

Upstate performing arts centers unite to seek state support

by Kate Goldsmith

The Bardavon 1896 Opera House in Poughkeepsie and the Ulster Performing Arts Center (UPAC) in Kingston are part of a 13-member coalition of downtown historic performing arts centers in upstate New York who are seeking an ongoing \$20 million in operating support from the state. Their goal is to encourage New York lawmakers to think of the upstate historic theaters as they do zoos and aquariums and public television statewide: organizations that have great public benefit to the citizens of the state.

In addition to the Bardavon and UPAC, Alive Downtowns! members include Clemens Center (Elmira), Palace Performing Arts Center (Albany), Proctors Collaborative (Schenectady, Albany, Saratoga), The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts (Jamestown), Rochester Broadway Theatre League's Auditorium Theatre (Rochester), Shea's Performing Arts Center (Buffalo), The Smith Center for the Arts (Geneva), Stanley Theatre (Utica), State Theatre of Ithaca, Syracuse Area Landmark Theatre, and Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

Combined, these facilities have an average age of nearly 100 years and have been keystones to their respective downtowns for all those years. They serve over 5 million people annually, including thousands of students. Their aggregate budgets exceed \$100 million and their economic impacts for upstate's major downtowns conservatively exceed \$350 million.

Upstate New York's historic theaters are essential to their cities' continuing attractiveness, urban education opportunities and economic viability.

Alive Downtowns! has met virtually since the start of the

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Millbrook Rotary celebrates 50 years of 'Service Above Self'

by Curtis Schmidt

It's been a great productive and caring 50 years for members of the Millbrook Rotary Club – and now it's time to recognize those efforts and look to the future.

The 50th anniversary event is set Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Links at Union Vale. A reception at 5:30 p.m. will be followed with a dinner and awards ceremony.

Entitled "50 Years of Doing Good in the Community," the event will honor George T. Whalen III of the Bank of Millbrook, Michael Flanigan of Reardon Briggs Hardware Store and Thansi Theodoropoulos of the Millbrook Diner. The keynote speaker will be Cara Mia Bacchiochi of Hope on a Mission in Poughkeepsie.

The long history of the club is chronicled by original member David Brinkerhoff. Above all, members have always followed the Rotary Club motto of "Service Above Self."

"We have helped families that have been 'burned out' and we even bought a Braille typewriter for a needy student in Amenia," Brinkerhoff recalls. And for 12 years, the Millbrook Rotary delighted all with "New Year's in Millbrook," an evening of family entertainment on New Year's Eve funded largely by community grants. The event has not been



Millbrook Rotary Club members, from left, include Dave Brinkerhoff, founding member; Mona Staaf-Gunther, Past President; and Jan Miller, Past Assistant Governor. Not pictured: 50th anniversary committee members Michelle Del Valle, Stacey Langenthal, Cindie Kish, Ilana Nilsen, Ashley Lempka and Sarah O'Connell. *Courtesy photo*

repeated since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brinkerhoff said another significant activity over the last 20 years has been the

Millbrook Area Business Directory, which gives business owners in Central Dutchess visibility with its wide distribution.

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Two county farms gain Century Farm designation



From left are NYS Agricultural Society Century committee chair Shawn Bossard, award sponsor Tom Cosgrove of Farm Credit East, John and Clara Kemmerer, daughters Emily Hay and Victoria Kemmerer, and NYS Commissioner Richard Ball of the Department of Agriculture and Markets. *Courtesy photo.*

Two Dutchess County family farms were recognized as Century Farms at the 2023 NYS Agricultural Society Annual Meeting & Forum on Jan. 12 in Syracuse.

Kemmerer Farm of Stanfordville and Wonderland Farm of Rhinebeck received Governor's proclamations and outdoor signs signifying their legacy.

Members of the Kemmerer Family were photographed with Richard Ball, NYS Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Markets. The Lobotsky Family was unable to receive

their award in person.

The Kemmerer Farm is currently operated by the third and fourth generations, and provides firewood, hay, beef, pork, and poultry for sale and leases campsites with picture perfect views of the Catskill Mountains.

The Wonderland Farm was originally deeded in 1751. The house and barn are located on the property that dates back to the 1790s. Steven Lobotsky took over the farm in 1998. He continued to grow row crops and launched

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pandemic, when these and other performance venues were forced to shut down operations for more than a year, and for many months following were only allowed to reopen at a fraction of their capacity.

John Parkhurst, Chief Operating Officer of the Rochester Broadway Theatre League, commented, “The COVID-19 shutdown of nearly two years has impacted us greatly as an industry. We are coming back, all of us, but, frankly without this coalition it would have been much harder.”

In a press release, the coalition stated: “In meeting with local legislators and the Governor’s office, the response has been very supportive. The coalition is grateful for that response and hopes to reach all state elected officials to assure an annual appropriation that will allow its members continue to be part of growing upstate downtowns guaranteeing accessibility for all citizens for years to come.”

Chris Silva, longtime Executive Director of the Bardavon 1896 Opera House in Poughkeepsie added, “This group of performing arts centers are economic, educational and cultural engines in Upstate. We are hoping the state can make a modest investment in us that will pay huge dividends.”

Alive Downtowns! is an affiliate corporation to the Upstate Theater Coalition for a Fairgame, established eight years ago in response to the establishment of casinos in the eastern and southern tiers of the state. More information about Alive Downtowns! can be found at afairgame.net.



The Bardavon in Poughkeepsie (above) and Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston (right) are part of a coalition of upstate historic performing arts centers seeking ongoing funding from New York State. Photos by Tim Lee



HISTORICAL PROGRAM SET JAN. 27 VIA ZOOM

On Friday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. on Zoom, the Rhinebeck Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting, which will include a presentation by Shannon Butler, “Historic Murders in Dutchess County.”

Butler, the Historian for the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, will share her research of some of Dutchess County’s most gruesome murders from the 18th through the early 20th centuries. Using court records, early newspaper articles, and pamphlets, she will examine several killers, including one of the first female serial killers, the horrible murder of a Poughkeepsie businessman in his own home, and several more bloody acts. If you love true crime and history, then this program is for you!

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a Christmas tree operation that still exists today. Steven and his wife Patty manage the farm day to day. Their two sons help with tree planting and selling during the holiday season. Now the grandkids are getting old enough to help out, as well.



Hudson Valley Community Power Electricity Supply Program



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Club member Stacey Langenthal said the organization has been involved with local food pantries and with supplies for area schools for many years.

“The club started the ‘School Supplies Project’ over 10 years ago,” said Langenthal. “We have provided school supplies for all ages and for both the Millbrook Central School District and the Webutuck Central School District. Funding has come from our club, Rotary District 7210, the Millbrook Tribute Garden and Millbrook Education Foundation.”

She said supplies are purchased through “our good neighbor, Reardon Briggs” and Michael Flanigan. For the 2022-2023 school year, school supplies donated cost just over \$8,000.

“During the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, food insecurity became even more critical,” said Langenthal. “The club sponsored nine food pantries or meal providers during that crisis, including Food for Folks at Lyall Church in Millbrook, Food of Life at St. Thomas in Amenia and ‘Serving Millbrook,’ which was coordinated by the Millbrook Diner.”

In May 2022, the club hosted a food insecurity panel to help determine next step needs with local food support

providers. Langenthal said the club is committed to continue its focus on food insecurity in 2023.

The record of caring on the local level has been evident throughout the past 50 years – whether it was helping local school children or donating funds toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

From a historical perspective, the club was chartered on Jan. 31, 1973 as the Central Dutchess Rotary Club, since they met at the Cottonwood Inn, which is the geographical center of Dutchess County. The territory ran from Pine Plains to Millerton to LaGrange to Pleasant Valley. Other Rotary clubs started by the Millbrook Club include Pleasant Valley, LaGrange and East Fishkill.

Their name was changed to Millbrook Rotary 28 years ago. They met primarily at the Cottonwood Inn, but also at Copperfields Restaurant and the Millbrook Town House.

Women were admitted beginning 25 years ago, with Jan Miller being the first female president.

A partial list of club activities includes the Foreign Student Exchange, Interact Club at Millbrook High School for 30 years, and fund-raising events to include antique/craft shows, yard sales, get-away



Above, left: Millbrook Rotary sponsored the Route 343 monument restoration in May of 2009. Right: Millbrook Rotary Club charter member Charlton Pierce was honored for 57 years of perfect attendance at the age of 92. *Courtesy photos*

trips and a taco cart.

Members of note include Dean Arnold of Arnold Bread, Admiral Doug Kinsey, head of the General Accounting Office (GAO) during the Nixon Administration, General Bill Augerson, MD, Director of

Walter Reed Hospital and Franklin Butts, co-founder of the Scrabble game.

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Above: This historic photo from January of 1974 shows the Millbrook Rotary banner design contest by local Millbrook school children. On the left is member Dr. Richard Kells and on the right is first Central Dutchess Rotary president David Ring. Below: A Millbrook Rotary meeting from 1978 shows Vice President Cal Smith and John Kading with donations toward a new ambulance in Millbrook. *Courtesy photos*





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Volunteers needed for amphibian migrations and road crossings

Does all of this cold rain have you thinking about the annual march of salamanders and frogs to vernal pools? You're not alone!

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation announces this year's schedule of Amphibian Migrations & Road Crossings Project trainings for volunteers. They will be offering two in-person trainings and one virtual session, designed for new volunteers and past participants looking for a refresher. All are free but registration is required.

In-person AM&RC Training

The in-person workshops will cover:

- data collection and project methods
- amphibian identification
- tips for a safe and rewarding volunteer experience
- a "mock" migration to practice what you've learned.

