

Nonprofits balance mission, safety in remote work trend

by Kate Goldsmith

Editor's note: This is the first article in a two-part series addressing work trends in the nonprofit sector as a result of the pandemic.

The nature of work – whether paid or voluntary, “essential” or not – has been transformed by the pandemic. Previous articles in this newspaper have examined how for-profit businesses such as restaurants, retail shops and wedding-service providers (photographers, DJs, etc.) have creatively addressed the challenges that began two years ago, and how they are adapting to long-term trends that have arisen during that time. Working remotely, for those whose jobs allow it, is one such trend.

Nonprofit organizations are also businesses, but they often have to navigate a more nuanced work landscape: one that adheres to their particular mission while prioritizing the safety of their employees and clients.

The pandemic “definitely changed everything” at the Bardavon in Poughkeepsie, said Executive Director Chris Silva.

Being a nonprofit entertainment venue, the Bardavon was subject to the same lengthy closure mandate as for-profit event facilities; but the staff worked throughout.

“We started doing our weekly staff and production meetings on Zoom in March of 2020 and have continued them to this day,” said Silva. “Same with our board meetings, which results in better attendance.”

Virtual meetings and working from home “truly allows for a better use of people’s time and energy,” Silva said, “and because many of us have been together for decades our efficiency has actually increased.”

Now, when a show is happening,

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Renegades set to start 2nd season as Yankees affiliate



Packing Dutchess Stadium with enthusiastic minor league baseball fans has become tradition in the Hudson Valley. The Renegades start their 28th season Friday. It will be their second season as an affiliate of the New York Yankees. *Courtesy photo*

by Rich Thomaselli

For the 28th year – it should be 29 but, well, let’s not get into what that whole global pandemic thing did to our lives in 2020 and, really, into 2021 – professional baseball will be played in Dutchess County.

The Hudson Valley Renegades begin their season on Friday night, April 7, in Greenville, South Carolina in the opening game of the 2022 season against the Drive. It will be the first of a nine-game road trip before the Renegades return to Dutchess Stadium on Tuesday, April 19,

to host the Brooklyn Cyclones.

Here’s a primer for the upcoming season.

Who are the Renegades affiliated with this year?

The Renegades will begin their second season as the High Class A farm team of the New York Yankees. The franchise started out moving to Hudson Valley from Erie, Pa., in 1994 as a short-season affiliate of the Texas Rangers before switching to the Tampa Bay Rays a year later.

It was a fruitful partnership, but Major League Baseball decided to contract sev-

eral dozen minor league franchises last year and try to make the relationships between the big clubs and the farm teams more geographically tenable. The Renegades, who long have been one of minor league baseball’s most consistent teams in terms of how many fans it draws to Dutchess Stadium, were an obvious choice for the Yankees.

What league will the Renegades play in?

Thankfully, minor league baseball did away with the unwieldy league names

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VBMC reopens pediatric unit with CT Children’s alliance



The reopened pediatric unit at VBMC now includes nine private rooms decorated in a Hudson Valley theme, including colorful fish, boats and soothing blue waves to optimize the healing environment for Vassar Brothers’ pediatric patients. *Courtesy photo*

When children need to be hospitalized, parents want only safe, high-quality care for them that is close to home. The skilled, caring pediatric team at Vassar Brothers Medical Center (VBMC) wants the same.

That wish became a reality on Monday, April 4, with the grand reopening of VBMC pediatric unit, thanks to an alliance with New York Children’s Medical Providers Services, P.C., an affiliate of the nationally ranked health system, Connecticut Children’s.

A ribbon-cutting event was

held on Thursday, March 31.

“Vassar is now bringing an unprecedented level of specialized pediatric and neonatology care to our community by forming an alliance with Connecticut Children’s, the only health system in Connecticut dedicated exclusively to the care of children,” said Peter Kelly, president of VBMC in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Closing the pediatric unit due to the COVID-19 pandemic allowed Vassar Brothers to take a closer look

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"It's still 'all hands on deck' ... but 'office hours' are [still] very flexible," said Silva.

Remote work not an option for others

Some organizations didn't have the ability to work remotely, such as the Dutchess County SPCA (DCSPCA).

"Since we had animals to care for, remote working just wasn't an option," said Penny Schouten, DCSPCA Marketing/Communications/Community Resource Director. "The staff were divided into teams which worked alternatively in order to avoid spreading potential illness. The admin team also worked in animal care when needed and also alternated days in the office."

Schouten said, "One of the hardest things was we missed our team mates. We didn't see each other as often, as we were working on alternate days. We couldn't have lunch together or gather in groups. Our daily team briefing was kept short, held in our large lobby with everyone socially distanced. Maintaining the camaraderie we had built was very difficult, although with smaller teams, some ties grew stronger."

For several months, the DCSPCA facility, located on Route 9G in Hyde Park, wasn't open to the public and staff weren't able to directly interact with the community. During that time, Schouten said, "we ramped up our social media activities to stay connected with our supporters and keep them engaged with our mission. This included lots of photos/videos of our available pets, a 'pet pawtrait' contest where the public submitted photos of their pets then volunteers and staff painted or drew their portrait, and foster family recruitment."

The DCSPCA's main fundraising event of the year was changed to a virtual gala.

When the pandemic hit, the DCSPCA administrative team was fairly new, Schouten said, and were in the process of moving to a community-centered shelter model.

"When everything shut down, we had to implement some of the plan immediately. This included moving as many pets as possible out of the shelter into foster care, providing more support to pet owners to keep pets in their homes and supporting both Hospice and Grace Smith House clients who might need temporary pet housing/care while they recovered or moved to safe housing," said Schouten. "Our foster program went from a handful of foster families to 400 new applicants in just two weeks. We sent pet food to regular food pantries for families struggling to feed their animals. With so many people being hospitalized and passing away from COVID, we were consistently taking in animals in need of safety net housing."

Despite the challenges, the organization was able to maintain the number of adoptions throughout 2020.

"We did our dog meets outside in our

play yards; or if a pet was in foster, arrangements were made to meet in a local park or at the shelter," Schouten said. "For cats, we did virtual meets with the foster and the adopters where possible."

Person-to-person contact vital to certain businesses

In March 2020, when many businesses were forced to close as a result of emergency orders, the nonprofit Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce (DCRCOC) became a source of assistance to not only its members, but to the general business community, all who were eager for information to help them survive closures and loss of revenue. During that time, the staff at DCRCOC worked remotely, said Frank Castella Jr., President & CEO.

"We were deemed non-essential despite the great need for the COVID supportive services we provided to the business community," Castella said.

Weekly discussions open to the business community were held virtually to discuss disaster loan programs offered by the federal Small Business Administration, and business owners were invited to submit questions.

"The Chamber maintained some level of in-person events immediately after the three-month government-mandated shut-down," said Castella. "Even when capacity limitations were implemented on the number of people that could be held at an event, we either held to the maximum or composed events such as the Hudson Valley's Top Forty Under 40 Mover and Shaker Awards at the Hyde Park Drive-In Theatre and the Hudson Valley Hot-Air Balloon Festival drive-in style. Revel 32 and the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel were both mandated to only hold 100 people for an event, so we held our annual black-tie Gala and creatively connected the two venues via Zoom, and those that didn't want to attend in-person were offered a take-home food option and to attend via Zoom. It worked well, but was a logistical challenge."

While remote work is a long-term trend for some, Castella said it's "not an option for the type of work that we provide," because an important part of the Chamber's mission is "growing relationships and connecting people."

"When you don't have face-to-face conversations around the water cooler, the camaraderie doesn't exist," he said. "While Zoom is good to have meetings on an occasion, we value the bonds that are built when we have in-person meetings."

Castella said some members have told him they'll keep some or all meetings online to save time, but he added, "I believe you will see people coming back to in-person meetings over time. The conversations that happen before and after our board and committee meetings are sometimes just as important as what hap-

pens in the formal meeting."

Positive transformations

One would expect an organization built around creativity would have creative solutions to challenges. Staff at The Art Effect were not only able to work remotely, but also transitioned to virtual programs with success.

"If the country shutting down during the pandemic taught us anything about our work environment, it is that remote or hybrid remote work gives our staff more flexibility and promotes a better work/home life balance," said Executive Director Nicole Fenichel-Hewitt. "Although we were not together in-person throughout the pandemic, our team was working harder than ever from their living rooms, bedrooms and home offices."

She added, "The ability to be flexible during uncertain and stressful times allows us to focus more on what's most important, our students and community. Despite working from home on and off the past two years, The Art Effect has continued to play a crucial role as a motivator that engages youth and promotes positive growth such as improved social skills, respect for one another, and a greater understanding of diversity and culture."

Fenichel-Hewitt noted that The Art Effect quickly pivoted to virtual classes, programs and events, "and what we found was an expanded reach and an unexpected connectivity within our community," she said.

Going forward, Fenichel-Hewitt said The Art Effect will continue to offer a more balanced workplace for its employees, and consider "out-of-the-box" idea that were harnessed by remote work.

"We are keeping some of the benefits of new comfort with remote interactions by live streaming our exhibitions and events, virtually connecting with guest artists from around the world, and continuing to offer alternative ways for students to attend program meetings and events such as our upcoming virtual Reel Exposure Teen Film & Photography Festival on May 4-6," she said.

Hybrid model allows for flexibility

At United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region (UWDOR), greater needs arising from the pandemic required many staff and volunteers to step up in-person contact.

Melissa Clark, UWDOR's Senior Director of Community Impact, said, "We have seen so much hard work and altruism on the part of our local essential workers and volunteers. As need increased in the community our volunteers were on the front lines to help their neighbors receive, food, support and other basic essentials. At the same time many older volunteers especially those who were immunocompromised did need to take some time off until the vaccines were widely available. Fortunately, our nonprofit sector is tremendous, and staff and volunteers stepped in to ensure peo-

ple's everyday needs were met."

Clark noted, "As many nonprofit staff work on the front lines to secure households food, housing, mental health services and other critical needs, many have worked in a hybrid model throughout the pandemic. Hybrid work has allowed community coalitions and community members to convene safely and collaborate on strategies to help our community including providing services and community wide vaccination strategies."

She added, "Remote work has also allowed nonprofits working regionally or nationally to work more seamlessly and has reduced transportation barriers. Of course, the downside has been not being able to attend events in person and celebrate one another's accomplishments."

"At United Way, many of us began working remotely two years ago at the beginning of the pandemic, however our physical office always remained open with a skeleton staff," said Emily Darrow, Senior Director of Marketing & Communications. "Now, we all are working a hybrid model. To easily keep in touch with one another, we have an instant messaging platform that also shows when someone is at lunch, on a short break, etc. We utilized this pre-pandemic, but it became a lifeline during our remote work."

Darrow said many meetings are still conducted virtually, to cut down on travel time and allow greater participation.

"I know that like many offices, some of our greatest ideas are developed in seemingly casual conversation with one another, and we missed that," she said. "Melissa set up a weekly informal weekly remote discussion so that aspect of office life was able to go forward throughout the pandemic. For me, I find I am able to get far more work completed on my remote work days; but for others, remote work was more challenging. But I think all of us now have home offices and we probably will be using them now and into the future."

Sarah Olivieri, a nonprofit business strategist based in Ulster County, said having remote work as an option "really adds value to employees, just like anybody in any business" and tailoring jobs to people's needs allows employees to make a bigger impact.

Olivieri works with different types of nonprofits in the region.

"One thing I've notice that's affected local mental health organizations - that service providers have often struggled with in the past - is access," she said, with many clients also having transportation challenges. While the lack of in-person contact has created issues, Olivieri said, "One kind of opportunity the pandemic created [is that it] normalized remote access."

Next week: We'll discuss how nonprofit volunteerism has been affected by the pandemic.

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Hyde Park Library hosts local map exhibit

An interactive display of 11 maps that are part of a Natural Resource Inventory will be on display at the Hyde Park Library at 2 Main Street in Hyde Park through May 31.

A reception is set at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 where participants can discuss their discoveries. A winner of the scavenger hunt will be announced June 1.

You may think you know all there is about historic Hyde Park, but the scavenger hunt - one that takes place entirely within the four walls of the Library's Community Room - "may stump even the most dedicated," said Jesse Chance, Library Director. "Our public space is routinely used for art exhibits, music events, lecturers and club events, but we have never had a scavenger hunt of this sort. It will be fun to hear visitors expressing their curiosity and perhaps

astonishment as they use the maps to solve the hunt."

The 11 maps that comprise the exhibit were selected from 25 maps that form a Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) being completed by Town residents, with help from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program in partnership with Cornell University, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County, and the Dutchess Land Conservancy with funding from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund.

Richard Mattocks of the Town of Hyde Park Conservation Advisory Council, sponsor of the event, said, "We can guarantee that more than one (map) will make you wonder how much attention you've been giving to the natural environment that surrounds us."



Discussing the local map exhibit are, from left, Jesse Chance, Hyde Park Library director, Linda Taylan, Friends of the Library president, Richard Mattocks of the Town of Hyde Park Conservation Advisory Council and Lynn Ruggiero, Library president. *Courtesy photo*

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share their comments with the State.

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PLEASANT VALLEY SETS EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP ON APRIL 23

The Town of Pleasant Valley will hold its 52nd anniversary Earth Day Clean-Up on Saturday, April 23, at Pleasant Valley Town Hall, Route 44. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., with clean-up from 9 a.m. to noon.

