. He was happy with his decision. Hard work, knowledge and skill development eventually led him to open his own restaurant.

Pop’s point was very clear to me: Words don’t make a man. Hard work does. Sometimes the bitter flavor of the moment turns into the sweet taste of success.

Please enjoy the sweet taste of this recipe for Spring. Buon Appetito!

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1 lb. spaghetti

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1 pound ground meatloaf mix

1 medium onion, chopped

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1/4 cup chopped Italian parsley

1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt

3 whole large eggs

1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

5 tablespoons butter, melted

4 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook spaghetti 6-8 minutes or until al dente.

In a large skillet, cook meatloaf mix, garlic and onion over medium heat until beef is no longer pink and onion is tender, 6-8 minutes; drain the return to pan. Add parsley and stir for 1 minute then add Coppola’s Tuscan sauce and seasoned salt; set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, Parmesan cheese and butter.

Drain spaghetti; add to egg mixture and toss to coat.

Place half of the spaghetti mixture in a greased 13x9-in. or 3-qt. baking dish. Top with half of the ricotta cheese, meat sauce and mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers. Place baking pan lined with foil.

Cover and bake for 40 minutes. Uncover; bake until heated through, 20-25 minutes longer. Let stand 15 minutes before serving.

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.

THE ART EFFECT, BARRETT ART CENTER TO EXPAND ARTS OPPORTUNITIES IN POUGHKEEPSIE

The Art Effect recently announced its affiliation with Barrett Art Center, bringing together the largest arts organization with the oldest arts organization in Dutchess County. The affiliation will open doors of new opportunities for The Art Effect and Barrett Art Center, creating spaces that match the breadth of the combined mission and merged identity—a true manifestation of their shared vision where youth and community come together to create and experience art in all of its forms.

On March 10, with a high measure of participation, the voting members of the Barrett Art Center unanimously approved an affiliation with The Art Effect.

“As part of The Art Effect’s mission to organize youth-led nationally-recognized art exhibitions and educational programming at the Trolley Barn Galley, I am thrilled to be partnering with Joanna Frang and the team at Barrett Art Center to bring a new level of expertise to The Art Effect,” said Nicole Fenichel-Hewitt, executive director of The Art Effect. “This exciting affiliation will not only maintain the knowledge, direction, and engagement that Barrett brings to the community, but also to our new curatorial initiative.”

Together, The Art Effect and Barrett Art Center will grow and deepen their impact in the community, establishing a teen curatorial program at the Trolley Barn Gallery, expanding opportunities for gathering, showing and experiencing art in the community. Additionally, Barrett’s two art studios at 55 Noxon Street will continue to be actively used by working artists, the Barrett Kids after school programming, as well as The Art Effect’s Junior Art Institute this summer.

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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.

	7		3			2		
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Suguru

1					5
	5		3		
		4			
3					
	2	3		2	4

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

ACROSS

- Cut short
- D's followers
- "Woe is me!"
- Rake
- Actress
Jeanne ____
- Rajah's wife
- Movie dog
- School event
- Eur. language
- Long, long
periods
- Wetland
- Tiny picture
- Blushing
- Story
- Dennis, for one
- Word with right
or acute
- Diving birds
- Accessory
- Formal fight
- Tragic hero
- Canary's home
- Slip up
- Beach sights
- Poor pitches
- Flee
- Bill holder
- Whack
- Blockhead
- Book of maps
- Rower's needs
- Nothing
- Deficiencies
- Mean fellow
- Male red deer
- 1 or 2 or 3, e.g.
- Martin, for one
- Finishes
- Pile up
- Helpful one:
abbr.

DOWN

- Rugged rock
- Left the ground
- Canoe types
- Pod veggie
- Resounded
- Façade
- Shapely legs
- Go quickly
- Abbr. at the end of
many business names
- Fleet
- Hideaway
- Landers and Jillian
- Sound of relief
- Foreboding signs
- Slave of old
- Actress Carter
- City near Lake Tahoe
- Dip out water
- Accustom
- Stooge's namesakes
- Issues a dare to
- Bird of prey
- Passionate feeling
- Cockney's residence
- Examination
- Completely absorbed
- Adv. math class
- Midsection
- Declares illegal
- Diagrams
- Words with brat
and liver
- Works by a surrealist
- Big name in tennis
- Word of comparison
- Byron or Tennyson
- Name for a Russian girl
- Tax-deferred accts.
- Fast period
- Consumer safety org.
- Point
- Harem room

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The solutions to these puzzles can be found on page 18

CCS Bard to offer 13 exhibitions and projects through May 30

This spring, the Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College (CCS Bard) will present 13 exhibitions and projects featuring more than 40 emerging and established contemporary artists and art movements organized by the graduating class of the master of arts curatorial studies program. On view at the Center for Curatorial Studies through May 30, each project was developed over a period of study that was splintered by the events of the past year, and implicitly bear some trace of this moment.

Comprising solo and group exhibitions, digital initiatives and performance, the projects range in methods and subject matter, from mourning, environmental precarity, isolation and decentralized learning, to accessibility and healing.

The thesis exhibition is a core component of CCS Bard's graduate program, which grants each graduating student the opportunity to mine the Marieluise Hessel Collection of Contemporary Art, CCS Bard's foundational collection of more than 3,000 objects; conduct original research into emerging artists' practices, guided by research in CCS Bard's extensive archives; and mount individual exhibitions and projects within the Hessel Museum of Art and CCS Bard Galleries. Past student-curated exhibitions have served as springboards for artists in the earliest stages of their careers and as the basis for ongoing curatorial investigations by CCS Bard graduates at other leading museums, galleries, and arts organizations around the world.

Currently closed to the general public, the Hessel Museum will reopen with the thesis exhibitions on April 3, and will be available to visit from Thursday to Sunday, noon-5 p.m., by advance reservation only. For a full overview of health and safety protocols, visit <https://ccs.bard.edu/visit/visitingguidelines>; to reserve and confirm your timed tickets, go to <https://ccs.bard.edu/visit/reservations>. All other campus facilities are closed to the public.

CCS BARD GRADUATE STUDENT CURATORIAL STATEMENTS

Following is an overview of the 2021 Graduate Student Exhibitions and Projects, organized alphabetically by curator's last name.