Note that spots are limited and priority

will be given to volunteers from the Hudson estuary watershed, especially those who have not attended an in-person program before. The training will be offered in two locations:

February 16, 6-8:30 p.m. in Millbrook (snow date: February 23). Offered in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County

February 18, 9:30 a.m.-Noon in Averill Park (snow date: February 25). Offered in partnership with Rensselaer Plateau Alliance and Rensselaer Land Trust

Virtual AM&RC Training

The virtual session is scheduled for February 28, at 5 - 6:30 p.m. and will include:

- overview of how to volunteer
- data collection methods (including a demo on how to submit data on Survey123)
- tips for a safe and rewarding



A wood frog. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation released its schedule of Amphibian Migrations & Road Crossings Project trainings for volunteers. Courtesy photo by L. Heady

volunteer experience

- review of confusing species and commonly asked questions.

County to offer free rabies clinic on Feb. 19

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) is partnering with the Dutchess County SPCA to host a free rabies vaccination clinic for pets on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Dutchess County SPCA, located at 636 Violet Avenue in Hyde Park. This clinic is open to dogs, cats and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older.

Advance registration is required at DCSPCA.org or by calling the DCSPCA at (845) 452-7722, ext. 425.

There is no charge for Dutchess County residents; non-residents will be charged a fee of \$10 per pet vaccinated. All dogs must be on leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years for pets with proper proof of a prior immunization. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year.

Rabies vaccinations are required by New York State law for all cats, dogs, and domestic ferrets by the age of four months of age. Pet owners are required to revaccinate on a regular schedule to keep the animal properly immunized against the rabies virus. Owners can be fined up to \$200 if they fail to get their pets vaccinated and keep them up to date.

DBCH is available 24/7 to assist with any questions or concerns regarding potential rabies exposure to people or domestic animals. Pet owners should report to DBCH any incident in which their pet has been bitten by or has an open wound exposed to the saliva or nervous tissue of a domestic or wild animal. Staff will investigate and advise the pet owner of any necessary steps they should take to ensure the safety of their animal.

DBCH diligently investigates and monitors rabies exposure cases through-

out the county. In 2022, the department investigated almost 600 potential rabies exposure incidents, with 105 animal specimens tested and more than 100 people treated with rabies post exposure prophylaxis.

The county offers three to four clinics each year. In 2022, more than 400 pets were vaccinated through DBCH's community partnerships.

Residents who see an animal acting strangely are advised to contact their local police agency. If a person has been bitten, or a domestic pet is bitten or is in contact, with any animal, they're to contact DBCH immediately at (845) 486-3404 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or (845) 431-6465 on nights and weekends.

To learn more about rabies, visit dutchessny.gov/rabies or contact DCBH at HealthInfo@dutchessny.gov.

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Legislators propose 10% exemption on property taxes for EMS, fire personnel

Joined by members of the Dutchess County Legislature at the Roosevelt Fire Station #3 in Hyde Park on Jan. 18, Chairman Gregg Pulver announced the introduction of a local law that would allow for a 10 percent county property tax exemption for volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance service members.

The proposed local law will be on the agenda for the February Board Meeting where it will be voted on before going to the County Executive's desk for consideration.

"It's an honor to serve as a volunteer firefighter, and I am confident that my fellow members feel the same pride and passion that I do," said Pulver. "There aren't enough ways to fully thank these brave men and women for the services they provide their municipalities, but it is my hope that this measure will help show how incredibly grateful we are for their service and work and serves as a reminder that they will always have our support and backing. I thank my colleagues for joining me in support of this measure and look forward to voting on this during our February Board Meeting."

"It's an honor to be a sponsor of this Resolution that provides us with a small way to say 'thank you' and offer our full appreciation to the men and women who volunteer their time as either a firefighter or ambulance service member in Dutchess County," said Majority Leader Will Truitt (Hyde Park, Town of Poughkeepsie). "Our volunteer mem-



From left are Robert Boyles, President of the Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighters Association, John O'Brien, 1st Vice President, Legislators Ben Geller, Tony D'Aquanni, Chairman Gregg Pulver, Legislators Steve Caswell, Will Truitt, Joseph D. Cavaccini, Hyde Park Supervisor Al Torreggiani and Legislator Ed Hauser. Photo by Curtis Schmidt

bers are selfless leaders within our community, and the service they provide is immeasurable. It is my hope that this exemption will help incentivize other individuals to answer the call to serve and protect their communities."

The local law would offer a ten percent county property tax exemption to volunteer members who have actively served for a minimum of three years and would be offered for each year of service thereafter. Members must reside in the city,

town, or village that the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service is located. Individuals who actively served for a total of 20 years would be offered this exemption for the remainder of his or her life as long as their primary residence remains within Dutchess County.

The application process would be coordinated by the local municipalities assessor's offices.

This proposed legislation comes after

New York State recently signed into law a bill that allows all local governments with the option to provide a property tax exemption to the aforementioned groups.

Pursuant to the rules of the County Legislature, the proposed local law was laid at the Legislator's Desks at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 17. It will now go to a committee vote before being heard at the full board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14. This measure would go into effect for the 2025 tax rolls.

DC Veterans Services has moved

New location in Pleasant Valley creates veterans 'one stop'

The Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services has relocated its offices to 1335 Route 44, Suite #2 in Pleasant Valley. The new location also houses Mental Health America Dutchess Veterans Services, Hudson Valley Veterans Alliance, and the Veterans Sportsmen Association, creating a "one-stop" for veterans to receive support and

help including housing, peer-to-peer counseling, and other support services.

Dutchess County Veterans Services offers assistance in filing claims and making referrals for multiple forms of state and federal benefits available, as well as help with discharge papers, medal replacement, and much more. Phone numbers and email contacts remain the same.

Veterans and families are encouraged to call (845) 486-2060 or stop by the office to obtain information and services. For more information, visit dutchessny.gov/veterans.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Village of Rhinebeck Christmas tree pickup ongoing through Feb. 3

The Village of Rhinebeck Highway Department will pick up Village residents' discarded Christmas trees placed on the curb until Friday, Feb. 3. Contact Village Clerk Martina McClinton at mmc-clinton@villageofrhinebeckny.gov with questions.

Clinton Community Day Kick-off Meeting set Jan. 26

The first meeting for the Town of Clinton's Community Day will take place Thursday, Jan. 26, at 6:30 p.m., at Town Hall, 1215 Centre Road, Rhinebeck. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lyall Church in Millbrook offers programs

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

Lyall will continue to hold its Lyall Lunch on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next one is set Jan. 26 at 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

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

Women's Safety Awareness Night set Jan. 26

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Dutchess County and the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department will host a Women's Safety Awareness Night on Thursday, Jan. 26, starting at 6 p.m., at the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response campus, located at 392 Creek Road, Poughkeepsie. The event is free to attend, but registration is required by emailing mrc@dutchessny.gov.

Town of Poughkeepsie Police Lieutenant Patrick Barry and Officer Lindsay Marinelli will discuss how to encourage and empower women by raising awareness of safety measures, understanding the important role instincts and gut reactions play, determining how to identify and avoid potentially dangerous situations, making a safety plan, and giving participants other tools to decrease the odds of becoming a victim.

For more information or to sign-up to volunteer, visit dutchessny.gov/mrc or email mrc@dutchessny.gov.

Morton Seed Swap set Jan. 26

Morton Memorial Library will hold its annual Seed Swap on Thursday, Jan. 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to bring seeds to contribute, but it's not necessary; there will be seeds for everyone. Morton Library is at 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. Call (845) 876-2903 for more information.

State of Rhinebeck slated for Jan. 26

The Rhinebeck Area Chamber of Commerce will present the State of Rhinebeck on Thursday, Jan. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Beekman Arms. Hear from local officials about the state of the community, find out what's ahead in 2023 and more. Speakers will include Mayor Gary Bassett, Rhinebeck's Deputy Town Supervisor Josh Pulver and Albert Cousins, superintendent of the Rhinebeck Central School District.

Mingle beforehand with community members and friends. Light appetizers provided. Cash bar. The cost to Chamber members is \$20 per person; non-members pay \$25 per person.

Advance registration is required via <https://rhinebeckchamber.com/>.

Driver safety course set at Stanford Grange

Stanford Grange #808 will host a Defensive Driving Course on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Stanford Grange Hall, 6043 Route 82, Stanfordville, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$38 per person. This course allows New York drivers to receive a 10% discount off their collision and auto liability insurance and remove up to 4 points on your license for any violations incurred in the last 18 months. The class includes festive classroom participation and informative movies as well as a delicious homemade lunch served by the Grange Family Activities Committee with a free will offering asked. For more information or to request an application for the course, contact Grange Secretary Ryan Orton at (845) 868-7869.

Winter Bonfire set Jan. 28 in Rhinecliff

Rhinebeck Grange 896 in partnership with the Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Co. will host the Rhinecliff Winter Bonfire at Rhinecliff Firemen's Field on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Dress warm and join us to celebrate Winter around a bonfire made from local holiday trees. Holiday trees from the Rhinecliff Protective Fire District can be picked up from your home. Call Joe at (845) 489-0835 to arrange for your tree pick up or set it at the end of your driveway for pick up on Jan. 28 from 8 a.m. to noon. Trees must be cleared of decorations. Bring a stick to make your own S'more! Musicians welcome! Firemen's Field is located on Valley Road, next to the Old Schoolhouse Condos in Rhinecliff.

National Park Service to celebrate FDR's Birthday Jan. 30

The public is invited to FDR's Birthday celebration at the Rose Garden & Wallace Center on Monday, Jan. 30, at 3 p.m. The National Park Service will hold a Rose Garden Ceremony to commemorate Franklin Roosevelt's Birthday. Following the ceremony, the FDR Presidential Library will invite attendees to return to the Wallace Center for birthday cake and refreshments. Free public event. The FDR Home & Library is on Route 9 in Hyde Park.