Bags, vests, pickers and gloves will be provided.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Vietnam veteran appreciates Town of Wappinger event

To the editor:

As a Vietnam veteran, I am deeply appreciative of the recognition event held this past Tuesday (National Vietnam War Veterans Day- March 29) honoring Vietnam veterans at the Wappinger Town Hall.

This first-time event was the result of the dedicated efforts of the Wappinger Town Board, Town Recreation Committee, Town Supervisor, and Wappinger Veterans Advisory Group (WVA), and was well attended by about 40 veterans and their friends and families.

Comments of veterans support were well received from NYS Senator Sue Serino, NYS Assemblyman Kieran Lalor and town officials. The audience and I were moved in hearing two Vietnam veterans and the brother of a KIA veteran speak about their personal experiences. A lone dining table recognized the importance in remembering MIA veterans.

All attending veterans received the Vietnam War Veteran Lapel pin and other recognition items, including the proclamations of Presidents Obama and Trump officially creating the commemoration of the Vietnam War. The Town of Wappinger is to be congratulated in recognizing and honoring the service and sacrifice of all Vietnam veterans with this very special, very successful, and very much appreciated event.

Craig Marshall
Clinton Corners

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Hyde Park gains Bronze Climate Smart certification

The Town of Hyde Park has achieved Bronze Certification among Climate Smart Communities in New York.

Climate Smart Communities (CSC) is a New York State program that supports local governments in leading their communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the effects of climate change, and thrive in a green economy. The benefits of participating include leadership recognition, free technical assistance, and access to grants. Local governments participate by signing a voluntary pledge and using the CSC framework to guide progress toward creating attractive, healthy, and equitable places to live, work, and play.

"This Bronze Certification is a much-deserved recognition for Hyde Park's

continual effort to be a welcoming, healthy, outdoors oriented and environmentally sensitive community for citizens and visitors alike," said Richard Mattocks, Coordinator of the Town of Hyde Park Climate Smart Communities Task Force.

Multiple Hudson River communities are among the 90 state wide CSC certification recipients. Hyde Park is the only town the region receiving the award this cycle.

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through climate change adaptation strategies;

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- Healthier, more walkable urban centers through smart growth;
- Conservation of green spaces for recreation and biodiversity;

Hyde Park adopted the CSC pledge in 2015 and formed the Task Force in 2020. There are 120 actions Towns can take, of which Hyde Park has taken 24, in 8 of the 12 pledge element categories.

Mattocks added, "Now we are focusing on the silver certification status, of which we are already well under way."

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at the needs of the pediatric community. The unit now includes nine private rooms decorated in a Hudson Valley theme, including colorful fish, boats and soothing blue waves to optimize the healing environment for Vassar Brothers' pediatric patients.

Through the alliance with New York Children's Medical Providers Services, children who need to be hospitalized will be cared for by pediatric hospitalists with years of specialized training — in addition to pediatric nurses, respiratory therapists and others.

"This means your child's medical care will be supervised by doctors who are trained and experts at advanced pediatric healthcare," said Dr. Beth Natt, Connecticut Children's Regional Clinical Director and VBMC's Pediatric Medical Director. "Our team will stay connected to the most advanced innovations and therapies to get your child well."

Vassar Brothers remodeled a designated wing on the fourth floor of its legacy building with close access to the neonatal intensive care and maternity units.

Children — newborn to age 18 — can be admitted to the pediatric unit through the emergency room, where New York Children's Medical Providers Services and Vassar Brothers also offer pediatric emergency medicine. Or children can be admitted directly by their community pediatrician without being seen in the emergency department.

"The pediatric medical community is

thrilled Vassar Brothers once again has inpatient pediatric services and we have a trusted partner in the care of our pediatric patients," said Dr. Marc Habert, chair of Respiratory illnesses, including flu and COVID-19, post-surgical care, cellulitis, severe dehydration, broken bones and infusions are some of the most common issues for which children would be admitted to the unit, which is fitted with pediatric vital sign monitoring, oxygen and tailored medication support.

The pediatric unit will adopt a family-centered care approach, which means the doctors and nurses will include parents as they round on their patients. They will also give frequent updates to parents and caregivers on health conditions. Parents or guardians are able to stay by the bedside as long as they wish.

Most importantly, pediatric patients will remain at Vassar Brothers unless a higher level of care is needed, such as a pediatric intensive care unit or PICU. If that is the case, they can be transferred to a hospital of the parents' choice and will have easy access to Connecticut Children's main campus in Hartford, Conn.

"By bringing the expertise of Connecticut Children's to the mid-Hudson Valley, we are able to have the benefits of a major pediatric health system right here in our community hospital," Kelly said.

For information, visit the website at nulancehealth.org/vassarkids.



Officials and staff from Nuvance Health and Vassar Brothers Medical Center cut the ribbon to reopen the pediatric unit at the hospital in Poughkeepsie on Thursday, March 31. Left: Peter Kelly, president of VBMC, speaks at the event. Photos by Curtis Schmidt

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- Easter Sunday, April 17, 8am & 10am followed by a Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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Ribbon-cutting held for Pavilion at Brookmeade

The staff of the Brookmeade Community in Rhinebeck conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Pavilion with members of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce and its Business After Hours event on March 30. Brookmeade CEO/Administrator Karen Zobel and Brian Zeidan, Director of Human Resources and Administrator of Adult Day Healthcare & Pavilion, led the event for Brookmeade. In the photos, the crowd cheers as the ribbon is cut. Zobel and Zeidan are pictured inside the Pavilion. *Photos by Melissa Lasher.* Carolyn Bernitt, Executive Director of the Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce and Board of Directors President David Tellerday congratulate Zobel. Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall speaks at the event and thanks the staff at Brookmeade for the care provided to his mother. *Photos by Curtis Schmidt*



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from a year ago. And while it might not be geographically friendly, Hudson Valley will play in the legendary South Atlantic League. The South Atlantic League was established in 1903 and some of the players who spent time in the league might ring a bell – Derek Jeter, Hank Aaron, Mariano Rivera, Nolan Ryan, Ty Cobb, Steve Carlton, Bob Gibson, Ryne Sandberg you know, if you just want to throw around a few Hall of Famers.

The league will be comprised of the North Division and the South. Joining Hudson Valley in the North will be the Aberdeen IronBirds (Baltimore Orioles), Brooklyn Cyclones (New York Mets), Jersey Shore BlueClaws (Philadelphia Phillies) and Wilmington Blue Rocks (Washington Nationals).

In the South Division, it's the Asheville Tourists (Houston Astros), Bowling Green Hot Rods (Tampa Bay Rays), Greensboro Grasshoppers (Pittsburgh Pirates), Greenville Drive

(Boston Red Sox), Hickory Crawdads (Texas Rangers), Rome Braves (Atlanta Braves) and Winston-Salem Dash (Chicago White Sox).

How many games will the Renegades play?

Hudson Valley will play 132 regular-season games – 66 at Dutchess Stadium and 66 on the road. All teams will play the same type of schedule from Tuesday through Sunday every week, using Monday as a travel/rest day. That holds true except for the first week of July when all teams will play on Monday, July 4, and take off on Tuesday, July 5.

Is seeing a game at Dutchess Stadium still inexpensive?

Yep. Minor league baseball is still one of the best entertainment values for the dollar that you can get. The most expensive ticket for the best seats in the house is \$20, and they go down from there. And, really, in a facility that seats 5,000 there isn't a bad seat in the house.



Fun with team mascots is just the beginning when it comes additional attraction at Renegades games. The team has a wide variety of events for fans at each home game. Courtesy photo

Renegades roster features talented nucleus of players

The Hudson Valley Renegades feature a prospect-laden roster as they return for their second season as the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees in 2022. The Renegades roster will feature six of the Yankees top 30 prospects when the season gets underway on Friday.

Hudson Valley's roster is highlighted by six prospects ranked in the top 30 of MLB Pipeline's annual organizational prospect rankings. Catcher Austin Wells (No. 4) and infielder Trey Sweeney (No. 5) are joined by outfielder Everson Pereira (No. 11), pitchers T.J. Sikkema (No. 20) and Beck Way (No. 22), and infielder Cooper Bowman (No. 25) to give the Renegades a talented nucleus. Wells is also ranked by MLB Pipeline as the No. 96 prospect in all of baseball.

Wells impressed at the plate in his first professional season in 2021, batting .264/.390/.476 and clubbing 16 home runs in 103 games between Single-A Tampa and Hudson Valley. After the season, he played for the Surprise Saguaros in the prestigious Arizona Fall League and was named an All-Star. He is joined by fellow catchers and returners Carlos Narvaez, who hit .304 in 16 games with

the Renegades in 2021 and Saul Torres, a solid veteran defensive backstop.

The Yankees first round pick in 2021, Sweeney will hold down the starting shortstop spot after showing offensive promise by hitting seven home runs in 33 games between the Florida Complex League and Tampa in his pro debut. He is joined on the infield by fellow 2021 draftees Bowman (4th round) and Tyler Hardman (5th round). Spencer Henson, T.J. Rumfield, and returner Eduardo Torrealba provide versatility and depth on the infield.

Pereira brings his powerful bat back to the Renegades outfield after hitting 14 home runs in 27 games in Hudson Valley during the 2021 season. His signature game with the 'Gades was his three homer, six RBI performance on September 5 at Greensboro. Pereira is joined by returner Pat DeMarco and newcomers Aaron Palensky and Aldenis Sanchez. Palensky spent the entire 2021 season with Double-A Somerset, playing 37 games, while Sanchez hit .413 in 23 games with Tampa.

Not to be outdone by the bats, the pitch-

ing staff promises to be one of the best and deepest in the South Atlantic League in 2022 as well. Highlighted by Sikkema and Way, the staff features returners Nelson Alvarez, Edgar Barclay, Nelvin Correa, Tanner Myatt, and Matt Sauer. New to the Renegades staff will be Blane Abeyta, Bryan Blanton, Blas Castano, Carson Coleman, Wellington Diaz, Michael Giacone, Rodney Hutchison, Alex Mauricio, Jhonatan Munoz, and Will Warren.

Overall, the Renegades have 12 play-

ers who spent time in Hudson Valley last year. The team also features 10 players who were selected in the first 10 rounds of the MLB Draft, including the last three Yankees first round picks (Sikkema, 2019; Wells, 2020; Sweeney, 2021).

Guiding the Renegades will be Tyson Blaser, spending his first season as the manager in Hudson Valley. He is joined on the field staff by pitching coach Spencer Medick, hitting coach Rob Benjamin and defensive coach Jose Javier.

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Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony held in Wappinger



Town of Wappinger officials and the community hosted a ceremony to recognize Vietnam War veterans at Wappinger Town Hall on March 29, Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Day. Officials, staff and residents of the Town of Wappinger gathered at Wappinger Town Hall for the ceremony, which drew more than 100 attendees. Above: Craig Marshall, president of the Clinton Historical Society, speaks at the event. Left: Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston makes remarks. Right: The Vietnam War flag commemorates the 50th anniversary of the end of the war in Vietnam. *Courtesy photos*

Wappinger Supervisor Richard L. Thurston and Wappinger Veterans Advisory President Kevin Hathorn welcomed dozens of Vietnam veterans who attended the event which featured speakers such as New York State Senator Sue Serino; New York State Assemblyman Kieran Lalor; and Ken Crusie who is the brother of William "Bill" Crusie, who was one of four Wappinger residents killed in action during the Vietnam War. Additional speakers included Vietnam veterans Bob Taylor and Town of Clinton Historian Craig Marshall, Dutchess County Director of Veterans Services Adam Roche, Supervisor Thurston, and Wappinger Veterans Advisory member Randy Ross.

During the March 14, Regular

Meeting of the Wappinger Town Board, Resolution-2022-57 was unanimously adopted Proclaiming March 29, 2022, as Vietnam War Veterans Day in the Town of Wappinger. The date marks the anniversary of March 29, 1973, when the last 2,500 American combat troops were withdrawn from the battlefields of Vietnam.

Jointly, the Town and Veterans Advisory Group hosted this ceremony on this date to pay tribute to those who served and to remember the memories of those from Wappinger who were killed in action such as Major Daniel M. Martz Jr., the first Dutchess County resident to die in the war; William "Bill" Crusie, Wayne Anthony Whiteley, and Major Joseph MacDonald who is still missing in action.



COVID-19 QUICK FACTS – DUTCHESS COUNTY (as of April 3)

by Kate Goldsmith

It should be noted that active cases and community transmission rates are increasing across New York State and in Dutchess County – not dramatically at this point, but steadily. However, the CDC still rates Dutchess as a county with a low risk of transmission for fully vaccinated individuals.

Hospitalizations are up slightly; and for the first week in recent memory, there have been no deaths related to COVID-19.

Active cases: 174 (up from 125 on March 27)

Community transmission: 13.96 per 100,000 (up from 12.94 on March 27)

Hospitalizations due to COVID-19: 4 (up from 3 on March 27)

Hospitalizations of individuals with COVID-19: 9 (up from 5 on March 27)

Total deaths: 655 (unchanged from March 27)

% population 18+ with at least one dose of vaccine: 85.31 (slightly up from March 27, when it was 85.26)

% of total county population with at least one dose of vaccine: 76.85 (slightly up from 76.8 on March 27)

% of total county population that has completed their vaccine series: 69.27 (slightly up from 69.18 on March 27)

The county dashboard doesn't include data on boosters; however, according to the CDC, 51.2 percent of the county's fully vaccinated population has received a booster, up slightly from 51 percent on March 27.

