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Howland Cultural Center to host gala on May 9

By Kristine Coulter

The 45th anniversary of the Howland Cultural Center will be held on May 9, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., at The Roundhouse in Beacon.

"The event will be a great opportunity to raise a toast to our fantastic honorees, Ed Benevente and the Howland Chamber Music Circle. It will also provide a platform to network with peers, support a great cause, and build long-lasting relationships. Come and join us for an evening of celebration and appreciation!" said Theresa Kraft. Kraft is the president of the Howland Cultural Center, which is located at 477 Main St.

"The Howland Cultural Center is known for its collaborations with artists and cultural organizations. For example, our long-standing partnership with Howland Chamber Music Circle, which regularly performs on-site and offers our collaborative Classics for Kids program for local youth and visitors and free pop-up community concerts," said Kraft. "For many years, Ed Benevente has adorned the center with his one-of-a-kind sculptures, which attract attention to the building in a way that only Ed can envision. His sculpture of an egg on chicken legs, placed on our front lawn, was a huge hit with kids of all ages, who posed with it.

"In the never-ending search for the meaning of life, the philosophical question of which came first, the chicken or the egg, suggests that a simple and definitive answer is at hand. Of course, the simple answer is evasive and only generates more debate. It is generally assumed that the solution lies within a choice between one or the other proposed answers. I propose that the answer is not a matter of limited choice. The nature of life and art is ever expanding. Growth requires exploration into the undefined. Therefore, I would answer that it is not a choice between the chicken and the egg but rather a third, unspoken choice which is creation. When untapped knowledge (the egg) combines with inspired motivation (the feet) the possibilities are endless and the question of which came first is irrelevant. Creativity is life," was a remark that Kraft sent that was stated by Benevente

Kraft also said, "The Howland Cultural Center is delighted to announce that it has been chosen as a recipient of NYSCA capital project funding."

This \$50,000 NYSCA grant funding, she said, "will be utilized to support the center's continued preservation efforts, with a particular emphasis on restoring the northside portico. To raise money for the portico restoration project, the center has coordinated a Coin Drive, a May 9th Gala, and a special music event called 'The Hudson River in Song and Story'

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Rhinebeck Car Show back for 52nd year



Dane Medici of Poughkeepsie will be bringing his stunning 1931 Chrysler CD8 Roadster to the Rhinebeck Car Show at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds on Sunday.

-Courtesy photo

By Jim Donick

The largest car show in the area returns for its 52nd exhibition at the Dutchess County Fair Grounds on the weekend of May 4 and 5, starting at noon in the Swap Meet on Friday the 3rd. Show hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Fairgrounds President and CEO Andy Imperati always looks forward to this one.

"This is an important event for us," he says. "It brings people from all over the Northeast to see some cars they never see elsewhere. It's two and a half days of nostalgia. If the weather is good we should have a thousand cars each day and 15- to 18,000 people will come ... many of those people will stay in a local hotel and eat in local restaurants. It certainly helps the county's sales taxes, as well. This is an event that helps the whole community."

He notes, "The annual car show is a great

start to our season. We've sort of had the fairgrounds in mothballs for the winter. This gives us a great start in getting prepared for our big event, the Fair, itself."

This year's event promises much to remember. Aside from the better part of 2,000 show cars, there will be celebrity cars from movies and television on display. The two show days offer different cars each day. Saturday invites modifieds, hot rods, trucks, and tuner cars. Sunday brings out the unmodified classics, sports cars, and antiques.

This year's event is honoring the memory of Herb Lorenz, the longtime president of the Rhinebeck Car Show. Lorenz passed away in December.

"Herb was the car guy's car guy," says his longtime colleague in the Locust Grove Show, Tom Weissman. Much missed, this year's event is dedicated to Herb.

2024 also brings with it the 60th

anniversary of the announcement of one of America's most iconic cars of all time, the Ford Mustang. The Mustang was introduced at the 1964 New York World's Fair amid great enthusiasm. It would seem that the announcement's enthusiasm of 60 years ago was well placed – more than 10 million Mustangs have been sold since 1964. In 2020, the Ford Mustang was the best-selling sports car in the United States. The Mustang, any model or year, will be celebrated at this year's Rhinebeck show. New president of the event Mike Butler has noted, "We expect there will be well over 300 Mustangs on the field this year."

Always approached with anticipation, many local enthusiasts are burning the midnight oil preparing their cars for exhibition on Rhinebeck's car show fields.

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Albra, Kyriacou continue to offer support for Fjord Trail

By Kristine Coulter

City of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou and Town of Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra issued a joint statement on April 23. The statement from the two municipal leaders in Dutchess County supported the development of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail (HHFT). They also called for "completion of objective data review by the committee tasked with that effort."

According to the statement, "As part of this effort, HHFT Inc. announced the formation of a Visitation Data Committee, tasking them to publicly and collectively review the work of visitation management and environmental review consultants on the proposal. Earlier this month, five members of the HHFT Visitation Data Committee from the involved Putnam County communities, acting on their own,

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A community meeting was held earlier this year concerning the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail in Dutchess County.

-Courtesy photo

Angell family businesses unite at The Bentley Field House in Stanfordville

By Curtis Schmidt

Angell Law, PLLC, Bentley Veterinary, PLLC, and Halton Construction, Inc., have shared their joint venture of three independent businesses and moving their offices into one building in Stanfordville – The Bentley Field House. These three businesses are each operated by a member of the Angell family.

Thomas (Tom) N.N. Angell, Esq., along with his wife, Janet, raised their eight children on Bentley Farm in Stanford, and instilled in each of them a passion and desire for animal husbandry, farming, and farm-related projects. A lawyer by trade, Tom Angell spent upwards of four decades providing free civil and criminal legal services to the low-income communities of Dutchess County. He retired from his service as Public Defender at the end of 2023 and opened his privately-owned general law practice – Angell Law PLLC – in January 2024.

The oldest of the family’s five sons, Dr. Isaac Angell, established his own veterinary practice, Bentley Veterinary, in 2014 after graduating from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine and working under mentor Dr. Douglas Hart for three years. A traveling large-animal vet, Isaac finds satisfaction and purpose in his work of veterinary medicine. Bentley Veterinary Practice reaches throughout New York and into surrounding states.

Jacob Angell is the family’s fourth son. After obtaining his bachelor’s degree from Cornell University business school, he joined Halton Construction, Inc. in 2015 as the Chief Financial Officer under long-time mentor, Kevin Halton. In 2021, Jacob entered into a multiple-year agreement to transition the leadership and ownership of Halton Construction, Inc. from Kevin to Jacob. Using his skills in business and finance, Jacob understands how necessary it is for a business to make wise investment choices and to establish a long-lasting legacy.

With the property at 6030 Route 82, Stanfordville up for sale, Isaac bought the building and land with both business venture and community-investment in mind. The building is now known as The Bentley Field House.

“Every day in large animal veterinary medicine I am living my dream. The rela-



Pictured from left are Dr. Isaac Angell, Thomas N.N. Angell, Esq. and Jacob Angell. They are standing in front of a portrait of William Gardner Angel (one l). He is the great, great grandfather of Thomas Angell. He was the first lawyer in the family. William Gardner Angel (July 17, 1790 – August 13, 1858) was an American politician and lawyer who served two terms as a U.S. Representative for New York's 13th congressional district from 1825 to 1827, and from 1829 to 1833.

tionships with the people are invaluable and I find a sense of belonging in our community. I’m honored to have such wonderful clients,” said Dr. Isaac Angell. “Having both my father and brother working out of the same buildings as myself is meaningful. It shows some of the values my father instilled in us as children coming to fruition today. We all see our vocations as more than just a means to make money, they are our mission and a way to serve others.”

Halton Construction, Inc. takes on residential projects within Dutchess and Westchester Counties. A project of Halton Construction, Inc., Jacob spearheaded The

Bentley Field House renovation project.

“Not only did this renovation provide jobs, but it took an empty building that needed a major renovation and restored its beauty for the community to enjoy. It has also been exciting to transition our company into that Stanfordville office space, allowing me to work next door to my father and brother,” said Jacob Angell. “It’s a great honor to be able to continue the legacy that Kevin and Marie Halton have been and continue to build through Halton Construction, Inc., and Kevin and I look forward to continuing to serve the community for many years to come.”



The Bentley Field House in Stanfordville is the new home to Angell Law PLLC, Bentley Veterinary and Halton Construction, Inc.

-Photos by Curtis Schmidt

When Tom established Angell Law in early 2024, he chose to operate out of the office space as well.

“It has been extremely rewarding to open a new law office in the Bentley Field House and to have a place to provide a full spectrum of legal services to my neighbors and friends in the more rural portions of our County,” said Thomas N.N. Angell, Esq. “One aspect of my life that I enjoy most is working with each of my sons. It is a privilege and an honor to now work in the same building as Isaac and Jacob and to spend more time with them as a result.”