Open discussion for men living with loss Jan. 31

Support Connection, Inc. announces a free program: It's Okay to Grieve, Let's Talk: An Open Discussion for Men Living with Loss. It will be held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Open to men nationwide who have lost a spouse or partner to breast, ovarian, or other gynecological cancer. Advance registration is required; must register no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30. To register, call Support Connection at (914) 962-6402 or (800) 532-4290.

United Way & Ulster Savings Bank to present virtual financial literacy seminar

The United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region and Ulster Savings Bank will present a virtual financial literacy seminar, "Navigating Household Finances," on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m. Register at www.uwdor.org/financialliteracy.

This one-hour seminar presented by Matthew Agor, Branch Manager - Newburgh Branch of Ulster Savings Bank, will share ways to feel more

comfortable talking about money. He will discuss helpful tips including "Ten Rules for Personal Finance;" how to have conversations about money with partners and children; the importance of safeguarding data, passwords and signatures; and other important topics. COVID-19-related banking tips will be provided.

Soup Sales set in Rhinecliff

The Rhinebeck Grange will sponsor the winter Soup Sales set for the third Thursday of the month (Feb. 16 and March 16), from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Rhinecliff Firehouse, at the corner of Shatzell Avenue and Orchard. Soup is sold by the Quart for \$10 per quart. Take-out only. Pick up at side window on Orchard St. Email JoBaer2@gmail.com to be emailed the soup choices for each month and pre-order online.

Cocktail party to benefit children's healthcare services

Ryan's Foundation and WMC Health will present the Beat the Winter Blues Cocktail Party on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Station Grille Restaurant, 2578 State Route 55, Beekman. (Snow Date: Sunday, Feb. 5) Tickets are \$150 per person and include Open Bar, Passed Appetizers, Carving Stations, and live music by Maria Hickey. Proceeds to benefit Ryan's Foundation and Maria Fareri Children's Healthcare Services at Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital. For more information, to purchase tickets and sponsorships, visit <http://www.ryansfoundation.org/upcoming-events.html>.

Free rabies vaccination clinic set Feb. 19

The Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) is partnering with the Dutchess County SPCA to host a free rabies vaccination clinic for pets on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Dutchess County SPCA, located at 636 Violet Avenue in Hyde Park. This clinic is open to dogs, cats and domestic ferrets 3 months of age and older.

Advance registration is required at DCSPCA.org or by calling the DCSPCA at (845) 452-7722, ext. 425.

There is no charge for Dutchess County residents; non-residents will be charged a fee of \$10 per pet vaccinated. All dogs must be on leash, and cats and domestic ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccinations will be good for three years for pets with proper proof of a prior immunization. For those without proof, the vaccination will be good for one year.

Hyde Park Rotary sets comedy show

The Hyde Park Rotary Club will host Comedy Night on Friday, Feb. 24, at Coppola's in Hyde Park. Dinner (with cash bar) and show begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$65 and available at the Hyde Park Rotary's Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/RotaryHydeParkNY>. All proceeds will benefit the Hyde Park Rotary Club and Rotary International's End Polio Now initiative. Call (845) 758-6464 for more information.

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.

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

Volunteers needed for OFA's Friendly Calls program: The Dutchess County Office for the Aging (OFA) is reaching out to older adults who are isolated and would like some type of social connection, somebody to talk to for 20-30 minutes a week. OFA's Friendly Calls program is looking for volunteer callers to reach out to our older adults. It's a simple program at its core: neighbors talking to neighbors in a short, structured conversation. OFA screens both the volunteer callers as well as the people being called. You'd be talking to somebody who lives alone, is isolated, and has expressed an interest in staying socially connected. Volunteers would start out calling from OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie, but we envision the program becoming something a volunteer can do from home if that's what they prefer. Adult volunteers of all ages are welcome. If you're interested in taking part as a volunteer caller, email bjones@dutchessny.gov or call (845) 486-2555.

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Legislature approves resolution to renew county tax rate despite Democratic opposition

During its January Board Meeting, the Dutchess County Legislature approved a resolution to renew the Dutchess County Sales Tax at its current rate of 3.75 percent.

The resolution is a necessary measure required to be passed every two years by the County Legislature before being approved by the State Legislature. This annual tax rate is predicted to generate \$250 million for Dutchess County, which is used to provide programs and services residents rely on. Dutchess County also shares over 17 percent of sales tax collected with the City of Poughkeepsie, the City of Beacon and all towns and villages.

The resolution was passed with unanimous Republican support and no Democratic votes.

The 3.75 percent figure is only the county portion of sales tax. The total sales percentage, which includes county and state sales tax, and the MTA tax, is 8.125 percent.

During the Board meeting, an amendment was made by the Democratic Caucus to modify the tax rate to 3.625 percent - despite the 3.75 percent being approved with bipartisan, unanimous

support during Committee Meetings the week prior.

“While I agree with my Democratic colleagues about the need to provide meaningful relief to the residents of Dutchess County, I do not agree with a rushed sales tax deduction that would leave \$7 million-\$10 million unaccounted for,” said Legislature Chairman Gregg Pulver. “The Dutchess County Legislature has a proven history of reducing taxes and working on behalf of the tax-payers – just last year we eliminated county sales taxes for clothing and footwear purchases under \$110. We have offered property tax cuts year after year which notably the Democratic Caucus continues to vote against. We will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of Dutchess County residents so they can thrive. I also don’t think this is a good time to take important funding away from the City of Poughkeepsie, City of Beacon and municipalities who also have increased costs for the services they are providing.”

Minority Leader Yvette Valdés Smith said, “Our Democratic Caucus put forth an amendment to lower our sales tax rate and we did this after careful examination

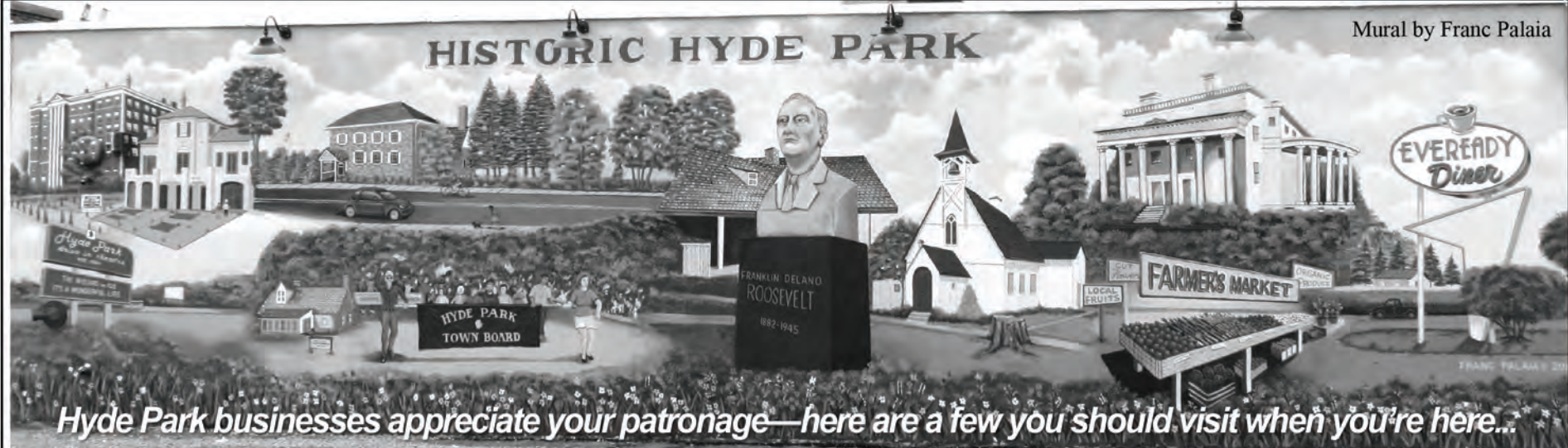
and research as to how best we could help Dutchess County residents and businesses. Sales tax receipts have outpaced estimates by tens of millions of dollars over the past decade, money that the Republicans have squirreled away and then doled out for pet projects like the \$25M for luxury improvements at the baseball stadium (Dutchess Stadium).”

She added, “Consumers are paying 8.125 percent in Dutchess. They pay 8 percent in Ulster and Columbia. Struggling families and seniors need this money now. We need and deserve relief. Our amendment to lower sales tax would have put more money in the pockets of county residents and small businesses. We collected \$45M more than expected in 2021 alone. We can absolutely cut sales tax by 1/8 percent to help our residents. This decrease in sales tax would

have brought much needed relief at a time when everything [costs more].”

Representatives of the Republican caucus said Democratic legislators misrepresented regional sales tax rates as they tried compare Dutchess County’s sales tax rate with neighboring counties of Ulster and Columbia, noting each of those counties have a lower total sales tax rate of 8 percent. They noted that Dutchess County’s total sales tax rate includes the New York State mandated MTA sales tax rate of 0.375 percent, which neither Ulster nor Columbia is required to collect. They further noted that the county portion of Dutchess County’s sales tax is actually lower at 3.75 percent compared to Ulster and Columbia, County, both of which have a 4 percent county sales tax rate, 0.25 percent higher than Dutchess.

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US-China Music Institute to present Chinese New Year concert at Fisher Center

The US-China Music Institute of the Bard College Conservatory of Music, in collaboration with the Central Conservatory of Music, China, present the fourth annual “The Sound of Spring: A Chinese New Year Concert” with The Orchestra Now conducted by Director of the US-China Music Institute Jindong Cai. This special annual event, marking one of the most important holidays in the Chinese lunar calendar, showcases an exciting blend of Chinese American artists, Chinese symphonic music, and traditional instruments.

Performances will take place on Friday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m., in the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College; and on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m., in the Rose Theater of Jazz at Lincoln Center’s Frederick P. Rose Hall in New York City.