"Tammie Rubin: Tell them I won't be long" Curated by Krista Alba

Investigating the subject of grief on both personal and collective levels, this solo exhibition brings together sculptural works by Tammie Rubin made over a

decade ago with a newly commissioned installation.

"While the Underground Flickers"

Curated by Caitlin Chaisson

This group exhibition featuring moving image and sculpture by Bonnie Devine, Wally Dion and Sandra Lahire addresses the social, environmental and technopolitical consequences of radioactive uranium mining in North America.

"Haze — Hong Kong's Water Revolution in Contemporary Art and Culture" Curated by Yihsuan Chiu

Conceived as a single-issue online publication, "Haze" explores the representation of Hong Kong's Water Revolution in art and culture over the past three years. With a focus on the methods and ethics of representation, the publication invites activists, artists, curators and researchers to share their experiences as protesters and, through their creative practices, to expand the meanings of resistance.

"Kate Millett: Terminal Piece"

Curated by Jenni Crain

Restaging Kate Millett's installation "Terminal Piece" for the first time since its initial exhibition at the Women's Interart Center, New York, in 1972, this exhibition examines the importance of this work within her practice as both an artist and a writer, as it dramatizes Millett's contestation of oppressive cultural structures that punish those who deviate from norms.

"Uxmal-on-Hudson"

Curated by Paulina Ascencio Fuentes

"Uxmal-on-Hudson" follows the travels of a collection of Mayan sculptures and stelae from Mexico to the United States in the nineteenth century, focusing on the period that these objects spent on Cruger Island, adjacent to Bard College. The exhibition features newly commissioned work by artist Claudia Peña Salinas which renders visible what exists on the margins of the accounts of the explorers, the guardian-collector, and the ethnographic museum.

"Criteria"

Curated by Natasha Matteson

Drawn from the Marieluise Hessel Collection, and accompanied by a pair of public programs, "Criteria" considers curatorial decision-making through the framework of algorithmic selection, artificial intelligence, and novel applications of emergent digital technologies in the museum sphere.

"Castiel Vitorino Brasileiro: Eclipse"

Curated by Bernardo Mosqueira

The first work by Brazilian artist Castiel Vitorino Brasileiro to be exhibited



"Criteria," an exhibition curated by Natasha Matteson, is one of 13 exhibitions that CCS Bard will present through May 30. *Courtesy photo*

in the U.S., this newly commissioned immersive installation uses spiritually active materials—such as soil, salt, charcoal, cloth, stone, water and light—to form a mandala whose shape references the spiral movement of time and the artist's own original approach to matters of healing and decoloniality.

"washed up"

Curated by Christine Nyce

Artists Lauren Burrow, Allison Janae Hamilton and Kate Newby each address environmental precarity by transforming accumulations of salvaged debris into site-specific sculptural works of art. This group exhibition reveals how these found-object sculptures visualize the larger flows of extraction, production, and pollution that otherwise go unnoticed.

"C21OWO"

Curated by Camila Palomino

In this immersive solo exhibition, artist Rose Salane presents intercepted materials scraped from the liquidation sale of the iconic and now defunct department store Century 21 to stage a meditation on how vision and memory are technologically mediated and registered.

"Yacht Metaphor: The Collected Works of @CoryInTheAbyss"

Curated by Georgie Payne

This browser-based exhibition explores the work of American artist, poet and meme creator Jenson Leonard, showcasing a selection of internet memes created between 2015 and 2021 under the artist's online alias @CoryInTheAbyss. Through a custom-made website, the exhibition invites viewers to engage with these memes both as a form of contempo-

rary net art and as an alternative educational tool.

"Crippling Curatorial Studies"

Curated by Allie/A.L. Rickard

Engaging members of the community at CCS Bard in practicing accessibility in a way that supports justice, interdependence, liberation, and intimacy, "Crippling Curatorial Studies (CCS)" unfolds as ongoing interventions and interferences into the graduate program, the Hessel Museum of Art, and the culture and community of CCS Bard.

"Classroom Arsenal"

Curated by Candice Strongwater

"Classroom Arsenal" explores how the relationship between educational and technological structures in our own vexed moment emerged from the Cold War anxieties of the postwar period. Through historical archives, an immersive video installation by artist Shawn Maximo (b. 1975), and a series of photographs by Erich Hartmann (1922-1999), the exhibition aims to question what is at stake in our reliance on corporate enterprises that mediate learning and pedagogical efficacy. "of things not seen"

Curated by Gee Wesley

Through a set of installations and workshops by artists Jeremy Toussaint-Baptiste, Kameelah Janan Rasheed and Steffani Jemison, "of things not seen" explores the relationship between Blackness, bodily practice and the limits of the archive. The project addresses the capacity for embodied knowledge—including movement, spoken language, and memory—to archive and restore otherwise absent accounts of Black life.

Decoding Dutchess' Past

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converted to an amusement park.

Winslow was very active in his later years at the estate. He became Director of the Poughkeepsie and Eastern Railroad, the railroad that emerged with an east/west orientation. He was an active and successful lobbyist for the building of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge in the 1880s.

John Roach

John Roach was another man who knew what to do with iron. Born in Ireland in 1813, he arrived in New York in 1829 and was involved with iron by 1832, at the age of 19. His business acquisitions in shipbuilding were large. In 1852 he purchased the Aetna Ironworks, based in New York City, and during the Civil War turned it into a major manufacturer of marine engines.

In 1857, Roach bought his first parcel of land in the Town of Poughkeepsie, on today's Vassar Road, and added parcels over several decades, while primarily resid-

ing elsewhere.

In 1867, he purchased Morgan Ironworks and in 1871 made his biggest purchase, the Delaware River Iron Shipbuilding and Engine Works. 1871 was the same year that the Aetna Iron Works was engaged by Josephine Pardee, a widowed major property owner in Poughkeepsie, to build the fashionable and historic cast iron building that stands today at Main and Garden Streets. A large, devastating fire had taken out a whole set of buildings on the site the prior year.