Tom can be found in Suite D of the office on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and is available for consultation at other times by appointment. In his spare time, Tom works on farm projects with his 16 grandchildren that also live on Bentley Farm, and further serves the Town of Stanford as both Chairman of the Planning Board and Zoning Commission. For more information about Angell Law, PLLC, visit AngellPLLC.com; For more information about Bentley Veterinary, PLLC, visit BentleyVeterinaryPractice.com; and for more information about Halton Construction, Inc., visit HaltonConstructionInc.com.

Water Dept. flushing hydrants for annual maintenance

The City of Beacon Water Department is performing annual maintenance of water mains by flushing fire hydrants. The process began late last month and will continue for approximately a four-week period. All the flushing will be conducted during the work week (Monday – Friday).

While this work is ongoing, residents in impacted areas may experience periods of discolored water and should refrain from doing laundry until the water runs clear, recommended city officials. If one’s water is discolored, it is

advised to run the cold water taps until the water runs clear. If one has any questions, call the Water Department at 845-831-3136.

The tentative schedule of work is as follows:

May 1 (Week 1): Alice Street, Anderson Street, Annan Street, Birch Lane, DePuyster Avenue, East Main Street, Exeter Circle, Helen Court, Green Street, Jackson Street, Linden Drive, Louisa Street, Mountain Lane, Overlook Avenue, Petticoat Lane,

Phillips Street, Roundtree Court, Robin Lane, Spring Valley Street, Spruce Street, Summit Street, Westley Avenue, William Street, Wilson Street, and Vail Avenue.

May 6 (Week 2): Barrett Place, Deerfield Place, Delevan Avenue, Dutchess Terrace, Fishkill Avenue, Verplanck Avenue, Kent Street, Lincoln Avenue, Mackin Avenue, Memorial Park, Rt. 9D near VanNess, and Townsend Street.

May 13 (Week 3): Beskin Place,

Coffey Avenue, Ellen Drive, Grandview Avenue, High Goal Lane, John Street, Miller Street, Newlin Mills Road, Paye Street, Rombout Avenue, Simmons Lane, Slocum Road, Sycamore Drive, Wodenethe Drive, Van Dyke Avenue, and Victor Road.

May 20 (Week 4): Bayview Avenue, Belleford Lane, Branch Street, Dennings Avenue, Fishkill Landing, Long Dock Road, Monell Place, Riverfront Park, Tompkins Avenue, and West Main Street.

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City of Poughkeepsie signs lease with restaurant to operate at Ice House site at Waryas Park



The former Ice House in the City of Poughkeepsie.

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The City of Poughkeepsie has signed a lease agreement with ESS Hospitality to operate the former Ice House site at Waryas Park, which has previously served as an anchor restaurant on the city's most

active waterfront park. Melanie Lemieux, owner and co-founder of ESS Hospitality, will open a gastropub called "The Governess," that will feature a variety of American

Cuisine. ESS already has two established restaurants – "The Baroness" and "The Huntress," both in Queens. These establishments have a strong following, and ESS Hospitality has ambitious plans to tie their new Poughkeepsie location to many waterfront events.

Waryas Park is located at the foot of Main Street and adjacent to the Poughkeepsie Train Station, just off of the Main Street exit from Route 9.

The park sits on more than eight acres, offers daily activities including a children's playground and skate park and hosts several big annual festivals. It also has grills and picnic tables, fishing access, a deep water pier, and boat docking and launch, among other amenities.

The park is also adjacent to the Discovery Museum and is within walking distance of an elevator that takes people to and from the Walkway over the Hudson, which attracts more than 600,000 visitors annually.

"This location is a premier spot in our city, right on the waterfront and between the Mid-Hudson Bridge and Walkway Over the Hudson," said Mayor Yvonne Flowers. "It's such a wonderful setting,

and the city needs a vibrant operator to create a destination-quality venue that caters to all residents. We believe we have found that with ESS Hospitality."

Since the early 2000s, the Ice House has been leased for commercial use, initially offering concessions and eventually a full-scale restaurant beginning in 2012.

Mayor Flowers said when selecting an operator, the city put a premium on a business that has plans to include their service with the many events that take place on the waterfront.

Lemieux said, "Our goal is to transform Waryas Park into a prime waterfront destination for both the community and commuters. We are excited to bring our decades of experience in hospitality and show business to the waterfront, to create a yearlong experience of activities and festivities. We are looking forward to welcoming you to The Governess."

The mayor said the new business also will incorporate how it intends to keep public access along the promenade undisturbed, keeping in mind that the restaurant has to fit in with the bigger picture of what Poughkeepsie's waterfront has to offer.

Albra, Kyriacou continue to offer support for Fjord Trail

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issued a letter expressing concerns regarding the ongoing data effort. Thereafter, the three elected executives of the Philipstown, Cold Spring and Nelsonville issued a statement opposing the portion of the trail in Cold Spring."

The proposed trail would extend a new trail along the Hudson River through the Town of Fishkill, connecting to the City of Beacon and the Village of Cold Spring.

Kyriacou and Albra are seeking additional representation on the committee.

"With all due respect to other elected officials, reaching conclusions without a full fact base on the table seems like a disservice to all our communities. We should participate in the data development process in good faith, debate the information as it becomes available, present it to our communities, and seek their input on the best available fact base," Kyriacou stated.

Albra remarked, "This committee has five representatives from three municipalities with 10,000 residents, while Fishkill and Beacon – with 40,000 residents and roughly 80% of the length of the proposed trail – each have only a single representative. Respectfully, we request additional representation on this important committee, and call for a full and complete process by an open and collaborative membership."

Village of Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley emailed a statement. The statement said, "Philipstown Supervisor (John) Van Tassel, Nelsonville Mayor (Chris) Winward, and I all support the Fjord Trail, we just don't think it should start at Dockside Park in Cold Spring. We have real concerns about the impacts of the full-scale trail in our small, dense, residential community. Starting the trail outside of Cold Spring, with smaller feeder pedestrian ways leading to it has no impact on Fishkill's or Beacon's

enjoyment of the trail."

HHFT Executive Amy Kacala remarked in an email to Beacon Free Press: "We welcome this increased participation from Beacon and Fishkill, as their input is essential to ensuring a thorough and objective process. We thank Mayor Kyriacou and Supervisor Albra for their support and look forward to continuing to work with them."

Albra said, "Having knocked on the doors of the entire town in the past year, I can say with certainty that the clear majority of Fishkill residents support the Fjord Trail concept, including those living in Dutchess Junction where most of the trail would run." Albra said on April 26, he will now be representing Fishkill on the committee. "I want to see this go through," he said.

Kyriacou agreed, stating that "I received a briefing from Sarah Mencher, Beacon's member on the HHFT Visitation Data Committee, and reviewed this topic with the full City Council last night (April 21). All agreed that Beacon residents are strongly supportive of the trail concept, and would be excited to have HHFT begin trail work in Beacon first, if that would be helpful in expanding our regional trail system."

Mencher stated to Beacon Free Press: "I am so glad to see that both the City of Beacon and the Town of Fishkill are publicly supporting the Fjord Trail, and I applaud their call for greater representation on the Visitation Data Committee, on which I am currently the sole Beacon representative." Mencher added, "I have every confidence that both HHFT and their consultants will continue to work diligently to listen to input from all communities and stakeholders, to answer our Committee's and the public's outstanding questions, and to find the best possible path forward to address the existing crowding, traffic, and parking problems in the Village of Cold Spring and along the 9D corridor through the design

and management of the proposed trail." Mencher noted the five representatives from the three Putnam municipalities on the board raised "concerns" about the data review process, indicating their viewpoint that the data and projections presented by HHFT's consultants to the Committee are "inadequate and flawed" in a statement. Mencher does not share that opinion.

"I would welcome additional Beacon and

Fishkill representation on the Visitation Data Committee so that we can complete the data review process in an objective and collaborative manner." The respective communities would be helped "reap the many obvious regional benefits" that way, noted Mencher.

"We are pleased that Fishkill and Beacon will benefit in their own unique ways from the trail's development," the statement from Foley concluded.



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Senator Rolison comments on NYS budget

To the Editor:

As your state Senator in the 39th District, here are some highlights from bills I voted to support in the 2024-25 state budget. Please contact our office with any questions or concerns by emailing us at rolison@nysenate.gov or calling 845-229-0106. We're happy to help you.

The \$237 billion state budget consists of two categories of legislation, appropriations and Article VII language bills which tie funding to specific policies. There are a total of 10 budget bills: some good, others bad.