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Independent Reapportionment Commission meetings set April 7-8, 11 & 14

The Dutchess County Independent Reapportionment Commission will meet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 7; Friday, April 8; and Monday, April 11; and on Thursday, April 14, from noon to 3 p.m. The purpose of these meetings is to review 2020 Census demographic data and its impact on how district lines should be drawn in Dutchess County.

The public has the right to attend in person at the Dutchess County Behavioral and Community Health Mental Hygiene Training Room at 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, or via video

conference or by phone.

Public comments may be submitted using the MS Teams Chat Function or in writing on the comment form on the IRC website - see webpage comment form.

Public Comments will also be accepted verbally, up to three minutes per person, for a total of up to thirty minutes in the aggregate at the end of the meeting. Each person may only speak once up to three minutes.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

United Way offers free transportation for COVID-19 vaccine appointments to Poughkeepsie residents

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region is partnering with Lyft to offer free rides to individuals and families, including children, needing transportation to and from COVID-19 vaccine appointments and COVID-19 booster vaccinations. The program covers up to \$50 round trip. The individual must cover any expenses beyond \$50.

The program is open to Dutchess and Orange residents in Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. It cannot be used for drive-thru vaccination sites. Medicaid recipients are not eligible for this program. They can call their Medicaid provider to cover the cost of transportation.

Sign up to receive your unique code at uwdor.org/vaccinerides and click the "apply" button. The code can be used for a round trip.

Rides can only be used as transportation to and from a vaccine clinic site. People can apply for a second code to use for transportation to and from a second vaccine and/or booster.

Hyde Park Knights of Columbus hosts 28th Annual Lenten Fish Fry

The Hyde Park Knights of Columbus will serve freshly breaded fish each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday.

Your choice of meal entrée includes: fried haddock, baked haddock w/baked potato, fried clam strips, battered shrimp OR breaded scallops. Sides include coleslaw, French fries, roll and dessert. The cost is \$14 - \$16.

Kids Portion (fish or shrimp) is \$10.

Combo Platter - includes fish fillet, scallops, shrimp and clam strips for \$19.

Side Dishes Available: Clam chowder for \$3; Side of fries for \$3; Baked Mac 'n' Cheese for kids is \$6 (full portion \$10).

Take-out only from 5 to 7 p.m. For takeout orders: order when you arrive from parking lot or call, after 4:30 p.m. at (845) 229-6111. You may also order online at <https://kofchydepark.square.site>

The Hyde Park K of C is located 1 mile north of the East Park Light on Route 9G across street from Moose Club.

Cary Institute to host party to celebrate new science building

On April 8, the Cary Institute for Ecosystem Studies will hold the Tozer Ecosystem Science Building Celebration, an indoor/outdoor party to celebrate the opening of Cary's newly re-imagined Millbrook headquarters.

A private event will be held at 3 p.m., and will include remarks by Cary President Joshua Ginsberg and others involved in the project. A public event will follow at 5 p.m. Both sessions of the event will feature small group tours and a video documenting the renovation. Attendees will gather in tents outdoors; guests are requested to dress appropriately for the weather.

Advance registration is required. Visit <https://www.caryinstitute.org/> to register for either or both events.

Note: Guests will be required to provide proof of vaccination including a booster if eligible (details in registration confirmation).

Fundraiser for VetZero set April 8

Tom Zurhellen, who writes the "Dispatches from the VFW" column for the Northern & Southern Dutchess News and Beacon Free Press, invites the public to join him for "TOMMY Z TURNS 3": A Birthday Fundraiser for VetZero on Friday, April 8, from 5 to 8 p.m., at VFW Post 170, located at 1 Violet Avenue in Poughkeepsie. There will be live music from the Carrie Zazz Band, a photo booth by Tom Duggan Photography, delicious food from Flores Food Trucks, and more.

The event is free and all are welcome - Tom requests no gifts, but asks those attending to consider a donation to keep the VetZero Heroes ride program going.

Tom is turning 53, but April also marks the 3rd anniversary for the VetZero program, which has given more than 2,000 free rides to local veterans to make their vital appointments.

VetZero Heroes is a program of Hudson River Housing Inc.

Spring Tag Sale set April 8-9

The Clinton Historical Society will hold its Spring Tag Sale on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day at the Creek Meeting House, 2433 Salt Point Turnpike in Clinton Corners. Members

will also have their famous homemade baked goods and coffee will be available for purchase.

PV Rec sets Easter Egg Hunt April 9

Pleasant Valley Rec will present an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m., at Cady Field (located behind Town Hall). Rain date is April 10, 2 p.m. There will be one Egg Hunt for children Pre-K through First Grade and another, immediately following, for children in Grades 2-5. Afterward, stick around for a little magic and fun with Bee Bee the Clown.

Remember to bring a basket to collect the eggs.

Contact Rec Director Sandy Coe at scoe@pleasantvalley-ny.gov for more information.

Penny Social at Stanford Grange April 9

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Spring Penny Social on Saturday, April 9, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. (strictly enforced) and calling begins at 7 p.m. There will be penny prizes, \$1 table, homemade baked goods, theme baskets, 50/50 drawing and door prizes. Spring and Easter items will be featured. The Grange Youth will have refreshments for sale. Total proceeds benefit continuing maintenance for the Stanford Grange Hall and the Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869 or Therese Fallon at (845) 868-1700.

Learn about volunteering at Wilderstein on April 9

Wilderstein Historic Site in Rhinebeck invites those interested in learning about volunteer opportunities at the site to attend an orientation meeting for new and returning volunteers on Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m. The orientation meeting will take place over Zoom. For more information, call the Wilderstein Office at (845) 876-4818.

Innisfree sets lecture April 20

Innisfree Garden will conclude its lunchtime lecture series via Zoom on Wednesday, April 20, at 1 p.m., via Zoom. The topic is "Romanticism at Innisfree" with Katherine H. Kerin. The cost is \$15 (free for Innisfree members); register at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/innisfreegarden>.

Hyde Park Community Forum set April 23

Dutchess County Legislators Will Truitt and Ben Geller, along with the Hyde Park Town Board, will host a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, April 23, at 10:30 a.m. Residents are invited to come and ask questions, voice their concerns and receive updates on what is being worked on currently. Hyde Park Town Hall is at 4383 Albany Post Road (Route 9). Email bgeller@dutchessny.gov for more information.

Free rabies vaccination clinic set April 23

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health and the Dutchess County SPCA will hold a rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to noon, at Clinton Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck. This is a free clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets of county residents (\$10 per animal for non-county residents). Proof of residency is required.

To receive a 3-year vaccination certificate, proof of previous rabies vaccination is required. Dogs must be on a leash; cats and ferrets must be in carriers.

Advance registration is required at www.dcsPCA.org or call (845) 452-7722, ext. 425.

Financial Literacy Seminar set April 28

Rhinebeck Bank & United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region will present a free webinar on Thursday, April 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. This free online webinar will cover "An Introduction to Credit: Important terms and best practices when applying for credit cards and loans" and "Planning for College: An introductory look at known (and unknown) college costs and how to pay for them." Register via <https://www.uwdor.org/>.

Clinton Community Day Committee will meet April 28

Volunteers are needed for the Town of Clinton's Community Day, planned for Saturday, Sept. 3. Mark your calendars for the next meeting on Thursday, April

28, at 6:30 p.m., in the Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road. Call (845-266-3204, ext. 110) or email the Highway Dept. at highway@townofclinton.com with your ideas and interests. Activities are planned from dawn to dusk with a fireworks display in the evening.

Concert set at Millbrook Library

The Millbrook Arts Group will conclude "Southland, Swing & Spain," a monthly concert series, at the Millbrook Library, 3 Friendly Lane. The final concert of the series will take place on April 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. and feature Flamenco guitar master Maria Zemantauski.

Green Fair set May 14 in Clinton

The Climate Smart Task Force of Clinton, with help from Pleasant Valley and Hyde Park, will host a Green Fair on Saturday, May 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Francis Mark Park in the Town of Clinton. More information will be available soon.

Miles of Hope Spring Brunch set May 15

Save the date for the 18th Annual Spring Brunch to benefit the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. The event will be held on Sunday, May 15, starting at 11 a.m. with a ceremony followed by a reception with catered buffet, live music, raffle/silent auction items and more.

All attendees must be fully-vaccinated.

This year, the event will be held at the Hudson River Rowing Association Boathouse at 272 North Water St. in Poughkeepsie. Honorees include BMW of the Hudson Valley, Poughkeepsie South Rotary, and Joan O'Neill & Eileen Gannon. To register and for more information, visit <https://milesofhope.org/>.

United Way to hold Celebration of Service on May 24

The United Way will hold its annual Celebration of Service on Tuesday, May 24, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. The organization will honor Adams Fairacre Farms with the Distinguished Service Award. The celebration will be held, in person. Tickets are \$150 (\$125 for United Way's nonprofit partners). The program will feature a performance by the winner of the 2022 Talent United contest. For more information, contact Susan Marchewka at (845) 471-1900 ext 3126 or email events@uwdor.org.

Wilderstein sets summer fundraiser

Wilderstein Historic Site in Rhinebeck will hold its Summer Celebration Benefit Fundraiser on Saturday, July 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. The theme is the "Roaring 20s," with food and libations, silent auction, house tours, music and fun. Visit www.wilderstein.org or call (845) 876-4818 for more information.

Abilities First to hold Golf & Tennis Classic

Abilities First's 2022 Golf & Tennis Classic will be held on Monday, Aug. 1, starting at 8:30 a.m., at The Powelton Club, 9 Old Balmville Road, Newburgh. All proceeds from the event will benefit the services and programs of Abilities First and the Foundation for Abilities First NY.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities or to reserve your spot, contact Teresa Walsh by calling (845) 485-9803, ext. 9394, emailing teresawalsh@abilitiesfirstny.org, or visiting www.AbilitiesFirstNY.org/golf-tennis.

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 our website at <http://www.vanderbiltgarden.org> or call (845) 229-6432.

COUNTY TO HOST PUBLIC FORUM DISCUSSING ADDICTION AND RECOVERY

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) will host a virtual public forum on Thursday, April 14, via Microsoft Teams, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., to discuss services and programs in Dutchess County for people in all stages of addiction and recovery. Individuals, families and community providers are encouraged to attend, and all input will help shape the county's 2023 Local Service Plans to strengthen addiction and recovery services throughout the county. Registration is required, and residents can register at dutchessny.gov/forumcomments.

The forum will review the latest substance use-related efforts and initiatives throughout Dutchess County and discuss potential changes that may be needed. The forum is part of Dutchess County's "Breaking Through" initiative, which is designed to minimize the stigma of substance abuse and facilitate access to recovery services.

The forum will offer attendees the opportunity to share their own experiences, hear from community members who found a pathway to recovery, learn about local services, and speak directly with the County's recovery service providers. In addition, Dr. Kelly Ramsey, Chief of Medical Services at the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support, will discuss COVID-19 and its impact on substance use, substance use disorder and overdoses.

For those unable to attend, or do not feel comfortable speaking in public settings, DBCH welcomes written comments and questions to be read aloud by the forum moderator. Individuals may submit comments online at dutchessny.gov/forumcomments, by email to gcollins@dutchessny.gov, fax comments to (845) 486-3691, or mail to: Addiction and Recovery Forum, 230 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

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April Programs at Pleasant Valley Library

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Friday, April 8 6:00-8:00pm

One man has seen more of the natural world than any other. In this unique documentary, David Attenborough - the renowned biologist, natural historian, broadcaster, and author - shares his concern for the current state of our planet due to humanity's impact on nature, and his hopes for the future. Join us as we partner with Pleasant Valley Climate Smart to launch their new monthly Pleasant Valley Climate Smart Movie Night with this acclaimed and timely film. Learn about PV Climate Smart's Task Force and their work to support our community in building a sustainable and balanced climate action program, one step at a time - and how you may be able to help. Registration is required - visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org

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Saturday, April 9 11:00am-1:00pm

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Face & Lymphatic Yoga:

Monday, April 11 6:30-7:30pm
(Second Monday evening of each month)
(Also held the First Friday afternoon of each month)

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

Flash Fiction:

Monday, April 11 6:30-7:45pm
(Second Monday evening of each month)

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

Chair Yoga:

Tuesday, April 12 1-2:00pm (Second Tuesday afternoon of each month)

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

Gentle Flow Yoga:

Wednesday, April 13 5:00-6:00pm
(Second Wednesday evening of each month)

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

It's a Bird... It's a Plane... It's a Poem! Demystifying the Poetic Form:

Wednesday, April 13 6:00-7:45pm

Do you walk in fear of poetry, yet feel somehow drawn to its charms and long to befriend it? If so, join us for a lively, eye-opening workshop that proves no superpowers are needed to readily interpret and enjoy poetry's baffling design. Vibrant, guided discussions, impassioned readings, video clips, and an interactive examination of poetic craft will empower you with the critical tools and adventurous spirit to enjoy those often intimidating lines of verse that secretly long to be your new best pal. This program will be hosted by Danielle Gasparro, a Hudson River Valley-based wordsmith, songstress, published poet and teaching artist. Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Pleasant Valley Climate Smart Earth Day Program - Recycled Container Gardening:

Tuesday, April 19 6:30-7:45pm

Join the Pleasant Valley Climate Smart Committee for this special container gardening program. You'll learn an easy way to save money and help mitigate climate change, by making a recycled container from a cardboard box and garbage bag, in which you can grow your own vegetables

or flowers. This planter can be used on your deck, patio or front yard - wherever you have 5-6 hours of sun. Recycled container gardening gives the benefit of fresh vegetables or flowers, and is also great for apartment dwellers or home renters. Please bring a medium-sized cardboard box, such as a liquor/wine box - other materials will be provided. Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Flamenco Guitar and Dance Performance:

Friday, April 22 7:00-8:30pm

Join local residents, classical guitarist Terry Champlin and choreographer/dancer Kati Garcia-Renart, for a special after-hours Flamenco Guitar and Dance Performance. Terry Champlin was voted Outstanding Individual Artist by Hudson Valley Council of the Arts; taught at Vassar College and Mannes College of Music in NYC; has had his compositions featured on NPR, WNYC and the Arts Nova series; and has recorded and performed widely. Kati Garcia-Renart trained in Madrid, Spain; has performed in Spain and throughout the US; and currently serves as assistant professor of dance at Bard College at Simon's Rock. Registration is required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org.