Roach became the largest shipbuilder in the US. But changing political winds turned tragic for Roach. When Democrat Grover Cleveland replaced a long string of Republican US Presidents, his administration nullified contracts with Roach, driving the company into receivership in 1885. Roach died in January 1887. Roach's sons were able to resurrect the business to some

degree and maintained the farmland in Poughkeepsie into the early 20th century.

These three men and one woman of Dutchess County beautifully illustrate the efforts and effects of the second iron age: one created the material, two manufactured on a massive scale, and one woman in particular took the risk to make a bold statement on Main Street that endures today.

Sources and contributors include: 1991 DCHS Yearbook, Melodye Moore, Kirk Moldoff, online Marist College resources.

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Dutchess BOCES to host Spring Summit April 14

The new Center for Sustainability and Climate Education at Dutchess BOCES is hosting its first Spring Summit from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 14. The event will be held virtually and is free to all those who register.

The Spring Summit will bring together students, educators, activists, and community members around the critical issues surrounding sustainability and climate change. Participants will have opportunities to learn, to share successes, and to network with others interested in building a more sustainable future.

All attendees will participate in the virtual keynote/opening, a lunch youth panel, and closing sessions. During the majority of the time, parallel sessions will be offered for students, educators/administrators, and facilities staff/administrators.

“We are pleased to offer a wide range of topics during the Spring Summit,” said Jenny Schinella, director of educational resources. “By working closely with our partners, we have developed our Summit around the critical issues surrounding sustainability and climate change and expect participants will leave the day with new knowledge to take back to their schools and communities to create a positive impact.”

Session topics include Engaging Youth through Nature and Civics, The Present and Future of Clean Transportation, Climate Accountability, and Biomimicry to Engage and Inspire Students.

The keynote speaker will be Conor Warren, a senior at Wallkill High School. Warren is using his love of learning and being in nature to mitigate climate change through localized, community-

based activism. When one of his teachers, Samrat Pathania, introduced him to a volunteer opportunity with Climate Smart of New Paltz, he found his passion for environmentalism.

“I feel a deep conviction to contribute to the fight against climate change and the leading factors behind it,” said Warren. His work in the organization centered on emissions accounting and inspired him to explore other data-reliant and student-driven projects. Warren’s current focus is an initiative to inventory greenhouse gas emissions in school districts, to improve their sustainability, and to raise awareness in communities.

The Center for Sustainability and Climate Education at Dutchess BOCES is possible due to the support of organizational partners the Omega Institute, Mid-Hudson Teachers’ Center, Ashokan Center, and the Cloud Institute for Sustainability Education. In addition, Joseph Phelan, retired superintendent of Rhinebeck Central Schools and a senior fellow with Sustainable Hudson Valley, and Dorna Schroeter, retired coordinator of PNW BOCES Center for Environmental Education, and a sustainability educator/author are serving as individual partners.

“We at Dutchess BOCES hope to help lead the charge toward a more sustainable Hudson Valley by bringing together change-makers who are concerned about climate and environmental issues,” said Schinella.

To learn more or to register for the Spring Summit, visit: <https://sites.google.com/dcboces.org/sustainability/summit-2021?authuser=0>

State awards more than \$37.2 million to highway safety initiatives across New York

Gov. Andrew Cuomo recently announced that more than \$37.2 million in federal highway safety grants have been awarded to 502 programs throughout New York State during the federal 2021 fiscal year. These grants provide funding to local, state and not-for-profit agencies for projects that improve overall highway safety and reduce deaths and serious injuries due to crashes.

The projects awarded funding focused on three types of driver safety initiatives: highway safety, child passenger safety and police traffic services.

The funding, which is provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is administered by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC).

\$2.6 Million for Child Passenger Safety: Supports child passenger safety education, training for child passenger safety technicians, conducting car seat checks statewide, operating a car seat distribution program for low-income families, and establishing permanent child safety seat fitting stations.

\$2.5 Million for Police Traffic Services: Initiatives by law enforcement agencies to target dangerous driver behaviors. This includes participation in the national Click It or Ticket seat belt mobilization and other enforcement initiatives aimed at preventing unsafe speed, aggressive and distracted behaviors, and occupant restraint enforcement.

The Mid-Hudson region received a total of \$1,305,372 in grants.

Projects in Dutchess County include:

- Beacon City Police Department: Child Passenger Safety Program, \$1,750; and Police Traffic Service, \$8,925;
- Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health: Watch Out For Me! Pedestrian Safety Education Program, \$43,085;
- Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office:

Police Traffic Service, \$10,500;

- Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board: Child Passenger Safety Program, \$14,500; and Injury & Crash Prevention Program for Emerging Issues, \$62,323;
- East Fishkill Town Police Department: Police Traffic Service, \$9,100;
- Health Quest Systems Inc.: Vassar Brothers Medical Center Drowsy Driving Initiative, \$2,335;
- Hyde Park Town Police Department: Police Traffic Service, \$6,650;
- Poughkeepsie City Police Department: Child Passenger Safety Program, \$1,650;
- Poughkeepsie Town Police Department: Police Traffic Service, \$17,825;
- Rhinebeck Village Police Department: Police Traffic Service \$2,250.

For more information about GTSC, visit trafficsafety.ny.gov, or follow the GTSC conversation on Facebook and Twitter.

Red Hook Public Library events

This month the Afternoon Book Group will discuss *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel while the Evening Book Group will discuss *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis. Email Paul at assistant@redhooklibrary.org for more information and the link.

The Antiracism Discussion Group meets on the second Thursday of every month via Zoom. Email Amy at Amy@redhooklibrary.org to participate.

Art for Adults with Renee & Creativebug continues for two more sessions in April with simple drawing activities designed for creative fun. Supply kits are available. Email Renee at programcoordinator@redhooklibrary.org to register. All library cardholders have access to Creativebug.

Spinning Yarns Knitters continues. This friendly group of fiber enthusiasts meet online via Zoom for weekly knitting, crocheting, spinning, or hand-sewing from home. Email Dawn at director@redhooklibrary.org if you’d like to attend.

Last but not least, join us on Earth Day for Red Hook Cleans Up. With bags and grabbers from the Town, the Library crew will be collecting trash in the Village. Masks are required. Call the library at 845-758-3241 for more details.