This budget cracks down on shoplifting and organized retail theft, an issue which 76% of New Yorkers see as a "major problem" in a new Siena College poll. The budget makes assault on a retail worker a Class E felony and creates the new offense of fostering the sale of stolen goods, a Class A misdemeanor. I also voted for \$25 million for State Police anti-retail-theft teams to prevent organized criminal gangs from robbing stores and expanded the list of offenses eligible as hate crimes by 23. The budget additionally empowers local law enforcement to close illegal marijuana dispensaries throughout the state. As a retired former police officer who served his community for 26 years, I believe this policy represents a critical step in permanently shutting down these lawbreakers.

The budget does not raise personal income-tax rates and lowers out-of-pocket costs on common healthcare needs such as insulin. I also voted to approve a first-in-the-nation paid prenatal-leave policy to support expectant mothers and families. We did something to address the frankly appalling condition of our state roads by restoring \$60 million the governor cut from our Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) to fill potholes and repave.

And we approved millions of dollars in new investments for capital projects such as drinking water infrastructure, library construction, raised the state share of wastewater-improvement financing by \$1.25 million, and supported arts and cultural facilities, parks and historic preservation, and public-transit resiliency – including \$20 million in reimbursement payments to the MTA for construction along Metro-North's Hudson line. Readers may recall that in 2023 a weather-related mudslide along the route disrupted Metro-North and Amtrak passenger service for days.

This state budget isn't perfect, but it does make several pragmatic, common-sense steps toward reform in key areas of public safety, affordability, and environmental conservation for Hudson Valley residents. It helps those who may feel left behind and ignored by Albany, a too-frequent occurrence in recent years. In the coming months I'll continue to fight for these and other major priorities as your independent voice in the state Senate.

Rob Rolison
NYS Senate, 39th District

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In memory of Herb Lorenz
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This year's Rhinebeck Car Show will be held in memory of Herb Lorenz. Lorenz was a past president of the car show.

-Courtesy image

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Mark Ticcony is bringing two cars, one for each day of the show - his gloriously modified Hemi-powered '68 Dodge Coronet R/T factory racing car for Saturday and his 1970 Dodge Challenger T/A for Sunday. The latter was awarded a Gold Certificate at the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in November of last year. The Gold Certificate indicates that the judges were unable to find any flaws in its restoration or the presentation of the car.

Major restorations of important cars are usually a team effort as special skills are required to establish perfection. Mark's Coronet has been described as having paint with a shine so deep one could swim in it. The bodywork and paint were done with the assistance of Mark's colleagues at Matt's Autobody in Salt Point, where he has worked for the better part of 30 years. The chassis modifications, much of the metal fabrication, and fuel cell installation was accomplished by Dutchess County's Bob Morano of Outlaw Chassis. Mark characterizes his work as artistry.

Among the celebrity cars this year will be the well known Dukes of Hazzard's "General Lee." Being a 1969 Dodge Charger, it's a first cousin to Ticcony's entries. However, as a TV car, it is not as lovingly modified as his cars. Mark looks forward to seeing how it has been detailed.

Johnny Morris of LaGrange is polishing his customized Triumph TR-6 for the Saturday event. He's been working at automotive customization and restoration for more than 50 years.

"I just love it," he says, "I love to make something beautiful."

Morris never misses the event.

"We're 'car guys,'" he notes. "The people every year are just amazing. We have

so much to talk about and there is so much to see."

Dane Medici of Poughkeepsie will be bringing his stunning 1931 Chrysler CD8 Roadster on Sunday. While many enthusiasts seem to gravitate toward the cars that they dreamed of but couldn't afford when they were in high school, Medici notes that the Chrysler is more than 50 years older than he is.

At the high end of the car show spectrum are the extremely selective events that often take place at elegant locations like Newport Rhode Island or Amelia Island in Florida, or maybe the Chateau of Chantilly in France. These events are known by their French name, "Concours d'Elegance." The judges for these events are also brought in from all over the world and get to judge what are arguably the best cars in the world. Dane Medici is a respected member of that judging fraternity.

"I grew up attending the Rhinebeck Show," he recalls, "and I look forward to it each year. It's such a beautiful setting and offers a wide variety of cars, parts in the swap meet, and enthusiastic car people."

He continues, "I'm fortunate that my journey as a car show judge has brought me to some of the biggest automotive events all over this country and in Europe. It all started with Rhinebeck, which is still a top event in my book."

Expect more than 300 vendors in the flea market offering parts for almost any American or imported vehicle as well as nearly anything an enthusiast might need or desire for their garage, their trailer, or simply to add to their automotive lifestyle.

The Rhinebeck Car show, with so much to see and do, along with plenty of refreshments, promises to be a memorable weekend. Visit <https://rhinebeckcarshow.com/> for more information.

Registration for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event in June open May 1

The Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management will hold its next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, June 1, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Dutchess County of Public Works Facility, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, in the Town of Poughkeepsie; residents can access the event by taking Route 44 East to Burnett Boulevard. The collection is open to Dutchess County residents only.

This event is first-come, first-served, and residents should expect to experience wait times when they arrive at the location on June 1st. Registration is limited to the first 400 households; pre-registration is required for this event, and there is a \$10 registration fee. Registration often reaches capacity quickly, so residents are encouraged to sign up promptly. Beginning on May 1st, residents can register online, using a credit card to pay the registration fee, or register and pay by check by calling 845-463-6020. Checks should be made payable to "Dutchess County Commissioner of Finance" and mailed to or dropped off to the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management at 96 Sand Dock Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

This will be the first of Dutchess County's three 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling events, which provide residents with a safe and responsible way to discard a diverse range of household items that cannot be disposed of through regular recycling or garbage bins. Acceptable items include television sets, computer

monitors, telephones, pesticides, pool chemicals, and more. A complete list of acceptable items to bring to this disposal day is included below. Hazardous waste in containers larger than 10 gallons will not be accepted.

More information about the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management's Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling Events is available online.

Acceptable items:

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Our houses reflect an economic diversity

By Bill Jeffway

One of the many reasons Dutchess County is interesting historically is because of its frequent role of being “in between” or at a crossroads, which brings diversity.

A look at the houses that we live in reveals a range of living conditions from a simple one-room 18th century stone house, to the Vanderbilt Estate and mansion.

Dutchess County lies dead center between New York City and Albany on the Hudson River – central to the boom years of the 19th century that saw the emergence of New York State as an economic and political powerhouse. Dutchess County is also a crossroads between New England and the Hudson River and routes to the US west.

As a result, we frequently find ourselves between upstate and downstate, or between urban and rural. Landings along the river were like cogs in a giant machine that took rural agricultural goods and exchanged them for urban manufactured goods. They were where the world’s economy connected with our rural farmers.

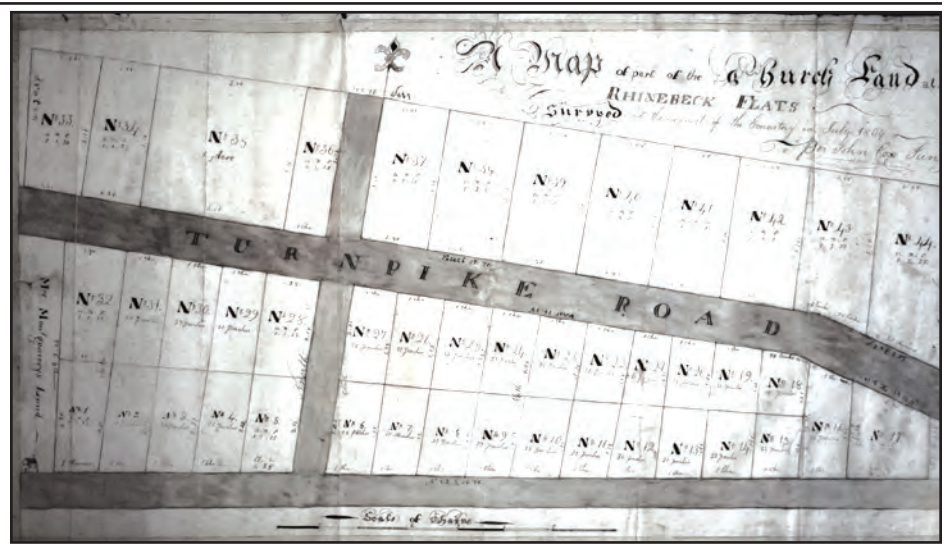
Add to this New York City’s powerful, historic role as a place of immigration. Whether it was the massive 1710 German Palatine Protestant immigration fleeing French Catholic oppression, or two centuries later, those from the Balkan region of Central Europe fleeing the chaos that was giving birth to World War One, Dutchess County has become home to many starting out at the most basic of rungs on the economic ladder. Since colonial times the poor, sometimes



deeply impoverished, have lived among the great estates that housed Roosevelts, Astors, and Vanderbilts to name a few.

In 1710, the largest immigration (by far) to North America came in the form of impoverished German Palatines – three thousand in number – who arrived to work on land at the Dutchess County/Columbia County border that is today known as Germantown. The goal was to develop production of pine tar and other “naval stores” for the British Navy.