Children's Programs

"Read and Watch" Stories:

Mondays, April 11 and April 18

11:00am - Ages 4-5 years

1:00pm - Ages 6+ years

Join Miss Julie to hear a story and then watch a video of the story on our children's big screen! Registration required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org

Spring/Easter Crafts - Ages 3+ years:

Tuesday, April 12 - 11:00am and 1:00pm

Thursday, April 14 - 11:00am and 1:00pm

Join Miss Julie to create a Spring or Easter themed craft! Registration required - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org

Pre-K Storytime - Ages 3-5 years:

Tuesdays 1:00-1:45pm, for 6 weeks starting on April 26

In this 6-week program, independent children are welcome to join Miss Julie to hear a story and make a themed craft! Registration is required, and begins on Monday, April 18 - please visit pleasantvalleylibrary.org

Legislature to vote on purchase of Camp Nooteming in Pleasant Valley

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro announced he has sent a resolution to the County Legislature for the purchase of Camp Nooteming, a 272-acre camp in the Town of Pleasant Valley, from Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The County plans to partner with Pathfinder FC (Football Club) for the management and operation of the camp, including coordination of youth camp programs and facility rentals, creating a sustainable operational model with no annual operating costs to the County. Once approved, camp programs for local non-profit organizations are expected to be operational for this summer. Camp programs will be part of an array of youth and community programs offered in coordination with the County's Path to Promise (P2P) initiative.

Once approved by the Legislature's Public Works and Capital Projects Committee, the full County Legislature will vote on the property purchase at its board meeting on Monday, April 11th.

The resolution, which the Legislature's Public Works and Capital Projects Committee will consider at their April 7th meeting, will authorize a \$4.8 million appropriation from the County's General Fund balance. The \$4.8 million includes the purchase of the camp property for \$4 million, which was appraised at over \$5.2 million, as well as \$200,000 for all the existing maintenance and camp equipment such as canoes, row boats, archery equipment, bunk beds, tents, tables and chairs, mowers, tractors, and more; and an additional \$600,000 for the Department of Public Works (DPW) to make safety and ADA compliance improvements.

Existing features of the camp include:

- Administration buildings
- Program pavilion
- Professional-grade sports fields (including stands, lighting, and press box)
- Camping accommodations (includ-

ing rustic cabin and tent sites)

- Archery and rifle ranges
- Commercial kitchen
- Hiking trails
- Outdoor pools

County Legislator representing the Town of Pleasant Valley and vice-chair of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee, Don Sagliano said, "This camp has the potential to become a vital tool for building brighter futures. I am grateful to County Executive Molinaro for his vision in seeing that potential. I am proud to support this resolution and bring a new opportunity for out-of-school experiences to the youth of Dutchess County."

The County conducted a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) process for a facility operator for Camp Nooteming earlier this year to ensure summer camp programs could occur for the upcoming summer season following the property purchase. Pathfinder FC, who currently has a lease on the property for soccer facilities, was chosen as the camp operator.

The organization will be responsible for expanding programming at the camp to support the County's Path to Promise (P2P) initiative, including career exploration and building leadership skills. P2P strives to provide young people ages 0-19 the necessary community resources to become successful young adults, focuses on fostering physical and mental health as well as building family and social relationships, among other metrics for success.

County Legislator and Assistant Majority Leader Deirdre Houston, who also represents the Town of Pleasant Valley, said, "Camp Nooteming has been synonymous with fun and outdoor exploration for generations of young people. I encourage my fellow Legislators to support this resolution and continue this great tradition and further improve quality of life for Dutchess County's young people."



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Through a partnership with the Office of the County Executive and Dutchess Tourism, AMH is pleased to partner with arts organizations to support capacity building initiatives and implement arts offerings. We seek partners that have a history of achievement in the arts, good management, stable finances, and self-sustaining programs with the potential to make a measurable impact.

Capacity Building Initiatives support

initiatives which grow the capacity of arts and cultural organizations in Dutchess County.

Programmatic Support funds may be used for arts and cultural events, new and existing, which engage visitors and residents of Dutchess County.

The deadline to apply is May 10, 2022. Complete information is available at:

<https://www.artsmidhudson.org/dutchess-partners-in-the-arts>

Arts Mid-Hudson offers in-depth assistance to applicants to Dutchess Partners in the Arts. Applicants are encouraged to attend a Zoom Q&A session or make an appointment to discuss their ideas with the Grants & Programs Manager.




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Finding treasures and exploring shopping in colonial Dutchess County

by Will Tatum

The scenario is almost like something out of a treasure-hunting adventure.

Some years back, an unnamed individual dropped a tattered leather-bound volume off at the dump in the Town of Washington. An eagle-eyed observer picked up the book, saw that it was quite old, and brought it to the Millbrook Historical Society. Last summer, the Millbrook Historical Society loaned the volume to the Dutchess County Clerk's Office as part of County Clerk Brad Kendall's Archival Imaging Initiative.

Through this program, Dutchess County produces high quality digital copies of rare and vital historical manuscripts, ensuring that the information contained within them is preserved and made available to the public.

The tattered volume in question was just such a treasure: It preserved lists of goods purchased from Samuel Mabbett's store in 1773 and 1774. The store stood close by the Nine Partners Meeting House, which still stands today along Route 343 near the Village of Millbrook, though the current two-story brick building post-dates Mabbett's original store. Kept by his son Joseph Mabbett, the several hundred pages of scrawled handwriting preserve the names of Dutchess County residents as far afield as modern Dover and Stanford.

As if hinting that imperial tensions were reaching a boiling point even in central Dutchess, Joseph inscribed the following line just inside the cover: "God save the King, and Bless the Land; In plenty Joy and peace, God grant henceforth that foul debates twixt Noble men may cease."

While Mabbett's wish for harmony was years away from fulfillment, con-

cerns over potential war do not appear to have severely affected the family business. Between July 1-7, 1773, Joseph recorded 292 transactions. While that might not sound like a huge number for a week's worth of business, shopping in eighteenth-century Dutchess County was a little more involved than a dash down Route 9 is today.

Consider that customers had to either walk, ride a horse, or travel in a wagon to reach the Mabbett store, with travel times probably adding up to the better part of a full day. Once on site, shoppers had to navigate a different approach to the shopping experience. Instead of wandering through aisles choosing products, customers would likely have placed an order at a front counter with store staff, who fetched the items for them, probably from secure storage.

Paying for merchandise was both different and similar to today's shopping: practically everything was purchased on credit. However, where we use credit cards today, customers in 1773 used store credit, settling their accounts in-kind with items brought from their farms and business to pay off their bills. Dutchess County, New York, and the rest of British North America was light on hard cash, on purpose: Authorities in London did not want their colonists purchased goods from Dutch, French, or Spanish merchants. Severely restricting the gold and silver supply ensured that Dutchess County residents were confined within the British imperial system, but also made credit a necessity and settling debts a complicated business.

So what makes the Mabbett Store Ledger especially valuable?

Most the ledgers recording store pur-



Above is an interior shot of pages 94 and 95 of the Mabbett Store Ledger, recording purchases made between July 3-5, 1773. Image courtesy of Millbrook Historical Society/Dutchess County Clerk

chases in this period did not preserve much detail on what customers purchased. Instead, storekeepers emphasized the math involved in tracking debt and credit transactions. Most books were divided with a record of the debt (purchases) on the left page and credit (usually bartered goods) on the right page. The goal was for the math to add up to the same number in each column, which signaled a balanced account.

Recording what a customer purchased was incidental to the process, so many of the surviving store ledgers simply show numbers or such helpful descriptions as "sundrys" in the debit column. In contrast, the Mabbett Store Ledger only lists what was purchased: it was probably kept on the spot at the front counter to record transactions at these happened, with the data being entered into a formal double-entry ledger later.

So what were the most popular purchases in early July 1773 in central Dutchess? Textiles and related items (like pins and thread) topped the list at 27 percent of all transactions. The most popular item within that set was fabric sold by the yard, especially linen, which would have been used for men's shirts and women's shifts, the underwear of the day. Liquor was next on the list of popular purchases, with rum leading the pack: 45 out of the 52 liquor purchases were for rum.

And we are not speaking of small quantities here: Joseph Mabbett was selling rum at a minimum quantity of a half-gallon, with many purchases in multiple gallons. One must note that contemporary people used rum to preserve certain parts of the harvest, particularly fruit, but some approaches to consuming alcohol have not changed much over time. Customers also purchased brandy and wine, but there are no indications of whisky sales for those who might prefer a good single malt today.

Manufactured goods and prepared foods accounted for the remaining transactions. The main idea of the British colonial system was to extract raw materials (like iron from eastern Dutchess), bring those materials back to Great Britain, turn them into finished products, and then sell them back to the colonies.

The presence of iron furnaces and

blacksmiths in Dutchess County from an early period complicated that story and it may well be that some of the items purchased from the Mabbetts were made locally. Scythes and sickles, which accounted for 26 out of the 45 transactions, could certainly be made by a local blacksmith. Cast-iron kettles, settles of tableware (specifically knives and forks), tea pots, and teacups were more likely to be imported from abroad.

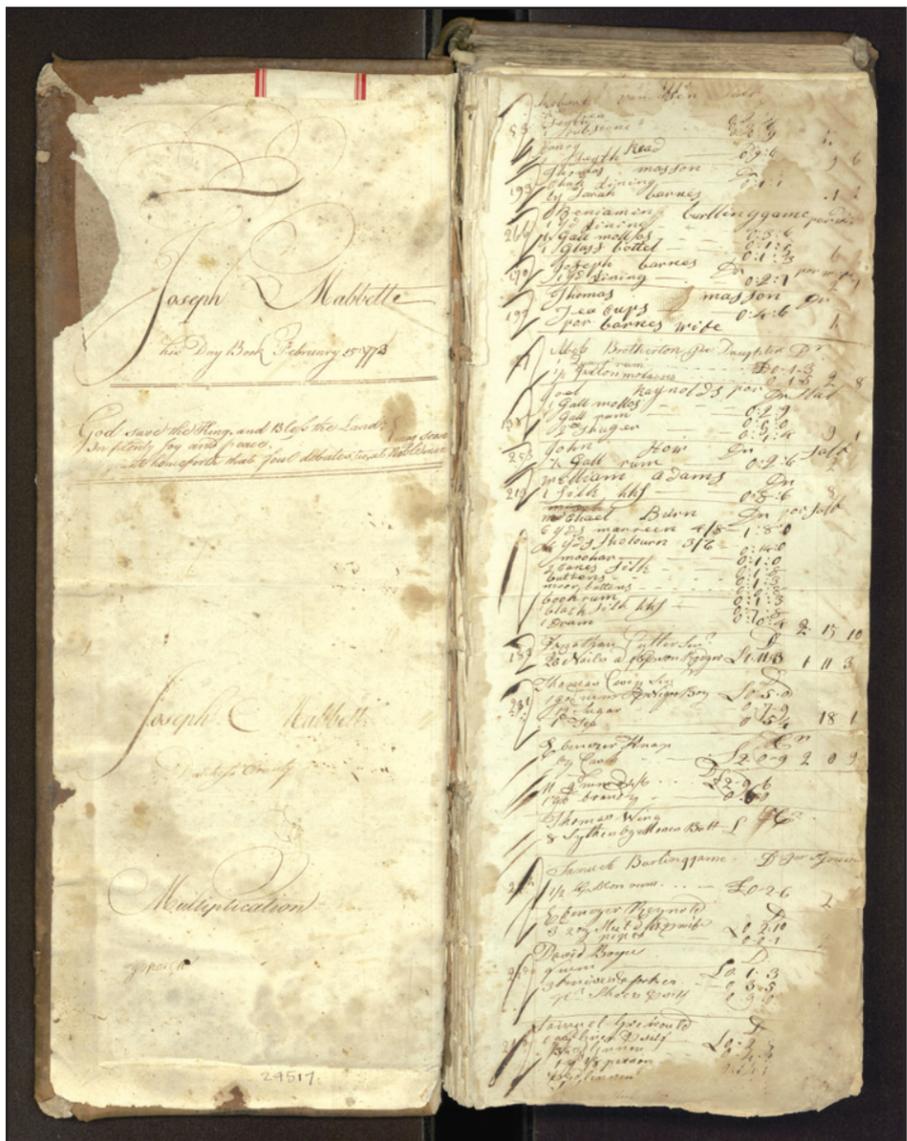
The prepared foods similarly reflected items that could not be produced onsite in Dutchess, with tea and sugar topping the chart. There was neither a Harney's, nor even a Millerton, for the residents of 1773 to visit. Customers also purchased ink horns for writing, spelling books for school, and a rat trap.