To purchase tickets for the Jan. 27 Fisher Center concert, visit fishercenter.bard.edu, call 845-758-7900 (Mon-Fri 10am-5pm), or email boxoffice@bard.edu. For tickets to the Jan. 28 Jazz at Lincoln Center concert, visit ticketing.jazz.org or call 212-721-6500.

This year’s concert will celebrate the Chinese Year of the Rabbit. As with previous concerts, the US-China Music Institute aims to create the most authentic Chinese New Year musical event to reflect both traditional and contemporary music of China hand-selected for its New

York audience. Featuring the much-loved Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto, this year’s concert promises to be full of enchanting stories and uplifting sounds.

The concert program will create a festive and celebratory atmosphere for music lovers young and old, illustrating the sophistication and dramatic artistry of Chinese symphonic music in our time. Butterfly Lovers will be the signature piece of the first half of the concert and will feature the virtuosic playing of violinist Na Sun, a member of the New York Philharmonic and a graduate of the prestigious Central Conservatory of Music.

Also in the first half, erhu player Beitong Liu will reprise her prize-winning performance of ‘The Indominable Spirits of the Snow Mountain’ for erhu and orchestra. Beitong is a Concerto Competition winner and a senior in the first class of Chinese instrument performance majors at the Bard Conservatory of music. She is a student of renowned erhu master Yu Hongmei of the Central Conservatory of Music.

The concert’s second half will begin with Prancing Dragons and Jumping Tigers, a percussive showpiece of Chinese festive drumming. Two renowned living composers end the program, first with Zhou Long’s King Chu Doffs His Armor for pipa and orchestra, based on the famous love story portrayed



Jindong Cai conducts The Orchestra Now at Jazz at Lincoln Center’s Rose Theater. Cai will lead The Orchestra Now in a Chinese New Year concert Jan. 27 at Bard College’s Fisher Center. Photo by Fadi Kheir

in the 1993 film, “Farewell My Concubine,” and featuring pipa virtuoso Gao Hong. The program will close with Guo Wenjing’s rousing and cinematic orchestral work Riding on the Wind.

The concert features soloists Na Sun (violin), Gao Hong (pipa), Beitong Liu (erhu), and Petra Elek (percussion).

The US-China Music Institute was founded in 2017 by conductor Jindong Cai and Robert Martin, founding director of the Bard College Conservatory of Music, with the mission to promote the

study, performance, and appreciation of music from contemporary China and to support musical exchange between the United States and China.

In partnership with the prestigious Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, the Institute has embarked on several groundbreaking projects including the first degree-granting program in Chinese instrument performance in a U.S. conservatory. Visit barduschinamusic.org for more information.

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DOT-TO-DOT PUZZLE

See page 15 for finished puzzle (no peeking!)

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Rules to live by

Four rules that have stood the test of time

When we were, little there were always a set of questions we had to answer before we left for school. Right before we went out the front door to go to the curb to catch the school bus, we would knock on Mom and Pop's bedroom door to let mom know we were leaving.

Mom would shuffle out of her bedroom bleary eyed with her robe on. She would feel our face to make sure we were not feverish, look us over to make sure our jackets were zipped up and then ask her four questions.

The first question was, "Isa the coffee ready?" Mom would wait for Pop to come home from the restaurant at night and it usually was late, so we would make coffee for her in this little coffee pot on the stove. We would put in three spoons of Café Bustelo, fill up the water to the line, put the lid on and put it on the stove till it started to boil. We would then have a small cup with a big spoon of sugar and a slice of toasted panettone with butter.

The next question was, "Dida you go to the bathroom?" You see mom could tell how healthy we were by the way we went to the bathroom. If you didn't answer that question correctly would mean you would have to drink a glass of warm water with Brioschi mixed in it. Not pleasant first thing in the morning.

The next question was. "You hava the

t-shirt on?" Mom was a stickler when it came to us wearing an undershirt under our school uniform. She said it would keep the sweat off us and help us to ward off colds. My brother John hated to wear undershirts and he would always try to sneak out without wearing one, so this question was always a tricky one

Finally, the most important question, "Dida you maka the sign of the cross?" We always had to bless ourselves before we would go out the door. This kept us safe.

Once those four questions were answered she would give us each a kiss and send us on our way.

I find myself sitting in front of my computer 40 years later telling this story and realizing how prophetic my mother was. If you follow these four simple rules, have a cup of coffee, go to the bathroom, put on an undershirt and bless yourself, before you go out the door in the morning, you will have a happy, healthy, and successful life. Enjoy the recipe for homemade panettone.

PANETTONE

- Ingredients**
- 2 1/2 teaspoons dry yeast
 - 1 cup lukewarm milk
 - 2 3/4 cups flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 8 tablespoons unsalted butter (softened)

- 2 egg yolks
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons candied citrus peel (chopped)
- 1/3 cup golden raisin
- 1 pinch grated nutmeg
- 1 orange, zest of
- 1 lemon, zest of, grated
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Directions

In a bowl, sprinkle yeast into milk; let stand for 5 minutes; stir to dissolve.

Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl; make a well in the middle and add the yeast mixture.

Using a wooden spoon bring enough of the flour into the yeast mixture until a soft paste is formed (you won't use all of the flour in the "sponge"; leave the rest there); cover with a towel and let this "sponge" sit till frothy and risen, about 20 minutes.

Mix in the flour from the sides of the well to form a stiff dough.

Turn the dough onto a lightly floured surface; knead till smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes.

Put dough in a bowl and cover; rise till double--about 1 hour.

Punch down; rest for 10 minutes.

Grease a round mold, a deep cake pan, or a small saucepan about 8" across and

6" deep with softened butter; line the base and sides with baking parchment so that it extends 5" above the top.

Knead 7 tablespoons soft butter, eggs yolks, sugar, citrus peel, raisins, nutmeg, lemon and orange zests, and vanilla into the dough until thoroughly combined, about 5 minutes.

Shape the dough into a round loaf; place in prepared mold.

Use the tip of a sharp knife and cut an "X" across the top; cover and let rise till doubled, about 2 hours.

Brush the top with egg glaze (1 egg and t tablespoons of water beaten well).

Bake in a 350 degree oven for about 45 minutes; until a pick comes out clean.

Remove from mold and let cool on a wire rack.

Dust top with confectioners sugar to decorate.

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

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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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Suguru

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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

- ___ a test; passed easily
- Fragment
- Sweet treat
- Beverage
- Singer López
- Translucent gem
- Physically fit
- Like Cheerios
- Sell on the street
- Country whose capital is Port Moresby
- Ending for Jean or Paul
- Prefix for paid or view
- Kidney problems
- Undeveloped region
- Wishes
- Family groups
- ___ pro nobis
- Miffed
- Sandal
- Rat-___-tat
- Opposite of close
- Supportive lift
- Direction in a pizza recipe
- Part of the brain
- Trunks
- Spanish gold
- River in Italy
- Bodybuilder of note
- Mariner's direction
- Black and lustrous
- Unbalanced
- Limerick writer
- In an upright position
- Bedtime on a school night, perhaps
- Simple toys
- Girl in Peter Pan
- ___ Peter the Great

DOWN

- Play division
- ITT or IBM
- Literary alias
- Moistened
- Short-tailed weasels
- Horizontal beam lifter
- Liturgical ceremony
- Once more
- Game involving a ball and a net
- ___ Union
- Frank
- Hamlet, for one
- One who starred with Farr and Farrell
- Western tribe members
- Footed containers
- Graveyard, for one
- Synagogue scroll
- Play set to music
- Dentist's advice
- Carry on
- Bits
- Muse of poetry
- Prices per hour
- ___ En-lai
- Procrastinator's word
- Stuck-up
- Actress Theda
- Percussion instrument
- Brings nearer to the ground
- "In"
- Put ___ to; terminate
- White stuff
- Victim of an asp
- Mound
- Western writer Grey
- Level
- Whitney and Wallach
- Columnist Barrett
- Word with chance or cent

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



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Closeness of two brothers half a world away recalled 140 years later

Introduction by Bill Jeffway

Brothers Alfred Brown (1823-1897) and Alonzo Brown (1835-1908) were likely born as Free Blacks in the Quaker stronghold south of today's Millbrook. Both seem to have found work in Poughkeepsie as young men or teenagers. While Alonzo spent the rest of his life in Poughkeepsie, around the late 1840s Alfred took the extraordinary step of moving to Australia. The half-century they shared into old age was filled with affection, and most importantly for us, filled with letters. Some of those letters, as well as photographs, have been carefully curated for many years by Alfred's great-granddaughter, Jan Green, of New Zealand.

We are pleased to share here an excerpt of a narrative recently written by Green that takes the 1884 letter her great-grandfather Alfred received from an Australian-based friend of his named J.M. Wolcott, describing his visit to Alfred's brother Alonzo in Poughkeepsie. The narrative beautifully captures the scene from the foot of Main Street up to what is today the small side street of Crannell Street near Catherine Street where Alonzo was a highly successful tinsmith.

In 2015, Green left research materials in DCHS's research library, which she recently updated. In support of her ongoing effort to continue to locate descendants and information related to the two brothers, or their parents Henry Brown (1788-ca. 1850s) and Judith Talmon (1794-1790), you will find Green's full "Letter to a Friend" and updated family sheets at www.dchsn.org/brown.

Letter to a Friend by Jan Green

Wednesday 16th July 1884

J.M. Wolcott is the name I am known by, but I prefer to be called Jesse. After two weeks, give or take, I boarded a day boat [in Albany] for Poughkeepsie. In

recent years the old boats had been replaced with two iron hull ships, the New York, and the Albany. They were about three hundred feet long and could hold several thousand passengers. As I planned to be away for just one night, I had packed my carpet bag. Disembarking at the Main Street Landing it was evident that this was the only landing now operating with the railroad increasingly taking over passenger transport. The docks were a far cry from their glory day when the Upper Landing in North Water Street shared its space with the whaling dock. Alfred and brother George worked on the whaling ship Mogul in the 1840s and it was here that the two whaling companies operating would butcher and process their catch.