But its’ quick failure meant there was instantly a large population seeking to engage in the primary economic activity: farming. Some of the earliest stone homes of



Above, in 1810, this subdivision of lots making up the center of Rhinebeck Village was advertised in local newspaper at the time saying, “A number of lots suitable for mechanics in the flourishing village of Rhinebeck flats.” At the time, the word “mechanic” referred to any working class job like a printer, shoe maker, carriage maker, carpenter, or blacksmith, etc.

Left, here, we see an idealized portrait of wealthy capitalists and corresponding hard working laborers in a local newspaper in 1910, making the point that each is dependent on each other. Under the heading “Why we need millionaires,” one open letter from the working class argued that the wealthy took risks with capital that the poor would not want to make. So there should be a mutual dependency and mutual respect.

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tenant farmers can be found today.

The American Revolution of 1776 and the subsequent expansion of rights for the working class (like the elimination of high value property ownership required to be eligible to vote in political elections) started to create a “fairer,” market-based dynamic of property ownership.

The White working-class Protestant political movement in the first half of the 19th century became known as the “mechanics” political movement. In the early 19th century the word “mechanic” referred to any of the hands-on semi-skilled jobs like shoemaker, blacksmith, carriage maker, or printer (they often involved Benjamin Franklin as an example of a “mechanic” (printer) who succeeded through characteristic values of thrift.

You will find in this article an image of an 1804 subdivision of lots that today make up the center of Rhinebeck Village. Local newspaper advertisements in 1810 promoted them as “a number of lots suitable for mechanics,” or working class.

Through the 19th century local farming met an increasing number of economic challenges including competition from the U.S. West, poorer soil locally, and a general shift to urban centers. By the turn of the 20th century, the wealthy estate owners had created a tightly knit local economy and community that was meant to be mutually beneficial. One of the best examples of this is John Jacob Astor’s Astoria Hotel in New York City offering on its menu “fresh eggs” from Astor’s Rhinebeck farm, Ferncliff. But economic pressures on farmers persisted and an urban, middle class was emerging after World War I.

There was a growing middle class that filled the gap between the wealthy estate owner, and the rural tenant farmer. Houses that were of a standard design could be ordered through the mail. Villages and hamlets were areas of concentrated development.

But it was planned, multi-house developments that started after World War One and accelerated greatly after World War Two that really changed the landscape.

The immediate and crushing need for housing in the 1940s prompted growth through planned developments through com-

panies like Sague Realty, E.I. Hatfield and others. The arrival and rapid expansion of IBM as the county’s major employer from the 1940s supported this suburban development.

Among DCHS’s most recent library acquisitions is a book that reveals the kind of evolution that was happening in the 1940s. Milton Wend was living in Poughkeepsie in 1944 when he published *How to Live in the Country Without Farming*. It is an instruction guide for those arriving locally from the City.

Although Wend was a developer from the 1920s with projects like “Wend Acres” on Barnegat Road, Poughkeepsie, his book missed the mark. In it he wrote, “Most city dwellers look upon their community as a huge money reservoir which each week yields so many dollars to its inhabitants in salaries, wages and profits... In contrast, the country dweller tends to be preoccupied with non-monetary considerations. He carefully cultivates his garden and tends his stock to eat more plentifully. He builds a chicken house or fence using his own labor...”

Wend was offering a return to self-sufficiency that required a good deal of one’s “own labor.” This ended up being less appealing to many than a suburban convenience of removing any farming or growing activity aside from a small vegetable or flower garden.

That said, Wend’s appeal to the benefits of self sufficiency continues to have broad appeal. And Dutchess County’s homes reflect a mix of more traditional suburban, to Wend’s idea of approaching self-sufficiency, to the great Estates which all remind us of a complex history economic advancement, occasional decline, and repeated advancement.

HCC to host gala on May 9



A Gala will be held to raise funds for the Howland Cultural Center on May 9 in Beacon.

-Courtesy photo

Continued from cover fundraiser.”

“Our last Gala was held in 2019, but shortly after, the COVID-19 pandemic struck, causing widespread disruption. Like many other organizations, the Howland Cultural Center (HCC) faced significant challenges over the past five years. With limited in-person attendance, HCC took advantage of the empty building to undertake an interior restoration project. Now, the focus is on restoring the exterior Portico,” explained Kraft.

The Howland Center is currently working on preserving its main entry Portico, said Kraft, and is seeking donations to support its fundraising efforts.

Paul Stoddard, who is the president of the Howland Chamber Music Circle, stated, “Many of the illustrious musicians who have performed there (at the Howland Cultural Center) have raved about the outstanding acoustics of the building. Musicians and audiences, alike, love the intimacy of

Northcutt Hall, the main room in the Center.

“The Howland Chamber Music Circle and the Howland Cultural Center have enjoyed a close relationship for many years. We are delighted to help support needed restorations of this beautiful building in Beacon,” added Stoddard.

“The building, which was constructed in 1872 as the Howland Circulating Library, has been operating as a cultural center since 1979 and is recognized as a landmark on the National Registry of Historic Places. It was designed by the renowned architect Richard Morris Hunt. This non-profit organization relies solely on volunteers and does not have any paid staff. As the ‘Jewel of Beacon,’ the center has been fostering art, culture, and history. The Gala is an opportunity to raise funds for much-needed repairs to the building, and all proceeds go towards the Portico Restoration Project,” she said.

To purchase tickets, visit bit.ly/HCCgala2024tix.



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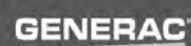


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	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Wilmington WSH	13	8	.619	-	6-4	W1
Greensboro PIT	12	8	.600	0.5	6-4	W1
Hudson Valley NY Yankees	12	8	.600	0.5	5-5	W1
Aberdeen BAL	11	10	.524	2.0	7-3	W3
Brooklyn NY Mets	11	10	.524	2.0	7-3	L1
Jersey Shore PHI	9	12	.429	4.0	2-8	L3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB	12	9	.571	-	5-5	L1
Rome ATL	10	9	.526	1.0	5-5	L1
Asheville HOU	9	11	.450	2.5	4-6	W1
Winston-Salem CWS	9	12	.429	3.0	6-4	W1
Hickory TEX	8	12	.400	3.5	4-6	L1
Greenville BOS	7	14	.333	5.0	3-7	L1

Hendry pitches for Renegades



Renegades pitcher Brian Hendry hails from Medford, NJ. He has pitched 11 innings so far this year, giving up just five hits and two runs. He played college ball at Oklahoma State University.

-Photo by Dave Janosz.



Players Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1 Omar Martinez DH	HV	17	61	6	16	1	1	3	8	13	14	0	0	.262	.392	.459	.851
2 Kiko Romero 3B	HV	13	37	6	8	1	0	2	6	6	20	1	0	.216	.370	.405	.775
2 Jared Serna SS	HV	19	65	12	12	3	0	2	9	15	10	1	2	.185	.333	.323	.656
4 Jace Avina CF	HV	10	33	4	10	1	0	1	3	5	8	1	0	.303	.439	.424	.863
4 Kyle Battle LF	HV	7	16	5	3	1	0	1	3	3	8	1	0	.188	.333	.438	.771
4 Rafael Flores 1B	HV	15	52	6	10	5	0	1	6	7	16	1	1	.192	.300	.346	.646
4 Josh Moylan 1B	HV	15	47	6	9	0	0	1	4	10	17	0	0	.191	.339	.255	.594
4 Roc Riggio 2B	HV	12	42	6	7	2	1	1	5	11	10	1	1	.167	.333	.333	.666
4 Jesus Rodriguez C	HV	18	69	9	21	3	1	1	7	6	12	2	2	.304	.368	.420	.788
10 Beau Brewer 2B	HV	7	21	1	4	1	0	0	2	1	6	0	0	.190	.227	.238	.465
10 Cole Gabrielson LF	HV	10	31	5	5	2	0	0	1	4	9	2	1	.161	.316	.226	.542
10 Anthony Hall RF	HV	11	33	3	3	0	0	0	1	9	13	1	0	.091	.286	.091	.377
10 Garrett Martin LF	HV	14	46	7	10	4	1	0	9	3	16	5	1	.217	.333	.348	.681
10 Nelson Medina CF	HV	13	38	1	3	0	0	0	2	3	21	2	0	.079	.167	.079	.246
10 Alexander Vargas SS	HV	5	15	1	3	1	1	0	5	3	1	1	1	.200	.316	.400	.716

Pitcher Statistics

PLAYER	TEAM	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	AVG
1 Cam Schlittler P	HV	3	0	1.29	4	4	0	0	0	0	21.0	8	7	3	3	1	9	26	0.81	.113
2 Sebastian Keane P	HV	1	2	5.63	4	4	0	0	0	0	16.0	19	10	10	0	1	9	19	1.75	.302





Renegades Extra!



Renegades at 12-8, half-game behind Wilmington



Renegades catcher Rafael Flores rounds third base during a recent game. He has appeared in 15 games so far in the young season with 10 hits, including one homerun.