April Programs for Teens

Laboratory 2 continues with virtual science experiments, engineering projects, and other STEM activities for youth ages 11+ via Zoom. We cover subjects in chemistry, biology, physics, and more. Email Paul at assistant@redhooklibrary.org

library.org for the Zoom link and supply information.

All Abilities Teens will be Cooking with Larry for the month of April. Teens and tweens with intellectual and/or cognitive disabilities will have fun making simple recipes and learning some basic cooking skills from RHCS’s own Larry Anthony. Email Amy at Amy@redhooklibrary.org to register. Supply kits are available.

April Programs for Kids and Families

Preschoolers have two storytime options this month. Tuesdays meet Yadira on Zoom for Leamos!/ Let’s Read, a bilingual program and Wednesdays Amy has Storytime on Zoom. Springtime is bringing fresh excitement to Thursday Nature Walks; meet Amy at local parks for some fun & learning. Our location changes each week so be sure to check the library’s online calendar before heading out.

If your children are missing hands-on science, STEAM with Yuval offers fun, interactive learning about physics, chemistry and biology every Wednesday afternoon.

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Answer to this week’s Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 9)

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Answers to this week’s diversions (puzzles on page 16)

Suguru solution

1	3	1	4	1	5
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Morton Library events

April events at Clinton Community Library

Princess/Superhero Storytime Series: Meet Wonder Woman
Thursday, April 8, 4:30 p.m.
Join us live or request a recording of storytimes to watch anytime. This month Wonder Woman will read, sing, tell engaging stories and play games with the participants. Plus, she will respond to your child’s live comments by name.

Visit www.facebook.com/groups/MidHudsonStorytime and request to be added to the exclusive event group. Must join before 4/8 to participate live. Visit the group again on 4/8 right at 4:30 p.m. to play, read and sing with Wonder Woman live.
The interactive recording of the event will remain up on the Facebook group linked above, so join the group even if you can’t participate live.

Tap the Sap, Maple Sugaring Science and History: Wednesday, April 14, 4 p.m.
Morton is partnering with Clinton, Staatsburg and Starr Libraries to present a series of virtual field trips with the Ashokan Center.

What makes the sugar maple tree so special? Did Indigenous people eat pancakes? Learn the history of maple sugaring in NY State from pre-Colonial era to today’s modern methods, explore the fascinating science of sap and syrup, and examine potential climate change effects on the horizon.
Students aged 8-12 can explore the intricate web of nature in an hour-long Zoom session. This is tailored to grades 3-7 but can be enjoyed by all ages. There will be interactive activities and time for Q&A. Space is limited for this program and registration is required via EventBrite. Registered participants will receive an email with the link to join the meeting on Zoom.

Virtual Ashokan Field Trip Climate Science - Part 1: Wednesday, April 21, 4 p.m. Morton is partnering with Clinton, Staatsburg and Starr Libraries to present a series of virtual field trips with the Ashokan Center.
What’s the difference between climate and weather? What are the scientific indicators of Earth’s changing climate over time and how are young people and adults studying its causes and effects? Learn and investigate with biologist Hailey Luedtke and discover what you

can do to make a positive difference.
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Library of Local: Pollinators: How to Help Them, Help Us: Cecily Frazier
Wednesday, April 21, 6 p.m. (online)
Explaining pollinators, their role and how to add plants to your yard which will attract different types of pollinators—bees, butterflies, birds and other insects. Beginning - intermediate level.
Cecily has been a Master Gardener for 14 years and an organic gardener all of her adult life. She was the Chair of the Rhinebeck Village Tree Commission for 4 years and is a volunteer at the Vanderbilt Gardens at the Vanderbilt Historic Site in Hyde Park, where she gives tours and works in the gardens.

Advance registration at <https://www.libraryoflocal.org> is required for this live online event. Registered participants will receive an email with the link to join the meeting.
Meditation Group: Sundays, 5 p.m. (in home). Those in our meditation group who choose to do so are sitting in their homes at our meeting time between 5 and 6 on Sundays. Sunday morning I send out a short note and reading and we continue to sit together, if not in the same room.

Storytime with Sandy on YouTube
Fridays, 11 a.m.

Online Writing Help for BMS and RHS Students.With the second semester in full swing, Morton would like to help students with their writing assignments. Lawrence Miller (“Mr. Miller” to the kids), the longest-serving (16 years) substitute teacher in the District - and Morton’s Saturday librarian - is happy to offer this service to your child/ren. Assistance with editing/proofreading written work, in situations where family/teachers might not be available. This will also be offered to students taking French.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.
The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Learn what’s happening at your library. Email clinton.director@gmail.com if you wish to attend and you will be sent meeting information.

Getting Started with Overdrive
Tuesday, April 13, 6 p.m.
Join us for a half-hour virtual workshop to learn how to borrow e-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines on Overdrive. We will go over how to search for titles, place items on hold, and set reading preferences. This program is open to all patrons of the Mid-Hudson Library System.

Virtual Field Trip (Ages 8-12): Maple Sugaring
Wednesday, April 14, 4 p.m.
Online via Zoom
Join the Ashokan Center for live lessons in environmental science for ages 8-12, from home. What makes the sugar maple tree so special? Did Indigenous people eat pancakes? Learn the history of maple sugaring in NY State from pre-Colonial era to today’s modern methods, explore the fascinating science of sap & syrup, and examine potential climate change effects on the horizon.

Tea Time Book Club - Virtual Meeting
Thursday, April 15, 2 p.m.
Online via Zoom
This month, the club is reading “Beheld” by TaraShea Nesbit, a riveting story of a stranger’s arrival in the fledgling colony of Plymouth, Massachusetts—and a crime that shakes the divided community to its core. Suspenseful and beautifully wrought, Beheld is about a murder and a trial, and the motivations—personal and political—that cause people to act in unsavory ways. It is also an intimate portrait of love, motherhood, and friendship that asks: Whose stories get told over time, who gets believed—and subsequently, who gets punished?
Call the library at (845) 266-5530 to reserve your copy. Email Susan at susanr@clintoncommunitylibrary.org to receive meeting link.