I took a tram car and road passed the Exchange Hotel which had seen better days. Built fifty years ago, she was once an impressive establishment that offered visitors to Poughkeepsie quality accommodation. By 1850, proprietor John Grant was known for his innovation in producing ale by using a steam engine and operating an icehouse.

The tramcar made its way up Main Street, now in the 1880s lined with fine buildings and bustling industry.

I held the trade card in my hand that I had carried with me from Australia as I pulled up at my destination on the corner of Eighth Street and Main Road. As I disembarked with my carpet bag I looked up and the man inside, working in the front window of his premises, was watching me. I had, at last, arrived at the business of H. A. Brown. Alonzo, as he was called, was the younger brother by twelve years of my friend Alfred. It had been over thirty years since he had seen his brother but uncannily, Alonzo said that he was thinking of Alfred when the tram car pulled up. Alonzo lived at 4 Eighth Place, a couple of doors away from his workplace with his wife Julia and nineteen-year-old daughter Ella.

The next day Alonzo and I went up College Hill to see where Alfred used to work. The Collegiate School, opened in



Jesse Wolcott (above left) was a friend and neighbor of Alfred Brown (center) in Australia. In 1884, Wolcott left Australia for a trip to New York which included a visit to Alfred's brother, Alonzo, in Poughkeepsie. A letter from Wolcott to Alfred is the basis for the first-person narrative dramatization of the visit published here, written by Alfred's great-granddaughter, Jan Green. *Photos provided by Jan Green*

1836, with its Parthenon colonnade was now empty. The grounds and the view were beautiful and with no plans for the building there is talk that the area will become a park within the next few years.

From there we travelled a short distance to 92 Catharine Street where Mrs. Brown lived with her daughter Sarah. Judith Brown, Alfred's mother, was eighty-eight years of age, Sarah almost seventy. Visiting them was a granddaughter Mary Elizabeth, the only daughter of George and Jane Brown who lived in Brooklyn. I was able to talk to them about life in Australia and tell them about their son, brother and uncle, his life and his family. Mary Elizabeth, a lovely young woman, was very interested in life in Ballarat and expressed her desire to meet her uncle and his family one day. I had to impress on them how unlikely that would be, Alfred was no longer a young man and the journey from Australia to America was long and costly. It was with sadness that they realized that Alfred's home is in Australia and that is where he will stay.

After bidding a fond farewell, Alonzo took me to the Soldiers War Memorial Fountain that had been unveiled on 4th July 1870 to honor the local veterans of the Civil War, which Alonzo had served in. Instigated by Dr H Eastman, mayor and well-respected businessman, who had donated seventy thousand dollars towards the memorial. Following his

death in 1878 the twenty-seven-acre property was left to his wife Mary. We then walked through Widow Eastman's gardens, adjacent to the Memorial Fountain in Montgomery Street.

That evening Ella played the piano for her father and me. Alonzo's home had several pieces of Australian memorabilia that Alfred had sent him over the years, all displayed in pride of place. These included postcards and photos of Australia, an enlarged photo of Alfred's daughter Mary Ann hung above the mantel piece and even a photo of the Victorian Assembly was framed. Alonzo shared the latest letter he had received from Alfred, which was sent to him after I had left Melbourne. He told me he would write to Alfred within the next few days. I also planned to correspond, we thought that our letters may go by the same mail. With that I took my leave, calling into Schuyler Line offices on Broadway to check for mail from Australia and returned to Waterford, Saratoga. On 23rd July I wrote to my friend Alfred and gave him the news of my visit...

Bill Jeffway is the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society and can be reached at bill.jeffway@dchsn.org or (845) 293-7711.



Wolcott references the Exchange Hotel, shown here, a prominent hotel right at the foot of Main Street, Poughkeepsie where steamboats landed multiple times a day. *DCHS Collections*

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A&E Calendar

arts and entertainment happenings

Jan. 26: Open Mic, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Hosted by Chihoe Hahn, 7 p.m. Sign up in person, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Performers must be present when the Open Mic begins. No cover. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Jan. 26: Takin' It to the Streets Doobie Brothers Tribute Show, Daryl's House Club, 130 Rte. 22, Pawling. 8 p.m. Tickets \$20-\$30. (845) 289-0185 or www.darylshouseclub.com

Jan. 27: Adam Ezra Group, plus Sirsky, Daryl's House Club, 130 Rte. 22, Pawling. 8 p.m. Tickets \$20-\$35. (845) 289-0185 or www.darylshouseclub.com

Jan. 27: Dylan Doyle, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Southern born, Northern raised, Dylan Doyle has been steeped in everything from Bob Dylan, Wes Montgomery and Bill Withers to John Prine, Jimi Hendrix and The Band. From this comes a unique musical interpretation that lies somewhere within the delta of Roots, Rock and Jazz, giving him a style

that defies classification, 8 p.m. Tickets \$15 advance, \$20 door. Dave Keyes on the Salon Stage, 6:30 p.m. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Jan. 27: "Saul & Ruby's Holocaust Survivor Band," Wallace Center Auditorium, FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. After retirement, Holocaust survivors Saul Dreier and Reuwen Sosnowicz form a Klezmer band and perform around the world in memory of those who perished. An International Holocaust Remembrance Day film screening, 2 p.m. Free, but registration is required. www.fdrlibrary.org

Jan. 28: Gratefully Yours, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Come celebrate Gratefully Yours' founder Alex Mazur's birthday! Gratefully Yours has quickly established itself as one of the Northeast's premier Grateful Dead cover bands; with a truly all-star lineup and often performing "dream" set lists submitted by their fans, 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 advance, \$25 door. Petey Hop on the Salon Stage, 6 p.m.

(845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Jan. 28: Last Child - Aerosmith Experience, Daryl's House Club, 130 Rte. 22, Pawling. 8 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$40. (845) 289-0185 or www.darylshouseclub.com

Jan. 29: Badfish - Tribute to Sublime Shark Attack Winter Tour, Daryl's House Club, 130 Rte. 22, Pawling. 8 p.m. Tickets \$30. (845) 289-0185 or www.darylshouseclub.com

Jan. 29: Beacon Songsmiths on the Salon Stage, Towne Crier Cafe, 379 Main St., Beacon. Rick Aparicio, Carla Springer and Susan Wright perform, 6 p.m. (845) 855-1300 or www.townecrier.com

Jan. 29: Howland Chamber Music Circle Piano Festival presents Zhu Wang, Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon. Wang, First Prize winner of the 2020 Young Concert Artist International Auditions, has been praised by The New York Times as "especially impressive" and "a thoughtful, sensitive performer." His program includes works by Bach, Beethoven,

Marc-André Hamelin, Chou Wen Chung, and Brahms, 4 p.m. Tickets & more info at <http://www.howlandmusic.org/>

Jan. 30: Conversation and Book Signing: Becoming FDR: The Personal Crisis That Made A President, Wallace Center, FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Rte. 9, Hyde Park. On the occasion of FDR's birthday, the FDR Presidential Library presents a conversation and book signing with Jonathan Darman, 1 p.m. Free, but registration is required. www.fdrlibrary.org

Feb. 1, 8 & 15: Rhinebeck Choral Club Open Rehearsals, Red Hook Community Center, 59 Fisk St., Red Hook. Wednesday rehearsals, 7-8:30 p.m. The group sings a variety of styles of music including pop, jazz, secular, folk, a cappella and more. Open to anyone age 14+ who enjoys singing—no experience necessary and no audition process. www.rhinebeckchoralclub.org or <https://www.facebook.com/RhinebeckChoralClub/>

LOOK FOR LOVE TO COOK IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE

Vicki Frank Day shares stories and recipes.



EXHIBITIONS

Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St., Beacon. **Through Feb. 5:** An exhibition of Hudson River Valley paintings and photographs by painter Virginia Donovan and photographer Mary Ann Glass can be viewed. Many works feature the Hudson Highlands region and Bannerman's Island. (845) 416-8342.

Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center, 9 & 12 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie. **Through February:** Featuring the works of Renee Samuels in the Victorian Gallery (formerly the Hallway Art Gallery) at 9 Vassar St., and Frank Rapant in the Hancock Gallery and Adrian Lee in the Reception Gallery at 12 Vassar St. Visitors must call the Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center Office at (845) 486-4571 for access to the galleries. cunneen-hackett.org

Hyperbole, 484 Main St., Beacon. **Through Feb. 4:** The official opening of Hyperbole's new art gallery, Super Secret Project, will hold its first show, "Duality." Conventionally, duality is defined as an instance of opposition or contrast between two aspects of something. Within this exhibition, the artists will endeavor to creatively explore the multitude of ways that the conceptual ideas of duality identify themselves within our existential outlook, history, and approach to the world. info@hyperboleNY.com or (860) 490-2921

Morton Memorial Library, 82 Kelly St., Rhinecliff. **Through January:** "5 x 5" Photography Exhibit, five subjects as seen by five photographers: Alison Vaccarino, Naomi Maxwell, Jessica Bard, Tracy Potter, and Kim Cantine. Admission is free; purchases of art and donations for the library are welcome. Library open hours for exhibition. (845) 876-2903

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

Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory, 8 North Cherry St., Poughkeepsie. **Through January:** Richard Wambach's renderings of historical scenes are on display at Little Loaf Bakeshop. Images of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge, Sloop Clearwater and Rhinebeck Aerodrome are just a few of the exhibition's highlights. Visit <https://richard-wambach.pixels.com> to view the entire collection.