While the data contained within the Mabbett Store Ledger may not be surprising for historians, it is nevertheless vital for the study of our shared past, particularly in light of the approaching 250th anniversary of the Revolution. The ledger offers us a rare view into daily life, one with which we can find many parallels today.

We certainly visit the grocery store more frequently than our predecessors, but we probably all buy sugar, salt, and tea at some point. Practically all of the manufactured goods purchased today are produced far from Dutchess, New York, and even the United States. The realities of a global economy are nothing new: The denizens of 1773 knew the consequences of its rises and falls well. Most of all, the Mabbett Store Ledger reminds us to be careful with those rare survivals from our local past. It is not uncommon to encounter mystery items in garages, attics, basements, and laundry rooms. If you encounter a weird old book or other potentially historic item, run it by your local historical society or me before consigning it to the trash heap. Thank you to all the eagle-eyed observers who, like our friend at the dump, have saved rare survivals of our past for future generations to study.

Will Tatum earned his Ph.D. in History at Brown University in 2016 and has served as the Dutchess County Historian since 2012.

The Mabbett Store Ledger, opened to the first surviving page shows Joseph Mabbett's inscription. Image courtesy of Millbrook Historical Society/Dutchess County Clerk



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Italian Diet

Pop offers his take on losing weight.

When my father comes into the restaurant in the mornings, it is by far the best part of the day. Pop comes in full of pepper and it's the best time to talk to him.

I had been on a diet for a few months and I wanted to tell Pop how much weight I lost. As you can imagine, it was not an easy conversation to have.

Me: Hi Pop!
 Pop: Hey Luigi. Whatsa going on?
 Me: Not too much, Pop.
 Pop: Whatsa a matter for you. Youa looka like you gotta ask me something.
 Me: No Pop. I just wanted to tell you something.
 Pop: If itsa bad news, I dowanna know. Please. Whatsa wrong.
 Me: Nothing's wrong, Pop, listen...
 Pop: Whatever you do, don't tell me. Ima no gonna sleep tonight.
 Me: What? No, Pop, listen please...
 Pop: Ima nota gonna listen to you. Basta (enough)
 Me: No, But I just wanted tell y....
 Pop: Youa car isa broken?
 Me: I don't know. Pop, listen.
 Pop: Well you know ita is a kinda old. Youa gotta problems with it?
 Me: No, Pop!!!!!! I need to tell you something! Please listen!
 Pop: Whya youa getta so mad. Youa need to rilasar (relax). What is it?
 Me: I LOST TWENTY POUNDS!!!
 Pop: Really? Where?
 Me: What?
 Pop: Listen, whena I was little in Italia, we were always hungry. It wasa duringa the war and we no havea nothing. Buta your nonna always made sure we hada something to eat.
 Me: What?
 Pop: Youa shutup anda listen. We hada the pig once, but the Nazi's theya

steal it. Another time we hadda the polli (chickens), theya would steal those too. But no matter what we always hadda something.

Me: Pop. I don't understand.
 Pop: Listena, youa very smart. Ita no matter what you don't put ina your mouth. It only matter what youa put ina your mouth. Capisce (understand)?
 Me: Huh?
 Pop: No matter how mucha you try to no eat, you always gonna eata something youra not supposed to. Maka sure you move around enough so you cana makea the mistake.
 Me: I guess ... You know Pop, somehow you can say something that make absolutely no sense at all and yet it makes perfect sense.
 Pop: Thatsa what I mean! Nowa tasta the scarole (escarole) Ima making.
 Me: Ok Pop. Thanks. I think.
 I guess he was happy I lost weight. I'm not sure, though.

SAUSAGE WITH ESCAROLE AND WHITE BEANS

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound Italian sausage
- 2 small onions, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 small can white beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 small head escarole, roughly chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan

Method

• Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook the sausage, turning occasionally, until browned and cooked through, about 10 minutes.

• Transfer to a cutting board and let rest at least 5 minutes before slicing.

• Add onions to the pan and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until soft, about 6 minutes. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, 1 minute more.

• Add the wine and broth and bring to a boil. Add the beans, escarole, salt, and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until the escarole wilts, 3 minutes.

• Spoon into bowls and top with the

Parmesan. Serve with the sausage and a hot loaf of Italian bread.

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

HV History Reading Festival set April 23 at Wallace Center

The Henry A. Wallace Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library & Home will present the Hudson Valley History Reading Festival on Saturday, April 23. The event will take place in person and streamed live on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter.

Register to attend in person at <https://www.fdrlibrary.org/>; go to Events-Events Calendar & Registration.

The schedule:
 10:00 a.m.
 A.J. Schenkman
 "Patriots and Spies in Revolutionary New York"

11:00 a.m.
 Robert Titus and Johanna Titus
 "The Catskills in the Ice Age: Third

Edition, Revised and Expanded"

1:00 p.m.
 Russell Dunn & Barbara Delaney
 "Paths to the Past: History Hikes through the Hudson River Valley, Catskills, Berkshires, Taconics, Saratoga & Capital Region"

2:00 p.m.
 Shannon Butler
 "Roosevelt Homes of the Hudson Valley: Hyde Park and Beyond"

The Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library is at 4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park. Call (845) 486-7745 or email clifford.laube@nara.gov for more information.

DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 18 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

Stars
 Stop at each star (★), then skip to the next number and start your line again.
 End ★ 117

By David Kalvitis

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Alternative High School students moving to Salt Point campus

Due to ongoing facilities difficulties at the Dutchess BOCES Alternative High School (AHS), students will be moving to schools at the Salt Point campus after Spring Break. AHS students will be attending remote classes until after Spring Break through April 19 and returning to in-person instruction at the 5 BOCES Road location on Wednesday, April 20.

"The health and safety of our students and staff is always, and will always be, our highest priority," said Deputy Superintendent Jodi Delucia. "We know this is a big move in a short time, but it is necessary and in the best interest of our students."

Additionally, all students from Salt Point Center and the Career and Technical Institute will be remote on Tuesday, April 19 to allow for a smooth transition.

The AHS is located in a rented facility at 900 Dutchess Turnpike that is occupied by manufacturing businesses in addition to the school building. The building is not meeting the needs and expectations of BOCES for a positive learning environment. As a renter, BOCES is unable to control the systems that are causing

concern.

Currently, the capital project to build the new high school on the Salt Point campus is in full swing. The grand opening of the new building is anticipated in the fall of the 2022-2023 school year.

"Right now, the best thing for students is to return to in-person learning. While the new construction is not yet complete, we have identified spaces that may be used on the Salt Point campus temporarily to make in person learning a reality for our Alternative High School students," Delucia said.

"Our number one priority is to provide all students in our care a safe, healthy, and positive learning environment," said District Superintendent Jason Schetelick.

This temporary consolidation plan includes moving some professional employees to remote work to accommodate space needs, as well as relocating some classes within the Salt Point Center and the Career and Technical Institute.

Dutchess BOCES will continue to work with school districts, transportation, and support service providers to make the transition as smooth as possible. BOCES will communicate regularly with our community stakeholders.

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.

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

ACROSS

1. And so forth, for short
4. Mex.'s neighbor
7. Jewish month
11. Cone topper
13. Unspectacular
15. Actor Lugosi
16. 1965's Best Picture Oscar winner
19. List
20. Natural liking
21. Running game
23. Pouch
24. Madre's title: abbr.
27. Memory slip
30. "Hell ___ no fury..."
34. Long pole
36. Tara visitor
38. Luau dish
39. Trained horse
40. Silent assent
41. Dividend
43. Sunset State: abbr.
44. Rocket stage
46. Covenants
47. Actress Harper
49. Common contraction
51. "Holy Toledo!"
52. Rocky hill
54. Wise king, to friends, perhaps?
56. Those who don't stand up for themselves
61. Charge for having one's car pulled
66. Irving Berlin musical
68. Decorative button
69. Magazine title
70. Tries to lose
71. Rubber tube
72. Building site
73. Patriots' goals, for short

DOWN

1. Repeat
2. Ballerina's support
3. Price
4. Mil. branch
5. Sweet drink
6. ___ now; from here on
7. "Thanks ___!"
8. Lucie's dad
9. Dismounted
10. Risqué
11. Streptomycin: abbr.
12. Keats or Yeats
14. Balance
17. Russia's ___ Mountains
18. Sinatra's third
22. Actor James ___
24. Look steadily
25. Sieves taters
26. Thirst quencher
28. E-mail alternative
29. Family cars
31. Swiftly
32. Rich cake
33. Rushes
34. Dick and Jane's dog
35. La's forerunner
37. Small meas.
42. No beauty queen
45. Place for 29 Down
48. Walk
50. Movie dog
53. Cockney's residence
55. Raucous
56. Punctuation mark
57. Preposition
58. Burden
59. Relate
60. French commune
62. Decree
63. Over the hill
64. Boldness
65. Letters
67. Up to now

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The solutions to both the Sudoku & Crossword puzzles can be found on page 18

A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

Through April 10

"Into the Breeches!" The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. CENTERstage Productions presents a modern and moving comedy written by George Brant. It's 1942 in Rhinebeck, New York and all of the men are off at war, including all of the leading players of the local community theater. But with an ambitious season of Shakespeare's Henry IV, Parts 1 and 2, and Henry V on the horizon, how could the show possibly go on? Enter a group of wildly determined and passionate — albeit inexperienced — women who are determined to keep the theater's doors open. Directed by Christine Crawfis. Performances: April 8 & 9, 8 p.m.; Sun., April 10, 3 p.m. Tickets \$25. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Friday, April 8

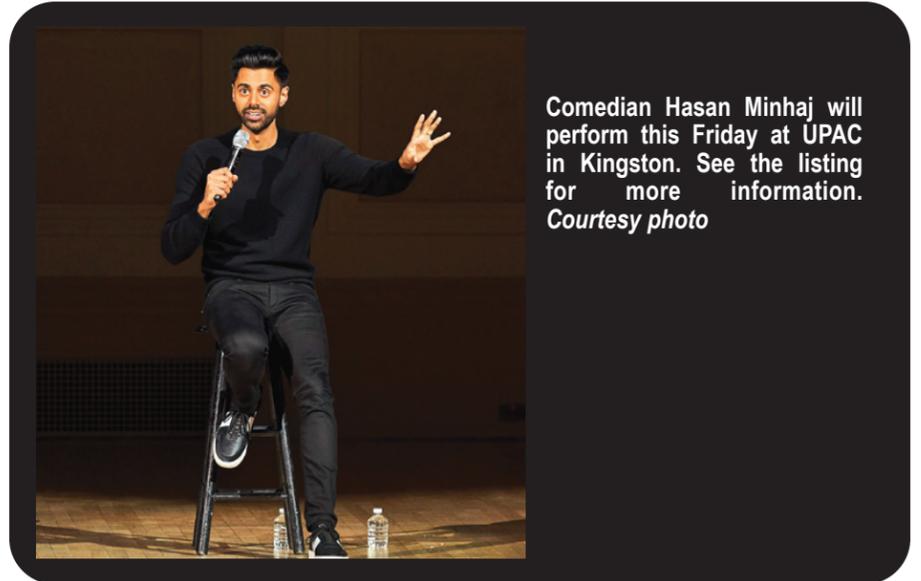
Hasan Minhaj: "The King's Jester Tour," UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. Creator and host of the weekly comedy show "Patriot Act with Hasan Minhaj" on Netflix and former "Daily Show" correspondent, 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$51. Must be 13 or older to attend. (845) 473-5288, (845) 339-6088 or boxoffice@bardavon.org

Nate Bargatze: "The Raincheck Tour," MJN Convention Center, 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Bargatze's comedy is both clean and relatable, featuring all-new material, 7 p.m. Tickets \$36-\$66. www.ticketmaster.com or (845) 454-5800

Pousette-Dart Band, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Longtime performer & recording artist Jon Pousette-Dart has led various incarnations of the band since the 1970s, when they were a mainstay of album-oriented radio, 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$30 door. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

April 9-10

Kids on Stage presents "Romeo and Juliet," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. This abridged production of William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" is part of The Center's annual Shakespeare Festival and features Kids on Stage actors in the lead roles. Performances: Sat., 3 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org



Comedian Hasan Minhaj will perform this Friday at UPAC in Kingston. See the listing for more information. *Courtesy photo*

Saturday, April 9

Chamber Music at The Stissing Center, 2950 Church St., Pine Plains. This trio of talented emerging artists brings Tchaikovsky to The Stissing Center: American/Hungarian pianist Julia Hamos, violinist Abigail Kralik, and cellist Sterling Elliot (2021 Avery Fisher Grant winner), 4 p.m. Tickets \$25 advance, \$5 students. (518) 771-3340 or <https://thestissingcenter.org/>

"Three Little Pigs," The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, 661 Rte. 308, Rhinebeck. Using beautifully designed puppets, colorful sets, humor, and audience participation, The Puppet People's retelling of this classic story features familiar fairy tale characters that engage audiences of all ages, 11 a.m. All tickets \$10. (845) 876-3080 or www.centerforperformingarts.org

Watch how mentalism works at Towne Crier Café April 7

by Kristine Coulter

Looking for a unique show to attend? Well, on April 7 at 8 p.m. at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main St., in Beacon, mind reader Vinny DePonto will show his special talent during his show. The show is suggested for 15 years and older.