Monday Evening Book Club
Monday, April 19, 7 p.m.
Online via GoToMeeting
The Global Literature Book Club discusses prize-winning novels from around the world, 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.
In April, the Global Literature Book Club will discuss “Compass” by Mathias Enard. This dazzling and intricate novel portrays the meandering reflections of a Viennese musicologist as he passes a sleepless night. His journeys to Istanbul, Damascus, and Aleppo, his passion for music and history, as well as his great and unrequited love for a brilliant French scholar, all weave together into a beguiling tapestry that stimulates and rewards those who are up for the challenge.

Call the library at (845) 266-5530 to reserve your copy. Email cbancroft@clintoncommunitylibrary.org for the Go-To-Meeting log-in information.

Virtual Field Trip (Ages 8-12): Climate Science, Part 1
Wednesday, April 21, 4 p.m.
Online via Zoom
Join the Ashokan Center for live lessons in environmental science for ages 8-12, from home. What’s the difference

between climate and weather? What are the scientific indicators of Earth’s changing climate over time and how are young people and adults studying its causes and effects? Learn and investigate with biologist Hailey Luedtke and discover what you can do to make a positive difference.

Finding Your 300-Year-Old Grandma Using 21st Century Technology
Tuesday, April 27, 6 p.m.
Join genealogy expert Sarah Gutmann for a deep-dive into the numerous genealogy websites and resources you can use to trace your family’s lineage. In addition to the “Big Four” genealogy websites - Ancestry, Family Search, My Heritage and Find My Past - participants will also learn how to use national archives, online databases, and other tools to learn more about their past.
Sponsored by Clinton Community Library, Pleasant Valley Library, LaGrange Library, Millbrook Library, Tivoli Library and Staatsburg Library.

ONGOING
Story Time Online
Listen to stories with Miss Susan! Each week’s story time will feature a different theme. This program will be pre-recorded on Clinton Community Library’s Facebook page. Search for Clinton Community Library on Facebook or email jchin@clintoncommunitylibrary.org for the link.

Chair Yoga Online (Optimistic Aging): Fridays, 11 a.m.
Online via Facebook Live & Zoom
Samantha Free guides you through the basics of breath, meditation, and movement. This class will help you stretch and strengthen. Email jchin@clintoncommunitylibrary.org for the link.

All-Level Yoga Online
Saturdays, 10 a.m.
Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
Online via Zoom
Join Mia Tomic and explore classical seated, standing and supine yoga poses linked with breath in a creative way to stretch, strengthen, and rejuvenate your body, breath, and mind. Email miayoga7@gmail.com to sign up. (You will only need to register once.)

Qi Gong with Vince (Optimistic Aging): Mondays& Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:30 a.m.
Online via Zoom
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. Email jchin@clintoncommunitylibrary.org for the link.

Tech Help
In-person, online or by phone
Drop-ins & appointments accepted
Do you need help with your Kindle, tablet, smart phone or computer? Would you like to know how to check out eBooks and audiobooks on Overdrive or Libby and magazines on RBDigital? Do you need assistance using Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Craigslist?
Teen tech expert Samantha will help answer your questions in-person or virtually. Drop-in anytime on Saturdays between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or email clinton.techhelp@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

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 <http://clintoncommunitylibrary.org>.

GOLDEN LIVING

*News for Seniors,
Their Families and Caregivers
Todd N. Tancredi, Director
Dutchess County
Office for the Aging*

SPRING CLEANING TIPS FOR SENIORS
Check the medicine cabinet. Are medications stored in properly labeled containers? Be sure to store medications in a cool, dark, dry place – NOT your bathroom. A better place is an airtight plastic container on a shelf in a closet outside the bathroom. If you need to get rid of outdated medications, there are 11 secure drop-box locations in Dutchess County. Municipal police in Beacon, East Fishkill, Hyde Park, Millerton, (Town of) Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, Rhinebeck and Wappingers Falls operate drop boxes, as does the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO) headquarters at 108 Parker Avenuw in Poughkeepsie, the DCSO satellite office in Pawling, and New York State Police Troop K headquarters in Salt Point. Contact the relevant agency for operating hours and additional details.
Outdated medications are also accepted during the summer at every OFA Senior Picnic.

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SENIORS WANTED THROUGHOUT DUTCHESS
The Office for the Aging and several other Dutchess County organizations who serve seniors are in continual need of volunteer assistance. Volunteers who can deliver meals to home-bound seniors and/or drive seniors to non-emergency medical appointments and COVID vaccine appointments are particularly helpful.
Here is a quick rundown of the relevant contact information:
Office for the Aging Home Delivered Meals (Mon-Fri, middays) (845) 486-2555 or ofa@dutchessny.gov;
Friends of Seniors (845) 485-1277 or www.friendsofseniors.org;
North East Community Center (north-eastern Dutchess) (518) 789-4259 or info@neccmillerton.org ;
Pawling Resource Center (Pawling/Holmes) (845) 855-3459 or email.info@pawlingresourcecenter.org;
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (for volunteers age 55+): rsvp@dutchess-cap.org or (845) 452-5104.

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

Events at Starr Library

Register for these events at www.starr-library.org or call (845) 876-4030.

Mysteries Around the World Book Club: Germany: “I Am Your Judge” by Nele Neuhaus. Tuesday, April 13, 11 a.m.

Ashokan Center Virtual Field Trip: Tap the Sap! Maple Sugaring Science and History. Wednesday, April 14, 4 p.m.
Learn the history of maple sugaring in NY State from pre-Colonial era to today’s modern methods; explore the fascinating

science of sap & syrup; and examine potential climate change effects on the horizon.

Ashokan Center Virtual Field Trip: Climate Science: Evidence and Action Part 1. Wednesday, April 21, 4 p.m.

What’s the difference between climate and weather? What are the scientific indicators of Earth’s changing climate over time and how are young people and adults studying its causes and effects?

Free Seeds and Starter Kit Pickup for Earth Day: Thursday, April 22, 10 a.m.-5

p.m. Pick up your seeds and a starter kit at the library. ?You must be registered to receive your kit.?

Fourth Annual Poetry Reading Saturday, April 24, 5 p.m.

Join us for another great year of poetry. This year we’ll be on Zoom for the reading, but the poems will be exhibited

at the library.