Rhinebeck Bank, 6414 Montgomery St., Rhinebeck. **Through Feb. 9:** Exhibition of paintings by Stanfordville resident Joan A. Smith, on display during regular business hours.

Applications open for Powerhouse Training Program

Students pursuing a career in theater are invited to apply for the Powerhouse Theater Training Program. Spend the summer acting, directing and playwriting from June 22 to July 30.

The Powerhouse Theater Training Program offers a unique opportunity for students to dive head first into a conservatory-like experience on the Vassar College campus. Students in this five-week immersion program receive extraordinary training and create their own season of work alongside professional theater artists who come to campus to develop new plays and musicals. Read more about this unique program at <https://www.vassar.edu/powerhouse/training-program>.

- A Powerhouse summer includes:
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 - an outstanding faculty;
 - an outdoor theater season plus workshops and special projects;
 - masterclasses with visiting artists and professionals;
 - access to the professional season;
 - room and board;
 - use of Vassar's 1,000-acre campus and facilities.

Applications are being accepted now through April 1 at <https://app.getaccepted.com/powerhousetheater>.

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DC Volunteer Firemen elect new officers



The Dutchess County Volunteer Firemen's Association held its annual election meeting at the S.W. Johnson Fire Company #2 in Wappingers Falls on Tuesday Jan. 17. Robert Boyles was elected President. John O'Brien is the new First Vice-President, Kyle Pottenburgh is Second Vice-President, Vincent Galvin is Financial Secretary, Mike Schappert is Treasurer, Jack Schmidt, John Pomerico and Robert Ruston are new Directors and Russell Boyles is Recording Secretary. *Courtesy photo*

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COLLEGE NOTES

Conservation leader Ava Goodale finishes master's studies

OXFORD, OH – Millbrook resident Ava Goodale has been applying the tools of science, education and conservation to become a leader in the conservation community. In December, Goodale concluded a master's course of study with a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in the Biological Sciences from Miami University through Project Dragonfly.

Since joining the Global Field Program (GFP) master's in 2020, Goodale has traveled to the Galapagos Islands and Kenya and conducted projects that have made a difference in the Millbrook area.

Throughout Goodale's time in the GFP, Goodale developed a Master Plan - a kind of personal mission statement for what Goodale wanted to accomplish in the program. In many of Goodale's master's courses, Goodale designed projects that supported this plan, which culminated in a final portfolio, "Master of Arts in Teaching, Miami University," presented in a Capstone course.

Goodale works as a science department chair.

The GFP master's degree and Earth Expeditions courses are designed for educators and other professionals from all disciplines and settings interested in making a difference in human and ecological communities.

Miami University's Project Dragonfly reaches millions of people each year through inquiry-driven learning media, public exhibits and graduate programs worldwide. Project Dragonfly is based in the department of biology at Miami University, a state university in Oxford, Ohio. Miami was established in 1809 and

is listed as one of the eight original Public Ivies.

ELMIRA, NY -- Elmira College released its Dean's List for Academic Achievement for the Fall 2022 Term. The following local students were included: Alexander Gross of Hyde Park, and Taylor Albrecht of Pleasant Valley.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who were registered for at least 12 computable credit hours and who earned a term grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

HAMILTON, NY -- Sean Colman, a member of the Colgate University Class of 2023, has earned the spring 2022 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence.

Colman is a Mathematical Economics major and a graduate of Millbrook School, from Millbrook.

Students who receive a term grade point average of 3.3 or higher while completing at least three courses earn the spring 2022 Dean's Award for Academic Excellence.

NEWTON, MA -- Adrianna Tassone, a Lasell University student from Salt Point, presented at the institution's annual Career Readiness Symposium.

Tassone delivered a "Microbe Mythbusters" presentation as part of their microbiology lab course. The presentation, "Antibacterial Soap vs. Regular Soap," investigated the commonly shared misconception and created an informative poster to share scientific findings with a general audience. The presentation incorporated the NACE competencies of career & self-development and moral & ethical reasoning.

POTSDAM, NY -- The State University of New York at Potsdam recently named 210 students who excelled academically in the Fall 2022 semester to the College's Dean's List.

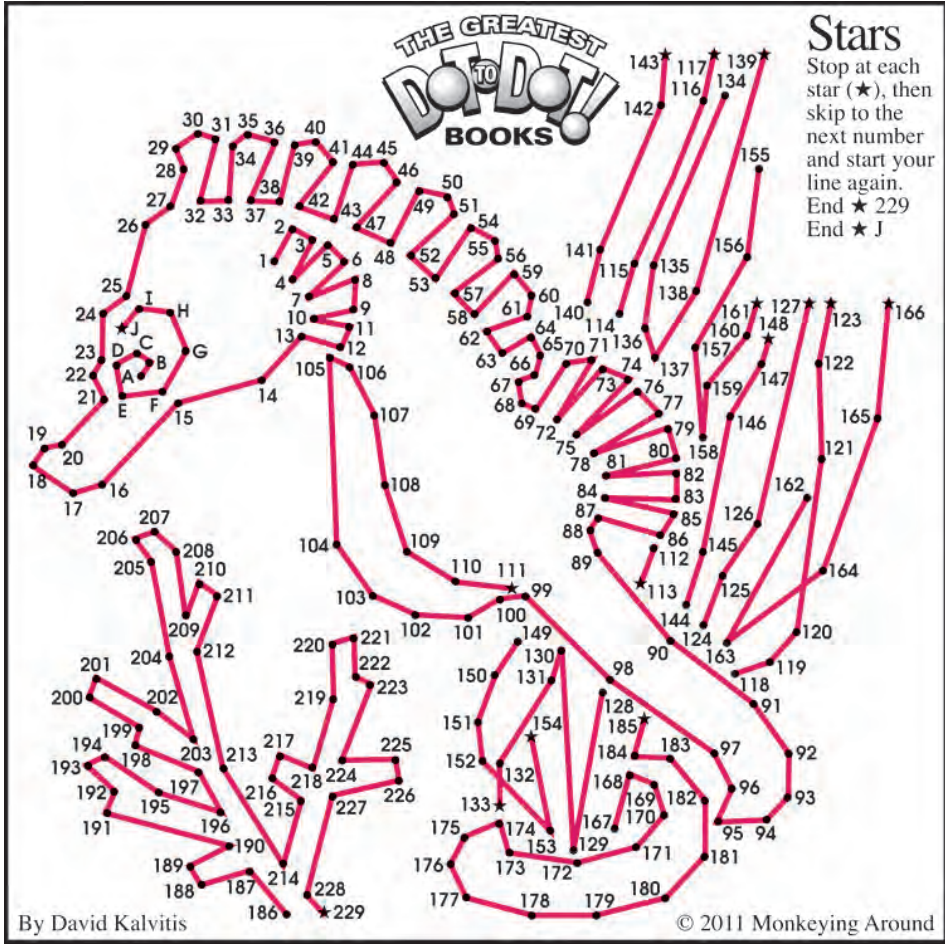
The students included: Emily Esack of Pleasant Valley, whose major is Community Health; John Havird of Pleasant Valley, whose major is Literature/Writing.

To achieve the honor of being on the Dean's List, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours, with a grade point average of between 3.25 and 3.49 in the given semester.

BRIDGEPORT, CT -- Jada Rose of Hyde Park was named to the University of Bridgeport's Fall 2022 Dean's List. Rose was among more than 400 students named to the list.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a term grade point average of between 3.2-3.69.

Answer to this week's Dot to Dot (puzzle on page 10)



Answers to this week's diversions

(puzzles on page 12)

Suguru solution

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This week's answer

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE
M O R T G A G E D
PREMISES: 5108 Albany Post Road, Staatsburg, New York 12580
SBL #: 6167 – 03 - 014105
Plaintiff designates DUTCHESS County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for MASTR Seasoned Securitization Trust 2005-1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-1, Plaintiff,
vs.
Mary Richardson Mallardi a/k/a Mary Helen Richardson, as Administrator of the Estate of Anthony Mallardi; Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Darlene Mallardi Miller, as Heir to the Estate of Anthony Mallardi; Darlene Mallardi Miller, as Heir of the Estate of Anthony Mallardi; Victoria Mallardi, as Heir of the Estate of Anthony Mallardi; Wachovia Bank, National Association; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; American Express Centurion Bank; Citibank (South Dakota), N.A.; The People of the State of New York; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein,
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 attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case

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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 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.
THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$74,550.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Dutchess on June 4, 1996, in Liber 2270, Page 31 as Document No. 01 1996 3932, covering premises known as 5108 Albany Post Road, Staatsburg, New York 12580, SBL #: 6167 – 03 - 014105
The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.
TO the Defendants Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Darlene Mallardi Miller, as Heir to the Estate of Anthony Mallardi, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the

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aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Maria Rosa of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Dutchess, dated and filed November 16, 2022.
Dated: December 28, 2022
/s/ Kyle Jacobs, Esq.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840
New York, New York 10170
Phone: 347.286.7409
Fax: 347-286-7414
Attorneys for Plaintiff,
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for MASTR Seasoned Securitization Trust 2005-1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-1
HELP FOR HOME-OWNERS IN FORECLOSURE
NEW YORK STATE LAW 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 try-

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ing to work with your lender during this process.
To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov.
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.
AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING
I, Mary Beth Muir, duly elected Town Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York hereby certify that a notice regarding a **PUBLIC HEARING** pertaining to: **“RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE APPLICATION OF RICHARD BODNER, BARBARA B. BODNER AND NANCY B. FUNT FOR APPROVAL OF AN OPEN DEVELOPMENT AREA AND VARIANCE FROM THE TOWN CODE §46-3(A) FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT MARTIN ROAD AND BARBARA LANE, TAX MAP NOS. 6363-12-783678, 6363-12-782692, 6363-12-815709 and 6363-12-826678”** to be held on the **6TH** day of **FEBRUARY** at **7:05PM** was posted on the sign board at the entrance to my office on the **23RD** day of **JANUARY 2023**; and also at the Post Office in Pleasant Valley, the Post Office in Salt Point, and on the bulletin board in the Pleasant Valley Firehouse. Further, due notice has been published in the Town's official newspaper, the Northern Dutchess News on the **23RD** day of **JANUARY 2023**.