So, what does a mind reader do?

"A mentalist is essentially a magician whose audiences' minds are the central focus of the show. Their thoughts and the ways they can be manipulated are an essential piece of the experience," explained DePonto, who has had a critically acclaimed Off-Broadway show, "Charlatan." He was nominated for a Drama Desk Award as well as voted Time Out NY Critics Pick.

It was when he was younger, said DePonto, that he became interested in magic and its craft. Then when he was matriculating in college, DePonto became interested in the "psychology of the magic experience," he said.

"Why it (magic) works - why it's important - and why it resonates at such a universal level. Mentalism/Mind Reading felt like a more personal sect of magic that connected me with my audience in a much deeper way - so as I became more interested in involving the audience my work became more about them," said DePonto.

Asked what the feedback will be, DePonto replied, "Hopefully positive! There have been a few unruly folks who've approached my stage manager after and demanded answers to my methods. But usually everyone has a delightful time!"

For those who plan to attend the show, DePonto suggested, "Come with a desire to have fun. I will never embarrass you on stage and never make you uncomfortable - but just know there's no place to hide."

For tickets, visit <https://www.townecrier.com/>.

Mind reader Vinny DePonto will perform at the Towne Crier Café in Beacon on April 7 at 8 p.m. *Courtesy photo*



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High-schoolers can submit 2022 Congressional Art Competition entries through April 29

U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado (NY-19) announced the guidelines for the Congressional Art Competition for the high schoolers in the district. The winner will have their art displayed in the U.S. Capitol.

All submissions will be collected digitally at NY19.Art@mail.house.gov. All high school students who are residents of New York's 19th Congressional District are eligible to submit entries to Delgado's office. Each student may submit one piece of art to the competition.

If students are unsure of who their Congressman is, they can check the U.S. House of Representatives' "Find Your Representative" tool here to find which congressional district they reside in.

Images of the artwork must be received via email no later than Friday, April 29, 2022 and a release form must be submitted along with each submission. Rules for submission and additional requirements can be found at <https://delgado.house.gov/>



The Congressional Art Competition's 2021 winning piece from District 19 was "Vulpin," by Amelia Booth of Franklin D Roosevelt High School, shown on display in the U.S. Capitol. Courtesy photo

Upcoming events at Morton Library

Oblong Books Presents
Samantha Hunt: The Unwritten Book
Friday, April 8 @ 6:30 pm
(at Morton)

From Samantha Hunt, the award-winning author of "The Dark Dark," comes "The Unwritten Book," her first work of nonfiction, a genre-bending creation that explores the importance of books, the idea of haunting, and messages from beyond.

Tickets are free. Registration is required. Oblong will have books available for purchase.

Benji Kaplan Release Concert
"Something Here Inside"
Thursday, April 14 @ 6:30 pm
With "Something Here Inside" Benji Kaplan explores the music of Cole Porter,

Jerome Kern, Rodgers & Hart and Gershwin with his very own personal intricate lush guitar harmonies that combine sounds of Stravinsky, Ellington, Villa Lobos and Debussy all wrapped up in his unique Brazilian jazz concept.

This concert is free and open to the public.

Richard's Rhinecliff Acoustic Show
Friday, April 15 @ 8:00 pm
Featuring: Fisher and Kean, Todd Young, Paul Maloney, and more.
Donations to benefit the Morton lighting project are suggested.

Morton Memorial Library is at 82 Kelly St. in Rhinecliff. Call (845) 876-2903 for more information.

Starr Library events in April

Graphic Novels for Tweens
Thursday, April 7, 4 p.m.

Why graphic novels, you ask? Not only are they cool, but just like traditional novels, graphic novels have exciting and complex plots, characters, conflicts and explore many complex social issues of our day. The plots have twists and turns. Characters are developed and dynamic. Conflicts are presented, unwound, and resolved like they are in other texts. The only difference is that graphic novels have more images to support the development. In graphic novel club, we explore what we love about graphic novels, while getting to make new friends with common interests. This club includes writing, drawing and art making with words.

Mysteries Around the World Book Club
"The Gods of Guilt" by Michael Connelly
Tuesday, April 12, 1 p.m.

Starr Book Group
"Klara and the Sun" by Kazuo Ishiguro
Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m.
Online and print copies will be available to check out through the MHLS catalog.

Special Programs ADULT PROGRAMS

Starr Stitchers
Monday, April 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
?Starr Stitchers meets in person at the Starr Library every first and third Monday of the month. A stitcher is anyone who does any or many types of

embroidery and needlework, from beginner to advanced. All stitchers welcome.

Civil War Era Songs of the Irish Brigade: A Live Music Event
Saturday - April 23, 3-4 p.m.
Come and listen to the musical talents of the Irish band The Veterans in a New Field as they run through a varied playlist of historic Irish songs from the Civil War.

Starr Board Meeting
Thursday, April 28, 5:30 p.m.
Open to all community members who would like to attend.

Friends of Starr Library Book Sale
Friday & Saturday, April 29-30
During open hours

YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Super Lego Hour
Every Tuesday, 4-5 p.m.
Choose from our large selection of Legos for elementary-aged youth, as well as, our DUPLOS for younger kiddos. All works will be displayed in the library for a week.

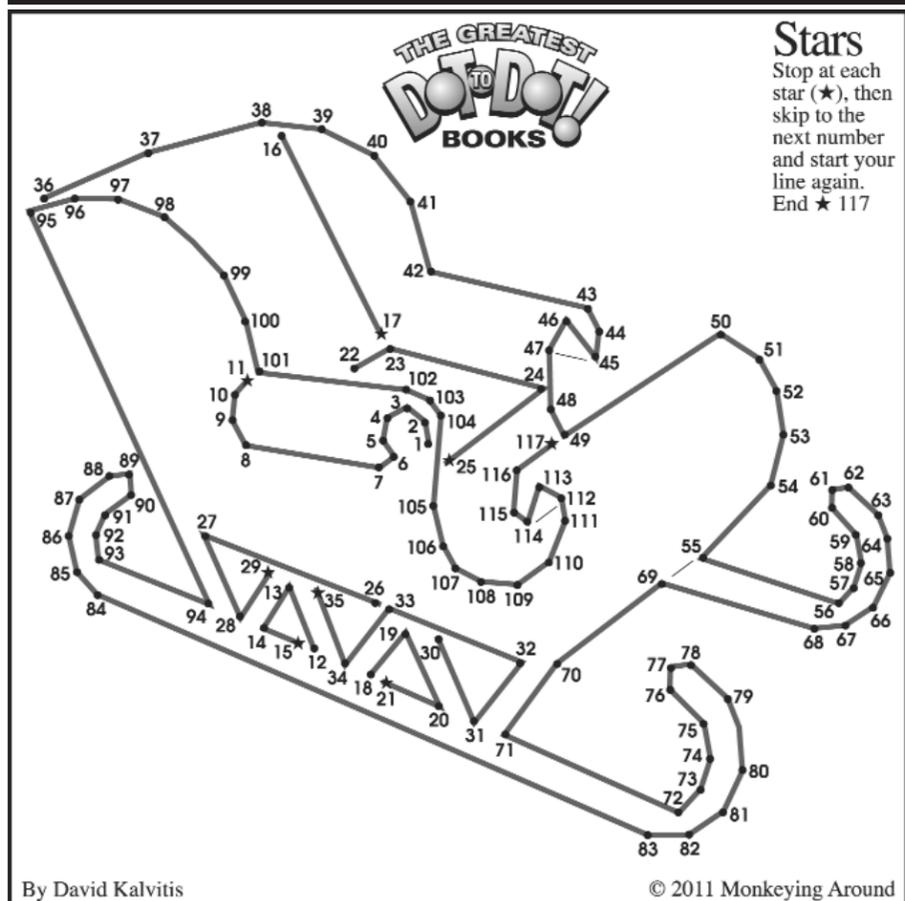
Spring Celebration Cookie Decorating Workshop
Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.-noon

Join us in celebrating Spring with this homemade cookie decorating workshop. Learn some tricks and tips from experienced cookie artist, Teresa Corrigan. Don't forget to register in advance so we have enough supplies! This workshop is open to children ages 6 and up and their guardians. We will have all the supplies.

Symphony Storytime
Saturday, April 9, 1-2 p.m.

Join us along with members of the The Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra, for a very special event for children (K-3rd grade preferred) and their guardians. This program pairs the award winning book, Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln by Margarita Engle and Rafael López with a stunning orchestral accompaniment. This program will be lively and interactive. Registration is required.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 15)



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

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April events at Clinton Community Library

April is Earth Month at Clinton Community Library. There will be seed packets for a Pollinator Mix of flowers available when you stop by the library all month. Kids' story times this month will focus on awareness and conservation (see below). And on Earth Day, April 22, the library will host a library movie night at 5:30pm featuring Intelligent Trees, a 45-minute documentary, followed by a short discussion time. Finally, join us for a Bird Walk thanks to the Waterman Bird Club on April 30 at 9:30am followed by making a bird feeder to take home (wear boots and bring binoculars if you have them).

Adult Programming

- Pollinator Pathways: Property Management is Saturday, 4/2 at 10am (in person)
- Cabin Fever Share 'n' Tell Discussion Group meets Monday, 4/4 at 2pm (in person)
- Clothes Make the Country will be Tuesday, 4/5 at 7pm (virtual)
- Dog Behavior Basics is Thursday,

- 4/7 at 12:30pm (virtual)
- Deer Defense is Tuesday, 4/12 at 6pm (virtual)
- Tea Time Book Club meets Thursday, 4/14 at 2pm (virtual)
- Global Literature Book Club meets Monday, 4/18 at 7pm (virtual)
- Earth Day movie night: Intelligent Trees, 4/22 from 5:30-6:30pm (in person)
- Shredding Event open to the public on 4/23 from 9-11am (in person)
- Lunch & Learn series starts again in April: Greetings from Mawenawasic: Exploring the Lands and Waters of the Wappingers People will be 4/28 at 12:30pm (in person)
- Bird Walk will be 4/30 at 9:30am (in person)
- Mah Jongg meets weekly on Tuesdays at 2pm (in person)
- QiGong with Vince: Ongoing Mondays & Wednesdays 9:30am (virtual)
- All-Level Yoga with Mia: Ongoing Wednesdays 6pm & Saturdays 10am (virtual)
- Chair Yoga: Ongoing Fridays at

11am (in person alternate weeks and virtual every week)

Children and Teen Programming

- High School Battle of the Books Info Session is April 2 at 12pm
- Storytime on the Dot preK storytime every Tuesday at 10:30am (in person) - (April 5: Spring Stories; April 12: Planting a Bean Seed; April 19: The Earth)
- Story Seekers storytime for K+up Thursday 4/7 at 4pm "We Are All Gardeners"
- Making Connections storytime for 4+up Thursday 4/14 at 4pm "Build a Forest"
- Kids' Take & Make for spring break: week of April 10 Make a Peeps Diorama

(register online to pick up materials kit at the library)

- Mind Time, a group for school-aged kids who want to build critical thinking skills through games, building projects, and socializing with peers. Meets second and fourth Mondays, 4/11 & 4/25 from 1pm-2:30pm. Registration required.

Most programs require registration. Call the library at (845) 266-5530, check the website calendar at www.clintoncommunitylibrary.org, or email clinton-lib1215@gmail.com to sign up, or for more information.

Clinton Community Library is at 1215 Centre Road in Rhinebeck, adjacent to the Clinton Town Hall.

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OBITUARIES

Gerald J. 'Jerry' Gates

PLEASANT VALLEY – Gerald J. Gates, "Jerry" of Pleasant Valley passed away at Vassar Medical Center on March 21, 2022. He was 83 years old. Gerald was born on November 20, 1938, the son of William Howard and Mildred Rogers Gates. He was a local resident of Pleasant Valley most of his life. His work life included many years as the VP of Operations for Hoe Inc. in Poughkeepsie, NY. Over the years, he also worked as a draftsman, talented woodworker and finish carpenter for multiple employers. Gerald was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley. Gerald is survived by his partner of 26 years, Lorraine Votypka of Pleasant Valley, NY, his son Kevin J. Gates and Charyl Slezak of Rhinebeck, son Michael W. Gates and Sara Healy of Pleasant Valley, daughter Jill M. Karn and her husband Jeffrey of Poughkeepsie, daughter Dayle E. Gates and Michael Paul of San Diego, son Timothy P. Gates and his wife Jackie of Pleasant Valley, and son Steven P. Gates and his wife Jamie of Pleasant Valley. Bonus children Michael Votypka and partner Abigail and Kim Kozlowski and husband Bill of Wappingers Falls. He is also survived by his brother Richard Gates and his wife Joanne of Wappingers Falls and sister-in-law Virginia Gates of Pleasant Valley as well as 14 grandchildren, and multiple nieces and nephews. Gerald was predeceased by his brother Thomas Gates and his brother and sister-in-law William and Patricia Gates. Funeral services were held April 2, 2022, at St Paul's Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie, New York. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. If you would like to leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.doylefuneralhome.com.