Starr Book Club
“Asymmetry” by Lisa Halliday
Tuesday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Starr Library is at 68 West Market St. in Rhinebeck.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation sets spring grant deadlines for Northeast Dutchess County

Nonprofits, students and individuals in northeast Dutchess County are invited to apply for competitive grants and scholarships during Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation’s spring grant cycle. Apply at www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Grants and www.BerkshireTaconic.org/Scholarships.

FOR NONPROFITS

The Northeast Dutchess Fund will provide unrestricted general operating support to help established nonprofits continue to achieve their mission and impact and allow for planning and recovery. Applications are due April 23.

FOR STUDENTS

The Alice B. Henriquez Memorial Fund Writing Prize offers a scholarship to seniors at Webutuck High School who are entering their first year of a two-year or four-year nationally accredited college, university or trade school. Applicants must use their writing and analytical skills to answer a writing prompt that addresses a contemporary issue. Applications are due May 1.

The Tabor Foundation Fund supports residents of northeast Dutchess, north-

west Litchfield and southeast Columbia counties who plan to undertake education or training in a health care or medical field and to seek employment in their community afterwards. Nonresidents working in the area may also apply. Applications are due June 30.

FOR STUDENTS AND INDIVIDUALS: TRAVEL, SERVICE AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS

The Alice and Richard Henriquez Memorial Fund and Youth World Awareness Program provides grants to students ages 14 to 22 for travel and service. Applications are due April 15.

The Moonlight Mile Scholarship Fund supports women who are seeking matching funds to support travel or equipment needs for study or athletic competition, professional training, or support for alternative healing. Applicants should be at least 18 years old and live in Massachusetts or New York. Applications are due April 16.

The Simple Gifts Fund awards grants to young people ages 13 to 19 for participation in cultural or creative summer programs. Applications are due April 16.

The CPCA partners with Lucky Orphans on development program for children

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA) is partnering with Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue to include equine assisted development as part of a recovery solution for local children who have experienced trauma from child abuse and neglect.

This collaboration with the Equine Assisted Development program at Lucky Orphan Horse Rescue will connect children already receiving therapy at the CPCA and introduce them to a unique hands-on approach that addresses and redirects maladaptive behaviors and negative thoughts into constructive solutions.

The Equine Assisted Development program combines Natural Lifemanship and Equine Experiential Education, in a team approach that includes two certified equine specialists and horses working together with children to create positive change. This experiential model occurs on the ground and allows the child to interact with the horse in any way they wish including observing, handling, grooming, groundwork and other structured exercises.

The special connection that develops between the child and horse helps them gain a better understanding of their feelings. They learn how to care for themselves and others, develop empathy, decrease anxiety and depression, expand social skills and build trust and self-confidence.

“There is no one route on the pathway

toward healing,” said Kimberly Haight, executive director of The CPCA. “We believe that people do not have to spend a lifetime consumed in trauma. This partnership allows us to explore another avenue of treatment that children can take to achieve their goal of a healthier life.”

“Lucky Orphans’ mission is ‘People Helping Horses Heal People,’” said Deanna Mancuso, executive director of Lucky Orphans. “We are so excited to partner with the CPCA for this program to change the lives of these children. Horses lend a non-judgmental and intuitive nature that promotes long-term positive growth that these children will take with them throughout their lives.”

A 2019 report published in Psychology Today found evidence to support the therapeutic value of the human-animal interaction and that Equine Assisted Programs can be a powerful tool to assist children in achieving many social, emotional, physical, cognitive and behavioral benefits. Launched at the end of February and funded by the Dutchess County Department of Probation, the pilot program is currently impacting seven youth between the ages of 11 and 16.

The success of this partnership will lead to further therapy options for children receiving services from The CPCA, as well as expand to include opportunities for parents to benefit from equine assisted development.

OBITUARIES

Rolf Andresen

MILAN - Rolf Andresen, 96, of Milan, NY, passed away on Monday, March 29th, 2021 at the Beach Gardens Rehabilitation Center in Far Rockaway, NY. Born on March 3, 1925, in Brooklyn, NY, he was the son of the late Fridtjof and Magny (Ericksen) Andresen. Rolf married Emily Lillian Damsgard on March 19, 1948 at the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Brooklyn, NY. Lillian predeceased him on March 6, 2019. He served in the United States Navy in World War II from 1943-1946. For 27 years and until near retirement, Rolf was a New York City Police Officer, most of which was on Emergency Squad #1. Rolf is survived by his children, Erik Andresen of State College, PA, Karen (Vincent) Sala of Milan, NY, and Robert (Patricia) Andresen of Avondale, AZ; his daughter in law, Dale Andresen of Beech Creek, PA; his grandchildren, Kurt (Julie Buhner) Andresen, Kristina (Scott) Deveau, Lars (Samantha Nelson) Andresen, and Eric (Nadine) Andresen; his step grandchildren, Scott (Beatrice) Sala, Renae (James) LaRoche, and Shawn (Dawn) Sala; his great grandchildren, Leif, Klaus, Ogden, Tyler, and Aidan Andresen; his step great grandchildren, Cody Sala, Shane Sala, Tyler LaRoche, Brooke LaRoche, Mason Sala, James Trebby, and Nicole Trebby; along with nieces, cousins, extended family and friends. Friends called at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes on Friday, April 2, 2021. Graveside services were held on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Cemetery in Red Hook, NY with Reverend Mark D. Isaacs. Memorial donations may be made in Rolf’s memory to the Milan Volunteer Fire Department, 900 Rt. 199, Milan, NY, 12571, in memo area: Milan

Rescue Squad. Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY. To sign the online guest book, please visit www.Burnett-White.com.

Forrest Eric Johnson

DOVER PLAINS - Forrest Eric Johnson, 68, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, NY, died on Friday, March 26, 2021 at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY. Mr. Johnson was an automobile mechanic and owned and operated Johnson’s Garage in Wingdale, NY for 30 years. Born on April 8, 1952 in Pelham, NY, he was the son of the late Forrest Johnson and Anita Johnson and his stepfather, Bruce C. Dein Sr. He married Karen Tompkins who predeceased him on November 13, 2009. He was a life member of the Chestnut Ridge Rod and Gun Club in Dover Plains. Mr. Johnson is survived by two sons, Forrest Charles Edward Johnson of Texas and James Robert Johnson of Dover Plains, NY and a daughter, Anita Pearl Johnson of Poughkeepsie, NY and two sisters, Margaret Bradley of Rhode Island and Eleanor Sharpe of Chicago, IL. Besides his parents and wife, he was also predeceased by two brothers, Bruce Dein and James Dein. Calling hours were held on Monday, April 5, 2021 at Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcut-funeralhome.com.