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Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk
AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING
I, Mary Beth Muir, duly elected Town Clerk of the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, New York hereby certify that a notice regarding a **PUBLIC HEARING** pertaining to: **“RE: CONTINUING THE LOCAL LAW ADOPTION PROCESS FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B OF 2022 ENTITLED: “A LOCAL LAW REPEALING CHAPTER 95 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 98, SECTION 98-34, OF THE TOWN CODE WITH REGARD TO THE OUTDOOR STORAGE OF JUNK MOTOR VEHICLES”** to be held on the **6TH** day of **FEBRUARY** at **7:15PM** was posted on the sign board at the entrance to my office on the **23RD** day of **JANUARY 2023**; and also at the Post Office in Pleasant Valley, the Post Office in Salt Point, and on the bulletin board in the Pleasant Valley Firehouse. Further, due notice has been published in the Town's official newspaper, the Northern Dutchess News on the **23RD** day of **JANUARY 2023**.
Mary Beth Muir, Town Clerk
TOWN OF PLEASANT VALLEY PROPOSED LOCAL LAW B OF 2022 BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Pleasant Valley as follows:
SECTION 1. TITLE.
This Local Law shall be entitled “A Local Law Repealing Chapter 95 and Amending Chapter 98, Section 98-34, of the Town Code with Regard to the Outdoor Storage of Junk Motor Vehicles”.
SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT.
The Town's Zoning Administrator has notified the Town Board that the Code of the Town of Pleasant Valley (the “Town Code”) contains two inconsistent sets of regulations relating to outdoor storage of junk motor vehicles. The Town Board has determined that the regulations in Chapter 98 “Zoning,” Section 98-34 “Junk motor vehicles,” should be retained and modified, and the regulations in Chapter 95, “Outdoor

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Storage of Junk Motor Vehicles,” should be removed from the Code.
SECTION 3. AUTHORITY.
This law is enacted pursuant to §10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.
SECTION 4. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE.
Chapter 95 is hereby repealed and shall be removed from the Town Code.
Chapter 98 “Zoning,” Section 98-34 “Junk motor vehicles,” shall be repealed and replaced as follows:
A. Intent. The outdoor storage of junk motor vehicles and/or motor vehicle parts constitutes a health, fire and safety hazard, is generally unsightly and tends to depreciate the value of property in the neighborhood. Therefore, it is prohibited.
B. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
(1) JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE — Any unregistered motor vehicle for which a registration with DMV is required for operation.
(2) MOTOR VEHICLE — Any self-propelled vehicle manufactured for use on public highways.
(3) OUTDOOR STORAGE — The placing, maintaining or keeping in a place other than a building.
C. Outdoor storage of junk motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts is prohibited, except as permitted in a licensed salvage yard or automobile service or body repair shop as per Chapter 62 and Section 98-38.
D. Exceptions. Excepted from this section and exempted from its requirements are the following:
(1) Temporary storage of an unregistered motor vehicle owned by the property owner, for no more than 180 days in a calendar year.
(2) A motor vehicle being advertised for sale, for a period of no more than 60 days.
(3) Motor vehicles kept and stored by commercial establishments on their own property for the purpose of removing parts therefrom for use in vehicles used in their regular course of business.
(4) Motor vehicles kept and stored by duly licensed and operating vehicle repair shops and garages, upon the premises where said business is conducted, and which are currently being repaired for the purpose of placing the same back into legal operation upon the public highways.

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(5) An antique or classic automobile, provided that in the opinion of the Zoning Administrator such automobile is stored and kept under conditions not constituting a public nuisance or an attractive nuisance.
(6) Any motor vehicle owned by a person currently on active duty in any of the Armed Forces of the United States or the State of New York, provided that said motor vehicle is kept and stored on property owned by said person or his spouse's immediate family and such storage does not constitute, in the opinion of the Zoning Administrator, a public or attractive nuisance.
(7) Any motor vehicle owned or operated by a member of the family occupying said premises, who is a full-time occupant of the premises and who is attending school on a full-time basis, provided that said exemption shall be limited to the period from September 1 through May 30 or for the length of the school term, whichever is shorter, and further provided that this exemption shall not apply to any recreational vehicle, pickup truck or commercial vehicle. The exemption under this section will only be granted upon application by the owner of said vehicle with proof of ownership, proof of prior registration and proof of attendance at school.
SECTION 5. SUPERSESSON.
This local law supersedes Local Law 19 of 2001. Also, it is the intent of the Town Board to supersede any provisions of the New York State Law to the extent that they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this local law.
SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.
If any provision of this local law is held invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this local law.
SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon is filing in the Office of the New York State Department of State.
PUBLIC NOTICE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: I Catherine Gill, the undersigned Collector of Taxes for the Town of Milan, County of Dutchess, and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for

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the collection of taxes within the Town of Milan for the year of 2023. I will be collecting taxes at the following place and time listed below:
MILAN TOWN HALL: Collection of taxes will be at the Milan Town Clerk's Office, 20 Wilcox Circle in the Town of Milan from today to February 28, 2023 – Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM or by mail anytime – excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.
FURTHER NOTICE: The taxes may be paid

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on or before February 28, 2023 without charge or interest. All taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest 2 % interest if paid on or before March 31, 2023 and an additional 1% for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law.
FURTHER NOTICE: that a reminder of unpaid taxes will be sent on or before May 15th, 2023. A fee of \$2.00 will be added to your tax bill during the full month of May.
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FURTHER NOTICE: Pursuant to the provisions of the law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Milan will be returned to the Dutchess County Commission of Finance on the 1st of June 2023.
Dated: January 18, 2023
Catherine Gill
Milan Tax Collector

BID OPENING NOTICE Project RFB-DCB-18-22: REBID Dutchess Stadium New Left Field Clubhouse, Seating Bowl & Restroom Building. **Subcontractors sealed envelope of the apparent low**

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bidder will be publicly opened and read aloud on January 26, 2023 at 10:00am The bid opening will be conducted through Microsoft Teams Audio conferencing. Anyone wishing to hear the bid read aloud will need to call into the number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to opening time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll),

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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.
REQUEST FOR BIDS NOTICE
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OBITUARIES

Louis A. Alfonse

PAWLING - Louis A. Alfonse, a life-long area resident, passed away at age 79 at the Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Pawling. He was born on May 16, 1943 in Poughkeepsie, NY to parents Louis and Irene (Kelley) Alphonse. On September 1, 1962 at St. Denis Church in Hopewell Junction, he married the love of his life Carol (Kernaghan) Alfonse. Carol, his loving wife of 60 years survives at home. Louis proudly served our country in the United States Navy from 1961-1965. He was stationed at the Portsmouth, NH naval yard. He was in the Navy Reserves from 1965-1967. Louis enjoyed a long career as a manufacturing manager at IBM in East Fishkill from 1965 all the way up until his retirement in 1992. After his retirement, he drove a tractor trailer cross country, and loved taking in all the beautiful scenery along the way. He finished his working days building kitchens for Westchester Modular Homes. In his spare time, he loved woodworking, loved to build, hunt, and was very proud to be involved in the POW/MIA rides on his Harley Davidson. In addition to his beloved wife Carol, Louis is survived by his 3 sons: Robert (Fonda) Alfonse of St. Petersburg, FL, Tony (Carolynn) Alfonse of Clayton, NC, and Brian (Vanessa) Alfonse of LaGrangeville, NY; his grandchildren: Heather, Stephen (Ashley), Olivia and Alexandra Alfonse; and great-grandchildren Adaline and Josiah; his siblings: John Alphonse of New Jersey, Michael Alphonse of Poughkeepsie, NY and Joseph Alphonse of North Carolina, as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to both parents, Louis was predeceased by his sister Renee Alphonse. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday January 18th, 2023 from 5-8pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. 895 Route 82 Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian burial took place on Thursday January 19th, 2023 at St. Denis Church in Hopewell Junction, followed by burial in St. Denis Cemetery. Donations may be made in memory of Louis to Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org or Tunnel To Towers Foundation www.t2t.org. Please visit his Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Peter William Anesi