-Photos by Dave Janosz



Renegades outfielder Jace Avina has collected 10 hits in 33 at-bats for a 3.03 average and has one homerun.

By Rich Thomaselli

Looking to stay near the top while playing on the road.

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the Class A affiliate of the New York Yankees, are looking to stay near the top in the North Division of the South Atlantic League after completing a two-week stay at home on Sunday. The Renegades are 12-8 on the season, and are a half-game behind Wilmington at 13-8.

Hudson Valley is on the road this week at the Jersey Shore Blue Claws.

The Renegades went up against the Bowling Green Hot Rods after taking four of six games against Aberdeen in a home-opening series at Heritage Financial Park.

That includes a 5-1 victory on Friday night and a 3-0 loss on Saturday in which they were shut out and managed only three hits before coming back to win by a score of 6-3 on Sunday afternoon.

Hot Rods starter Duncan Davitt and Hudson Valley's Sebastian Keane both traded blows early in the game on Friday,

combining for 11 strikeouts through three innings and allowing just three total base-runners.

In the fourth, Bowling Green finally opened the scoring. Brayden Taylor led off the frame with a walk, and came home on an RBI double by Colton Ledbetter in the ensuing at-bat.

Hudson Valley began its offensive flurry in the fifth, scoring two runs to take a 2-1 lead. Rafael Flores began the inning with a double, and Kiko Romero followed that up with a towering two-run homer to right, his second of the season.

In the bottom of the sixth, Hudson Valley tallied two more runs with more extra-base hits. Omar Martinez led off the inning with a double, and Jesus Rodriguez legged out a triple in the next plate appearance, pushing the Renegades advantage to 3-1. A sacrifice fly from Josh Moylan brought in Rodriguez for a fourth Hudson Valley run.

After Keane departed following his quality start, the Renegades added a fifth

run in the seventh. A Cole Gabrielson double was followed by an RBI single for Jace Avina, who continues to swing the bat well for Hudson Valley.

Matt Keating tossed 3.0 innings of relief in back of Keane to close out the win and pick up his third save of the season.

In Saturday's game, Bowling Green had an excellent performance from their pitching staff on Saturday night, handing the Renegades the shutout loss.

After Kyle Carr had a strong start to the game on the mound, striking out five batters through four innings, Bowling Green broke through in the fifth inning, getting all three of their runs in the frame. With one out, Ryan Spikes hit a line drive to left that got past Renegades left fielder Jace Avina, which allowed Spikes to get

all the way to third for a triple.

Cooper Kinney then doubled with two outs, scoring Spikes. Isaac followed that up with a bloop single to score Kinney, and reached third after a throwing error. The Hot Rods first baseman came home on a balk in the ensuing plate appearance to give his team a 3-0 lead.

Bowling Green didn't need any more run support, as their pitching staff shut down Hudson Valley. Roel Garcia III pitched six scoreless innings, and Drew Sommers and Jonny Cuevas got the final nine outs to complete the victory.

On Sunday, Cam Schlittler had a great day on the mound – pitching six innings and giving up only two runs on two hits and improving his ERA to 1.29.

Kyle Battle had a homerun and a single to lead the Renegades at the plate.

GM Q&A

Renegades at 30: Great staff leads the way

Editor's note: The Hudson Valley Renegades have a new general manager in Zach Betkowski. He sits down with reporter Rich Thomaselli every week to express his thoughts on the Renegades and on minor league baseball in general.

How have your first few months as the new general manager been?

You know, my former predecessors in Tyson (Jeffers) and Steve (Gliner), are always just a phone call away. And obviously, as you probably know, Steve has been at the ballpark quite a bit. So it's been really great having the support of them. We have a phenomenal, phenomenal staff here too that I can really lean on

and rely on to make sure that they're getting their job done, which makes my life a lot easier. And then, of course, our ownership group, Diamond Baseball Holdings, provides so many resources to be successful. We have a phenomenal corporate structure.

How are you approaching the 30th anniversary season of the franchise?

You know, my approach has been very realistic in the sense of this is only my fourth season with the Renegades. So I've been here for a fraction of our history. Now, I've been in minor league baseball for a while, over a decade, but I've really had to lean on the folks that have been

here since day one, like Rick Zolzer and Tom Hubmaster, but also our season ticket members who have been with us since the 1990s even the early 2000s. We called them and asked them, what do you want to see? What do you want us to do? What should we do? How can we make this fun for everyone? And that's really the main motivation behind wearing the throwback jerseys every Saturday like we've been doing and bringing back mascots Rookie, Renee and Rufus. So we want to make sure that our core fan group and our core employees who have been with us since day one feel like they're a part of this and are really the ones driving the muscle making is successful.

Can you talk about the new aesthetics and additions to the stadium?

It has been awesome. It has definitely been a learn-on-the-fly situation. But we have a beautiful facility that we are proud of and that the New York Yankees can be proud of. It has amazing amenities. You know, I was talking with a seasoned ticket member who has been here since the early days, and he described it as a shared opportunity. That's the best way I can outwardly describe it. That was a really humbling comment and to and see how far the ballpark has come in 30 years is incredible.

HUDSON VALLEY NATURALIST

by Francine Wizner



Try this post-Easter 'Egg-vestigation'

We are a few weeks past Easter 2024 and, hopefully, you no longer have any dyed eggs still in the fridge. A raw, un-dyed egg will be needed to complete this fun science activity. Other necessary materials include white vinegar and clear corn syrup. The purpose of this "egg-vestigation" is to demonstrate how molecules move.

To use a raw chicken egg as a model for an animal cell, it is necessary to remove the shell. A membrane lies beneath egg shells. The membrane is similar to that which surrounds other animal cells. Cell membranes allow certain substances to pass through. When the shell of the raw egg is removed, the remaining membrane will permit the diffusion of substances. Once that is done, the "white" part of the egg (albumin) will represent the cell's cytoplasm.

Remove the egg shell

Place the raw egg in six ounces of vinegar so that the acetic acid wears away the calcium carbonate shell. Before doing this, involve children by having them make observations about the egg's color, shape, and texture. Encourage them to make predictions about what will happen to the egg sitting in vinegar overnight.

Modeling diffusion

Once the shell is removed, the water within the vinegar will have diffused into the model "cell." This occurs because the concentration of water molecules outside the egg is greater than the concentration of

water molecules inside the egg. Diffusion is a process where molecules move from where there are more to where there are less.

Children should observe that the model cell is larger. They may make other observations about the egg's color or texture. A finding of fewer than six ounces should result from measuring the remaining liquid in the container.

Next, place the model cell in six ounces of corn syrup. Encourage children to make predictions about what will happen to the egg sitting in the syrup overnight.

When the model "cell" is next observed, it will be visibly shrunk. Remove it from the container and measure the remaining liquid. This time, there will be more than the six ounces that was put in the container! Since the egg is smaller and there is more liquid in the container than was put in, one could reasonably infer that water diffused out of the "cell."

Finally, place six ounces of water in the container and, again, place the "cell" back within. What will happen to the egg this time?

The following day, the egg will be even bigger than when it started. Measurement of the liquid in the container will be less than six ounces. Since the egg is bigger and there is less liquid in the container, the process of diffusion can, again, be inferred.

Making connections

These are probably not the only experiences you've had with diffusion. Fresh produce at the grocery is sprayed with water so that fruits and vegetables stay plump. Plants along roadsides look brown because winter salting causes water to diffuse out of them. Dried fruits and beans swell when they are cooked.



Water molecules move in and out of an egg, making it expand and contract repeatedly. These photos demonstrate the process. Clockwise, from top: Acid in the vinegar causes the eggshell to disintegrate; then, water from the vinegar diffuses into the egg. Water in the egg diffuses out. There is so little liquid inside the egg that it "wrinkles" to the touch. After sitting in water for 24 hours, the formerly wrinkled egg is even bigger than it started!

-Photos by Francine Wizner

The concept of passive transport (diffusion) is instrumental to understanding the functional role of the cell membrane in survival. Diffusion of molecules is a process that help cells maintain homeostasis--a major concept in biology. This egg diffusion hands-on lab is a visually striking way to experience this process.

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Valley. She grew up in the Catskills of Greene County and spent over 3 decades teaching in Ulster County. She creates science-themed instructional materials and books, as well as being a Citizen Scientist in the management of her current home in an enchanted woodland of Dutchess County. Find her at <https://www.gertrudekatzchronicles.com/> and <https://www.pleasantvalleymaplelodging.com/>.

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Slater Chemical Auxiliary to hold Craft Fair May 5

The Slater Chemical Auxiliary will hold a craft fair on May 5, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., 76 Old Glenham Rd., in the hamlet of Glenham in the town of Fishkill. There will be more than 30 local vendors. Browse collection of baked goods, homemade candles, jewelry, home décor, custom pens and more. There will also be raffles and food. Something for everyone – especially for mothers.