Phillip H. Race

DOVER PLAINS - Phillip H. Race, 72, a longtime resident of Dover Plains, NY, passed away on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at his home in Dover Plains. Mr. Race was a maintenance supervisor for NYS Parks and Recreation for 35 years retiring in 2008. Born on February 8,

1949 in Great Barrington, MA, he was the son of the late Harry S. and Helen (Shutts) Race. Mr. Race proudly served in the US Navy, MCB 12 and MCB 133, during Vietnam. On September 25, 1971 in Dover Plains, NY, he married Cheryl Pezzato who survives at home. Mr. Race was a life member and former Assistant Chief and Past President of the J.H. Ketcham Hose Company in Dover Plains, NY. He was also a former member of the Craryville Fire Company. Mr. Race was also a member of the Oxbow Gun Club in Hillsdale, NY and Friends of Taconic State Park. Mr. Race was an avid outdoorsman enjoying both hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed tending to his lawn and garden. In addition to his loving wife, Mr. Race is survived by two sons, Brock Race of Dover Plains and Shane Race of Cathedral City, CA. He is also survived by two sisters, Delores Coons of Hudson, NY and Sheila McCagg of Ghent, NY. Calling hours were held on Friday, April 2, 2021 at the Hufcut Funeral Home, 3159 Route 22, Dover Plains, NY. The J.H. Ketcham Hose Company conducted Firematic Services. Graveside services and burial with military honors took place on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at St. Charles Cemetery, South Nellie Hill Road, Dover Plains, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to the J.H. Ketcham Hose Company, PO Box 706, Dover Plains, NY 12522. To send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Leonard Tambone

FORMERLY OF BEEKMAN - On March 17, 2021, Leonard Tambone of Manahawkin, NJ (formerly of Beekman) passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side after a long illness. Drawing strength from his

strong faith and loving family, he faced his illness with courage and dignity. Leonard was born on May 25, 1955 in Bronxville, NY to Vincent and Catherine (Scaramuzzino) Tambone. Leonard “Len” grew up in Eastchester NY and attended Immaculate Conception School and Eastchester High School. While at Eastchester High School he played on the football and baseball teams. He earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting from Iona College in New Rochelle where he also played football. In 1977, Len married his high school sweetheart, Maureen O’Leary. Len retired in 2019 from Nestle Foods after 38 years of employment. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer and a loyal Yankees fan. He was an active member of his parish, St. Mary of the Pines. His greatest joy was spending time with his family. In addition to his wife Maureen, Len is survived by his parents, Catherine and Vincent Tambone of Hopewell Junction, NY, his sons, Michael (Bernadette) of Perrysburg, OH, Nicholas (Michelle), and granddaughter, Sophia, of Manahawkin, NJ, brother, Santo Tambone (Laura), sisters, Priscilla Head (Jonathan) and Ann Marie Rozmus (Gary), sisters-in-law, Ann Marie Glover, Joan Nangle (Larry), Kathy Delia (Ralph), brothers-in-law, William O’Leary (Renee Marsh), Christopher O’Leary (Millie Krauss), nieces Catherine Rozmus and Lauren Delia, Godsons and nephews, Anthony Rozmus and Ralph Delia, nephew, Guy Delia and many friends and family members. Leonard was predeceased by his in-laws, Doris and William O’Leary, and his niece, Catherine Head. Arrangements were under the direction of Maxwell-Tobie Funeral Home in Manahawkin, NJ.

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ROMBOUT RURAL CEMETERY, FISHKILL, NY BURIAL SECTION RECLAMATION NOTIFICATION

Research is currently being performed in an attempt to find any legal direct descendants for the below section deed signers/purchasers with negative results. NO BURIALS HAVE BEEN PERFORMED IN ANY OF THESE SECTIONS. Should no legal descendant(s) be found, by May 1, 2021, an application will be submitted to the New York State Division of Cemeteries (NYSDoC) to reclaim them. Upon approval from the NYSDoC to officially reclaim them, the plots will not be sold but will be offered to local funeral homes for the burial of indigent persons. SECTION: DEED PURCHASER: DATE PURCHASED: Charles D. Sherwood October 28, 1899 (b. 09/18/1854) Alexander H. Dudley October 28, 1899 (b. 04/24/1830) Francis Burroughs October 28, 1899 (b. 01/10/1844) John Waldo October 28, 1899 (b. 06/02/1846) Last know descendant: Matthew R. Colleran Last known address/location: California (No known address) John LaDue October 28. 1899 (b. 1823) If you have any information regarding direct descendants who may be legal heirs of these sections/plots, please contact Rombout Rural Cemetery at romboulrural-cemetery@gmail.com, via our Facebook page (Rombout Rural Cemetery Association), or call (845) 393-4793.

The Annual Meeting of the Clove Cemetery Assn. will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2021, 10:00 AM at the Valley Bible Fellowship Church, 1875 Clove Valley Road, LaGrangeville, NY. All plot owners are invited to attend. CDC rules will be strictly adhered to. For further information, contact Elfriede Tillman at (845)724-5840

THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WAPPINGERS PLOT OWNERS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 20, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M.AT 2822 WEST MAIN ST., WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of East Fishkill will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 22,2021 at 7:00 pm at 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction to take public comments regarding amending the Zoning Code with respect to abandoned

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applications, etc.. Any person wishing to be heard by the Town Board on this matter should be present at the above date and time. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD CAROL HURRAY, TOWN CLERK Dated: April 7, 2021 Town of East Fishkill, New York

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-24-21 Primary Election and General Election Ballot Printing and Other Election Printing Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 21st day of April 2021 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid #RFB-DCP-18-21 Supplemental Vendors for General Repair of Dutchess County Public Transit Vehicles Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of April 2021 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our web site http://www.dutchessny.gov , selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call (845) 486-3613.