Susan Gayz

STAATSBURG – Susan Gayz, 56, of Staatsburg died on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at home with her family by her side. Born, September 3, 1965, in Mt. Vernon. Daughter of the late Walter "Wally" and Patricia Gayz. Susie worked for the Poughkeepsie School District as an Administrative Assistant where she was well liked and respected. She is survived by her two sisters, Patricia McAnaney and Kathleen Otis, of Staatsburg and her husband Philip Otis. She is also survived by her niece Katrina Otis and fiance Cameron Harris; her nephew Joshua Otis and wife Kayla. Along with her parents she was also predeceased by her brother Walter Gayz Jr. on October 21, 1990. Calling hours were held on Wednesday March 30th, at Sweet's Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY 12538. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on Thursday March 31st, at Regina Coeli

Church, 2 Harvey St., Hyde Park, NY 12538. Entombment followed in the community mausoleum at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.

Manuel Perillo, Jr.

LAGRANGE – Manuel Perillo, Jr., age 79, an area resident for 36 years and formerly of the Bronx, passed away on March 27, 2022 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center. He was born on December 18, 1942 in New York, NY to the late Manuel and Mary (Casal) Perillo. On November 27, 1986, he married the love of his life MJ Marie St. George-Perillo at the Marist College Chapel in Poughkeepsie, NY. Manuel proudly served in the United States Army and began his career as a police officer for the City of Mount Vernon. He then transferred to the Town of Greenburgh Police Department where he proudly served for over 20 years as a police officer and detective until his retirement in 1988. In his younger years, Manuel loved to go horseback riding and hunting. He was very proud of his Spanish heritage and enjoyed visiting family in Spain. He loved being outside, doing yardwork, gardening, and was very meticulous about maintaining his lawn. When his children were growing up, he loved to watch and coach their sports teams. Surviving him are his loving wife MJ Marie St. George-Perillo; his beloved children: Manny (Valerie) of Hopewell Junction, NY, Stephen (Jamie) of Hopewell Junction, NY, Philip (Ashley Klepach) of Beaver, PA, and Deanna of La Grange, NY; and his grandchildren Justin, Austin, Maia, and Lucas; his siblings Frank Perillo (Nancy), and Louis Perillo (Louise); his nieces and nephew: Jennifer, Nancy Ann, Sherry and Louis; as well as many dear cousins and his granddog Koby. Calling hours took place on Wednesday March 30, 2022 at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. 895 Rt. 82 Hopewell Junction, NY. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Denis Church in Hopewell, followed by a burial afterwards in St. Denis Cemetery. Donations may be made in memory of Manuel to either the Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org or Tunnels to Towers www.t2t.org. Please visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Caroline A. McEnroe

AMENIA – Caroline A. McEnroe, a long-time resident of Amenia, NY passed away on Monday, March 28, 2022 at Sharon Health Care Center in Sharon, CT. Born in the Bronx, she was the daughter of Patrick and Annie Marie Fay. On April 16, 1955 she married William T. McEnroe who predeceased her on March 21, 1998. Mrs. McEnroe was a long-time parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. Mrs. McEnroe is survived by two daughters, Colleen McEnroe and her husband, Philip Evans, of Bethesda, MD and Peggy Ann McEnroe of Amenia and two sons,

Patrick McEnroe and his wife, Lisa, of Rhinebeck and Kieran McEnroe of Amenia. She is also survived by a sister, Agnes Redmond and her husband, James; seven grandchildren, four nephews and five nieces. In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. McEnroe was predeceased by a brother, John Fay; two sisters, Marion J. Fay and Teresita Fay, RSHM and her grandson, Gavin McEnroe. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Road, Amenia, NY with Rev. R. Kent Wilson. Burial followed at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Immaculate Conception Church, 4 Lavelle Road, Amenia, NY 12501 or the Cardinal Hayes Home for Children, PO Box CH, Millbrook, NY 12545-0140. For directions or to send the family an online condolence, please visit www.hufcutfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Rolff

RHINEBECK – Patricia Rolff passed away peacefully in Wilkes Barre Pennsylvania on October 21st, 2021. Pat was born in London, England in 1934. As a child, survived the World War Two and the Battle of Britain. She often told stories of the war and sheltering in the Underground. Pat grew up with her brother, Budge who survives her. After the war, Pat became a Stewardess with B.O.A.C., now British Airways. It was a time of elegance in air travel, and she was quite suited to the role of hosting, helping, serving, and ensuring passengers on the 16-hour Atlantic crossings were comfortable. In New York, she met, and married her first husband, Dr. Ira Wender. She emigrated to the United States in 1957 while continuing to work for the airlines New York office. They had one son, Ian who survives them both. Pat was married to Howard Dinsmore in 1971. She moved to Pawling, New York with Howard and his four daughters, Karen, Gail, Cathy, and Mary where they built a home on Quaker Hill. Together with Howard, she had a son, Adam who survives along with his wife, Jennifer, and Pat's granddaughter, Ahna. Pat became a Naturalized US Citizen in 1976. She often described how proud she was of this. Her love of her home country, England never diminished, but she loved the United States and took pride in all that it stood for. One would always find the American Flag and the Union Jack correctly displayed outside of her home. She had a career as a Professional Secretary with both the Pawling School system, and with the Peale Center for Christian Living. In 1983, Pat met and married Frank Rolff. Frank brought his daughters, Barbara and Karen, and his son Fred into the family, all of whom survive. Frank and Pat were a match made in heaven and enjoyed a long, loving relationship until Frank's death in 2018. They enjoyed their retirement in Rhinebeck filled with volunteer positions at The Franklin Delano Roosevelt home and

Library in Hyde Park where Mum, as she was affectionately called, served over twenty years as a Volunteer Park Ranger with the National Park Service. In retirement, Pat and Frank enjoyed travel to Oregon to spend time with their daughter, Cathy Penni and her husband, Doug. They enjoyed adventures to Maryland to visit daughter, Barbara Ferger and her husband, Ronald, and to spend time with their grandson Kevin Ferger, his wife Suzy, and great grandchildren, Cole, and Rory. Pat's children, grandchildren, and friends will celebrate her life at the St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook, NY starting at 9:30am on April 30th. Family and friends are welcome to join in continuing the celebration of Pat's life in placing her ashes next to her beloved Frank. Pat loved the spring time and sharing her gardening with guests and passersby. For planning purposes, please be so kind as to RSVP to adinsmore1@gmail.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, 51 W. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dapsonchestney.com.

Gerard T. Sadoski

HYDE PARK – On March 24, 2022, Gerard T. Sadoski, 77, passed away suddenly at home, due to natural causes. Born in Shamokin, PA., he was the first son of the late Edward and Rita Sadoski. Gerard enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at age 17, and served as a missile technician during the peak years of the Cold War. Gerry, as he was known to his friends, moved to the Hudson Valley in 1971, where he began his teaching career at Arlington Central School District (Poughkeepsie, NY). In 1987, he became a middle school principal at Taconic Hills Central School District (Hillsdale, NY), where he retired in 1998. For the next four years he was an instructor and student supervisor at Mt. St. Mary College (Newburgh, NY), and Marist College (Poughkeepsie, NY). He was a tinkerer, hobbyist, do-it-yourselfer and jack-of-all-trades. He mastered the craft of stone wall construction, and his work can be seen along Albany Post Road. His memory was incredibly sharp, and he was a voracious reader. If you wanted to discuss history and politics, you needed to have your facts ready. He was a member of any fraternal order or social club that would be willing to have him. He especially enjoyed the company of his friends. Gerry was preceded in death by his wife Christine, in 2006. They were married for 40 years. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Christina; six grandchildren, Aidan, Colin, Ethan, Keira, Gemma and Rowan; and two brothers Darrell Sadoski and David Sadoski. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 2, at Sweet's Funeral Home, 4365 Albany Post Rd. Hyde Park. Interment funeral at All Saints Cemetery (Elysburg, PA) will occur at a future date.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF TRUSTEES HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a vote will be taken upon the following proposition to appropriate the funds necessary to meet the estimated expenditures of the Howland Public Library for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to be held at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York, on April 28, 2022, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m.:
Proposition #1
"Shall the sum of \$1,282,445.00 be appropriated for the annual support of the Howland Public Library for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and shall the Beacon City School District be authorized to levy the taxes necessary to raise such amount?"
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS Action to Foreclose a Mortgage INDEX #: 2020-50218 WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST HB2 Plaintiff, vs JAMES MERRITT AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RONALD J. MERRITT, KATHLEEN CULLEN AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RONALD J. MERRITT, DIANA LIEVERS AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RONALD J. MERRITT, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RONALD J. MERRITT IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHOMAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTER-

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that at the same time and place, a vote to elect one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of five (5) years, and one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of four (4) years will also occur and one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of three (3) years.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee of the Howland Public Library must be filed with the Library Election Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2022.
Each petition must be directed to the Library Election Clerk, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the Howland Public Library District, must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained from the Library weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Board of Registration will meet on

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EST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, MARK H. SERINO JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGE DEED PREMISES: 1 Russet Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental

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April 13, 2022, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of such Library District at the offices of the Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, New York. Anyone not presently registered will be registered in accordance with Section 2014 of the Education Law. Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration, he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school meeting or election for which such register is prepared.
Voters registered for general elections under Article 5 of the Election Law are eligible to vote at the April 28, 2022, budget vote and election without further registration. Voters who have been previously registered for any annual or special meeting or election and

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Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Dutchess. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RONALD J. MERRITT In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Maria G. Rosa of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fourth day of March, 2022 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Dutchess, in the City of Poughkeepsie. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Ronald J. Merritt (who died on July 29, 2019, a resident of the county of Dutchess, State of New York) dated the July 23, 2012, to secure the sum of \$187,500.00 and recorded at Instrument Number 01 2012 9019 in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk, on the August 21, 2012. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 10, 2019 and recorded on October 3, 2019, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01-

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who have voted at any such annual or special meeting or election held or conducted during the last four calendar years preceding 2021 are eligible to vote at the April 28, 2022, budget vote and election without further registration. The register prepared will be filed in the office of the Library and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the Library District between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the election. The register will also be available for inspection on the day of the election at the polling place.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the Library office. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, seven (7) days before the annual library budget vote and election. If the ballot is to be delivered personal-

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2019-553A. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed April 22, 2021 and recorded on April 30, 2021, in the Office of the Dutchess County Clerk at Instrument Number 01-2021-50620A; The property in question is described as follows: 1 Russet Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 15, 2022 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 71593

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ly to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Election Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, one day before the annual library budget vote and election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, at the Library office on each of the five (5) days before the annual district vote and election.
By order of the Board of Trustees of the Howland Public Library
Julie Beyer
Library Election Clerk

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF DUTCHESS INDEX # 2018-51943 FILED 2/25/2022 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates Dutchess County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action. Plaintiff's principal place of business is C/O Seterus, Inc. 14523 SW Milikan Way Suite 200, Beaverton, Oregon 97005. FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, Donald Kennedy, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widow, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants. To the above-named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive

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PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Milan Town Board is holding a public hearing at 6:55pm on 04/18/2022 on the proposed Local Law # 5 of 2022 amending Sections 5 and 21 of Chapter 200, Zoning of the Code of the Town of Milan. Said hearing will take place at the Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle. By order of the Milan Town Board
Catherine Gill,
Town Clerk

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of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. This action was commenced to foreclose a mortgage against real property located at 493 Stanton Terrace, Poughkeepsie, New York 12603. You are named as a party defendant herein because you may have an interest in the premises. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 1 Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 3C20, Melville, NY 11747, (631) 812-4084, (855) 845-2584 facsimile. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay your taxes

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in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.
File# 560-3877

The Howland Public Library, 313 Main Street, Beacon, will hold voter registration on April 13, 2022, between the hours of 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. Voters registered for general elections are already eligible to vote at the April 28, 2022, budget vote and trustee election. Applications for absentee ballots are available, call the library election clerk at 831-1134 ext.101

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-25-22 Recovery Housing Services
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of April 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal 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 PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-29-22 Schatz Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Nomination Study
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 29th day of April 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal 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.

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 330 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come on to be heard, in the matter of the application of Phillips Farm, LLC project for the granting of Subdivision Approval for an 11 Lot sub-

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division by said Board of a proposed project known as Estates at Phillips Farm as shown on maps prepared by Day & Stokosa Engineering, PC, 3 Van Wyck Lane, Wappingers Falls, New York, 12590, as filed in the office of the Planning Department, and which site is located on NYS Route 82, Hopewell Junction, NY and described as being a 13.3 acre tax parcel identified as Tax Parcel #132800-6458-04-740330 with frontage on NYS Route 82.

All interested parties and citizens will be heard by the Board at the public hearing scheduled at said time.