ARF to host rabies, distemper clinic May 5 at Memorial Park in Beacon

Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) will be hosting a Rabies and Distemper Clinic on Sunday, May 5, at Memorial Park, under the Pavilion, Route 52, Beacon. The clinic will be held from 9 a.m.-noon. The cost for each vaccine is \$15. For the safety of all in attendance, all dogs must be leashed and all cats in carriers. If one has proof of prior vaccinations, please bring the documents. Anyone who has questions may call Animal Rescue Foundation at 845-831-5161.

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County Players to present 'Ragtime'

County Players, one of the longest running community theatre companies in the area is proud to present the sweeping musical tapestry "Ragtime," which opens Friday, May 3, and runs through May 19. With a book by Terrence McNally, Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Music by Stephen Flaherty and based on the novel, "Ragtime" by E.L. Doctorow, the show is directed by Anna Marie Paolercio with musical direction by Karen Dalmer-Sheehy, and choreography by Denise Wornell. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday May 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m., with matinees at 2 p.m. on Sundays, May 12 and 19 and Saturday May 18 at County Players Falls Theatre, 2681 W. Main Street in Wappingers Falls.

This Tony Award-winning musical depicts an African American family, a Jewish immigrant family, and a wealthy white suburban family in turn-of-the-century America, who collide in pursuit of the American Dream. Nominated for 13 Tony Awards® including "Best Musical," and winning for "Best Original Score" and "Best Book of a Musical." "Ragtime" is a powerful portrait of life during the turn-of-the-century, exploring America's timeless contradictions of freedom and prejudice, wealth, and poverty, hope and despair.

This community production features a large cast of talented performers from across the region featuring: Melinda Aaron, Lisa Berger, Connie E. Boden, Michael J. Boden, Andrea Buegers, Nick Butler, Antonella Delli Carpini, John H. Carter, Cassandra D. Clarke, Mark Colvson, Bernadette Dingman, Tracy Dunstan, Ryan Dutcher,



The cast "Ragtime." Performances open on May 3 at County Players Falls Theatre in Wappingers Falls.

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Michele George, Devin Gibbs, Robert S. Grable, Karen Hoben, Emily Holland, Quinn Jackson, James Keating, Brian Kuchcicki, John Leinung, Ceista Little-Quinn, Megan Longwell, Kiara Melendez, Glen Morrice, Janet Nurre, Vincent Peter, Samuel Petty, David J. Ringwood, Amy Schaffer, Laura Seaman, Richard Leonard Smith, Yvonne Tirado, Chris Tomer, Eero Vaitkus, Jontae D. Walters, Gerard Weiss, Jr., AvaGrace Sierralee Wilson, Douglas

Woolley, and Jonah Woodcock. Of this production director Paolercio said: "I am thrilled to bring to life the vibrant characters, powerful themes, and captivating music that make this production such a compelling and relevant piece of theatre."

Tickets available online at countyplayers.org/tickets: \$26-Adult; \$23-Seniors 60+, Military, Students (with ID), and Children under 12. NOTE: Proof of Vaccination is NOT required; however, masks are optional.

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"Ragtime" will be performed from May 3-19 at County Players Falls Theatre in Wappingers Falls.

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One of the longest running community theatre companies in the area, County Players is an all-volunteer organization which has presented more than 250 productions and has served thousands of theatergoers since 1958. Accessibility: If one requires wheelchair accessibility, contact the Box Office at 845-298-1491.

Fairy House Scavenger Hunt returns to Locust Grove



Two of the Fairy Houses at the Locust Grove Estate include the Fairy House Café, left, and "Poppy's Place."

-Courtesy photos

It's time to flap your wings and fly on over to the blooming gardens of historic Locust Grove for the annual Fairy House Hunt scavenger hunt in the garden.

This scavenger hunt among the gardens and century old trees starts Saturday, May 4 and runs every Saturday and Sunday in May and June and Monday, May 27. There is plenty of parking, and gravel pathways for strollers and wheelchairs at the 2683 South Road (Route 9) Poughkeepsie location.

Each of the 25 Fairy Houses, like Lady Locust's Lodge, Tulip Tea Tent, Magnolia Bakery, Cedar Shed, Mushroom Meetup, celebrates a different heirloom flower or historic tree that grows on the 200-acre property.

Kids, caregivers, and even adults who enjoy whimsy and the outdoors will marvel at the tiny abodes and the educational signage that tells about seeds, bulbs, the life cycle of our trees and, of course our most important characters in the gardens: birds, bats, bees, butterflies, and beetles - Pollinators.

A special "Pollination Station" in Locust Grove's geometric garden celebrates these essential, tiny garden

heroes. A decorated birdhouse, bug abode, butterfly station, a bee shelter, and even a bat house will encourage kids and families to create spaces for these creatures to thrive in their own communities.

Who makes all these amazing Fairy Houses? Why, the Fairies do, of course! Every spring, hundreds of tiny fairies - flower fairies, woodland fairies, tree fairies, river fairies, and more alight on the flowers and trees at Locust Grove. They bring their little houses with them and don't mind if you come and take a peek at Fairy House Hunt. You'll find some fabulous new houses and some of your perennial favorites!

Tickets are \$10/person online. Children under 4 are free. Go to lgny.org/calendar to purchase timed entry tickets in advance.

Fairy wings, crowns and other Fairy essentials are available in the Museum Shop.


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Mount Gulian dinner to highlight Lewis & Clark's adventures

By Kristine Coulter

Learn from living-history presenters about explorers Lewis & Clark – Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. The program, where attendees will learn about “The Corps of Discovery” in the early 1800s, will be held at the Mount Gulian Historic Site, 145 Sterling St., in Beacon, from 4:30-9 p.m. on Saturday, June 1. The evening will showcase a catered dinner for the 28th Annual History Dinner at the site. Prepaid reservations are required by May 9. The Bridgecreek Catering dinner will be served in the 18th century Dutch barn on the site.

“Our annual dinner is significant for a number of reasons. It is one of the most respected “living history” events in the region, with professional actors portraying historical figures and remaining in character for the entire evening. Secondly, it’s a great opportunity to bring together our members, volunteers and the general public for a fun evening of entertainment mixed with history, and great food. Lewis & Clark will be exciting,” said Elaine Hayes, who is the executive director for Mount Gulian.

Two actors from the American Historical Theatre, Doug Thomas and Steve Edenbo, will portray Lewis and Clark.

Thomas, who takes on the role of Lewis, has also depicted historical figures Francis Scott Key, William Penn, John Marshall and Patrick Henry. Clark’s portrayer, Edenbo, also has taken on the interpretation of this country’s third president, Thomas Jefferson.

According to the American Historical Theater website: “The interplay between the two distinct personalities of the Captains, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, made them a leadership team unsurpassed in American history. Those same differences in personality combine as the ingredients for an entertaining stage performance that mixes humor with facts and allows audiences of all ages to truly enjoy this educational experience. Adventure, danger and incredible hardships faced these brave men and their team as they made their trek in the Corps of Discovery.”

Hayes explained, “Attendees experi-



Actors Doug Thomas and Steve Edenbo will portray Lewis & Clark during Mount Gulian’s 28th Annual History Dinner on June 1. Reservations are required by May 9.

-Courtesy photo

ence the excitement of being in the presence of greatness. We’ve had George Washington, Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt, Marquis de Lafayette, Susan B. Anthony, Edgar Allan Poe, Mark Twain and many others here, wowing the crowd, who can ask questions and interact with our illustrious guests.”

Dinners for these living-history programs include courses inspired by the specific person who is being highlighted that year. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres will be served riverside lawn prior to dinner where one can enjoy the view of the Hudson River.

“Mount Gulian relies on the annual dinner, as well as other special events, wedding rentals and memberships for our financing. We don’t receive any government funding,” said Hayes.

Tickets are \$185 per person. For an invitation and/or more information, contact Mount Gulian at 845-831-8172, email at info@mountgulian.org or visit the website at www.mountgulian.org.

Hyde Park’s Linda Lawlor honored as County’s School Bus Driver of the Year



From left, Hyde Park Central School District Superintendent Dr. Pedro Roman, 2024 Dutchess County School Bus Driver of the Year Linda Lawlor and County Executive Sue Serino.

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In recognition of Safe Stop Education and Enforcement Day on Thursday, April 25, Dutchess County Sue Serino announced that Hyde Park Central School District (HPCSD) driver Linda Lawlor was named the recipient of the 21st Dutchess County School Bus Driver of the Year Award, recognizing her exemplar-

ry service and safety record transporting students to and from school.

The award, part of the Dutchess County Traffic Safety Board’s efforts to promote school bus safety, is given in conjunction with the launch of the annual Operation Safe Stop Project supported by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee.