Beacon Planning Board Notice of Public Hearing Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York, on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 immediately following the training session/workshop which begins at 7:00 PM, on an application for Subdivision Approval (2-lot residential), Monell Place, identified on City Tax Maps as Section 5955, Block 04, Lot 586132, submitted by Allison Cross and Henry Nye. Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, the Planning Board will not be meeting in-person. In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.1, the April 13, 2021 meeting will be held via videoconferencing, and a transcript will be provided at a later date. The public will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live and provide comments. The public can watch the live meeting on Cable TV, only on the City website (www.cityofbeacon.org), and through the Zoom App. If any interested members of the public would like to provide comments on the application, comments can be called in during the

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meeting at (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID: 886 3747 2803; Password: 571363. Comments can also be provided via email before the meeting to Etha Grogan, Planning Board Secretary, at egrogan@cityofbeacon.org . Please check the meeting Agenda posted on the City website for further instructions to access the virtual meeting and for updated information. Plans and other materials associated with the application may be reviewed and downloaded from Novus Agenda on the City website. The Planning Board will, at said time and place hear all persons in support of such matter or any objections thereto. Individuals may appear in person, by agent or by attorney. E. Grogan Secretary Beacon Planning Board

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, the Dutchess County Legislature will hold its April 12, 2021, Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. remotely in accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders. The April 12, 2021, Board Meeting including scheduled public hearing, will be held via video conferencing and a transcript will be provided at a later date. The public is not permitted to attend this meeting in person. Public Comment for Public Hearing: Public can comment live for the public hearing on the agenda and shall have an opportunity to be heard through a media platform called Zoom. Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so by contacting the Clerk of the Legislature at countylegislature@dutchessny.gov or by calling 845-486-2100 to obtain zoom information or call-in number. Comments about the public hearing may also be provided via email prior to the meeting to the Clerk of the Legislature at countylegislature@dutchessny.gov. Public Comment for agenda items: Public can comment live on agenda items and shall have an opportunity to be heard through a media platform called Zoom. Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so by contacting the Clerk of the Legislature at countylegislature@dutches sny.gov or by calling 845-486-2100 to obtain zoom information or call-in number. Comments for agenda items will also be accepted by email until 6:00 PM on April 12, 2021, to countylegislature@dutches sny.gov. Public comment for non-agenda items for the Board Meeting will be accepted by email until 6:00 PM on April 12, 2021, to countylegislature@dutches sny.gov. Resolutions can be reviewed at https://www.dutchessny.gov / C a l e n d a r - Page.htm?fromdate=2021-04-12&thru date=2021-04-13&myselectedDeptid=0. The meeting will be livestreamed at https://totalwebcasting.com /view/?id=dutchess. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, should Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders suspending the requirements of the Open Meetings Law not be extended through April 12, 2021, then the Board Meeting will be conducted on April 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Legislative

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Chambers, County Office Building, Poughkeepsie, New York. Any member of the public who has questions regarding this process should contact the Clerk of the Legislature at countylegislature@dutchessny.gov. Pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders these meetings will be recorded and transcribed. The Dutchess County Legislature thanks everyone for their cooperation and patience and encourages everyone to remain home and safe with their loved ones.

LEGAL NOTICE FOR SPECIAL ELECTION HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, a Special Election of the qualified voters of the Hughsonville Fire District in the Town of Wappinger, Dutchess County, New York, will be held on the 11th day of May, 2021 at the Hughsonville Fire District Headquarters, 88 Old Hopewell Road in the said Fire District, between the hours of 6:00 o'clock P.M., and 9:00 P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by ballot on the adoption or rejection of the following proposition: PROPOSITION Shall the following resolution duly adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioner of said Fire District on the 10th day of March, 2021, be approved: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW PUMPER FIRE TRUCK FOR THE HUGHSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WAPPINGER, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$836,500, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$250,000 FROM THE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, AND ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$586,500. SERIAL BONDS (OR AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT) OF SAID FIRE DISTRICT. Only residents registered to vote with the Dutchess

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County Board of Elections or registered with the Fire District on or before March 10, 2021 shall be eligible to vote in said special election. Dated: March 10, 2021 Kim Flower, Fire District Secretary

NOTICE TO BIDDERS RFB - D C H - 2 0 2 1 - 1 2 Project: Replacement and Rehabilitation of Multiple Culverts (N-27, N-22 and N-23) Town of North East. Project Description: This project involves the replacement and rehabilitation of multiple culverts (N-27, N-22 and N-23) in the Town of North East, Dutchess County Beginning: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 8:00 AM: Bid Documents may be obtained in person or by mail (provide your FedEx account number or SASE) at: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 1st Floor, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. The bid documents are available on a USB Flash Drive. You must give the following information to obtain the flash drive: Company Name, Contact Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail Address - All Addendums will be issued via E-mail. A refundable deposit of \$15.00 will be required for each set of Bid Documents, in the form of a check made payable to the Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance. The deposit is refundable in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 102. (The refund must be requested in writing). Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County DPW, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, 1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. On or before Friday, April 30, 2021 at 11:00AM, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited. Due to COVID-19,

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the bid opening for this solicitation will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below, in-person attendance at a bid opening will not be allowed at this time. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602,,19707742# United States, Hempstead, Phone Conference ID: 197 077 42# Each bid shall be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check or official bank check) or a letter of credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. The successful bidder's security will be retained until he has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and furnished the required 100% Labor and Material Payment Bond, 100% Performance Bond and acceptable insurance documentation. Each bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening. Questions will be accepted by 4:00pm on April 23, 2021 and shall be emailed to dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'd to dmckenna@dutchessny.gov. The anticipated start of construction is June 14, 2021, the anticipated substantial completion date is September 30, 2021, and the anticipated completion date of construction including all punch list work is October 29, 2021. Failure to meet these dates will result in liquidated damages and engineering charges in accordance with the NYSDOT specifications. This project is subject to New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC # 2021002993 The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in Bids and in bidding and to reject any or all Bids. "Bidders shall promptly notify the County of any errors, omissions, conflicts,

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and/or ambiguity that they identify in the contract documents by emailing dpwcontracts@dutchessny.gov."

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