LAGRANGE - Peter William “Bill” Anesi, age 92, of Lagrange, died Thursday, January 5, 2023 at North Westchester Restorative Therapy and Nursing Center in Mohegan Lake, New York surrounded by family. The seventh of nine children of the late Eleanor Garrow and Marcus Peter Anesi, he was born February 22, 1930 in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. He attended Croton-Harmon High School, and completed a Machinist Apprenticeship with the New York Central Railroad Company in 1954. He married Barbara I. Logan on June 25, 1955 at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Scarborough-on-Hudson, NY. He was predeceased in 2016 by his beloved wife of 61 years. Early in his

career, he worked for Hydromatics, Inc. in Bloomfield, NJ where he was involved in programs for the F-1 rocket engine, used to break the sound barrier, and the Nova rocket engine, used for manned space flight. With his wife and young family, he relocated to Dutchess County in 1965 to begin employment with International Business Machines (IBM) in East Fishkill, NY. Initially employed as a Precision Jigbore Operator, he retired from IBM in 1992 as a Senior Mechanical Build Analyzer and member of the IBM Quarter Century Club. He further enjoyed a retirement career with Machine Technology Inc., Poughkeepsie, NY until formally retiring in 2011 to care for his wife full-time at home. Since 1974, he was an Active member of Poughkeepsie Yacht Club, Staatsburg, NY, and was subsequently made an Honorary lifetime member on May 24, 2010, enjoying many decades of boating with his family and friends on the Hudson River, Long Island Sound & Lake Champlain. In addition to boating, he was an avid metal and wood-working enthusiast and could often be found crafting in his basement workshop. He proudly tended to the lawn and gardens of his 1-acre homestead in the Town of Lagrange, and was locally “famous” for his circular front-yard mowing technique, which he can still be observed performing via a “google-map” photo capture from 2019. In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by his cherished siblings, Ruth Silver, Lewis “Bud” Anesi, Eleanor “Babe” Anesi, Donald Anesi, Dorothy “Dot” Bennett, Elizabeth “Bette” Broyles, and Robert “Bobby” Anesi, a sister-in-law, Jane O’Hara, an infant niece, Jeannine Anesi, and nephews, Arnie, Marc, and Bobby Bennett, Donny and Jackie Anesi, and David and Peter Silver. He is survived by his three children, Bruce W. Anesi, CFP® of Wallingford, CT, Bradley J. Anesi (Julia) of Tuxedo, NY., and Beverly J. Anesi Rodriguez of Southington, CT, in addition to his one grandson, Anthony L. Rodriguez, of Attleboro, MA. He is also survived by his youngest brother, John “Jack” Anesi (Dorothy) of Oxford, CT, a brother-in-law, Richard O’Hara, of Mashpee, MA, as well as numerous, greatly-adored, nieces & nephews. Private cremation will be under the direction of Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie NY. Interment and a Celebration of Life will take place at a future date TBA, at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to be made in his name to any of the following: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4550 Montgomery Ave., Suite 1100 N, Bethesda, MD 20814, Wounded Warrior Project®, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675, or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. If you would like to leave an online condolence, please visit www.doylefuneralhome.com.

Robert Espinosa Sr.

PLEASANT VALLEY - Robert Espinosa Sr. a resident of Pleasant Valley, NY went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 7, 2023 after a brief illness. Roberto was born in Havana, Cuba on February 12, 1957 to Carmen Frandin and Julio Espinosa Cuellar. He received his formal education in Cuba before immigrating to the United States in 1980. He was employed by various jobs, most recently at Vassar College for 14 years. He was always known to be a dedicated and hard worker. He enjoyed cooking and having his family for dinner. Robert also painted and had a large collection of his works. His favorite pastime was walking and sitting at the Riverfront enjoying it’s beauty. He will always be remembered for his meticulous appearance and infectious smile. Roberto was

a loving husband, father, grandfather and a friend to many. He leaves to cherish his memory, a wife Lorraine Espinosa LaSand, 3 sons, Roberto Espinosa, Jr., Joseph Espinosa Tisseria, Marcus Antonio Espinosa and one daughter Shavonna Espinosa, all of Poughkeepsie, NY. Roberto is also survived by his 7 grandchildren, Iqan, Jacier, Sanai, Braylon, Brielle, Samya, Aria, a special cousin Anna Espinosa of NYC and several siblings in Havana, Cuba. He was predeceased by both parents. A memorial gathering took place on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, Inc. 371 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Burial is private and at the convenience of the Family. To send an online condolence, please visit our website at www.doylefuneralhome.com.

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In New York State, MSP helps older adults and people with disabilities living on low incomes by paying their Medicare Part B premiums (\$164.90 each month) and enrolling them in Extra Help, the federal prescription drug subsidy program that the Social Security Administration estimates is worth about \$5,100 per year. This program lowers prescription costs and gets rid of the deductible and the “donut hole”, or gap coverage. The financial assistance can be a lifeline, allowing

enrollees to maintain their Medicare coverage, access needed care, and afford other necessities, like food and rent.

If this is the first time you’re learning of this, you can find out more about your potential savings. The Office for the Aging is hosting two Medicare Savings Program Enrollment Clinics for Dutchess County resident older adults in early February. Please call ahead to reserve a time to meet with a trained counselor.

- Friday, February 3rd from 10 am to 1 pm at Sun River Health, 3360 NY 343 (East Main St.) in Amenia, about 0.3 miles east of the light in the middle of Amenia. To reserve your spot at this event, call 845-206-7526 (Ed) or 845-475-4159 (Mitzi). Masks are required at Sun River Health.

- Wednesday, February 8th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Office for the Aging, 114 Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie. To reserve a

spot at this event, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555.

Both events are subject to cancellation or postponement due to weather and/or community infection prevention measures. Be sure to bring the following information with you to your appointment:

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For older adults who are homebound or whose schedules conflict with MSP enrollment clinics, call OFA during business hours at 845-486-2555 and we’ll connect you with the resources you need.

NEW OFA GROUP PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE

We’re happy to see more older adult and caregiver groups resume in-person meetings in 2023, and the Office for the Aging has two new Outreach presentations available for those groups. One presentation is “Exercise as You Age,” aimed at encouraging physical activity among older adults, whether solo or as part of an organized exercise program such as those offered by OFA. The other is “Aging in Your Home,” a discussion of what older adults can do to ensure their home environment is as conducive to healthy aging as possible, even if their budget for home improvements is limited.

For more information on all OFA group presentations, call 845-486-2555 or email bjones@dutchessny.gov. The February and March calendars are filling up quickly!

STILL SPACE FOR NEW ‘FRIENDLY CALLS’ VOLUNTEERS

The response thus far to our request for OFA “Friendly Calls” program volunteers has been fantastic – thanks!

If you’re just reading about the program for the first time, here’s the quick version of how it works:

Volunteers (age 18+ welcome) speak once a week for 20-25 minutes with a pre-screened older adult participant in the program, with the goal being to re-establish social connections for isolated older adults.

We’re hosting orientations for new Friendly Calls volunteers during the next two weeks at OFA headquarters in Poughkeepsie. More will be scheduled in February and March as needed.

Contact OFA Outreach Coordinator Brian Jones at bjones@dutchessny.gov for more information.

SENIOR PARK PRINTS ART SERIES – 2 SESSIONS LEFT

Older adults interested in learning more about creating their own art can take part in the “Senior Park Prints Arts Series” in conjunction with Dutchess County Parks. It’s been taking place at OFA Friendship Centers around the county, and two more sessions are left.

Assistant Park Naturalist Jess Steinbach is taking her artistry on the road, and will be teaching on how to make nature art with acrylic. These are free classes, and all supplies will be provided. Limited availability. Call OFA at 845-486-2555 to reserve your space. Choose one:

- Thurs., February 2nd - Northeast/Millerton Library Annex, 28 Century Blvd., Millerton
- Thurs., February 16th - East Fishkill Community Center, 890 Route 82, Hopewell Jct.

Each event takes place 2:30-3:45 pm. Please register in advance; walk-ins cannot be accepted.

For a look at the first Senior Park Prints event that happened this past week at the OFA Friendship Center in Poughkeepsie, visit this Facebook link from Dutchess County Parks.

USE ‘211’ TO ARRANGE AARP/TAX-AIDE SERVICES

Since 1968, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program has helped over 50 million low-to-moderate income taxpayers. As an intricate part of the Coalition Tax-Aide takes the lead in training volunteers and managing over 20 tax preparation sites in Dutchess, Orange, and Putnam Counties. More information here.

PREPARATION PROCESS (Service is provided by appointment only.)

Appointments are made by calling United Way Help Line 211 or 1-800-899-1479. Appointments can be made from 9 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday. If you do experience a wait time, we encourage you to use the option of leaving your name and phone number for a callback.

Important: Appointments cannot be booked through the Office for the Aging or any of the Tax-Aide sites.

Please be patient. Early call volume is very high. Please answer your phone when you are called back. Note: the caller ID may be that of one of our volunteers as opposed to the United Way 2-1-1 call center.

Each filer is required to obtain a Pre-

Appointment packet, complete the packet prior to their scheduled appointment and come to the appointment with all required tax documents. Pre-Appointment Packets have a complete listing of documents you are required to bring to your appointment. IRS-certified Tax-Aide volunteers will review your tax documents and complete a short interview using the required IRS intake form. After the interview is complete, the volunteer will input tax information using the software provided by the IRS.

Your tax return will be quality reviewed by another IRS Certified Tax Counselor. Once the return is completed, the Tax Counselor will review the entire return with you and obtain your permission to e-file the return. Filers are required to remain at the tax site location during the preparation process.

Please note valuable information you received in your appointment confirmation email regarding additional forms you may need for your appointment.

PRE-APPOINTMENT PACKETS

Printed packets are available at the tax site you are scheduled at during preparation hours. If you have difficulties getting to the site for packet pick-up, contact 875-475-7500.

Pre-Appointment Packet is available for download. Click on the link below.

Pre-Appointment Packet (14 pages)

TAKE A WALK WITH DUTCHESS COUNTY PARKS (JANUARY/FEBRUARY)

Shake off the winter blues and commit to getting your daily steps in in 2023! Walk Around Wednesdays, sponsored by Dutchess County Parks, includes short distance walks of approximately 1-1.5 miles, led by Assistant Park Director Serge Nalywayko. This program is being held from noon-1pm on the next four Wednesdays at various Dutchess County Park locations. Walks are free, but registration is required and are weather dependent. To register, call 845-298-4600.

Jan. 25 - Dutchess Rail Trail Hopewell Depot Trailhead, 36 Railroad Avenue

Feb. 1 - Wilcox Park, State Route 199, Milan

Feb. 8 - Dutchess Rail Trail Morgan Lake Trailhead, Creek Road, Poughkeepsie

Feb. 15 - Bowdoin Park, 85 Sheafe Road

The Dutchess County Parks Division offers a variety of programs for both children and adults and holds special events throughout the year.

A QUICK NOTE FOR AMTRAK RIDERS

Amtrak has closed the Rhinecliff Station building for renovations. Ticket sales, restrooms, and waiting rooms will be relocated onsite. All train services will continue as before.

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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