Obituaries

Jeanne M. Carlos



POUGHKEEPSIE - Jeanne Marie Carlos, 74 years old, passed away peacefully on April 27, 2024. She was the sixth child born on June 6, 1949 in Mahopac, New York to Milton and Gertrude Lacina. She was a graduate of Mahopac High School, Dutchess Community College and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Economics from the State University of New York. On August 29, 1970 Jeanne married William G. Carlos Jr. of Croton-On-Hudson, NY who survives at home in Poughkeepsie. Jeanne is also survived by her son, Dr. William Graham Carlos III; his wife, Dr. Jennifer Leigh Carlos and their three beautiful daughters, Katherine “Katie” Leigh Carlos, Emily May Carlos and Sarah Elizabeth Carlos of Brownsburg, Indiana. Jeanne is also survived by her daughter Janelle Christine Lombardi; her husband, Joseph Anthony

Lombardi and their two wonderful children, Vincent Graham Lombardi and Alaina Leigh Lombardi of Wappingers Falls, New York. In addition, Jeanne is survived by her three sisters, Barbara Bosch of Brewster, NY; Laurette Linde (Alfred Linde) of Carmel, NY and Christine MacMillian of Hopewell Junction, NY. Her brother, Lawrence Lacina of Paris, France predeceased her in 1993 and her sister Lenore Rickey of Charlotte, NC predeceased her in 2010. Jeanne is also survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Jeanne retired in 2014 after 19 years as the Personnel Assistant in the Human Resources Department of Arlington Central School District. She was the first “face” to welcome hundreds of new teachers and staff to the district during her employment. She also had previous personnel positions at the Poughkeepsie Journal, Dutchess County ARC and MCI Communications. After her daughter was born, Jeanne also ran a daycare at home for several years.

Jeanne will be remembered as a person who had a love of nature and all of God’s creatures, great and small. She enjoyed working in her vegetable and flower gardens, entertaining family and friends at home and her beloved dog “Daisy”. Jeanne loved to travel with Bill and would bring back rocks and shells from all over the world and place them in her gardens or share them with her grandchildren. She was an avid bird watcher and enjoyed viewing them at one of her many feeders, bird baths and bird houses around her yard. Jeanne was often praised for her ability to host a dinner party and enjoyed cooking.

Jeanne fought 3 courageous battles with cancer and kept true to her faith all throughout surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation with the help of her sisters, family and her relationship with the Lord. She regularly attended Catholic Mass at Mt. Alvernia and was also a member of St. Mary’s Parish in Wappingers Falls, NY. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at the Dyson Center for Cancer Care, Vassar Brothers Medical Center Emergency Room and Oncology Care Unit, in addition to Hudson Valley Hospice for their support, kindness and compassion.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place. Memorial calling hours will be on Friday, May 17, 2024 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Straub, Catalano and Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. A memorial mass will be held at a later date at the discretion of the family.

Prior to her passing and in keeping with her love of animals, Jeanne made a donation with the help of her children to the Hudson Valley Humane Society. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in her name to the Town of Poughkeepsie Police K9 Fund, P.O. Box 3003, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

To send the family a personal condolence, please visit our website at www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

Lucy G. Rado



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Lucy Grace Rado, 100-years-old, of Wappingers Falls, NY, reunited with her family in Heaven on Saturday, February 3, 2024, to begin the next chapter of her storybook life.

Lucy was born in East Rutherford, New Jersey, on December 13, 1923, one of eight children of the late Bernard and Mary (Bonanno) Lopez. Her parents had immigrated to America from the Aeolian Islands of Italy in 1913. Lucy graduated from Wappingers High School in 1944 and began working as an executive secretary in the Personnel Department of IBM under its, then, President and CEO, T.J. Watson, until she retired to begin a family.

Lucy married Edward J. Rado, a local hair stylist and World War II Veteran, on Sunday, June 24, 1951, at St. Mary’s Church in Wappingers Falls. Edward predeceased her in 2009. In her later years, Lucy worked as a senior buyer at All Sport Health and Fitness Center in Fishkill.

Lucy is survived by her three sons, Edward J. Rado, Jr. of Renton, WA, Philip M. Rado and wife Christine of San Marcos, CA and David R. Rado and wife Jeanine Agnolet-Rado of Hopewell Junction, NY. Lucy took great pride in her six grandchildren: Nicholas, Matthew, Julia, Garret, Isabella and Gabriella as well as in her cherished home where she lived for over 60 years. Lucy is also survived by her sister, Nancy Fulvio, and her brother, Vincent Lopez, as well as by many loving nieces, nephews and extended family. She is also survived by family friend and caretaker for many years, Lynnette Maurer. She was predeceased by her brothers, Bernard, Joseph, Frederick, Anthony and by her sister, Mary Sanfillippo as well as by her companion of over 20 years, Donald Shoemaker.

Lucy was a life-long parishioner of St. Mary’s Church in Wappingers Falls and loved her community and the small, Hudson Valley town in which she lived. An avid reader and lover of history, Lucy would often stay up most of the night to finish a good book and take a Sunday afternoon drive to secretly explore abandoned farmhouses in search of lost treasures. She was proud of her Italian heritage and had fond memories of her trip to Italy to visit her ancestral home. Lucy possessed exquisite taste in all things. With a penchant for antiques and for fine clothing and shoes, Lucy could have been called the Imelda Marcos of Wappingers Falls. With a fiery personality to match her fiery, red hair, she was the epitome of an independent woman, ahead of her time. She proved daily that, regardless of challenges, she was a survivor—ultimately becoming one of Dutchess County’s prized Centenarians.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 12pm at the Church of St. Mary’s, 11 Clinton Street, Wappingers Falls. Interment will follow in St. Mary’s Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Lucy’s family requests donations be made in her memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at stjude.org.

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Walkers raise funds for American Heart Association



The Hudson Valley Heart Walk took place on both sides of the Walkway Over the Hudson, 61 Parker Ave., in Poughkeepsie, on Saturday, April 27. Above, local resident Donna Kosack, a former Dutchess-Ulster Heart Walk chairperson who is a heart disease and cancer survivor, walks with her family during the annual event. Right, participant Chris Costello during the Walk.

-Courtesy photos

Hydrant flushing in Village of Fishkill

The Village of Fishkill Water Department will be flushing hydrants throughout the Village System starting Monday, May 6 through Friday May 10. After hydrant flushing, one may experience discoloration in the water. Do not wash clothes until water runs clear, otherwise this may cause staining, according to village officials.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The following entitled bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 8, 2024, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is each available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, April 24, 2024.

Laura Phillips
Deputy Clerk, County Legislature
RESOLUTION NO. 2024058
BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 8, 2024. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY STANDBY GENERATOR AND GENERATOR CONNECTOR SWITCHES AT 45 MARKET STREET AND 50 MARKET STREET IN

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POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$555,500, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$555,500 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Specific object or purpose: Emergency standby generator and generator connector switches at 45 and 50 Market St. in Poughkeepsie, New York
Period of probable usefulness: 10 years
Maximum estimated cost: \$555,500
Amount of bonds to be issued: \$555,500 bonds
SEQRA status: Type II Action

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Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York, April 24, 2024.

Laura Phillips
Deputy Clerk, County Legislature
RESOLUTION NO. 2024059
BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 8, 2024. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,484,809 SERIAL BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST OF BRIDGE, CULVERT AND HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY.

Class of objects or purposes: Highway, culvert and bridge improvements, including incidental improvements and expenses
Period of probable usefulness: 15 years
Maximum estimated cost: \$14,009,008
Maximum amount of bonds to be issued: \$8,484,809 bonds
Other monies: \$5,524,199 CHIPS, PaveNY and Extreme Winter Recovery monies from State
SEQRA status: Will be on a project-by-project basis. SEQRA compliance materials on file in the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature where same may be inspected during regular office hours.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

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The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid#RFP-DCP-07-24

Behavioral Health Specialist Services for the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office
Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 24th day of May 2024 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 website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for: Bid#RFB-DCP-28-24

New Vehicles for the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office
Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 14th day of May 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RE: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONE OF ASSESSMENT "028A" AND ZONE OF ASSESSMENT "028B" IN THE DUTCHESS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF HYDE PARK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Legislature of the County of Dutchess, pursuant to Resolution No. 2024062, shall conduct a public hearing on the 13th day of May 2024, at 6:30 PM, at the Legislative Chambers, County Office Building, Poughkeepsie, New York, on a proposal to establish Zone of Assessment "028A" and Zone of Assessment "028B" in Dutchess County Water District located in the Town of Hyde Park, described in Attachment A attached hereto.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority proposes to construct a water main extension to connect to the existing Hyde Park Regional Water System in order to provide water service to eight properties located along West Dorsey Lane, Old West Dorsey Lane, and Albany Post Road (U.S. Route 9) in the Town of Hyde Park.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that capital costs will be allocated among properties by means of a benefit unit assessment. Operation and maintenance costs will be allocated among properties based on metered water usage.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the first-year average annual cost to the typical one-family home in Zone of Assessment "028A" is estimated to be \$1,941. The annual cost to the single parcel in Zone of Assessment "028B" is estimated to be \$13,107.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the estimated one-time hook-up fee for the typical single family residential property will be \$1,150 per property.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that copy of the Map, Plan and Report for Zones of Assessment "028A" and "028B" are available at the Office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, County Office Building, 22 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, where it may be examined or procured by interested parties during regular business hours.