By: John Eickman,
Chairperson
East Fishkill
Planning Board
Date: March 31, 2022

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

RECEIPT OF BIDS:

Separate sealed bids on enclosed forms as prepared by the Engineer to the Village of Wappingers Falls will be received at the offices of the Village of Wappingers Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York until 11:00 A.M. (Local Time) on Friday, April 29, 2022 for:

Bain Park Play Equipment Area, CDBG Project

Village of
Wappingers Falls
Dutchess County, New York

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For the construction of Bain Park improvements at the corner of Clapp Avenue and Lower Henry Street including: fill and grading, playground equipment installation, construct asphalt parking area and walking paths, install fencing and gates, and landscape restoration (grass). Bids received after 11:00 A.M., Friday, April 29, 2022 will not be accepted or considered.

Sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:15 A.M. (local time) on Friday, April 29, 2022 at the office of the Village of Wappingers Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York.

The Information for Bidders, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be reviewed at the offices of the Village of Wappingers Falls, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York 12590, and at the office of KC Engineering and Land Surveying, PC, 15 Governor Drive, Second Floor, Newburgh, New York 12550.

Drawings and other Contract Documents will be available on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 and may be obtained ONLY at the Village Hall upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Deposit made by check shall be made payable to the Village Clerk. Contact Village Clerk or Village Staff Assistant. Said deposit shall be totally refunded to the unsuccessful Bidder(s) who includes a proper Bid deposit.

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Refunds shall be made only if plans are returned in good condition (intact and unmarked), within thirty (30) days following the bid opening.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of five (5%) percent of the base Bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

The Bid Deposit shall be made in Certified Check from the Bidder or in a Bid Bond on the form of said Bid Bond attached to the Specifications or similar and be drawn payable to the Village of Wappingers Falls.

No Bidder may withdraw a Bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

To all prospective Bidders, there will be a strongly recommended pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The pre-bid meeting will take place at 9:00 A.M. at the corner of Clapp Avenue and Lower Henry Street, Wappingers Falls, NY. It is recommended that all bidders familiarize themselves with the plans prior to the pre-bid meeting so that questions and concerns can be addressed.

Bidders are to promptly notify the Engineer of any errors, omissions, conflicts and/or ambiguity in the contract documents. No oral interpretations of the meaning of the Plans, Specifications, or other Pre-Bid Documents will be made to any prospective

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bidder. All requests for interpretations are to be in writing, addressed to KC Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., 15 Governor Drive, Second Floor, Newburgh, New York. To be given consideration, requests for interpretation must be received at least seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Bids.

Any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be in the form of written Addenda to the Specifications which, if issued, will be provided to the prospective Bidders, not later than three (3) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of Bids. Addenda will be issued by email to the bid document holders. All addenda so issued shall become part of the Contract Documents. The first addenda will include bid document holders list and pre-bid meeting attendee list.

OWNERS RIGHTS RESERVED: The Village of Wappingers Falls, herein called the Owner, reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any formality or technicality in any Bid in the best interests of the Owner and in accordance with the Law.

STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION: Bidders on this Contract are required to execute the Non-Collusion Bidding Certificate, in the form attached to the Specifications, pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

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Bidders are also required to comply with the provisions of the Human Rights Law as set forth in Article 15 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

The work required by this Contract shall consist of furnishing all labor, equipment, materials, supervision, and performing all work necessary to complete the project as herein described. The major components of said work are approximately:

1. Filling and grading for the proposed playground area at Bain Park.
 2. Site work preparation.
 3. Install rubber surface in playground equipment area.
 4. Install playground equipment.
 5. Install protective mow strip / concrete curbing around the playground equipment area.
 6. Construct asphalt parking area and walking paths.
 7. Install fencing and gates.
 8. Landscape restoration for proposed grass areas.
- Work to be performed under this contract will be on Village-owned property. The Contractor is to assure themselves that all work is being performed on Village property, including but not limited to: vehicle access, storage of equipment, materials, debris and waste, landscaping, vegetation removal and management, grading, topsoiling/seeding/mulching, and the installation of any fences, walls, or protective barriers.

The Village of Wappingers Falls is exempt under the

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Tax Law of New York State, Article 28 – Part III, and is exempt from payment of Sales and Compensating Use Taxes of the State of New York on all materials which are incorporated into work pursuant to the provisions of the Contract. These taxes are not to be included in the Bid under New York State Tax Law, Article 28, Part III.

This project is subject to Federal Prevailing Wage Rates, in addition to the New York State Prevailing Wage Rates. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to familiarize themselves with any deviations between the Federal and New York State Wage Rates. The higher of the two wage rates will apply.

This notice is issued in the name of the Owner, the Village of Wappingers Falls, Wappingers Falls, New York.

Dated: Wednesday, April 6, 2022
John Karge,
Village Clerk
Village of
Wappingers Falls
2582 South Avenue
Wappingers Falls, New York 12590

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-02-22
DCTC Vulnerability Assessment of the Transportation System

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Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 11th day of May 2022 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601. Specifications and proposal 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.

Public comment for a Meeting of the Board of Elections to adopt the 2022 Poll Site Resolution will be accepted by email until 10:00 AM on April 8, 2022, to

ehaight@dutchessny.gov or hblack@dutchessny.gov. The meeting will be held remotely on April 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM via MS Teams and you may contact ehaight@dutchessny.gov or hblack@dutchessny.gov for the link.

Members of the public may telephone into the meeting and contact ehaight@dutchessny.gov or hblack@dutchessny.gov for the number.

The Regular Annual Meeting of the Wappingers Plot Owners will be held on April 26, 2022 at 4 P.M. at 2822 West Main St., Wappingers Falls, NY 12590.

Events at Red Hook Public Library

Learn to paint a small pen & ink and watercolor house portrait at our Miniature House Portrait Workshop. Guided by Renee, try your hand at capturing a building from a photo in an relaxed atmosphere. No architecture degree required, we promise! Bring one or two photos as reference. All materials provided courtesy of a grant from the Ascienzo Family Foundation. Sign up with Renee at programcoordinator@red-hooklibrary.org

The Big Read brings two opportunities to adults in Red Hook with a bilingual community conversation among teens and adults around themes related to The House on Mango Street and at the end of the month, a bilingual Memoir Writing 3-day workshop. Both these programs require registration which you can do by emailing Amy@redhooklibrary.org.

Spinning Yarn Knitters, Virtual Spanish, American Sign Language, Virtual Yoga, All Abilities Adults and RHPL Bingo at Senior Friendship Center continue in April.

The Tuesday Afternoon Book Group will meet to discuss: Independent People by Laxness Halldor. The Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss: The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben. If you would like to know more about our adult book groups, contact Paul at assistant@redhooklibrary.org.

APRIL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Teens and adults will have a bilingual community conversation on themes relating to The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros on the 20th at 7pm. Pick up free copies of the book in English or in Spanish at the library or from the RHHS library. Registration is required.

Teen Takeover is making waffles! Join teens grades 7+ on Sundays in the library with gaming, conversation, cooking and more. There's no registration required.

All Abilities Teens will be busy in April with two afterschool programs, crafts and pickleball, and working as a team for the Town of Red Hook's annual Earth Day Clean Up. Registration is required.

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

APRIL PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

The Big Read isn't just for adults! Our first storytime of the month will be bilingual in English and Spanish and feature stories about belonging and making friends. The following Saturday, come to Cancun's Restaurant for a special interactive storytime and craft on the picture book, Dreamers by Yuyi Morales.

Older kids will want to register for bilingual poetry writing workshops later in the month. Words of Belonging with poet and author Dennis Rush will focus on expressing feelings and ideas through poetry. (Please register for the program at Cancun's and the poetry workshops.)

Other programs in April for children and families include the return of Gender Adventurers at the end of the month and our regular slate of weekly programs including Preschool Nature Walks, Storytime, LEGO Club, Library and Among Us Club.

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

CPCA sets events for April

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCA) is taking the lead in April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, by hosting several local events throughout the month for the community to get involved.

Each April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month strives to bring awareness on the prevalent issue of child abuse and how communities can work to prevent it. The statistic remains that 1 in 10 children will be abused before the age of 18. Dutchess County receives approximately 1,000 calls on suspected child abuse each year. Participation in Child Abuse Prevention Month activities strengthens community support systems that keep children safe and helps build healthy relationships within families.

"National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to celebrate the important ways in which our community can take action to protect children." Kimberly Haight, Executive Director of The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse, said. "By joining us this month, we can make a statement to our community that children deserve a healthy and safe childhood."

Below are the following activities for the public:

April 11 On April 11, the CPCA will be hosting a Family Fun Kickoff Event at Vassar College Grounds in front of the Alumnae House. Families are invited to come out and enjoy music provided by Q92, as well as entertainment from Bee

Bee the Clown, a petting zoo from Two By Two Animal Haven, and more. Chef Stef, a Culinary Institute of America graduate, will have a pop-up food kitchen set up for people to purchase snacks. Fifty percent of sales from the pop-up food kitchen will be donated back to support the children and families served at the CPCA.

April 12 Community members are encouraged to learn how to keep children safe from abuse by taking one of the CPCA's free virtual training sessions. Sessions will be held over Zoom at both 10:00AM or 5:00PM. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn the warning signs of when a child needs your help, how to report an instance of abuse, and much more. Sign up through their website at theccpa.org/community-workshop.

April 18–24 Restaurant Week for Child Abuse Prevention has returned for its second year running. Thirty restaurants around the Hudson Valley have partnered with the CPCA to donate back a portion of sales when you dine in or take out beginning Monday, April 18 and ending Sunday, April 24. The entire list of partnering businesses can be found on the agency's website at theccpa.org/cpcarestaurantweek2022.

For the complete calendar of activities for Child Abuse Prevention Month, please visit theccpa.org/capm2022.

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GOLDEN LIVING

OFA PICNICS RETURN FOR A 30TH YEAR

The Office for the Aging Picnic Program kicks off this year on Wednesday, June 1st. Residents age 60 and over are invited to socialize with their friends and neighbors at the event designated for their hometown, enjoy a nutritious meal, and learn more about the programs and services offered by the Office for the Aging. All picnics take place on Wednesdays, rain or shine. All picnics begin at noon. Each of the 12 picnics scheduled this year is open only to the senior citizen residents of each village/town(s) specified, and their guests. Proof of residency and advance reservations are both required, and space is limited; therefore, we cannot accept walk-ins at

the picnics. There is a \$8 charge for each non-resident guest and those 59 or younger.

The 2022 Senior Picnic Schedule is as follows.

June 1 – Town and Village of Pawling, Towns of Dover, Amenia and Union Vale
Boyce Park, 6423 Route 55, Wingdale

June 8 - Village and Town of Fishkill
Geering Park, Fishkill

June 15 – Towns of Milan, Red Hook and Rhinebeck and Villages of Red Hook, Rhinebeck, and Tivoli

Dutchess County Fairgrounds, 6636 US 9, Rhinebeck

June 22 – Towns of Clinton and Hyde Park, including Staatsburg

Church of Regina Coeli (rear lot), 28

Harvey St., Hyde Park

June 29 - Town of Poughkeepsie
Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafe Rd., Poughkeepsie

July 6 – City of Beacon
Memorial Park, 298 Fishkill Ave., Beacon

July 13 - Towns of North East, Pine Plains, Washington and Stanford and Villages of Millbrook and Millerton

Stissing Mountain Jr./Sr. High School, 2829 Church St. (Route 199), Pine Plains

July 20 - Town of Wappinger and Village of Wappingers Falls
Recreation Park, 95 Robinson Lane, Wappinger

July 27 - Town of Pleasant Valley
West Road School, 181 West Rd., Pleasant Valley

August 3 - City of Poughkeepsie
Stitzel Field, 10-14 Lincoln Ave.

August 10, 17 – no picnics
August 24 - Town of East Fishkill
East Fishkill Recreation Park, 330 Route 376

August 31 - Towns of LaGrange and Beekman
Freedom Park, 212 Skidmore Rd., LaGrange

We have begun the process of mailing picnic reminder cards to older adults throughout the county. You don't need to have a card to make a reservation. Cards should arrive in the mail 4-6 weeks before each community's picnic.

OFA Picnics have been held annually since 1993 and are made possible through private/public partnerships and support from many local municipalities and businesses. Special thanks to this year's Platinum sponsor The Pines at Poughkeepsie, and the Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services – Protective Services for Adults.

Volunteers of all ages are needed at each picnic to help with set-up and clean-up,

and to bring meals to attendees with mobility challenges. For more information about volunteer opportunities, email bjones@dutchessny.gov or call 845-486-2544.

'SPRING INTO BALANCE'

OFA's springtime "A Matter of Balance" classes are already underway; the next series of classes will take place in the fall. In the meantime, there's plenty you can do to improve your chances for successful aging through fall prevention:

Get active. Find your own way to keep that spring in your step. Incorporate movement into your day to maintain balance and feel better in your daily activities.

Join a program. Find an OFA program like Tai Chi, Bingocize or A Matter of Balance, to ensure you maximize your ability to stay steady. Check out dutchessny.gov/aging for updates, or call us at 845-486-2555.

Speak to your doctor. Including your healthcare team in the conversation can help you find new ways to maintain balance and ensure you are on the correct medications. Have your medications reviewed once a year.

Talk with family and friends. Having a support system, especially if you live alone, can be crucial to keeping you safe! Check in with loved ones regularly, and don't be afraid to ask for their support!

Contact your local OFA. For additional guidance, and to find out what programs you qualify for, contact your local Office for the Aging to work out a comprehensive and proactive plan for fall prevention. Every county in New York State has an Office for the Aging, or an agency with a similar title.

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



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