DATED: Poughkeepsie, NY

April 25, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

LAURA PHILLIPS

Deputy Clerk of the Dutchess County Legislature

ATTACHMENT A

COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT 028A

TAX PARCEL LIST

Tax Parcel # (133200)	Owner	Address
6063-02-985544	GSP Properties LLC	3726 Albany Post Rd
6163-01-001527	Turner, Crystal J	4 Old W Dorsey Ln
6163-01-016534	Petty, John A	6 Old W Dorsey Ln
6063-04-986483	Four Seasons Deli	3700 Albany Post Rd
6063-04-992465	Hess Retail Stores LLC	3694 Albany Post Rd
6063-04-912484	H-be, Polly Diane	3703 Albany Post Rd
6063-04-965422	Mobile Investors New York LLC	3677 Albany Post Rd

COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ZONE OF ASSESSMENT 028B

TAX PARCEL LIST

Tax Parcel # (133200)	Owner	Address
6063-02-987506	Culinary Institute of Am	3710 Albany Post Rd

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THEME: GRADUATION

ACROSS

1. Accumulate
6. Popular pickup
9. Johnny Depp's 2001 biopic
13. Jousting pole
14. Mozart's "L' ____ del Cairo"
15. Figure of speech
16. Oak nut
17. Be off base
18. Less typical
19. *Graduating class
21. *S in BS
23. *Graduating NCAA player's goal?
24. FedEx, verb
25. "I Want My ____," television channel
28. Daytime drama
30. Online business
35. Fleur-de-lis
37. Dart
39. Planktonic tunicate
40. Not naughty
41. Break of day
43. Last row
44. Verdi's opus
46. Lion's do
47. D.E.A. agent
48. Sell again
50. Penny
52. To the ____ degree
53. Prep for certain potatoes
55. Metered ride
57. *Final reward
61. *Academic ____, a.k.a. Cap and Gown
65. Gibson garnish
66. Rocks, to a bartender
68. Angry
69. Lieu
70. Not solid or liquid
71. Post-it user
72. Of two minds
73. Bldg unit
74. Opposite of friend

DOWN

1. "Oh, woe!"
2. Riot spray
3. At another time, archaic
4. Substitute for tender
5. Misters in Spain
6. Fish eggs, pl.
7. Acronym, abbr.
8. Wet land
9. Highlands hillside
10. Forsaken
11. Oil org.
12. "The Way We ____"
15. *Finals at Cambridge University
20. Building toppers
22. El ____, Spain's national hero
24. Popeye's fuel
25. *Major's partner
26. Beef ____, dim sum choice
27. Moral weaknesses
29. *Grad
31. Mountain lake
32. As a whistle?
33. 1960s abstractionism
34. *"Pomp and Circumstance," e.g.
36. Dried up
38. Adjust the pitch, with "up"
42. Previous VP
45. Marcona nut
49. Skedaddle
51. Moroccan spiced stew
54. Eurasian antelope
56. Sacha Cohen's middle name
57. Olden days "do", second person singular
58. Sean Penn's movie "____ the Wild"
59. Embarkation location
60. *Student aid
61. Catch one's breath
62. Not on time
63. One on a list
64. Bald eagle's nest
67. *Graduation garb topper

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Bannerman's Island starts 2024 season



Visitors will take the Estuary Tour Boat Ride to Bannerman's Island.

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One of many performances on Bannerman's Island this season will be Goldee and the Shades.

-Courtesy photo

The Bannerman Castle Trust Inc. (BCT) in Beacon has begun the 2024 touring and events season on Bannerman's Island. Island tours and events will run through Sunday, November 3. The BCT is celebrating their 30th Anniversary Year and received the Dutchess Tourism Award of Excellence for Best Events this past year. The public is invited to take a tour, enjoy a play, concert, film, fundraiser dinner or other special event on the historic Island, an experience a visitor will never forget.

Island visitors board the BCT's tour boat, the RV Estuary Steward at 2 Red Flynn Drive directly across from the Beacon, NY Metro-North Train Station. The boat ride to the island runs about 23 minutes (each way) and features exquisite views of the Hudson River Highlands. Island tours last about two hours including travel to and from the island. On arrival, visitors are given the option of taking a tour of the island's castle, Bannerman Residence Museum and gardens with an experienced tour guide or hiking the island's beautiful trails on their own self-guided tour.

This year, a variety of special events are scheduled on the island including theater events, concerts, film nights, environmental programs, art shows and fundraising dinners.

Culinary events for 2024 include the BCT's Annual Titanic First Class Dinner Event on Saturday, May 25th. Designed by Chef Noah Sheetz, this dinner replicates the final 11 course meal that took place on the RMS Titanic on that fateful night. This is a wonderful event for folks who have a "history bent" or for foodies looking to experience a unique and fabulous meal. Gilded Age era music will be provided by pianist Tom McCoy.

The BCT's Annual Farm to Table Dinner is a special 5-course dinner scheduled for Saturday, September 7th. This organic dinner will feature Hudson Valley favorites and is a great way to say goodbye to Summer. Music will be provided by the Hudson Valley's Storm King Duo.

Forty artists are scheduled to paint the Sunset from Bannerman's Island on Friday, May 31st. A special art exhibition featuring the newly created works will be on view at the Bannerman Island Gallery located at 150 Main Street in Beacon, from June 8 - August 4. A public opening reception will take place at the gallery on Saturday, June 8th from 4-6pm. All works of art will be for sale.

2024 Bannerman Island Theater Events on the island's Stage include the American Pulitzer Prize Drama "Driving Miss Daisy" starring Emmett Ferris, Elisabeth Henry and Ron Morehead from June 28 - 30 and July 5 - 7; the musical "Always...Patsy Cline" featuring Jessica Welch as Patsy Cline and Emily Claire Zempel as her fan-turned-friend Louise Seger from July 24 - 28; and "Dracula"

presented by Frank Marquette and the Theater on the Road Co. from September 18 -22. Tickets are limited and often sell out so it's best to reserve early.

A concert event called "A Celt in the Cotton Club" will be held on Saturday, August 17. This unique Celtic Jazz Concert features renowned vocal artist Tara O'Grady, and Tenor Karl Scully, a member of the popular recording group "The Irish Tenors" who perform all over the world. Experience a beautiful late summer evening sunset in the shadow of Bannerman's Castle while enjoying an incredible night of music.

Six additional concerts will also be performed on Bannerman's Island on the third Sunday of each month from May - October. This year's Third Sunday Music Concert Series performers include Singer/Songwriter Paul Spring on May 19, The Damian Ecco Band on June 16, The Jasperoo Music Duo on July 21, Singer/Songwriter Emily Beck on August 17, Singer/Songwriter Tara O'Grady on September 15, and Guitarist Scott Beall & Friends on October 19. Included with a an island tour, it's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

2024 Movie Nights on Bannerman's Island include 1942's classic romantic thriller "Casablanca" on May 17; Alfred Hitchcock's 1959 film "North By Northwest" on May 31; "Labyrinth", the 1986 fantasy thriller starring David Bowie on June 14; the 1939 classic "The Wizard of Oz" on July 12; the 2022 adventure "Plunder Quest" (a movie filmed on Bannerman's Island) on August 9th; 2023's "Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" on August 16; Steven Spielberg's 1993 film "Jurassic Park" on August 23; the 1947 haunted house classic "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir" on September 6 and 1993's "Hocus Pocus" starring Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy as a trio of witches on October 6.

"Butterfly Day" an educational event presented in collaboration with the Museum of the Hudson Highlands will take place on Bannerman's Island on Friday, August 23rd. This annual event, enjoyed by people of all ages - celebrates the amazing Monarch Butterfly, which is most active in the Hudson Valley in late August on its migration flight. Bannerman's Island is a certified Monarch butterfly waystation!

Bannerman Island Public Tours and events begin Saturday, April 27 and run through November 3. For a full preview and schedule of all upcoming tours and events or to purchase tickets, please visit www.bannermancastle.org. For more information on these events and other BCT programming, please contact Executive Director Neil Caplan at 845-440-3318.

Women's Parish Club to hold Spring Garage and Rummage Sale

The Women's Parish Club of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church will be holding its Annual Spring Garage and Rummage Sale on Thursday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday, May 3,

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to noon in the St. Joachim's School gymnasium, Leonard Street, in Beacon.